

Sardines Return To Southern California

LOS ANGELES, March 24—(AP)—The lowly sardine, which gave Southern California fishermen the shake last season, has returned in unprecedented numbers.

Louis J. Sardinus, says the California Fish and Game Commission, is infesting the waters from Anacapa Island, off Santa Barbara, southward to Mexico.

So the Fish and Game Commission is taking advantage of the return to study the habits of the sardine and learn why he ducked out last season, threw hundreds of fishermen out of work and boosted prices because of the scarcity.

Capt. Lars Weeseth called the research vessel, the N. B. Scofield, out of the harbor today, loaded with scientists and researchers and bound for Magdalena Bay.

It is the first research work on the sardine since 1943.

Grains Continue Stronger Tone

WINNIPEG, March 24 —(CP)—All grains showed a stronger tone today on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. Oats and barley advanced on demand attributed to shippers and processors. Early liberal offerings dried in the late stages and commission houses and locals turned to the buying side.

Prices of class two wheat were increased three cents from yesterday.

Cash prices:
Oats: No. 2 C.W. 82 1-2; ex. 3 C.W. 77 1-4; No. 3 C.W. 77 1-2; ex. 1 feed 76 1-2; 1 feed 75 1-2; 2 feed 71 3-4; 3 feed 67 1-2; track 75 1-2.
Barley: 1 & 2 C.W. 6-row 1.26 5-8; 1 & 2 C.W. 2-row and 3 C.W. 6-row 1.22 5-8; 1 feed 1.09 3-8; 2 feed 1.08 1-8; 3 feed 1.02 1-8; 2 C.W. yellow 1.16 5-8; 3 C.W. yellow 1.12 5-8; track 1.09 3-8.

Restaurant Ass'n Approves Margarine

TORONTO, March 24 —(CP)—Horace King of Calgary was today elected president of the Canadian Restaurant Association at the fourth annual convention.

G. F. Heckman of Montreal, Clarence Sorenson of Vancouver and F.D. Paterson of Sarnia, Ont., were named vice presidents, and C.H. Millbourn of Toronto, secretary.

The delegates endorsed a resolution urging the Federal Government to lift the ban on the manufacture and sale of margarine in Canada.

Sees Outlook Very Bright In Poultry Industry

The outlook for the next 12 months in the Canadian poultry industry is, Mr. F. M. Nash, senior poultry products inspector, reports, the "best in years". Mr. Nash bases his statement on the Dominion Department of Agriculture egg and poultry report of March 19 which discloses that there was an outward storage movement last February of approximately five million pounds.

Moreover, the report states that poultry prices in the United States are steadily advancing and will likely be further increased as a result of the present strike of packing house employees.

The possibility that high poultry prices in the United States would result in Canadian poultrymen killing off much of their laying stock for marketing in the United States is being guarded against by the holding back, as a controlling factor, of export permits for poultry.

Mr. Nash reports that, despite the high feed prices, cockerel chicks should be a good investment as supplies of broilers and light roasters are low and prices high. The demands for heavy roasters, he states, are still keen.

Egg Production Reported Increasing

The increase in egg production is evidenced by the fact that egg grading stations report a nine per cent increase in receipts over last week. Mr. F.M. Nash, senior poultry products inspector announced yesterday. The quality moreover, is exceptionally high with the only drawback being that there is a heavy carryover of export eggs because of the present lack of cargo space for British shipments.

There has been no change in paying prices and operators of grading stations are paying for ungraded eggs: Grade A Large 37 1-2; Grade A Medium 35 1-2; Grade B 30; Grade C 18.

Dealers or cartload assemblers are quoting for the graded pack FOB shipping point: A Large 42; A Medium 40; B 34; C 22. Eggs sized and strapped for export: A Large, 43 1-2; A Medium 41 1-2.

BUFFALO, N.Y., March 24 —(AP)—Henry H. Atfield, 39, was arrested today on a warrant charging counterfeiting of seven \$100 Dominion of Canada bonds. He evaded a hearing and was jailed in default of \$2,000 bail.

Notes From Another Island

By "Anson"

LONDON, England:

There seems to be something about us that prevents us from taking things seriously until the very last minute—sometimes until it is almost too late. It is the sort of thing that tends to get us a bad name for not pulling our weight, in wars, for instance. I suppose it's because we are by nature a peace-loving lot that we try to keep the more pleasant things to the fore as much and as long as possible.

I was thinking about this just the other day, when the Communists had moved into Czechoslovakia and right after that Stalin had turned his attention to Finland. (No, I'm not starting a political discussion—just leading up to my point!)

Anyway, it was the sight of the newsboys selling their papers that set me off thinking about it. The printed headline bills which they used to carry went out when the war came in and made paper short. Since then they have taken to making their own bills by writing their own headlines on any old piece of paper they could get hold of. Some even use blackboards and chalk so that they can keep right up to the minute, rubbing out the old headlines and chalking up the latest to suit the news as it comes along with the fresh editions.

They all like to cram as many headlines as possible on to the one sheet—or blackboard—and the result is often a rather startling cross-section of public taste. It is probably a pretty accurate estimate of public taste at that, for the newsboys know what kind of news sells the papers!

In solemn acknowledgement of the duty of the press they are usually honest enough to give top billing to the really important news of the day. All the same, they know their customers, and so they are careful not to overlook the appeal of matters closer to home and the Englishman's heart unless they have a real sensation that is worth all their space.

Thus, on the day the Russians handed their note to Finland, the seriousness of the situation was not allowed to overshadow another important matter—the weekend's sport, so the Russians had to share the headlines with English greyhounds. The newsboys' bills gave a fairly equal space to each.

Russian Ultimatum To Finland Complete Racing Programme

Funnily enough, it reminded me of another occasion when Finland was in the news—when that country was attacked by Russia early in the war. I remember a Saturday afternoon, and a newsboy carrying a bill with the headline: Heavy Fighting In Finland—Severe Russian Casualties. But it was still Saturday in England, and he was shouting about something that had nothing to do with war: "All the football results!"

"That was in the days of the 'phony war,'" and thinking back on that Saturday afternoon incident, small in itself, I suppose it is understandable that our enemies thought we wouldn't or couldn't fight, and that even our friends were just a little suspicious as to whether or not we were really doing all we might. Even if they had known that the football of those days wasn't the professional game of pre-war seasons, but only teams made up of servicemen and factory workers who happened to have the afternoon off.

We do care, really, about the important world developments. It's just another of those queer things about us that makes us like to act as though we'd hate anybody to know we do.

Says U. S. Faces Long Armed Truce With Reds

BOSTON, March 24 —(AP)—James B. Conant, Harvard University president, said today the United States is facing a long "armed truce" with Russia.

But the power of Russian beliefs, he said, "simply is no match" for American democracy. The Harvard president said in a prepared address, however, he was not urging "immediate aggressive military action against Russia" and did not believe war with Russia is "even probable in the next few years."

He advocated swift action in Congress on the Marshall Plan and declared that the 16 European countries in the plan must be helped in keeping themselves "immune from the virus of the Soviet philosophy."

Annual Oxford And Cambridge Race Saturday

LONDON, March 24 —(AP)—Two crews of rowing heavyweights, averaging 175 pounds a man, will "pull their hearts out" in the annual Oxford and Cambridge Universities boat race Saturday.

Britain hopes to find its Olympic Games "eight" from this annual contest dating from 1829.

Neither Oxford nor Cambridge, however, has fulfilled its early promise in final training on the 4 1/4-mile stretch of the Thames from suburban Putney to Mortlake—the traditional boat race course. Cambridge won by 10 lengths last year, but Saturday's race

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looks up as the most open ever. Rowing critics are divided on the merits of the rival crews, yet Oxford's full-course trial times give them the edge over Cambridge; primarily because the big men in the middle of the boat haven't given the stroke, C. M. R. Barton from Eire, the support he should get.

Barton is regarded in British racing circles as an outstanding racing stroke. He has a wonderful record, his biggest success being when he stroked Jesus College, Cambridge, to win the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley-on-Thames last July. Oxford, stroked by A. J. K. Russell, has been a much livelier

and faster crew. It looks like a fast, powerful outfit, virtually certain to pull off the slight odds being laid against them.

Upwards of 500,000 people—few of whom have any connection with either university—will watch the race.

It's London's big, free, river carnival. Cambridge has so far won 49 of the 98 official races. Oxford has won 48, and only once has a dead heat been rowed, in 1877. During the world wars varsity rowing rivalry was maintained in races that don't count in official records.

Junior Farmers To Organize At Early Meeting

The efforts of a number of junior farmers to inculcate in others of their age group and calling the great importance of developing a greater interest in the social and cultural aspects of rural community life, has met with such success that a meeting will be held in the Legion Hall on April 2nd to or-

ganize the Junior Farmers' Federation.

Mr. L. P. McIsaac, manager of the farm extension service, Provincial Department of Agriculture, informed the Guardian yesterday that the spade work necessary as a preliminary to the organization meeting was made possible because of the Junior farmers' meeting held during "Farmers' Week."

Every assistance, Mr. McIsaac said, will be offered the young farmers at their organization meeting by the Department of Agriculture, the Hon. W.F.A. Stewart, and the Deputy-Minister, Mr. W. R. Shaw, have not only official interests in the development of

more comprehensive social and cultural activities in the rural areas but have personal interests as well.

In order that the organization meeting may get off to a good start, Mr. McIsaac said efforts will be made by the Department to secure speakers for the meeting who are leaders in various phases of rural life.

The viewpoint of the young farmer, as explained to a Guardian representative yesterday by Mr. William Cairns, Freeborn, is that he cannot be expected to remain on the farm unless he has the opportunity to broaden his social and cultural experiences. The young farmer, Mr. Cairns said,

wants to stay on the farm. But working from daylight till dark, month after month, with little in money to show for his labour, and with no opportunities in the evenings to widen his intellectual horizon, he is offered little encouragement to stay. He must have something to look forward to, some emotional reward as a part recompense for his long hours of toil often carried on in districts far removed from urban centres.

Mr. McIsaac said the object in holding the meeting on April 2nd is to give those attending the teachers' convention in Charlottetown an opportunity of being present at the meeting.