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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FROM Chicago today, we get the interesting prediction that as the year drags along food prices will GO LOWER. The point is that if the prediction pans out a dollar will buy more several months hence than it will buy now.

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IT isn't so much the prediction that interests us. It is the SOURCE of it. Washington is full of star-gazers and goose-bone analyzers and these gentry have been fairly swamping us for months with guesses as to what prices will do. Their opinions have been universally worthless.

The Word that comes from Chicago this morning is more authoritative because it is backed by MONEY. It is based on futures contracts now being made on the nation's commodity exchanges. A "futures" contract is an agreement to buy or sell at a definite future date at a definite price.

A contract like that means something.

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IF you want to buy butter in wholesale quantities for IMMEDIATE DELIVERY in Chicago, you will pay about 75c per pound. But if you are willing to contract to buy butter for delivery IN JUNE, this morning's dispatches tell us, you can find people who will agree to deliver it to you THEN for 53c per pound.

That is to say, the best present guess of men in the butter business is that by June of this year butter will be available at 53c per pound wholesale (or less), and so they are willing to take a chance and contract to deliver it then at that price (hoping, of course, that they will be able to buy it for LESS than 53c and so make a profit.)

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THE same trend is apparent in wheat.

The present CASH wheat price in Chicago is around $2.20 per bushel ("cash" price means for delivery NOW.) But if you want to buy for March delivery, the price in Chicago today is $2.04. If you don't want delivery until July, the price is $1.79. Other grains in the Chicago market follow the same pattern.

The present trend in the futures markets, the dispatches make quite clear, is that the more DISTANT the date of delivery the lower the price. All of which reflects the opinion of men in the business that food prices will drift gradually downward.

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WHEN an employer stands on a street corner (or in a congressional committee room) and beats his chest and proclaims that food prices are coming down and so WAGES SHOULD COME DOWN NOW, instead of going up, it means little or nothing because he is merely trying to keep wages from going higher.

When a union official similarly proclaims that food prices are going higher and higher and so wages will have to go higher and higher, it is equally meaningless. Both sides, in such a case, are dealing in guesswork in an effort to get a better deal for themselves.

But when experienced men are willing to go out on a limb and CONTRACT to deliver food at a later date at a lower price, it means something.

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WHAT it means is that food prices have about reached their peak and are due for a drop. As food prices drop, OTHER prices will be inclined to drop. As all prices drop (within reason) we shall get back to something like normal.

The thing to keep in mind is that a reasonable decline in prices will be good for all of us, because it will mean that our dollars will buy more. When more people have more things, there is comfortable prosperity —which is what we all want.

TWINS ENLIST

PORTLAND, Jan. 9 (AP)—Bob and Bill Christie, twins from Phoenix, Ore., enlisted in the navy here yesterday and will leave tomorrow for San Diego.

Public Bonded Debt Licked Here

Three Units On Top, Two See Daylight

Public bonded debt—for years a heavy burden on Klamath taxpayers—has been licked as a fiscal problem here, it was shown today in a survey of the five large taxing units of the county.

Three of them—Klamath county, the city of Klamath Falls, and high school district No. 2—are out of the woods, and the others, the city elementary school district and the county unit, are well in sight of daylight in their debt condition.

This happy situation is in sharp contrast to that which existed at the time of the depression in the early 'thirties, when debt service was an almost unbearable burden on the property holders of the city and county.

Outstanding Debt

A late accounting from Chet Langslet, county treasurer, showed that Klamath county's outstanding debt as of January 1 was $111,230.65, inclusive of interest. Against this the county had $106,880.85 in its sinking fund, and immediate prospects of ample additional funds to offset the debt entirely.

The city of Klamath Falls is on top of its debt with a big sinking fund, and beginning with the next fiscal year it will be unnecessary to levy for debt service.

According to Ruth Berry, city treasurer, the total of bonds maturing in 1947 and on through 1954 is $678,750, with interest of $50,523.75, making a total of $729,373.75. The balance in the bond sinking fund is $705,-

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GOP Chiefs Disagree On Defense Cost

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Congressional republicans are at odds among themselves today over national defense costs.

Rep. Taber (N. Y.) is demanding that army-navy outlays be cut drastically while Senator Taft (Ohio) is counseling against such a course.

Taber, who heads the new house appropriations committee, told a reporter he is convinced the military services can get along with $8,000,000,000 between them in the budget year beginning next July 1.

Furthermore, he said that if President Truman recommends a larger amount in the budget message to congress tomorrow, steps will be taken to trim the proposed expenditures.

Taft, chairman of the senate GOP steering committee, told a news man he thinks senate republicans want to find budget reductions elsewhere and not make them at the expense of national defense.

Senator Bridges (R-N. Y.), who heads the senate appropriations committee, shares this overall view. He said, however, he and others will insist that savings be effected where military purchasing, intelligence and similar operations can be combined.

Bridges said he thinks a number of army camps, now being maintained in this country with skeleton staffs, could be closed and some reductions made that way.

Air Poaching Theory Out

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 9 (CP)—F. R. Butler, provincial game warden, denies recent reports that British Columbia game is menaced by airborne poaching expeditions.

Mr. Butler commented last night on a report from Victoria that United States hunters had flown from a lake near Kamloops, B. C., with illegal game and fish.

He said the plane used was chartered from Queen Charlotte Airways here and that it flew from Vancouver to Canim lake. Two licensed guides accompanied the hunters, and they were checked at the airport by game department representatives. He said everything the hunters did on the trip was in accordance with his department's regulations.

Medford Orchard Sold To Group

MEDFORD, Jan. 9 (AP) — The Kenly orchard, one of the best known and heaviest producing pear orchards here, was sold yesterday for an undisclosed sum by Mr. and Mrs. F. Corning Kenly to a group of local orchardists and business men.

The 40-acre orchard was bought in 1910 by Kenly and J. Arnold Scudder, then both of Chicago. Stanton Griffis was manager for them. He later left and became head of the syndicate owning Madison Square Garden and chairman of the board of Paramount Pictures.

Bilbo May Be Back In Soon

JACKSON, MISS., Jan. 9 (AP)—Gov. Fielding L. Wright said last night he plans to appoint Theodore G. Bilbo senator for an interim term if the senate denies him his seat without a hearing or on the basis of charges growing out of his election campaign.

The governor's comment came in the wake of a newspaper account of conversations he had with several Mississippi legislators concerning Bilbo, whom the senate declined to seat when it convened last week.

Wright said he had discussed his plans for naming Bilbo for an interim term in the belief that his remarks to the Mississippi legislators were off the record.

"I did not intend to inject myself into the controversy in Washington, which I have avoided so far," he added.

Bilbo, at his "dream house" at Poplarville, Miss., where he is awaiting a call to go to a New Orleans hospital for an operation on his mouth, said he was "profoundly and inexpressibly grateful" for Governor Wright's decision.

"I think the governor's decision is just recognition of the will of the great majority of the people of Mississippi," Bilbo said. "I feel honored."

He reaffirmed his intention to fight to the last for his senate seat.

Vets Asked For Refund

Nearly 2500 Oregon veterans who received overpayments in federal subsistence since the $200 wage ceiling became effective August 8 have received letters from the veterans administration, stating the amount they were overpaid and asking them to refund it.

With this announcement, Zeno Dent, VA training officer here, pointed out that nearly all have been taking on-the-job training rather than school courses. Notices will be sent to possibly 1500 others, including 450 now suspended because of failure to submit monthly earnings reports.

Some 900 earning more than the wage ceiling since August 8 have been asked to refund all subsistence received since that date, Dent stated. About 1250 still in training but at reduced subsistence are advised to refund any subsistence amounts which put them over the $175 or $200 monthly top.

Airliner Piles Up In Fog

SEATTLE, Jan. 9 (AP) — Thirteen passengers and a crew of four escaped injury last night when a southbound Pan-American World Airways DC-3 plane overshot the Bow Lake airport runway and crashed.

The plane left Fairbanks, Alaska, Tuesday morning, and stopped at several Alaska points and Port Hardyzn, B. C., en route.

The plane touched the ground near the extreme end of the runway, bounced through the rough, knocked down a telephone pole, tore a gap in a fence, slid across the concrete highway and came to rest nestling a huge stump.

The big plane came to rest on its belly, with propellers bent and a section of the rudder ripped off. Had the plane veered a few feet to the left, observers reported, the pilots' compartment probably would have been smashed against the stump.

Three of the passengers were small children.

The plane landed at Bow Lake because of fog at Boeing field.

Police Continue Dynamite Search

State police continued today in their efforts to blow sky-high the case of the missing dynamite.

Considerable stock was removed from Baker brothers powder house in Pelican City, sometime between January 2 and 7, and included in the loot were exploders, delayed action caps, connecting wire, two cases of special stumping powder, another case of ditching powder which is higher test dynamite, and other explosive equipment.

Officers continued to hold to the opinion that the theft was not the work of juveniles but of older persons.

Feminine Homestead Winner

Eleanor Jane Bolesta, the only woman winner in the Tulelake homestead drawing, December 18, scans the list of names of winners in the drawing as they appeared in a December issue of The Herald and News. Mrs. Bolesta and her husband are now living in Klamath Falls.

Only Woman To Win Tule Homestead Now In Klamath

By KELLY ROBERTS

A letter from her mother was the first notice that ex-Wave Eleanor Jane Bolesta had that she was a winner in the Tule lake homestead drawing, held at the armory here last December 18.

In an interview with The Herald and News' Mac Epley last night on his evening radio program, the pretty 23-year-old homestead winner said that she had been urged to apply for one of the homesteads by her boss in a civil aeronautic administration in Seattle. The boss also applied for one of the rich farms but his number failed to turn up in the drawing. Klamath Falls people will remember him as Comdr. Berry of naval air station days.

Mrs. Bolesta, the only feminine winner out of six applicants of the fair sex, comes from a farming family on Whidby island near Seattle and spent most of her life on a farm. She has spent over two years in the Waves, taking her boot training at Hunter college in New York, and rating as an aviation machinist mate. She stated that she had been stationed at Norman, Okla., Pasco, Wash., and at the naval air station at Seattle during her service years.

Mrs. Bolesta's address on her application form was listed as Everett, Wash., but just before the drawing she and her husband had moved to Salinas, Calif., where the air mail letter from her mother reached her informing her of the good news. It was nearly two weeks before word was officially received by the Bolestas from the bureau of reclamation and the homestead officials.

Asked if they had visited their prospective home yet, the Bolestas replied that they had taken a trip to Tule lake last Monday and several trips since. Mrs. Bolesta stated that she liked the country very much and that she thought it certainly held a future for them.

Bolesta, whose first name is Charles, is a wounded war veteran, having served overseas with the marine corps. He is from Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Bolestas said that long before receiving official notification of their winning, they were besieged by letters from banks and realty companies wanting to build them a house or loan them money. Mrs. Bolesta related that she had even received one letter from an ex-GI in Minnesota proposing marriage. She added that she was forced to turn him down.

The Bolestas said that they would always think of the number 58 as their lucky figure. She was listed as number 58 in the drawing.

The lucky couple is at present living at 505 N. 9th, where they have been since arriving in Klamath Falls last Saturday. They both state that "homestead or not, we like Klamath Falls and intend to stay here."

USDA Asks Aid In Spud Deal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Burdened with a $100,000,000 surplus of spuds, the agriculture department today urged growers and shippers to help build up a greater national appetite among consumers.

It suggested the packing of a "super" grade of potatoes with a minimum diameter of 2¼ inches for round ones and 2 inches for long ones.

The agency predicted such action would create a greater demand among consumers and help the government get rid of a 100,000,000-bushel surplus.

The government has had to take over much of this surplus under price-support commitments. Officials have predicted that the government may lose as much as $80,000,000 on the excess supply.

Chinese Student Alive After All

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9 (AP) — Li Yun-shun read with surprise that he had been killed in the airliner crash that took 42 lives Sunday at Tsingtao.

His inquiries developed that:

Another Chinese — unidentified—had forged Li's identification papers as a delegate to the recent national assembly at Nanking, had attended all sessions, had voted on all questions—and had been killed in the crash.

Local School Job Okayed

Members of school board No. 1, on an inspection tour of the new wing of Fremont school, tentatively accepted the structure Wednesday afternoon it was reported today by Superintendent Arnold L. Gralapp.

The acceptance was made on a tentative basis as considerable hardware, including fans, locks, door pulls and other items, are not yet installed due to lack of equipment, and there is some additional painting to be done, Gralapp advised. The conference was held Wednesday between members of the board, Larry Watkins of Pinniger and Watkins, contractors, and Howard Perrin, architect.

"We have worked out a formula of use for the building pending final acceptance," Gralapp reported. At a meeting of Fremont PTA tonight, Thursday, at 7:30 o'clock, there will be open house in the new wing and all parents are invited to inspect the structure.

Burke's Peerage Skips Roosevelt

LONDON, Jan. 9 (AP)—A new volume called "Burke's Distinguished Families of America" was published today — and the Trumans, Roosevelts and Eisenhowers won't find their names listed.

Only families "of British origin who are now resident in the U. S. A." are listed in the book, issued by Burke's Peerage, the publishing firm which for years has filled thick books with the facts about British bluebloods.

"Drone" Plane To Simulate Attack

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—The army air forces will show the capital next Monday how it could be bombed with a crewless "drone" bomber operating from a far-away base.

A B-17 "drone" will take off from Eglin field, Fla., fly out to sea, drop a dummy bomb on a target, proceed over Washington and then return to its base—all under the control of the pilot in an accompanying "mother" B-17 capable of operating the drone from distances up to 50 miles.

Just in case, a pilot and copilot will be aboard the drone to take over if the drone and its mother plane have control difficulties.

New Plan Goes Past Measure Vetoed In '46

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Rep. Francis Case (R-S.D.) today introduced legislation authorizing the government to enjoin labor unions from strikes that endanger the public welfare and making workers as well as employers liable to unfair labor charges.

Case, author of a labor bill that passed congress last year only to meet a presidential veto, said his new measure is intended to let labor and management "live together" in peace.

In a statement he said he does not consider his measure "the bill" but "a bill" which he hopes will afford "an opportunity to meet our responsibilities in a comprehensive way."

Senate and house leaders have set January 20 as the "outside" date to start hearings on new labor legislation.

Case's new bill expands in some respects on the one which failed last year. In other aspects it goes beyond the top senate bill introduced by Senators Ball (R-Minn.), Taft (R-Ohio) and H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.)

Among other things, the Case bill would:

1. "Legalize" the procedure followed when the government got an injunction against John L. Lewis and his coal miners in the recent coal strike, without requiring government seizure of the struck property.

2. Specifically authorize the attorney general to use the injunction when a strike in an "essential monopolized service or industry — burdens or obstructs commerce in such a way as to endanger public welfare, health or safety" after the president has authorized a proposed emergency commission to investigate and recommend settlement.

3. Define unfair labor practices by employes closely paralleling those now covering employers in the Wagner act. Labor organizations and leaders would be forbidden to coerce employes, use violence against them, seize property in strikes, withdraw essential maintenance workers, or order strikes without a majority vote of employes in secret ballot.

4. Empower the attorney general to file charges of unfair labor practices. The national labor relations board, which would be increased from three to five members, now has that power alone.

5. Avoid industrywide bargaining, if this is desired, by giving employers as well as employes the right to choose their representatives in bargaining.

6. Restrict labor unions in some respects, but still protect their right to strike, assemble peacefully, and picket peacefully.

7. Deprive labor organizations that engage in sympathy and jurisdictional strikes of their exclusive bargaining rights and make them liable for civil damages. Individual union members would not be affected.

8. Authorize suits by and against labor unions.

9. Require all national unions to supply members with annual statements on finances, officers and obligations.

10. Forbid political contributions by labor organizations,

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Craft Union Halt Spreads

All AFL building craft unionists are understood to have been called off the jobs of ABC and E contractors today as the carpenters' strike entered its fourth day.

Larry Watkins, president of the Association of Building Contractors and Employers, said Thursday noon that he had not been advised either orally or by written notification that the crafts other than carpenters would be off the job, but that none appeared for work this morning.

"I understand by word of mouth that ABC and E has been placed on the unfair list of all crafts," Watkins advised.

C. D. Long, business agent for the carpenters local, No. 190, and Joe Willis, business agent for the painters local, No. 1279, were not available for statements today. Both were said to be in Bonanza where the big Lekberg and Duncan job on the Bonanza high school, was quiet. The painters returned to work temporarily on Tuesday, after a one-day strike, and officially went back on the job Wednesday morning.

Truce Team May Quit China

PEIPING, Jan. 9 (AP) — Most Americans here are of the opinion that General Marshall's strong statement on China will lead to the abolition of executive (truce) headquarters here and the withdrawal of the U. S. marines from the country.

A highly placed American, after reading the statement in which Marshall blamed extremists of both the Kuomintang (government paryt) and the communists for China's troubles, summed it up this way:

"The United States cannot permit the Chinese to conduct a civil war under the auspices of executive headquarters.

"We will have to make the first move toward closing down this organization. Neither the government nor the communists will take the responsibility of assuming the stigma attached to dissolving this last peace organization."

Chinese and American officials in Nanking also speculated that the Peiping headquarters would be closed.

Officially, the marines are there to maintain the supply route for the American branch of the headquarters.

Marshall In Hawaii Today

HONOLULU, Jan. 9 (AP) — General Marshall, returning to the United States from China to become secretary of state, landed at Hickam field at 11 p. m. last night (1:30 a. m., today, PST).

The general looked extremely well rested despite his long flight from Nanking via Guam, where his C-54 transport was refueled.

He walked slowly down the gangway and was greeted by his wife, who came here recently for the winter. She will go on to Washington with him.

Marshall declined to make any statement on his new position.

"I hope to rest here a few days," he said. "But of course that depends upon what I hear from Washington." Previously, he had planned to stop here three days.

"I'm glad to be back in the United States," he added, smiling warmly.

Japs Retaliate With War Charge

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (AP) — The Japanese government, after ignoring allied protests against mistreatment of prisoners of war for more than two years, finally replied in 1944 with countercharges, the international war crimes tribunal was informed today.

One of the instances cited:

A member of the staff of the Japanese consulate at Los Angeles was "forced to ride an ordinary coach" when transferred from Fort Missoula to White Sulphur Springs in April, 1942, and "was treated like a criminal" by being handcuffed, although he was ill.

Food Price Drop In Near Future Predicted For U. S.

By WILLIAM FERRIS

CHICAGO, Jan. 9 (AP)—The men who are among the best informed about food prices, the brokers on the country's commodity exchange markets, think prices will go lower.

Many new year predictions have been made recently by banks, economists and businessmen concerning future prices. But the forecasts of exchanges are the composite opinions of brokers dealing in the commodities.

Butter prices are high, but you can buy some butter today on the Chicago mercantile exchange for delivery in June at about 53 cents a pound. That's around 22 cents under present wholesale prices.

For the average person who just wants some butter to spread on bread that wouldn't be practical—you'd have to take 19,200 pounds, which is the amount represented by a "futures" contract. To save yourself from being drowned in butter you'd better sell before delivery day.

Significance of that 53 cent price, however, is that it is today's best guess of the butter and egg men on what the wholesale price will be this summer.

In nearly all markets in which food is traded for future delivery, a similar trend is shown. Eggs are a single exception. In most cases, the more distant the delivery, the lower the price.

Take wheat, which is the basic for flour, bread, macaroni and other foods. Its cash price at Chicago is around $2.20 a bushel. If you buy for March delivery, it's $2.04. For July it's $1.79 or 40 cents under present cash price. Other grains follow that pattern.

Santos coffee will cost 26 cents a pound for delivery in January but only 23 cents for next December. Cocoa is 25 cents for March and 23 cents for September.

Palestine Problem Out Of British Cabinet In Favor Of German Peace Move

LONDON, Jan. 9 (AP)—A British cabinet session in Palestine was cancelled today and sources close to Prime Minister Attlee said decisions already taken about the Holy Land would "gradually become apparent."

The cabinet has had international issues, including Palestine, under review for two weeks and was reported to have decided that peace with Germany was the most important problem to be faced.

The cabinet was reported to have granted Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, high commissioner for Palestine, wider powers to deal with violence but there was no indication of any decision on partition or appeal to the United Nations for settlement.

There was speculation in government circles that rumors of a 60-day suspension of violence by underground groups in Palestine had allowed Attlee and his labor government colleagues to delay urgent decisions until after the Palestine conference which is to resume here on January 21.

The problem of the German peace treaty, which the foreign ministers' council will consider in Moscow in March, was expected to provide an acid test of Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's statesmanship.

Frank King, diplomatic correspondent of the British Press association, said German reparations, and the future German status in Europe's economy, the future government of the reich and its relations with eastern and western Europe "are certain to be high tests of patience."

The two weeks of cabinet talks were reported to have ranged over all aspects of foreign affairs, including the atom bomb and disarmament.

The cabinet was reported to have adhered to its earlier decision that a new Anglo-Egyptian treaty must leave the Sudan free to help decide its own future and not to be incorporated into Egypt, as the Egyptians demand.

In the case of Albania, the cabinet was believed to have decided to be ready to lay before the United Nations security council its demands for reparations for the loss of life and damage to two destroyers which struck mines off the Albanian coast.