Stocks Dip But End With Gain

Federal Check on Mounting Costs Keeps Traders On Quiet Side

NEW YORK, April 12.—(AP)—Stocks dipped only momentarily in today's market following a sweeping new deal victory in the supreme court of the Wagner labor relations act cases.

After the brief downward flutter, in which losses of fractions to 3 points were recorded, the list quickly got back on its feet and ended with gains in the majority.

The behaviour of the market, brokers said, apparently inspired some traders to take a turn on the buying side. Late upturns in motors, steels, rails and others were accomplished on extremely limited volume.

Transfers Slow

Transfers totaled 1,132,240 shares compared with 1,735,050 last Friday. The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was up .6 of a point at 69.6.

Many traders, analysts pointed out, were still hesitant to expand commitments to any great extent because of the feeling the government will unlimber its guns, if necessary, to prevent runaway markets and to keep mounting costs from getting out of hand.

Steel mill operations were estimated by the America Iron & Steel Institute at 90.3 per cent of capacity, up .4 of a point from last week. The magazine "Steel" also sounded an optimistic forecast for the maintenance of peak production schedules.

Crop Rotation Is Best Weed Killer

Weeds are best controlled by individual farmers through crop rotation and other agricultural means, E. C. Auchter, chief of the federal bureau of plants, advised Secretary of State Snell in a letter received here today.

Auchter's letter was in acknowledging receipt of a house memorial adopted at the last legislative session urging the federal government to appropriate additional funds for weed control.

Auchter said the memorial would be given careful consideration. Similar memorials were adopted by other states.

Quotations at Portland

PRODUCE EXCHANGE

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12—(AP)—Produce exchange, net prices: Butter—Extras 32c; standards 32c; prime firsts 1½c; firsts 30½c. Butterfat: 85½-86c.

Eggs—U. S. large extras 22; U. S. medium extras 20; large standards 19; medium standards 18.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, April 12 —(AP)— The bears made a most successful attack upon the wheat price, both futures and cash. They won the battle insofar as nominal prices are concerned but wheat growers refused to sell. On the Portland futures market, without trading, the May price lost 1½ cents a bushel with July off 1 cent and September 1 cent. Despite this the cash price was reduced 2 cents a bushel.

Sep.	1.11	1.11	1.10	1.10
Wheat:	Open	High	Low	Close
May	1.21	1.21	1.19½	1.19½
July	1.13½	1.13½	1.12½	1.12½
Sep.	1.11	1.11	1.10	1.10

Cash wheat: Big Bend bluestem, hw 12 pct 1.20½; dark hard winter 12 pct 1.40, 12 pct 1.31½; 11 pct 1.25½; soft white, western white, hard winter and western red, 1.19½.

Oats, No. 2 white 33.50, gray 32.50. Barley, No. 2 45 lb BW 40.00. Corn, Argentine 42.50. Millrun standard 31.00.

Today's car receipts: Wheat 70; barley 2; flour 26; oats 1; hay 4.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, April 12—(AP-U.S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs: Receipts 2000, through and direct 234, market active mostly 25 above Friday or around 40 higher than week ago; good choice 165-210 lb mostly 10.25, load lots up 10.50, 220-270 lb 9.50-75, few up 10.00, 130-150 lb 9.50-75; packing sows largely 8.00, lightweights up 8.50; feeder pigs about steady, largely 9.00.

Cattle: Receipts 1700, direct 144, calves 100, market uneven mostly steady to 25 higher; steers up least, vealers around 50 higher; bulk medium-good fed steers 8.50-9.75, odd head up 10.00, common 6.50-8.00; medium fed heifers 7.75-8.50, add head good heifers 8.75-9.00, common down 6.00; low cutter and cutter cows 3.50-4.75, common-medium 5.00-6.50, good beef cows 7.00-50; bulls largely 5.50-6.50; good-choice vealers 9.50-10.50.

* Sheep: Receipts 2000, direct 826, market about steady improved quality considered; 3 loads choice 95 lb fed wooled lambs 12.00, choice trucked lots up 11.50, good shorn lambs 9.00, common down 7.00, deck good-choice 70 lb spring lambs 14.00; few good shorn ewes 5.00-25, wooled offerings up 6.00.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12—(AP)—Butter—Prints: A grade, 34c lb. in parchment wrappers, 35c in cartons; B grade parchment wrappers, 33½c lb.; cartons 34½c lb.

Butterfat—(Portland delivery, buying price)—A grade, delivered at least twice weekly 85½-86½ lb., country routes, 32-33c lb.; B grade, 88½-84½c lb.; C grade at market.

B grade cream for market—Price paid producer: Butterfat basis, 55.2c lb.; milk, 63.7c lb.; surplus 45.0c. Price paid milk board, 67c lb.

Eggs—Buying price by wholesalers: Extras, 21c; standards 18c; medium 17c; medium firsts, 16c; undergrade 16c doz.

Cheese—Oregon triplets, 19c; Oregon loaf, 20c. Brokers will pay ¼c below quotations.

Country meats—Selling price to retailers: Country killed hogs, best butchers, under 160 lbs., 12½-13c; vealers, 15c; light and thin, 10-13c lb.; heavy, 10-11c; cutter cows 9-10c; canner cows 10c; bulls 10c lb.; lambs, 17-18c lb.; ewes, 5-11c lb.

Live poultry—Portland delivery, buying price: Colored hens, over 4½ lbs., 18-19c lb.; under 4 lbs., 17-18c lb.; Leghorn hens, under 3½ lbs., 12-13c lb.; over 3½ lbs., 13-14c lb.; colored springs over 3½ lbs., 18-19c lb.; 2 to 3½ lbs., 18-19c lb.; roosters 7-8c lb.

Potatoes — Deschutes, $2.75-$3; Yakima, No. 1 (—) cental; local $2-2.15; Klamath, No. 1, $2.75-$3.

Nto Potatoes—Hawaiian 30 lbs., $1.75; Texas, $2.85 50 lbs.

Wool—1936, nominal: Willamette valley medium, 30c lb.; coarse and braids, 28c lb.; eastern Oregon, 23-24c lb.; crossbred, 37-38c lb.; 1937 contracts, eastern Oregon, 30-38c lb.; Willamette valley, 33c lb.

Mohair—1937 contracts, 40-42c lb.

Hay—Selling price to retailers: Alfalfa, No. 1, $20; oats and vetch, $18; clover, (—) ton, Portland.

Hops—Nominal; 1936, 38-40c lb.

Onions—Oregon, No. 1, $1.75-2 cental; Yakima, $1.50.

Sugar—Berry or fruit, 100s, $5.30; bales, $5.45; beet, $5.20 cental.

Domestic Flour—Selling price, city delivery, 5 to 25 bbl. lots: Family patents, 98s, 7.85-8.25; baker's hard wheat, $6.05-8.80; baker's bluestem, $6.25-6.85; blended hard, $6.40-7.75; graham, $6.25; whole wheat, $6.80 bbl.

Cascara bark—1936 peel, 6-7c lb.

Wool in Boston

BOSTON, April 12 —(AP-U.S. Dept. Agr.)—The market was quiet on domestic wools today.

Inquiries received from mills were mostly for small quantities of spot wools for immediate requirements. Buyers showed little interest in anticipating requirements.

Despite the quiet tone quotations on spot wool and pre-shearing contracts were steady to firm.

Muth Rejoins Extension Staff at State College

CORVALLIS, April 12—Dr. O. H. Muth, former member of the college staff who resigned as assistant veterinarian last fall to associate himself with the Wisconsin state department of agriculture, recently returned to the Oregon State experiment station staff.

Stocks & Bonds

(Compiled by Associated Press)

April 12

STOCK AVERAGES

(Compiled by the Associated Press)

	30 Indust.	15 Rails	15 Util.	60 Stocks
Today	93.8	45.3	45.9	69.6
Prev. day	93.0	44.5	45.8	69.0
Month ago	99.0	47.2	48.1	73.2
Year ago	85.7	39.0	49.0	64.8
1937 high	101.6	49.5	54.0	75.8
1937 low	92.8	37.8	45.7	68.7
1936 high	99.3	48.5	53.7	72.8
1936 low	73.4	30.2	43.4	55.7

BOND AVERAGES

	20 Rails	10 Indust.	10 Util.	10 For'gn
Today	92.9	*102.4	*99.4	70.9
Prev day	92.9	102.5	99.5	70.8
Month ago	95.8	103.3	100.1	72.3
Year ago	92.7	102.6	102.1	69.8
1937 high	99.0	104.4	102.8	74.7
1937 low	92.9	102.4	99.4	70.8
1936 high	98.2	104.4	103.1	73.0
1936 low	86.9	101.8	99.8	67.6

Wheat Skids Back 3 Cents

Improved Crop Prospects And Let-Up in Demand Cause Tumble

CHICAGO, April 12.—(AP)—Grain values took a decided tumble today, with wheat dropping three cents a bushel maximum, and ending at the bottom-most level reached.

A notable letup in trans-Atlantic demand for wheat, together with an official report of improved crop prospects in this country since April 1, the basic date of the latest government forecast, was largely responsible. New crop months, July and September, bore the brunt of the selling of wheat.

Corn Suffers Setback

Arrival of considerable amounts of Argentine corn today both in Chicago and St. Louis led to independent sharp setbacks of corn prices.

At the close, wheat was two cents to three cents under Saturday's finish, May $1.37½-¾, July $1.23¾-⅞; September $1.19¾-⅞; corn 1⅝-4 cents down, May $1.29¼-⅜, July $1.20½-⅝, September $1.10½; oats ⅝-⅞ off, May 49⅞-50, and rye showing 1⅛-2 cents drop. The outcome in provisions was 20 to 32 cents decline.

Official reports said betterment of the crop outlook for new domestic winter wheat the past fortnight is a result of milder weather and of favorable moisture conditions.

Liverpool Market Down

Giving increased momentum to the downward swing of the Chicago wheat market was the fact that Liverpool quotations, due ⅞-1⅜ cents higher, closed today 2⅛-2¼ cents lower.

July wheat in Chicago showed the sharpest downward trend, and from $1.26¾ at the close on Saturday tumbled to $1.23¾ in the final dealings today.

Selling orders and price downturns predominated in corn, rye and oats, owing in great degree to sympathy with wheat.

Provisions gave way, responsive to action both of hog values and of grains.

Salem Market Quotations

Grade B raw 4 per cent milk. Salem basic pool price $2.14 per hundred.

Co-op butterfat at price, F.O.B. Salem, 33c.

(Milk based on semi-monthly butterfat average.)

Distributor price, $2.34.

A grade butterfat—Delivered, 34½c; B grade, delivered, 33c.

A grade print, 34½c; B grade 38½c.

Prices paid to growers by Salem buyers. (The prices below supplied by a local grocer are indicative of the daily market but are not guaranteed by The Statesman.)

FRUITS (Buying Prices)

Apples, Newtowns	1.00
Winesaps, bu., extra fancy	2.00
Bananas, lb., on stalk	.06
hands	.06½
Dates, fresh, lb.	.20 to .25
Grapefruit, Florida, box	3.50
Texas Grapefruit	3.75 to 4.25
Lemons, crate	6.00 to 6.50
Oranges—Navels	
Fancy	4.35 to 6.25
Choice	3.35 to 5.25

VEGETABLES (Buying Prices)

Asparagus, lb.	.07
Beets, Calif., doz.	.60
Brussell Sprouts, local, crate	.85
Cabbage, lb.	.03
Cabbage, red, lb.	.03
Carrots, doz.	.55
Cauliflower, Calif., crate	1.15
Celery, crate	2.25 to 2.85
Utah	3.85
Hearts, doz.	1.25
Endive, doz.	.75
Lettuce, Cal., iced 5 doz.	3.00
Mustard Greens, doz.	.40
Onions, green, doz.	.30
Onions, No. 1, cwt.	1.50
Radishes, doz.	.30
Parsnips, lb.	.01½
Peppers, green, Calif., lb.	.15
Red, lb.	.12
New Potatoes, 31-lb. box	1.65
Potatoes, local, No. 1, cwt.	3.00
No. 2, cwt., bag	1.90
Potatoes, sweet, No. 1	2.50
Rhubarb, local, 30 lb. box	.65
Rutabagas, cwt.,	2.00 to 2.25
Spinach, Seattle, 30 lbs.	.75
Tomatoes, 20-lb. crate	3.25
Turnips, doz.	.60

NUTS

Walnuts, lb	.11 to .15½
Filberts, 1936 crop, lb.	.16 to .19½

HOPS (Buying Prices)

Clusters, 1936, lb.	.40
Fuggles,	nominal

WOOL AND MOHAIR (Buying Prices)

Mohair	.55
Medium wool	.35
Coarse wool	.33

EGGS AND POULTRY (Buying Price of Andresens)

White extras	.19
Brown extras	.19
Medium extras	.16
Large standards	.16
Medium standards	.14
Pullets	.12
Heavy hens, lb.	.15
Colored mediums, lb.	.14
Medium Leghorns, lb.	.12
Stags, lb.	.05
Old roosters, lb.	.05
Colored frys over 4 lbs.	.15
Under 4 lbs.	.15
White Leghorns, frys	.13

MARION CREAMERY Buying Prices

Butterfat, A grade	.34½
B grade	.33½
Live Poultry, No. 1 stock—	
Colored hens, under 4½ lbs.	.15
Colored hens, over 4½ lbs.	.16
Colored fryers,	.16
Leghorn hens, heavy	.12
Leghorn hens, light	.10
Leghorn broilers	.15
Roosters	.05
Rejects	market value
Stags, lb.	.06

No. 2 grades, 2 cents less.

Eggs—Candled and graded—	
Large extras	.19
Medium extras	.16
Large standards	.16
Medium standards	.14
Undergrades	.13
Pullets	.13
Dirty extras	.13

LIVESTOCK (Buying Prices)

1937 spring lambs, lb.	.14
Lambs, lb.	.11
Ewes	4.00 to 5.00
Hogs, top, 150-210 lbs.	9.60 to 9.75
130-150 lbs.	8.50 to 9.00
210-230 lbs.	9.00
Sows	7.00 to 7.50
Dairy type cow	4.00 to 5.00
Beef cows	5.50 to 6.00
Bulls	5.25 to 6.00
Heifers	6.00 to 7.00
Top veal	9.50
Dressed veal, lb.	.13
Dressed hogs, lb	.12½

GRAIN AND HAY

Wheat, white, No. 1	1.03½
Wheat, western red	1.01½
Barley, brewing, ton	43.50
Feed, barley, ton	39.50
Oats, milling, ton	28.00
Feed, ton	26.50
Hay, buying prices—	
Alfalfa, valley	16.00
Oat and vetch, ton	10.00
Clover, ton	11.50

Gardeners' and Ranchers' Mart

PORTLAND, April 12 —(AP)— Trading was light on the Gardeners' and Ranchers' market today. The general trend was upwards although some commodities made price concessions.

The apple market was firmer as prices at shipping points became steady as the result of a good export demand.

Washington asparagus was weaker as receipts became heavier.

California artichokes moved lower.

The bunched carrit market was higher with lighter receipts from California.

Lettuce was easier and lower prices prevailed.

The onion and potato market was steady.

Local spinach was higher in price as the rain made harvesting difficult.

Apples—Washington Delicious, extra fancy $2.50-$3; Winesaps, extra fancy, $2-2.15; Newtowns, extra fancy, $1.85-$2.

Asparagus—California, 8-9c per lb. crates, $2.00-2.25.

Beans, Calif., green, 19-20c lb.

Beets—Per sack, Oregon, $1.85.

Broccoli—Crate, $2.65-2.75.

Brussells Sprouts — California, one fourth drums, $2.75.

Cabbage — Oregon, Flat Dutch, crates $1-2. Calif., $2.75-$3; Washington, $3; Texas, $3.50.

Carrots — Oregon, $1.25-1.50 crate; lugs, 45c; bunched $2.50 crate, 40c doz.

Cauliflower—Calif., pony $1-1.25; Roseburg, 50-75c; California 55-75c.

Celery—Utah type, $3.25-3.50; Calif., 3-3½ doz. $2.75-3.25.

Cucumbers—Oregon and Washington hothouse, $1.25-1.75.

Eggplant—California, lug, $1.50-1.60.

Garlic—Per pound, 10-15c.

Grapes—Emperors, $1.60-1.75.

Lettuce—Imperial, 5-6 doz. $2.75-3.00; Yuma dry pack, $3-3.25.

Mushrooms—One pound cartons, 40-45c.

Onions—50-pound sacks, U. S. No. 1, yellow, $1.25-1.50; yellow boilers, 10 pound sacks, 12-15c.

Onions, green, doz. bunches, 20-25c.

Parsley—Per dozen bunches, 40-45c.

Parsnips—Per lug, 30-40c.

Peas—Calif., $1.75-2.00; 9-11c lb.

Pears — Oregon, Washington, jumble pack, Taster Bueerre, 90c; D'Anjous, extra fancy, $2.50.

Peppers—Mexico, 15-17c lb.; $5-5.50 per crate.

Potatoes—U. S. No. 1, 100-lb. sacks, baker's $3.85-$4; Oregon Deschutes russets $2.75-$3; Washington russets $2.75-$3; local $2.25-2.50; Florida Bliss Triumphs, $2.85-3; Texas, $2.75-3.00.

Radishes—er doz. bunches, 40-50c.

Rhubarb—Oregon field grown, 15 lb boxes 40-50c.

Rutabagas—Washington, 100-lb. sacks, $1.75-$2.

Spinach—Local, 65-75c per orange box.

Squash—Oregon, per pound, Hubbard, 2¾c, Marblehead, 2¾c.

Tomatoes — Oregon, hothouse, 17-18c per pound; Mexico, $3-3.50; Florida, $2.50-2.75.

Offer Over Board Figure on Logans

Woodburn Pool Unsold But 6½ Cents Is Boosted In Bidding, Said

Offers of more than the control board price of 6½ cents have been made on the Woodburn Berry Growers association loganberry pool, according to reliable information to the Statesman, but just how much higher the offer is has not been revealed. The pool, the largest in the county, has not yet been sold.

Deals are imminent on both the Woodburn growers' logans and other berries, but so far the only part of the pool sold is the gooseberries, which will run from 40 to 50 tons, and the strawberries, both to Starr Fruit Products of Salem. Prices at which these two crops sold have been confirmed.

The Woodburn association growers will market their largest crop of youngberries this year, with over 100 acres in bearing this season.

Most of the berries have moved at the control board price, and in some instances purchases have been made on basis of no dockage, which means a more favorable figure than the 6½ cents paid per pound. Some talk has been heard that a Portland cannery, in addition to wiping out grades, has agreed to pay $5 per ton for berries picked up at the front of the growing field and hauled to Portland by the buyer. These delivery concessions are said to be worth five-eighths of a cent a pound, in addition to grade waivers.

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"Leisure to Repent"

by URSULA PARROTT

CHAPTER XXIV

On that evening when first he felt physically comfortable, and assured that he would in time be more or less able to go on with things, his father had his dinner brought to him, on a tray beside Keith's bed. That had become his daily custom.

His old face now had a triumphant look, as if his son's recovery were largely due to his insistence, his imposition of will upon that crew of dubious physicians! Why, the boy would be well as ever shortly, and much more of a man, for losing some of his mother's beauty.

He said: "You're feeling like yourself, Keith. We can talk."

His son nodded, just resisted saying, "Only, we've never been able to talk," and waited.

"Nice amount of publicity you got yourself, and Felicia."

Keith spoke aloud then: "You are unexpectedly amiable about it."

"Too bad you didn't have a critical illness in your childhood."

"I don't see the connection, Father."

"Simple enough. Never knew I was fond of you until I thought I might lose you. Could have known, years sooner, if you'd had scarlet fever or something of that sort."

"Better late than never, I suppose."

"Don't joke, Keith, I'm serious."

His father's old gaze was fixed on the curtained windows. "Something I should tell you, Keith. I would never have—have lost your mother, if I'd been willing to say I wasn't always right."

Perhaps that was true, Keith thought. Perhaps pretty Mary Sheldie might have endured her life, might even have enjoyed its wealth, and the power implicit behind it, if his father had been just a degree less omniscient, less arbitrary.

"I suppose," the older man said in the weariest voice his son had ever heard come from between those firm lips, "some one or other told you that old story, about your mother and me."

Keith nodded.

"A musician!" his father said bitterly. "Didn't know how to take care of her. She was always a soft, delicate little thing. I wouldn't have minded so much, if he'd been able to give her things—make her comfortable."

That man with whom Mary Sheldie ran away had given her nothing but death. There was no possible answer. Apparently his father expected none. He went on:

"I treated her badly. While I wouldn't admit that, I treated you badly too, because you were her son. She died. I couldn't bear for her son to die, last bit of her in the world."

He paused. Then he said quietly: "Keith, a man's life is his own; so I have no reproaches for you. Only, I wish you'd faced it out, gone to the woman's husband. It would have been more—more—"

"We were on our way to her husband," Keith interrupted. "That week-end, we talked it over."

"All right. I don't want to know." But Keith could tell that his father was relieved!

"It's odd, Father, that you decided to talk about this. I was just at the point of having enough energy to want to communicate with her. She must be having a very difficult time."

"No," said that old man. "Only soft women have a *very* difficult time."

"Felicia's not quite as hard as she pretended," Keith said.

"That's good. You should defend her. Not many people will." There were memories in his voice now that Keith could only guess about. Did he wish that little Mary Sheldie had found more defenders in her last hours?

"I suppose she'll go to Reno, Father, and it'll be a six weeks' scandal. Then people will forget."

"Yes, those things are more easily managed nowadays."

"Will you send a telegram to her from me, Father? I'll have to dictate it, until they take this cast off."

"No. I mean, I'll send it if you want, but I wish you'd stop and think first."

His manner of saying that was so quiet, so undemanding, that Keith could not be exasperated.

"What is there to think about, though, Father? I can't be blamed for not letting her know I was standing by, in these weeks when I've been in a fairly dazed state. But surely I must let her know now, as quickly as is possible."

Hesitantly, his father spoke. "I've been so antagonistic to you, Keith, that I've no right to ask you to listen to me now. But I wish you would."

"Of course I will." He was just a little impatient about it, though. What was the use of long discussion?

His father said: "I want you to stop and think of the person in this situation about whom no one ever thinks, except with a sort of amusement, and with curiosity. I want you to think of her husband."

"Not much use now, is it?"

"Perhaps. Perhaps not. Because I was once the husband in a case like this, his position seems important to me. He has so small a chance. I've been finding out, as much as I could discreetly, Keith, about what's happening to her and her husband. His people are causing as much trouble as possible, but Eustace Dayne is saying nothing, calling on his wife three times a day, behaving to his friends as if his marriage were just as permanent as before—as before what happened. He seems to be in love with her, Keith."

"I don't doubt it. She's not, though, with him."

His father hurried his words. "Please don't think I'm blaming her, or you. Unaccountable things happen to people. Only one has to be told to admit that truly."

"You may as well know, Father, she's not madly in love with me, either."

"Nor you with her. I judged that."

The seven words were a statement.

Even so, Keith felt they demanded some show of protest. "In my fashion."

"Not as you once were in love with her sister. I spoiled that for you."

"Not altogether. I had a hand in it. Which is pretty much beside the point. She married the better man, as the Victorians would have phrased it piously. This is a fairly difficult conversation, Father."

"Yes. It's difficult to be intimate. Better not, most of the time. My attempt is only—" He stopped and began again.

"Perhaps, perhaps she'll want to go on with her husband after she realizes how well he's behaving. If that were so—"

"Can't be so. She's proud."

"Then do this. Wait a little, to make sure you're right."

"To give Eustace Dayne his chance, in short."

"Yes."

"I should shy he's had a chance in the nearly four years of their marriage."

"It's in crises that you have your chance."

Keith was suddenly dreadfully tired. It could all wait for another day, surely. He was thinking: "In crises you have your chance." On an October day when the leaves were splashes of gold and yellow on the lawns in the park, when Denise had so desperately wanted him to give her reassurance; and he had been determined not to be hurried! His chance was blown as far as last October's air.

When he was well enough, he wrote to Felicia, telephoned the switchboard of her apartment to make sure she was at home, learned that she was at her father's, and sent the letter on by messenger.

It was, as he wrote, a completely inadequate letter, but he could manage no better, for recollection of his father's sentence stifled anything tender he might have said: "I want you to think of him of whom no one in these situations thinks, except with a sort of amusement, with curiosity."

No, he would not write love-letters to Felicia until she and her husband were officially separated. He would write no more than was necessary. She was fastidious, and would understand.

She was fastidious; but, as did not occur to him, she was too preoccupied with her own problems to be able to analyze Keith's.

He was startled by the indignation plain in her response, wrote a rapid answer—and read in the next day's paper of her sailing.

He was neither relieved, nor very angry with her. She must do what she wanted. He would prefer to go on with her than alone, since now he never would go on with Denise. But his preference was not vital.

Realizing that it was not, he realized how much deeper had been his affection for that girl who had not waited for him, but had made haste to resolve her life. The old tag was: "Marry in haste, and repent at leisure." Denise had had, by now, leisure to repent. But whether she had repented or not, he was scarcely likely to discover.

It was incredible that Felicia should expect Keith to visit her at Denise's house! So he thought, until the moment of receiving Felicia's wireless from the boat. Then he decided that he understood. (By then he'd looked over a file of newspapers.) Felicia felt the need of fortifying herself with the chaperonage of her well-married sister, her brother-in-law and her parents.

Sudden decision came to him. If Felicia wanted that—and Denise was willing—he would go. He would look at Denise, happy with her husband, probably, and no doubt become a stranger who would be regarded without much interest, as happy young wives had a way of regarding men they had not married. Her eyes would be serene.

(She had said to him once: "I shall never hate you. I've cared too much." He had said to her once: "Nothing nowadays is forever." But ten crowded months had separated them from the people who said those things so confidently.)

And having looked at Denise, and at her husband, he would do whatever her charming sister suggested thereafter.

Keith had seen very few friends during his convalescence, none of whom had mentioned to him, or were likely to, that Gilbert Windon was coming back to America, while his wife would spend the summer in England with her people. He took it for granted that his invitation would come, if it came, with Gilbert Windon's knowledge and approval. So he wirelessed Felicia he would come if Denise asked him.

For a long time thereafter he heard nothing from her or of her.

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