

THANKSGIVING MEAL COSTLIER THIS YEAR

Best Hope for Housewife Is Last Minute Tumble in Turkey Prices.

BIRDS ARRIVING FAST

Meat Council Says Scarcity at Source Tends to Further Rise.

TRIMMINGS ALSO HIGHER

Russia Comes to Relief With Cranberry Ship and Puts Sauce Cost Down.

The Thanksgiving dinner will cost New York considerably more this year than in 1921 unless turkeys and their meat accompaniments do a Humpty-Dumpty act in the next few days and instead of the usual rise before the holiday take a big tumble from prices quoted yesterday.

Whether or not a drop in prices can come through a possible glutting of the market with produce to-morrow and Tuesday was an open question with dealers yesterday. Opinions were expressed both that prices would be lower and that they would be higher by Wednesday. Other merchants admitted that the price antics of the Thanksgiving bird have them guessing and they cannot forecast what trend quotations might take.

Turkey sold on the wholesale market at 56 and 61 cents yesterday. The produce was bought largely by butchers and grocers from nearby towns, who are accustomed to get their supplies in New York. Most of the local butchers will not buy until Monday and Tuesday, it was said, and it is these days which will decide the market trend.

Late Receipts Heavy.

Receipts of turkeys up until yesterday, were unusually light, presumably because the produce was held back by shippers to obtain greater profits. The birds began arriving in heavy quantities yesterday morning, however, and many dealers believe that the market will be swamped in the next two days, resulting in lower instead of higher prices.

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"On the other hand, the Meat Council of New York issued a statement yesterday asserting that turkeys will be high in price and the supply of choice birds will be limited. The fowls already are scarce in the market, it was said, and there is no prospect of great receipts before Thursday. Consequently, the council averred, there is nothing to indicate a drop in price, while an increase is more probable.

"A canvass of the situation shows only small supplies of turkeys coming into the New York market, with prices set off all along the line," the council said. "One prominent wholesale distributor with thirty branches had this week only six cars of turkeys to go around. Advances from Texas and Missouri, the two principal turkey growing States, indicate a scarcity of first class birds.

"If New York housewives generally should decide to buy no turkeys, a collapse in prices is conceivable, but just now there is no indication of this. There is every reason, therefore, to believe that the Thanksgiving dish will cost the housewife a stiff price, unless she is willing to substitute. There are abundant supplies of poultry, beef, smoked ham and corn fed porkers on the market, and these are excellent substitutes for turkey. Many of the retailers members of the Meat Council are frankly advising their customers to make such purchases.

Turkeys were quoted yesterday by retail merchants at from 45 to 50 cents a pound, depending on the condition of the produce and the section from which it had come. Maryland turkeys sell at a premium. The retail price of turkeys on the Saturday before Thanksgiving last year ranged from 60 to 65 cents. On the corresponding day in 1920 the price hovered around 70 cents, rising steadily until Thursday.

Prices on Other Foods.

Big roast chickens were quoted at 40 cents retail and fancy ducklings at 28 cents. Smoked ham was priced at 40 to 60 cents, and country dressed pigs about 40 cents.

Cranberries will be two or three cents a pound less than last year owing to heavy receipts, retail dealers said. Shipments from foreign countries last week included a shipment of cranberries from Russia. Stock from this country hitherto has been neglected because of its softness and poor quality.

Celery, another requisite of the Thanksgiving menu, was quoted by wholesale dealers at an advance of 50 cents to \$1 over prices of last year, when it sold at \$2 to \$2.50 a crate. Retail prices will be correspondingly higher this week.

Wholesale butter prices advanced about 2 cents last week. Best creamery grades were selling yesterday at 24 to 25 cents a pound wholesale. The price last year was 45 to 46 cents. Approximately 2,200,000 pounds of butter are in cold storage as against 1,000,000 a year ago.

THANKSGIVING DINNERS FOR JEWISH ORPHANS

Nearly a score of institutions affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies are preparing special programs for the celebration of Thanksgiving Day. One feature will be a parade in the stadium of City College of 1,300 children composing the cadet corps of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum at Amsterdam Avenue and 128th Street. After the presentation of an American flag by Alexander Hamilton Post, G. A. R., the children will return to the home, where 1,500 pounds of turkey and other delicacies will be awaiting.

TURKEYS, GEESE AND DUCKS HELD UP TO GOUGE PUBLIC

O'Malley, in Warning Against Paying Exorbitant Prices to Profiters, Says 59 Carloads of Poultry Are Sidetracked in New Jersey.

Fifty cents a pound is enough to pay for turkey, according to Edwin J. O'Malley, Commissioner of Public Markets, who issued a warning to housewives yesterday not to be cheated by Thanksgiving profiteers.

"I have just been reliably informed," he said, "that fifty-nine carloads of live poultry are being held on the railroad tracks in New Jersey. The turkeys, geese and ducks are being kept off the market for higher prices."

"There is no question that there is a 25 per cent. increase of production in turkeys this year. Between 7 and 9 o'clock P. M. last Thanksgiving eve turkeys dropped in the retail stores 7 or 8 cents a pound because the public held off buying. There will be such a last minute rush this year that the price will drop lower than it has been for three years."

MUSEUM TO HOUSE OLDEST MAMMAL

New Asiatic Wing, to Cost \$1,500,000, to Get Relics From Gobi Desert.

The American Museum of Natural History soon will have a new wing in which to house its rare collection of fossils and other specimens from the Orient, it was learned yesterday.

Work on the wing, the first to face Central Park West, has been begun and in a year and a half it is expected that the new portion, for which the city appropriated \$1,500,000, will be completed. One of the most important collections to be housed in the Asiatic Hall, as the new wing is to be called, will include the giant mammal fossil recently discovered in China by Dr. Charles Berkey, professor of geology in Columbia University.

The mammal, found in the Gobi Desert, Mongolia, is believed to be the oldest known. Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn, head of the museum, has pronounced it an epoch making discovery. Prof. Berkey was leader of the third Asiatic expedition of the museum and was in China for five months. Roy Chapman Andrews, who accompanied Prof. Berkey, will remain with the expedition four years longer. Walter Granger is fossil hunter in chief.

The mammal is described as similar to one discovered a few years ago in Baluchistan, and consequently is known by the scientific world as Baluchitherium. Prof. Berkey's prize giant has a head about five feet long and measures over all thirty feet. Not all the bones are intact, and a few are missing, but the explorers believe that they will be able to reconstruct the body and exhibit it to the world practically as it lived centuries ago. This type of mammal is not found in either Europe or North America.

Prof. Berkey left here last spring and arriving in China prepared the caravan which covered 3,000 miles through the Gobi desert. There were twenty-five camels, five automobiles, including a truck, and twenty-six men with seven tents. "We traveled through portions of the country where few white men had ever been," said Dr. Berkey. "The natives were curious to see us. Where we were camping, enough we usually opened a clinic and were able to help many patients."

Fossils of the thinnest insects were found near those of larger creatures. There were such quantities of them that the party was unable to make more than an impression by its excavations. It was really a reconnaissance and will be continued thoroughly before the richness of the field. The expedition not only sought to establish the life linking region between Europe and North America, but is also seeking other light on the early history of man.

BELGIAN WILL UNVEIL HOOVER RELIEF STATUE

Senator Le Jeune Here on Way to Palo-Alto Ceremony.

Senator Albert Le Jeune of Belgium, who is in this country to unveil the statue given by Belgium to Leland Stanford University in appreciation of Herbert Hoover's relief work in Belgium, has arrived in New York, and will leave Monday morning for San Francisco. The statue will be unveiled December 4 at Leland Stanford University, where Hoover received his degree.

SHOT WHILE HUNTING DUCKS.

J. L. Higgins, Commissioner of Sewers in Queens, who lives at Jamaica, was accidentally shot while hunting duck yesterday near here. His left elbow was shattered. Physicians in Nassau Street Hospital in Jamaica said he must have to be amputated. Higgins was wounded by a companion who was aiming at a bird which suddenly changed its direction of flight.

GOVERNMENT HALTS GAS MONOPOLY CASE

Will Quash Indictments in Alleged Plot to Control Mantle Sales.

BILLS HELD AT FAULT

United and Many Others of Big Concerns Were Accused.

DAUGHERTY SENDS ORDER

Charges Followed Inquiry on Plea Independents Had Been Forced Out.

As the result of a letter from Attorney-General Daugherty, indictments charging the United Gas Improvement Company and other lighting industry concerns with a conspiracy to monopolize the manufacture and sale of street light mantles will be quashed, William Hayward, United States Attorney, said yesterday.

Indictments against the United Gas Improvement Company and the other defendants were returned by the Federal Grand Jury on March 6, 1922, on evidence collected by R. C. Lewis and William R. Benham, special assistant attorneys-general. The indictments are defective, said Mr. Daugherty in his letter to Mr. Hayward, thereby rendering "a successful prosecution extremely doubtful."

The individual defendants named in the indictments, released March 13 by Judge Julian W. Mack in United States District Court, were Samuel T. Bodine, president of the United Gas Improvement Company, Philadelphia; Randall Morgan, vice-president of the same company; Sidney Mason, president of the Welsbach Company; E. S. Newbold, president of the Cities Illuminating Company and vice-president of the Welsbach Company; Arthur E. Shaw, president of the Welsbach Company and vice-president of the Cities Illuminating Company; William Findlay Brown, director of the Cities Illuminating Company; Charles Patterson of the Patterson Street Lighting Company, St. Paul and Minneapolis, and George M. Landreth, president of Landers, Frary & Clark, lighting fixture manufacturers of New Britain, Conn. Corporate defendants were the United Gas Improvement Company, the Welsbach Company and the Cities Illuminating Company.

The indictments resulted, said Federal authorities, from complaints made by a group of competitors in the lighting industry, headed by Ragland Mott, president of the Pressure Lighting Company, 129 Liberty street, who charged that because of the combination they were forced to quit business. The indictment contains the names of thirty-two independent concerns alleged to have been forced out of business by the purported "monopoly."

ENGINEERS WILL MEET WITH ALLIED BODIES

More Than 2,000 Will Be Here for Convention.

More than 2,000 engineers representing nearly every phase of American industry, will attend the annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers which will be held in the Engineering Societies' Building from December 4 to 7. Leaders in engineering, economics and technology will attend from all sections of the country. Joint meetings will be held with the American Economic Association, the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers, American Society of Safety Engineers, American Engineering Standards Committee, and the Stoker Manufacturers' Association. Sessions will be held on aeronautics, management, power, forest products, material handling, ordinance, railroads, and fuels.

FATHER NOONAN TO BUILD

Former Assistant at St. Peter's in Barclay Street Extending Work.

Many Manhattan Roman Catholics especially those who have attended services in St. Peter's in Barclay street, will be interested in the announcement that the Rev. James E. Noonan, rector of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tuxedo, is to erect a chapel at Sloopsburg, Rockland county.

Father Noonan, whom Archbishop Hayes considers one of the most progressive priests in the archdiocese, was an assistant for some time before his transfer to Tuxedo to the Right Rev. Mr. James H. McGeen, for more than fifty years rector of St. Peter's Church, which is known as the "cradle of the Roman Catholic Church in New York."

Snowstorm at Saranac, Blizzard in the Woods

SARANAC LAKE, Nov. 25.—Snow began falling to-night after a brief respite this afternoon and the temperature dropped within a few hours from 25 to 18 above zero.

Indications were that the storm would continue throughout the night, adding to the five inches which this noon had made sleighing popular. Traffic continues uninterrupted. A thin coating of ice already covers portions of Lake Flower near here.

Trappers report a severe blizzard in the Adirondack wilderness, but no fatalities among the woodsmen.

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"Dear Col. Hayward—An indictment was returned in the District Court of the United States of America for the Southern District of New York in the case of United States of America against the United Gas Improvement Company and others March 6, 1922.

"Since the indictment was returned some complaint was made by the parties interested in bringing the matter to the attention of the Department of Justice that the indictment was defective and that a motion to direct a verdict for the defendants on the ground of a variance between the charges of the indictment and the case made by the proof might be sustained. Information is at hand indicating that former Attorneys-General of the United States had grave doubts as to whether the charges contained in this indictment related to 'interstate' commerce. Proof of venue and criminal acts within the statute of limitations necessary to support a conviction renders a successful prosecution extremely doubtful.

LAWYER CHALLENGES SEE

Would Debate Effect of College Upon Women.

H. Harvey Hatwood, lawyer of 129 Montague street, Brooklyn, wrote a letter yesterday to A. B. See challenging him to a debate on whether colleges have a detrimental effect upon women. William F. Atkinson, chairman in Brooklyn of the campaign to raise the fund for Adelphi College, said last night that more than \$30,000 was received in the first week of the campaign and that Mr. A. B. See has given up a decided fight.

CHAUFFEUR HUSBAND OF MISS TOWLE SUES

Edward J. Groom Demands \$100,000 From Mr. and Mrs. Felix S. Towle.

ALIENATION IS CHARGED

Plaintiff Says Police Kept Him Away From House in Far Rockaway.

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