

Live Market Centers Buying Power on Rails, Industrials

Some Gains of 2 or More Points Made

New York — (P)— Buying power centered on rails and industrials in today's stock market, one of the broadest and liveliest of the year, and many favorites ascended to peaks for 1943 or longer with gains of fractions to 2 or more points.

Brokers said a revival of bullishness was due partly to hopefulness of investors over congressional trends, further efforts to beat threatened inflation, the desire to get idle funds working and confidence regarding ultimate war developments.

Low-priced issues came out in sizable blocks at the start but dealings widened later in pivots and blue chips. There was some profit cashing in the final hour although this was well absorbed and most climbers were at or near the best approaching the close. Steels, rubbers, amusements, mail orders, air-crafts, air transports and coppers led the procession. Utilities were listless. Transfers were around 2,000,000 shares.

Tilting upward in the curb were Phoenix Securities, Aluminum of America, Humble Oil, Pennsylvania Water & Power, Cities Service, Glen Alden Coal, Midvale and Sullivan machinery.

Grain Prices Slump, With Rye in Lead

Chicago — (P)— Grains slumped today in response to re-iteration by Price Administrator Prentiss Brown of his opposition to farm bills now before congress which, he said, would raise the retail price of foods between 17 and 18 per cent.

Rye was under most pressure, dropping more than a cent at times, as fairly heavy liquidation from leading commission houses entered the pit. Early gains in wheat and oats were erased on moderate selling. All markets lacked buying demand.

Receipts: Wheat 57 cars; corn 157; oats 28.

Selling pressure increased in the final minutes and wheat closed 1 1/2% lower, May 1.44%-%, July \$1.45-\$1.44%, corn was unchanged at ceilings, May \$1.01, oats dropped 1/2-cent and rye lost 1 1/2-cents.



COUNCIL SEAT BRIEFS

War in Africa

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Mareth line positions at the other end of the front, dispatches from Cairo said.

Low-flying planes attacked Rommel's formations south of El Hamma, hitting tanks, armored cars, gun carriers and trucks. (Presumably these had been marshaled to challenge the allied threat to El Hamma from the south.)

Planes of the northwest Africa air force got bursts among German armor opposing American troops in the Gafsa sector, especially in the pass which leads eastward from El Guetar.

Repulse Nazi Attacks
Aerial support helped American ground forces to beat back repeated Nazi attacks, dispatches from the front said.

Allied planes also struck again at enemy landing grounds, getting bursts among 40 to 60 planes on a field between Sfax and Gabes.

Capt. John K. Hall of Denver, Colo., who participated in the raid, said it was the best his formation had yet experienced. The escorting P-40 Warhawks shot down four enemy fighters in a 25-minute dog-fight.

Hits were scored on grounded aircraft at a field south of Souss.

U. S. Lines Hold Firm
In the Gafsa area German bombers were out in considerable strength, reports from the front said. Their attacks, coupled with fire from the Nazi 88-millimeter artillery batteries, gave Americans at some points the heaviest pounding they had ever undergone, but failed to break the U. S. lines.

"In the Gafsa sector American patrols carried out offensive operations with success," the war bulletin reported.

It said that "from northern Tunisia there is nothing to report." (An Algiers broadcast recorded in London by Reuters earlier said that the British First Army had made a slight advance in northern Tunisia.)

By night and day allied aerial squadrons bombed and shot up axis concentrations between Mareth and Gabes, enemy air fields and transport on the roads between Souss and Sfax.

"Yesterday bombers of the northwest African air forces attacked the docks at Ferryville (near Bizerte)," the communique said.

"Hits were observed all over the dock area and large fires were started."

"No Reason for Gloom"
(In London a British military commentator, taking a more optimistic view of the Tunisian operations, emphasized the setback announced yesterday in the Mareth line was "no reason for gloom.")

"We must remember," he said, "that the enemy has been working for months to strengthen the Mareth line. It took us nine days to get through at El Alamein and I don't think we need to weep over this retreat."

(One of the main factors which should hearten the allies, he said, was the fact that simultaneous converging attacks by American forces and the British Eighth Army had forced Field Marshal Rommel to split his armor into four units.)

(These units are: 1. On the Maknassy road; 2. On the El Guetar road; 3. Southwest of El Hamma west of the Mareth line; and 4. In the Mareth line positions.)

Commends Raids on Vegesack, Rennes

United States Eighth Bomber Command Headquarters, England — (P)— The United States Flying Fortress-Liberator raid on the Vegesack submarine and shipbuilding yards last Thursday "has crippled that base for a considerable period," Brig. Gen. Newton Lonfellow, chief of the eighth bomber command, said today.

The raid on the U-boat supply center and railroad yards at Rennes March 3 was "considered by transportation evaluation experts as probably the most devastating raid of its kind in this war," Longfellow said.

Mrs. Albert B. Fall Dies at Age of 79

El Paso, Tex. — (P)— Mrs. Albert B. Fall, wife of the former secretary of interior in the Harding cabinet, died today. She was 79.

Mrs. Fall was stricken with paralysis last Wednesday at her home and taken to the same hospital where her 81-year-old husband is under treatment.

POPE ILL WITH FLU
London — (P)— The Rome radio said today that an influenza attack suffered by Pope Pius XII "is taking its normal course and there is already a considerable improvement in his condition."

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New Books

Books recently purchased and now on the shelves for library patrons are: Death at Ash House, Miles Burton; Mount Allegro, Jene Mangione; Syrian Yankee, Salom Rizk; A Rich Girl, Margaretta Brucker; I Saw the Fall of the Philippines, Colonel Carlos P. Romulo; Professional Hero, Maizie Greig; Lady in a Wedding Dress, Susannah Shane; Happy Land, McKinley Kantor; Say Goodbye to Katherine, Allene Corliss; A High Wind Rising, Elsie Singmaster; Glass Mountain, Mary Francis Doner; Three Plots for Asey Mayo, Phoebe Atwood Taylor; We Took to the Woods, Louise Dickenson Rich; Wild Lilac, Helen Topping Miller; Yours For the Asking, Jane Abbott; Cross Creek Cookery, Recipes and Menus, Marjorie Kinan Rawlings; Love Comes Unseen, Ruby M. Ayres.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McDonald of Hudson, Wis., were business visitors here yesterday.

Mrs. Charles McDavett of St. Paul, Minn., who came here for the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Tillie Thomas Snider, is a guest at the Clyde Herrick home.

Mrs. Bernard Verweyst left yesterday for Camp Hood, Texas, where she is to join her husband, Second Lieutenant Verweyst. She was accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Oliver Ranosper of Wisconsin Rapids.

Pvt. Bernard Buehler left yesterday for Midland, Tex., after a furlough spent here with his mother, Mrs. John Buehler and with his wife.

Flashes of Life

Hazards of War
Fort Custer, Mich. — (P)— Pvt. Robert E. Graham of Saginaw, Mich., hasn't been out of the United States, but for 24 hours he was listed as a battle casualty. He suffered a shoulder injury while helping unload casualties sent to Percy Jones hospital and was written up with the returning wounded and assigned a bed. He was No. 13 in the list of Michigan casualties until the error was discovered.

That's His Field
Kansas City, Mo. — (P)— Dr. D. T. Van Del, an obstetrician, got his C card from the rationing board all right.

On the form was listed: "Occupation—production specialist."

Sock for Jap Socks
Brisbane, Calif. — (P)— A 25 cent pair of socks caused a miniature riot.

When the purchaser found "Made in Japan" stamped on the socks he returned with a friend and (1) poked the proprietor on the nose; (2) hurled shoe boxes; (3) took the remaining 18 pairs and burned them, with ceremony, on the sidewalk.

Police were hunting the two defended gentlemen.

Close Shave
Seattle — (P)— For once, a barber was speechless.

A soldier-edited newspaper from a Pacific outpost told this story: At a dance for soldiers, Pvt. Tony (The Barber) Lembo sought the young woman who had promised him the next dance. Finding her in conversation with another man, he slapped his rival on the back, and prepared to sweep onto the floor with the feminine charmer.

Tony almost swooned when the other man turned around. It was Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush.

Wyoming Rabbit
Casper, Wyo. — (P)— Marsh rabbit, porterhouse steak — and now fried ludovicians!

The new dish was introduced to City Councilman Rex Iserman by Firemen James Gray and George Bell. The latter handled the cooking, and added potatoes, gravy and salad.

Tasted like rabbit, but it was really prairie dog.

U. S. to Aid Colombia in Building Highway

Calif., Colombia — (P)— Vice President Henry A. Wallace stopped here overnight on his plane trip from Panama to Santiago, Chile, and disclosed at a press conference that negotiations were underway between the United States and Colombia to help the latter build its section of the Inter-American highway.

This morning Wallace left by plane for Lima en route to Santiago. Members of the Colombian cabinet, United States Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane and Alberto Lleras Camargo, recently named Colombian ambassador to Washington, were among the officials who greeted him at the airport.

NEGRE IS SHOT
Milwaukee — (P)— Joseph Seller, 21-year-old Milwaukee Negro, is in Emergency hospital with a bullet wound in the chest. He was shot last night, Police Sergeant Charles Nowakowski said, by Patrolman Henry Tischer after he tried to escape after the officer arrested him.



EISENHOWER AND OMURTAK CONFER — This photograph of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower conferring with Gen. Salhi Omurtak of the Turkish military mission now visiting allied forces in Algeria, was sent by U. S. signal corps new radiotelephoto.

Food Agency

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house and House Majority Leader McCormack of Massachusetts.

The house has approved the Pace bill and both branches have approved the Bankhead bill, although in somewhat different versions, to stipulate that government benefit payments shall not be included in computing farm parity price ceilings.

Warns of Food Price Rise
Taken together, Brown said, they would raise the retail price of food between 17 and 18 per cent, increase the annual food budget of consumers by three and three-quarters billion dollars and cost the government an additional one and one-half billion dollars a year.

"We must face the fact that radical change in the cost of food means radical change in the 'little steel formula' as well," Brown wrote. "If congress requires the one, it must accept the responsibility for the other."

(The little steel formula is the war labor board's yardstick for allowing a cost-of-living wage adjustment. It permits an increase of 15 per cent over the wage level of a particular group on January 1, 1941. Further increases are permissible if the board is convinced the 15 per cent does not correct manifest injustices.)

Thinks Prices at Fair Levels
Brown said he feels farm prices and farm income already have been raised to fair levels, increasing 110 per cent between August 1939 and January 1943 while prices farmers pay increased 26 per cent.

Brown said he is "deeply convinced not only that the economic position of the farmer is more favorable than it has ever been before but that farm prices and farm incomes are fair."

"If this bill becomes law we might as well give up the fight to try to control inflation," declared Senator Lucas.

Urges Action Delayed
"I sincerely hope it will be held up for some time. There have been no hearings on the bill before either house or senate committees, and to my mind it is about the most important piece of legislation before congress."

Senator Thomas (D-Okla.), one of the principal senate backers of the measure introduced in the house by Rep. Pace (D-Ga.), said he thought the farm state senators should "strike while the iron is hot."

"We've got the votes to pass it," he added.

Nevertheless wires were being pulled behind the scenes in an effort to delay consideration. Some of the farm state lawmakers were represented as becoming concerned over the legislation's possible effect on general price stabilization, in the face of labor demands for wage increases.

Vesper

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold King and children of Wisconsin Rapids were Sunday callers at the G. Gear home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Billet and Mrs. A. Whitman and daughter Mae of Arpin spent Sunday visiting with A. Whitman at the Marshfield hospital.

Mrs. Constance Bauers fell on the ice last week and broke several ribs. She is staying at the home of her daughter at Wisconsin Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drake and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Trickey visited Mr. Trickey who is a patient at the St. Joseph's hospital at Marshfield, Sunday.

Pvt. William Clark jr. arrived Thursday from Fort Sill, Okla., to spend a seven-day furlough at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Merl Gates and son Terry spent Sunday with Glenn Gates, who is a patient at the sanatorium at Wausau.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bean and children were Sunday guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Bean.

Hairs from the heads of blonds are used in hair hygrometers, delicate instruments for measuring atmospheric humidity.

Milkweed Plant New Agricultural Crop

Chicago — (P)— A new crop farmers to grow on sub-marginal acres, the milkweed plant, was described today by Dr. Boris Berkman, Chicago, as providing materials for the war effort for use in place of Java kapok and as offering a new source of livestock feed.

The plant produces two fibers, utilization of which is important to a number of industries and the war effort, Dr. Berkman, reported in a paper prepared for the ninth annual conference of the National Farm Chemurgic Council.

The fiber, produced by the pod, known as the milkweed floss, has proven in laboratory tests, Dr. Berkman said, to have exceptional buoyancy, because each fiber has a naturally sealed air tube. This unusual fiber structure also has shown in tests to be a desirable insulating material. The other fiber, which resembles flax, is found in the outer layer of the plant stalk and has great tensile strength, making it suitable for use as a textile material.

Restaurants Under Food Reduction Plan

Washington — (P)— You won't have to give up a ration coupon when you order a steak at your favorite restaurant—but it will be rationed, too.

Restaurants and other institutional eating places will be limited to 75 per cent or less of the amount of meat, butter, cheese and similar products they used last December when the point rationing program goes into effect Monday, the office of price administration says.

Two mathematical methods will be used to determine the restaurant ration, OPA said last night in making the announcement. One is to cut 7 per cent off the number of persons served during December, and the other being 25 per cent off the point value of products used. Whichever gives the smallest total determines the establishment's allotment.

Individual portions aren't restricted yet, but the agriculture department is considering such a limitation.

Adams

Mrs. Elmer Johnson left Friday for her home at Modesto after a month's visit with her father, P. M. Keefe and brother Will.

Mrs. Theran Case of Milwaukee was an over Sunday guest of Mrs. Julius Radtke.

Ernie Weisenberg spent Monday at his home near Llyman.

Clarence Jepson visited relatives at LaVallé Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kiley visited relatives at Cuba City Sunday and Monday.

Will Keefe spent the week-end visiting Dr. Leonard Adams and other friends in Milwaukee.

Mrs. Harvey Grover returned to her home at LaVallé Sunday after spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Jepson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Houston of Nekoosa were Sunday visitors at the August Ludtke home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jepson and children were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nelson at Elroy.

Milladore

Anton Anderson of Wisconsin Rapids spent Sunday at the Harold Kupch home.

Mrs. Julia Walters, Roy Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Moll, Jackie and Neil Moll of Wisconsin Rapids called at the J. N. Malik home Sunday afternoon.

Glady, Bernice and Clara Feit, who are employed in Milwaukee, spent the week-end with their mother Mrs. Elizabeth Feit.

Emma Zvolena of Milwaukee visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zvolena recently.

Raymond Haas of Milwaukee will make an indefinite visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Haas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schmutzer and family of Wisconsin Rapids have moved onto the John Schmutzer farm which they will operate.

According to manufacturers, the khaki cloth for the uniforms of soldiers is woven from five differently-colored threads.

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Wednesday Club

Mrs. Neil Christian entertained members of the Wednesday bridge club at her home Wednesday afternoon. Scores were tallied after several rounds of contract and Mrs. R. C. Peterson received the defense stamp for having highest score. The group went to the Paper Inn for supper.

Birthday Party

After school on Wednesday, Mrs. Leonard Baer entertained a group of children at her home in honor of her son Luckie's sixth birthday anniversary. Tommy Beardley of Wisconsin Rapids was an out of town guest. The children played games and Dickie opened his interesting gifts. A 6 o'clock supper was served at a table decorated in the patriotic motif, the lighted birthday cake making a bright centerpiece. Each child received a favor.

Girl Scouts

Taking advantage of the nice weather, Girl Scouts and their leader, Miss Betty Rom, used their hour for an outdoor hike on Wednesday afternoon. They studied birds and other things of nature. Returning to the school, the girls listened to a report from Jean Pascoe and Mary Ann Caldwell, who attended the camp study meeting at Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday. Marcia Alexander served the treat.

Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lafler and daughter Hester were Wednesday evening dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schreiber at Wisconsin Rapids.

Ness Opposes Wilkins in Town of Remington

Chairman Fred Wilkins, town of Remington, will be opposed for reelection April 6 by Henry Ness, who was also nominated for the chairmanship at the town's annual caucus.

E. R. Van Wormer and Alfred Meier, incumbent side board members, were nominated with Charles Griffin, a former board member, also running. Clerk Robert Hofer will be opposed by Leal More, former town clerk, and Charles Sanzer, incumbent treasurer, by James Scott.

An assessor candidate was not qualified for a place on the town ballot. Kenneth Clausen, the incumbent, was not a candidate for reelection at the caucus.

Phone Installations Placed on War Basis

Washington — (P)— Henceforth every household who has a telephone installed does so with the understanding the telephone company can take it out if the instrument is needed for war purposes.

The war production board placed all telephone installations on this basis today, simultaneously issuing new rules to aid farmers in getting telephone service as a means of boosting farm output and saving agricultural manpower.

Telephone service may be installed for "producers of substantial quantities of food where such service is essential to such producers' operations," WPB ruled in modifying previous restrictions.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Nora Witkowski, residing on R.F.D. 5, Wis. Rapids and Pearl Cronk, residing at 2138 Summers Ave. Madison, Wis. have made application for a class B liquor license for premises located at 231 2nd. Ave. S. Wis. Rapids, Wis.

NELS M. JUSTESON, City Clerk.

OPEN NAVIGATION SEASON

Cleveland — (P)— The 1943 Great Lakes navigation season was launched today as ice conditions cleared sufficiently to permit traffic in the western end of Lake Erie. Commander Roscoe House of the U. S. coast guard reported.

Rialto Theatre Nekoosa, Wisconsin

LAST TIMES TONIGHT 8:00—Foto-Pay-Day—\$90 Burgess Meredith in "STREET OF CHANCE" Shows 7:00 and 8:50 P. M. Coming Friday "TOMBSTONE"

Notice To BIDDERS

The city of Wisconsin Rapids will receive sealed bids for the premium for the City Fleet Insurance covering fire, theft, wind, liability and property damage. Complete specifications and equipment values are available at the City Clerk's office. All bids must be in the hands of the City Clerk not later than 3 p. m. April 5th, 1943. The city of Wisconsin Rapids reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Dated March 25, 1943.

NELS M. JUSTESON, City Clerk

FINAL NEW YORK STOCKS

Al Chem	15 1/2
Am Can	25 1/2
Am T & T	12 1/2
Anacosta	20 1/2
Armstrong	20 1/2
Beth Steel	6 1/2
Calumet & Hecla	12 1/2
Camp	20 1/2
Case	20 1/2
Chrysler	7 1/2
Continental Corp	22 1/2
Gen Prod	20 1/2
Du Pont	14 1/2
Eastman Kodak	17 1/2
Gen Elec	20 1/2
Gen Motors	38 1/2
Gen Foods	40 1/2
Goodrich	20 1/2
Goodyear	20 1/2
Int Harvester	20 1/2
J. M. Marville	20 1/2
Kennecott Cop	20 1/2
Marshall Field	12 1/2
Nat Dairy Prod	12 1/2
N Y Central	14 1/2
So Am Aviat	15 1/2
North Amer	15 1/2
North Pac	11 1/2
Ohio Oil	10 1/2
Penny	10 1/2
Pure Oil	10 1/2
Radio Corp	10 1/2
Sears Roebuck	10 1/2
St Oil Cal	33 1/2
St Oil Ind	31 1/2
St Oil N Y	20 1/2
Studebaker Corp	10 1/2
Swift	20 1/2
Texas Co	20 1/2
Un Air Lines	22 1/2
U S Steel	20 1/2
West El & Mig	20 1/2
Woodworth	20 1/2
Yellow R & C	10 1/2
Youngst Sh & T	30 1/2

FINAL NEW YORK CURB

Am Gas & El	24 1/2
Am Can	25 1/2
Carleton	20 1/2
Cities Service	20 1/2
El Bond & Share	10 1/2
El Bond & Share	10 1/2
Hecla Min	6 1/2
Pitts Pl Gl	8 1/2

Livestock

Chicago Market
Chicago — (P)— (U. S. D. A.) —Salable hogs 9,000; total 18,000; active, mostly strong to 10 higher than Wednesday's averages; with spots 15 up, top 18.00; good and choice 180-360 lbs 15.60-80; including numerous loads at 15.70 and 15.75; most 160-180 lbs averages 14.50-15.50; bulk good 360-550 lbs sows 15.35-60; extreme choice 15.65.

Salable cattle 5,000; salable calves 800; fed steers and yearlings along with fed heifers fully steady; killing quality medium to good; eastern order buyers demand broad; nothing strictly choice here; top steers 17.35; bulk 14.75-16.50; very liberal supply 14.75-15.75; choice weighty heifers 16.50; bulk 13.75-15.50; cows slow; steady; supply very small; weighty cutters 11-00 downward; strictly good beef cows to 14.50; bulls weak to 25 lower; practical top weighty sausage bulls 14.75; vealers steady at 16.00-17.50; stock cattle firm.

Salable sheep 5,000; total 10,000; fat lambs weak; 15 lower; fairly active at decline; good to choice woolled lambs 16.00-50; best held higher; double fed western clipped offerings with No. 1 and 2 skins 15.65; look 20 lower than Tuesday's sheep undertone about steady; talking 9.00-25 on good native ewes; deck good 72 lbs shearing lambs 14.75.

Milwaukee Market
Milwaukee — (P)— Hogs 2,000; 10-15 higher; good to choice butchers 180-400 lbs. and up 15.50-.70; good to choice lights 150-170 lbs. 15.00-.35; bulk of packing sows 15.35-.60; rough and heavy sows 15.00-.25; thin and unfinished sows 13.00-15.00; stags 13.50-15.25; boars 9.00-10.50.

Cattle 800; trend about steady; steers and yearlings choice to prime 14.50-16.00; good to choice 12.50-14.50; common to good 11.00-14.00; dry fed yearling heifers 12.50-14.50; dairy bred heifers 10.00-13.50; good to choice cows 12.00-13.00; fair to good 11.00-.50; cutters 9.50-10.50; canners 8.00-9.00; choice weighty bologna bulls 14.00-.25; bulls, common to good 10.50-13.50.

Calves 2,000; weak; fancy selected vealers 16.00-.25; bulk of vealers 12.5-140 lbs. 15.25-.75; good to choice lights 100-120 lbs.