

Grain Markets Maintain Firmer Tone Last Week

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 — Further strengthening occurred in domestic wheat markets during the week ending February 19, under the influence of a broadening European demand for various in security markets and uncertain prospects for this season's domestic winter wheat crop, according to the weekly grain market review, of the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics. Feed grains were strengthened by the advance in wheat, but demand continued of limited volume and was readily supplied by the light current offerings. Rye was firmer with wheat, while flax advanced, stimulated by higher grain prices and very light receipts.

Wheat: Pacific coast wheat markets strengthened under the influence of higher prices at eastern points, but advances were less pronounced because of the slow demand from domestic mills and lack of export business. Receipts at Puget Sound and Columbia river terminals were relatively large, totaling 1,066 cars compared with only 376 cars for the corresponding week last year. The movement, however, represented principally the transfer of stocks from interior to terminal warehouses before the increase in freight effective Feb. 20. Export mills continued to operate on the Chinese relief orders and all but 100,000 barrels of which have now been allotted. Shipments of wheat and flour continued to go forward according to original schedules. Inquiry from California was rather slow, since California buyers were generally taking only sufficient grain for immediate requirements and were supplying most of their current needs from stocks accumulated earlier in the season. No export sales of either wheat or flour were reported, since local prices continued out of line with offerings from Australia and Canada. At the close of the market, Feb. 19, B. B. bluestem hard white was quoted at Seattle at 72c, western white and hard winter at 62c, and western red at 61c per bu., sacked, for No. 1 grain. No. 1 dark northern spring from Montana, with 10 per cent protein, was quoted in bulk at 63c. Bluestem hard white was quoted at Portland at 73c, soft and western white at 62c, hard winter, northern spring and western red at 59 1/2c per bushel, for No. 1 wheat. An unusual event in the market for bluestem this season, has been the sale of around 100 cars to Minneapolis for use in manufacture of cereals.

California wheat markets held about unchanged in local grain, but prices on wheat for shipment from outside areas were advanced from 2 1/2 to 5c per 100. Trading in local wheat was confined almost entirely to sales in interior centers, where out of state wheat was at a freight disadvantage. Growers in some instances were reducing stocks before the tax assessment period at the first of March, but interior supplies were reported at low levels and total offerings were of only moderate volume. Inquiry for northern wheat was limited, as was also demand for intermountain and Texas grain. Poultry feeders were taking smaller amounts, since they have culled flocks heavily and have not greatly increased young stock.

New Crop Prospects
New crop prospects are becoming an increasingly important influence in the wheat market situation and the present uncertain condition of the northern hemisphere winter wheat crop has recently been a strengthening factor in the market. The U. S. winter wheat crop made generally favorable progress during the week, except in Western Kansas where prospects are poor. The condition of winter wheat in Europe is rather irregular. Severe freezing, without snow covering, has occurred in Austria, Czechoslovakia and some other areas. A good snowfall, on the other hand has improved conditions in Italy, Spain and Hungary, but the outlook in the latter country is not favorable. Lack of moisture is reported in Denmark and Portugal, but milder weather during the week favored the new crop in Germany and France. Some damage is reported to winter wheat in Russia, by alternate freezing and thawing, which caused the formation of an ice cover in December and again in January.

The acreage of winter wheat in Russia has been increased 11 1/4 per cent over that of a year ago and is officially reported at 32,337,000 acres. The condition of the crop in India, where harvest begins in March, is only fair, with a deficiency in moisture reported in important areas.

World Shipments Held Up
World shipments of wheat continued of good volume during the week reflecting some improvement in European demand, but consisted principally of shipments from the southern hemisphere. Argentina exports were reported at 4,218,000 bushels, and the Australian out-movement at 4,544,000 bushels. Black sea shipments amounted to only 408,000 bushels, all of Russian wheat. Most of the remainder of the world's exports was of North American grain. Reduced supplies of native wheat in Europe have resulted in some modifications of milling restrictions. The quota of foreign wheat allowed French millers has been increased to 20 per cent and trade reports indicate that some modification of German import tariffs is being considered. Prices of native wheats advanced in most European markets, with good milling wheat quoted Feb. 19, at Hamburg at \$1.59 1/2; at Paris at \$1.72 1/2 and at Milan at \$1.64 1/2. The market for foreign wheats also strengthened, with sales of No. 2 Manitoba from Vancouver reported at Liverpool at 67 1/2c and of old crop Argentine wheat at 68 1/2c. No. 2 Manitoba from Vancouver was being offered at London at 65 1/2c. Argentine Rosario at 53 1/2c and Australia wheat from New South Wales at 61 1/2c per bushel.

SUGAR AND FLOUR
PORTLAND, Feb. 22 (AP) — Sugar—cane, granulated \$4.40 100 lbs., beet \$4.30.
Domestic flour — Selling price delivered: patent 48s \$5.60; 49s \$5.65; 50s \$5.70; soft white flour \$5.10; whole wheat \$4.80; \$5.00; Graham \$4.50; \$4.80; rye \$5.75; \$5.90.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT
LIVERPOOL, Feb. 22 (AP) — Wheat futures closed: May 69 1/2; July 63.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK
PORTLAND, Feb. 22 (AP) — Cattle 1050, calves 140, including 223 cattle, 24 calves direct or through; steady to firm. Steers 600-900 lbs. good \$5.75; \$6.25; medium \$4.75; \$5.25; common \$3.80; \$4.75; 900-1100 lbs. good \$5.75; \$6.25; medium \$4.75; \$5.25; common \$3.50; \$4.75; 1100-1300 lbs. good \$5.50; \$6.00; medium \$3.75; \$5.50. Heifers 500-850 lbs. good \$5.25; \$5.75; medium \$4.25; \$5.25; common \$3.00; \$4.25. Cows good \$4.25; \$4.75; common and medium \$3.00; \$4.25; low cutter and cutter \$1.50; \$3.00. Bulls yearlings excluded, good and choice (beef) \$3.25; \$3.75; cutter, common and medium \$2.00; \$3.25. Vealers milk fed good and choice \$7.50; \$8.50; medium \$6.00; \$7.00; cull and common \$4.00; \$6.00. Calves 250-300 lbs. good and choice \$6.00; \$7.50; common and medium \$4.00; \$6.00.

Hogs 3250, including \$4 direct and 241 through; 10 to 20c lower. Light lights 140-160 lbs. good and choice \$3.85; \$4.65; light weights 160-180 lbs. good and choice \$4.50; \$4.65; 180-200 lbs. good and choice \$4.50; \$4.65; medium weight 200-220 lbs. good and choice \$3.85; \$4.60; 220-250 lbs. good and choice \$3.85; \$4.50; heavyweights 250-290 lbs. good and choice \$3.50; \$4.35; 290-350 lbs. good and choice \$3.25; \$3.85; packing sows 275-300 lbs. medium and good \$3.00; \$3.75. Preaders and stockers 70-130 lbs. good and choice \$3.50; \$4.00.

Sheep and lambs 550, including \$18 direct or through; steady to firm. Lambs 90 lbs. down good and choice \$5.00; \$5.50; medium \$4.00; \$5.00; all weights common \$3.00; \$4.00. Yearling wethers 90-110 lbs. medium to choice \$3.90; \$4.00. Ewes 120 lbs. medium to choice \$3.00; \$3.50; 130-150 lbs. medium to choice \$1.50; \$2.00; all weights, cull to common \$1.00; \$1.50.

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Butter Market Steady As The Week Is Started

PORTLAND, Feb. 22 (AP) — Butter market trade conditions are generally steady locally and along the Pacific slope. There was no change in open market quotations on prints for the day, likewise cubes. Butterfat is steady.

Merely steady trade conditions are reflected for eggs. At some points weakness is shown. Locally the co-ops have the bulk of the supplies and are holding prices steady. They are supplying their regular customers but paying little attention to others.

There is a generally more favorable tone in the market for live chickens here with practically all of the leading interests offering 9c lb. for light weights, 12c for mediums and 15c for heavy weights. Springs are nominally 17c.

Steadiness of the cheese market in practically all sections of the country gives the trade a somewhat better undertone. Weakness appears to have subsided in all leading primary markets with resulting upholding of values. This applies to practically all stock.

Both Tillamook and Coos Bay indicate maintenance of quotations generally. While the emergency order from the east for turkeys was reported filled, the local market retains its recent favorable tone for hens, which are not in supply to take care of requirements. Toms are just holding.

There is a limited demand for seed potatoes appearing from California. Call is principally for Early Rose and for Burbanks but is by no means pronounced.

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CHINESE HALT ADVANCE OF ENEMY ARMY

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guarding the French concession reported that 344 wounded Chinese soldiers passed through the gates in the last 24 hours. This estimate did not include scores of wounded civilians.

The wounded soldiers said there had been bitter hand-to-hand fighting in the Kiangwan sector. Dr. T. K. Jen, chief of the Chinese general Red Cross hospital, said several of his trucks carrying wounded from the Kiangwan battlefield had been attacked by Japanese planes.

The planes flew low, dropping bombs and firing with machine guns despite the Red Cross painted on the trucks, he said. He estimated that more than 200 wounded men were still on the battlefield because the ambulances could not get through the attack from the air.

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SHANGHAI, Feb. 22 (AP)—Lieutenant-General Kenkichi Ueyeda's powerfully equipped Japanese army forced its way past and around the stoutly defended village of Kiangwan this afternoon in the most terrific attack since hostilities began Saturday night, a Chinese official said.

Kiangwan village, defended by its stubborn little knot of a few hundred Chinese troops with a tenacity and bravery equal to that of Leonidas and his 300 of Thermopylae, held firm even after the Japanese line advanced past and behind it.

It continued to hold fast still later when the Chinese force to the rear of the village, which had assisted in the defense, tried to retreat under the smashing blows of the Japanese assault. The rear defense was battered by fire from the Japanese artillery, from tanks and by bombs and machine gun fire from airplanes.

The fall of the walled village was expected momentarily as its rear support began to slump back. The Japanese drive, encircling the town of the north and pushing into the south was made through a huge gap blasted out of the Chinese line during the forenoon. This was followed by an artillery bombardment, for which a number of additional big guns were brought up.

Afterward a fleet of tanks drove forward, clearing the way of snipers and machine gun nests. One report said the Japanese tanks and infantry were slowly making their way through the artillery and over a rain of shells from the artillery.

WAR PARTY WINS ELECTION

TOKYO, Feb. 22 (AP)—Premier Inukai's Seiyukai party won an overwhelming majority in Saturday's general election, final returns showed tonight.

At the end of the count the government party had 301 seats in the house of representatives, the minority (opposition) had 140, the proletarians 5 and other parties 11.

This gives the government a majority of 136.

SCHOOLS OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST PRESIDENT
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Victoria Hutchinson, Eleanor Parke Custis, Marie Flobery; Sarah Caryle, Frances Scheider; Mary Lee Fitzhugh, Verna Welmer; Dorothy Randolph, Edna Brown; Betty Mason, Margaret Derig; Hannah Lee, Edith Salisbury; Christopher, Bernard Powell; George Washington, Thomas Wright; Martha Washington, Lorene Spencer; Lawrence Lewis, Charles Devine; George Washington Parke Custis, Harold Newman; Colonel Light Horse Harry Lee, Ned Jones; Mr. Thomas Peter, James Leslie; Dr. James Craik, Paul Eckin; Rev. Thomas Davis, Robert Walker; Mrs. Stuart, Lucille Price; Sally Stuart, Wilma Hansel; Nancy Stuart, Lola Parker; George Calvert, Ernest Briggs.

The first act took place on the night before George Washington's last birthday, Feb. 21, 1799; and the second takes place on his birthday, Feb. 22, 1799. On the latter day two events were celebrated at Mt. Vernon, one the marriage of Nelly Custis, Washington's step-granddaughter, who accepted child to Lawrence Lewis, Washington's nephew; and the other, the president's birthday. The play includes a series of 11 tableaux, in which George Washington appears.

Henry Weatherspoon takes the part of George Washington in the first; Virginia Campbell, Mary Ball Washington, Helen Benckamp, Betty Washington; and Ralph Asa, Sambo, Robert Reuter is George Washington in the third tableau; while in the fourth, Mackie Stewart portrays Washington; Jack McCloy is George William Fairfax, and Charles Skinner and Cecil Walden are Indians. In the four subsequent tableaux—George Washington appears, and Walter Dahl takes the part of

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sharply, and returned to repeat the fusillade. The motorcycle driver again was not hit, but he stopped his machine and flattened himself out on the ground while the plane swept on to attack a body of our infantry which was moving towards Chenju. In the meantime the bombers also got into the action.

"I leaped from the car and threw myself into a ditch to avoid being hit. Soon after a bomb exploded perilously near me. When the air squadron had passed on I drove on down the road and found great havoc in its wake.

"I soon came upon an overturned truck with the driver standing ruefully at its side. It was obvious that one of the objects of this air attack was to disrupt communications between the Chinese front lines and the rear. Great holes were blown in the roadway and it seemed that all military traffic would be tied up for hours. Bodies of soldiers and civilians who were killed by bomb splinters or machine gun slugs lay here and there.

One of the principal targets for the fire was the little group of Chinese defenders of Kiangwan who had withstood a frontal attack of tanks, artillery, cavalry and infantry for two days. At midnight, last night, their casualties were unknown, but the Japanese admitted they had lost 100 men killed or wounded.

Part of the area over which the battle has been raging was Shanghai's chief vegetable garden and playground. It is now torn to pieces. The truck gardeners are torn up, the golf courses and the race track of the International Recreation club looked yesterday as if it had been struck by a Kansas twister. Cavalry horses were in the betting booths, and a fleet of tanks cluttered up the golf links. As far as one could see in all directions were burning huts of Chinese truck gardens.

Here and there a tree stood alone in fields where rice, beans and vegetables are grown for the Shanghai market. But all the Chinese had left. The road to the front was crowded with refugees. They scarcely seemed human as they hobbled along in rags. Many were barefoot. They carried bundles and babies strapped on their backs.

Women limped through the mud, carrying staggering loads — all their possessions. They had not the slightest idea of their destination; they merely wanted to get away from the storm of shot and shell. They were evacuating the beggars' villages which dot the road and which were a picture of misery.

Americans on Guard
American soldiers and marines guarding the northern border of the international settlement spent yesterday watchfully waiting and strengthening their defenses against stray bullets and shells as the battle approached nearer their territory. Following a skirmish between Chinese machine gunners and a Japanese armored car, the Americans decided they needed more sand bags and armored plate and they piled these on until they themselves were virtually buried within their defenses as night fell.

Miss Pettigrew is directing the play, assisted by Miss Alice Kilpel, Miss Jean White, Miss Dorothy Kirby, Miss Agnes Palmer, Miss Catherine Sartin, Miss Catherine Osborne is directing the dances, while the stage crew includes the following students: George Courtney, stage manager; George Webb, Howard Cantrell, assistant stage managers; and Robert Zweifel, lights.

A large miscellaneous assembly, assisted by the students of the Central school at 10:30 in the High school auditorium. The program included as the opening number, the pledge of allegiance to the flag, after which Mrs. Kincaid's third grade pupils sang a song, "George Washington." Flag exercises and songs were presented by the first grade pupils in Miss Vina Conley's and Mrs. Stella Ingle's first grade rooms. From the room of the former were Phyllis, McLoughlin, leader; Shirley Mattson, Betty Lou Murphy, Stanley Lyon, Lella Mae McCarrall, Joyce McPherson, LaVerne Sarvis, Robert Conley, Donald Lester, George Trachsel; while from Miss Conley's room were Marietta Williams, Jack Davies, Puane Ott, Peggy McEwen, Robert Goss, Junior O'Rourke, Donald Glinsey, James McIntyre and Susan Knight.

The American's creed was presented by Jack Eakin. "Washington's Birthday" was sung by the second and third grades under the direction of Miss Lulu McNeese. The Sir Roger de Coverley dance was presented, with the following students from the seventh grade taking part: Grace Helen Bohnenkamp, Reba Kall, Betty Jane Grace, Wilma French, Constance Finley, Frances Smith, Frances Angleton, John Williams, LaVerne Anderson, Dickie Larkin, George Hill, Lyle Gerber, Billy Hesse.

The fifth grade, under the direction of Miss Beth Cook, who are in Miss Velma Rogers' room, sang "Washington." "Making the Flag," a playlet, was given by the students in Miss Effie Snider's room. The cast of characters included: Betsy Ross, by Mary Fries; George Washington, Thomas Cook; first lady, Kathleen Peare; second lady, Patsy Jesse; attendants, Floyd Bryant and Donald Browning; and 13 delegates from the colonies, Bobby Johnson, Henry Stoddard, Clifton Smith, Bobby Hogenon, Donald Wilson, John Rogers, Bobby McWayne, Albert Hughes, Billy Geibel, Raymond McClelland, Lloyd Davies, Bobby Brack and Clark Atkins.

"Father of the Land We Love" was sung by Donald Browning, Billy Geibel, Henry Stoddard, Clifton Smith, Clyde Kiddle, Dickie Moore, Gordon Wydie, Bobby Hogenon, Billy Smith, Bobby McWayne, Donald Trowbridge and Lloyd Vay; after which the pupils of the sixth grade danced the "Minuet." Dancers were Mary Jane Heasler, Patricia Longfellow, Frances Clark, Gloria Walker, Jean Davies, Fern Duncan, Marietta Foley, Lois Broomfield, Clyde Kiddle, Billy Neil, Louis Hedden, David Douglas, Dickie Moore, William Fries, Billy Smith.

Robert Wakefield's music class in the seventh grade sang a song, after which the entire school sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

At the Greenwood and Riviera schools general assemblies were not held because of inadequate space, but programs of plays, songs and flag drill were presented in each room during the day.

The program presented at the Willow school included a flag salute by the first grade; a minut by the second grade in which Betty Anderson, Betty Mattson, Donna Williams and Velda Carbine took part; a military drill, representing Washington drilling his school mates, an incident from his early life; recitations by Dale Scott, Tommy Ragadale and Vernal Anderson in which they also recited incidents from the life of the first president. Every pupil in the third grade took part in the playlet, "Little February," while the fourth grade presented the "Birthdays of February" and the flags of the colonies until the first permanent banner was made by Betsy Ross.

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