

Profit-Taking Leaves Stock Market Mildly Irregular

Price Changes Minor; Trend Is Indefinite

New York—(AP)—Mild irregularity persisted in today's stock market as further profits were cashed on Thursday's big rally.

The direction was indefinite at the opening. Activity in low-priced issues fell off appreciably although picking up elsewhere. Small fractional variations either way ruled near the close. Transfers for the two hours were around 400,000 shares.

Inflation thinking, resulting partly from the recent O. P. A. shake-up, remained as a prop for individual pivots and generally encouraging war news kept Wall street cheerful.

Bonds were steady and major commodities slightly higher.

Among stocks intermittent support was accorded Chesapeake & Ohio, Pennsylvania, Youngstown Sheet, Goodyear, Goodrich, Air Reduction, Union Carbide, Eastman Kodak, J. I. Case and Standard Oil (N.J.).

In the wavering division most of the time were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, American Telephone, Santa Fe, N. Y. Central, Great Northern, Anaconda, Kennecott, Chrysler, General Motors, Consolidated Edison, U. S. Rubber, Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, International Harvester, Douglas Aircraft, Texas Co., American Can, Westinghouse, Allied Chemical and Du Pont.

Coppers were not especially responsive to the report of the war production board revealing production of the red metal in 1942 reached a record peak of 3,000,000 tons.

Wheat Prices Rise to New 5-Year Highs

Chicago—(AP)—Wheat prices reached new 5-year highs today with gains of fractions to more than a cent a bushel. Corn and rye registered similar upticks to best quotations for the past several months.

Grain market buying, which centered on December delivery contracts, trading in which ceases after Tuesday, came from dealers covering previous short sales and from mills and other commercial interests. Apparently they were seeking actual grain, supplies of which have been inadequate in many markets recently to satisfy enlarged demand.

Receipts were: corn 300 cars, wheat 33, soybeans 21, and oats 9. Wheat closed 13-1/2 cents higher than yesterday, December \$1.36 3/4; corn 3/4-1/2 higher, December 89 1/2; May 92 3/4; oats 1/4-3/8 up; soybeans 1/8-1/4 higher; rye 1/8-1/4 higher.

War Chest

Chicago—(AP)—Cash wheat, no sales reported. Corn new No. 2 yellow 90 1/2; No. 3, 87 3/4-90 1/2; No. 4, 85 1/2-89 1/2; sample grade 60-72; old No. 2 yellow 92-92 1/2; No. 3, 92-92 1/2; No. 4, 92; sample 88 1/2-91 1/2.

Oats No. 3 white heavy 52 1/2; No. 1 special heavy 55. Barley malting 85-1.04 nom.; feed 60-72 nom. Field seed unchanged.

grades, \$8.00 to \$14.00. Next shipping day December 22. E. M. Slatery, Mgr.

Table with 2 columns: Item Name and Price. Includes items like Hogs, Sheep, Cattle, etc.

Vesper Market

Vesper, Wis.—The December 8 shipment of livestock by the Wood County Shipping Association brought the following net prices to farmers: Cattle, good fat cows, \$85.15; \$79.29; cutters, 1270 lbs., \$103.10; 1110 lbs., \$76.33; 1160 lbs., \$88.06; 1090 lbs., \$75.00; 1020 lbs., \$70.18; 990 lbs., \$72.90; 980 lbs., \$72.28; 760 lbs., \$60.56; canners, 1030 lbs., \$65.78; 1025 lbs., \$65.45; 915 lbs., \$58.43; 860 lbs., \$54.92; 810 lbs., \$47.72; 720 lbs., \$45.98. Hogs, six weighing 1260 lbs., \$153.43; three weighing 880 lbs., \$111.51; 690 lbs., \$68.85; 525 lbs., \$65.22; 465 lbs., \$57.20. Sheep, two weighing 300 lbs., \$15.25.

Flashes of Life

Gettysburg, Pa.—(AP)—A workman hurried into the postoffice and asked when a mailbox near his home would be opened.

"About noon," the clerk said. "Why?" He explained he had left home with his lunch and a package of Christmas cards and arrived at work with the cards.

Knoxville, Tenn.—(AP)—A Negro taken into custody by federal officers was found with quite a wardrobe, all of it on him.

Los Angeles—(AP)—Thousands of students tried to crowd into Dr. Frederic P. Woellner's U. C. L. A. class in education to see him carry out a promise made 11 years ago.

He had vowed that if U. C. L. A. ever beat the University of Southern California in football he would appear in class drunk and lecture in Latin.

U. C. L. A.'s grid team did the job Saturday.

The professor lectured in Latin all right, and drank from a bottle labelled gin. But he teaches Sunday school.

The students were skeptical about the label.

Chicago—(AP)—Twelve-year-old Ward Anderson of suburban Deerfield is the envy of all his friends. He is allergic to Christmas trees and has been out of school all month because one had been set up in his classroom.

Los Angeles—(AP)—Investigating draft dodging, police arrested Matthew John Harold of St. Paul, but they quickly let him go.

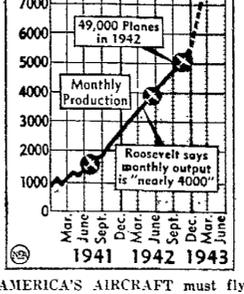
Harold had seen action with the navy at Hawaii, fought in the battle of Midway and two or three other scraps with the Japs, convalesced in Honolulu naval hospital, was honorably discharged from the navy for disability, and was on his way home.

The police apologized.

Company Refuses War Work; Denied Priority

Washington—(AP)—The war production board said today the International Edge Tool Corp., Newark, N. J., had refused to "accept any war order," and refused it all priorities and allocations of scarce materials for an indefinite time.

U. S. PLANE PRODUCTION



AMERICA'S AIRCRAFT must fly off the production lines even faster than they did this year to meet the 1943 goal of 125,000 planes. Chart shows wobbly rise in 1941, spurt to 49,000 in 1942 (11,000 short of president's goal), and probable rise in first months of 1943.

PORT EDWARDS SOCIAL — PERSONALS

MRS. FRANK BEGG Telephone 90, Port Edwards

Community Church—The Rev. A. W. Triggs will conduct services at the Community church at 9:30 o'clock on Sunday morning. The text of his sermon will be "What Is Love?" The Ladies' chorus will sing "Gifts for Lord Jesus".

Sunday school classes will be held at 10:30 a. m. The Sunday school Christmas program will be presented at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening.

St. Alexander Church—The Rev. T. E. Mullen will conduct masses at the St. Alexander church at 5:30 a. m. and 8 a. m. on Sunday.

Week-day masses will be at 7:30 a. m. The Junior choir will rehearse at 4:15 p. m. on Monday.

On Monday evening, the Junior Sodality will have its Christmas party.

Senior choir rehearsal will be at 7 p. m. on Tuesday.

Confessions will be heard from 3 to 5:30 p. m. on Thursday.

Christmas service on the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord will be at mid-night and at 8 a. m. and 9 a. m. on Christmas Day.

At 10:30 a. m. on Friday, there will be the blessing of children.

Children's Rehearsal—There will be rehearsal for the children of the primary department of the Community church Sunday school at 1:30 p. m. on Monday at the church. The Junior department will rehearse at 6:45 p. m. on Monday. All children should be in attendance as this is practice for the Christmas program.

Children are asked to bring their contributions for the Sunday school Christmas gifts on Sunday.

School News—At an assembly of the John Edwards high school on Friday afternoon, Christmas carols were sung and famous Christmas paintings were shown, Principal K. O. Rawson explaining them as they appeared on the screen.

Copies of the high school paper, the Hi-Lites, were distributed by Jack Lundquist and Duaine Hegg, students of the sophomore class which published this edition. The paper looks very Christmas-like, having the holiday theme carried out in the cover and elsewhere. Editorials were in charge of Marshall Buehler, Tom Coldwell and Howard Smith.

Avalon Club—On Thursday evening the Avalon club members were entertained for their Christmas party at the home of Miss Katherine Zieman. Members all came dressed as little girls. Contests and games for the evening were in keeping with the costumes, and prizes were won by Miss Marion Olson, who won three, Mrs. Edward Fields Jr., Mrs. Alvan Zurluff and Mrs. Melvin Stensberg. The door prize went to Mrs. Richard Keyzer.

The hostess served a holiday lunch and gifts were exchanged about the lighted tree.

Tribune Letter Box

Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Tribune readers and friends are invited and urged to write their opinions on questions of timely interest for publication in the Letter Box column. All letters published must contain the author's name. Letters should be of moderate length, should be legible, written and should not contain anything of a defamatory or libelous nature.

To The Editor: Why does any voter want to dispute the governorship issue? We will look at it as follows:

Mr. Loomis and Mr. Goodland are the choice of the voters. If any other than Mr. Goodland, who would be lieutenant governor if Mr. Loomis had lived? So why not let Mr. Goodland serve as the next governor?

In due time we shall know whether the wishes of the voters are upheld or ignored by a few sore-heads.

Uphold the wishes of the majority and all is settled.

Felix Knope, R. J. Pittsfield.

ANSWERS TO WAR QUIZ

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1. The gold bar is worn by a second lieutenant in the Army.

2. Capt. Edward J. "Mike" Moran of the U. S. cruiser Boise gave this command in Solomon Islands naval battle in October.

3. Yes. U. S. Rangers spearheaded many of the landings on the coasts of North Africa.

Theater Party Monday for Nekoosa Children

The Rialto theater at Nekoosa will give its annual Christmas party to the children of Nekoosa's grade schools on Monday, December 21, starting at 1 p. m.



1st Sgt. Reuben J. Steger



Staff Sgt. Carl J. Cherney



Pfc. George S. Bores

MARSHFIELD SOLDIERS KILLED IN NEW GUINEA

These three Marshfield soldiers died in the New Guinea fighting against the Japanese last month, their parents have been notified by the war department. They are the first from Marshfield to lose their lives in action. Left to right, above, they are First Sgt. R. J. Steger, Staff Sgt. Carl J. Cherney and Pfc. George S. Bores. Private Bores was killed November 19, the others a day later in the Buna-Gona fighting. All left Marshfield in October, 1940, when the National Guard was mobilized.

Rickenbacker

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used to bait two small fishing hooks, which enabled them to obtain some more food.

Organized Prayer Meetings—On the second day after Rickenbacker and his companions were forced to take to the life rafts—in their anxiety to get away from their sinking plane they had forgotten food and water—one of the men on his raft took out a Bible and "we organized little prayer meetings, evening and morning, taking turns about reading passages from the Bible and humbly praying for delivery."

The flier said if he did not have witnesses to support him, he would hesitate to describe one experience. "An hour after a prayer meeting," he said, "a seagull came in and landed on my head. You can imagine with what nervousness I reached up to catch it."

Caught Two Fish—Two fish were caught on bait which the gull's entrails provided, he related. They were divided equally and there was no waste—"the head, the body, the bones are delicious." The first water, Rickenbacker said, came on their eighth day on the life raft, when they ran into a black squall, something ordinarily avoided, but this time highly welcome.

Shirts, socks and handkerchiefs were used to soak up the rainwater and squeeze it into containers. Then the water was rationed—"about two sips a day—about half a jigger per man."

Ground-Looped On Takeoff—Rickenbacker told of taking off from Hickam field in Hawaii. There came the first difficulty on the ill-fated inspection trip. A hydraulic brake locked on the right wheel of the plane, and he said it "looked like we were going to take down all the hangars."

After a ground loop, the men left the plane and shifted baggage, mail and all other materials to a ship which took off several hours later.

He described the ship as purring along beautifully at 6:30 the following morning, three hours before it was due to land at an island in the Samoans.

Had Trouble With Radio—At 10:30 a. m., he said, they had not sighted land. All began to worry. They called for radio beam directions and then found they had difficulty with their radio. The compass also was off several degrees due to faulty adjustment.

"I thought we had overshot," Rickenbacker said, "because we had more of a tailwind than the boys (Pilot and navigator) thought they had."

"Time was fleeting," he said, "gas was running low. We didn't know where we were. There was nothing we could do. We shut off the two outside engines to conserve gas. Our last message out was we had about an hour's gas left. Then we pounded out the SOS, dumped mail, food, baggage, everything that was loose. If you ever think material things are worth anything, just have that experience and you'll find out how worthless they are."

Praises Plane's Pilot—Rickenbacker praised expert piloting by Capt. William T. Cherry, plus a lot of luck for landing the plane in the trough of an ocean swell.

"All of us were so anxious to get away from the ship before it sank," he continued, "that we went off without our rations and water."

Fortunately a few oranges were available in the life rafts.

"I carved up those oranges and rationed them out. If you ever have seven hungry pairs of eyes watching you, you will learn to be a pretty good carver."

Those oranges, he said, were the only sustenance they had for the first six days of their 21 days at sea.

Tells of Sergeant's Death—Rickenbacker then told of the death of Sergt. Alex Kaczmarezyk of Torrington, Conn. The young ser-

War in Africa

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Tunisian front was especially intense around Medjez-El-Bab, 33 miles southwest of Tunis.

Both sides have been rushing reinforcements and supplies up to the front and observers here felt the offensive in Tunisia would be timed to take the fullest advantage of the confusion and disorganization created by Field Marshal Rommel's retreat in Libya.

British "Fighting Mad"—Don Whitehead, Associated Press correspondent with the British army at El Aghaila, reported the British army was fighting mad because of the elaborate mine fields left behind by Rommel and said "this anger runs like a flame through the British troops." The troops have suffered from the mines, which are delaying the advance, he said.

"Thousands upon thousands of them are concealed in the roads, under the sand, in discarded clothing and equipment, in buildings and even under the bodies of German dead," Whitehead wrote.

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1,500 Workers at Gas Mask Plant Walk Out

Detroit—(AP)—The Eureka Vacuum Cleaner company's plant here, engaged in making gas masks, was closed today when 1,500 employees, members of the independent Mechanics Educational society, went on strike.

Orville Plank, international representative of the union, said the strike was in protest over dismissal of a union steward, "anti-union" policies of a new works manager, and failure of the company to give consideration to a demand for a wage increase for women workers.

remember the palm trees and the moonlight. It was a Shangri-La if I ever saw one."

Throughout the story Secretary Stimson sat quietly, watching closely, and at Rickenbacker's conclusion, arose to lead loud applause, remarked, "It's an epic; let it stand at that," and led the flier from the room.

NEKOOSA SOCIAL ITEMS PERSONALS

MRS. F. R. GODDARD jr. Telephone 70, Nekoosa

Wood Avenue Club—Mrs. I. Koller entertained members of the Wood Avenue Home-makers' club at a Christmas party Thursday afternoon. Presents brought by each member were placed under a lighted Christmas tree and later given out by Santa Claus. As this was the Christmas party, there was no lesson given, so cards were the pastime. Prizes were won by Mrs. Alex Fechhelm and Mrs. William Carroll. At 3:30 o'clock, a light lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Carroll was a guest for the party.

The January meeting will be held at the Fechhelm home.

Schafskopf Club—Mrs. Arthur Hohenstein is to entertain the Schafskopf club Tuesday night for a 7 o'clock dessert followed by cards. All members who cannot come are to call their hostesses and those who do attend are to bring a Christmas gift to exchange.

Mrs. F. R. Goddard sr. attended the S. and R. club meeting yesterday at the home of Mrs. John Alexander at Port Edwards.

Mrs. Vernon Feldner left today to join her husband in Milwaukee for the week-end. Seaman Feldner is stationed at Great Lakes, Ill.

Nazis Use Force to Get French Workers

Washington—(AP)—Germany has abandoned the pretense of seeking French "volunteers" to work in Germany since the invasion of unoccupied France and has begun taking men by violence, Fighting French headquarters here said today.

Based on reports received from the "underground," the Fighting French said the men, principally between 20 and 30 years old, were seized in large numbers and transported to the Reich without notice and without opportunity to inform their families.

So hard-pressed have the Nazis become for manpower, the reports added, that they have gone into French prisons and taken thieves and murderers.

Chicago Transit Co. Union Threatens Strike

Washington—(AP)—Secretary of Labor Perkins certified to the war labor board today a labor dispute which had threatened a partial tie up of the Chicago transportation system.

A walkout has been called for 12:01 a. m. tomorrow by the union unless the Chicago Rapid Transit company grants wage increases of from 9 to 14 cents per hour. The present hourly scale is from 81 to 92 cents.

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