Labor Causes Market Drop

Many Issues Hit new Low as Threat of Labor Trouble Builds

NEW YORK, June 14—(AP)—Stocks broke wide open in today's market, many dropping 1 to 7 or more points to new lows for the year or longer, as further labor upsets threatened in steel and other industries.

While short covering and quick-turn buying brought last-minute support to the list and enabled many extreme sufferers to cut their declines, the closing was definitely on the weak side.

It was the most extensive setback and largest volume in a month. Dealings were fastest in the morning when leaders were falling on all sides. The pace slowed on the recovery attempt in the final hour.

The Associated Press average of 60 issues was off 1.7 points at 63.9, the lowest mark since July 8, 1936. Transfers totalled 1,316,869 shares compared with 721,921 last Friday.

Steels and motors led the backslide, but rails, foppers, oils, farm implements, rubbers and specialties required no great amount of persuasion to follow the retreat. Although utilities were not so weak as the rest, their average slipped to a new bottom since Oct. 23, 1935.

Inspiring most of the selling, brokers said, was the calling of strikers in coal mines owned by steel companies now involved in unionization controversies and signs many other lines may be affected if labor peace is not declared in the near future.

A more than seasonal business recession, now seen as a possibility, was also thought to have been a factor.

Attention was again called to the budgetary troubles of France as the French bank boosted its discount rate from 4 to 6 per cent in an effort to stem a flight of capital. The French franc improved a trifle on this move.

Bonds fell with stocks, with U. S. governments and rails in supply.

Plummers Grandparents

PIONEER, June 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Lew Plummer are grandparents for the first time. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Tilmore of Boyer Station are the parents of an eight-pound baby boy born at the McMinnville hospital June 12th.

Quotations at Portland

PRODUCE EXCHANGE

PORTLAND, Ore., June 14.—(AP)—Produce exchange:

Butter—Extras 31; standards 30; prime firsts 30; firsts 27; butterfat 33½-33.

Eggs—Large extras 21; large standards 19; medium extras 20; medium standards 18.

Cheese—Triplets 17, loaf 18.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, June 14.—(AP)—Grain:

Wheat:	Open	High	Low	Close
July	1.00	1.01	1.00	1.01
Sep.	97¼	98	97¼	98

Cash Wheat: Big Bend bluestem, hw 12 pct 1.10; dark hard winter 13 pct 1.27; 12 pct 1.19 1.11; soft white, and western white, 1.11; hard winter 1.09; western red 1.10.

Oats, No. 2 white 33.50, gray 32.50. Barley, No. 2-45 EW 40.00. Corn, Argentine 42.00. Millrun standard 31.00.

Today's car receipts: Wheat 20; barley 1; flour 19; oats 1.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, June 14.—(AP)—(U.S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs: Receipts 2500; including 258 direct, market active, steady. Bulks 165-210 drivelns 10.65-10.75. Load lots up to 11.00. 220-280 lb 10.00-10.25. few 10.50. Light lights and slaughter pigs 10.00-10.50. Packing sows 7.75. Feeders 9.75-10.15.

Cattle: Receipts 2500, including 559 through and direct, calves 225, market mostly steady, dry feds active, common grass slow. Veal steady, bulk medium-good dry fed steers 9-9.75, top 10.25, load good fed heifers 9.50, bulk grass steers 6.00-8.00, few 8.50, four loads California higher, cutter steers 5.00, few stock 5.50-6.00, bulk grass heifers 6.00-7.35, few head up to 8.00, cutters down to 4.50, low cutter and cutter 3.75-5.25, common medium mostly 5.50-6.50, few loads California grass 6.50-7.25, odd head good beef cows 7.50, bulls 6.00-6.50, odd head 7.00, cutters 5.00, veal 9.00 down, few selects 9.50, scattering medium-good calves 7.00-8.00.

Sheep: Receipts 2300, market active, steady, load good-choice spring lambs 10.60, bulk good trucked in 10.25, common-medium 7.50-9.75, few grassy yearlings 4.50-5.00, common-medium ewes 1.00-2.00, good ewes above 2.50.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., June 14.—(AP)—Butter—Prints, A grade, 33½ lb. in pachment wrappers; in cartons 34½. B grade 32½ in pachment wrappers, 33½c in cartons.

Butterfat—(Portland delivery, buying price)—A grade, 32½-33c lb.; country stations: C grade, 30½-31c; B grade 1½ cents less; C grade, 6 cents less.

E 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, 19c; standard, 16c; medium, 16c; medium firsts, 15c; undergrade 15c dozen.

Cheese—Oregon triplets, 17c; Oregon loaf, 18c. Brokers will pay ½c below quotations.

Country meats—Selling price to retailers: Country killed hogs, best butcher, under 160 lbs., 13½-14c; vealers, 13½-14c; light and thin, 10-12c; heavy, 10-11c lb.; canner cows, 9c; cutters, 10-11c lb.; bulls 11c lb.; spring lambs, 18-19c; yearlings, 10-13c; ewes 5-7c lb.

Live poultry—Buying price by wholesalers: Colored hens 4-5 lbs., 15-16c lb.; over 5 lbs., 14-15c lb.; Leghorn hens under 3½ lbs., 13-14c lb.; over 3½ lbs., 14c lb.; colored springs, over 3½ lbs., 19-20c lb.; 2 to 3½ lbs., 18-19c lb.; Leghorn broilers, 16-17c lb.; roosters, 6-7c lb.

Cantaloupes — Brawley, jumbo, 45s, $3.00-3.25; standards, 45s, $2.75-$3.00 jumbo, 36s, $2.75-$3; pony, $2.50.

Potatoes — Deschutes, $2.25-2.50; Klamath No. 1 $2-2.25; Yakima No. 1 (—) cental; local, $1.75-2.00 cental.

New potatoes—Calif., whites, $1.85-1.90 per 50 lbs.; The Dalles, 3-4c lb.

Onions—Oregon No. 1, $1.40-1.50 per 50-lb. bag.

Onions—New crop, Calif., red $1.10 per 50 lbs.; Cochella, $1.15; yellow, $1.25, 50-lb. bag.

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

Hay—Selling price to retailers: Alfalfa No. 1, $19.50 ton; oats and vetch, $18; clover, (—) ton; timothy, eastern Oregon, $20-50 ton; do valley, $16-16.50 ton, Portland.

Hops—Nominal, 1936, 30c.

Mohair—1937 contracts, 55c lb.

Cascara bark — Buying price, 1937 peel, 8c lb.

Sugar—Berry or fruit, 100s, $5.20; bales, $5.35; beet, $5.10 cental.

Domestic flour—Selling price, city delivery, 5 to 25 bbl. lots: Family patents 98s, $6.95-7.35; bakers' hard wheat, $6.15-7.85; bakers' bluestem, $5.70-5.90, blended hard, $5.75-6.95; graham, $5.75-5.95; whole wheat, $6.60 barrel.

Wool in Boston

BOSTON, June 14—(AP-U.S. Dept. Agr.)—Asking prices on fleece wools in Boston were inclined to stiffen today though users showed reluctance to buy freely at recent quotations.

Several houses quoted 44 cents in the grease on grading combing three-eighths blood and on quarter blood Ohio fleece, but some of lize grades were reported available slightly below these asking prices.

Offerings on the low side of the ranges paid for these grades last were restricted.

Leedy to Write Turkey Publicity

J. C. Leedy, manager of the Oregon Turkey Cooperatives, has been appointed publicity manager of the Northwestern Turkey show, and has begun an extensive plan of publicity which not only will advertise the annual exhibition held at Oakland each year, but will advertise Oregon turkey breeding stock throughout the country. Mr. Leedy lives at Brooks.

Henry Domes of Rickreall is a director of the turkey show, and during the last eight years has been a principal factor in making Oregon's turkey exhibition the largest in the world.

Next year three judges will officiate in the live department, H. P. Griffin of Salt Lake who has served in this capacity for four years, Judge Harry M. Lamon of Adams Center, New York, who has a national reputation based on long service in Atlantic coast states; and Erle Smiley, a famous A. P. A. judge of Seward, Nebr., who has specialized on turkeys for three years, serving at the American Royal at St. Louis, and the Pomona show in Los Angeles.

Canadian Crop May Be Ruined

Reports of Crop Damage in Saskatchewan Offset Securities Break

CHICAGO, June 14—(AP)—Sensational crop damage reports from Canada, chiefly Saskatchewan province, more than offset in the wheat market today the adverse influence of sharp breaks in securities.

Late as well as early, the dominating price factor relative to wheat turned out to be evidence of urgent need of moisture for 7,000,000 acres of Canadian wheat lands. Throughout this huge stretch, indications were that drought had reached a stage where irreparable injury to the wheat crop is underway.

Adding to sentiment favorable to the buying side of the wheat market were cables saying fears are expressed in Berlin that a heat wave now sweeping Europe has brought Germany a third successive bad harvest, and that crops in Poland are reported to have been scorched. There were also advices that between Springfield, Ill., and the Mississippi river, wheat crops are bad — that in many fields more than 50 per cent is flat on the ground, and in some more than 80 per cent down.

At the close, wheat futures in Chicago were 1 cent to 1½ cents above Saturday's finish, July $1.07¼-⅜, Sept. $1.06⅞-1.07⅛, Dec. $1.08⅞-1.09; corn ⅞ off to 1¼ up, July $1.13-1.13¼, Sept. 981-¾, Dec. 74-74⅛; oats ⅛-½ advanced, Sept. 34-34⅞, and rye showing ¼-⅝ gain, Sept. 75½. The outcome in provisions was 12 to 22 cents lower.

Child Receives Baptism

SILVERTON, June 14.—Baptism services were held Sunday morning at Trinity church for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Slattam. The boy was named Donald Carl and the sponsors were Hilda Slattam, Henry and Robert Slattam, paternal aunt and uncles of the child.

Salem Market Quotations

Grade B raw 4 per cent milk. Salem basic pool price $2.10 per hundred.

Co-op butterfat at price, F.O.B. Salem 32c.

(Milk based on semi-monthly butterfat average.)

Distributor price, $2.34.

A grade butterfat—Delivered, 32c; B grade delivered, 31c.

A grade print, 33½; B grade, 32½c.

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	2.15
Winesaps, bu., extra fancy	2.35
Bananas, lb., on stalk	.05½
hands	.06
Cantaloupes, crate	2.85
Dates, fresh, lb.	.14
Florida	4.85
Lemons, crate	6.50 to 7.75
Oranges, Valencias	3.50 to 5.25
Strawberries, local, crate	2.00 to 2.50
Etterbergs, crate	1.75

VEGETABLES (Buying Prices)

Apricots, Calif., crate	1.85
Asparagus, Calif., crate	1.05
Beets, local, doz.	.45
Beans, green, hamper	2.50
Cabbage, lb.	.04
Carrots, local, doz.	.50
Cauliflower, Calif., crate	1.50
Cucumbers, local, hothouse, doz.	.55
Celery, crate	2.25 to 2.85
Utah	3.00
Eggplant, Calif., lb.	.10
Gooseberries, local, lb	.05 to .06
Lettuce, local, crate, dry pack	1.25
Onions, green, doz.	.35
Onions, No. 1, cwt.	1.25
Radishes, doz.	.30
Peppers, green, Calif., lb.	.15
Peas, local, lb.	.04
New Potatoes, 50 lb. bag	.90
Potatoes, local, No. 1, cwt.	3.00
No. 2, cwt., bag	1.75 to 1.80
Rhubarb, local, per lb.	.02½
Radishes, doz.	.25
Spinach, local, orange box	.65
Sweet corn, doz.	.60
Tomatoes, 20 lb. crate, top	4.00
Turnips, doz.	.50
Watermelons, Calif., retail	.05

NUTS

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

HOPS (Buying Prices)

Clusters, 1936, lb.	.38 to .40
Fuggles	nominal

WOOL AND MOHAIR (Buying Prices)

Mohair	.55
Medium wool	.33
Coarse wool	.31

CASCARA BARK

Dry, lb.	.07
Green, lb.	.02½

EGGS AND POULTRY (Buying Price of Andresens)

White extras	.17
Brown extras	.17
Medium extras	.15
Large standards	.15
Medium standards	.13
Pullets	.10
Heavy hens, lb.	.14
Colored mediums, lb.	.13
Medium Leghorns, lb.	.10
Stags, lb.	.05
Old roosters, lb.	.05
Colored springs	.14
White Leghorns, frys	.15
MARION CREAMERY Buying Prices	
Butterfat, A grade	.32
B grade	.31
Live poultry, No 1 stock—	
Colored hens, under 4½ lbs.	.13
Colored hens, over 4½ lbs.	.13
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, 2 cents less.

Eggs—Candled and graded—

Large extras	.17
Medium extras	.15
Large standards	.15
Medium standards	.13
Undergrades	.13
Pullets	.11
Dirty extras	.15

LIVESTOCK (Buying Prices)

1937 spring lambs, lb.	.09 to .09½
Yearlings, lb.	.04 to .05
Ewes	2.00 to 2.50
Hogs, top, 150-210 lbs.	10.25 to 10.55
130-150 lbs.	9.75 to 10.00
210-230 lbs.	10.00
Sows	7.50 to 7.75
Dairy type cow	3.00 to 5.00
Beef cows	6.00 to 7.00
Bulls	6.00 to 6.50
Heifers	7.00 to 8.00
Top Veal	8.00
Dressed veal, lb.	.12
Dressed hogs, lb.	.13

GRAIN AND HAY

Wheat, white, No 1	.94
Wheat, western red	.94
Barley, brewing, ton	40.00
Feed, barley, ton	39.50
Oats, milling, ton	28.00
Feed, ton	25.00
Hay, buying prices—	
Alfalfa, valley	13.00
Oat and vetch, ton	9.00
Clover, ton	10.00

Stocks & Bonds

(Compiled by Associated Press)

June 14

STOCK AVERAGES (Compiled by the Associated Press)

	30 Indust	15 Rails	15 Util.	60 Stocks
Monday	*88.1	*40.3	*40.0	*63.9
Prev. day	90.4	41.5	40.7	65.6
Month Ago	88.7	43.8	41.2	65.5
Year ago	84.3	35.0	48.7	63.0
1937 high	101.6	49.5	54.0	75.3
1936 low	88.1	37.8	40.0	63.9
1936 high	99.3	43.5	53.7	72.8
1936 low	73.4	30.2	43.4	55.7
1932 low	17.5	8.7	23.9	16.9

BOND AVERAGES

	20 Rails	10 Indust.	10 Util.	10 For'gn
Monday	93.1	103.6	98.1	72.5
Prev. day	93.5	103.6	98.1	72.6
Month ago	92.9	102.9	97.9	71.1
Year ago	92.3	102.9	101.7	69.5
1937 high	99.0	104.4	102.8	74.7
1937 low	92.6	102.4	97.8	70.5
1926 high	98.2	104.4	103.1	73.0
1936 low	86.9	101.8	99.3	67.6

Gardeners' and Ranchers' Mart

PORTLAND, June 14—(AP)—Receipts of fresh vegetables on the Gardeners' and Ranchers' market were heavy with growers and jobbers having difficulty in cleaning up supplies.

Various fruits were in moderate receipt but the demand was slow.

The first raspberries of the season from Gresham brought $3 to $3.50 per flat, while strawberries showed a range from $1.50 to $2.25.

Green beans are more plentiful as shipments increase from The Dalles section.

There is little demand for old crop potatoes with no definite price range established.

Lettuce and celery from Labish arrived in limited quantities and met with good demand.

Apples — Washington Winesaps, extra fancy, $2.50-2.65; Oregon Newtowns extra fancy $2.00-2.25.

Asparagus—Oregon, 8-9c; 30-pound crates, $2.40-2.50.

Beans—Calif., 12-15c.

Beets—Per sack, Oregon, $1.85.

Broccoli—Crate, $2.25-2.30.

Brussels Sprouts — California, one-fourth drums $2.75.

Cabbage—Calif., $2.40-2.60 crate; Sacramento, $3.00-3.50; Oregon $2.75-2.90.

Cantaloupes, California jumbo, 45s, $2.90-3.00; pony 2.25-2.35; flats $1.40.

Carrots—Oregon, 4c per lb.; Calif., bunched, $4.50-85 crate.

Cauliflower—Calif., pony, $1.10-1.25; Oregon, $1.10-1.25.

Celery—Calif., ½ crates, $3.00-3.50.

Cherries—Oregon Bings, 12½-15c lb.

Cucumbers—Oregon and Washington hothouse, $2.50-3.50; Calif., $1.50-1.65 per flat.

Eggplant—Calif., lug, $1.50-1.60.

Garlic—Per pound, 10-15c.

Gooseberries—6-7c lb.

Grapes—Emperors, $1.60-1.75.

Lettuce—Oregon, dry, 3-4 doz., 90c.

Mushrooms—One pound cartons, 40-45c.

Onions—50 lb. sacks, U. S. No. 1, yellow, $1.15-1.25.

Onions—Green, doz. bunches, 20-25c.

Parsley—Per doz. bunches, $1.25-1.35.

Parsnips—Per lug, 35-40c.

Peaches—California Alexanders, $1.50-1.75 bx. Red Birds $1.40-1.50.

Peas—Calif., $1.75-2.00; Oregon, 4-5c lb.

Peppers — Mexico, 15-20c lb.; $4.50-5.50 per crate.

Potatoes—U.S. No. 1, 100 lbs., Oregon russets, $2.25-2.50; Washington russets, $2.60-2.85; local $2-2.15.

Radishes—Per doz. bunches, 25-30c.

Raspberries—12's, $2.25.

Rhubarb—Oregon field grown, apple boxes, 60-75c.

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

Spinach—Oregon, 50-60c.

Turnips—Doz. bunches, 80-90c.

Tomatoes—Oregon hothouse, 18-23c per pound; Mexico, $3.50-5.00.

Strawberries—Oregon, 12s, $1.25-1.30; 24s, $2-2.25.

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

Turnips—Oregon hothouse, 50-60c.

Tomatoes—Oregon hothouse, 18-22¢ per lb.

Watermelons—California, 3-3½c lb.

Tryphena Rebekahs to Visit Scotts Tuesday

SILVERTON, June 14.—Tryphena Rebekah lodge No. 38 will go to Scotts Mills Tuesday night, June 15, to meet with the Rebekah lodge there.

The Rebekah lodge at Silverton will have an old fashioned party June 24. Committees in charge are: Entertainment, Mrs. Francis Gourlie, Mrs. Mabel Lerfald, Mrs. Maybelle Gay; luncheon, Mrs. Fay Renwick, Mrs. Mabel Goldsworthy, Mrs. Elza Reed.

All members are to come dressed in old fashioned clothes. Installation of officers will be held early in July.

Mrs. Emry Files Suit For Divorce at Dallas

DALLAS, June 14.—Mrs. June M. Emry has filed a suit for divorce in the circuit court of Polk county, from Ben F. Emry.

They were married in Bassett, Nebraska on March 27, 1923. There are no children involved in the suit.

C. F. Gillette of Monmouth is attorney for the plaintiff.

Doughles Announce Twins

SILVERTON, June 14. — Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Doughles are announcing the birth of twin girls, born Friday morning at Silverton. The Doughleses have one other child, a daughter a year old.

CHERRIES WANTED

Annes, Bings, Montmorencys, Lamberts, Republicans, Governor Woods, for barreling or canning. Also still in the market for berries.

See MAX GEHLHAR at

Oregon Fruit Products Company
West Salem

"Rich Girl-Poor Girl"

by Faith Baldwin

CHAPTER XVIII

They went on through the living room into the consulting room. Jonathan asked, tossing his outer things aside, "Nothing wrong I hope, Senator?"

Sutton, who clung to his past title with a leech-like tenacity, rubbed his hands together. "Well, yes," he said, "and no. All depends on how you look at it. How'd you like the school job, my boy?"

Jonathan's eyebrows shot upward. He said, "But I thought that Doctor Mason—?"

"Mason," interrupted Sutton, "is a sick man. Been sick for months. Going away to recuperate . . . doubt if he'll practice much when and if he returns. Hasn't really practiced for that matter for some years. I got his resignation last night. Now you, you're young, your practice hasn't reached great proportions as yet, so an outside job would not interfere. Besides the school work would put you in closer touch with our little community," he said caressingly, as if he spoke of an indulged child, "and you've all sorts of up and coming and modern ideas. . . . Mason, poor old coot, hasn't had a new idea since the Spanish War. We've got a mighty fine school nurse; of course she'll cooperate with you in every way. I heard you talking to Sally the other night—about the necessity for a stricter medical examination of school athletes . . . didn't you quote a lot of statistics about the greater number of accidents in football happening to sand-lot players, and high school kids? Well, then, here's your chance to put your theories into practice. The town hasn't quite got over young Mike O'Hara's death, couple of years ago. . . . Great kid on the track, Mike, but no one seemed to know that he had a bad heart till he dropped dead in full sight of three quarters of the town at an inter-scholastic meet. . . . Then, I've been thinking that some day I might endow a dental clinic. Other towns not much larger than ours, have dental clinics."

Jonathan shook his head dazedly. He said, "But . . ."

"Too many buts. You're always butting in," said the Senator, and laughed heartily at his own merry jest. He slapped Jonathan on the back and gave him a brightly banded cigar—"told you I had 'em made for me in Havana, didn't I?" he asked. He went on, clipping the end from another fat black roll of tobacco, "I think I can jam your appointment through, call a special meeting of the Board and all that. There'll be no objection. You'll take Mason's place for the remainder of the school year and if you make good you'll sail in next year without any difficulty. Contract and all that perfectly secure. It will give you something to do, and a little extra income and won't take up too much of your time." He rose heavily from the chair beside Jonathan's desk. "Well, I must be off," he said, "just wanted to make sure you had no objection to the job."

Jonathan got to his feet and went to the door with him. It occurred to him afterwards that if he had had an objection he had not been given an opportunity to voice it. Ex-Senator Sutton was like a friendly steam-roller — cordial and overwhelmingly benevolent—but a steam-roller for all that.

"I like you," boomed the great man, at Jonathan's door. "We need more young men like you in the town. And if I'm not betraying a secret, Sally likes you, too." He closed one porcine eye in a ponderous wink. "Come on up and see her some time," he added in an astonishing falsetto and, roaring with laughter, opened the door and was gone.

Jonathan watched him roll down the steps and into his car. When he heard the door slam he turned away. He went back to his desk and sat down and picked up a book and looked at it. He put the book aside and took paper and pen in order to write his news to Ballard. He laid the half-finished letter aside, yawned, and leaned back in his chair.

School doctor.

It could be, he thought frowning, in a town of this size, a real job or a sinecure. He suspected that it had been a sinecure for some time past. He thought of the salary which Sutton had named before he left. It would pay the rent and it would pay Evelina. It would be something definite coming in.

He began to think that Sutton was, after all, not nearly as black as he was painted. He certainly had the best interests of the town at heart. He was of course pretty conspicuous in his methods, he did as he pleased, got what he wanted. But if he considered only the town in the last analysis, why criticize what was merely the ebullience of a forceful personality?

The telephone rang and he picked up the extension on his desk. . . .

"Doctor Kimber speaking."

"Is that your professional manner, Kim? This is Sally. Oh, you knew it, did you? Has Dad been there yet?"

"He just left," said Jonathan, "did you want him?"

"No, you dope, I want you! Well, are you going to take the job?"

Jonathan smiled, "Yes, I am . . . I'm very grateful to your father."

"Don't be. . . . I've been talking to him about it for weeks. Old man Mason is a dear good soul, and a fossil. He should be in a glass case. They should have retired him long ago, he must be pushing a hundred. So thank *me* . . . nicely."

"I do," he replied, a little stiffly, wondering why he disliked finding himself under obligation to Sally Sutton.

"That will never do. You'll have to do it in person. Come to dinner tonight."

"I've office hours, Sally."

"Oh, drat your office hours . . . must you have them every night?"

"I'm afraid so," he said, laughing.

"Well, look then, how about the nine o'clock movie and back here after? I'll drop around and wait for you. No. I won't listen. I'm coming anyway. And if you won't see anyone but patients, I'll break a leg. Devotion can go no further. . . ."

She rang off and he leaned back in the chair again. He heard someone ring at the side door. As he rose to answer it he reflected that Sally was her father's own daughter. Also a steam-roller. Gold-plated, platinum trimmed and set with diamonds, but—a steam-roller. For the first time since he had known the family he began to consider Mrs. Sutton. She had appeared to him as a carbon copy of something, he didn't quite know what. Now he wondered how she had maintained her well-corseted plumpness and had not been pressed to a mere flattened likeness of herself between Sally and the Senator.

He had no time to call Rose during the day. His office hours in the morning were taken up with three patients each with an interminable story and then he was called out. He managed a sketchy dinner under Evelina's disapproving gaze and then made some calls in town. On his return he found a message from the country and went on out again. He wished before he had gone very far on the hard-packed ice and snow that he had hired the cutter again.

On the way back he stopped to see the Peters' baby and came home to find three messages on the telephone pad.

At supper he was too tired to eat. He thought of what Doctor Ballard's days had probably been, and nights too, and told himself that he couldn't take it, he was soft. But after a cup of Evelina's coffee, a batch of her hot biscuits, baked ham, preserves, hashed-in-cream potatoes and chocolate cake, he felt like a new man and tackled his seven to nine office hours with renewed vigor.

There were only two patients. He was through a little after eight and began to contemplate an early bedtime. He'd go upstairs and read; there were a couple of articles he especially wanted to see, and several books he had ordered from New York which he hadn't looked into as yet. He had completely forgotten Sally.

He had not, however, forgotten Rose. He called her and Mrs. Ward told him that she had gone out with Bill Lynd. He hung up, feeling rather let down. He had wanted to tell her about the school job and see what she thought of it. Surely, as far as her own school was concerned, she might have all sorts of interesting ideas.

He was trailing upstairs, the magazine and books under his arm, contemplating a lazy hour or so and prayerfully hoping that he wouldn't be called out, when the door bell rang. He dropped his burden on the stairs and went down to answer it. Evelina usually took her time. It might be an emergency. But it was only Sally, hatless as usual, despite the weather, the fur collar of her coat protecting her ears.

"Sally!" he said, aghast.

She looked at him a moment.

"You'd forgotten!" she charged him. "I can't believe it!"

He said, "Look here, Sally, I—well, I'll have to admit it. I've had a sort of haywire day. I did forget."

Her black eyes were disconcerting, they were angry and they were amused. She permitted the amusement to win. She said, "Kim, you are the limit. Run along and brush your hair and put on your face or whatever it is that young men do when about to take a gal to the movies. I'll wait."

When he hesitated, ever so little, when she saw his eyes go to the books and magazines lying in their huddle on the steps she said sharply, "I won't let you off. . . . I broke another engagement . . . if you think I'm going home to twiddle my thumbs. . ."

Jonathan turned and went up the stairs. He called back over his shoulders, "All right. But I'll probably be bad company."

"You usually are," she said serenely. "I don't know why I bother with you."

She was smiling looking after him. He was, she decided, wandering aimlessly through the living room, looking without interest at the magazines, peering in the sectional bookcase at the old novels, the most difficult man she had ever met; the most indifferent. She wondered if he had ever been in love. When such a man fell in love he would be incalculable . . . and much more exciting than the average man one met, easy tinder to the curious flame. . . . She went on into his consulting room, her small nose affronted by the slightly medical odor, and looked about her. On the old desk there was a snapshot, set in an ill-fitting little frame. She picked it up and looked at it. It was of Rose Ward, taken outside her house after the bad January blizzard. Rose looked as round as an apple bundled into heavy ski suit and galoshes. Her knitted toque was on one side, she was laughing, her eyes slanted against the sun.

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