

# Market Report

By Associated Press Leased Wire

## Stock Market Suffers First Drop in Weeks

New York—(AP)—The stock market today suffered its first average reverse in nearly two weeks although late support substantially reduced many early declines running to a point or more and a smattering of plus signs was in evidence near the close.

Customers started trimming accounts at the opening on the theory that eight successive rising sessions to 7-year peaks, with volume of better than a million shares in seven, called for a possible sizeable technical correction if the list was to maintain its bullish upswing.

Rails and other recent buoyant climbers were among the first to stumble but the majority revived at the last as the outlook for long, hard sledding in the European conflict remained as a prop. Cheering to optimists was the fact that activity dwindled appreciably as trends wavered. Transfers for the full proceedings topped 1,000,000 shares.

Bonds were uneven as offerings handicapped carriers. At Chicago wheat was off 1/2 to 3/4 of a cent a bushel. Cotton, toward the finish, was unchanged to 35 cents a bale improved.

## Livestock

Chicago Market — (AP)—(WFA)—Salable hogs 10,000; total 13,500; fairly active, weights 270 lbs. and down 15.00 to mostly 25 cents higher, heavier weights and sows steady. Good and choice 150 to 170 lbs., 14.40 to 14.60, top 14.60; few 150-180 lbs., 13.75 to 14.35; weights over 270 lbs. and sows at 14.00; complete early clearance.

Salable cattle 9,000; total 9,000. Salable calves 1,000; total 1,000. Fed steers and yearlings 25 cents lower, some bids 50 cents down; very dull at decline. Steers and heifers predominating in run. Heifers shared steer decline. Early top average-choice fed steers 17.75, some held higher. Scattered sales 13.00 to 16.50; most heifers 13.50 to 16.00; cows and bulls very active, strong to 25 cents higher; vealers firm; stock cattle slow, steady, bulk 10.00 to 12.50.

Salable sheep 6,000, total 13,500; woolled lambs opened steady, other classes active, steady to 25 cents higher; three loads good and choice, mostly good grade fed woolled western lambs 14.50, others held higher; three decks good and choice 103-lb. fed shorn lambs with No. 1 pelts, 14.25; good and choice yearling wethers, fall shorn pelts, 13.10; early sale slaughter ewes, 6.25 down; five doubles mixed common to good Montanas 6.00 straight; deck good and choice 64-lb. Montana feeding lambs, 12.50.

Milwaukee Market — (AP)—Hogs 2,000; 270 lbs. and down 25 higher; sows steady to 15 higher; others steady; good to choice butchers 180-270 lbs. 14.25-40; good to choice heavy butchers 270 lbs. and up 12.30; good to choice light lights 150-170 lbs. 13.50-14.00; bulk of packing sows 13.50-75; thin and unfinished 11.00-13.00; stags 12.00-13.75; boars 7.00-8.00.

Cattle 800; steady; steers and yearlings, choice to prime 16.00-16.75; medium to good 12.00-16.00; common to medium 8.00-12.00; dry fed yearling heifers 12.00-15.00; dairy bred heifers 7.00-11.00; good to choice cows 10.00-12.00; fair to good 7.25-9.50; cutters 6.25-7.5; canners 5.00-5.75; choice weighty bologna bulls 10.00-10.50; bulls common to good 7.00-9.00.

Calves 2,500; steady; fancy selected vealers 14.75-15.00; bulk of vealers 12.00-14.50; culls and throwouts 7.00-11.00.

Sheep 800; steady; good to choice spring lambs 13.75-14.00; fair to medium 10.00-13.00; ewes and bucks, cull to good 3.00-6.00; culls 6.00-8.00.

Pittsville Market — The December 5 shipment by the Pittsville Co-op Shipping society brought the farmers the following amounts: hogs, seven weighing 1190 pounds, \$144.90; calves, 183 pounds, \$17.94; 128 pounds, \$16.95; 123 pounds, \$15.70; 118 pounds, \$14.48; three weighing 349 pounds, \$42.98; 193 pounds, \$11.13; two weighing 191 pounds, \$18.77; and four weighing 322 pounds, \$26.10. We ship every Tuesday. Bring your stock to the society's yard before 5 p. m., or notify the manager on Monday and the truck will call at the farm.

Ferd Kuma, manager. J. Hebert Snider, secretary.

Vesper Market — The December 5 shipment of livestock by the Wood County Livestock association brought the following net prices to farmers: One calf, 158 lbs., \$22.72; 123 lbs., \$16.48; 123 lbs., \$15.52; 113 lbs., 13.69; 108 lbs., \$12.23; 103 lbs., \$10.69; 98 lbs., \$9.20; 95 lbs., \$8.48; 88 lbs., \$6.94;

## Commission House Selling Affects Market

Chicago—(AP)—Wheat prices eased during the late trade today when demand paused and the market felt the effect of commission house selling around top prices. During the greater part of the day's trade the December contract in wheat remained strong and carried the other grains.

Corn ran into selling by some commission houses with elevator connections during the last half hour. During the earlier trade corn following the upturn in wheat, with December showing the greatest strength, but there was evidence that the market was restricted by more liberal offerings of corn by producers.

The rye market was inactive during most of the day with some local selling. Oats showed a weakness under moderate commission house selling. Receipts were: Wheat 41 cars; corn 108, oats 20, soybeans 11. At the close wheat was 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher, December \$1.15, lower to 1/4 higher, December \$1.15. Oats were 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher, December 70¢. Rye was 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher, December \$1.12. Barley was unchanged to 1/4 higher.

Chicago Cash Prices — Wheat: No. 1 hard, ceiling, 1.72; No. 2 red, ceiling, 1.71. No. 3. Oats: Sample grade white, 68. Barley: Malt, 1.18-1.37 nominal; feed, 90-1.10 nominal. Field seed per hundredweight nominal: Timothy, 6.25-6.50; red clover, 31.50; alsike, 28.50.

Milwaukee Market — (AP)—Cabbage red 1.75-2.00. Onions, domestic yellows U. S. No. 1, 2 inches and up 90-1.00; 1 1/2 to 2 inches 55-85; boilers 60-65. Potatoes, Idaho russets 100-lb. sacks U. S. No. 1 washed 3.85-4.00; Colorado McClures U. S. No. 1 washed 3.75-4.00. Other produce prices unchanged.

Butter and Eggs — Chicago—(AP)—Butter, firm; receipts 216,103; market unchanged. Eggs, receipts 7,737; firm; market unchanged.

Potatoes — Chicago — (AP)—(WFA)—Potatoes: arrivals 95, on track 241; total U. S. shipments 711; supplies moderate; for western stock demand good, market firm at ceiling; for best quality northern stock demand fair, market steady; Idaho russet Burbanks U. S. No. 1, 3.39 to 3.52; Colorado red McClures U. S. No. 1, 3.25-337; Nebraska Bliss triumphs, U. S. No. 1, 3.39; Michigan Green Mountains, U. S. No. 1, 2.65; Minnesota and North Dakota Bliss triumphs, commercials, 2.30-2.50; U. S. No. 1 washed, 2.90-2.96; cobbler, commercials, 2.45.

Poultry — Chicago — (AP) — Live poultry firm; receipts 1 car, 6 trucks; FOB prices: leghorn foot 24-25, leghorn fryers 24-25, heavy young ducks 26-27; other prices unchanged.

Blenker — Mr. and Mrs. Minch were Marshfield business callers on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. George Lobner were Marshfield business callers on Friday. Raymond Brock, who was a patient at St. Joseph's hospital where he underwent an appendectomy, came home one day last week. Mrs. Anthony Walsh was a business caller at Marshfield on Friday. Joseph Minch and George Blenker were business callers at Westfield on Friday. Mrs. Max Grassel, Mary Ann and Irvin Altmann were business callers at Marshfield on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. John Bayert were Marshfield callers on Friday afternoon. Miss Ann Grassel of Wisconsin Rapids visited Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Grassel. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Altmann spent Saturday at Wisconsin Rapids on business.

PANHANDLE CANDIDATE — Austin, Tex. — (AP)—Gene S. Porter traveled 1,600 miles campaigning as a candidate for governor. He hitch-hiked most of the miles and lost 12 pounds.

An enemy fighter plane, coming in laterally at 300 miles an hour on a bomber traveling the same direction, must be trailed by the bomber's gunner if it is to be shot down at 400 yards, since the bullets would have the same forward speed as the bomber.

78 lbs., \$4.50; one fair cow, 720 lbs., \$2.19; one cutter, 1105 lbs., \$61.06; 1100 lbs., \$60.78; 890 lbs., \$49.14; one canner, 985 lbs., \$44.66; 845 lbs., \$32.28; 810 lbs., \$36.67; 760 lbs., \$34.41; 750 lbs., \$33.95; 710 lbs., \$32.12; one bull, 1160 lbs., \$101.44; 805 lbs., \$50.41; two hogs, 615 lbs., \$79.52; two hogs, 590 lbs., \$75.98; one hog 250 lbs., \$32.50. Shipping every Tuesday. Bring stock to yards or notify warehouses. Walter Bean, Vesper; Carl Christensen, Pittsville; Rue Winebrenner, Arpin; Max Leopold, Sec.

## Gen. Arnold Says German Defenses Are Not Crumbling

Beverly Hills, Calif.—(AP)—Gen. Henry H. Arnold says he hates to hear stories that German defenses are crumbling. "I'd like to know where they're crumbling," the army air forces commanding general said at a press conference yesterday. "We've attacked German factories, marshaling yards, canals, ball-bearing plants, synthetic rubber and both natural and synthetic gasoline plants," he added. "We've kept their force down to such small numbers that for months at a time some of our formations saw no planes at all. Meanwhile thousands of our planes were in action. "In spite of all this the Germans still keep on fighting and they're darned tough babies. I don't think the war in Germany will end until we actually get to Berlin."

## Arch Davis

was particularly heavy and two engines on the "Jack Pine Joe" were damaged badly. As the result, the plane began to lose altitude rapidly. Captain Davis realized that his plane would never reach its base in Italy because it couldn't clear the Alps. Through a misinterpretation of signals, the navigator had bailed out, believing that the ship was going to crash, and his maps were lost with him. Thus, the Friendship airman believed that the best hope lay in trying to reach neutral territory. He radioed his intentions back to a fighter group and asked for an escort.

Run Into Trouble — Halfway to the neutral country, the crippled bomber was jumped by six ME-109's (German Messerschmitt fighters). Fortunately, just as the Jerries began their run on the American B-24, some American fighters showed up and disposed of some of the ME's. The other five scurried to safety. When the injured bomber soared over the big German industrial town of Friedrichshafen, it had lost altitude down to 9,000 feet. Says Captain Davis, "those ground defenses let loose at us with everything they had. They simply plastered the plane with flak, for at that height the plane was an easy target. I tried evasive action but it didn't seem to help much. The prop and the right rudder were riddled." "Miraculously, the "Jack Pine Joe" stayed in the air. Flak struck the radio operator and the engineer while Davis received a slight head wound.

The end was fast approaching, though, when a third engine suffered a bad hit. Captain Davis sent his crew back to the camera hatch to bail out. The hydraulic and electric systems were so hot that the bomb bay doors wouldn't open. "I planned to make a crash landing," Davis said, "but then one engine caught fire. With an explosion likely any moment, there was nothing to do but bail out. I set the automatic pilot and got out through the top turret." One Member Is Killed — One member of the crew was killed when he jumped from the plane. The others, along with Davis, were interned. The crew bailed out in 6,000-8,000 feet above the ground. By the time Captain Davis got out, he was only 1,200-1,500 feet in the air.

Captain Davis has been recommended for the DFC for that mission. He also has the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with two clusters and the European-Middle East-North African ribbon, with two campaign stars. He will return to Miami Beach, Fla., the first week in January for reassignment.

## Pittsville

Pfc. Ralph Hass, who has been at Camp McCoy for a long time, has been issued an APO New York address. Pfc. Hass has two brothers in service, Pfc. Gilbert and Pfc. Arthur, both having APO addresses. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dupue and children of Marshfield spent Thursday at the Adolph Schiller home. Chester Vaughn has moved to Wisconsin Rapids where he will reside. Cpl. Bob Clark left Wednesday for his camp at Great Falls, Mont., having spent his furlough with his mother west of the city. Pvt. Glen Dickson, son of the J. A. Dickson's, Route 1, has been issued an APO address. Glen has been at Camp Blanding Fla. Pvt. Vern Graf, son of the Art Graf's, also has been issued the same overseas address. Herman and Ed Stendel, Otto Uhlman and Eg Vogt left for their home in Oconomowoc having spent a few days at the Louis Woodman home. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Brahmstead of Marshfield were Sunday visitors at the Adolph Schiller home. Mrs. Mary Tyjeski arrived here from Duluth and is visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deimpze, Ruth Arndt, Mrs. Frank Brozinski and Mrs. Charles Boelcher spent Wednesday at Marshfield. Friends here have received a letter from S/Sgt. Norbert Haumschild stating he was on New Guinea with a signal company squadron attached to an air force unit. Norbert has been in service three years. Lawrence Corbin recently home on leave writes Mrs. Martha Corbin, his mother, that when he reached his base he was promoted in rank to seaman first class. Mr. and Mrs. George Zimmerman announce the birth of a son on Monday, December 4 at Riverview hospital. Mrs. Zimmerman is the former Evelyn Christensen, daughter of the Herman Christensens.



RELIEF OFFICIAL HERO OF ATHENS FIGHTING—Edgar M. Wahlberg (right, with cap), of Denver, Colo., UNRRA official who helped patients in hospitals and sanitariums in the Athens area of Greece during recent fighting there, examines clothing of Greek children in the mountain village of Tymfritos after the allied landing in the country.

## Western Front

Marianweiler, a mile northwest of Duren.) The German army's defensive fight before vital arsenals of the fatherland was reported in front dispatches to be weakening west of the Roer, inside the Siegfried line at Dilligen and Saarlautern and in northern Alsace under repeated battering of three American armies. Merode, a forest village three and a half miles southwest of Duren, was cleared during the night. Veterans of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army moved slowly and reached the Roer five miles southwest of Merode after advancing down a hill in the area of Bergstein, captured last week. Snow in that sector had melted, creating a soft bog which made going hard. The Germans appeared to have abandoned hope of holding out much longer west of the Roer and to be fighting a screening action while they hauled the rest of their artillery and tanks to the east bank. There the Germans with forced labor have thrown up three lines of narrow trenches and strongpoints stretching from Duren to Julich between the Roer and the Eft river, which flows within eight miles of Cologne on the Rhine. 18 Miles Inside Reich — Before Duren, the Americans were 18 miles inside Germany in the deepest invasion yet of the Reich. The Ninth army late last month reached the Roer along an eight-mile front between the central and northern river citadels of Julich and Linnich. Considerable German movement was observed east of the river and Ninth army guns opened up on the foe, supreme headquarters announced. The U. S. Third army finally captured Sarreguemes (14,000), pulled up to the border of the Saarland and started shelling the important German cities of Zweibrucken (16,000) and St. Ingbert (21,000), five and seven miles inside Germany. OFFICER GETS BITE FROM GI PANTS — Camp Claiborne, La.—(AP)—Lt. R. L. Rose went fishing at Cacaundry lake, ten miles from camp, and caught a pair of GI trousers, complete with belt, wallet, small change and faded identification card. An X-ray machine made discernible the name of T-5 Virgil Holt, member of an engineering outfit here. Investigation disclosed that Holt, also a fisherman, had overturned his boat on the lake and managed to salvage only himself.

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FOOD GOES TO PRISONERS — New York—(AP)—Food packages are moving steadily to American prisoners of war in Germany and are being delivered faithfully. Maurice Pate, director of prisoner of war relief for the American Red Cross, said today after arriving from Europe by clipper. Herman and Ed Stendel, Otto Uhlman and Eg Vogt left for their home in Oconomowoc having spent a few days at the Louis Woodman home. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Brahmstead of Marshfield were Sunday visitors at the Adolph Schiller home. Mrs. Mary Tyjeski arrived here from Duluth and is visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deimpze, Ruth Arndt, Mrs. Frank Brozinski and Mrs. Charles Boelcher spent Wednesday at Marshfield. Friends here have received a letter from S/Sgt. Norbert Haumschild stating he was on New Guinea with a signal company squadron attached to an air force unit. Norbert has been in service three years. Lawrence Corbin recently home on leave writes Mrs. Martha Corbin, his mother, that when he reached his base he was promoted in rank to seaman first class. Mr. and Mrs. George Zimmerman announce the birth of a son on Monday, December 4 at Riverview hospital. Mrs. Zimmerman is the former Evelyn Christensen, daughter of the Herman Christensens.

Actor Laird Cregar Dies in Hollywood — Hollywood—(AP)—Death has taken 28-year-old Laird Cregar, who with his 6-foot-3, 300-pound figure became one of the movies' top character actors. He succumbed at 4:15 p. m. Saturday after two heart attacks. A week ago he underwent an abdominal operation, in preparation for which he had dieted away 100 pounds. His pictures included "Hudson's Bay," "Blood and Sand," "Charlie's Aunt," "Hot Spot," "This Gun for Hire," "Heaven Can Wait," "Holy Matrimony," "The Lodger" and "Hangover Square."

NOTICE — The Wisconsin Statutes and City Ordinance provide that all sidewalks in the City be cleared of ice and snow within twenty-four hours after a snow storm. Where owners or occupants of lots fail to do so, the City will remove snow and ice and the cost thereof shall be charged against the property. Parking on all streets within the City during a snow storm from the hours of 12 midnight until 8:00 A. M. is prohibited by City ordinance and will be prosecuted if any owner of vehicle does not comply with this law. CITY OF NEOKOSA

## Funeral Held for James R. Johnson Of Junction City

Junction City—Funeral services were held for James R. Johnson, 78, Junction City, who died Sunday at St. Michael's hospital in Stevens Point after a two-year illness. Services were conducted by the Rev. H. J. Lane of Mosinee at Martens funeral home and burial was in Runkles cemetery in the town of Eau Claire. Mr. Johnson was born December 8, 1866, in Philadelphia and lived in central Wisconsin about 40 years. Survivors include the widow, who was Tena Beatz when they were married at Merrimac in 1914, and two daughters, Mrs. William Koch, Junction City, and Mrs. Edmund Furo, Antioch, Ill.

## War in Pacific

(Continued from Page One) power to the task of clearing the enemy from the mountainous northwest shoulder of Leyte island. Impassable Terrain — Terrain still was virtually impassable, but MacArthur reported his 32nd division was "slowly surging forward" against enemy positions in the rugged corridor, which runs from Ormoc to Carigara bay on the south. (NBC Correspondent George Thomas Folster said the 77th and Seventh divisions found the Japanese at Ormoc well entrenched with "automatic weapons at street intersections, snipers on rooftops and nests of sharpshooters hidden under houses.") American bombers scored effective sweeps of the central Philippines and beyond, cratering airfield runways and blasting harassing shipping. The most spectacular single strike was the 79-ton bombing of petroleum installations at Tarakan and Balikpapan on Borneo, where a freighter was sunk offshore.

## County TVA Meeting Is Held At Arpin

The annual meeting of the Wood County TVA co-operators was held at the Arpin Community hall last week. Co-operator Don Trowbridge stated that "the TVA program is doing something in the way of education for me. It used to be my opinion that land as new as mine could not be helped much by fertilizer, but it looks as though nature has left us somewhat short of minerals and fertilizer does help it a lot. Matt Grassl, another co-operator, was of the opinion that "this fertilizer program sort of provides an incentive to do a better job all around." An advisory committee composed of Frank Tomczyk, Sigal, Len Jackson, Seneca and Rudolph Weinfurter, Sherry, was named.

## Weather

(Continued from Page One) highways, mounted steadily. More than 38 fatalities directly attributed to storm conditions were reported. The south did not escape the storm. Snow fell on Alabama and on Georgia and on Tennessee, too, with central Alabama getting the heaviest amount. Macon, Ga., was the farthest southern city reporting snow, the bureau said, in the storm which started in Nebraska and Kansas. The western half of Virginia was covered with snow ranging up to 10 inches while the fall was general in western North Carolina. Temperatures in the low 20's were forecast for much of the southern area, endangering the Florida truck crops. Small craft warnings were posted for both Florida coasts. The death toll by states: Arkansas 1; Colorado 5; Illinois 2; Indiana 4; Iowa 1; Kansas 2; Michigan 4; Missouri 1; New York 1; Nebraska 2; Ohio 7; Pennsylvania 5.

## SHIPBUILDING TRADITION

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KEY FIGURES IN CHINA'S CRISIS—Hope faded that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Chinese Communists would quickly end their long-standing feud and join forces against the Japs following China's rejection of Communist terms after a Chungking parley between Communist Gen. Chou En-Lai, right above, and Chiang's central government. For seven years, the Chinese Reds, led by Gen. Chu Teh, left, above, have harassed Jap forces in northeast China. His regular forces, composed of the famous Eighth Route army and the New Fourth army, are estimated at nearly 75,000 men, plus some 2,000,000 in the people's militia, trained as guerrillas.

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