

Drought, War News Bullish

Wheat Price Bulges 3 or More Cents on Word From Abroad

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Extreme bulges of 3 1/2 cents a bushel in Chicago wheat prices today accompanied disquieting crop reports from the southern hemisphere, coupled with oriental war developments.

Both from Argentina and Australia came word that wheat crop prospects were being sharply reduced by drought, and suggestions were numerous that North America may be called upon to furnish breadstuff supplies to Japan and China alike. One report current was that Japan had commandeered 6,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Profit-taking sales of wheat market, up to now, however, led to late reactions from the day's top price level. Setbacks of values were also induced by assertions that in the last few days 1,000,000 bushels of wheat had been bought to come here from the southwest.

At the close, Chicago wheat futures were 1 cent to 2 1/2 above yesterday's finish, Sept. 1.13 1/2-1.14, May 1.15 1/2-1.16; corn unchanged to 1/8 lower, Sept. 98 1/2-99, Dec. 67 1/2-68, May 69; oats 1/2 up, 1/2 down, with values varying from 1/4 decline to 1/4 advance, Dec. 73. The provisions outcome was 7 to 25 cents drop.

Peach Prices Set; Crop to Be Short

McMINNVILLE.—(Special)—About forty peach growers, representing 85 per cent of peach acreage in Washington, Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties set the selling price on fruit at \$2 per bushel, approximately 4 cents per pound, at a meeting in the chamber of commerce here Monday.

This decision was reached after discussion in which it was learned that the crop was about 50 per cent of normal. Early Crawford and Slappys will be ready August 23, and Elbertans, Hales, and Muirs about ten days later.

While the crop is short, there will be an ample supply of Willamette valley peaches for home canning.

C. M. LaFollette, president of the Oregon Peach Growers' association, presided at the meeting.

Parents of Child

WOODBURN.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gillanders of Eugene, formerly of Woodburn, a daughter, Sharon Lorene, weight 6 1/2 pounds, at the Emanuel hospital in Portland.

Miss Vera Culp, formerly Miss Vera Culp.

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"By night," Bourne's inexorable march went on, the river will be so firmly frozen in place that no boat can break through. The trip overland is quite impossible until all streams are frozen and covered with snow. It will be two months before the Stikine is safe for dog-team travel.

He felt silent.

Denny felt as though she were caught in a trap, but she would fight craftily, unscrupulously, to escape from its clamping jaws.

When she faced Bourne again, she was calm with the calmness of a cornered thing. "You win—this time," she said, in a stern voice. "You are like this country that gave you life—hard and cold and cruel. You have tricked me, therefore I owe you nothing. I'll fight you with whatever weapon comes my way. In the end, I'll beat you. And I'll beat this country, just as my mother did before me."

"It's war, then?" He was looking at her with the same expression that had marked his face in the glow of the binnacle when he was working the Meid through the uncertainties of the night-blacked river.

"It's war," she said.

"Very well," he said at last. "Now—" he smiled suddenly—"that being settled, I suggest that the embattled troops retire to their joint barracks and prepare to present a solid front to the neutral host. And—may I announce that Captain and Mrs. Royal Bourne will be at home at River House this week-end."

She felt her hatred of him flame in her eyes. "Never call me 'Mrs. Bourne' again, when we're alone she commanded. "In public I shall play your game—for as long as it suits my purpose. But don't try to take advantage of that in private. And remember—always both in public and in private, I shall be hating you! I hate you so much I could kill you now, if it were not for the penalty the law exacts!"

"I have hurt you," he said very quietly, as if to himself. And into his eyes came a soft, poignant blue light, vaguely familiar to Denny, yet elusive when she tried to place it. It was so pronounced, so arresting, that even in her anger, she kept staring at him, wondering where she had seen it before. Then, catching herself at it, she turned quickly and walked over to the window.

He was there before her, proffering his palm. She scorned his assistance, and swinging unaided into her saddle, headed back toward River House. He followed on his heels. They rode, one behind the other, until they reached the top of the hill where the road turned to go down past River House. Here he brought his mount alongside Holiday, and leaning toward her said, "I suggest, Denise, that a closer association of bride and groom might be in order as we near home. And perhaps a little tender laughter for the benefit of the gallery. Are you on?"

Denny gritted her teeth but nodded a grudging assent. And so they drew up at the gate before the house, talking and laughing in apparent amity.

Salem Market Quotations

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Eastern Conflict Echoes in Market

Stock Trading Quiet on Serious News, China Battle Fronts

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Volume and buying power dwindled in the stock market today as speculative forces displayed apprehension over the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Thoughts fell briskly at the opening with steel and motors particularly in supply. Support arrived later and extreme losses of fractions to 2 or more points were pared or cancelled in many instances. The comeback lacked vigor and small declines were in the majority at the close.

Thoughts that the president might invoke the neutrality laws on China and Japan to prevent shipments of war materials inspired at least in part the sell-off at the opening, brokers said.

On top of the Shanghai flare-up were Washington developments which, while indicating congress might go home this week or next at the latest, brought vision to the financial sector of a possible special session in November with a revival of controversial measures to which Wall street is unfriendly.

The principal activity of the day was in the first hour. Transfers totaled 653,060 shares compared with 618,690 yesterday.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was off 4 1/4 of a point at 69.8, duplicating its decline of the previous session.

Mehamans Enjoy Jaunt to Coast

MEHAMA.—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Downer, Lorene Landers, and Merle Phillippi enjoyed a visit to the coast over the weekend.

They drove over by way of the Salmon River Cut-off and arrived on the coast at Ocean Lake.

They drove down the coast as far as the Sea Lion's caves before Yachats. At Yachats they found the Clinton Phillips family.

Miss Wanda Perrin of Walla Walla was here visiting Arlyn

Polly and her pals

Natural Born Grubbers

By CLIFF STERRETT

By WAIT DISNEY

By BRANDON WALSH

By JIMMY MURPHY

By SEGAR

Quotations at Portland

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Gardeners' and Ranchers' Mart

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The Gravenstein apple harvest has started at Hood River. A few peach boxes of them arrived on the local market today but were not local early.

Oregon's potato harvest is on in earnest. Stocks have been coming in from the Boardman section for several days. Now they are arriving from Dayton in the heart of the Willamette valley.

The demand for dates and peaches is dragging and the prices are weaker.

Cantaloupes continue on the bargain counter.

Asparagus—Oregon, 30-lb. crates \$2.10-2.35.

Avocado—Summer, \$2.25-3.50; green, \$1.75-2.50.

Apricots—Oregon, faced, 55-60c. Wash. suits—\$5-7.50.

Blackberries—Oregon, 25-30c. Wash. \$2.50-3.50.

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High Price Looms For Valley Seed

Willamette valley seed crops this year will command the highest prices paid in many years. That is the opinion of Harley O. White of the Jenks-White Seed firm which handles a large portion of the seed crop now being harvested or about to be.

In most cases, White reports, the crop is heavy, so high prices are not the result of scarcity. As an example, the alsike seed crop of approximately 35 to 40 cars estimated as compared to 25 in 1936 is the largest ever in history. A record price of 22 to 24 cents per pound will be paid for alsike.

Red clover, at 25 cents, is a short crop this year, but the price is excellent. Rye grass is down 40 per cent in production but high prices of 5 1/2 to 6 cents prevail. Linn county, the heaviest grower of this type of seed, but Marion has large acreage.

Vetch, just beginning to appear, will not be a large crop this season as vetch goes, but is doing better than expected earlier. The market has not settled down, but the expected prices of 3 1/2 cents per pound for Hungarian to 7 1/2 cents for hairy vetch is considered high.

Onion seed is not handled by the company and most of it is now under contract to eastern seed dealers, but here again it is said the crop is excellent as harvest approaches.

The only seed crops said to have suffered materially from natural damages are the radish and turnip seed crops, injured by the flea beetle. The turnips have also suffered from the freezing weather of last winter.

