Drouth Word Soars Wheat

Heavy Purchase Canadian Stock for Export Is Also Stimulator

CHICAGO, May 14—(AP)—Soaring 3¼ cents maximum today, the wheat market responded to reports of urgent need of moisture both in domestic crop areas southwest and in Canada.

An added stimulus for higher prices came from estimates that 1,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat had been bought today for export. Besides, Chicago dark No. 2 hard wheat as well as new crop hard winter wheat at the Gulf of Mexico, was figured as being about in line for export.

Advances of securities and of cotton contributed force to the upward trend both of wheat and other grains, especially corn. With offerings scarce, May corn jumped 3¾ cents.

Down 2⅛ Maximum

At the close, wheat was 1 cent to 2⅛ cents above yesterday's finish, May $1.23¾, July $1.16⅛-⅜, Sept. $1.15⅛-⅜, corn 1 cent off to 3⅛ up, May $1.29⅛, July $1.16⅞-1.16, Sept. $1.08¼-⅜, oats ⅜-2⅛ advanced, May 49⅛-¼, and rye showing ¼-1¼ bulge, May $1.10½. Provisions closed 17 to 27 cents dearer.

Reports of urgent need of rain for all vegetation in large sections of domestic wheat territory southwest and likewise in Canada were current. From Dodge City to Altus, Okla., wheat was reported as practically a failure, and official advices were cited that moisture in the western half of Kansas the past month has been the smallest during any similar period for half a century. Much notice was also taken of a dispatch from a leading Chicago crop expert saying that in a 250-mile circle from Enid, Okla., through Iva, Woodward and return wheat is spotted and generally heading short.

Short of Moisture

Forty per cent of wheat acreage in the Canadian prairie provinces, 9,000,000 acres, was reported definitely short of moisture. It was stated heavy rains are an immediate necessity all over southern and central sections of Alberta and Saskatchewan if the 1937 wheat crop there is to make a satisfactory start.

May delivery led the wheat market advance in Chicago, and from a low of $1.21⅛ today, rose to $1.24¾, but reacted to $1.23¾ at the last.

Corn, oats and rye mainly took their cue from wheat action.

Countryman Is Ill

SUVER, May 14—Jack Countryman is still confined to his home. He has been ill for sometime and his condition does not improve much. Mrs. Miles Davis and Mrs. I. G. Arehart who are both confined to their beds most of the time are about the same.

Quotations at Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., May 14—(AP)—
PORTLAND, Ore., May 13—(AP)—Produce Exchange: Butter—Extras 30½; standards 30; prime firsts 30; firsts 29½; butterfat 33½-34.

Eggs—Large extras 20; large standards 18; medium extras 19; medium standards 17.

Cheese—Triplets 17c; loaf 18c.

Portland Grain

Wheat:	Open	High	Low	Close
May	1.09½	1.10½	1.09½	1.10½
July	1.04½	1.05½	1.04½	1.05½
Sept.	1.01⅝	1.02½	1.01⅝	1.02½

Barley, May: Big Bend bluestem, hw, 12 pct 1.14½; dark hard winter 13 pct 1.34½; 12 pct 1.26½; 11 pct 1.17½; soft white, western white, hard winter and western red 1.13½.

Oats, No. 2 white 33.50; gray 32.50. Barley, No. 2-45 lb. B.W. 40.00. Corn, Argentine 42.00. Milfeed standard 31.00.

Today's car receipts: Wheat 3; flour 3.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., May 14—(AP)—(USDA)—Hogs: Receipts 300, including 220 direct, market nominally steady, 10.50 for 170-210 lb. carlot butchers, 10.25-10.35 mostly handyweight driveins, heavy and light hogs 9.50-9.75, packing sows 8.00-8.50, most down to 7.00.

Cattle: Receipts 225, including 194 mainly grass steers direct, calves 30, including 22 direct, market steady, medium grade 861 lb. steers 8.75, few 955 lb. 9.00, plain kinds 7.50 down, odd cuttery cows 4.00-5.00, plain 6.25, best vealers 10.00-10.50, heavier calves 9.50 down, thin 5.00.

Sheep: Receipts 750, including 75 direct, supply mainly medium-good California spring lambs, steady as to quality, 79-80 lb. load 10.85, 68-69 average 10.50, common wooled lambs 8.00, culls 6.00, plain ewes 3.00.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., May 14—(AP)—Butter—Prints, A grade, 33c lb. in parchment wrappers, 34c lb. in cartons; B grade, parchment wrappers, 32½c lb.; cartons 33½c lb.

Butterfat—(Portland delivery, buying price)—A grade, 33½-34½c lb.; B grade, 31½-32½c lb.; country stations: A grade, 31½-32½c, B grade 31½c lb.; C grade at market.

B grade cream for market—Price paid producer: Butterfat basis, 55.2c lb.; milk, 63.7c lb.; surplus, 45.9c. Price paid milk board, 67c lb.

Eggs—Buying price by wholesalers: Extras, 20c; standard 17c; medium 16c; medium firsts 15c; undergrade 15c dozen.

Cheese—Oregon triplets, 17½c; Oregon loaf, 18½c. Brokers will pay ½c below quotations.

Country meats—Selling price to retailers: Country killed hogs, best butcher, under 160 lbs. 13-13½c; vealers, 15½c; light and thin, 11-14c; heavy, 11-12c lb.; canner cows, 9-10c; cutters 10-12c lb.; bulls, 10-11c lb.; spring lambs 20-25c; old lambs 18c; ewes 5-11c lb.

Live poultry—Buying price by whole salers: Colored hens, over 4½ lbs., 15-16c lb.; under 4 lbs., 16-17c lb.; Leghorn hens under 3½ lbs., 11-12c lb.; over 3½ lbs., 12-13c lb.; colored springs over 3½ lbs., 19-20c lb.; 2 to 3½ lbs., 19-20c lb.; roosters, 6-7c lb.

Potatoes—Deschutes, $2.85-$3; Klamath No. 1, $3.00; Yakima, No. 1, (—) cental; local, $2.25 cental.

New Potatoes—California whites $1.50-1.65 per 50 lbs.

Onions—Oregon No. 1, $1.05-$2 cental; Yakima, $1.50-1.75 cental.

Onions—New crop, Texas Bermuda type $1.65 per 50-lb. crate.

Wool—1937 nominal; Willamette valley, medium 35c lb.; coarse and braids, 33c lb.; eastern Oregon, 28-29c lb.; crossbred, 32-33c lb.; medium, 31-32c lb.

Hay—Selling price to retailers: Alfalfa No. 1, $19.50 ton; oats and vetch, $13; clover, (—) ton; timothy, eastern Oregon, $22 ton; do valley, $16-16.50 ton. Portland.

Hops—Nominal, 1936, 38-40c lb.

Mohair—1937 contracts, 57c lb.

Cascara bark — Buying price, 1937 peel, 10c lb.

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, $7.55-7.95; bakers' hard wheat, $5.95-7.90; bakers' bluestem, $5.75-6.15; blended hard, $7-7.20; graham, $6.40-6.60; whole wheat, $7.20 barrel.

Wool in Boston

BOSTON, May 14—(AP)—Manufacturers and top makers showed little interest in the purchase of domestic wools on the Boston market today. Quotations on domestic wools were largely nominal due to lack of demand.

Good French combing length fine territory wool in original bags was held mostly at from 95 cents to $1.00 scoured basis. Short French combings and clothing length fine original territory wools were reported available under 95 cents.

No particular selling pressure was reported, even though little demand was received.

Doris Jones Winner of First Prize for Paper On Townsend Proposal

WOODBURN, May 14—A large crowd attended the Townsend club meeting held at the Lincoln grade school building Tuesday night when the winners of the essay contest were announced. Miss Doris Jones was winner of the first prize of $5, Miss Ann Ewert the second prize of $3, and Miss Betty Covey third prize of $2. Three other contestants, Loretta Little, Betty Fisher and Maxine Covey were each given 50 cents by the audience. The subject of the essay contest was "How the Townsend Plan Will Benefit all Business."

Judges were Sam Brown, Mrs. Dutton of G. T. Wadsworth, all of Gervais. The next meeting will be held Friday evening, May 21.

Stocks & Bonds

(Compiled by Associated Press)

May 14

STOCK AVERAGES

(Combpiled by The Associated Press)

	30 Indust.	15 Rails	15 Util.	60 Stocks
Today	89.4	44.6	44.7	66.1
Prev. day	88.5	43.6	41.4	65.4
Month ago	94.6	45.5	45.9	70.1
Year ago	81.9	34.0	45.3	60.7
1937 high	101.6	49.5	54.0	75.3
1937 low	88.5	37.8	41.4	65.4
1936 high	99.3	43.5	53.7	72.8
1936 low	78.4	30.2	48.4	55.7

BOND AVERAGES

	20 Rails	10 Indust.	10 Util.	10 For'gn
Today	92.9	103.0	*98.4	71.2
Prev. day	93.2	103.1	98.6	71.1
Month ago	94.2	102.9	99.8	71.3
Year ago	91.7	102.5	101.4	68.4
1937 high	99.0	104.4	102.8	74.7
1937 low	92.6	102.4	98.4	70.5
1936 high	98.2	104.4	103.1	73.0
1936 low	86.9	101.8	99.3	67.6

*—New low.

Stocks Regain Part of Loss

Probable Settlement Strike Brings Better Tone to Tradings

NEW YORK, May 14—(AP)—The stock market's nerves were in a little better shape today, following lessening of tension in the labor field, and leading issues recovered fractions to 3 or more points.

Tentative settlement of the Jones & Laughlin strike, which touched off the Thursday collapse, apparently inspired some short covering and quick-turn buying by traders who thought the market was at least entitled to a technical come-back.

Many commission house forces, however, retained their comfortable seats in neutral territory. These had visions of further unionization drives against other independent steel makers, the possibility of employe upsets in other industries and the shortening of profit margins by increasing costs of manufacturing operations.

While business news, as summarized for the week by Dun and Bradstreet, was to the liking of stockholders, analytical quarters were still waiting for definite assurance a potential recession this summer would not be more than seasonal.

Eye Washington

On top of these influences, Wall Street had yet to find the answer to whether the administrator's legislative program, including cutting of governmental expenses, would go through as scheduled.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks at 66.1 retrieved .7 of its 1.9 points drop of the preceding session. Trading momentum, though, was considerably below that of the day before. Transfers totaled 1,228,160 shares compared with 1,774,350, yesterday.

On California Trip

RIVERVIEW, May 14 — Jack Goar and family left on a two weeks trip to Arizona through California and will visit his brother Herbert and family while in Arizona.

Salem Market Quotations

Grade B raw 4 per cent milk. Salem basic pool price $2.08 per hundred.

Co-op butterfat at price, F.O.B. Salem, 32½c.

(Milk based on semi-monthly butterfat average.)

Distributor price, $2.84.

A grade butterfat—Delivered, 32½c; B grade, delivered, 31½c.

A grade print, 33c; B grade 32c.

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	1.40
Winesaps, bu., extra fancy	2.00
Bananas, lb., on stalk	.05½
hands	.06
Dates, fresh, lb.	20to .25
Texas Grapefruit	3.75 to 4.25
Lemons, crate	6.00 to 7.25
Oranges—Navels	
Fancy	4.35 to 6.00
Choice	3.35 to 5.00
Valencias	3.50 to 5.25
Strawberries, Calif., box, retail	.12½

VEGETABLES (Buying Prices)

Asparagus, local, doz. bu.	1.00
Beets, Calif., doz.	.60
Cabbage, red, lb	.03
Cabbage, lb.	.04½
Carrots, doz.	.45
Cauliflower, Calif., crate	1.75
Celery, crate	2.25 to 2.85
Utah	2.25
Hearts, doz.	1.25
Endive, doz.	.75
Lettuce, Cal., iced, 5 doz.	2.70 to 3.00
Mustard Greens, doz.	.40
Onions, green, doz.	.35
Onions, No. 1, cwt.	1.50
Radishes, doz.	.25
Parsnips, lb.	.01½
Peppers, green, Calif., lb.	.20
Red, lb.	.12
Peas, Calif., 50-lb. sack	2.50
New Potatoes, 50-lb. bag	1.40
Potatoes, local, No. 1, cwt.	3.00
No. 2, cwt., bag	1.75 to 1.80
Potatoes, sweet, No. 1	2.50
Rhubarb, local, per lb.	.01½
Rutabagas, cwt.	2.00 to 2.25
Spinach, Seattle, 30 lbs.	1.25
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

CASCARA BARK

Dry, lb.	.10
Green, lb.	.04

EGGS AND POULTRY (Buying Price of Andresens)

White extras	.16
Brown extras	.16
Medium extras	.14
Large standards	.14
Medium standards	.13
Pullets	.12
Heavy hens, lb.	.15
Colored mediums, lb.	.14
Medium Leghorns, lb.	.13
Stags, lb.	.05
Old roosters, lb.	.05
Colored springs	.18
White Leghorns, frys	.15

MARION CREAMERY Buying Prices

Butterfat, A grade	.32½
B grade	.31½
Live poultry, No. 1 stock—	
Colored hens, under 4½ lbs.	.14
Colored hens, over 4½ lbs.	.14
Colored fryers	.16
Leghorn hens, heavy	.11
Leghorn hens, light	.09
Leghorn broilers	.14
Roosters	.05
Rejects	market value
Stags, lb.	.06
No. 2 grades, 3 cents less.	
Eggs—Candled and graded—	
Large extras	.16
Medium extras	.14
Large standards	.14
Medium standards	.13
Undergrades	.12
Pullets	.10
Dirty extras	.14

LIVESTOCK (Buying Prices)

1937 spring lambs, lb.	.10½
Lambs, lb	.10½
Ewes	4.00 to 5.00
Hogs, top, 150-210 lbs.	10.00
130-150 lbs.	9.25 to 9.50
210-230 lbs.	9.50
Sows	7.00 to 7.50
Dairy type cow	5.50 to 6.50
Beef cows	7.00 to 8.00
Bulls	6.00 to 7.00
Heifers	8.00 to 9.50
Top veal	8.50
Dressed veal, lb.	.13½
Dressed hogs, lb.	.13

GRAIN AND HAY

Wheat, white, No. 1	.97½
Wheat, western red	.97
Barley, brewing, ton	40.00
Feed, barley, ton	39.50
Oats, milling, ton	28.00
Feed, ton	25.00
Hay, buying prices—	
Alfalfa, valley	18.00
Oat and vetch, ton	9.00
Clover, ton	10.00

Delegation From Dallas Attends 20th Convention Of District Neighbors

DALLAS, May 14 — A large number of Dallas people went to Silverton Wednesday night to attend the 20th district convention of the Royal Neighbors of America.

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Smith of Dallas put on a skit which won second place. Mrs. Middleton sang a solo at the memorial service. Mrs. Mary Conner was the oldest member present at the meeting. This was the 16th consecutive convention that she has attended.

Gardeners' and Ranchers' Mart

PORTLAND, May 14—(AP)—Out-of-state receipts were heavy as contrasted with the light arrivals from local points on the Gardeners' and Ranchers' market today.

Demand nearly equalled supply on the asparagus market, strong for the day.

A newcomer on the market, wax onions, arrived from Shafter, selling at $1.25 per lug. The green onion supply was slightly heavier.

Sugar peas, a light shipment of which arrived from California, brought twenty cents.

Radishes were slightly heavier in supply but sold early at from 13 to 16c.

Apples—Winesaps extra fancy $2.25-2.50; Newtowns, extra fancy $2-2.10.

Asparagus — 30-lb. crates $2.65-2.85; 8-9c lb.

Beans—Calif., 13-16c lb.

Beets—Per sack, Oregon, $1.85

Broccoli—Crate, $2.25-2.50.

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

Cabbage—Calif., $3.25-3.50 crate; Sacramento, $3.25-3.75 per crate.

Carrots—Oregon, lugs, 35-40c; Calif., bunched $3.00-3.15.

Cauliflower—Calif., pony, $1.65-1.85.

Celery—Calif., ½ crates, $2.25-2.75.

Cucumbers—Oregon, and Washington hothouse, $3.15-3.25.

Eggplant—California, lug, $1.50-1.60.

Garlic—Per pound, 10-15c.

Grapes—Emperors, $1.60-1.75.

Lettuce—Oregon, dry, 6 doz., $2.25-2.50; 5 doz., $1.75-1.85; Calif., $3.25-3.50 for 5 doz.; 6 doz., $2.25-2.50.

Mushrooms—One pound cartons, 40-45c.

Onions—50-pound sacks, U. S. No. 1, yellow, $1-1.25.

Onions—Green, doz. bunches, 20-25c.

Parsley—Per dozen bunches, 40-45c.

Parsnips—Per lug, 30-35c.

Peas—Calif., $2.50-2.70.

Peppers—Mexico, 22-25c lb.; $7-7.50 per crate.

Potatoes—U S. No. 1, 100-lbs., Oregon russets, $2.75-$3.00; Washington russets, $2.85-$3; local, $2.25-2.40; Texas, $1-1.75.

Radishes—Per doz. bunches, 25-30c.

Rhubarb—Oregon field grown, apple boxes, 65-75c.

Rutabagas—Washington, 100-lb. sacks, $1.50-1.75.

Spinach—Oregon, Washington, $1.00-1.15.

Turnips—Doz. bunches, 80-90c.

Tomatoes — Oregon hothouse, 20-25c per pound; Mexico, $3-3.50.

Strawberries—Iorida 12s, $1.15-1.50.

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

Turnips—Doz. bunches, 60-65c.

Tomatoes — Oregon, hothouse, 20-25c per pound; Mexico, $3.50-3.75.

Spinach—Oregon, Washington, 75c-$1.

Clean-up Day Monday

WOODBURN, May 14.—Monday, May 17, will be Woodburn's annual cleanup day, when a crew of men hired by the city will collect all debris placed in boxes or sacks and put out in readiness for them.

Twins Are Honor Guests at Party

CLOVERDALE, May 14—Mrs. Arthur E. Kink and her twin, Oscar Fliflet, were honored with a birthday party given by Miss Palma Fliflet and Mrs. William Massey at the Massey home Wednesday night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Levi Fliflet of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. George Fake, Mabel Linquist, Mrs. Betty Breen of Eunmclaw, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. John Luddiksen of Silverton. It was Mrs. Luddiksen's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris received word that their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Morris of Los Angeles, are the parents of twin boys. They were named Gary and Larrie, weighing 5½ pounds and 5¾ pounds, respectively.

Karl B. Wipper has been partly incapacitated this week. He cut his foot quite badly.

Arthur Bestvater took the 7th and 8th grade pupils to Salem Thursday to participate in the track meet.

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CHAPTER XXII

Sandy was a Yale man, Sheffield Scientific School and therefore thought immediately of the "Judges Cave" alleged to be over by East Rock. The reference was significant. He wondered if Vinckers had not trailed Isobel, discovered the secret. But he answered casually:—"Let's hope you're right. But such a trick strikes me as entirely out of role. The Colonel's latest character was that of Rajah."

"He has played many roles," Vinckers said. "Well, we will stick on awhile and see. One thing is certain. If hiding out he will soon sicken of it."

So here was a declaration of intention. It left Sandy at a loss. The outlook of a siege was intolerable. And with affairs at their present status, Isobel would not budge. She must see the silly sordid business through. At any rate his problem was now for Sandy more defined. One of the fox and the goose and the sack of corn. Isobel would not leave her uncle on the island with these sleek wolves, nor would Sandy leave Isobel with one of them, at least. As for the precious quartette, they would not leave each other, to wear down the Colonel and to bleed him. It looked like a stalemate, a state of siege, and while it lasted, Sandy must sleep in the house, keep within call of Isobel. The lupine glare in Vinckers' eyes whenever they rested on Isobel, which was all the time when she was present, warned Sandy that now with the Colonel absent, the servants gone, Isobel's danger was rubbing shoulders with her.

So also, as he learned a little later, was his own. Just before the sudden tropic nightfall he went off aboard to shift into his dinner clothes. It was nearly dark when he started back ashore in the motor dinghy, but clear. Sandy's white shirt front was a distinctive note, a proper target against the opaque background. One that a skilled big game hunter could scarcely miss at a range of about two hundred yards.

There came a sharp report from the dense mangrove fringe back of the beach where Sandy had listened dazedly to Isobel's declaration. He felt the bullet's pulse of air against his neck.

His quartermaster, a young man who had done his service mine sweeping on the coast of France said briefly:— "Not so good, sir."

"Not so good," Sandy agreed. "Stop her and listen . . ."

The engine stopped instantly. Air and water were motionless, breathless, for the afternoon trade had died away. Through this silence they could hear distinctly the threshing of bushes, then more faintly the padding of footsteps as of somebody running swiftly toward the compound that enclosed the house.

"That checks," Sandy said. "There isn't a negro within miles. They think the devil's in the elephant and carried off the Colonel. That rifle was the Colonel's Springfield Sporter . . . and the man who fired it Guy Vinckers, the Colonel's son-in-law. He's beating us to the landing, to prove an alibi. You wait and see."

The quartermaster considered this, then asked:— "You get a gat, sir?"

"No. Listen here, Morris. This man Vinckers is a bad egg. He's got every reason to get me that such a rotten egg could have. Nobody left about the place, and an alibi all framed. But I think I can discourage him. You stand by now and answer according to my cue. Get me?"

"Yes, sir."

"All right. Go ahead."

They went on to the landing. Then as Sandy stepped out on the pier, Vinckers came strolling down from the terrace. He was breathing a little rapidly.

"What was that shot, Crewe?"

"It came from the mangrove," Sandy answered.

"Then you'd better mind your step. The blacks think now that Mouse is a boss devil and carried off the Colonel and Isobel."

"He brought her back again."

"Well, they think he's bad medicine and you too, because you're responsible for him. They're out to break the medicine bottle. Honestly Crewe I'd beat it out of here if I were you."

"Thanks for the advice. That rifle was a Springfield Sporter and I noticed that the gun rack was locked when I was in the house a little while ago."

"Which says—what?" Vinckers asked.

"That everything checks. Now listen to me, Vinckers. For Isobel's sake I can't afford to get myself assassinated just now when it would be so easy. We saw who fired that shot. Saw the man running for the compound." He turned to the quartermaster. "Is that right, Morris?"

"I'll say it is, sir."

"Then you must have damned good eyes," Vinckers said contemptuously, "the kind that see in the dark."

"It's not so dark," Sandy said, "and my sailing master out there aboard has got even better. He saw who fired the shot too and when Morris goes back aboard he will write a deposition to that effect and both of them will sign it. So if I get killed Vinckers, it will not be so good for you."

Vinckers received this brazen statement in silence.

"So that's the game," he said. "A straight case of frame."

"Call it what you like. Remember also that you're not in the United States."

He told the quartermaster to go back aboard and bear in mind what he had just said, then turned to walk up the steps. Vinckers fell in beside him.

"Do you really think you can get away with anything as raw as that, Crewe?"

"I know I can. These men of mine are strong for me. And it's no more raw than what you just tried."

"You're crazy. Wasn't I here?"

"Yes. And nobody else to fire that shot. No black within miles. If you could run behind Mouse to that place where you took a tumble and lost your watch you could trot from the mangroves to the terrace."

Vinckers was silent for a moment. There is nothing so to stall the framer as being framed, the turning against him of weapons on which he seems to feel he has a patent. Sandy's cool assurance of heartwhole perjury was more than discomforting. And Vinckers had sense enough to know that such a deposition as Sandy had promised must weigh heavily against him were he to carry out his murder plans.

He gave a short laugh and said, "I took you for a square shooter. My mistake."

"Well, be careful not to make another of them. And let's observe the outward forms of polite behavior."

Hester and Flavia came down as they went up on to the terrace, and a few moments later, Isobel. Dinner was announced by Sandy's steward. Sandy observed a change in Isobel. The crushed look had gone, shadows lightened under her eyes. There was a look in them and about her mouth that seemed to tell of some stand taken, a fixed plan of action where before there had been wretched indecision.

The conversation was scattered, desultory. Sandy found himself covertly watching Hester whom previously he had paid only casual attention. She was unquestionably beautiful, looked like Russian nobility and her diction was scarcely American. She had the throaty voice of the polyglot.

Her brother, Jarvis, did not resemble her at all, though he too seemed more foreign than American, Sandy thought. He asked Jarvis presently where he had been educated.

"Switzerland, France, Germany—all over the shop," Jarvis said with lassitude. Sandy had never heard him speak more than a few words at a stretch, and these slowly. His lips seemed to let words pass with reluctance, so that his diction dragged like that of a person who has learned a language from a textbook and is uncertain of it and unwilling to make a mistake. His accent was Anglican but with something under that. The chances were, Sandy thought, that he had been shifted from one to another of so many European schools that he had acquired a little the accent of all of them along with such vices as they might contain.

But whatever their characters, their defects, the Colonel's two children would at least have culture. Parsimony was not his fault.

Then as dinner proceeded Sandy became conscious gradually that culture was precisely what they had not. That slight shade that distinguishes the person of birth, especially at table, was lacking. Even the beautiful Hester did not eat daintily, though Sandy could not have said just what was wrong. An incorrect transfer of food somewhere between the plate and her mouth, he thought. Yes, that was the trouble with them all. They got their heads too low. Seemed all to have a trick of thrusting forward at their food. Vinckers snapped at his like an animal.

Presently relaxed by food and drink, their first constraint began to wear off. Hitherto Sandy had not observed any of them particularly, his focus of attention on Isobel or the Colonel and, except for Vinckers, he had not heard them talk much, partly because they were not loquacious and partly because the Colonel monopolized the conversation.

But now as if relieved of some sort of compulsion they became more nearly themselves and the conviction grew in Sandy's mind that a good society editor would pronounce them a common lot.

These people impressed Sandy as sufficiently well educated, traveled and accustomed to the best society but not from association on its own plane and he suddenly realized precisely what it was of which the present situation, this luncheon reminded him.

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