

GRAIN PIT IN TURMOL, HEAT BREAKS 6 1/2 CENTS

TICKERS UNABLE TO KEEP PACE OF FLUCTUATIONS

Chicago, Mar. 31.—Selling hysteria broke out in the wheat market today and within an hour after trading began, all forced prices down 6 1/2 cents a bushel. May delivery of wheat fell to \$1.40 1/2, the lowest point in many months.

Heavy calls for additional funds to protect brokerage houses from possibility of losses incident to big fluctuations compelled many holders of wheat today to make sacrifices in sales. This intensified weakness of the market, already wavering as a result of selling in which foreigners were conspicuous.

So violent and rapid did price changes here become that new tickers and quotation boards failed to keep anywhere near the actual trading figure in the wheat pit. At \$1.40 1/2 for the May delivery of wheat, not over, demand broadened, and riders of 2 cents a bushel entered.

Denials that there was any financial trouble in the European grain trade helped to make the wheat market here become steadier after a storm of prices had fairly commenced. Another strengthening influence was an announcement that exporters in this country had bought one million bushels of wheat today for immediate shipment to Europe.

Before these encouraging factors had become generally known, however, the wheat market here had suffered a total setback of 17 3/4 cents a bushel as compared with top prices of yesterday and 2 1/2 cents a bushel as compared with last week's top figure. Meanwhile corn closed unaltered, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 net lower, May \$1.04 1/2.

PRUNE EXPORTS SHOW INCREASE

Prune shipments for January from the port of San Francisco are announced as follows:

	1924	1925
Belgium	252,873	13,750
Czechoslovakia	5,500	5,500
Denmark	234,436	765,522
Finland	149,275	5,500
France	114,812	519,251
Germany	3,526,191	6,464,675
Latvia	1,650	1,650
Netherlands	2,157,462	607,926
Norway	38,071	479,550
Sweden	549,739	295,065
Great Britain	795,874	1,951,932
Canada	62,909	344,602
Guatemala	2,498	2,498
Nicaragua	1,810	6,597
Panama	1,149	1,149
Salvador	3,120	3,120
Mexico	6,555	18,761
Trinidad	2,500	2,500
Cuba	15,736	15,736
Argentina	152,750	87,915
Bolivia	6,125	6,500
Ecuador	1,004	1,004
Peru	24,200	33,713
Uruguay	3,750	36,250
Venezuela	8,250	8,250
Ceylon	5,010	5,010
Straits Settlements	6,584	6,584
China	18,943	5,750
Java	2,054	2,054
Hongkong	5,226	7,063
Japan	14,997	2,319
Kwantung	7,650	7,650
Philippines	1,368	3,047
Islands	28,366	11,765
New Zealand	64,346	52,290
Other countries	3,572	4,294
Total pounds	8,246,714	11,761,408

GIRL'S TRIAL AWAITS NEW JURY VENIRE

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sent an intelligible defense.
The insanity issue was injected into the proceedings out of the orderly trial which was marked by Miss Ellingson falling into fainting spells almost hourly. Twice she fell flat on her face in the marble corridors leading out of court.

Resents Imputation
Miss Ellingson, who shot her mother to death when her parent objected to the hours and associates she was keeping, angrily resented yesterday the imputation that she is not in her right mind.

Dr. Jau Don Bai, defense psychiatrist, testified that Miss Ellingson was suffering from "psychosis," and was "out of her mind at times." Dr. Bai defined "psychosis" as a mental disorder. He traced the history of the Ellingson family and testified that Mrs. Ellingson was "out of her mind" at times before Dorothy was born and "then, there is the alcoholic father."

Dr. Joseph Cotton, prosecution psychiatrist cast on the contention that Miss Ellingson is insane "Her fainting spells," he said, "are not surprising in one in her situation. She stands accused of murder, and reacts under the strain by going into a panic, very much as a child when subjected to a severe scolding or threat of punishment after a serious offense. A youngster caught playing with matches after repeated warnings, for instance, reacts when caught, much as does this girl."

ITALIAN FRUIT AND NUT CROPS DAMAGED

Washington, Mar. 31.—Recent low temperatures and snow in Italy damaged both nut and fruit crops there. It was stated today in a view from the department of agriculture. The almond crop in southern Italy was said to have been most severely injured, while several crops were helped by the snow melt.

RAAS TO RETURN HERE FOR CHERRY DEAL THIS YEAR

A. C. Raas will be back in here again this year to buy Royal Anne cherries, but just how soon and through what channels the company will buy he did not disclose, according to Robert C. Paulus, who with his brother George, have returned from an automobile trip through various fruit sections of California and visited the new Raas plant in San Francisco.

"The new plant of the California States Fruit company is a marvelous piece of machinery," covering an enormous space, equipped with all the latest devices, it is in a position to handle a vast quantity of fruit under more economic and better conditions than I have seen elsewhere. When I was there there were 6000 bags of sugar stored on one floor and they expected 800 more. Special drying machinery has been installed to dry the glass fruit which speeds up the process.

"California never looked prettier than when we were down there. It was the height of the blooming season and in northern California the hills are green and covered with wild flowers.

"Crops are all very promising in the fruit line except apricots. Apricots had a heavy bloom but were not put into them which will destroy some of the pack.

"Last year 6,000,000 cases of canned peaches were put up in California and this year they expect half again as much. Reports are received that the Hawaiian pineapple pack will be heavy this year and those features are being given consideration by canners in regard to the price crop. That crop looks as though it will be heavy from the bloom, yet many growers have 20 bushels while canners can't see it from indications as to the crop.

"Cherries look good with heavy bloom and no rain during the blooming period.

"We visited various prune packing plants as well as canneries. It is estimated the association is holding from 55,000,000 to 70,000,000 pounds of prunes and they have the key to the situation. There are not many left in packers' hands.

"There is reported to be a bigger carryover for prunes than expected and plans are being made for selling 100,000 tons of them to big licensed shippers. Interests in the manufacture of alcohol and also plans are talked for construction of a raisin syrup factory, to manufacture raisin syrup and sell the by products for stock feed.

"In the prune game California has dropped 4 to 1 cent and 50s from a half to 3 of a cent."

GEARY ASKS FOR REDUCED RATES
Chicago, Mar. 31.—A. M. Geary of Portland, Oregon, counsel for Oregon wool growers and cattle breeders associations and for northwestern shippers' association, resumed the witness stand today at the interstate commerce commission hearing concerning the freight rates on livestock.

Complaining livestock breeders contend that they are losing money and in some cases being forced out of business by market conditions and ask reduction of allowed disparity between freight rates and market prices.

Mr. Geary testified that the membership of the live stock associations he represented had decreased as a result of adverse conditions and that the cattle and sheep two to three hundred thousand.

FOUR PRICES DECLINE 40 CTS. ENTIRE LIST

Portland, Mar. 31.—A lower trend in outside egg markets has prevented any efforts to get prices up on the local exchange. Trading in break with receipts liberal but prices are generally a cent down. Extras are posted on the local board at 31 cents while current receipts are listed at 26 cents net although 25 cents is the best price offered the shipper by local firms.

Receipts have been active during the past week with a large part of the heavy receipts finding their way into the stores.

While the undertone of the local butter market continues firm, a mixed feeling is showing in cube values on the exchange. Standards are a half cent lower for the day at 46 cents while prime firsts are a half at 45 cents. Other grades remain steady and unchanged.

Print prices are holding at the 48 cent level with buying price of butters of the same quality at 48 cents. In the country bids for cream range all the way from 46 to 43 cents.

Hour prices declined 10 cents today, following a radical break in wheat during the past two days. Family patents are now quoted at \$10.20 with bakery grades at \$9.50 and \$9.00.

Not enough live poultry is coming to establish definite values in the local market.

Country dressed meat arrivals were moderate for Tuesday. The following prices were quoted: Pork chops for choice light calves and 18 to 18 1/2 cents on choice light hogs.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK
Portland, Mar. 31.—Cattle sales receipts 140; steers good \$23.50 to \$25.00; medium \$21.00 to \$22.50; common \$19.00 to \$21.00. Hogs, good \$15.00 to \$16.00; medium \$14.00 to \$15.00; common \$13.00 to \$14.00. Sheep, good \$11.00 to \$12.00; medium \$10.00 to \$11.00; common \$9.00 to \$10.00.

EGGS AND BUTTER
Portland, Mar. 31.—Eggs weak; current receipts 25c; light \$23 1/2; dark \$24; firsts 24 1/2; second 25; henneries 26 1/2; delivered Portland.

GRAIN MARKET
Portland, Mar. 31.—Wheat bids: hard white, hard \$1.52; hard winter \$1.50; soft white \$1.51; western white \$1.50; northern spring \$1.50; western red \$1.45. Today's receipts: Flour 5; hay 11; wheat 4; oats 1.

POULTRY
Portland, Or., Mar. 31.—Poultry scarce; firm; heavy hens 25c; light 22c; springs nominal; old roosters 15c; ducks, white pekkin 25c; live turkeys 25c; dressed turkeys 33 1/2c; geese 15c.

ONIONS AND POTATOES
Portland, Mar. 31.—Onions firm \$3.00 to \$3.25 in country. Potatoes steady \$1.50 to \$1.60.

NUTS, HOPS AND CASCARA
Portland, Mar. 31.—Nuts steady; walnuts 28 1/2c; filberts nominal.

EXPLORER AND FAMILY MURDERED IN MOROCCO

Chicago, March 31.—Word that Dr. Hans L. Hammerstein, his three children and their governess were killed natives of Spanish Morocco has reached Chicago relatives from Barcelona, where it was said, his wife, seriously wounded, is in a hospital.

Dr. Hammerstein was an explorer and zoologist and had been granted some virgin forests in Morocco by the Spanish government for cultivation. He lived here 25 years ago.

WORK TO START ON NEW CANNERY PLANT AT ONCE

Tomorrow a gang of men will start work on the rehabilitation of the Bruce Cunningham plant in West Salem for the establishment of the new Pacific Fruit & Canning company which has now become a definite realization, according to an announcement made by officers of the company today.

The first work will be to rip out parts of the present structure in preparation for the installation of machinery. The company plans to put in a three line cannery to start off with, the equipment, exclusive of what is already in the plant to cost \$25,000.

The building already is equipped with a high class steam plant which can be used in connection with canning operations.

There are between 75 and 80 stockholders already signed up and a number of others have evidenced their intention of coming in before the end of the week.

Officials of the new cannery also state they intend to take into the utmost consideration other fruits as they are available or in instances of rejections by other canneries.

Arrangements for a label for the product, but official figures are about completed, with the copyright applied for. The exact nature of the label will not be divulged until copyright proceedings are completed, but officials of the company state that it will be a fine Salem booster label and one designed to materially assist in putting the name of Salem and Oregon on the map as a big fruit center.

More than 100 University of Washington football candidates are to answer Coach Enoch Bagshaw's call Wednesday for the initial spring gridiron practice. Intercollegiate football games are to be played in April instead of next fall, Bagshaw announced.

The Prudential Insurance Company of America

of Newark, in the state of New Jersey, is the largest and most reliable of the insurance companies of the state of Oregon, according to law.

Assets
Total premium income for the year 1924 \$29,962,456.60
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Total assets \$1,198,200.00

Liabilities
Total liabilities \$1,198,200.00
Total surplus \$1,198,200.00
Total assets \$1,198,200.00

FRUIT CONTRACTS WITHOUT STATED PRICES OFFERED

Reports are being received of contracts out on various kinds of fruit with canners buying on what the market is going to be and no definite prices established.

A number of well posted growers are reported to be turning down these contracts as it is evident as spring advances that more and more winter injury is showing up in the fruits and there are indications that there will be considerable competition for raw fruit before the season is over.

MANITOU PARK HOTEL BURNS

Colorado Springs, Cal., March 31.—The historic Manitou park hotel, a mecca for wealthy tourists today was a smouldering mass of debris as the result of fire, which yesterday swept the hotel and surrounding timber land in the upper reaches of the pass, eight miles north of Woodland park, near here. Driven by a blustering wind the flames licked through a forest as dry as tinder and were controlled only after a heroic battle by forest rangers, boy scouts and volunteers. Sparks from a fireplace in the hotel are believed to have started the fire.

The total damage, it was estimated, will not exceed \$40,000.

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