

Economic Highlights

Happenings That Affect the Dinner Pails, Dividend Checks and Tax Returns of Every Individual. National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare.

A great sea disaster is drama in the grand manner. Nothing presented on the stage or through the printed word, can approach it in tragedy, vividness, power. Good newsmen, reporting one of these rare events, seldom use flowery or over-dramatized writing—they present the simple facts, and that is enough.

In time the general public forgets a disaster. But the law doesn't. Many important regulations covering construction and operation of modern ships stem from disasters which taught lessons that could not be learned in any other way. According to the New York Times, which recently traced the influence of marine tragedies on marine law every great maritime disaster of recent times has resulted in new protective legislation.

The first of the wrecks that started this trend was that of La Bourgogne, on July 4, 1898. Bound from New York to France with 725 passengers and crew, she collided with a sailing ship in the fog and sank in forty minutes. Only 163 were saved—and of these but one was a woman, though 300 were aboard. It was proven that the crew had failed its responsibility—had saved themselves at the expense of the passengers. The result was a tightening up of ship discipline throughout the world.

Then in 1909, the Republic, carrying 461 passengers, was rammed off Nantucket. Though both holds filled, she kept afloat long enough to bring a rescue ship in response to an S. O. S. Every passenger was saved, and the necessity of radio was instantly realized—comparatively few ships were so equipped at the time. The result was laws making radio equipment mandatory, first on liners, then on freighters as well.

The next great disaster, April 14, 1912—one of the worst in marine history—was the Titanic, "marvel of the seas." Her bottom almost sliced off by a submerged iceberg, she went down in three hours, and 1,517 of the 2,340 persons aboard were lost. Out of that tragedy came the North Atlantic Ice Patrol, which checks on the movement of ice and warns all ships when danger appears. There has not been a sinking due to ice since.

The sinking of the Lusitania by a U-boat resulted in an agreement between the five great naval powers not to attack merchantmen in time of war.

In 1929 came the Vestris disaster. Beset by storm the ship listed until it sank with loss of 110 people. The inquiry developed that it had been overloaded, that its life-boats were in poor condition, and that there was innumerable other faults. It was said that the S. O. S. had been purposely delayed, because the Captain did not wish to force his company to pay salvage costs, and preferred to take a chance on making port. Consequences were a revised salvage law, and more stringent rules for inspecting ships.

The Morro Castle, latest of major disasters, will undoubtedly be of similar influence in strengthening maritime law. The inquiry on her sinking has not yet been completed, but already there are dark rumors of inefficiency, cowardice on the part of officers, callous disregard for dying passengers on the part of the crew, sabotage. However, the main points so far developed have to do with the liner's fire hazards—apparently she offered little resistance once a blaze was well started. Legislation will be offered to the next Congress to lessen the fire risk on all ships. Other nations will unquestionably follow—effective mar-

ine law must be international in scope. It is safe to say that on the ships of the future less wood and cloth will be used, and more metal and glass.

Thousands of lives have been lost needlessly in sea disasters—but it can be said that they have not been lost entirely in vain. Every catastrophe makes the operation of ships safer; every one lessens the chance of another disaster occurring.

Recent reports indicate that the long anticipated NRA reorganization will be effected in the near future. According to the Washington Post, which has a high batting average in announcing pending developments before official announcements, a policy-making board will be set up. Bernard Baruch and Raymond Moley will be among its members. General Johnson made his strike speech which almost ruined the President's more tactful settlement plans, and implied that on legal matters he had the advice of Supreme Court Justice Brandeis. This was tantamount to saying that a judge of the highest tribunal in the land, who will eventually help decide the constitutionality of the new legislation, had a hand in its making. It is said that the Justice hit the roof, as did the President.

Another development of interest comes from the United States Chamber of Commerce, foremost representative of industry. It is seeking an overhaul of New Deal laws. One of its committees has made a report holding that existing emergency agencies with stupendous spending power are operating without proper financial supervision, and recommends that measures be taken to give the President adequate power to directly control the spending.

Questionnaires Sent To Melon Growers

Questionnaires for all Tomato and Melon growers in Oregon and Washington have been sent to the county agents of the various counties by the Oregon-Washington Melon and Tomato Marketing Agreement.

These questionnaires which each grower is asked to fill in and forward to the central office at 516 Oregon Building, Portland, Oregon, will give the Agreement information on the number of growers, acreage and tonnage of crops in the two states. The information gained from these questionnaires will be used in determining the Agreement's policy for next year, and in getting an accurate count of growers.

"All growers are asked to fill in and return these cards as soon as possible," said Morton Tompkins, chairman of the Agreement's control board. "We want an accurate list of growers to whom we can go for opinions on various phases of our proposed program for 1935. As soon as this information is compiled, we're having a general meeting to shape plans for next year. Growers are urged to express their opinions and give any suggestions that might help to make the Agreement more effective."

"Our cause has been greatly strengthened by an opinion from Oregon's Attorney General Var Winkle in which he states that a violation of the Melon and Tomato Agreement is a violation of the State Agricultural Adjustment Act and dealers making violations are subject to revocation of license."

HI-WAYS TO HEALTH

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* MILK FOR MEN

It is the opinion of many prominent physicians who have a knowledge of food chemistry that for the adult milk is almost a perfect food. One practicing physician makes this statement regarding milk in the adult diet: "In the dietary of healthy adults, milk holds a prominent place. In the dietary of adult diseases it holds a pre-eminent place, and it is of greater value in the adult dietary arranged to prevent disease. Civilization's constantly accelerating rate of progress is changing the environmental conditions of the human race so rapidly that the human organism experiences difficulty in making the necessary adaptations. One way to lessen this evolutionary strain is by making the diet more easy; and an effective move in that direction can be made by including in the diet more milk and its products..."

Milk was the chief article of diet among certain superior peoples. For example, the Nomadic herdsmen, who used milk liberally, appear in history as conquerors of the settled agriculturalists, who lived more exclusively on grains. In more modern times in European countries, where peasants live on a diet containing large amounts of milk or cheese or both, the people are healthy and strong.

Milk contributes most of the food elements needed for promoting good positive health and protecting against disease. Its proteins are abundant in quantity and of excellent quality; also, the sugar of milk known as lactose, is easily fermentable and therefore has a tendency to retard putrefaction; the fat of milk is easily digested and palatable

it is high in minerals, notably calcium and phosphorus; and finally the vitamins of milk are complete in assortment and abundant in the case of some.

Milk is combined in many ways with other foods in making various dishes in preparing simple, palatable and nutritious meals for the adult.

Veal Cutlets with Potatoes
5 rib cutlets
3 eggs
Salt and pepper
2 cups fine bread crumbs.
6 tbsp. butter
2 1/2 cups milk
5 good sized potatoes
1/2 onion

Have the cutlets sliced about one inch thick. Remove the bone, and shape. A toothpick may be used to hold them together. Sprinkle them with salt and pepper and dip into the bread crumbs, then into the

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slightly beaten eggs and again in the bread crumbs. Put the butter into a hot skillet and as soon as it is sizzling hot, add cutlets and brown on both sides to a golden color. Have the potatoes pared and cut into quarters lengthwise. Place them in the skillet around the cutlets. Sprinkle with salt add onion cut finely and cover the whole with the milk. Cover the skillet with a close fitting lid and bake in a slow oven (300 deg) until the whole is tender, or about one hour. Serve on a hot platter with a few dashes of paprika over the top.

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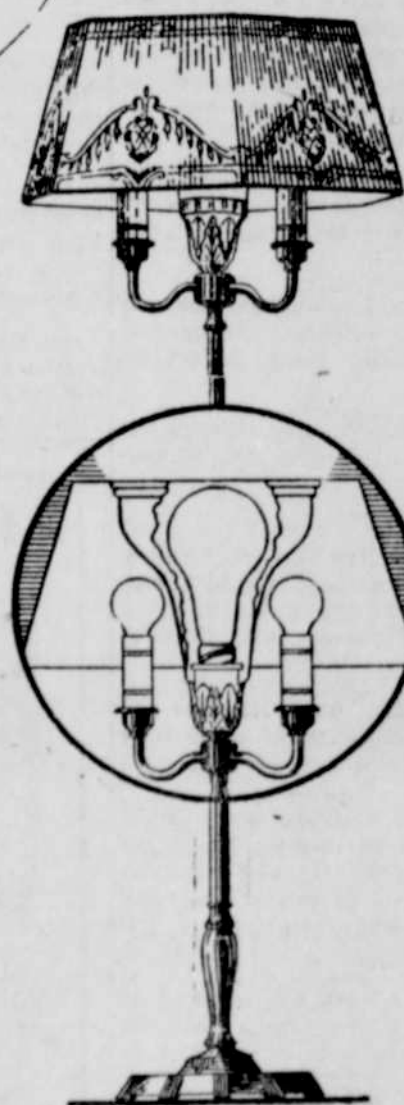
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