

Markets

Motor Shares Lead Wall Street Rally

NEW YORK, April 30 (UP)—Automobile shares led an active rally on the stock market today. Demand for the motors reflected traders' anticipation of a bright post-war future for the companies. Other peace shares led the rise, while the war shares were a bit slower catch-up. Ralls lagged for a time, though some of them had wide gains, notably Norfolk and Western, which was up more than 10 points.

The rally began in the early afternoon following an irregular decline that came after a steady firm opening. This decline led to bring in any liquidation and traders resumed their purchases with greater vigor.

CHICAGO

CHICAGO, April 30 (UP)—Rain futures made substantial gains late on the board of trade today despite nervousness over war news most of the session. Short-covering and evening-up in the first notice day accounted for much of the activity.

Wheat finished the day up 1/4 to 1 1/4 cents a bushel; corn up 1/4 to 1/2; oats unchanged to up 1/4; soy up 1/2 to one cent, and barley unchanged to up 1/4.

Momentary expectation of German surrender gave an uneven trend to wheat before the late rally. The trade tended to hold off commitments pending war and political developments.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., April 30 (UP)—Livestock:

Cattle 1,500, calves 150. Active, fully steady on all classes. Good-choice fed steers 15.50-17.00. Common-medium steers 12.00-15.00. Heifers 11.00-14.00. Good fed heifers 15.25. Canner-cutter cows 7.00-10.00. Medium-good beef cows 11.00-13.00. Medium-good bulls 10.50-12.75. Good beef bulls 13.00-13.70. Good-choice vealers 15.00-16.00.

Hogs 250. Steady at ceilings. All weight butchers 15.75. Sows 15.00. Heavy feeder pigs 17.00-17.50.

Sheep 300. Steady, quality considered. Good woolled lambs 15.50. Medium-good shorn lambs 14.00. Light feeder lambs 11.00. Spring lambs scarce. No. 3 pelt shorn ewes 7.00. Woolled ewes quotable to 9.00.

PORTLAND DAIRY

PORTLAND, Ore., April 30 (UP)—A steady tone was noted in the butter market today with prices unchanged.

The egg market remained strong. Storage demand was holding up, and retail volume was improving. Prices were unchanged.

Butter—Cube 93 score 42 3/4; 92 score 42 1/4; 90 score 42c; 89 score 41 1/2 pound.

Eggs—Prices to retailers AA large 44c; A large 42c; medium A 38c; small 35c dozen.

Cheese—Oregon triplets 27.2c; daisies 27.7c; Oregon loaf 27.9c. Jobbers pay 1/2c below quotations.

Treasury Frowns On Bond Raffle

WASHINGTON, April 30 (UP)—A \$5,000 war bond raffle among employees of three government buildings was held as advertised today despite treasury department disapproval, but there will be no more.

The top prize, a \$1,000 war bond, went to Louis Keller, 58, economist with the research division of coordinator of inter-American affairs. He said he would "salt the bond away."

A spokesman for the Federal Works agency said the idea of raffling war bonds "arose spontaneously among employees" of several government departments. He said the raffle was "strictly unofficial" and that motives of the government workers were patriotic but unwise.

Ted Gamble, director of the treasury's war finance division, opposed such means of disposing of war bonds. He said these sales "are not the kind that stick."

Surrender Demand To Japan Urged

WASHINGTON, April 30 (UP)—Sen. Homer E. Capehart, R., Ind., proposed today that the United Nations meeting at San Francisco issue an unconditional surrender ultimatum to Japan.

Capehart told the senate that "since victory in Europe is only a matter of days, or perchance hours," it raises the question of how much help the United States will get in the war with Japan.

"What a wonderful thing it would be if these 46 nations would now issue an ultimatum to Japan that unless she agreed to surrender unconditionally within a certain period of time, all of these 46 nations would agree to declare war on Japan and each help in furnishing men and materials," he said.

Mussolini Begs For Life as He Faces Execution

(Continued from Page 1) route to Como at the moment they faced the firing squad.

Morgue attendants found pinned to her underclothing a diamond-studded gold locket, a gift from Il Duce.

It bore this prophetic inscription: "Clara: I am here, thou art me. Ben."

Sharing the morgue with Il Duce on Clara were the bodies of 16 of his henchmen, executed like them by Italian patriots after a "people's trial." They shared his final disgrace as they had the infamy of his life.

Il Duce Begs for Life

"Mussolini died badly," said Edouardo, leader of the 10-man firing squad which sent the dictator to his death.

When he was sentenced to death, the man who had ruined his career through illusions of empire ironically cried, "let me save my life, and I will give you an empire."

"No, no," were the last words from Il Duce, who had said "yes, yes" so many times to his axis partner, Adolf Hitler. He cried his "no's" as the men of the firing squad raised their rifles to their shoulders.

Mussolini, the "jackal" to the last, was caught as he attempted to flee to Switzerland in a 30-car convoy, his bulky frame cloaked in a German military overcoat to escape detection.

New Peace Rumor By Himmler Is Rumored in Britain

(Continued from Page 1) the Japanese wanted to avoid as long as possible.

The same sources in Paris said that Himmler, in reported negotiations with Count Bernadotte of Sweden, said that Hitler was fighting in Berlin as a "simple soldier."

The often inaccurate Brussels radio this evening broadcast what it called an "unconfirmed report" that Himmler himself was in Stockholm conducting or seeking peace negotiations.

Stockholm dispatches said the intermediary, Count Folke Bernadotte, director of the Swedish Red Cross, met Himmler Sunday morning somewhere in Denmark. He was expected to leave Copenhagen for Stockholm sometime today, the dispatches said.

Many Rumors Heard

With Germany tottering on the brink of total collapse, rumors of developments within the shaken country and her still-occupied neighbors came thick and fast from continental sources.

All unconfirmed and many of them conflicting, they included:

1. Adolf Hitler is mad, dying or already dead.
2. German anti-Nazi partisans kidnaped Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop.
3. German sailors mutinied at the Baltic port of Rostock and are engaged in fierce fighting with SS troops.
4. A representative of Dr. Ernst Kaltenbrunner, Himmler's deputy for Bavaria and Austria, is meeting with Swiss officials at Vaduz, capital of neutral Liechtenstein. The subject of the negotiations was not disclosed, but may involve the surrender of further portions of Germany or Austria.
5. German army and Nazi leaders in Denmark are ready to capitulate and withdraw their troops.
6. The Quisling government in Norway resigned.

Russians Assert Fall of Berlin Matter of Hours

(Continued from Page 1) K. Rokossovsky's Second White Russian army had swept through five big road junctions between Berlin and the Baltic. Among them was Greifswald, on the coastal trunk railway 51 miles from Rostock and 65 northwest of Stettin.

Rokossovsky's forces also overran Treptow, 27 miles south of Greifswald; Nuestrelitz, 60 north of Berlin; Fuerstenberg, 43 northwest of Berlin; and Gransee, 37 northwest of Berlin.

A Moscow dispatch forecast that Marshal Stalin will have his greatest symbolic victory of the war—the capture of Berlin—to present to the Russian people for their May day celebration.

The decimated SS garrison was in its "last throes of resistance," Moscow said. Most of its artillery is gone and its hold on the center of the doomed capital is shrinking hourly.

Tens of thousands of German troops deserted to the Russian lines. The captured commander of a German police battalion estimated that at least 40,000 deserters had thrown away their uniforms and were hiding in Berlin cellars.

Laid end to end, 250,000 of the smallest bacteria would measure only one inch.

Arrest of Briton In Italy Reported

LONDON, April 30 (UP)—Radio Milan said today that Italian patriots have arrested John Amery, 33-year-old Briton who denounced his British cabinet minister father to broadcast for the Nazi and fascist radios.

The brief Milan broadcast reporting the arrest of Amery, son of Leopold L. S. Amery, British secretary of state for India, gave no details.

He apparently was seized by the same Italian patriots who executed Benito Mussolini and 17 other fascist leaders north of Milan Saturday.

American Forces Split Mindanao

MANILA, April 30 (UP)—American troops split Mindanao in two and pushed south along Davao gulf today after capturing Padada airfield only 31 miles from Davao.

The airfield apparently was seized intact by units of the 24th division as Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said American planes already were using the flying strips along the Davao gulf.

Other U. S. troops of the 31st division northward through Mindanao's central mountains reached a point 17 miles above Kabanacan, midway between Davao and the Moro gulf invasion beaches.

Gen. Clark Says Nazi Resistance Broken in Italy

(Continued from Page 1) tured by Italian patriots.

Negotiations continued for the surrender of the Italian Liguarian army of captured Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, an estimated five divisions numbering perhaps 50,000 troops.

In Venice the eighth army joined with Italian partisans and completed the mopping-up of the city. Eighth army units already were 17 miles beyond Venice at points within 70 miles of both the Yugoslav and Austrian borders.

The allied bag of prisoners had soared to the 100,000 mark and more were pouring into the cages. Dispatches from the front said it was obvious the Germans no longer were putting up an organized fight.

The American first armored division has captured four more German generals in northern Italy, including Major-Gen. von Behr, commander of the 90th panzer grenadier division, and his entire staff.

MAXY AND MINNIE MUMS

Max and Minnie Greenbaum, Greenfield avenue, Greendale, Wis., raise giant and dwarf chrysanthemums, calling the large ones Maxy Mums and the small one Minnie Mums.

Calendar of Coming Events

May 1, Royal Arch Masons, Masonic Temple, 7:30 p. m., Baker chapter, guests.

May 2, La Grande lodge of Masons, 7:30 p. m.

Observance of Music Week Set

(Continued from Page 1) various church choirs and other singers will participate, will be Thursday at 8:30 p. m. in the Methodist church.

A program by musicians from Eastern Oregon college will be presented at 8 p. m., under Ehlers' direction. The Neighborhood club is sponsoring a Community night program at 8 o'clock May 8, and the observance will be concluded with a concert by the La Grande high school band directed by Leroy Darling, at 8 p. m., May 11.

The theme of the 1945 national music week is "Foster American and World Unity through Music."

National music week is the outgrowth of a movement instituted in 1917 by a music trade magazine, but it did not get under way on national scale until 1924, when programs were presented in 840 cities, and today it is estimated that more than three times that number have adopted the idea and will have programs next week.

Erroneous Peace Rumor Launches Premature Fete

NEW YORK, April 30 (UP)—The nation got back to the business of winning the war today after a week-end in which an erroneous Associated Press dispatch from San Francisco touched off premature peace celebrations.

A personal denial by President Truman Saturday night that Germany had surrendered stopped the nation-wide celebrations. At the time he made his denial thousands of persons were on the sidewalks in front of the White House, singing "God Bless America" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

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MOVE ON RANGOON

CALCUTTA, April 30 (UP)—Armored columns of the British 14th army have reached within 36 miles of Rangoon, capital of Burma, in a drive south down a main highway, a communique said today.

In the Irrawaddy sector of central Burma, other British troops have captured Minbu on the west bank of the river opposite Magwe.

WHEN BRIDES THROW GARTERS

The superstitious people of 14th and 15th century France believed that whoever caught the garter or stocking of the bride when it was thrown would be the next to wed. From this comes the modern custom of throwing the bridal bouquet.

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There the American third and Russian third Ukrainian armies were closing up a gap of perhaps 30 miles or less between their vanguards in the Danube valley northeast of Berchtesgaden.

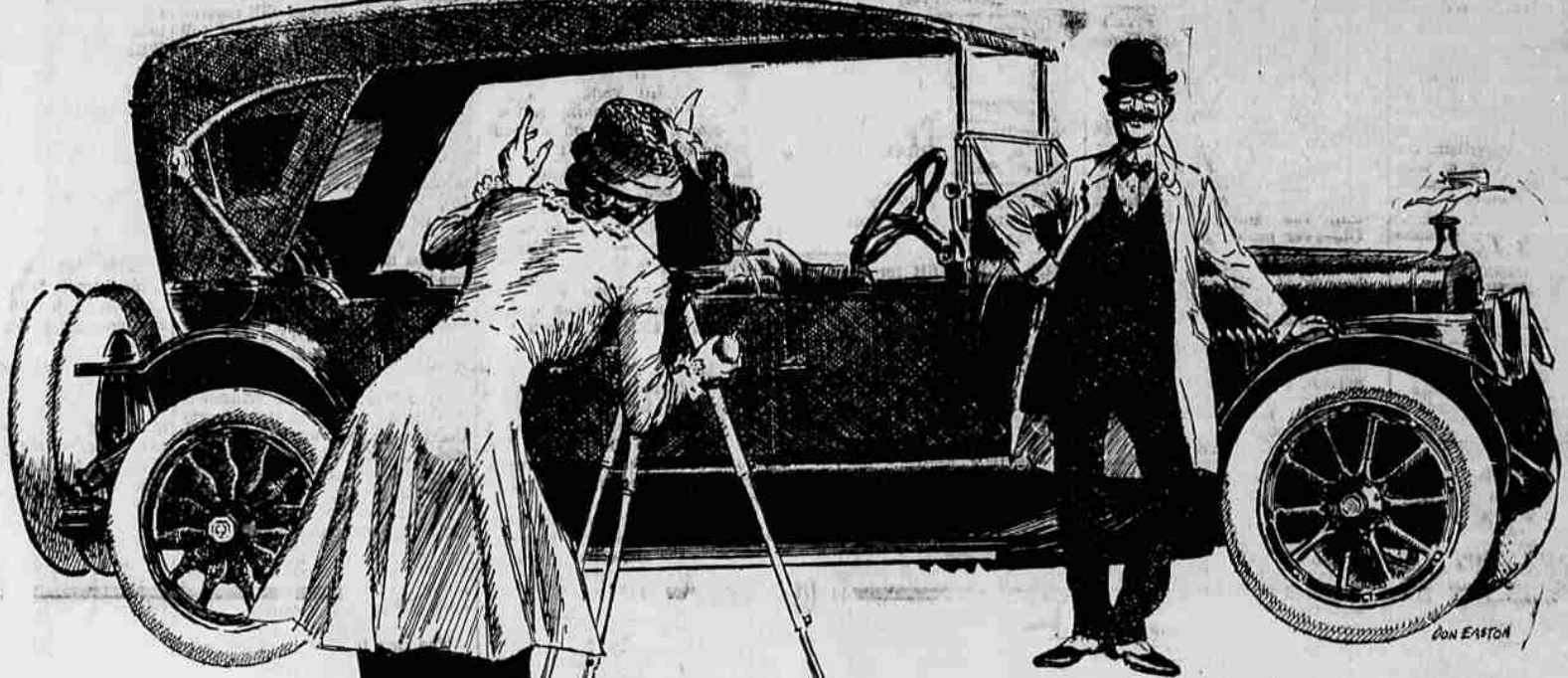
Doughboys of the American ninth army drove 22 miles eastward along the northeastern bank of the Elbe to join up with the Russians for the first time in the Wittenberg area, 40 miles southwest of the enemy capital.

At the same time, U. S. first army patrols stabbed up from the southwest to meet the Soviets in the same general area. The first army already was linked up with the Soviets farther south of Torgau and Riesa.

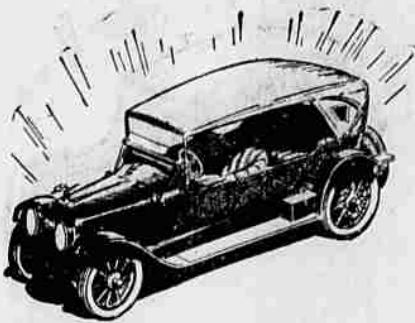
The juncture gave the Americans and Russians a solid corridor through the heart of the reich along a 50-mile stretch on the Elbe between Wittenberg in the north and Riesa in the south.

BIRDS CUED PLANE DESIGN

The first airplanes had no wing flaps or ailerons such as planes now have. Pilots maintained control by warping the flexible wings, much as a bird works its wings when gliding.



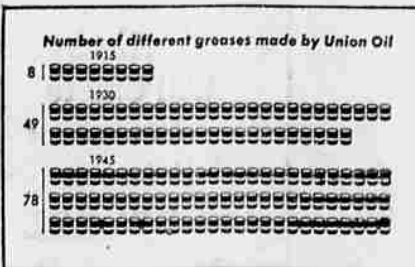
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1. In 1915, this \$4,850 touring car was a good automobile—one of the best money could buy. In 1915, Union Oil made a good line of greases—8 different types "to meet every lubrication need." Today, the lowest-priced cars are far better than that 1915 touring car. And they sell for about 1/4 as much.

2. Today, Union Oil makes 78 different greases for industry instead of 8! And their quality is equally superior. This doesn't mean the car manufacturers and ourselves weren't doing the best we knew how in 1915. But it does prove the value of competition.

3. After all, people were quite satisfied with 1915 automobiles and greases—in 1915. If no improvements had been introduced we'd be satisfied with them today. For we'd know of nothing better to compare them with. But fortunately the manufacturers weren't satisfied. Not that they were any more idealistic than the average citizen.



4. But each one knew that if he could put out a little bit better product than his competitors, he could get more business. So they all kept racking their brains for improvements. Progress, from year to year, was gradual—as it always is. But in 39 years, these combined improvements made a phenomenal total.

5. As a result, the American oil and automotive industries today have completely outstripped the rest of the world. No monopoly—private or governmental—could have accomplished as much. For there simply aren't the incentives to better your product when you already control all the trade.

6. So as long as there's still room for improvement in an industry, the only way to guarantee maximum progress is to have an economic system that guarantees maximum incentives. Our American system provides these to a degree no other system has ever approached.

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