Quotations at Portland

PRODUCE EXCHANGE

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Dairy produce prices:

Butter: Extras 26; standards 24½; prime firsts 24; firsts 24.

Butterfat 26½-27.

Eggs: Large extras 20; large standards 19; medium extras 18; medium standards 18; small extras 17; small mediums 17.

Cheese: Triplets 13½; loaf 14½.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—(US Dept. Agr.)—Hogs: Receipts 50; market steady; few good-choice light weight drive-ins 8.10; carloads quoted at 8.25; odd light lights down to 7.50; packing sows salable around 6.00-6.25; few medium feeder pigs 7.00; choice grades quotable to 7.75.

Cattle: Receipts 25, calves none; market nominal; week's steer market active, fully steady; fed kinds mostly 8.00-9.00; heifers unevenly steady to 50c lower, decline on cleaner grades; medium-good heifers 7.00-8.00; good beef cows around 25c below early last week; lower grades fully 50c lower; week's bulk low cutter and cutter cows 3.00-4.00; fat dairy type cows upward to 6.00; good beef cows 6.25-7.00; bulls mostly 5.00-5.75; good beef bulls quotable 6.25; choice vealers quotable upward to 9.50.

Sheep: Receipts 100; sizable lot good-choice trucked-in shorn lambs bought to arrive at 7.50; good-choice wooled trucked-in lambs salable up to 8.00; carload lots fed, wooled lambs quoted to 8.50; slaughter ewes salable up to 4.25.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—

Wheat:	Open	High	Low	Close
May	68	68	68	68

Cash Grain: Oats, No. 2-38 lb. white, 27.50. Barley, No. 2-45 lb. BW, 23.00. Corn, No 2-ET Ship., 26.50.

Cash Wheat Bid: Soft white 68½; western white 68½; western red 67½. Hard red winter ordinary 64½; 11 per cent 65; 12 per cent 70; 14 per cent 74. Hard white-Baart ordinary 70; 12 per cent 70; 13 per cent 71½; 14 per cent 72½.

Today's Car Receipts: Wheat 43; barley 1; flour 12; corn 2; oats 4; hay 1; millfeed 3.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Country meats—Selling price to retailers: Country killed hogs, best butcher under 160 lbs. 10-11c; vealers 14c lb.; light and thin 9-12c; lb.; heavy 10c lb.; lambs 15c lb.; ewes 7-8c lb.; bulls 10-10½c lb.; cutter cows 8-8½c lb.; canner cows 7-8c lb.

Live poultry—buying prices: Leghorn broilers 1¼ to 1½ lbs., 14c lb.; 2½ lbs. 15c; colored springs 2 to 3½ lbs., 15c lb.; over 3½ lbs. 17c; Leghorn hens over 3½ lbs., 15c lb.; under 3½ lbs., 14c lb.; colored hens to 5 lbs., 19c lb.; over 5 lbs. 18c lb.; No. 2 grade 5c lb. less.

Turkeys—Selling prices: Dressed, new crop hens 25-26c lb.; toms 26-27c lb. Buying prices: New hens 25c lb.; toms 24-25c lb.

Potatoes—Yakima gems 1.20 cental; local 1.00-1.10; Deschutes Gems, 1.25-1.30 cental; Klamath Falls No. 1 Gems, 1.30-1.50; California sweets, 1.40-1.60 for 50 lb. crate.

Onions—Oregon, No. 1, 1.60-1.80 cental; Yakima 30-40c per 50 lbs.; sets 4½c lb.

Wool—Willamette valley, nomial; medium 22-23 lb.; coarse and braids, 22-23 lb.; lambs and fall 20 lb.; eastern Oregon 18-22 lb.

Hay—Selling price to retailers: Alfalfa No. 1, 16.00 ton; cost vetch 12.00 ton; clover 11.00 ton; timothy, eastern Oregon 19.00; Do valley 14.00 ton Portland.

Hops—New crop Clusters 20 lb; Fuggles 23 lb.

Mohair—Nominal; 1938, 26-27 lb.

Cascara bark—Buying price, 1938 peel 5c lb.

Sugar—Berry and fruit, 100s, 4.90, bels 5.05; beet 4.80 cental.

Domestic flour—Selling price, city delivery, 1 to 25-bbl lots: Family patent, 49s, 5.55 6.15; bakers' hard wheat, net, 3 70-5.15; bakers' bluestem, 4.05-4.40; blended wheat flour, 4.30-4.55; soft wheat flour, 3.95-4.05; graham, 49s, 4.30; whole wheat 49s, 4.75 bbl.

Wool in Boston

BOSTON, Jan. 20—(AP)—(US Dept. Agr.)—Fine territory wools in original bags were selling in fair volume today and prices were tending upward. Good French combing length fine territory wools in original bags were bringing around 69 cents scoured basis. Lots comprised of good French and staple combing lengths were selling at 70 to 71 cents scoured basis. Average to short French combing lengths fine original territory wools were bringing 66 to 68 cents scoured basis, prices being mostly on the high side of this range.

Hen Demand Slow

PORTLAND, Jan. 20 – (AP) – Prices on live turkey hens were held down today because the demand was confined to the local field, dealers declared. There was no surplus of hens here, although a surplus appeared at California and southwestern points. The turkey market retained its previous good demand.

Street Has Slow Session

American Telephone Gains 1½ Point to Lead Stronger Ones

NEW YORK, Jan. 20—(AP)—The stock market ran out of rallying ammunition today and, despite a show of firmness here and there, many leading issues put on an orderly retreat.

There was an early attempt to extend Thursday's belated upturn, but this met with only faint response and ragged trends prevailed throughout the remainder of the session.

Dealings were never fast enough to warm up the ticker tape and transfers totalled 739,690 shares compared with 887,040 the day before. The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was off .1 of a point att 51.9.

Watch Developments

The news provided little of a stimulating nature marketwise and speculative forces apparently decided to step carefully pending more light on the business outlook, congressional sorties and foreign developments.

While European securities markets inclined to slip on word Dr. Schacht had been ousted as head of the German Reichsbank, few repercussions from this incident were noted in the domestic financial district. Bankers in touch with nazi fiscal affairs said this move was not altogether unexpected.

American Telephone was again in front of those stocks that retained climbing vigor. This bellwether added 1½ points at 157½, another new 1938-39 peak, to its jump of .3 points in the preceding session.

Salem Market Quotations

FRUITS
(Buying Prices)
(The price 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—All varieties, C grade, per bu. 60-65c.	
Bananas, lb., on stalk	.06
Hands	.06½
Calaves	1.65
Grapefruit, Texas pinks	3.75
Regular	3.00
Dates, fresh, lb.	.14
Lemons, crate	4.50
Oranges, crate	2.25 to 3.50

VEGETABLES
(Buying Prices)

Beets, doz.	.40
Cabbage, lb.	.02
Carrots, Calif., crt. 6 doz.	2.75 to 3.15
Cauliflower, Portland	1.35
Celery, Utah, crate	2.25
Celery Hearts, doz.	1.20
Lettuce, Calif.	2.00 to 3.00
Onions, boiling, 10 lbs. No. 2	.14
50 lbs.	.80
Green onions, doz.	.40
Radishes, doz.	.45
Peppers, green, Calif.	.15
Parsley	.40
Potatoes, local, cwt.	1.50
50 lb. bags	.50
Spinach, Texas, 1.50, Ariz.	2.00
Danish, doz.	.90
Hubbard, lb.	.01½
Turnips, doz.	.40

NUTS
(Price paid by Independent packing plant to grower)

Walnuts—Franquettes, fancy, 12c; medium, 10c; small 8c; orchard run, 8 to 10c. Walnut meats 25 to 30c lb.	
Filberts—Barcelonas, large, 12¼c; fancy 11½c; babies, 11c; orchard run 11 to 12c. Duchilly 1 cent higher.	
(Co-op Prices to Grower)	
Walnuts—Price range, depending upon way nuts run in 14 different grades, 11½ to 18c.	
Filberts—All moved out.	

HOPS
(Buying Prices)

Clusters, nominal, 1937, lb.	10 to .12
Clusters, 1938, lb.	20 to .21
Fuggles, top	.25

WOOL AND MOHAIR
(Buying Prices)

Wool, medium, lb.	.22
Coarse, lb.	.22
Lambs, lb.	.18
Mohair, lb.	.28

EGGS AND POULTRY
(Buying Prices of Andresen's)

Large extra	.16
Medium extras	.14
Large standards	.14
Pullets	.10
Colored fryr	.14
Colored medium, lb.	.15
White Leghorns, lb. No. 1	.12
White Leghorns, fryr.	.13
White Leghorns, lb. No. 2	.10
Heavy hens, lb.	.15
Roosters	.05

LIVESTOCK
(Buying price for No. 1 stock, based on conditions and sales reported up to 4 p. m.)

Lambs, top	8.00
Ewes	2.00 to 3.00
Hogs, top	8.00
130-150 lbs.	7.50 to 7.75
210-300 lbs.	7.25 to 7.50
Sows	6.00
Beef cows	4.50 to 5.00
Bulls	4.50 to 5.50
Heifers	5.00 to 6.00
Top veal	8.50
Dairy type cows	3.50 to 4.50
Dressed veal, lb. (Midget)	.12½
Hogs, top, (Midget Mkt.)	8.10

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

Co-op. Grade A butterfat price, FOB Salem, 26c.
(Milk based on semi-monthly butterfat average.)

Distributor price, $2.32.

A grade butterfat—Delivered 26c; B grade 24c; C grade 20c.

A grade print, 29c; B grade 28c.

MARION CREAMERY Buying Price

Butterfat, A grade	.26
Leghorn hens, over 3½ lbs.	.10
Leghorn hens, under 3½ lbs.	.08
Springers	.18
Colored hens, over 5 lbs.	.14
Stags, lb.	.06
Old roosters, lb.	.05
Rejects, market value, No. 2 grade 5c less	

EGG PRICES

Large extras	.17
Large standards	.15
Medium extras	.15
Medium standards	.12
Undergrades	.12
Pullets	.13

GRAIN, HAY and SEEDS

Wheat, per bushel, No. 1 white, sacked	.65
Red	.65
Oats, grey, ton	29.00 to 30.00
White	26.00
Feed barley, ton	22.00 to 23.00
Clover hay, ton	14.00
Oat and Vetch hay, ton	14.00
Alfalfa, ton	15.00 to 16.00
Alsike Clover, lb.	.09 to .11
Red Clover, lb.	.14
Egg mash, No. 1 grade, 80 lb. bag	2.60
Dairy feed, 80 lb. bag	1.30
Hen scratch feed	1.75
Cracked corn	1.75
Wheat	1.30 to 1.40

Stocks and Bonds

January 20
STOCK AVERAGES
Compiled by The Associated Press

	30 Indus	15 Rails	15 Util	60 Stocks
Net Chg.	D .1	D .3	A .1	D .1
Friday	74.2	22.0	*27.9	51.9
Previous day	74.8	22.2	27.8	52.0
Month ago	75.4	21.6	25.0	51.6
Year ago	66.2	19.6	23.3	46.2
1938-39 high	79.5	23.8	27.8	54.7
1938-39 low	49.2	12.1	24.9	33.7

BOND AVERAGES

	20 Rails	10 Indus	10 Util	10 Forgn
Net Chg.	D .1	A .1	A .1	D .3
Friday	61.0	99.1	93.7	62.4
Previous day	61.1	99.0	93.6	62.7
Month ago	58.2	97.9	91.7	61.8
Year ago	65.1	97.0	90.4	66.1
1938-39 high	70.5	100.3	95.1	67.0
1938-39 low	46.2	93.0	85.8	59.0

Ditto Day Is Pit's Record

Wheat Turns in Narrow Rut Again; Ends Same to Bit Lower

CHICAGO, Jan. 20—(AP)—The wheat market staged a repeat performance today, duplicating yesterday's nervous price range and closing unchanged to ⅝ cent lower.

After dipping to the Thursday lows of 69⅝, May and July contracts hit the same highs at 70 cents, their best level in almost two weeks, but then backed away again. September contracts were subjected to some switching of hedges and was a little weaker than the nearer deliveries. May closed at 69⅝-¾ and July at 69½-⅝.

The narrow, dull market resulted largely from lack of speculative interest. Rumors of government activity in connection with wheat and flour exports helped to support prices at times.

Other Markets Jittery

Other markets also were unsettled. Corn closed ⅝ lower to ¼ higher, May 52¼-½, July 53⅛; oats unchanged; rye ¼-⅝ higher; lard 2 and 3 up.

Wheat price declines in sympathy with lower quotations at Liverpool met with substantial buying support. Although no official confirmation of new U.S. export business has been announced for several weeks, despite frequent rumors of pending business, the trade confirmed purchase yesterday of some Pacific coast wheat by China. However, there were no indications of further domestic business, but Canadian sales totaled 400,000 bushels out of vancouver.

Gardeners' Mart

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—(US Dept. Agriculture).

Apples—Delicious, medium to lge ex fcy, 1.60-1.75; fcy, 1.25-1.50; C grade F & F, 50-60c; Spitzenbergs, med to large fcy, 1.25-1.35 Newtons, med to lge ex fcy, 1.50-1.60; fcy, 1.35-1.40; unclass f & f, 50-60c. Wash Delicious, med to lge ex fcy, 1.85 1.90; fcy, 1.60; winesap, med to lge ex fcy, 1.60-1.65; fcy, 1.45-1.55; Romes, C grade f & f, 75-85c; ex fcy, 1.35-1.40.

Artichokes—Salif., 3.00-3.35.

Avocados—Calif. fuerte, 1.60.

Bananas—Per bunch, 5-5½c lb.; small lots, 5½ 6c.

Beans—Fla., bulk Valentines 3.00-3.15; Calif., limas 18-20c lb.

Brussels Sprouts—12-cup, 75-80c.

Cabbage—Oregon ballhead, new crates 1.50-1.75; ordinary 1.15-1.25; broken lugs 1¾-2c; red 2-2½c; Calif., 3½c.

Cauliflower—Local, No. 1, 80-95c; No. 2, 50-55c; Calif., 1.00-1.10.

Celery—Oregon, hearts, fancy 1.00-1.25 doz.; fair, 75c-1.00; Calif., Utah, 1.50-2.25; white, 1.85-2.00; hearts 1.10-1.15.

Citrus Fruit—Grapefruit, Texas marsh seedless, 2.75-3.00; pink, 3.00-3.25; Arizona, fancy 1.90-2.00, choice 1.60-1.75; Florida 54-64s, 3.00-3.25.

Lemons—Fancy, all sizes, 3.50-5.25; choice, 2.75-3.50. Limes, fists, 1.40.

Oranges—California navels, 344s, 2.85; fancy 126s, 3.50; other sizes 2.65-3.10; choice and PP, 1.75-2.10.

Cranberries—¼ bbl. Wash., Ore., McFarlands 3.50; fair 3.00-3.25.

Cucumbers—Hothouse, per doz., fancy 1.75-2.00; No. 2, 75c-1.00.

Eggplant—Calif., 11-12c lb.; lug, 2.00-2.15.

Grapes—California, lug boxes, Emperors, US No. 1, 1.25-1.50; few 1.75.

Garlic—Local, best, 8-10c lb., poorer 5-6c lb.

Lettuce—California Delano dry, 5 dozen, 1.25-1.60; Imperial, iced, 4-5s, 2.25-2.50; dry 2-2.25.

Mushrooms—Cultivated, 1 lb., 30-35c.

Onions—Washington yellows, 50-pound sacks, 65-75c; large, 80-90c; commercials, 50-60c; Oregon yellows, 50-pound sacks, US No. 1, 75-90c; 10-pound sacks, 17-18c; boilers, 10-pound sacks, 14-15c; sets, brown, 5-5½c.

Pears—Oregon, Bosc., loose, 50-60c; ex. fcy., 1.25-1.35; Anjou, ex. fcy., 1.40-1.50— 80-88s, med., 1.25-1.35; ½ box, 70c; Winter Nellis, orchard run, 60-75c; Comice, ex fcy., 2.85-3.

Peas—Calif., 2.25-2.40; 8-10c lb.

Peppers—Fla., 12c; crates 4.25-4.50.

Potatoes—Oregon, local Russets and Long Whites, No. 1, 1.10-1.15; No. 2, 50-lb. sacks, 37½ 40c; Deschutes No. 1, Russets, 1.23-1.35; No. 2, 50-lb. sacks, 40-45c; Klamath No. 1 Russets, 1.35-1.50; No. 2, 50-lb. sacks, 42-45c; Wash. Russets, 1.25-1.35; bakers, 100 lbs., 1.60-1.80.

Rhubarb—Wash. hothouse, ex. fcy., 1.60; fancy, 1.50; choice, 1.35; Ore., choice 1.50.

Squash—Oregon Marblehead, 1¾-2c; Hubbard, 2¼-2¾c.

Sweet Potatoes—California, 50-pound crates, $1.50-1.60; No. 2, $1.20-1.30; Louisiana yams, 1.50-1.60.

Tomatoes—Ore. hothouse 17-22½c lb.; Mex., 3.25-3.50; Fla., as is, 3.00-3.25.

Spinach—Calif., Imperial, 40 lbs., 2.00-2.25; Ariz., 1.65-1.75, 30 lb.

Bunched vegetables—Oregon, per doz. bunches: Beets, 25-30c; carrots, 25-30c; green onions, 25-30c; parsley, 20-25c. Jap radishes, 45-50c lug; radishes, winter, 20c; kale, 30-35c; leeks, 30 35c; turnips, 25-30c per dozen; celery root, 50c per dozen; broccoli, lugs, 40-45c, 50-55c per dozen; California parsley, 35-40c, Swiss chard, 35c dozen; radishes, 35-40c; broccoli, 5½-6c pound, 45c dozen bunches; carrots, 45-50c doz.; 2.25-3.00 crate; turnips, 65-75c.

Root vegetables—Carrots, lugs 40-50c; sacks, 90c 1.15; rutabagas, 1.25-1.50 hundredweight, lugs 45-50c; beets, 1.10-1.25; 35-40c for lugs; turnips, 90c-1.00 per sack, lugs, 35c; parsnips, 40-45c lug; horseradish, 15c lb.

Closing Quotations

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Today's closing prices:

Al Chem & Dye	184	Consol Edison	32⅞	Natl Dist	26⅝
Allied Stores	10½	Consol Oil	8¾	Natl Pow & Lt	8⅝
American Can	98	Corn Products	64⅞	Northern Pacific	13
Am For Power	3½	Curtiss Wright	6¾	Packard Motor	4¼
Am Power & Lt	6¾	Du Pont de N.	150	J C Penney	80
Am Rad Std San	16⅜	Douglas Aircraft	70	Phillips Petrol	40⅝
Am Roll Mills	19⅞	Elec Power & Lt	12⅛	Press Steel Car	13⅛
Am Smelt & Ref	46¼	Erie RR	1⅞	Pub Serv NJ	34⅞
Am Tel & Tel	157½	General Electric	40⅜	Pullman	36⅞
Am Tobacco B	89	General Foods	39⅞	Safeway Stores	33⅛
Am Water Wks	14⅛	General Motors	47⅝	Sears Roebuck	71⅞
Anaconda	31¼	Goodyear Tire	34⅝	Shell Union	14
Armour Ill	19	Gt Nor Ry Pf	27¾	Sou Cal Edison	24½
Atchison	39	Hudson Motors	7⅞	Southern Pacific	18⅞
Barnsdall	17½	Illinois Central	18⅝	Stand Brands	6⅞
Balt & Ohio	7¼	Insp Copper	15⅛	Stand Oil Calif	27⅞
Bendix Avia	26⅜	Int Harvester	56¼	Stand Oil NJ	50⅜
Beth Steel	72⅜	Int Nickel Can	53⅛	Studebaker	8⅜
Boeing Airp	30⅝	Int Pap & P Pf	47½	Sup Oil	3
Borge-Warner	29	Int Tel & Tel	9¼	Timk Roll Bear	49⅝
Budd Mfg.	7⅝	Johns Manville	101	Trans-America	7
Callahan Z-L	2½	Kennecott	39⅝	Union Carbide	88¼
Canadian Pacific	5⅜	Libbey-O-Ford	51¼	United Aircraft	38½
J I Case	93	Lig & Myers B.	103	United Airlines	12⅜
Caterpil Trac	46½	Loew's	48⅝	US Rubber	48⅝
Celanese	22⅝	Monty Ward	49⅝	US Steel	64½
Certain-Teed	11⅞	Nash-Kelv	9¼	Walworth	8⅛
Ches & Ohio	35½	Natl Biscuit	24½	Western Union	23⅜
Chrysler	77⅜	Natl Cash	25⅛	White Motors	12⅝
Comi Solvent	11⅜	Natl Dairy Prod	13⅛	Woolworth	50¼

Rickey Woman Better

RICKEY—Mrs. W. H. Humphreys, who has been seriously ill, is able to be up part of the time.

"Envoy Extraordinary"

By E. Phillips Oppenheim

SYNOPSIS

The grave issue of world war or peace was in the offing (though none seemed to realize it) when, one Fergus, a secret British messenger, was mysteriously assaulted en route to Sir Ronald Matresser, who had just returned to his lordly county estate after another of his long and mysterious journies. His mother, Countess Matilda; his sister, Lady Ann; and her new companion, Mademoiselle Elisabeth Stanier, a beautiful Austrian, welcomed the handsome young Matresser scion who recalled seeing the alluring Elisabeth on one of his trips abroad. . . . Dr. Andrews and Matresser, motoring late at night to the former's surgery to see Fergus, narrowly escape a smashup with a speeding auto. . . . Fergus is semi-conscious and does not know that the message he was carrying has been stolen. He mumbles about seeing a young woman bending over his coat in the hospital room. . . . Matresser and Andrews are about to return to

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the scene of the near collision. The semi-conscious Fergus cannot identify his assailant. Dr. Andrews tells of a new patient—"a perfect giant of a fellow, a Dutchman" named Jan Van Westrheene—who was slightly injured when bringing his yacht into Matresser's private harbor the night before. Sir Ronald encounters the mysterious Elisabeth during a morning partridge hunt.

CHAPTER IX

Matresser lingered, although he found conversation with Elisabeth somewhat difficult.

"Do you ride a great deal when you are at home?" he asked her.

"I have no home nowadays," she told him. "Both our winter and summer places were given up for hospitals and then convalescent homes and finally those in the cities for Bureaus of Public Works. It was a great thing for me that although my uncle is, of course, a Royalist, the government always keeps him working for them. That is why I am able to travel, why I was in Paris when I met your mother and Ann."

"You have been here long?" he asked.

"Here and in Paris. My uncle's French is not very good and owing to the frequent changes of government we are never properly represented in any place. My uncle has often been sent to France on special missions and then I go with him. Those are not very often joyous expeditions. Paris is less like itself since the war than any other city."

"It is unfortunate," he agreed, "but it is very true. At the present moment there is no country which is expressing itself so feebly as France."

"It brought me one happy adventure at any rate," Elisabeth said with a smile. "I met your mother there and she asked me to come and stay with Ann for a time. That has been altogether delightful."

"You will find it restful here, at least. You are young, though, to need rest."

"If I am sometimes fatigued," she answered, looking upwards through the stark branches of the leafless trees, "it is because I spend myself in useless efforts."

"You should avoid that at all costs," he told her. "There may be great work to be done before very long but just now one needs to be very careful. To help France especially is extraordinarily difficult. France is like a hydra-headed monster. It is so easy to pat the wrong head and to be utterly destroyed by such a mistake."

She leaned towards him.

"You are not talking," she said, "like the Earl of Matresser of the Great House, Chief of the Bench of Magistrates and soon to be Lord Lieutenant of this County!"

"I am not," he admitted, "and I have said more to you than I would say to any other person alive. Is there any return you can make me?"

She waited, but purposely he asked no more questions. She leaned forward and patted her mare's neck, bringing her to a standstill for a moment. She pointed down one of the cross drives.

"Your woods are so beautiful," she said, "even now in winter when the trees are bare and one can see so much of the sky. In spring they tell me the undergrowth is full of bluebells and primroses. That must be lovely."

"You will be here to see them, I hope."

"Do you really hope that, Lord Matresser?" she asked, a faint wistfulness in her tone.

"I do," he answered. "I think that you are much better here than in Paris, for example."

"I am not sure," she murmured. "Just now the whole world is so unsettled. England alone remains calm and composed. It rests one to be here. Germany terrifies me. My own country is a country of sad-eyed toilers with broken ambitions and broken hearts. France, still powerful, is like a mighty ant hill of nerves. Oh, I do not know! I think England is the most peaceful country."

"I suppose that depends upon what one seeks in life. You have, I should imagine," he meditated as they rounded a corner and came within sight of the others, "a somewhat restless disposition."

"Do not tell your mother that," she begged. "I think that was her only fear when she brought me here. Of course it is true. I cannot help feeling the fever sometimes. You, too—yes? You are what they call in your own language something of a fraud. You do not lead the quiet life of the English nobleman who loves only his country sports and his home politics. That is not your entire rôle in life, although you would have others believe it!"

"A counter attack," he observed smiling.

"In your mind you probably add to yourself an impertinence," she sighed. "You are perhaps right but I should like you to be fair to me."

"I should be miserable if I were anything else," he assured her.

"You are not an easy person to understand," she went on. "Even your mother admits that. You are silent because there is a great deal at the back of your mind that you could share with no one, but I should like you to have just enough feeling for me—enough faith, shall I say?—to remain oblivious to anything which troubles you?"

He looked down the avenue for a moment without speech to the meadow at the opening of the woods and the gamekeeper's lodge beyond, on the lawn of which the beaters were busy laying out the game. In the background, the Great House dominated the landscape, somewhat grim in the clear winter light with its lordly towers and long rows of mullioned windows, an incongruous and yet in a way a harmonious structure.

"Well, I'll try," he promised. "I am not really so suspicious as I seem but I have not quite forgotten, you know, that chance meeting. You were with your uncle—you remember it?—in North Africa."

"Yes, I remember it," she answered unwillingly.

"Cannot you see how difficult that makes it for me to look upon you as an ordinary member of my household?" he asked.

She was silent for a moment. Her left hand suddenly rested upon his shoulder. It stayed there scarcely a second but he seemed to feel the thrill of its caress through the leather patch on his shooting jacket.

(To be continued)

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