

GRAND DROP EASES FOOD BUDGET

In The Day's News

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REMEMBER Aristides?
He was an early Greek politician who succeeded in getting himself known as "the Just." He had a rickus with Themistocles over whether the army or the navy should be top dog; and the Greeks got so fed up with the dispute that they held an election to see which should be banished for ten years.

WHEREUPON, Plutarch, the historian, adds, Aristides took the man's ballot and without further parley marked it to banish himself. Anyway, he had a sense of humor. The Irish, like this Greek citizen of old, may just be getting tired of de Valera.

DEURING the war we got pretty peevish with the Irish, who seemed to be carrying their grudge against the English to the point where they were helping the Germans more than they were helping us. But we must remember that the memory of injustice lasts a long, long time, and her treatment of Ireland is one of the least creditable chapters in England's history.

THE news wires tell us this morning that Finland has delivered the last carload of prefabricated houses required of her as reparations to Russia (her penalty for being on the losing side.) She had eight years to make the payments, but did it in a little over three.

GRAIN prices are still slipping, but less rapidly. Some futures sales reported this morning at a higher price.

ARGENTINA, as we read today, is buying the British-owned Argentine railroads. The purchase price is reported to be in the neighborhood of \$60,000,000 which, the dispatches add, will provide that many DOLLARS with which Britain can pay for Argentine meat.

HOW do the British get DOLLARS from Argentina? It's perfectly simple. The Argentines get them from us and pay them to Britain. The economists call such transactions "three-cornered" exchange.

Pacific Takes Fishing Craft
VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 7 (CP)—Three crew members were drowned early today when the fish packer Amariyllis swamped and sank in heavy seas off Scarlett point, 350 miles north of here. Two others were rescued.

OVS Loan Fund Set Up
The "Marguerite M. Ward" revolving loan fund to tide Oregon Vocational school students over tight financial places was established today. The fund was amounting to \$200, donated by Mrs. Ward and her sons, Clarence and Willard.

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The coast guard soon afterward said the plane had reached safely. Full details were not immediately available.

Earlier, the plane had been reported making an emergency landing at sea about 80 miles from Jacksonville.

At word from the plane at 1:27 p. m. said: "We are ditching." This is a procedure in which an aircraft alights at sea under control and with passengers alerted and strapped in.

The plane was flight 611 flying Eastern's Boston-New York-West Palm Beach-Miami route.

Weather in the area of the reported "ditching" was very bad with an 800-foot ceiling and much fog.

The coast guard, which turned out a mighty hunt in a short time, said that search was being concentrated at latitude 30, longitude 79.30 and was covering a wide area. The exact position was that given by the plane and is about 100 miles east-southeast of Jacksonville.

The airliner reported its number three engine had failed and it was losing power and altitude shortly before the "ditching" message came.

More than a dozen rescue planes carrying droppable boats and rescue equipment winged out of the army, navy and coast guard fields from Florida to Elizabeth City, N. C.

Blimps were also dispatched, and an urgent call to surface craft in the vicinity to lend assistance was broadcast.

The coast guard said its first word of the plane's trouble came from the civil aeronautics administration.

Sawmills May Resume Work By Wednesday
Sawmill operators in the Klamath basin and in Northern California were advised today that by Wednesday of next week it is quite possible that operations may return to a normal basis.

All changes from the present restricted schedule is contingent on weather, however, and Sam Ritchey, district manager of the California Oregon Power company, said mill operators were advised of this fact.

The restricted schedule has been in effect since Wednesday of this week due to the loss of Pacific Gas and Electric's supply to Copco from the south.

"It looks brighter today," Ritchey said, "and there may be a possible release of restrictions by next Wednesday. Everything is contingent upon rains or moderate weather which will release the recently fallen snow in the watersheds in Northern California. This will enable PG&E to restore our supply. The PG&E advised us today that it expects one of its three steam plants to be back on the line Monday."

Extreme cold weather, such as this section is now experiencing, "seals" the streams and halts flow of the water necessary for power operations, Ritchey pointed out. If there is no let-up in the present cold spell and there is no rain in the south, the restrictions existing here on sawmill operations will continue.

WEATHER
Max. (Feb. 6) 35 Min. 5
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream stage in date 6.33
Last year 6.33 Normal 6.83
Forecast: Cloudy with snow tonight and Sunday

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Mercury Dips To Season Low

Slightly moderating temperatures elsewhere throughout the state of Oregon did not apply to Klamath Falls early today as the mercury here slipped to 5 degrees above zero, a seasonal low for the Klamath basin.

The weather bureau forecast a minimum of 10 degrees for the next 24 hours with a promise of snow tonight and Sunday. Maximum today was expected around 29 degrees with Sunday's high at 24.

Winter sports fans failed to have their spirits dampened by the cold weather and were preparing the heaviest trek to Crater Lake national park in several weeks. Rangers there said skiing should be excellent.

Taft Charges Demos Favor Fake Economy
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) accused the democratic administration today of a deliberate attempt to keep prices high for political reasons.

The idea, he said, is to "create an air of false prosperity" for the presidential election campaign.

Taft told a reporter he can put no other interpretation on the advisory announcement of Secretary of Agriculture Anderson that the government plans soon to buy 50,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Anderson disclosed this at a news conference Thursday after corn and wheat had dropped the legal limit of eight and 10 cents a bushel for two days in a row.

Usually the government's buying intentions are kept secret.

The announcement by Anderson was followed by a brief rise in wheat. But yesterday's market closed with the legal limit drop for the third consecutive time.

"Taft, a candidate for the GOP presidential nomination, said he thinks Anderson took an unusual course to boost sagging prices."

"The administration, which talks about bringing prices down, is afraid that they actually will come down," the Ohioan said. "Of course, they think their only chance of winning the November election is to keep prices up and create an air of false prosperity."

Taft and President Truman have gone after each other hammer and tongs over the issue of price controls.

Hall Slates Klamath Visit
The first visit of Governor John H. Hall to Klamath Falls since he took over the state's highest office following the death of Governor Earl Snell on October 28, is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, when he will be the guest speaker at the Lincoln Day banquet at the Willard.

The dinner meeting is sponsored by the Republican Central committee, Governor Hall, accompanied by Harry D. Bolvin of Klamath Falls, chairman of the Oregon State liquor commission, is also slated for a Lakeview visit on Friday, February 13.

The governor's topic will be "Lincoln Day—1948." Governor and Mrs. Hall will be guests at the Willard while here. Several affairs are being arranged for Mrs. Hall during her stay.

Tickets for the Lincoln Day banquet may be obtained through Mrs. William DeCew, room 8, courthouse, or by calling 6259. Wyatt Padgett is dinner chairman.

Lower Hemline An Auto Menace
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7 (AP)—The American Automobile association is the latest group to oppose the longer hemlines for women.

Lower your hemline, cautions Burton W. Marsh, traffic engineering and safety director for the auto club, and you lower your chances of survival as a pedestrian.

The reason, Marsh explains, "is that feminine legs, clad in light-colored stockings, catch the car driver's eye, particularly at night."

Blowtorch Sets Sacking Blaze
The city fire department answered a call at 10:40 a. m. today to 2535 Bly and found the fire stemming from frozen water pipes. The pipes had been wrapped in burlap sacking which had frozen stiff and the residents used a blow-torch to thaw them out, causing a fire.

Little damage resulted from the fire the department reported, returning to the station at 11:07 a. m.

Food Botulism Fatal To One
PRINEVILLE, Ore., Feb. 7 (AP)—Mrs. Ella Carnagle was in a hospital here today after a meal that she had recently ill and killed C. M. Daniels, 68, Prineville.

Dr. Evan W. Thomas said he suspected botulism in home-preserved vegetables served at Mrs. Carnagle's home in South Junction near here yesterday.

Samples of the food were taken for analysis.

Runaway Craft Down In Swamp
OSHAWA, Ont., Feb. 7 (AP)—An airplane ran away from its pilot, rose to 5000 feet and flew some 70 miles before crashing in near here.

The little two-seater crashed into a swamp close to Grafton yesterday only after it had used up all its gas in a 30-minute flight.

Its pilot, Stan Fraser, had spun the propeller with the throttle open and the plane had taken to the air before he could get in. It dived down lee-covered Lake Simcoe and was airborne in a matter of seconds.

Warren Smokes Pipe Of Peace
SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 7 (AP) Presidential Aspirant Earl Warren may further qualify himself tomorrow to become the Great White Father in Washington.

He has a rendezvous with the Redskins to smoke the pipe of peace at historic Sutter's Fort.

A Pomo Indian runner, beaded and feathered Tommy McWhinnery, brought the invitation. Warren indicated he'd keep the date—just like any other presidential candidate offered a Redskin headdress.

Dionne Lassies Are Aunts Now
NORTH BAY, Ont., Feb. 7 (AP)—The Dionne quintuplets, who will be 14 next May 28, are aunts now.

Their first niece was born yesterday in St. Joseph's hospital here. She weighed seven pounds.

She is the first child of her elder brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dionne, and the first grandchild of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olivia Dionne of nearby Callander.

China Outlook Getting Worse
PEIPING, Feb. 7 (AP)—A steady worsening of the Chinese government's military position in Manchuria was reported in pro-nationalist dispatches today.

These communist successes were acknowledged.

Capture of Liaoyang, important railway city 35 miles south of the big Manchurian city of Mukden; Infiltration of Yingkow, the best government port in Manchuria, and:

Complete isolation of the government-held steel city of Anshan, 15 miles south of Liaoyang on the Mukden-Dairen railway.

The noise around Mukden proper was tightened with increasingly heavy attacks on Suchiatun, only seven miles away. The dispatches said prices in Mukden were roughly five times those in Shanghai, where inflation has sent them to almost prohibitive heights.

In Anshan, many deaths were reported from shortages of food and fuel. Power lines there were cut.

Admiral Takes Over Command
TARANTO, Italy, Feb. 7 (AP)—Vice Adm. Forrest Sherman assumed command of the United States Mediterranean fleet today in ceremonies aboard his flagship, the cruiser Portsmouth.

The retiring commander, Adm. B. H. Bierl, decorated Capt. Richard Matthew Thompson of the Portsmouth with the Bronze Star medal for acts of bravery between August, 1943, and August, 1944, in the Pacific area.

Vice Admiral Sherman told newsmen the United States will not increase the strength of its naval forces in the Mediterranean. He said the Portsmouth will return to the United States early in March and will be replaced by the cruiser Rochester.

Coppers Corral Gue Plant Nags
DES MOINES, Feb. 7 (AP)—Police-men staged an impromptu cowboy act here today after 24 horses rebelled against their prospective fate and broke out of a glue factory corral.

A police crew soon trapped 10 of the horses at one spot, got four more in a schoolyard, and then began roundup of stragglers in ones and twos.

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Tense Action In Chicago's Wheat Pit



Grain traders frantically use hand signals as they engage in a riot of activity in the wheat pit at the Chicago commodity exchange. Grain quotations have been slumping alarmingly this week and much of the activity is coming from persons who want to get rid of their holdings, profits or no profits. —AP wirephoto.

FBI Captures Pilots Hired For Bomb Trip

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 7 (AP)—The FBI announced today the arrest in Miami and New Orleans of five men who, agents charged, had been hired to fly in a "bombing action" against an unidentified Latin American country.

The five men were identified as Edward Brown Jr., arrested in Miami, Fla., and Harry A. Snow, Charles Pavlick, Kenneth J. Newcomer and Henry K. Baker, all arrested at New Orleans.

The announcement said that Capt. Olin D. Mason, identified as a fifth member of the group, had been AWOL from Oliver General hospital at Augusta, Ga., and was being returned to the United States via Panama by military authorities.

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, said the men were charged with violation of the neutrality act.

The five, he said, flew two surplus navy PBV airplanes from Bush field, Georgia, to Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, on January 26—planes which the FBI chief said were to be used "in a bombing action as part of a revolutionary plot against the present government of a Latin American country."

Snow and Mason, who were supposed to receive \$30,000 apiece for their parts in the plot, were pilots of the two planes, the announcement said.

Price Decline Hasn't Reached Retail Level
The slump in the national grain market was reflected in Klamath Falls this morning when one big wholesale house advised a 20-cent drop in flour, bringing the Saturday price to \$8 per 100-pound sack. The drop was not seen in retail stores, however, and will probably not appear until new purchases are made by the merchants.

No drop in bread prices were reported here today as bakers continued using flour they had purchased on the higher price level. One large bakery house here said there probably would be no drop in bread prices as most of the bakers on the west coast had contracted flour at the old price up until the July-August market.

There was another drop in a vital kitchen commodity—lard. One store this morning reported a four-cent drop. Vegetable shortening, as important to the cook as lard, dropped 2 cents this week and this was reflected in some retail stores today.

Biggest drop to the consumer was noted in feed grains and scratch feeds. These will go into effect Monday morning, locally, one large wholesale house advised this morning.

Open Gas Jet Slays Family

TACOMA, Feb. 7 (AP)—An elderly couple and a two and a half year old boy were killed here last night and early today by escaping illuminating gas.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. James I. Porter, both 65, were found dead in their rooms at 6:15 p. m. last night by another resident of their apartment house. Coroner Paul Mellinger said they had been asphyxiated by illuminating gas from an open jet in the kitchen stove.

Gary Roy, the boy, was found unconscious in bed by his mother when she returned home at 1:15 a. m. today. Two burners were open on the kitchen stove. He was dead when brought to the hospital. Mellinger said he believed all the deaths were accidental.

Large AA eggs here dropped two cents this past week.

A wholesale distributor said that the cost of part of the ingredients has been cut but labor and power and other essentials in business operations, remained firm.

Omar Bradley Takes Office
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—With President Truman looking on, the army's top command changed hands today.

General Omar B. Bradley took over as chief of staff from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, his West Point classmate of younger days.

Bradley took the oath of office in a brief but impressive ceremony at the Pentagon building.

Eisenhower administered the oath. At its conclusion he asked Bradley if he swore to support his office. Bradley replied with the customary formal "I do." Eisenhower said: "With those words you have a job."

Secretary of the Army Royal H. Ingham presented Bradley with the document of office.

Eisenhower received from Mr. Truman a third oak-leaf cluster for his distinguished service medal. This was in recognition of meritorious duty as chief of staff.

Second Triplet Set Doing Okay
SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 7 (AP)—Mrs. Margaret Walker's second set of triplets were "doing very nicely" today.

But Syracuse general hospital cautiously kept the one-in-a-million triumvirate in an oxygen tent.

The 46-year-old mother was "doing very nicely," too, the hospital said, and the father, Michael, took a turn for the better.

"I should be used to it by now," he observed.

The Walkers, who are buying their four-bedroom house on a factory repairman's salary, now have nine children.

What A Place For A Wreck---
CHICAGO, Feb. 7 (AP)—A geographical quirk made a traffic mishap an investigation problem for three police departments.

A truck and two automobiles collided without injury to anyone yesterday at an intersection of three suburban communities, at Roosevelt road and Harlem avenue.

One car was knocked into Oak park, the other into Forest park. The truck rolled into Berwyn, and its load of corn spilled into all three towns.

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Some Wheat Futures Hit Limit Slide

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (AP)—Reports of price reductions in three important items in the family budget—bread, flour and lard—came today after a four-day drop of grain prices.

Additional reductions were predicted.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co. in Cleveland announced its 20-ounce loaf of bread would drop Monday from 15 to 14 cents. The food chain operates in 18 states.

A spokesman for the chain added that reductions on other foods probably including some flour and meat items, were planned for some areas.

In the Chicago grain pit, meanwhile, the market made a stab at advancing but with only minor success. The stock market did better, edging ahead for the first time this week. Cotton also improved.

Some wheat and corn contracts, mainly those calling for delivery within the next three or four months, again plunged the allowed 10-cent limit, as they have done for the past three days. Later contracts managed to tack on small gains at times. Oats showed independent strength.

Lard Reduced
News of reductions in flour and lard came from all over the country. The cut in lard generally amounted to 4 cents a pound and in flour 4 cents per 10-pound bag.

One of the cheeriest predictions for the housewife was made by A. W. Zelomek of New York, president of the International Statistical Bureau, a private research organization.

Zelomek, speaking at Cincinnati, forecast a 20 to 25 per cent drop in commodity prices within nine months. Most other forecasts were less definite.

Whether the initial crevice in the high cost of living would widen to a definite break was uncertain.

Top-level government economists, on a "don't quote me" basis, didn't believe retail food prices would touch the current sag on the exchanges. They saw the wholesale decline as a healthy adjustment rather than a sign of abrupt collapse.

In its psychological effect, one said, the drop in futures quotations "will strengthen consumer resistance to high prices."

Halt Indicated
Paul S. Willis, president of the Grocery Manufacturers of America, said, "unless other cost factors, such as labor, offset lower commodity levels, halt to the upward price movement is indicated."

He pointed out that GMA members, who include the majority of the nation's makers of processed and packaged foods, base their prices not on daily variations but on an average of raw material costs over weeks or months.