

SLUMP IN PRICES.

Wheat, Corn and Pork All Show Decline.

COST OF LIVING MAY BE LESS.

Belief That the Tide of Speculative Inflation Which Has Swept the Country Has Reached Its Maximum.

Chicago, April 19.—Wheat has dropped 2½ cents in the last twenty-four hours, selling at \$1.05½ for May. This is a smash of 9 to 10½ cents from the high point of about a month ago, when prices were the highest of the season.

Corn, which has been on the down grade for two months, is selling at 56½ cents for May, a loss of 14 cents from the high point in January. Oats have declined 7 cents in the same time.

It is said that the vast tide of speculative inflation which has swept the country for the last three years has reached its maximum and that a lower level for all values is in order, and possibly there will be a decrease in the cost of living if the retailers who exact excessive margins of profit can be forced to work for less.

The Patton interest in the market is confined solely to September, which is a new crop future. He is short 4,000,000 bushels of corn, and his followers in all have 10,000,000 bushels sold recently, part of which has been bought in at a profit. Patton's profits in corn cannot be estimated, but they are more than enough to take care of any losses in wheat or cotton.

It is the talk of the board of trade that there has been a killing of several million dollars made by Adolph J. Lichstein, who is one of the largest speculators in the trade. He was short 10,000,000 bushels May wheat and has procured a big profit on it. He also had a big line of short corn out and has been covering it for a week, some of which is said to pay 10 cents profit. It is the first killing in corn that he has had in two years. There is corn to burn in Chicago, more than 11,000,000 bushels, the largest stock in years.

Hog men is the cheapest in months, there having been a sensational drop in prices of \$6.15 a barrel in May pork, 2½ cents a pound in lard and short ribs within about thirty days.

Michael and John Cudahy have been big winners on the advance and decline in provision prices, their profits being well up in the millions. They caught the market at a low level and went out at the top, taking the short side. The country speculators, who bet on the scarcity of hogs making high prices for hogs and cured product making high prices all spring and summer, have been enormous losers.

Another Great Peak.
During his recent expedition in the Himalayas Dr. T. G. Longstaff discovered a new chain of the Karakoram range, containing a group of immense peaks, one of which, Teram Kangri, situated in about latitude 35 degrees 30 minutes, longitude 77 degrees, rises, according to his measurements, to the stupendous elevation of 27,610 feet. Only Mount Everest, Kinchinjunga, K2 and Makalu are known to have a greater height than this. The newly discovered peak is said to be the culminating point of a totally distinct massif, which has hitherto appeared on no map. Dr. Longstaff has also discovered that the Slachen (Saichar) glacier is the longest in the Himalayas and probably the largest outside Alaska and the polar regions. Its length is more than forty-four miles.

One Story and a Jump.
The old house which was once the home of Samuel Arnold, the friend of Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Abraham Lincoln, is no more. It was the popular belief that the Lincoln conspiracy was formed in this house, as it was the home of Samuel Arnold. The house was supposed to be about a hundred years old. It was of quaint architectural design and was one story and a "jump." The first floor contained three rooms and the "jump" two. It was probably built by George Arnold, father of Samuel Arnold. Mr. Trainor bought it about twenty years ago from Mrs. Orlan Jackson of Washington. Several times he started to raze the old building, but refrained on account of its supposed historical value.—Baltimore Sun.

Deaf Mutes.
In beginning to teach deaf mutes the art of speech they are first placed before a mirror and taught to form with their lips the vowel sound.

Brooms.
Nearly all the high grade brooms of the world are made in the United States, where, too, they are for the most part sold, though some of the inferior grades are sent abroad. It is a peculiar fact that Europeans generally cling to the old style broom of twigs and do not look with favor upon the modern American broom.

Perfume Perfumes.
The records left by the Phoenicians, Assyrians and ancient Persians show that among all those nations the use of perfumes was very common.

MORE TAINTED MONEY.

If Charity Won't Accept, Where, Then, Must it Go?

A Chicago charity has refused to accept a legacy from a murderer on the ground that it is "tainted money." All "tainted money" has to go somewhere. Why isn't charity the best use to which it can be put?

Much cheap reputation has been gained by different institutions by declining to receive "tainted money." But there is a great deal of cant about the whole business.

It might be well enough to let "tainted money" alone if nobody else would touch it. But somebody is sure to get it. The "taint" follows the money. These refusals look too much like willingness to avoid contamination yourself while you rest serene in the consciousness that your brother is going to be polluted. That is not Christianity.

All money is more or less "tainted." There is not a single dollar which goes into circulation which is not liable to be put to base uses. The fact is, money is a mere counter on the poker table of life.

Fish That is Fearless.
The boldness of a pike is very extraordinary. I have seen one follow a bait within a foot of the spot where I have been standing, and the head keeper of Richmond Park assured me that he was once washing his hand at the side of a boat in the great pond in that park when a pike made a dart at it and he had but just time to withdraw it.

A gentleman now residing at Weybridge in Surrey informed me that walking one day by the side of the River Key, near that town, he saw a large pike in a shallow creek. He immediately pulled off his coat, tucked up his shirt sleeves and went into the water to intercept the return of the fish to the river and to endeavor to throw it under the bank by getting his hands upon it.

During this attempt the pike, finding he could not make his escape, seized one of the arms of the gentleman and lacerated it so much that the wound is still very visible.

Origin of Hospitals.
The only hospitals in antiquity were for slaves and soldiers. The rise of hospitals is wrapped in mystery, but beyond a doubt they are the product of Christian teaching. It is pretty certain that hospitals arose out of the early homes for travellers and the poor. The institution is clearly of Eastern origin. About 370 A. D. Basilus founded the famous hospital Caesarea. St. Augustine speaks of hospitals as being quite new in his day. In 498-514 Pope Symmachus built three in Rome. In the sixth century there was a very large one in Lyons. In fact, about this time they appear all over the pale of Christendom.

Umbrella on Horseback.
The late Duc de Sagan set many a fashion among French dandies, and among others that of wearing a single eyeglass with a very wide black ribbon—a practice followed for many years by Parisians who wished to look smart. In one respect, however, his most faithful admirers refused to follow the Duke. This was when he took to carrying an umbrella on horseback. He first indulged in this eccentricity at a race meeting. When a shower came down and the leader of fashion was seen to be holding an umbrella over himself and his horse, the sensation was immense. No one ventured to imitate him, however, and ultimately he abandoned the practice.

Darwin's Religion.
Darwin came of Unitarian stock, and was never much of a believer in theological systems. In reply to a question that had been put to him in a letter he wrote over his own signature: "I do not believe that any revelation has ever been made." Upon the questions of God and the future life he was an out-and-out agnostic, claiming that they were matters that had never been settled and concerning which he had no right to make any statement. He never once denied the existence of a personal God or a future for men after death, but contented himself with saying, "I know nothing about them, one way or the other."

The Bull and the Bullet.
M. Charles Vagioni, a newspaper man of Marseilles, was walking in the streets of that city last night when three revolver shots rang out. He felt a bullet strike him and called for assistance. Taken by a chemist's shop it was found that the ball, deflected by his clothing, had opened a hole from which he had been suffering. He expressed himself as happy that the bullet had saved him a surgical operation.

Lemon Syrup.
Squeeze the juice from twelve lemons, add to it the grated yellow rind of six, and allow to stand over night. In the morning take six pounds of loaf sugar and add to it just enough water to make it into a thick syrup, let it boil until rich and thick, then set aside until cool. Strain the lemon juice, pressing the oil from the grated rind. Bottle and cork tightly. Add one or two tablespoonsful to each glass of iced water.—Green's Fruit Grower.

All Through With Him.
The professional point of view is rarely that of the humanitarian. A passenger on a London omnibus, says a writer in sketch, calls out to the conductor:
"Ere, there! Whoa! There's an old chap fallen off the bus!"
"All right!" responds the conductor, cheerfully. "E's paid his fare."

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

John Haskings, One Armed Golf Champion.



John Haskings, who is credited with the one armed golf championship of England, is about to descend upon this country. He is due to arrive within the next two weeks or so, and as he is coming for the sole purpose of trying to arrange a match for the world's championship one armed players had better be preparing to look after their laurels. Haskings is said to have beaten all the one armed golfers of Europe, played around the famous championship links of Hoylake in seventy-eight strokes and done other marvelous things, and all with the one hand.

Olympic Games in Sweden.
Much interest is being taken throughout Sweden in the Olympic games, which are to be revived in Stockholm two years hence, in the month of June. The general arrangements for the meeting have already been made by the international Olympic committee, of which Baron Pierre de Coubertin of Paris is the pioneer and president, and the Swedish Olympic committee, of which the crown prince is honorary president. Colonel Black, chairman, and Kristan Hellstrom, secretary, have nearly completed arrangements for certain games and races.
The great event will be the Marathon race over a course of forty and two-tenths kilometers. The Swedes will enlarge the Greek pentathlon to what is termed the "stokamp," with ten contests, comprising running, hurdle racing, discus and javelin throwing, putting the shot and jumping. The meeting will be drawn up with the leading idea of preserving the ancient Greek model, and the events associated with the British Olympic—motorboat racing, lawn tennis and archery—will therefore be eliminated. The awards will be made on the point system, so that the competitors of the highest average merit in all the events will win.

How Cheney Became a Pitcher.
An accident to a fellow player was the cause of Larry Cheney of the Cincinnati Nationals becoming a pitcher. Larry broke into baseball when a kid as a first baseman and catcher, but one day, when the pitcher of his team at Belleville, Kan., was injured early in a game, he went into the box and made a good showing. He had nothing but speed and became a winner almost immediately.
Cheney's professional career began in Topeka in 1906. He played with that club about half of that season and was then sent back to Bartlettville. In 1907 he was secured by the Chicago White Sox; but, as the Sox had won the world's championship the year before, he was not looked over very carefully.
Last year he pitched for the Indianapolis club of the American association and made as good a record as any pitcher in the league. The first game he pitched after recovering from the injury which kept him out of the game for a long time was a one hit battle, the lone hit being made off him in the tenth inning.

European Baseball Invasion.
President Charles A. Comiskey of the Chicago Americans has planned a European trip which may be the forerunner of a veritable baseball invasion if success again should perch on the south side team. Immediately after the close of the present baseball season Comiskey will leave Chicago for New York, sailing for Queenstown.

America's Cup Yachts Sold.
Two America's cup yachts were sold in New York recently to be sent to the Caribbean in the turtle fishing trade. They are the Volunteer, the last of the old guard of racing craft, and the Vigilant, the first of the new. Edward S. Reiss bought the Volunteer from Captain Charles Barr and the Vigilant from William E. Iselin.

Bresnahan to Be on the Job.
Manager Roger Bresnahan of the St. Louis Nationals states that he will catch as many games as conditions and circumstances will permit this season. He would be able to give his club more service were he to avoid too frequent ejections by the umpires.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Said All He Knew.

Meeting her, he was in a state of breathless, almost wordless, delight, as was proved when he attempted to talk. "I did not intend to come tonight," she remarked calmly.
"What? You didn't?"
"But then I remembered that you said you thought it would be a pleasant—"
"What? You did?"
"But I couldn't make up my mind until the last minute—"
"What? You couldn't?"
"Because, you know, I don't really care so much for going where there isn't dancing—"
"What? You don't?"
"Yet, after all, I'm glad I came—"
"What? You are?"
"Because I always enjoy meeting you—"
"What? You do?"
"But I must go home early—"
"What? You must?"
"And if my sister and her husband stay later I will let you take me home."
"What? You will?"
He had exhausted his vocabulary and could only stare at her in speechless bliss.—Madeline Bridges in Puck.

Badly Handicapped.

Jane—There was one thing about the beginning of our engagement that I never liked.
Mary—Tell me all about it, dear. What was the trouble?
Jane—It was tame, painfully tame.
"Tame? Why was it tame?"
"It happened last summer, you know. We were out in a canoe when Sylvester proposed, and neither of us dared to move the least bit for fear of tipping over."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Cut She Wanted.

"Good morning, Mr. Cleaver," said the blushing young bride to the butcher. "What have you that is nice this morning?"
"I have cuts of all kinds, Mrs. Birdy," replied the butcher. "Any kind you ask for I will gladly let you have."
"Fine," said the lady. "I'll take a cut in the price of beef—about 50 per cent, please."—Harper's Weekly.

Her Excuse.

"Why—er—yes," Miss Goodley admitted, "perhaps you did hear me telling the minister I was only twenty-two."
"Oh, I'm surprised," exclaimed Miss Gaddie, "and you a Sabbath school teacher too!"
"But," Miss Goodley protested, "the minister himself has told us it's always better to underestimate a thing than to exaggerate."—Catholic Standard and Times.

The Streamer Ticket.

"Them railways haven't much consideration for the boys that sell newspapers and magazines," said Farmer Cornstossel.
"What makes you think so?"
"I bought a ticket last week to visit my son-in-law out west. It had enough reading matter on it to keep me interested all the time I wasn't eatin' lunch."—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

Natural Inference.

The chronic muck raker's wife looked up from her evening paper. "Another great man's birthplace is to be restored," she remarked.
"About time," growled the chronic muck raker. "From whom did he steal it?"—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Sure of Himself.

"I'll give you a position as clerk to start with," said the merchant, "and pay you what you are worth. Is that satisfactory?"
"Oh, perfectly!" replied the college graduate. "But—er—do you think the firm can afford it?"—Lippincott's.

Reached the Limit.

"You can't get a spring suit until you settle up for the last," said the exasperated tailor.
"On my word!" exclaimed Guests Gunn in amazement.
"No, not on your word or your note, either."—Pittsburg Press.

A Good Companion.

"I like that man."
"Why?"
"When I tell him my troubles he doesn't come back at me with a history of the horrible things he has experienced."—Detroit Free Press.

How He Pulls Through.

"How does he spend the spring days?"
"Well, in the morning he digs in the garden, and in the afternoon he cusses out the congressman that sent him the seed."—Atlanta Constitution.

Not in His Line.

Miss Hogerty—Oh, present a sign in yer window sayin' ye preserve skins. Can ye do anything for mine?
Taxidermist—I'm afraid not, madam. I might if you were a lion or a hippopotamus.—Life.

Something Like It.

Redd—I see you've lost a front tooth. Did you take gas?
Greene—It was knocked out by an automobile. By the way, I did get a whiff of the gasoline.—Yonkers Statesman.

The Expenses.

"Does your son do much speeding in his new machine?"
"Does he? It is about as much as I can do to keep him in fines."—Baltimore American.

POINTS REGARDING THE CENSUS.

The census begins Apr. 15 and must be completed in thirty days.

The enumerators will wear a badge inscribed "United States Census, 1910." The law requires every adult person to furnish the prescribed information, but also provides that it shall be treated confidentially, so that no injury can come to any person from answering the questions.

The Census Bureau, prior to April 15, will distribute to every farm owner and tenant in this state a blank or schedule containing the Census questions relative to farm operations and equipment. This should be filled up, if possible, not later than the morning of April 15, but if anyone has been unable to fill it up by that time, he should do it as soon as afterwards as he can. People who do not speak English or who do not understand the schedule completely should get help from others, if possible, in filling it up.

The President has issued a proclamation, calling on all citizens to co-operate with the Census and assuring them that it has nothing to do with taxation, army or jury service, compulsory school attendance, regulation of immigration, or enforcement of any law, and that no one can be injured by answering the inquiries.

It is of the utmost importance that the farm census of this state be complete and correct. Therefore every farm owner and tenant should promptly and accurately fill up the "Advance Farm Schedule" and carefully preserve it for the enumerator when he calls.

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RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 22,803 25
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	20 75
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	2,900 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	1,352,747 86
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	40,000 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	3,814 49
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks	1,285 57
Due from approved reserve agents	116,246 71
Checks and other cash items	3,219 11
Notes of other National Banks	230 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	315 15
Legal Money Reserve in Bank: viz: Specie	\$81,629 00
Legal tender notes	5,105 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, 5 per cent. of circulation	2,750 00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	300 00
Total	\$1,598,648 89
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 150,000 00
Surplus fund	150,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	74,286 90
National Bank notes outstanding	46,300 00
State Bank notes outstanding	600 00
Due to other National Banks	882 21
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	254 15
Individual deposits subject to check	\$1,447,808 25
Demand certificates of deposit	25,700 00
Certified checks	89 40
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,296 05
Bonds borrowed	None
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
Liabilities other than those above stated	None
Total	\$1,598,648 89

State of Pennsylvania, County of Wayne, ss. I, H. Z. RUSSELL, President of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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