Quotations at Portland

PRODUCE EXCHANGE

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17.—(AP)—Produce exchange:

Butter—Extras, 25; large standards 24; prime firsts, 23½; firsts, 23; butterfat, 25 25½.

Eggs—Large extras, 22c; large standards 21c; medium extras, 22; medium standards 20c.

Cheese—Triplets, 12c; loaf, 13c.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17.—(AP)—(US Dept. Agr.)—Hogs: Receipts 400, including 318 direct, market active, steady including 318 direct, market active, steady with Thursday's average, good-choice 170-210 lb. drivelns 8.75-85, carload lots 9.00, few 240 lb. 8.25, light lights 8.25, packing sows 6.00-25, choice lightweight feeder pigs quotable 8.75 and above.

Cattle: Receipts including 20 direct, calves 50 including 34 direct, scattered sales steady, market mostly on clean up basis, common steers 5.50-6.00, week's best grass steers 8.00, grain fed steers 8.75, common-medium heifers salable 5.25-7.00, low cutter and cutter cows 3.25-75, fleshy dairy type cows 4.50, bulls salable 5.00-75, few choice vealers 7.50.

Sheep: Receipts 150 including 90 direct, market steady, good 84 lb. spring lambs 6.25, common 64 lb. 5.25, few old crop lambs 4.00, medium good 122 lb. slaughter ewes 2.25.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17.—(AP)—Country Meats—Selling price to retailers: Country-killed hogs, best butchers under 160 lbs. 10½-11 lb; vealers 11-11½ lb; light and thin 8-10 lb.; heavy 8½-9 lb.; bulls 10 lb.; canner cows, 7½-8 lb.; cutter cows 8-9 lb.; spring lambs 13-14½ lb.; old lambs 8-9 lb.; ewes 4-6 lb.

Live Poultry—Buying price: Leghorn broilers 1¾ to 1¾ lbs., 14-14½ lb.; 2½ lbs., 14-14½ lb.; colored springs, 2 to 3½ lbs., 17-17½ lb.; over 3½ lbs. 18-18½ lb.; Leghorn hens over 3½ lbs. 15-15½ lbs.; under 3½ lbs., 14-14½ lb.; colored hens to 5 lbs., 18-18½ lb.; over 5 lbs. 17-17½ lb.; No. 2 grade 3c lb. less.

Turkeys—Nominal buying price: Breeder hens 20c lb. Selling price: Breeder hens 22c lb; toms 17-18c lb.

Potatoes—New Shafter, $2.30 cwt.; Yakima Gems, 2s, 60c; local, 65c cental; central Oregon, $1.45-1.50 cental.

Onions—Old crop Oregon, No. 1, $3.50-3.75 cental; California, wax, $1.40; Cal red $1.40, yellow $1.50.

Wool—1938 Nominal; Willamette valley, medium, 18c lb.; coarse and braids, 18c lb.; eastern Oregon, 16-16½c lb lb

Hay—Selling price to retailers: Alfalfa, No. 1, $18-18.50 ton; cut vetch, $14 ton; clover, $13 ton; timothy, eastern Oregon, (—) ton; do valley, $15 ton, Portland.

Mohair—Nominal: 1938 20c lb.

Hops—Nominal; 1937, 11½-12c lb.

Cascara bark—Buying price: 1938 peel, 3c lb.

Sugar—Berry or fruit, 100s, $4.90; bales, $5.10; beet, $4.80 cental.

Domestic flour—Selling price, city delivery, 1 to 25-bbl lots; family patents, 49s, 5.65-6.05; bakers' hard wheat, net, $4.65-6.15; bakers' bluestem, $4.35-4.90; blended hard wheat, $4.60-5; soft wheat flours, $4.35-4.45; graham, 49s, $4.95; whole wheat, 49s, $4.95 bbl.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17.—(AP)—

Wheat:	Open	High	Low	Close
July	75	75	74	74
Sept.	74½	74½	73½	73½
Dec.	75½	75½	74½	74½

Cash Grain: Oats—No. 2, 38-lb. white 25.00; No. 2, 38-lb. gray 25.00.

Barley—No 2, 45-lb. BW 25.00.

Corn—No. 2, EY shipment 28.75.

Millrun—Standard unquoted.

Cash wheat bid: Soft white 76; western white 75; western red 74.

Hard red winter ordinary 74; 11 per cent 75; 12 per cent 79; 13 per cent 85; 14 per cent 89.

Hard red spring ordinary 74; 11 per cent 75; 12 per cent 79; 13 per cent 85; 14 per cent 89.

Hard white-Baart ordinary 77; 11 per cent 78; 12 per cent 79; 13 per cent 81; 14 per cent 83.

Car receipts: Wheat 31; flour 10; hay 3.

Wool in Boston

BOSTON, June 16—(AP)—(USDA)—Fine territory wools in original bag were receiving some call in the Boston market today. Spot good French combing lengths fine territory wools in original bag brought mostly 58 to 60 cents secured basis delivered east. Spot graded territory wools were mostly very quiet.

Gardeners' and Ranchers' Mart

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17.—(AP)—(USDA)—Produce changes:

Apples—Oregon Newtowns, extra fcy. $1.35 1.50, fancy $1 15 1.25; Washington Delicious, extra fancy, $1.75 1.85; loose 2½c lb.; Winesaps, ex fcy., $1.40 1.50; fancy, $1.25 1.30; loose, 2½c lb.

Artichokes — California, 4 5 dozen, $1.85 2.00.

Asparagus—Oregon 12 pound crates, green loose, U. S. No. 1, 8-9c; No. 2, 5-6c lb.; 30-lb. crates, $2.25-2.50; Wash. No. 1, 8-9c lb.; 2s, 6-7c lb.; Calif., $1.75.

Apricots—Calif., 24 lbs., $1.50-1.75.

Beans—Calif. Kentucky Wonder 9-10c per hamper, $2.25-2.50; Oregon 8-10c lb.

Cabbage — The Dalles, crates, $1.75-2 00.

Cantaloupes—Calif. Imperial jumbo 45s, $2 25-3; 36s $2.75-2.85; 45s, $2.65.

Cauliflower—Ore. Calif., No. 1, 90c-$1.00 crate; Seattle, 90c-$1.00.

Celery—Utah type, $2.40-2.50; white, $2.25-2.50; Oregon Hearts, $1.50-1.75.

Cherries—Wash., Bings, 6-8c lb.; Oregon Bings, 6-8c lb.; Royal Annes, 3-5c.

Cucumbers—Hothouse, 3½-4 doz., $2.50-2.75; Calif., lug, $2.25-2.75.

Currants—$2.50-2.75 crate.

Garlic—Local, 5-6c best; new crop 8-10c cwt.

Grapefruit—48-100 Arizona, fancy, $1.85-2.35; choice $1.75-2.00; Florida, $3.75 4.25.

Gooseberries—8-10c lb.

Lettuce—Labish, $1.00-1.25; Wash., 3 and 4 doz., $1.25-1.35.

Lemons—Fancy, all sizes, $4.50-5.25; choice grades 50c to $1 00 less.

Onions—Oregon yellows, U. S. No. 1, 50 pound sacks medium to large, $1.25-1.40; No. 2, 50 pound sacks, 75-90c; California white wax, $1.40 1 50; per 50-pound sacks; flat reds, $1.35-1.50 per 50-pound sacks; yellows, $1.40-1.50; whites, No. 1, $1.40-1.50.

Peaches—$1.50 box.

Peas—Oregon, bush, 5-5½c; telephone, 6 7c lb.

Potatoes—Oregon, local sacked per hundredweight, long whites, 50-pound sacks, U. S. No. 2, 25-30c; Deschutes and Yakima, sacked, per cwt. $1.35-1.50; Russets, U. S. No. 2, 40-45c; Deschutes, sacked per hundredweight, Russets, U. S. No. 1, $1.35-1.50; New stock, California, sacked per cwt, White Rose, US No. 1, $2.10-2.20.

Oranges—California navels, fancy, all sizes, $3.00 3.50; choice Valencia fancy, $2.30-2.90; choice, $2.00 2.15; loose, $1 25 1.75

Peppers—La., $2.50 hamper.

Plums—Calif., $1.45-1.50.

Stock Leaders Drifting Down

Business News Little Better but Traders Wearier Than Usual

NEW YORK, June 17—(AP)—Stock market leaders went into a drifting decline today after an early attempt to extend Thursday's mild advance proved unsuccessful.

Business news, in some respects, showed a slight turn for the better, but traders seemed wearier than usual and few cared to expand commitments to any great extent over the weekend.

Transfers 327,840

Transfers totalled 327,840 against 342,200 yesterday. The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was off .3 of a point at 38.6.

Both rail shares and bonds were depressed by possible receiverships confronting shaky roads as a result of the refusal of congress to provide stop-gap relief.

Brown to Preach Farewell Sermon

INDEPENDENCE—Rev. Arthur William Brown, pastor of the Methodist church here, has been transferred to Oregon City and will preach his farewell sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He has been here a year, coming from Elma, Wash.

The change is made on the eve of the annual Methodist conference, to be held in The Dalles next Tuesday and at which a successor to Rev. Brown here will be named.

Raspberries—$2.80-3.

Rhubarb—Apple boxes, 55-60c; field grown, bulk, 1½-1½c lb.

Sweet potatoes—California, 50 pound crates, $2.35 2.50; Louisiana yams, $2.25-2.50

Spinach—Oregon best, 65-75c per orange box.

Squash—Wash., Crookneck, scallop Zucchini, $1.30-1.45 flat; Calif. Zucchini, $1.25 flat.

Strawberries — Oregon, local best, 1.60-1.75; poorer low as $1.00.

Tomatoes—Tex.; as is, $1.75-1.85 hothouse, extra fancy and fancy, 12-15c; choice, 8-10c lb.; Wash., hothouse, 12-12½c lb.

Bunched Vegetables—Oregon, per doz. bunches; beets, new crop, 22½-25c; carrots, 40-45c; green onions, 25-30c; parsley 20-25c; radishes, 25-30c; leeks, 30-35c; turnips, 50-60c; California: carrots, $2.85-3 crate; 45-40c per dozen; Wash. gr. onions, 22½-25c; radishes, 22½-25c.

Root Vegetables — Sacked, rutabagas, $1.75-2 per hundredweight, lugs, 60-70c; horseradish root, 25c per lb. California carrots, 50-lb. sacks, $1.35-1.50.

Watermelons California, $2.50-2.75 per hundredweight, per pound crates, extra.

Salem Market Quotations

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

Apples—Extra fcy. Delicious $1.35 fcy. Winesaps, $1 05; orchard run Romes, 75c.	
Bananas, lb., on stalk	.06
Hands	.06½
Grapefruit, Calif., Sunkist, crate	2.00
Gooseberries, local, lb.	.04
Dates, fresh, lb.	.14
Lemons, crate	5.50 to 6.50
Oranges, crate	2.65 to 3.15

VEGETABLES
(Buying Prices)

Asparagus, Ore., doz.	1.10
Beets, doz.	.50
Cabbage, lb.	.03
Calif., new crop	.03
Carrots, Calif., crate	2.50
Cauliflower, Calif.,	1.85
Celery, Utah, crate	2.25
String beans, Calif., lb.	.14
Celery hearts, doz.	1.25
Lettuce, local	1.25
Onion sets, lb	.03
Onions, No. 1, cwt.	2.50
Boiling, 10 lb., No. 1	.20
Green onions, doz.	.25
Radishes, doz.	.25
Peppers, green, Calif.	12 to .15
Parsley	.40
Parsnips, lb.	.02
Green peas, lb	.07
New potatoes, cwt.	2.50
Potatoes, local, No. 1, cwt.	.85
No 2 cwt. bag	.50
Raspberries	2.75
Rhubarb, lb.	.02
Rutabagas, lb.	.01½
Spinach, local	.50
Strawberries, local	1.25
Hubbard squash, lb.	.01
Turnips, doz.	.35

NUTS

Walnuts, 1937, lb.	10 to .16
Filberts, 1937 crop, lb.	12 to .15

HOPS
(Buying Price)

Clusters, nominal, 1937, lb.	10 to .13
Fuggles, top	nominal

WOOL AND MOHAIR
(Buying Price)

Wool, medium, lb.	.18
Coarse, lb.	.18
Mohair, lb.	.20

EGGS AND POULTRY
(Buying Price of Andresens)

Large extras	.19
Medium extras	.19
Large standards	.19
Heavy hens, lb.	.15
Colored frys	.16
Colored medium, lb.	.15
White Leghorns lb., No. 1	.12
White Leghorns, frys	.14
White Leghorns, lb., No. 2	.10
Roosters	.05

LIVESTOCK
(Based on conditions and sales reported up to 4 p. m.)

Spring lambs	5.25 to 5.50
Lambs	4.00
Ewes	1.75 to 2.25
Hogs, tops, 150-210 lbs.	8.50
130-150 lbs.	7.75 to 8.25
210-300 lbs.	7.50 to 7.75
Sows	6.00
Dairy type cows	3.00 to 4.00
Beef Cows	5.00 to 4.00
Bulls	5.00 to 5.75
Heifers	5.50 to 6.00
Top veal	6.50

Grade B raw 4 per cent milk, Salem basic pool price $2.00 per hundred. Surplus $1.08.

Co-op Grade A butterfat price, FOB Salem, 24½.
(Milk based on semi monthly butterfat average.)

Distributor price, $2.32.

A grade butterfat — Delivered, 24½c; B grade, 23c; C grade 18½c.

A grade print, 28c; B grade, 27c.

Dressed veal, lb.	.10

MARION CREAMERY Buying Prices

Butterfat, A grade	.24½
Butterfat, B grade	.23
Colored hens, under 4½ lbs.	.15
Colored hens, over 4½ lbs.	.15
Leghorn hens, light	.10
Leghorn hens, heavy	.12
Colored fryers	.14
Stags, lb.	.05
Old roosters, lb.	.05
Rejects, market value, No. 2 grade 5c less.	
Large extras	.21
Medium extras	.19
Large standards	.19
Medium standards	.17
Undergrade	.15
Pullets	.13
Dirty extras	.17

GRAIN, Hay AND SEEDS

Wheat, white, bu	.60
Wheat, western red, bu.	.58
Barley, feed, ton	24.00
Oats, gray, ton	25.00
Oats, white, ton	23 00
Alfalfa, valley, ton	13.00
Oat and vetch hay, ton	10.00

Stocks & Bonds

June 17
STOCK AVERAGES
Compiled By The Associated Press

	30 Indus.	15 Rails	15 Util.	60 Stocks
Today	56.4	12.9	29.3	38.6
Previous day	56.9	13.2	29.4	38.9
Month ago	57.2	13.9	30.2	39.4
Year ago	89.5	39.7	40.5	64.6
1938 high	68.2	21.6	34.9	47.8
1938 low	49.2	12.1	24.9	33.7
1937 high	101.6	49.5	54.0	75.3
1937 low	57.7	19.0	31.6	41.7

BOND AVERAGES

	20 Rails	10 Indus	10 Util	10 Forgn
Today	*46.6	95.6	89.6	61.8
Previous day	47.1	95.6	89.8	61.8
Month ago	54.5	97.2	91.1	62.6
Year ago	92.9	102.8	96.7	72.6
1938 high	70.5	98.0	92.2	67.0
1938 low	46.6	93.0	85.8	61.2
1937 high	99.0	104.4	102.8	74.7
1937 low	70.3	95.5	90.3	64.2

*—New low.

School Vote Called

SALEM HEIGHTS—The annual school election will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock at the schoolhouse.

Lamb Show Opens At 11 a. m. Today

MONMOUTH—The chief event of Saturday will be the Polk county lamb show to be held on the site of the Polk county fair here. At 11 a.m. the 4H and Future Farmer judging contests will be held.

The main objective of the lamb show is to arouse interest in the young breeders of sheep, and to re-awaken interest in older breeders, according to William Riddell, long time sheepman who is one of the promoters. Lambs are to be butchered and the various cuts of mutton will be given as prizes in a demonstration of the proper manner of cutting up a carcass.

A wool grading demonstration is slated at 2:30 and a worm treatment demonstration using liquid medicine at 3 p.m.

The 4H club members and Future Farmers will compete with the adult breeders. Monmouth merchants and others have contributed cash and merchandise to the value of $60.

Newly Harvested Wheat Sinks Mart

CCHICAGO, June 17—(AP)—Big arrivals of newly harvested wheat southwest turned Chicago prices downward today at the last after the mart had fluctuated with unusual nervousness for hours. In the main, fractional losses constituted the outcome.

A stimulus which at times helped to bring about price rallies was that North American export business amounted to 750,000 bushels. The bulk, however, consisted of wheat from Canada.

At the close, Chicago wheat futures were unchanged to ⅞ lower, compared with yesterday's finish, July 78⅝-¾, Sept. 79¾-⅞.

Boy Fractures Arm

MONMOUTH—Donald Smith, 14, fractured his left arm above the wrist Tuesday when he fell from a truck load of hay. The forearm has been placed in a cast. He is the youngest son of Mrs. Paul Riley.

Closing Quotations

NEW YORK, June 17—(AP)—Today's closing prices:

Air Reduc	46	Consol Oil	8½	Penn RR	14¼
Al Chem & Dye	147½	Corn Prod	64⅞	Phillips Pet	32½
Allied Stores	5¾	Curt Wright	4½	Pressed Stl Car	6
Am Can	86½	Douglas Aircraft	43¼	Pub Serv NJ	26¾
Am & For Pow	3¼	Du Pont	96⅞	Pullman	23½
Am Pow & Lt	4⅞	Elec Auto Lt	15	Radio	5⅜
Am Rad & St	10½	Elec Pow & Lt	9⅝	Rem Rand	11
Am Roll Mills	14¾	Erie RR		Rep Stl	12⅜
Am Smelt & Rf	35¼	Gen Elec	33⅛	Sears Roe	56
A T & T	129½	Gen Foods	29	Shell Union	12⅜
Am Tob B	71	Gen Mot	29⅛	So Cal Ed	
Am Wat Wks	8¼	Goodyear Tires	17¼	Sou Pac	10⅛
Anaconda	23⅝	Gr No Ry Pf	14⅞	Stan Brands	7¼
Armour Ill	4⅜	Hudson Mot		St. Oil Cal	26¼
Atchison	24⅝	Ill Cent	7⅛	St Oil NJ	46¼
Balt & Ohio	4⅝	Insp Copper	9¼	Studebaker	4
Barnsdall	13⅜	Int Harvest	50¾	Sup Oil	
Bendix Avia	10⅝	Int Nick Can	42	Texas Corp	37½
Beth Steel	44	Int Pap & P Pf	26½	Timken Det Axl	8¾
Boeing	23¾	I T & T	8⅝	TransAmerica	8⅞
Budd Mfg	4	Johns Manv	69½	Union Carb	65⅝
Calif Pack		Kennecott	29¼	Union Pac	61⅝
Callahan Z-L	1¼	Lib O Ford	27¾	Unit Airlines	7⅞
Calumet Hec	6¼	Lig Myers B	95½	Unit Aircrafe	25⅝
Canadian Pac	5½	Loew's	41⅛	Unit Corp	2⅝
Case (JI)	76	Monty Ward	31⅞	Unit Gas Imp	9¾
Caterpil Trac	41½	Nash Kelvinator	6⅞	US Rubber	26⅝
Celanese	12	Nat Bisc	23⅛	US Steel	41¾
Certain-Teed	6⅛	Nat Distill	18¾	Walworth	5¾
Ches & Ohio	22⅛	Nat Pow & Lt	6⅞	West Union	
Chrysler	41⅝	NY Cent	10¾	White Motor	7½
Col Gas & Elec	5⅞	North Am	18¾	Woolworth	42⅝
Coml Solv	7⅞	Nor Pac	7⅛	(Curb)	
Comwlth & Sou	1¼	Packard	3½	Cities Serv	8⅛
Con Edis	24	J C Penney	62¾	Elec Bond & Sh	6⅝

Marshall Berries Good at 'Howell

NORTH HOWELL — Marshall strawberries are making a much better crop than expected in this locality with Red Hearts and Etterbergs not so good.

Etterbergs from Hazel Green and Gervals farms are being delivered at the receiving station at Russ Corners and some of them are a very good quality.

Loganberries are beginning to ripen with a 4 cent price being offered to growers. A good rain would insure a better crop.

Initial Delivery Of Cherries Made

The first Royal Annes of the 1938 harvest delivered at the Allen Fruit company were weighed in yesterday morning and came from the W. C. Conner family orchard at 765 Rural street, Salem.

Cherry prices here have apparently settled down to 2½ cents per pound, with all but two canneries handling some cherries. One plant is offering 3 cents for cherries of specified condition.

Butler Descendants to Hold Reunion June 26 at McMinnville Park

MONMOUTH—The Butler family, descendants and relatives of the late Mr. and Mrs. Varnum Butler of Monmouth, will hold its reunion June 26 in McMinnville at the home of Frank W. Fenton and his daughter, Mrs. Jack Spence.

A group of granddaughters of Mrs. Butler recently organized a sewing club named in her honor, the Elizabeth Butler club. Mrs. David Foulkes, Portland, is president.

"CONTRABAND"

By DENNIS WHEATLEY

CHAPTER XXII

Inspector Gerry Wells was the lucky one this time. He very definitely had the soft side of the deal and, while the wretched Gregory was still hurtling through the air in fear of an imminent and horrible death, the Inspector turned his plane northwestward, heading back towards Thanet. He was not risking any more night landings in the fields outside Quex Park without adequate reason, so came down on the well-lit landing ground of the Royal Air Force Depot at Manston, about midway between Quex Park, Margate and Ramsgate. Having presented his official card to the officer on duty, the courtesy of accommodation for his plane was extended to him and he managed to get a lift in a car to Margate where, feeling that he had earned a comfortable night's rest, he went straight to the Queen's Hightcliffe Hotel.

Early rising was a habit with Gerry Wells. Splashing in his bath at half past six he only controlled the impulse to burst into song at the thought of the other guests who were still sleeping. He was not unduly worried about Gregory, because he knew the care with which service parachutes are packed and inspected. It never even occurred to him that the great silk balloon might fail to open.

While the Inspector dressed he reviewed the situation and found it good. His investigation had progressed by leaps and bounds in the last forty-eight hours, thanks of course largely to that lean, queer, cynical devil, Gregory Sallust. He assumed, quite reasonably, not knowing what a tiger Gregory could be when he had got his teeth into a thing, that his ally, stranded in Romney Marshes, would spend the night at some local inn, whether he had secured any information or not and, therefore, it was most unlikely that he would put in an appearance again much before noon. There was nothing Wells could do to further his inquiry until Gregory turned up and the golden August morning lay before him. His thoughts gravitated again towards Milly and Quex Park. Had Sabine spent the night there or gone off again after all? In any case it obviously seemed his business to go over and find out.

After an early breakfast he paid his bill and left the hotel. Crowds of holiday makers had risen early too. Gerry Wells watched them with a smile. He liked to see people happy but he wondered what they would think if they knew of his last night's adventure.

On the corner he managed to get a place in a Canterbury bus, already crowded with happy trippers off to see the old cathedral town and the blood-stained stone where Thomas à Beckett had been foully done to death by the three knights so many hundreds of years ago.

He dropped off at Birchington churchyard in which Dante Gabriel Rossetti lies buried but he did not pause to visit the poet's grave. Instead he turned up Park Lane; his thoughts very much with the living. Outside the west gate of Quex Park he met his man who was keeping in touch with Mrs. Bird.

"Anything fresh, Thompson?" he asked.

"No, sir, nothing. There've been no more visitors since you left last night and Mrs. Bird tells me the lady who came down by car slept in the place. She's still there as far as I know."

Wells nodded and walked on up the wooded driveway then, skirting the back of the museum he reached the side entrance to the house.

Mrs. Bird appeared from the kitchen garden with a basket full of runner beans just as he reached the door, and she confirmed Thompson's report.

"When the foreign lady turned up she had her bit of supper," she said, "and told me she meant to stay the night. I always keep a couple of bedrooms ready because that's his lordship's orders. After her meal she went straight up without a word except that I wasn't to call her until she rang for breakfast."

Milly came out at that moment and smiled shyly at the Inspector. He nodded to her cheerfully.

"We're on the right track now, but it's a matter of waiting until noon, or rather until Mr. Sallust turns up again and I doubt if he'll be here much before then. I've got to kick my heels around for the next few hours and so I was wondering . . ."

"Wondering what?" Milly asked him.

"Well, my plane's at Manston aerodrome, only a couple of miles away and I was wondering if you would like to come up for a flight."

Milly paled a little under her creamy skin. "I—I think it would be rather fun—with you."

"You don't mind, Mrs. Bird?" he asked the older woman.

"As long as you bring her back safe I don't, but airplanes are tricky things, aren't they?"

"Not if they're looked after properly."

Milly looked at Mrs. Bird. "You're sure you don't mind, Aunty?"

"Of course I don't, my pet, as long as you take care. Run along now and enjoy yourself."

Gerry and the girl left the back of the house and made their way by the side path through the shrubbery out onto the east drive. Both were silent for a few minutes, racking their brains for a subject of conversation. Then Gerry glanced towards the old tower which rose out of a coppice some hundred yards away to their right with the steel structure on its top which looked like a miniature Eiffel Tower, and could be seen above the treetops of the park for many miles in all directions.

"What's that place?" he asked. "Apart, I mean, from the fact that they may use it now as a signal station to guide their planes in."

"It's called the Waterloo tower, I think," she said, "built in the year of the battle, you know, and it has a peal of bells, twelve of them, the finest in Kent up to a few years ago. Canterbury Cathedral had only ten, until they added another couple and came equal with this lot here. There's another tower over there too," she glanced towards their left where a tall brick building crowned a low fenced-in mound that rose from the grass land. "The old gardener told me that Major Powell-Cotton's father was awfully keen on ships and things; so he used to signal from it to his friends in the navy when they sailed across the bay. The sea is hidden from us here by the trees but it's only a mile away."

A few moments later they reached the park gates and took the side road through the open cornfields towards Manston. They were silent for a good portion of their two mile walk but strangely happy in each other's company.

At the flying field a friendly mechanic lent Milly a leather coat and she was soon installed in the observer's seat of Wells' Tiger Moth, a little scared, but even more excited at starting on her first flight.

For nearly an hour they cruised over eastern Kent, first along the northern shore over Birchington, Herne Bay and Whitstable, then southeast to Canterbury, where the towers of the ancient cathedral, lifting high above the twisting streets of the town, were thrown up by the strong sunlight which patterned the stonework like delicate lace against the black shadows made by its embrasures.

"Well, how did you like it?" Gerry Wells turned to glance over his shoulders as he brought the plane to a halt once more on the Manston landing ground.

"It—it was fine," Millie said a little breathlessly. Her cheeks were glowing with a gentle flush from the swift wind of their flight and her blue eyes were sparkling in her delicate little face with happy exhilaration.

As Wells helped her out of the plane he had not the least twinge of conscience at having neglected his duties for an hour or so to give her the experience.

When they reached the house they went into Mrs. Bird's sitting-room and found a lanky, unshaven, bedraggled figure lounging in one of the worn armchairs. It was Gregory and he was in none too good a humour.

He smiled at them with a cynical twist of his thin lips. "Well, you had a good time I hope? Thinking of settling down in Thanet for a holiday?"

Gerry Wells raised his eyebrows. "So you're back already? I hardly thought you'd be likely to get here before noon."

"It's lucky I'm here at all," snapped Gregory. "Having risked my neck with that blasted parachute of yours. Still, I've been kicking my heels here about two hours, while you've been disporting yourself, I gather, with the intention of showing Miss Chalfont what a mighty fine pilot you are."

Milly went crimson.

Wells drew his shoulders back a little as the girl fled from the room. "I don't like your tone, Mr. Sallust, but don't let's quarrel over that. Did you have any luck when you landed?"

Gregory shrugged. "As I survived the ordeal it is almost inevitable that I should. Their headquarters down there is a little place called the Brown Owl Inn. It's miles from anywhere—in the middle of the marshes—but near the railway line running from Dungeness to Ashford. I had to stagger a mile through every sort of muck before I got near enough to see what was going on and by that time most of the planes had dumped their stuff and got off again. The interesting thing is, though, that while I was there a freight train came in from Dungeness and unloaded several hundred wooden cases, then the cases the planes had brought were loaded on to it instead, and it puffed out, presumably to London. Afterwards the stuff from the train was loaded on to a fleet of trucks which duly trundled away inland; all the gang who had handled both sets of goods going with them. The two different lots of cases, which were swapped over, had exactly the same appearance, by the way."

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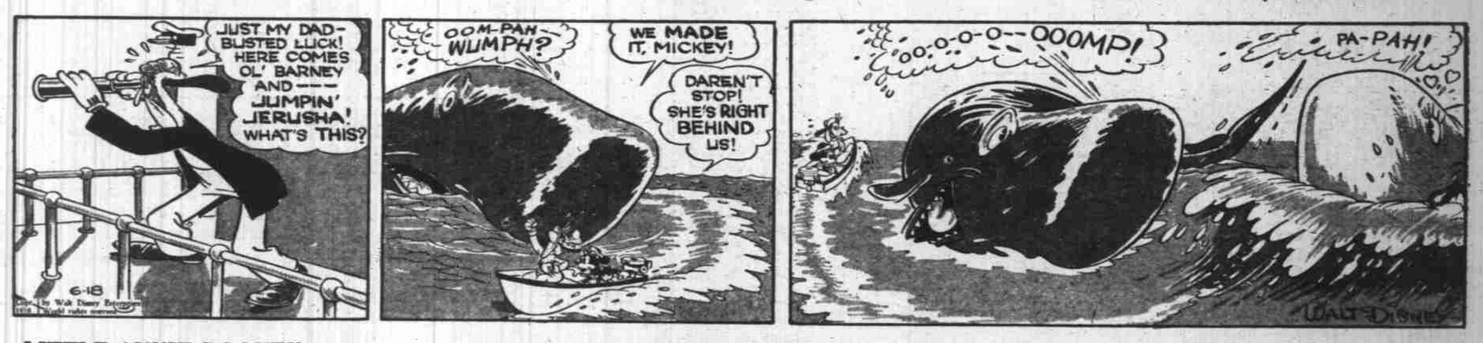

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