

MEAT INDUSTRY NEARLY NORMAL

Progress During Last Year
Shown in Report of Depart-
ment of Agriculture.

FOREIGN TRADE STANDS WELL

Despite Increased Production of All
Meats, Export Levels and Writings,
Gold Savings Holdings Were
Smaller.

Washington.—Progress toward normal conditions in the meat industry was made during last year, the annual review of the meat industry of the Department of Agriculture declared. It says that although industrial disturbances somewhat hampered the manufacture and distribution of meat products and reduced consumption, nevertheless, increased employment of the industrial population and market activity in the building trades had a stimulating effect on meat trade. This improvement became more and more evident as the year progressed, business in October, 1934, being reported as the best for any single month in two years.

The lowered purchasing power of the currency of some European countries which are ordinarily large importers of meats from this country tended to curtail our exports somewhat. All things considered, however, the volume of foreign trade in meats was maintained surprisingly well.

Fast Pork Shipments.

A feature of the export trade was the movement of an experimental shipment of pork products from Chicago to Liverpool in less than eight days. Throughout the journey this shipment was given preferential treatment, yet the rapidly with which it was made, compared with the two weeks or more usually required, indicated great possibilities in enabling packers in this country to compete in foreign markets with those countries which have the advantage of being close to European markets.

Despite increased production of all kinds of meat, except lamb and veal, cold storage holdings during 1934 averaged considerably lower than during the preceding year.

Imported slaughter of cattle in the United States for 1934 amounted to 4,071,000 head, compared with 3,698,200 head for 1933, an increase of 1,036,800 head, or slightly more than 14 per cent. The increase was divided about equally between head received from western packing centers and that produced by local slaughtering establishments.

Lower Prices Recorded.
Although supplies showed a gain over the preceding year, demand failed to improve sufficiently to maintain prices at the 1933 levels. The average price of good and medium steer head at four markets—Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago—for 1934 was 79 cents lower per 100 pounds than for the preceding year.

Cattle slaughtered under federal inspection in the United States numbered 4,181,000 head, compared with 3,807,000 for 1933, an increase of 374,000, or 9.8 per cent. Supplies at the three eastern markets, including both western dressed receipts and local slaughter, increased about 5.3 per cent over 1933, the total for 1934 being 1,705,514 carcasses.

Veal prices showed the usual fluctuations. In contrast with increases in other classes of live stock, imported slaughter of sheep and lambs in the United States for 1934 decreased approximately 15.9 per cent, compared with 1933. This slaughter totaled 10,028,941 head in 1934, compared with 12,004,905 during 1933, a decrease of 2,075,964 animals.

Decreased supplies of lamb and a generally active market resulted in considerably higher prices than those of 1933.

Inspected slaughter of hogs during 1934 was approximately 10 per cent greater than during 1933. The 1934 figure of 43,106,036, compared with 38,942,506 for 1933, represented an increase of 4,121,278 carcasses, or about 10.6 per cent.

Increased supplies, however, were accompanied by lower average prices.

DROPS IN AFTER 34 YEARS

Long Thought Dead, Brother Who Had
Mysteriously Disappeared, Calls
on His Sister.

Versailles, Ky.—Mysteriously disappearing from his home 34 years ago and declared to be dead after efforts of his relatives to find him proved to be fruitless, Ben Hinton, formerly of Woodford county, elder son of the late D. Porter Hinton, of a prominent Woodford county family, appeared at the home of his sister, Mrs. Wilbur Thornton in Kansas City, according to a message received here.

No particulars were given in the message as to Hinton's whereabouts during the last 34 years.

Shakes Drink Red Liquor.
Goldens, N. C.—Two hunters from here built a fire in the woods by a fallen tree. They left for a time and upon returning found a large black snake, coiled by the fire, had come forth, drank their quart of corn liquor and then disappeared.

COMMUNISM STRONGER

Anti-Religious Attitude Grows
Among Russian Peasants.

Christmas Abandoned as Holiday by
Peasant Villagers in Some Sections
And in Some Instances Churches
Have Been Destroyed.

Moscow.—Communism among the Russian peasantry is said by Soviet officials to be on the increase. As evidence of this it is pointed out that great numbers of peasants have openly assumed an anti-religious attitude in various parts of the country.

Not only has Christmas been abandoned as a holiday by peasant villagers in different sections, but in some instances, it is announced, destruction of churches has actually begun. Many wooden houses of worship have been torn down, it is stated, where timber is scarce, and the material used as firewood in the homes of the peasants. At the same time, the peasants, who, at the time of the war, would have considered anything of the sort as violently sacrilegious.

In the Boudiansk district recently the peasants of several villages decided to sell the church bells and with the proceeds to purchase horses for their farms.

Several churches are to be demolished in the Boudiansk region and the brick and other materials sold to the highest bidder. The money derived from the sale of the church property is to be divided among the peasants, who have pledged themselves to purchase agricultural machinery.

A recent article in the newspaper Pravda, of Moscow, pointing to the extinction of the church in Russia, reads in part as follows:

"Having done with splitting the church, the time has now come for us to destroy. In Soviet Russia there is no place for church reform, and we must complete liquidation of the church and religion. We have no need of a Soviet church. We must sweep the church out of our path, for it stands progress toward culture."

DEAD MAN A SILAS MARNER

Pennsylvania Left His Money Behind
About Home—\$5,500 Found.

Bradford, Pa.—Some time after the death of Fred Smith of this place it was discovered his home was a sort of treasure chest, with money hidden in unexpected places. Smith, who lived alone in simple fashion, was an aged carpenter. No one who knew him suspected he had any money.

So far nearly \$5,000 has been discovered, the majority of which he had hidden about his home. There was also \$750 in a local bank. The first finds were made in an old clock and a bureau. The two hiding places yielded more than \$3,000.

The last find of any importance was made by a local undertaker, who unearthed an old sugar sack in the cellar which contained \$666 in silver dollars, half dollars and other change.

So far as is known Smith left no will and had no relatives.

LIVING COSTS IN EUROPE UP

France and Italy Show Advances in
Last Year—Swiss Prices
Again Soaring.

Paris.—The cost of living is becoming steadily more general throughout the world except in certain European countries, notably France, Italy, Germany and Poland, according to statistics compiled by the International Labor bureau.

In France prices have been rising steadily since February, 1932, while living costs in Italy have been increasing since last May.

Swiss prices, after being fairly stable last summer, began to show signs of soaring in October.

Only Eight, Boy Preaches in Pulpit.
Greenville, Tex.—Mayo Cleveland, eight years old, so far as is known here, is the world's youngest licensed preacher. Mayo delivered his first sermon to a large congregation at the Kingston Baptist church, Baptist about three weeks ago, he expressed desire to become a duly ordained minister. His request was granted.

Contractor's Tough Hide Flattens Guard's Bullet

Fort Smith.—A tough hide comes in handy sometimes, says T. D. Westmoreland, a Clarksville contractor.

Westmoreland was standing in front of a bank here about five o'clock in the afternoon when a revolver in the hand of Lige Hactor, one of the bank guards, who was inside, was discharged accidentally. The bullet ricocheted several times around the marble walls of the bank lobby. Finally darted through a front window and struck Westmoreland, penetrating his clothes and flattening out against his back.

Westmoreland leaped high in the air and the bullet dropped down his trousers leg and fell on the pavement. Westmoreland picked up the flattened leaden missile, rubbed his back and remarked: "D—n those bullets, anyway."

CARRY CHANGE IN BAGS

Foreigners Carry Switches to Ex-
change Money in Germany.

Common Sight in the Streets to See
British or French Visitors Bearing
Large Packages of Bills
Wrapped in Paper.

Cologne, Germany.—The tremendous depreciation of the mark to a point little above the level of the Austrian crown and the Russian ruble, besides creating a boom in the business of hand valises and small suitcases, has caused several amusing incidents in banks and money brokers' offices.

It is a common sight in Cologne and other cities in the Ruhr to see foreigners, Americans, British or French, emerge from the banks bearing large packages of bills loosely wrapped up in newspaper. A party of French correspondents came to Cologne from Basel the other day to change some French money. They were all millionaires when they returned to the Ruhr in the evening. They had changed 1,000 francs each.

A British visitor walked up to the cashier's window and presented a check drawn on a London bank. The cashier was duly impressed, informed and perfectly in order. The cashier glanced at the check and the amount read two pence.

For a long time the bank employee scribbled figures on a sheet of paper, looking upon the Tommy with increasing misgivings. He had a suspicion the visitor wanted to have a little fun with him.

Finally, the German cashier threw away his pen in disgust, began rummaging through his cash drawer and after a few minutes handed the Tommy the amount of the check. A few bystanders who had appeared much interested in the proceedings winked audibly at the British visitor, who left without smiling. The joke was on him.

The German cashier had passed out two English copper pennies.

WOMAN HELPS TO RUN SHIP

As Much Engineer She Settles As
Landing Storms in British
Steamer.

Baltimore.—Who says "woman's place is in the home?" asks Miss Grandolyn Robson, sixth engineer of the British steamship Valonia City, just arrived at Locust Point from Middlesbrough, England. Miss Robson is the second woman in the world to try her hand as an engineer in a deep-water vessel, according to the crew.

And a fine engineer she is, too, say

the men. For three months she has been helping the Valonia City fight North Atlantic storms and has proved herself the equal of almost any man aboard.

Miss Robson is said to be a member of a wealthy Welsh family. During the war she served in the Women's Auxiliary Corps, known as the "Tommyettes."

Having a fondness for the sea and for machinery she decided to try a career as a sea-going engineer.

HEN LAYS EGGS IN A CHAIR

Apparently She Picked at Door for Ad-
mission to House, That Makes
for Odd Nest.

Sanford, Ind.—Mrs. Geaverton of Sharpsburg, Ind., has a very interesting nest and her peculiar method has created much interest in the family. Beginning last fall, the hen would peck at the door for admittance and, when admitted, would look about the room until she found a rocking chair and then lay an egg in the chair's seat.

For the last few days she has refused her visits to every other day, but she will for admittance about 11 o'clock and is very regular in her visits. She selects the same chair every time and remains in the house only long enough to lay an egg and when her work is done leaves of her own accord to depart.

Man Falls Into Flaming Furnace; Escapes Injury

London.—A Bath man named Paradise has had the startling experience of falling into and being rescued from an enormous furnace that roared with flame, says the London Daily Express.

He was engaged in feeding refuse into the dust destructor at Bath, when he slipped down one of the fire holes, ten feet deep. The furnace is kept at white heat day and night, and was blazing with flame at the moment when Paradise fell in.

He had the great luck to alight on an "island" of refuse, which had not yet taken fire, but the heat around him was terrific, and in a few moments he would have been beyond help.

A comrade named Morgan leaped to the rescue, leaped down the hole, gripped Paradise's hands and drew him up, alive, but burned to some extent from contact with the furnace wall.

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law by transferring lands.
Tillamook is now town with several
hundred houses and big sawmill.

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growers union.

The legislature created 105 new
jobs at the expense of the taxpayers.
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