

PRICES

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President Truman today assured the country that prices would continue to rise in ~~xxxx~~ disastrous fashion if Congress does not revive the O.P.A. That news was on the wire at twelve fifty-five today. One hour later came a bulletin that livestock prices had dropped spectacularly at Chicago. Along with that, Dun and Bradstreet reported that the price index of thirty basic commodities had fallen off for the second day in succession. Officials of ~~xxx~~ the department of Agriculture announced that the break in the livestock market was of major proportions.

As a matter of fact, conditions have been puzzling in the last few days. On the other hand, farmers were rushing ~~their~~ their cattle, hogs and sheep to market in huge quantities. Yet retail prices were high, and supplies, though better than a month ago, were short. The reason for that, of course, is that the public was unwilling to pay too

ENGLAND

There was a demonstration in London today which almost amounted to a bread riot. Nothing of the sort has been seen on the banks of the Thames since the Woman Suffragists were fighting for their rights. The cause of today's uproar? Bread rationing. A huge crowd of housewives picketed the historic Parliament Building. They carried banners which read: "The names of Members of Parliament voting for bread rationing will be published here as public enemies and dictators."

The government members of the House did not take kindly to the demonstration. The ~~speaker~~ speaker announced that it was a gross breach of privilege. The leader of the House, Herbert Morrison, made a motion that the Committee on Privileges should investigate who were the authors, printers and distributors of these banners.

That was enough for Winston Churchill. With all his dignity he rose from his seat and thundered the question: "Are we really to understand that the members of the new House of Commons just elected by the people, fresh from contact with the people, are going to be

frightened out of their wits?"

The doughty War Premier was interrupted by a thundering chorus of "No, No", from the government benches. But it takes more than a chorus to keep Churchill quiet. He shook his finger at the Treasury Bench and shouted: "I know you do not want free speech here. You go further and further on the road to destroy it."

His next remarks were inaudible through the ~~xxx~~ roar of the angry labor members. A Communist member asked whether there was nothing in the rules to stop this dangerous agitation? He was drowned out in cries of "Order, order."

~~The same labor member rose to object to another remark by Winston Churchill, who replied: "We are not in Russia yet."~~

After the ~~threats~~ of Labor Members were too hoarse for any more yelling, Churchill continued: "We must stand up and be men." He said further that it was unfortunate that the newly elected House should show

labor
itself so extremely touchy. And he poked fun at the government for being so timid with their huge newly returned majority.

The Communist member then intimated that the demonstration outside the House Parliament had been organized by the opposition, Churchill's Party. Then Churchill ~~launched and~~ demanded ~~for~~ protection from the Communist's remarks. Thereupon the Labor Member shouted: "Who is thin-skinned now?"

Churchill then declared that the statement of the Communist was a lying assertion. Labor Members called upon Churchill to withdraw. At that moment, the Speaker intervened, remarking that there is a heated debate still ahead in the House, and, as he put it, "We want this House to remain dignified."

But who had the last word? One guess -- Churchill. As he shouted to the Treasury Bench, "You are really on the run."

RUSSIA

Yesterday it looked as though we might interpret the demotion of Soviet war hero Marshal Zhukov in either of two ways. His transfer from the high post of commander of all the Red Army Ground Forces to the Military District of Odessa might mean the prelude either to another purge of Generals or to ~~an~~ attack upon Turkey in a ~~xx~~ campaign to win the Dardanelles for Russia.

Today it ~~becomes almost plain as a pikestaff~~ *looks as though* ~~that~~ the first guess was right. The appointment has all the earmarks of a purge. Stalin is about to effect another shake-up in the High Command of the Red Army. The Russian people ~~do not~~ *apparently don't* know it. ~~yet~~. But a United Press copyright story has it that the shake-up has already been carried out. *with* Zhukov, the number one ~~xxx~~ hero of the Soviets, ~~was~~ its principal but not its only victim.

So far it remains a shake-up, not a purge, nothing like the great liquidation of Nineteen Thirty-Seven ~~with~~ one execution after another, with many prison ~~x~~ sentences, ~~wiped out~~ *and* virtually the entire high command

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of the Red Army. Then the charges were collaborating
with foreign states or Trotsky. Today Trotsky is dead,
and newspapermen are remembering that *Gen.* Zhukov got
along splendidly with *our* American Generals and actually
became a warm personal friend of *Gen.* ~~Mr.~~ Eisenhower.

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INDIA

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The British government ^{*seems at last to have*} ~~has~~ achieved ~~some~~
~~thing~~ in India. It has ~~at last~~ convinced the leaders
of the people of Hindustan that ^{*England is determined*} ~~it is quite sincere~~
to give India back to the Indians.
~~in its wish to put the country on its own~~
^{*So*} ~~That is what~~ the cabinet mission ^{*to India*} reported
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TRUMAN

President Truman is going to take the stump this fall, that is, if he is asked, [^] in his home state. And his principal objective will be the defeat of a member of his own party, ^{a congressman} ~~the representative~~ from a neighboring ^{locality,} ~~county,~~ ~~He is against Missouri's~~ Democratic ~~representative~~ Roger C. Slaughter.

He said that Slaughter, who is a member of the powerful rules committee of the House, had opposed every law for which the White House had asked the people on the hill. If ~~Slaughter~~ was right, then he, the President, must be wrong, said ^{Pres,} ~~Mr~~ [^] Truman.

Then he went on to explain that he ^{also} ~~^~~ favored ~~Mr~~ Slaughter's opponent ~~as representative from Kansas~~ ~~because~~ because the opponent was an old friend of his. ~~But then~~ It turned out that the President could not recall the first name of his old friend, ^{its} ~~totally~~ ~~Mr~~ Enos Axtell.

The President and Mrs. Truman are going to fly to Kansas City August third to vote in the state primary. They will be gone a couple of days,

and later if the democratic organization of Missouri wants him to, he will speak in his home state.

Naturally, the ~~xxxxx~~ reporters in Kansas City promptly rushed to the office of the Honorable Roger C. Slaughter, who was not ~~xxxxx~~ averse to seeing the press. Slaughter grinned, and said that Mr. Truman must have put out that unusual statement because he was embarrassed and chagrined by the ~~fixity~~ failure of the Montana voters to pay attention to his recommendations about Senator ~~xxxx~~ Wheeler.

GARSSON

A lawsuit was filed today against Congressman Andrew May's friend, Murray Garsson. A man named Samuel Greenfield charge him, in the Supreme Court of New York State, with having misrepresented a piece of mining property in West Virginia which he sold to Greenfield. Greenfield wants forty-three thousand dollars from Garsson. He said that, for one thing, Garsson and another man, were not telling the truth when they said they had an option on a certain mine in West Virginia, and he says further that they falsely and fraudulently represented that on the mining property in question there was managanese, already mined, worth approximately fifty thousand dollars. All the statements that Garsson made about the mine were untrue, said the complaint.

P.A.C.

When Sidney Hillman died, officials of the C.I.O. said it would be impossible to find a man to fill his shoes as head of the P.A.C. But, he has been found, ^{and} his name Jack Kroll, President of the Ohio Industrial Council, [^]sixty-one years old, and a close friend of the late ^{Sidney} Hillman.

Kroll will not exactly take Hillman's job as Chairman. He will function as Director, since the leadership of that Committee has been reorganized. He will carry on Hillman's policies, ^{and} will continue to work at the local level.

Labor reporters interpret this as a move to make peace within the C.I.O. Kroll has never been involved in any factional fights. He was Vice-President of the Amalgamated ^{ated} Clothing Workers, of which Hillman was President.

GEORGIA

The sovereign State of Georgia has an eccentric system of voting in primary elections. Georgians themselves admit it's obsolete; but ^{they say} it can't be changed. ^{They call it} ~~it is~~ a County Unit System. There are several counties with five hundred or less votes. Each of those rates two units. On the other hand, Fulton County, which includes Atlanta with its five hundred thousand population, rates no more than six units.

The consequence this year is that Georgia will again have Eugene Talmadge for Governor, since winning in the primary means winning the election. By popular vote, he was defeated, because his foremost opponent, James V. ~~Garrison~~ Carmichael, polled two hundred and forty-five thousand, seven hundred and thirty, while Talmadge had only two hundred and twenty-two thousand odd. But those two hundred and twenty-two thousand gave Talmadge two hundred and fifty-one units, and two hundred and six was all he needed to be nominated.

Carmichael was the candidate sponsored by the retiring Governor, Ellis Arnall, whose administration

of Georgia's government has been the finest in the history of the State. He has put through reform after reform, many of them cutting down the powers of the Governor. Arnal showed himself in action, an enlightened ^{may.} ~~man~~ ^{And} Most Georgians, as the popular vote shows, realized the fact, and wanted another man like him. But the unit system gives it to Talmadge, the idol of the Ku Klux Klan, a white supremacy champion, ^{and} ~~with~~ ^{who} he campaigned with hill-billy quartets, ^{and} ~~with~~ ^{loud} appeals to prejudice.

MEDAL OF HONOR

A Congressional Medal of Honor will be presented shortly to Gerry C. Magrath of East Norwalk, Conn. He will receive it in place of his son, first Class Private John D. Magrath, who was killed in the act of winning it, in the line of duty.

He gave up his life just a short time before the German Forces in Italy surrendered. On April Fourteenth, Nineteen Forty-Five, the Fifth Army was pressing the enemy hard. The Germans had three machine gun nests, which had our men stopped. Private John Magrath volunteered to act as a scout. Armed with nothing but a rifle, he charge^d headlong into withering fire. In short order he killed two Germans, ~~and~~ wounded three, and captured their machine gun. Then he took ~~the~~ ^{a German} machine gun and used it on the enemy, ^{as he} plunged across an open field through ~~heavy~~ ^{heavy} fire. He knocked out two more machine gun nests, killing four other Germans who were firing on his mates. Then he spotted still another ~~dangerous~~ ^{strong point to his} enemy ~~positioned on the~~ right. ^{He stormed it} ~~armed with the~~ ~~enemy machine gun~~, he killed ^{two} ~~two~~ more Germans and wounded ^{three} ~~three~~ others.

Which enabled *our forces to push ahead.*
~~that~~ ~~the company to advance.~~ But

The Germans then turned still heavier fire from mortars and cannon into the newly won position. Says the citation: "Private Magrath fearlessly volunteered again to brave the shelling and collect the report of casualties." The citation continues: X "Heroically carrying out this task, he made the supreme sacrifice." In short, First Class Private John D. Magrath of East Norwalk wiped out three enemy machine gun nests, *and* killed *and wounded some 50* ~~or routed fifty~~ Germans in *that one battle.*

VALET

There has been a ~~great~~ ^{the} storm in Washington
teacup ~~concerning~~ ^{over} the valet of the Noble Lord
Inverchapel, Envoy extraordinary and Ambassador
plenipotentiary from his Britannic Majesty King
George to the President of the United States. His
Lordship's valet is named Evgeni Yost, and he is a
Soviet citizen. ~~That~~ ^{All of which has} raised a storm of chit chat
about Yost being a spy.

When the Washington newspapermen asked
His Lordship about it, he replied in two words:
"Sheer nonsense". Actually, Yost is of German
origin. He was one of those Germans whom Catherine
the Great imported into a fertile region on the banks
of the Volga; ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ region ~~is~~ now known as the
German Volga Republic. ~~So a~~ ^{PA} reporter asked whether
Yost was a good valet. Said His Excellent Lordship -
"Do you think I would have brought him all the way
from Moscow if he wasn't?"

And by the way, Lord Inverchapel, as a
Scottish Peer should, brought his own bagpiper, ~~with~~ ^{too.}
~~the~~

LIBRETTO

An audience full of celebrities packed a London Theatre last night for the first night of a light opera whose libretto was written by a member of the House of Commons. For decades we've been hearing about the witticisms and occasional biting sarcasm of ~~Amx~~ A.P. Herbert. When not attending to his Legislative duties, he has written for numerous magazines. His quips during debates in the House have been widely quoted. Usually a reputation for humor does a Statesman no good, but it never hurt A.P. Herbert. Today he is Sir Alan Herbert, and excerpts ~~■~~ from his libretto cabled overseas recall the days when Gilbert and Sullivan ~~operas did not~~ ~~hesitate to~~ poke [▲] fun at the most cherished British institutions, mighty profitable fun too.

Remember
~~one of~~ the verses about the House of Lords,
that went as follows:-
~~at which Gilbert used to joke unmercifully, reads as~~

~~follows~~

"While the Commons must bray like an ass
every day,

} To appease their electoral hordes,

We don't say a thing till we've something to say.

There's a lot to be said for the Lords."

One of Herbert's songs was attacked in the House of Commons today, attacked by a Labor Member. As soon as he mentioned it, other members clamored for him to sing it, but he refused. ^{Here are} the lines, ~~and~~

"I want to be a refugee from Britain.

The lovely land where'M I'm no longer free;

If they can carry on without Winston Churchill

They'll blooming well have to manage without me."

And now Hugh how about
a little song from you?