

TRANS-ATLANTIC AIRLINER CRASHES, BURNS

Butter Price Stages Comeback as U.S. Launches Inquiry

By the Associated Press

While federal investigators probed into charges of market manipulation, butter prices in New York made a sharp comeback yesterday from the post-Christmas break and again established a marked disparity between New York and Chicago quotations.



By Charles A. Sprague

The Sheridan Sun reports the sale of that community's largest industry, the Wideman Lumber Co., to a company in Michigan operating retail yards in the middle west. The Sheridan mill is not large, having a cut of only 65,000 bd. ft. daily. The item is of interest because it is one of a series of transfers in which local mills are being acquired by outside interests.

The reason for the purchase, the Sun says, is that the buying company, like others, has had trouble obtaining a steady supply of lumber. It takes this means of insuring itself of lumber for its yards.

There have been a good many large transfers in the past year or two. The Edward Hines interests, with main offices in Chicago, which have for a number of years had a big pine mill at Hines, near Burns, acquired the mill at Westfir in the fir and hemlock belt. Long-Bell bought the Snellstrom mill in western Lane county. The Dollar interests bought the Glendale mill. Many small mills have been acquired by wholesalers or chains of retail yards located outside the state.

This means that the mill operating profits go outside the state, although the sales have brought big sums of outside capital into the state. The greater the extent of foreign ownership the more Oregon becomes "colonial." We do not want to be provincial and do not object to foreign investment in Oregon business except as it might drain seriously the state's economy. Absentee landownership is never wholesome for farms or for industries.

The pattern may change, come a reversal of the prosperity in lumbering. Then foreign corporations may conclude it is better to sell the mill and buy lumber on the market. That day doesn't seem near at hand, however. Recently O & C timber was sold on bid at over \$12 a thousand feet and in Washington the forest service got \$16.45 for the Douglas fir stumpage. As logging these tracts will take a considerable period of time, the price indicates that the bidders anticipate good lumber markets for a number of years.

The rapid cutting of timber will deprive many mills of logs and the number of mills will be considerably reduced. We can only hope that Oregon's chief industry will not become merely a fief held by outsiders concerned only about supplies or profits.

Ask Reds Pay Lend-Lease

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Demands on Capitol Hill that Russia settle now for its lend-lease aid were met today with a cry of "give them time." The mixed reaction stemmed from the administration's 23rd report to congress on the operations of the mutual aid supply program. It showed that 70 per cent of this nation's 50-odd-billion-dollar contribution to joint victory had been marked paid or written off.

The report said that Russia, which received 23 per cent of the American outlay, "has been invited to open negotiations," thus far, apparently, without response.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"No, no, not just up and down!"

Co-Pilot



SAN DIEGO, Dec. 27 — Richard Weber (above), co-pilot of the Western Airlines plane which crashed on a flight in southern California. Bodies of the nine passengers and three crew members were located today. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Bodies Found In Airliner on Mountaintop

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 27 (AP)—A Western Airlines plane missing since Christmas eve was found smashed and partly burned against a mountain peak today with all nine passengers and three crew members dead.

The wreckage was discovered on an unnamed 6000-foot peak near Cuyapaipe peak in the Laguna mountains, about 50 miles east of here. It was 100 feet from the top.

This is approximately the location of the "blaze" or "sky glow" which a number of persons reported seeing at about the time the transport disappeared after giving its last position over the mountains at 7:09 p. m.

The pilot of another passenger plane reported that night that he had actually seen the craft after bad stormy weather had delayed locating the spot.

Coroner's aides were dispatched to the scene, in an area of rugged peaks rearing up from the Imperial valley. Sheriff's deputies telephoned it would be impossible to bring the bodies out before tomorrow.

The wings and tail section were the only large portions of the plane intact. Harred, twisted wreckage was scattered over a wide area on the hillside, where snow, sleet, driving rain and fog shrouded the tragedy.

U.S. Will Hold Polar Rights

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson said today the United States was reserving all rights it may have in the Antarctic.

He told a news conference that while this government has never formally asserted any claims in the southern continent, such claims have been asserted in its behalf by American citizens. He noted that this government has never recognized claims by other nations in the Antarctic.

Acheson's remarks had followed an announcement that Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd will sail from Norfolk, Va., January 2 for his fourth trip to southern polar regions.

being made this year in the \$100,000 in cash and certificates returned to the producers. Improvements called attention to by Eastman were the \$30,000 inventory reserve, the new garage to house the 28 trucks and cars, expansion of the cheese plant, and the steps taken toward producing A grade milk.

Charles Cobb, quality director at the creamery, told briefly of how he was assisting in carrying out the program, telling why some milk is "turned back" and urging patrons to continue in their improvement program. Dr. G. H. Wilster, head of dairying manufacturing products at the state college, spoke of his work and studies during his sabbatical year in the east, and also touched upon the progress in development of rindless cheese. O. K. Beals, chief of food and dairy division, department of agriculture, pointed out that the producers have more at stake than anyone else in the production of quality milk. He told of how the quality program had "slipped" during war years and how efforts were now being made to enforce the laws along that line. He mentioned that of 55 recent butter samples taken in

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U.N. A-Council Deadlocks on Veto Allen Quits, Urges RFC Extended

Suggests Plan for Agency

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Joke-loving George E. Allen, resigning from the reconstruction finance corporation after serving less than half his two-year term, handed President Truman today a blueprint for seeking a new lease of life for the agency from the republican congress.

The RFC will expire June 30 unless congress continues it, and some republicans have opposed a continuance even though the agency originated with the Hoover administration.

Allen's blueprint, drafted by him and the other directors, would lop off the RFC's authority to make stabilization loans to foreign countries, to supply funds for the export-import bank, and other obsolete emergency functions.

The RFC's broad powers to make business and other loans would be continued, however, and its major subsidiary, the U. S. commercial company, would be extended. The company now is working to restore the foreign trade of Germany and Japan with the object of reducing occupation cost.

Mr. Truman wrote that the recommendations "will receive my immediate consideration." They may form the basis of his recommendations on the RFC to the new congress.

The president named John Duncanson Goodloe III, general counsel of the RFC since 1943, to succeed Allen as one of the five directors at \$10,000 a year. His confirmation will be subject to the next senate session.

Allen told reporters today he intends to return to private business.

Cold Weather Predicted for Northwest

The weather bureau forecast low temperatures for the entire northwest late Friday with a low of 25 degrees for Salem tonight. Fog which rolled in on the local area last night prevented temperatures from reaching new lows as previously forecast for the valley. But with a cold wave rolling down from the north in the central regions and spilling over the Rockies in Canada and the western slope, Washington, Oregon and Idaho can expect freezing temperatures, the weather bureau warned.

Minimum temperatures for eastern Oregon were expected to reach between zero and 10 degrees during the night. West of the Cascades it won't be quite so cold with temperatures between 15 degrees and the low twenties, according to weather bureau forecasts. Montana and North Dakota were held in the grip of the cold mass moving down from the polar regions while Chicago was basking in the glow of a warm front which moved the temperature up to 80 degrees.

Canby Youth Killed in Accident on Highway

Ronald Edward Ott, 19, of box 58, route 2, Canby, was killed at about 6:30 o'clock last night when he lost control of his car and it left the Barlow-Hubbard road near Whiskey Hill, state police at Milwaukie, who investigated, reported.

The body was taken to the office of Clackamas County Coroner Ray I. Rilance at Oregon City.

Fire Follows Quake, Tidal Wave



TOKYO, Dec. 27—Fire sweeps through Shingu city, Wakayama prefecture, Southern Japan, after the devastating earthquake and tidal wave. Residents of the small seacoast town crowd the beach (foreground) with what possessions they were able to save. (AP Wirephoto from 5th Air Force to the Statesman.)

That's a House of A Different Color

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Dec. 27 (AP)—T. H. Campbell rubbed his eyes in bewilderment when he awoke today. His frame house—which had been a gleaming white last night—had become a rickish orange red.

Dr. John O. Rafferty, Santa Cruz county health officer, explained: Hydrogen sulphide swamp gases from a nearby lagoon had mingled with the lead in the white paint.

GOP to Delay Bilbo Battle

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Republicans today dropped plans to try to bar Senator Bilbo (D., Miss.) from taking his seat January 3 in favor of a campaign designed to oust him later.

The strategy was considered at a closed-door session of the Republican steering committee but a final decision was postponed pending the meeting Monday of the entire Republican senate delegation.

A senator who attended today's committee meeting reported the anti-Bilbo strategists have decided that he can be ousted by majority vote after the new members have been sworn in and the Republicans attain their 51 to 45 majority.

Telegraph Message Rates to Increase

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Telegraph message rates soon will go up about 10 per cent. The increase for the Western Union Telegraph company was authorized today by the federal communications commission in a 5 to 1 decision.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	45	29	.03
Portland	42	23	.01
San Francisco	52	48	.03
Chicago	62	34	.06
New York	60	16	.01

Willamette river 24 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Heavy fog this morning but clearing in afternoon. Highest temperature 45, lowest 25.

Nations Oppose U.S. Plan

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Dec. 27 (AP)—The United Nations atomic energy commission tonight postponed its final vote on an international control plan after Bernard M. Baruch said that the United States could not surrender the secrets of the atomic bomb unless the U.N. ruled out the veto on punishment of violations.

Standing firm in the face of Russia's silence and new opposition from France and Great Britain, Baruch demanded that the veto phrase remain in the report and added that without it he could not recommend senate approval.

The commission, meeting in secret session as committee of the whole, then decided to forgo any vote and tossed the whole report into the hands of the full commission on Monday. It was stipulated that agreement without ballot had been reached on all phases of the Baruch plan except reference to the veto.

Prof. S. P. Alexandrov, who held the Soviet seat in the unexpected absence of Andrei A. Gromyko, took no part in the discussion but announced near the close of the meeting that he wanted to be considered "present but abstaining in full."

An American spokesman said that the United States had the solid support of five other nations on the 12-member commission—China, Egypt, Brazil, Mexico and Australia—in the veto fight, and counted Canada and Great Britain as doubtful. Poland and France both said they would not accept any version which included the word veto, and the Netherlands sought a compromise to avoid use of the specific word.

Flaxmen Buy Jefferson Plant

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Sale of the Jefferson, Ore., surplus flax fiber plant to the Santiam Flax Growers was approved by the war assets administration today.

The plant, which cost the government \$151,308 but has suffered fire damage since, was sold to the cooperative for \$10,120 cash. The salvage value had been estimated at \$12,400.

The Santiam Flax Growers operated the plant for the government during the war.

U.S. Ship Sinking Off Norway Coast

OSLO, Saturday, Dec. 28 (AP)—The radio operator of the 7,176-ton American freighter Am-Mer-Mar was quoted by the Farsund radio early today as reporting that the ship was sinking slowly off Ryvingen lighthouse on the south coast of Norway.

The ship had struck and was resting on a submerged rock before it started to sink. The uninjured 38-man crew of the Am-Mer-Mar has been transferred to the Norwegian rescue vessel Anton Poulsson.

Twelve Survive Accident

RINEANNA, Eire, Dec. 26 (AP)—A Trans World Airlines Constellation plane bound from Paris to New York, and believed to have 23 persons aboard, crashed and burned early today in inaccessible bog country two miles from Shannon airport.

First unofficial reports indicated there were 12 survivors including a baby. The crash, accompanied by a great explosion, occurred at 2:15 A.M. (6:15 P.M., Friday, PST) across the swampy Fergus river tributary of the Shannon from the airport.

The first multi-covered survivor brought in by hastily organized rescue squads was the hostess, Miss Kay Ferguson, 22, of Jackson Heights, N. Y.

"I had just told the passengers to fasten their safety belts for landing when the accident occurred," Miss Ferguson said while being treated for shock and cuts on one foot at the airport.

"My god, I've never seen such wreckage," said Capt. Sidney P. Harrington of Pan-American Airways, who led one rescue party.

He said other survivors brought across the Fergus in small boats had been loaded on ambulances waiting to rush them to Limerick hospital.

The plane was believed to have carried 14 passengers and a crew of nine.

Law School at W.U. Wins Top Recognition

Willamette university law school has been elected to membership in the Association of American Law Schools, the highest recognition in the field of legal education. Word of its election was received Friday by President G. Herbert Smith of the university from Dean Seward P. Reese, who is attending the annual meeting of the association in Chicago.

Other institutions in the northwest which have been admitted to membership are the law schools of the state universities of Idaho, Oregon and Washington. The association was formed in 1900 with a purpose of improving education in law. An inspection of Willamette was made recently by a representative of the association.

Previously the Willamette law school had been accredited by the American Bar association. The new recognition is the final step in the long effort to bring the law school up to standards required by the best professional organizations. Requirements that had to be met were size and composition of the law library and number and qualifications of the faculty.

With over 100 enrolled this year the law school is in the best position in its long history. Dean Reese took over the deanship at the opening of the fall term.

Crack Red Troops Open China Drives

PEIPING, Dec. 27 (AP)—New Communist attacks in Shantung and Hopen provinces south of Peiping were reported by pro-government papers today while government sources claimed victories over persistent guerrilla bands on the outskirts of Peiping itself.

Ten thousand of the best Communist troops, well-equipped with artillery, were said to be making a determined assault in western Shantung province. The battle, in progress since December 20, was reported still raging with heavy casualties on both sides.

U.S. Population Seen Smaller In 100 Years as Orient Doubles

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 27 (AP)—The United States may expect a population decrease of 40,000,000 in the next century while oriental peoples will multiply two-fold, delegates to the 25th annual convention of the National Council of Geography Teachers were told tonight.

Speaking of the U. S. 100 years hence, O. E. Baker, University of Maryland geographer, asked: "Can 100 million people living in relative luxury, and with an abnormally high proportion of aged persons, keep out one to two billion people in the orient possessing an industrial power many times greater than at present?"

Russia's population, too, will continue to climb, Professor Baker said, reaching about half a billion, or more, and bringing European population to one billion; all consolidated, probably under one government.

QUICKIES



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