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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
WASHINGTON dispatches this morning tell us a dozen top businessmen believe the peak of business activity has been reached, if not passed.

It seems that these representatives of the upper brackets brass made their prediction to "business experts" a week before the market break started. That is interesting, if true, for it would mean they had the situation pegged.

Rightly or wrongly, we value forecasts more than hindsight.

THESE gazers into the "crystal ball" of business speak of a "changing business psychology."

It sounds like words chosen carefully to cushion a jolt that might not be too pleasant.

People in high places often do that.

PRESUMABLY they mean that up to now the prevailing urge has been to buy. As conditions have been, the way to make money has been to buy and wait for the more or less inevitable rise in prices.

If "business psychology is changing," we must assume that people are getting shaky about the prospect of ever-rising prices.

That seems to be what happened in the shake-up last week.

THESE dozen topsters offer another interesting statement:

"In an ever-growing number of cases, prices are reflecting SUPPLIES equal to or greater than demand."

AT any rate, it will be OK with most of us if something happens to halt the steady climb up the spiral staircase of inflation.

No matter how well off we may be at the moment, we'll be scared as long as we know that a rise in prices can wipe out the value of our paycheck if we work for wages or a rise in cost of production can put the kibosh on us if we make things to sell.

When people are in a scary mood, prosperity is always precarious.

If you have a jumpy heart and consult the doctor about it, he'll try to give you EXACTLY ENOUGH of what you need, but not too much.

If our business doctors can't convince to give us just enough price drop but not too much, everything will be hot-as-tot.

That takes skill, and courage. Anyway, let's live in hope.

WEATHER

Max. (Feb. 9) 38 Min. 20
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.18
Prevailing wind S.W. 4-12
Forecast: Snow thins

Klamath and News

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Rent Curb Extension Held Sure

Men, Planes Search Area For Slayer

BEAUMONT, Calif., Feb. 9 (AP)—Aroused citizens' volunteer posse joined mounted sheriff's deputies today in an effort to track down the slayer of 17-year-old Marjorie Lee Winn.

The Redlands high school girl was wounded fatally by a roadside marauder early yesterday as she sat in an automobile with James Sloan, a 18-year-old University of Southern California freshman, with whom she was returning home from a rodeo at Palm Springs.

Sloan told authorities a man jerked open the right front door of the auto and demanded: "Give me all your money."

Girl Struck

With that, he said, Miss Winn screamed: "Let's go Jim," and he started the car. But the man fired a gun, striking the girl. She died within a short time at a farmhouse where Sloan asked aid.

Beaumont police said the assailant fled in an automobile that was found abandoned two miles from the scene of the shooting, some 80 miles east of Los Angeles.

Miss Winn, an attractive brunette, was the daughter of Harold Winn, Redlands druggist, and Mrs. Roy Langford. She was one of six candidates for homecoming queen at Redlands high school.

Ground searchers were joined by three airplanes that swept the whole of Riverside county, which embraces considerable rugged terrain.

Getting Ready for Valentine's Day



One of the biggest days at school is observance of St. Valentine's Day and the opening of the Valentine's box which holds sweet messages strewn with hearts and cupid. At Mrs. Don Fisher's first grade room at Fremont school, three young students were caught slipping Valentines into the gaily bedecked box which will be opened with much flurry next Friday afternoon. Left, Sharon and Patrick O'Brien, twins, watch Junior Daniel put a Valentine into the box.

Senate Row On Proposals Slows Action

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—A prediction that rent controls will be extended just about as they are now" came today from Senator William Robertson (D-Va.).

And an informal check among members of the senate banking committee studying the issue gave support to this forecast.

The check showed that at least eight senators—a committee majority—object to some parts of a controversial bill proposing sharply modified rent curbs until April 30, 1949.

Expire Soon

Present controls expire February 29.

Here is the situation:

The senate banking committee was unable to agree last week on an extension bill drafted by a subcommittee. The full group will meet again a week from today to rewrite this bill.

House banking committee hearings on it are scheduled to end tomorrow, but actual drafting work also must wait until February 16.

Political speeches cause the delays. Republicans are busy making Lincoln Day speeches and Democrats are away for Jefferson-Jackson Day gatherings.

Meanwhile senators of both parties are finding faults with many provisions of the banking subcommittee bill.

Under Fire

Under fire are these proposals:

1. To remove all limits on rent increases when landlord and tenant agree to leases running through 1949. Such increases last year were held to 15 per cent above former ceilings.
2. Automatic increases up to 15 per cent if landlords can show higher operating costs.
3. Automatic decontrol for any city or rental area if one per cent of the available dwelling units are for sale or rent.
4. Lifting of controls from all rooming and boarding houses as well as individual rooms in homes.
5. Removal of all controls for the estimated 1,600,000 persons who agreed to 15 per cent increases when these leases expire at the end of this year.

Mills Still Lack Power

Sawmills throughout the Klamath basin and Northern California, which depend on The California Oregon Power company as their source of power supply, continued to operate on off-peak schedules today and no change was anticipated tomorrow, according to Sam Ritchey, district manager of Copco.

Ritchey said that by tomorrow, Tuesday, it might be possible to advise mill operators whether or not they could return to a normal schedule, but nothing was definite on this score. The mills have been operating since last Wednesday on off-peak schedules when The Pacific Gas and Electric company was forced to cut off their supply to Copco through transmission lines from the south. A break in the weather in Northern California is the thing that will make it possible for PG&E to resume its supply to Copco, which in turn, will be able to return the sawmills to normal operating basis.

Nighthawks Get Portland Okay

PORTLAND, Feb. 9 (AP)—It's okay to be on the streets of Portland after 1 a. m. now.

Circuit Judge Walter L. Toozz Saturday declared unconstitutional the city ordinance allowing police to arrest persons who refuse to explain their presence on the streets between 1 and 5 a. m.

The judge said the ordinance violated the principle that a man is innocent until proven guilty.

The decision was made in the case of Calvin W. Goodwin, who appeared from a municipal court fine of last September.

2000 Moslem Raiders Die In Big Kashmir Campaign

NEW DELHI, Feb. 9 (AP)—The Indian army said today 2000 Moslem raiders were killed Friday in the greatest battle of the Kashmir campaign.

Another 2000 were declared wounded in the engagement near Naoshera, 50 miles Northwest of Jammu, capital of the Southern Kashmir province of Jammu.

The predominantly Hindu and Sikh forces of the Indian army were led by a Moslem, Brig. Muhammad Usman.

An official spokesman said 11,000 attackers struck in waves, using heavy automatic weapons. They were repulsed in daylight but came back at night for hand to hand combat featuring sword play. The spokesman did not report Indian losses. Newspaper dispatches said two of the slain appeared to be foreign officers.

The army said it captured quantities of munitions and was heavily shelling Moslem positions. Machinegun and mortar fire were returned.

Indian and Kashmir-state forces have been fighting Moslem tribes-

Cugat Stars In Scuffle

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 9 (AP)—Xavier Cugat's violin playing wasn't quite up to snuff today. He had a sprained finger in a two-punch scuffle with Dress Designer Oleg Cassini, former husband of Screen Actress Gene Tierney.

Cugat said he found his young wife, former Actress Lorraine Allen, dancing in the Mocambo with Cassini shortly after midnight Saturday.

He invited Cassini to step outside but the scuffling started in the lobby.

"The whole thing is silly," Mrs. Cugat, 29, told a newsmen. "I'll do anything Cuzie says if he'll only tell me beforehand."

Asked whether he and Mrs. Cugat had separated, the band leader replied: "Not yet." They were married in Philadelphia last October 15.

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Alcohol Plant May Reopen

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—A prediction that the Springfield, Ore., alcohol-from-wood-waste plant will be reopened came today from Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.).

Ellsworth said he felt sure the plant would resume operation eventually. The war assets administration expects to complete an inventory of the plant some time next month, and then advertise it for sale.

Ellsworth said he had been told an eastern group of financiers was considering bidding for the plant. Some western lumbermen are also reported interested.

The congressman predicted one of these groups would take over the war-built factory.

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Top Brass Says Peak Of US Business Action Passed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—A dozen top businessmen believe the peak of business activity has been reached, if not already passed.

But their two-fold prediction to government experts a week before the market break that (a) inflationary dangers are fading and (b) a price downturn is ahead, still draws a don't-be-too-sure reaction from at least one federal economist.

The views of the corporation executives were outlined at the first of a series of six meetings suggested by the government. These are being arranged by Prentiss Cooney and Ernest T. Tupper, private business consultants.

Reporting on the first session, Cooney and Tupper say one big farm machinery company forecast a general price drop "after the middle of the year." Others in the group represented railroads, insurance, banking, merchandising and food processing. They predicted factory building will decline from 1947 but home building will hold up as costs decline.

The government economist who discussed the meeting with the understanding he would not be quoted by name commented:

"Much of what these businessmen say is true. We may be closer to the catching-up period than general price trends have indicated. But the inflationary current still is very strong."

Cooney and Tupper described the session as evidence of a "changing business psychology." They attributed last week's break in stock, bond and commodity prices to a "growing public awareness" of this change.

The business group generally agreed that a decline in business activity, "if and when it comes, probably would not be so sharp as in 1920-21," Cooney and Tupper said.

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Big Crew Saves Dog From Ice

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AP)—A ice-gel dog was rescued from an ice floe 200 feet out in Gravesend bay off Brooklyn yesterday after six hours combined operations by the amphibious force:

- (1) Police ashore, (2) police in a launch, (3) a coast guard ice breaker, (4) a fire truck with extension ladder, (5) society for prevention of cruelty to animals agents with various life-saving gadgets, and finally—just a little sailboat without canvas, which was poled through the ice pack by two men who lured the shivering animal aboard with dog food.

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Hall Slate Well Filled

Governor John H. Hall faces a busy schedule on his arrival here next Thursday morning, his first official visit to Klamath Falls since he took over the governorship of Oregon last October 30.

Mrs. Hall will accompany her husband and a number of affairs are planned for her, including a tea on Thursday, from 3 to 5 o'clock, at the Pelican party room. This gathering is sponsored by the Council of Republican Women and all interested women are invited to attend.

Governor Hall will address the Kiwanis club Thursday at noon at the Willard and will be the principal speaker at the Lincoln Day banquet that night. An exceptional turnout is expected at the banquet which is planned by the republican centric committee. Governor and Mrs. Hall will be at the Willard hotel during their stay.

Mexico Bound Plane Missing

LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 9 (AP)—A coast guard plane left San Diego at dawn today to search for a two engine plane that disappeared en route from Los Angeles to Mexico City, where it was to have become the property of Mexican President Miguel Aleman. Two other planes are to join the search later.

The coast guard said the missing plane, a DC-3, was manned by Capt. Maza and a Lieut. Alvarado. Mexican government planes have been looking for it since last Thursday.

Late Spud Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 1 broken, 24 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—Oregon 17, Nevada 1, Colorado 4, Calif. 3; 1 car arrived by truck; market firm; Klamath Russets No. 1-A, \$5.35-75; Long Whites \$4.65.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 32 broken, 50 unbroken cars on track; arrivals—California 15, Florida 1, Oregon 1, Idaho 15, Utah 4; 8 cars arrived by truck; market slightly stronger on White Rose, firm on Russets, Idaho Russets No. 1-A, \$5.35-60; Klamath No. 2, \$4.25.

May Command



Gen. Tah a Hashimi (above), former Iraq premier, was reported to have been named chief of the Arab volunteer armies formed to fight Palestine Jews. The report followed a meeting of Arab tribal and military leaders of five countries in Damascus, Syria.

Cattle Take \$3 Drop On NY Market

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AP)—Livestock prices nosedived today just as grain was getting on its feet.

Unexpectedly heavy receipts and reaction from last week's commodity break sent hogs down to \$22.50, the lowest price in more than a year.

Cattle slipped as much as \$3 a hundredweight. Lambs were down about \$1.00.

The sharp declines in Chicago reacted in the wholesale meat market at New York.

No Business

Merchants reported very little business in the New York meat market—one said it was the quietest he ever had seen with not enough business to test prices.

Market sources attributed it to the lack of interest on the part of butchers, chain stores and restaurant operators in the face of the livestock declines.

Cotton prices fell again in New York and wholesale butter prices in New York dropped 3/4 cents a pound for top grade. Rubber and hides were up.

Retail prices of flour, lard, bacon, steaks and bread continued to decline, but the movement was on a relatively small scale and there was no certainty that it was permanent.

At Washington, the house committee investigating commodity trading ordered an inquiry into last week's market break. Committee Chairman August H. Anderson (R-Minn.) said it wished to determine the "names and extent of operations of those who profited by advance inside information."

More Snow Is Forecast For Klamath

The Klamath basin was pelted with intermittent snow Sunday and it started falling again at 8 o'clock this morning and at noon had whipped up quite a storm.

Greyhound buses were reported on time both from the north and south despite a heavy storm which left from 18 to 30 inches in the higher passes this week-end. More snow was predicted for the Klamath area and the mountain sections tonight.

It was snowing hard at Crater Lake national park at 10 o'clock this morning and the road from Annie Spring to the rim was temporarily closed as plows were unable to keep up with the fall. The Medford entrance was reported in very poor shape and chains are advised for anyone coming into the park area. Sixteen inches of fresh snow fell Sunday and a fresh fall of eight and one-half inches was recorded this morning. There were no accidents as the result of Sunday's skiing.

The Southern Pacific reported all operations on schedule but a heavy snow falling at noon which will make it necessary to take the big winged spreader to Crescent Lake this afternoon. There is a foot of new snow at Crescent Lake, 8 inches at Chemult and 6 inches of fresh snow at both Lens and Kirk with more coming down.

The Willamette highway reported 26 inches of new snow at Odell with 72 inches of roadside snow and still snowing. Sun mountain on The Dalles-California highway said 7 inches of new snow brought the roadside depth to 42 inches and it was drifting on the mountain. Snowplows and sanding crews were working throughout the district. Traffic was going through on the Greensprings highway but there was a combination of 6 to 8 inches of new snow followed by Monday morning rains.

Mine Blast Cause Probed

GREENWOOD, Ark., Feb. 9 (AP)—Investigators will go into the Sun-shine coal mine near here today seeking the cause of an explosion that killed eight miners, three of them brothers.

The blast occurred yesterday afternoon as the day and night shifts were preparing to change. All the dead were day workers. Three night shift miners, who had entered the mine a few minutes before the accident, escaped injury.

It was believed to have been the worst coal mine disaster in Arkansas since 1916, when 10 miners perished in an explosion at Bates, south of here in 1940.

Greenwood is 20 miles south of Fort Smith, Ark., and near the Arkansas-Oklahoma border.

Hubert Morelock, well-known Main rancher, was advised last night by the Klamath county chapter of the American Red Cross, that his brother Ralph was one of the victims of the Sun-shine mine disaster at Portsmouth, Ark., near Greenwood. Morelock said he would be unable to leave for Arkansas.

Search Planned For Missing Ship

SEATTLE, Feb. 9 (AP)—The civil aeronautics administration said today it would continue its check of Western Oregon airports in search of a private airplane reported missing on a flight from Kennewick, Wash., to Oregon City, Ore.

Herbert Henne, Kennewick, owner of the plane, said it was piloted by G. G. Holliday of Richland, the CAA reported.

Henne reported that Holliday took off Friday for Oregon City's Skypark airport, but did not call back to tell of his arrival.

The CAA said a preliminary check of the Oregon City field and others in the area failed to disclose any trace of the craft.

Market Break Probe Ordered

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—An investigation of last week's commodity market break was ordered today by the house committee investigating commodity trading.

Chairman August H. Anderson (R-Minn.) said the purpose will be to determine "the names and extent of operations of those who profited by advance inside information."

Anderson said Secretary of Agriculture Anderson will be requested to provide "complete information in regard to the leak which he states occurred in advance of the public announcement" of government grain purchasing plans.

The secretary yesterday denied published reports suggesting there had been an advance leak of official information on the government's grain buying plans. He said: "There was nothing in the nature of a market tipoff."

"The crash in the commodities market of last week," Anderson said in a statement, "demonstrates how completely the Truman administration has dominated and fixed the price of grains and other commodities since July 1, 1946."

"Woman Trouble" Leads To Shooting Over Week-End

Three disturbances which sent three persons to Klamath Valley hospital broke the quiet in Klamath Falls over the week-end, but none of them was serious, police reported.

Two Negroes, Broad street rooming house residents, were treated at the hospital Saturday night after some gunplay which brought on the jailing of one of the men, Vastie Johnson, 30, for disorderly conduct.

Police said that Johnson and Roy Hill had "woman trouble" with the upshot of Johnson invading Hill's room and striking him over the head with a pistol.

During the fracas, Johnson said, his pistol went off and powder-burned his own left hip.

Both were taken to the hospital for treatment, and about 3:30 Sunday morning Johnson was moved to the city jail. This morning he was in court on a charge of disorderly conduct and his case was continued for further investigation.

Howard Brossard, 221 Eldorado, was treated at the hospital Saturday night with a stab wound above the knee on his left leg, which he told police was inflicted by his wife, Grace, at their home. Police said Mrs. Brossard had not been located.

Police received first notice of that occurrence when a car was called to Esplanade and Wall, where a man was said to have been down on the sidewalk and bleeding. When officers arrived the man had walked away and was located later at the Army tavern. He was identified as Brossard and taken to the hospital.

Another victim of violence, although not hospitalized, was Homer Brown, Altamont auto court, who allegedly was beaten and robbed by two men and his estranged wife, Junie Brown, early Sunday morning.

Brown said two men, unidentified, took him from the fairgrounds dance hall and forced him into his car. He said they beat him and forced him to sign over the title of his car to his wife, then put him out on East Main.