

ARGENTINA TO EXPORT LESS

South American Wheat not To be Great Factor in Coming Year

Argentine competition in world wheat markets may be less active during coming months than earlier advices indicated, since the second official estimate of the season's supplies is sharply lower than earlier forecasts, according to the Grain Market News Service of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The Argentine wheat crop is now officially estimated at 239,000,000 bushels, as against an earlier forecast of 271,000,000 bushels, a reduction of 32,000,000 bushels. The new estimate of the harvest, however, is still around 75,000,000 bushels above the small crop of a year ago, which was finally placed at 163,000,000 bushels. During the 40 year period for which crop statistics are available, the output for the current year, it is present estimated, will have been exceeded only the years 1923-1924, 1927-1928, and 1928-1929, when the record crop of 349,000,000 bushels was harvested.

United States The chief interest in Argentine supplies, however, lies in the quantity of wheat which may be available for export at grain, since annual flour exports have not yet exceeded the equivalent of 9,000,000 bushels of grain. The quantity of wheat available for export and carryover for the current year is now placed at 165,000,000 bushels, as compared with 80,000,000 bushels exported and carried over during the last crop year.

As an exporter of wheat, the Argentine has in recent years surpassed the United States and has been the most formidable competitor of Canada, not only because of increase in the volume of exports, but also because of improvement in quality, as a result of the more extensive seedling of "pedigreed" wheat which has found increasing favor among European millers.

The carryover of old crop grain into the current year is of only moderate volume, being placed at 16,000,000 bushels, as against 18,000,000 bushels year ago, and 13,000,000 bushels two years back. The total supply for the current year, based on the new estimates of production and carryover, amounts to 255,000,000 bushels, against 181,000,000 bushels a year ago, and domestic consumption for the season, including milling for the home consumption, seeding and feed loss, and waste, is placed at around 90,000,000 bushels.

CLAIM SLAVERY IS RULE IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The Arab newspaper Al Hayat charged today that the practice of young girls being sold into virtual slavery is in operation in Palestine.

This, says the Jewish Telegraphic agency, follows upon the sensational allegation made in Arab circles last December that about 20 girls of the Gasawieh tribe of Transjordan, sojourning near Beisan in the Jordan valley had been sold by their fathers to masters and "husbands" in a number of towns.

Al Hayat's story is in the form of an open letter to the high commissioner from Hassan Sidky el Dajani, who charges that it is not unusual for Arab girls of 10 years of age and even under to be "rented" for as long as 25 years at the rate of \$5 a year.

OUT OF HOSPITAL KEIZER, Feb. 20.—Harry Keith of East Keizer has returned to his home from the hospital in Vancouver, Wash., where he has been confined for about six weeks following an automobile accident which occurred as he was returning from his father's funeral.

Bits For Breakfast

(Continued from page 4) vallis the capital. But it was too late. Mr. Avery was the founder of Corvallis. He was a good and able fighter for town and county; loyal and true.

But he did not have his store in Corvallis until 1849 or 1850, two to three years after Salem's first store was opened by William Cox. (Before long when other matters do not press, this column will have a complete story of the fight for the location of Oregon's capital.)

Radio Programs

- 7:00—Devotional Service, NBS.
- 7:00—Start of the Day, NBC.
- 7:15—Cooking school.
- 7:30—National Farm and Home hour.
- 7:30—Magazine of the Air, NBC.
- 7:30—Foreign Policy Luncheon, NBC.
- 7:30—Francis and the Orchestra, NBC.
- 1:00—Town Crier.
- 2:00—Matinee, NBC.
- 2:30—Black and white room, NBC.
- 3:45—Bits of melody, NBC.
- 4:15—Laws that safeguard society.
- 5:00—News service, NBC.
- 5:15—Radiocon Varieties.
- 5:30—NBC.
- 6:00—Anna 'n' Andy, NBC.
- 8:15—NBC.
- 9:00—Minstrels.
- 9:00—Specialty revue.
- 11:00—Del Miller's orchestra.
- 12:00—Maude Fox organ.

CAULIFLOWER SUPPLY IS SCANTY GRAIN OVERBOUGHT, PRICES DOWN

Roseburg Supply now Nearly all Taken In S. Oregon

Occasional offerings of Roseburg cauliflower are now being received at Portland, but southern Oregon towns are taking nearly the entire production at present. Carlot movement is expected in about one week. Quality is excellent. Early yields are averaging about 200 crates per acre.

Oranges and grapefruit continue in active demand. The season's first arrival of Florida Marsh Seedless grapefruit was reported today. Previous grapefruit arrivals from Florida have been mostly of the Duncan variety. Fresh strawberries from Florida, shipped in iced refrigerator crates, are due today, via express.

Imperial valley lettuce markets declined again to around \$1.25 a crate yesterday, with quality of current loadings fair to ordinary, as a result of recent heavy rains. Shipments are now 150-180 cars daily, of which 20-25 cars are shipped westward daily. The Portland market continues firm at \$2.25-3.75 per crate; and little or no declines are anticipated this week.

California and Mexican green peas are available in straight carlots, and in cars of mixed carlots, but the demand is very limited here.

General Markets

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Produce exchange, net prices: butter, extra standard 28¢; cream 29¢; fresh 26¢. Eggs, fresh extra 17¢; fresh medium 15¢ to 16¢.

Nuts, Hay and Hops

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Nuts: California walnuts, No. 1, 25¢; Oregon, No. 2, 22¢; No. 3, 20¢; No. 4, 18¢; No. 5, 16¢; No. 6, 14¢; No. 7, 12¢; No. 8, 10¢; No. 9, 8¢; No. 10, 6¢; No. 11, 4¢; No. 12, 2¢.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Wheat futures: Open High Low Close
May 63 63 63 63
Jul 63 63 63 63
Sep 63 63 63 63
Dec 63 63 63 63
Oats: No. 2—58 lb, white 22.00; Milvan standard 16.00.
Corn: No. 2 E, Y, shipment 20.50.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Cattle 20, calves 10; talking steady. Steers 600-900 lbs, good 2.00-2.25; medium 1.75-2.00; common 1.50-1.75. Hogs 100-150 lbs, good 7.75-8.00; medium 7.00-7.75; Heifers 550-850 pounds, good 6.50-7.25; common 5.00-6.00. Sheep 100-150 lbs, good 3.00-3.50; medium 2.50-3.00; low cutter and culler 2.00-2.50. Hens (yearlings excluded) 2.00-2.50; cutters, common and medium 1.50-2.00. Vealers, milk fed, 10.00-11.00; medium 8.50-10.00; cull and common 5.50-8.50. Calves 100-150 lbs, good and choice 8.50-10.00; common and medium 5.00-8.50.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Milk—steady—raw milk (4 per cent), 85.00 per cwt. Delivered Portland less 1 per cent; grade A milk, 81.50. Butterfat delivered in Portland, 26¢.

Poultry—steady—(buying prices)—live, heavy hens, 4 1/2 lbs, 14¢; light hens, 12¢; springs, 20¢; Pekin ducks, 4 lbs, and over 24¢; colored ducks, 15¢; turkeys, No. 1 32¢.

Fruits, Vegetables

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Fruits and vegetables. Fresh fruit—orange, 43¢; grapefruit, 43¢; Florida stock, \$1.90; Cal., \$2.50-3.75; limes, 5¢; lemons, 25¢; bananas, 10¢; lemons, California, \$5.90-6.00. Cabbage—local, 1 1/2¢; Potatoes—Oregon, 10¢; Idaho, 12¢; New potatoes—Texas triumph, \$2.10-2.25; 50-lb. bag, 10¢; Idaho, 12¢. Onions—selling price to retailers, Oregon No. 1, 10¢; Washington, extra fancy, \$1.15-1.25; fancy, \$1.10-1.15; choice, \$1.05-1.10; Oregon No. 1, \$1.05-1.10; No. 2, \$1.00-1.05. Spinach—local, \$1.15-1.25; Oregon, \$1.10-1.15; California, \$1.40-1.75 per doz.; hearts \$1.50-1.60. Beans—Oregon, 10¢; Lima—medium, 10¢; 1/2 lb. Peppers—bell, green, 15¢. Sweet potatoes—California 4¢ lb.; eastern, \$2.50-3.25 bushel. Cauliflower—Oregon, 70¢-81¢; California, \$1.40-1.50 crate. Peas—Oregon, 80¢ crate; 17¢ lb. Carrots—Oregon, 10¢; California, \$2.75-3.25 crate of 10 lbs.; Mexican, \$2.75 lb. packed. Lettuce—Imperial valley, \$2.25-3.50 crate.

Salem Markets

Grade B raw 4% milk delivered in Salem, \$2.00 cwt. Butterfat at farm 25¢. Salem 26¢.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Prices paid to growers by Salem buyers February 20, 1931
Apples, fancy 2.25
Mediums 1.75-1.25
VEGETABLES
Onions U. S. No. 1 35
U. S. No. 2 30

GRAIN AND MEAT

Wheat, western red 51
Soft white 54
Barley, top 27.00 to 28.00
Oats, 27.00
Hay: buying prices—
Oats and vetch, ton 10.00-11.00
Clover 10.00-11.00
Alfalfa, valley, 2nd cutting 15.00-17.00
Eastern Oregon 14.00
Common 14.00

MEAT

Buying Prices
Lamb, top 05 to 06 1/2
Hogs 08 1/2 to 09 1/2
Hogs, 200 lbs, 39 00-06 1/2
Steers 06-06 1/2
Cows 04-05
Dressed veal 05-06 1/2
Dressed hogs 11
Wool 10
Medium 14
MORAYE 16

General Demand Lowered in Spite of bad S.A. Weather

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Grain prices fell back sharply today from upturns that revealed an all around overbought condition. All markets ran against enlarged selling, whereas general demand dwindled. Unfavorable weather conditions were reported from Argentina and the face of extra ample supplies about the United States winter crop.

Wheat closed irregular at 1/2 cent decline to 1-3 advance, corn 1/2-1 down, oats 1/4 off to 1-8 up.

"Murder at Eagle's Nest"

(Continued from page 4)
Walter stared at the tall, pale-haired girl and finally nodded. "Who was the somebody, Bim?" "Fina, the woman!" she retorted, laughing. "I see you've settled on the man in the case, or have you?" "Not entirely," he admitted. "Only the motive. Jealousy. That is," he amended, "if you like this theory."

"You mean," she corrected him, "if you want to believe a woman did the shooting, don't you?" "Female killers," Bim went on wisely, "don't shoot as a rule, do they?" "Jealous ones do. Violence seems part of them."

"Well, I can't imagine any of the women I know being that jealous, my dear. They'd take it

out in saying spiteful little things instead."
"Think so? Bear in mind that killers almost never act like killers. Wouldn't stand a chance if they did."
"Very well, Mr. Policeman, since you know so much about it."
Walter denied that he knew much about it. "That's what's keeping me awake nights and spoiling my meals. I've got to know—before old Fary goes haywire. Means a lot to me, Bim. Not only the job. You."
"Walter—for heaven's sake—" she began in exasperation. "All right—all right," he sighed. "Only remember! And now let's go over the place again. Burke's all right but I'd like another look around."

Mrs. Hardy had gone to the village, delegated by the Baron to arrange for the burial of the murdered woman. She had left instructions with the servants, however, that the police were to be admitted at all times; accordingly Walter and Bim roamed through the house at will examining rooms and furnishings with a thoroughness which rather astonished the girl.

Eventually they climbed a narrow, dusty stairway to a well-celled attic where an assortment of empty trunks were stored and then made their way up a short ladder and through a heavy door to the roof.

There they found nothing which appeared promising—not at first glance, that is. It was when Walter swung himself up the side of a water-tank and balanced on the edge, peering inside that he gave a whoop of triumph and threw his hat down for Bim to catch.

"Tank's empty," he called. "And there's something down there. Get a piece of rope somewhere, Snappy, Bim."

He disappeared over the side with a clatter and she went back down the ladder to the attic. There she pulled trunk straps together and buckled them securely. How to drop the line thus made over to Walter was something of a problem since the tank was constructed with walls slanting inward at the top, but she accomplished this finally by fastening one end about a chimney and weighting the other end with

LAUGHING AT DEATH



One of the greatest aerial circus performers of all time is dead. Lillian Leitzel, who made millions gasp while she did death-defying stunts at the top of the tent, hurtled 50 feet, landing on her head, while performing in Copenhagen. All through life she had laughed at death. The fatal accident occurred when one of the grips, as shown in the picture, broke.

"What's funny about that?" Walter wanted to know. "Shoes usually are too long or too short or something."
"Not custom made shoes," Bim pointed to the maker's stamp. "Not when this man turns them out. Don't you see, dear? Someone borrowed them for the occasion; someone whose foot was smaller than the owner's."
"Find the wearer."
"Bright girl. Only where does it get us? Aside from proving that whoever wore the shoes Monday night had opportunity to come up here and hide them afterward."
"But it does help. All we have to do now is find out who has little feet!"
Walter laughed at that and stored the shoes away in his

ACCIDENT VICTIM'S CONDITION SERIOUS

BRUSH COLLEGE, Feb. 20.—Brush College folk are much concerned over the report received here recently of the injuries which Mrs. Ann Irons received in an auto accident.

The accident happened at Seattle about two weeks ago and Mrs. Irons is still in a hospital there and may possibly have to remain for some time as the attending physicians have not fully determined the extent of the injuries to her back and neck which are stiff and sore, making it difficult for her to move about. Her face was also badly lacerated. Mrs. Irons was well liked at Brush College where she taught school the past two years.

"Let's get out of here before someone sees us. There's a basement around under the north wing I want a look at now. Mrs. Hardy said it had been closed up and locked for years but I'm going down there just the same."
"I'll have a little visit with the Baron on the way down," Bim decided.

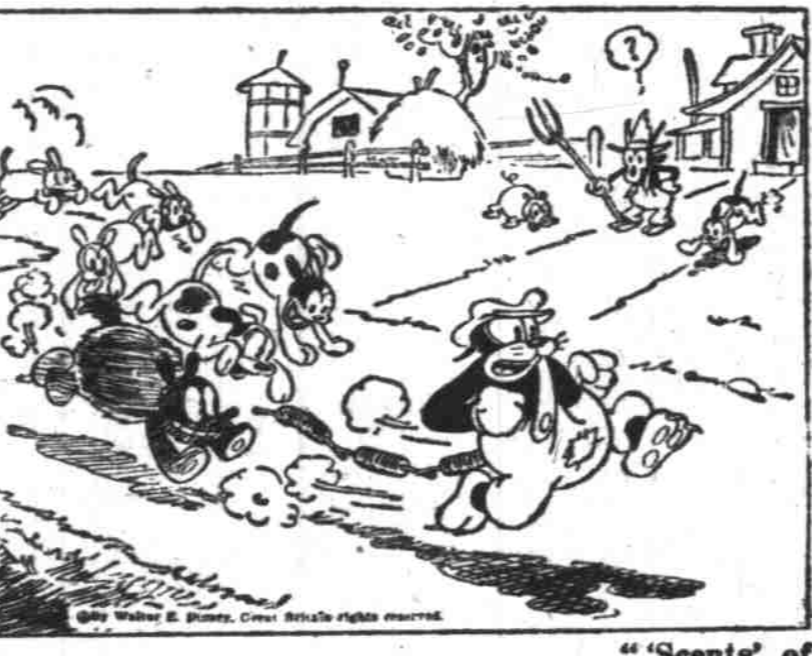
The Baron, however, was asleep as the nurse stated. He had been upset by the inquest and by the fact that he would be unable to attend the funeral tomorrow and the doctor had called and given him a sedative.

"He's taking it hard," the nurse, who was a school-grad friend of Bim, confided. "Keeps muttering to himself all the time. Must have been crazy about his wife."
"I guess he was," Bim agreed. "Have they brought her things in here?"
They had not, the nurse said. Accordingly Bim went to the library and from a vase where she had seen Em Hardy surreptitiously hide it, secured a key with which she unlocked the green door, assigned to the Baroness.

(To be continued tomorrow)

MICKY MOUSE

SO MICKY TRIUMPHS AGAIN! HERE'S HOW IT ALL HAPPENED TO AVENGE HIMSELF FOR THE KNOTS RECEIVED IN HIS OWN APPENDIX—MICKY PAINTS SPOTS ON 'KAT ANIPPO'S' TAIL. THERE'S A 'SMALLPOX' SIGN HUNG ON IT—QUARANTINING HIM FROM TOWN—'CRAZY OLD 'KAT NIPPO' IMMEDIATELY STUFFS HIS ADORNED TAILER INSIDE HIS PANTS AND STUTES A TAIL MADE OF CAT-TAILS FROM THE SWAMP. NOTING ITS RESEMBLANCE TO A STRIP OF SARDINES, MICKY 'THEREABOUTS' A FLOCK OF STRAY DOGS AFTER HIM—AND THE SELF-STYLED TOUGH GUY MAKES HIS HURRIED DEPARTURE FROM THE FAIR VILLAGE.



"The Observation Balloon"

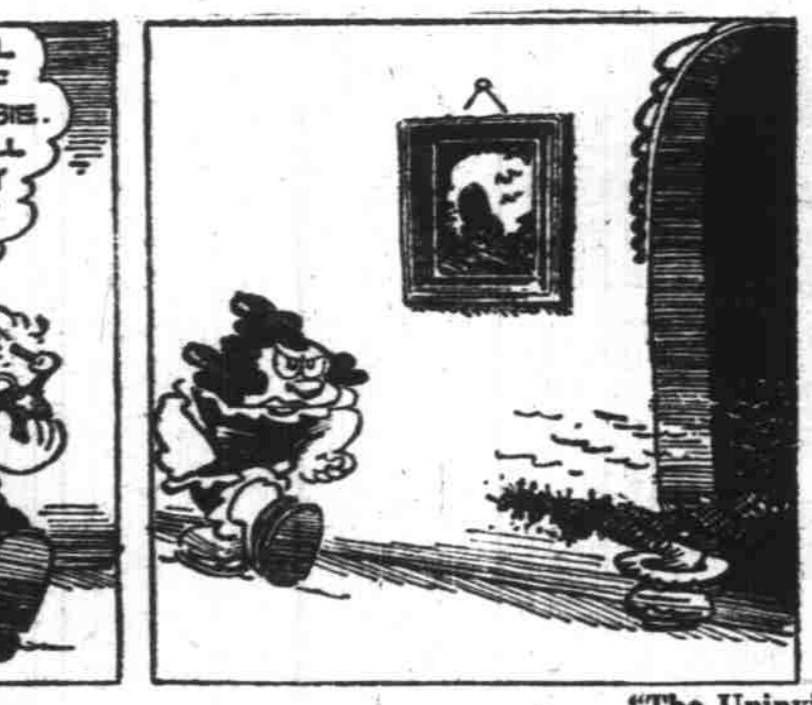


WHILE OVER THE COUNTRY-SIDE, THREE COUNTRIES DISTANT, A FLYING CAT-FISH SEES A STRANGE SIGHT.



"POLLY AND HER PALS"

SUTTINLY, SAM! YER WELCOME TO ALL OF MY PUFFUMERY Y'LIKE, BUT WOTS THE IDEA?
JESS A LIL SCHEME OF MINE, MAGGIE. MEBBE IT'LL WORK AN MEBBE IT WONT!



"Scents of Direction"



By CLIFF STERRETT

LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY

FREE—TODAY—FREE REFRESHMENTS—SOUNDERS—MUSIC—EDENDALE THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUBDIVISION—OWN YOUR OWN HOME—EASY PAYMENTS—BIG BARBACUE—COME ONE—COME ALL



"The Uninvited Guest"



By BEN BATSFORD

TOOTS AND CASPER

TOOTS IS GOOD AND SORE AT ME, COLONEL HOOPER! SHE FOUND SOME 'PHONE NUMBERS IN MY NOTE BOOK THAT I COULDN'T EXPLAIN VERY WELL! THEY'RE GIRL FRIENDS OF HERS! THAT I'M INVITING TO OUR ANNIVERSARY PARTY, BUT I WANT THE PARTY TO BE A SURPRISE TO TOOTS AND IF I TOLD HER I'D SPOIL EVERYTHING!



"The Danger Line"



By JIMMY MURPHY

