

Ten Stocks Decline Irregularly Led by Steels

New York, May 20 (AP)—Weakness in steel shares, which broke to new lows for the year, brought an irregular decline into the stock market today.

Heavy turnover in International Telephone swelled the day's volume, but generally there was little increase in trading in leading issues.

Railroad issues were easier and some utilities slipped back. Coppers generally were lower and many aircrafts made new lows for the year.

Selling in war issues—aircrafts and steels particularly—was ascribed to a press conference statement by Secretary of State Cordell Hull, who indicated his belief that the United Nations might achieve an earlier victory than had been expected a few months ago.

New lows were made by U.S. Steel, Bethlehem, Wheeling Steel, Youngstown Sheet & Tube, and Jones & Laughlin issues.

Laughlin issues, Republic Steel, Coppers were depressed, with new lows in Anaconda and Kennecott.

Aircrafts to make new lows included Boeing, Bendix, Aviation Corporation, Consolidated Aircraft, Curtiss-Wright issues, Douglas Aircraft, Lockheed, Glenn L. Martin and United Aircraft.

Tire issues were steady to firm. Goodyear preferred ran up 6 points to a new high at 80 3/4.

Goodrich preferred made a new high on a small gain. U. S. Rubber preferred regained a loss of nearly a point.

Domestic railroad bonds turned lower in an irregularly lower bond market. U. S. governments were firm. Latin American issues were weak. Commodities generally were easier.

Telephone Dividend Record Unimpaired New York, May 20 (AP)—Directors of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., today declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$2.25 a share on the capital stock.

Voting of the usual dividend maintained unbroken the company's 20-year record of payments to shareholders at the \$9 annual rate and at the same time relieved Wall street financial and investment quarters of tension which came of recent reports the management might decide to cut the dividend because of heavy war taxes.

American Telephone is the biggest public utility company in the world and its 635,000 stockholders represent the largest individual share-owning group in the corporate field, exceeded only by the number owning U. S. government securities.

The quarterly dividend checks amount to about \$42,000,000. The dividend was made payable July 15 to stock of record June 15.

Market Quotations

Portland Eastside Market The first round type cabbage and first N.W. grown endive were offered today on the farmers' eastside market at \$5 crate.

Peas in small supply, sold well. Lettuce firm, \$2-\$2.25 crate. Asparagus \$2.50 pyramid. Green onions 30c doz. bunches. Radishes found good call. Spinach slow, lower, top 50c. Hothouse cucumbers \$3.75-\$4 a box.

Portland Produce Exchange The following prices were named on the Portland exchange effective today.

Butter—Cube ex. 39 1/2c, standards 38c, prime firsts 36 1/2c, firsts 36c lb. Cheese—Oregon triplets 2 1/4 lb. loaf 22 1/2c. Jobbers pay 1/2 lb. less.

Portland Wholesale Market Butter—Prints: A grade 42 1/2c lb. parchment, cartons 43 1/2c. B grade 41 1/2c in parchment, cartons 42 1/2c.

Live Poultry Buying prices—No. 1 grade Leghorn broilers under 1 1/2 lbs. 19c, over 1 1/2 lbs. 18c. Fryers 2 1/4-4 lbs. 22c lb.

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Portland Nuts—Walnuts, light amber halves, broken lots 55c, pieces 50c, ambers 48c, standard ambers 38c lb.

Navy Purchases Lumber From Northwest Firms

Seattle, May 20 (AP)—The navy announced late yesterday the purchase of 27,000,000 (M) board feet of Douglas fir and western pine from 21 northwest lumber firms for approximately \$1,500,000.

Largest of its kind ever negotiated by the navy in the northwest, the purchase was conducted at the naval supply depot on Monday of this week.

Capt. L. A. Odlin, officer in charge of the depot, complimented the dealer response to the navy's invitation for tenders, saying: "This fact will have much bearing, I am certain, on future decisions of the navy department to purchase necessary lumber here in the center of the Pacific northwest lumber market rather than in the east as heretofore."

Morrill and Sturgeon of Portland were awarded contracts for the largest number of items, he said.

The other firms awarded contracts were the Weyerhaeuser Sales companies of Tacoma and Spokane; Bloedel-Donovan Lumber company, Bellingham; Pope and Talbot, Portland; St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber company, Tacoma; Nettleton Lumber company, Seattle; Dickman Lumber company, Tacoma; the Sharp Lumber company, Seattle; Twin Harbors Lumber company, Seattle; Mackintosh and Truman, Seattle; Heidner and Co., Tacoma; Grays Harbor Exportation company, Seattle; Dant and Russell, Portland; Willapa Harbor Lumber mills, Raymond, and Olympic Lumber company, Seattle.

Grain Futures Firm Today

Chicago, May 20 (AP)—Grain futures closed steady to firm on the board of trade today. Oats were relatively weak and soy bean futures were heavy.

Wheat closed 1/4 to 1/2 cent a bushel higher; corn unchanged to 1/4; oats off 1/4 to 3/4; rye off 1/4 to 1/2; and land unchanged to 3 cents per 100 pounds.

Under a short covering movement led by local traders the sensitive wheat market advanced to levels showing net gains of as much as 3/4 to 1 1/2 cents.

Earlier in the session spot loss selling had hurried the downturn in wheat and oats futures, while a fairly general liquidation movement became noticeable in the latter market attracted liberal support later in the morning.

The grain market fluctuated erratically through most of the session, with nervousness attributed to uncertainty of pending farm legislation, as senators from corn and wheat growing states clashed over the proposed amendment to permit below parity sales of 125,000,000 bushels of government wheat for feed.

Corn futures showed a comparative steadiness with a weak undertone turning firm near the end of the session.

Although the soy bean futures market rallied along with most of the grains, October contracts lagged in a weaker position than the other months. Expectations of a substantial increase in production is said to have caused partly a weaker tone in the new crop delivery.

A slow demand for meal acted as a weight on the old crop months.

Grain futures closed steady to firm in other U. S. markets and about steady at Winnipeg, where rye futures showed fractional weakness through most of the session.

Gooseberry Pack Gets Underway

Cannery wheels turned for the first time this morning on the 1942 fruit pack when the Oregon Fruit Products company of West Salem, operated by Max Gehlhar, started a pack of gooseberries probably a week ahead of other canneries which expect to start about the middle or maybe the latter part of next week on this item.

Gehlhar explained that the berries are too small for packing as a rule but in this particular case he has stepped up his cannery for the benefit of a rather large grower of gooseberries who stated he had to get them into the cans right now or might have difficulty in saving his crop because of the picking situation.

His pickers plan to start picking in the berry fields near Banks where the strawberries come on early and advised him they would have to pick the gooseberries now to make an early start at Banks so special arrangements were made with the Gehlhar cannery.

Canners report that there will be a good crop of gooseberries this year and so far are reported in a healthy condition with no signs of mildew.

The extent of the gooseberry pack will be governed considerably by the tin can situation. Canners are privileged to the use of tin cans up to their 1940 use but under the ruling are limited to the amount used in the packing of each individual product, rather than being allowed the total of cans for the 1940 pack and allocating them among their various products as they found most feasible with this year's crop.

As a result some of them will have to cut their gooseberry packs lower than they otherwise might.

The strawberry pack is expected to start about June 1. Growers say if they had four or five days of warm sunny weather the strawberries would probably begin to ripen in quantities sufficient to start picking on a commercial scale, but the general idea of canners is that about the first of the month will usher in the strawberry pack with gooseberries probably starting generally Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

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Gilbert Heads Health Bureau

The Marion County Public Health association, holding its annual dinner meeting Tuesday evening, re-elected Tinkham Gilbert president. He will serve with Mrs. Levi Miller, Hubbard, first vice-president; Mrs. A. DeJardin, Gervais, second vice-president; Mrs. Elsie Whiteaker, Turner, secretary and Dr. A. T. King, treasurer.

The report of the association covered the varied activities of the organization, including tuberculin testing and other methods being adopted to eradicate the disease, and the part the sale of Christmas seals had in the program. Sale of seals last year totaled \$7,914.42, or an increase of 37 per cent over the preceding season.

Of the total expenditures of \$6,159.27 reported, \$2,668.94 went into case filing in connection with the campaign against tuberculosis. The state tuberculosis association was given \$1,461.55.

During 1941 a total of 3,650 tuberculin tests were given, resulting in 593 positive reactors. Fred Peterson, Portland city commission, guest speaker for last night's program stated that health problems were not peculiar to a given location, and what was "good for Marion county would be beneficial in Multnomah." He spoke of the problems confronting Portland as a result of the influx of defense workers, bringing about housing congestion.

Nazis Mass for Aerial Invasion Of Caucasus

Dispatches to Red Star, the Soviet army newspaper, said that in one sector German and Russian tanks and infantry were locked in a terrific battle at such close quarters that Nazi warplanes dared not risk supporting their own land troops for fear of hitting them.

In this clash alone, 46 German tanks were reported left in ruins and 51 others destroyed elsewhere.

"The red army is breaking the fierce resistance of the Hitlerite beasts and pushing them back to the west," Pravda reported.

"Meanwhile, our troops are carrying on intensive battles with superior enemy forces in the Kerch peninsula in the vicinity of Kerch.

"Even greater battles are ahead." Pravda likened the Russian stand at Kerch to the long American defense on Bataan peninsula in the Philippines.

Sixty-two Nazi tanks were reported destroyed in yesterday's daylight fighting and 27 more were left in fire-charred ruins as the battle raged into the night.

The Soviet communique also listed 1,650 German officers and men killed and wounded in the latest hours of the struggle.

British military quarters said a successful German counter-offensive toward Izyum and Barvenkova, 80 miles below Kharkov, would be a serious threat to "a very tender spot" in the red army's drive on Kharkov, but the Russians indicated that so far they had lost no momentum.

296 Pieces of Land Offered

The order of sale and other papers in connection with the tax foreclosure proceedings on properties which became tax delinquent in 1936 but subject to foreclosure in 1940 have been prepared by Charles Zerzan, special tax attorney for the county, and turned over to County Land Agent William Thielsen to fill in the minimum amounts on each piece of property and submit to the county court for signatures of its members.

It is expected the sale will not be held for about a month or a little longer.

The list as it now stands covered 296 pieces of property but a few of these have been redeemed and a few more may be before the sale is called. When properties are now put up for sale under a tax foreclosure a minimum price is fixed on each piece and the bidder must bid that high or higher to secure the property. In event no satisfactory bid is had the property goes to the county where it can be handled through private sale.

Oregon Turkeys May Fall Short

Oregon's 1942 turkey production probably will not reach the desired 10 per cent increase asked by the government, Charles A. Cole, turkey grading supervisor for the state department of agriculture, said Tuesday.

Factors which are expected to reduce the crop from early estimates include: Sale of breeder hens will be ended by June 15, compared with mid-July last year; sale of eggs has ceased, eggs this season have low fertility.

Grand Island Club In Yamhill Show

Grand Island, May 20—The Grand Island 4H Club with membership of nine, under the leadership of Howard Rockhill, took part in the Yamhill county spring Jersey show at McMinnville Saturday. Exhibiting were Delores and Ronald Finnicum and Leroy Palmer with three heifer calves and one two-year old producing heifer.

Leroy Palmer took first on his junior heifer calf; he also took grand champion in five different classes as follows: junior heifer calf, senior heifer calf, junior yearling, senior yearling and producing cow class. Ronald Finnicum took second with his senior heifer calf, and won 50 cents in defense stamps when he placed third in a group of 14 boys and girls on showmanship.

Cull Lumber Freezing Eased

Portland, May 20 (AP)—A war board order freezing "cull" grades of Douglas fir, hemlock, pine and other Pacific coast timber was relaxed today to ease the pinch on private construction, sharply curtailed by war time needs for ships, planes and cantonments.

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Praising lumber dealers for their quick response while present orders are yet unfilled, Capt. Odlin said he felt the navy department would consider the co-operative action in future decisions respecting purchase of lumber here or in the east, as heretofore.

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Spring Potato Planting Finished

Unionvale, May 20—Early spring planting of potatoes is completed at the U. S. Alderman farm where the largest acreage of this area is grown. A new large steel permanent irrigation pipe line is being laid underground from the east side of the Dayton-Salem highway under the highway to the large sugar beet seed fields west of the highway to replace temporary small lines in use several years.

Obituary

Allen Filth Ballard Lebanon—Allen Filth Ballard of Lebanon died Saturday night at Lebanon General hospital from injuries sustained Saturday morning at Snow Peak Logging company. A cable eye is reported to have slipped and the freed cable struck him. He was born at Waldo, Ore., June 30, 1897, and moved here with his family from Sherwood about a year ago. Besides his widow, Sarah O., he is survived by two daughters, Marjorie and Lou Anne, and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Anne Modrell, all of Lebanon; mother, Margaret Pinell of Grants Pass; seven brothers, Orville, Clyde, Virgil, Donald and Funeral home. Ritualistic services will be held from the church of St. Mary of Sherwood and Norman of Grants Pass; three sisters, Mrs. Mae Ingram of Foster, Mrs. Lottie Drake of Seaside, Calif., and Mrs. Alice Cays of Washington. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Howe Funeral home, with Rev.

Purdy—William Hopkins Purdy, at the family residence in Turner, Tuesday, May 19, at the age of 67 years. Survived by widow, Anna Purdy of Turner; son, Kenneth Purdy of Turner; three daughters, Mrs. H. J. Mera of Ada, Ore., Mrs. C. J. Rue of Woodburn and Mrs. J. I. Everett of Langlois, Ore.; brother, Haskell Purdy of Red Wing, Minn.; also survived by 10 grandchildren. Members of Methodist church of Turner. Memorial services will be held from the chapel of Walker-Howell Funeral home Friday, May 22, at 1:30 p.m.

Salem Markets

Compiled from reports of Salem dealers, for the guidance of Capital Journal readers. (Revised daily.)

Buying Prices Feed barley \$32. Feed oats \$38. Retail Prices Egg Mash \$3.05 cwt., second grade \$2.85. Pullet Grower Mash \$3.10. Chicken Scratch \$2.30 cwt. Whole Corn \$2.35, cracked \$2.40.

Midget Market Reports Hogs—105-215 lbs. \$13.75; 215-260 lbs. \$13.25; 260-300 lbs. \$12.75. Packing sows \$10.50. Sheep—Lambs \$10, ewes \$4-4.5. Cattle—Top veal dressed 20c, veal alive 10-11c. Heifers \$6-8. Dairy cows \$4-9.5, beef cows \$6-8.7; bulls \$7.50-8.50.

Poultry—Heavy colored hens, No. 1 21c, No. 2 16c, fryers 22c. White Leghorn hens 16c, fryers 18c lb. Eggs—Buying prices: Large grade A white and brown 28c dozen, med. 26c. Standards, B large 25c. Pullets 20c doz., cracks 30c dozen. Eggs—Wholesale prices: Extra large white and brown 31c, med. 29c doz. Standards, white and brown 28c dozen. Butter—Prints: A grade 42 1/2c lb. B 41 1/2c, quarters 43 1/2c. Butterfat: Premium 43 1/2c, No. 1 42 1/2c, No. 2 39 1/2c lb.

Markets Briefed

(By the United Press) Stocks irregularly lower in moderate trading. Bonds lower; U. S. governments irregular. Curb stock irregular. Chicago stocks mixed. London stocks closed steady. Silver unchanged in New York at 35 1/2 cents a fine ounce. Cotton futures off as much as 60 cents a bale. Grains in Chicago: Wheat closed up 3/4 to 1 1/2 cent; corn was unchanged to up 1/4 cent.

Mexican Labor For Beet Fields Washington, May 20 (AP)—Sen. James E. Murray (D., Mont.), announced today that he has received an appeal from Governor S. C. Ford of Montana for assistance in obtaining Mexican labor to work in the sugar beet fields.

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Claude G. Pike, Evangelical minister, officiating, interment was in the IOOF cemetery.

Ruby Mable Royce Stayton—Ruby Mable Royce, 57, at a Salem hospital Saturday afternoon, born Jan. 28, 1885, in Nebraska, moved to Oregon 42 years ago. Married W. O. Royce Dec. 24, 1902. Survived by widow; sons, Deryl of San Diego, Robert, both in the navy, and Ivan of Seattle; a daughter, Velma Royce of Portland; sisters, Mrs. Ida Ferguson of Gold Beach, Mrs. Winnie Scott of California. Funeral services will be held in Stayton Thursday, May 21, at 2 p.m., under direction of the Weddell Funeral home.

Mrs. Lena Johnson Aurora—Graveside services were held Tuesday at the Norwegian Lutheran cemetery under direction of Ransom-Miller Funeral home of Aurora, for Mrs. Lena Johnson, 75, of Roseburg, widow of Ben Johnson, who died at Roseburg Saturday following an illness of a year. Mrs. Johnson was born in Norway October 22, 1866, and after arriving in the United States made her home in Oswego and Barlow before moving to Roseburg, living in the latter city for 10 years. She had been an active member of the Norwegian Lutheran church of Canby. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. E. E. Frey, Grants Pass; Mrs. J. J. Smith, Days Creek, Ore.; Mrs. L. W. Anderson, Oswego; three sons, Clarence, Portland; Morris, Juneau, Alaska, and Milton, Pearl Harbor, Rev. N. J. Auldland officiated at the final rites.

Joseph G. Fontaine Jefferson — Funeral services for Joseph G. Fontaine, who died May 15 at the Salem Deaconess hospital, were held from the Methodist church in Jefferson Monday, Rev. Edw. Terry of Silverton officiated, assisted by Rev. M. D. Medlin of Jefferson. Mrs. G. and Thurston was organist. Concluding services were held at Mt. Great abbey mausoleum at Salem, W. T. Rigdon company had charge of arrangements, Palmetto and Alexander Mackenzie, Charles M. Smith, Virgil Waterman, W. L. Waterman, Charles Prime, Harley W. Libby. The floral committee was comprised of Mrs. B. B. Herrick, Mrs. R. H. Mercer and Miss Lela Rigdon.

Births, Deaths Births Silverton—To Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Jackson at Silverton hospital, May 19, a girl. Deaths Dahl—Mrs. Emma M. Dahl, at her residence, 925 North 5th street, Wednesday, May 20, at the age of 85 years. Mother of Miss Olive M. Dahl of Salem, Mrs. Ruth D. Ohlson of Fort Worth, Texas, John E. Dahl of Roubaix, S. D., Carl A. Dahl of Phillips, Mont., and Sig O. Dahl of Moberg, S.D.; sister of Mrs. Louisa Johnson of Gryfjol, Sweden; survived also by five granddaughters and two grandsons. Services will be held Friday, May 22, at 2 p.m., from the Clough-Barrick chapel, with Dr. Robert M. Gatke officiating. Concluding services in Belcrest Memorial park.

McRae—Mrs. Ima McRae, late resident of 2335 N. 4th street, at a local hospital Sunday, May 17. Mother of Mrs. C. E. Kertson, Mrs. Jean Dalsiel, Angus and David McRae, all of Salem