

American Businesses Not Happy About World Trade

Detroit Ponders US Sales of British Cars

NEW YORK, July 16 (AP)—Many American businessmen are unhappy today about world trade. Some say there is too much of it, headed for the American market, to suit them. Some say there isn't enough, and the U.S. businessman is holding the bag.

In just this one day's news packet you'll find opinions expressed on either the importing or exporting of oil, rubber, rice, hides, cotton, wheat, automobiles, china, toys, manganese and fruits and vegetables.

First place in the talk derby goes to reaction to the British plan to buy \$400 million less in this fiscal year from the dollar area, chiefly the United States and Canada. American businessmen will feel that, starting this fall, it means the British will buy only three-fourths as much as they did this last year.

Here are some specific worries American exporters have: The British are now selling more automobiles in the world market than American car makers. While Detroit isn't much worried yet about selling its own output, it hears today from Sir William Welsh, North American representative of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders that more British cars were sold in the United States in the first five months of this year than in the like period last year. Sir William contends it isn't true, as recently charged, that sales of British cars are on the downgrade here.

American tanners are unhappy about Argentina. In an open letter

today to U. S. senators and representatives, the tanners' council of America protests a bilateral trade agreement it says, has been drawn up between Argentina and western Germany. The Germans, under the pact, would get their hides and skins from South America. The council says the consequences "are profoundly serious to the tanning industry, to the shoe industry and to consumers of the United States."

Some U. S. senators from the farm states are also trying to get Marshall plan dollars earmarked for the purchase of surplus farm products in this country. They say relief should start at home. They are thinking of wheat and cotton, among others.

The U. S. office of foreign agricultural relations tells American rice growers that competition in world markets is growing, with output outside the United States increasing and demand in some previous deficit areas declining.

Cotton farmers note that England is late this year in entering the American market, but is reported to have a buyer on the way here now to size up our crop prospects. Meanwhile, Switzerland is arranging to get cotton from its textile mills from Egypt.

On the other side of the picture, American producers hear today of more foreign goods on the way here.

In New York, a congressional committee studying small business problems hears both sides of the current dispute in the oil industry over admission of foreign petroleum at a time when domestic wells are being cut back.

China and glassware buyers in New York are told that Japanese merchandise is improving in quality and imports are increasing.

American toy makers say that imports of plastic toys from Japan may total \$1 million this year, compared with less than one-third of a million dollars last year.

Meanwhile, officials of a Japanese railroad are touring this country to tout a proposed trade fair for American goods in Japan next spring.

German police said the death toll may go still higher.

Cause of the explosion was not determined, but no sabotage is suspected. Police said a short circuit in an electric line might be responsible.

The depot was a former air raid shelter built into the side of a hill. Przem was in the center of the battle of the bulge when the Germans launched their final counter-attack against the allies just before Christmas, 1944.

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INTERESTING SHOT is the Southern Pacific depot, still standing, which was built in 1908. Note the horse-drawn carriages, no doubt used for public taxi purposes. The only change made in the SP depot is the far end which is now closed and used as a baggage room. It used to be open and was used as a waiting room for train passengers. It is not known the exact year this picture was taken. The freight office used to be housed in this building but is now moved to other quarters.

County Eyed For Survey

Klamath county has been chosen as one of the six sample counties in Oregon surveyed by the Oregon child welfare survey team, according to John E. Dula, member of the survey team.

Dula said the growth of population in Oregon has exceeded the parallel growth of community agencies, and this survey is to determine how adequate are present methods of foster care of dependent and neglected children in the state, as well as to indicate what more should be done to bring the situation up to top standards.

The survey includes institutions, adoption agencies, and other agencies that affect foster care for children. More than 50 per cent of children cared for in the state will be covered.

The survey is made at the invitation of the child welfare committee of Oregon.

The five other counties chosen as samples for geographical, population and economic reasons, include Multnomah, Lincoln, Lane, Marion and Umatilla.

Plane Unloads Dynamite On Ice

JUNEAU, Alaska, July 16 (AP)—More than 800 pounds of dynamite was dropped by parachute on the high reaches of Taku glacier yesterday by a navy PYB plane making the last of 18 supply flights for the American Geographical Society's Juneau ice research expedition.

The dynamite will be used by Stanford research institute experts in determining glacier depth.

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Royalty Kicks Up Heels Princess Margaret's (Ahem) Gams Incite British Crisis

LONDON, July 16 (AP)—Arriet, had something besides the dollar crisis and the heat to discuss over their pint of beer tonight—legs.

Not just ordinary legs, mind you, but royal, blue-blood legs, covered in sheer, black silk stockings, set off by a pair of rilly pants, and twinking in the saucy can-can.

The legs, no less, of her royal highness, Princess Margaret.

The princess' legs became news this week at a fancy dress ball at the home of American Ambassador Lewis Douglas.

The king's younger daughter, with Sharman Douglas, the ambassador's

Lane Lumber Price Falling

EUGENE, July 16 (AP)—Results of a survey of local mills show lumber prices offered by sawmills, at the mill, and buyers, for shipping to Portland, are holding slightly above the 1948-47 average, but are down considerably below the peak which was reached a year ago this month.

The big catch in the holding situation on a three-year average is an increasingly narrow operating margin. Loggers are having to pay more for machinery and labor right now than they ever did before. All reports show that prices have held firm after dropping 10 per cent to 30 per cent, depending on the quality of timber, from July, 1948. Any changes in logging costs can alter the picture in a single week, mill owners say.

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A. F. Whitney, Leader Of Train Union, Dies

CLEVELAND, July 16 (AP)—Alexander F. Whitney, 76, fiery labor leader who was the friend and sometimes bitter opponent of presidents of the United States, died at his home early today of a heart attack.

The peppery president of the 215,000-man Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen was stricken after spending a full day at his office and an evening with friends at his Bay Village home.

His wife, Dorothy Mae Whitney, said she heard him call out that he was not feeling well early this morning. She telephoned for help, returned to his side and found him dead.

Outspoken for the policies of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, Whitney served on several national committees, including the one which guided the annual president's birthday balls for infantile paralysis victims.

It was in recent years in relations with President Truman, however, that Whitney came into breakfast table view of the American public.

The crippling railway strike of May, 1946, was in full swing. All but 100 of 17,500 of the nation's scheduled passenger trains and 240 of 24,000 freight trains were out of operation for a 48-hour period.

President Truman called Whitney and Alvaner Johnston, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, to the White House for a closed conference.

The labor chiefs called their men back to work, but soon after Whitney shouted "double cross."

He said they were induced by the president to postpone the strike for five days on the promise that an agreement would be forthcoming from railroad management.

Instead, he said, the brotherhood officials were given the run-around. Whitney soon after announced plans to use the \$47,000,000 treasury to defeat Truman in the election of 1948.

A reconciliation between the labor leader and the president followed, however.

A few hours before his death he had authorized a strike of brotherhood workers on the Southern Pacific railroad.

Besides his wife, Whitney is survived by two sons and a daughter.

Girls Enjoyed Camping Trip At Moore Park

The just-completed first session of day camp at Moore park for local girls from 7 to 14 was pronounced a great success both by the girls and by the director, Mrs. Keith Cobo.

Sixty-five girls attended, with 21 staff members for supervision. The girls were divided into four groups to plan their activities.

Five girls ended the session with an overnight camp supervised by Mrs. Cobo and Virginia Denton, Carol Kious, Sharon Hahn, Wanema Phillipson, Eleanor Hurn and Jimmys Arnold spent Friday night under the stars and cooked supper and breakfast on outdoor fires. Mrs. Arx Arnold, Miss Denton and Mrs. Cobo were guests of the girls for supper.

Many interesting meals are prepared from directions in a day camp manual compiled by Mrs. Cobo, Ella Redkey and Virginia Denton, and issued to the staff. Included in the booklet are complete directions for making fires, chopping wood, using knives and camp-making.

Two boys serve as handy men to do various custodial jobs. The ones for this session have been Dick Wade and Skipper Walker, aged 8 and 10, and nicknamed Eager Beaver and Busy Beaver. They were joined for part of the time by Ricky Mollison.

The Explorer group, of 12 girls made an all day hike to Riverside school, taking a "nose-bag" lunch. One of the most enjoyable features of the camping day was the dramatics held at closing assembly during which each group presents some entertainment. At one assembly the groups acted out songs such as "Cruising Down the River," "Lavender Blue," "Ten Little Indians" and "The Crocodile Song."

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Two Consuls Given Boot

SANTIAGO, Chile, July 16 (AP)—Two Chilean consuls in New York have been dismissed for having communist connections, the ministry of foreign affairs said last night.

The ministry identified the men as Guillermo Astris and Luis Enrique Delano.

It said they were asked to resign because the government "lost confidence in them in view of proof that they had been or are members of the communist party."

Communism has been outlawed in Chile.

(The consuls could not be reached for comment in New York.)

Rogue Water Is Polluted

GRANTS PASS, July 16 (AP)—Pollution of Rogue river water has reached the point where persons swimming in it should provide themselves with typhoid inoculation and the water should not be taken internally without being treated, County Health Officer C. W. Dewey declared here today.

City Manager John F. Porter said 17 of 18 tests of water from both sides of the city park swimming area have shown coliform bacteria present in quantity.

Untreated or only partially treated sewage from points all along the river are causing the condition, Porter said. Even Grants Pass sewage, although treated, needs further secondary treatment to decrease pollution, the city manager stated.

Boy Drowns In Rescue

PORTLAND, July 16 (AP)—Money was being collected here today for a nearly destitute family whose young son drowned in attempting to help another child.

The swift water of the Sandy river carried Jacob Charles Summers, seven, to his death when he attempted to wade across the water to a boy who yelled that his foot was caught in rocks. Adults later freed the foot.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Summers, and five other children had stopped on the banks of the river to let the youngsters cool off. They were driving from The Dalles cherry orchards to bean fields in Eugene for work, with only \$25 on hand.

For a luncheon or supper dish serve creamed finnan haddock over cooked spinach that has been chopped, seasoned with butter or margarine and salt and freshly ground pepper. Baked potatoes are good with this dish if you don't mind using your oven on hot days. Tiny new potatoes cooked on the top of the range and served with finely cut chives are good also.

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Child Shoots Grocer With Store's Gun

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16 (AP)—A seven-year-old boy calmly chewed gum last night and told police how he shot and killed an elderly neighborhood grocer.

"I deaded him," said the little boy. "The popgun made a noise like a firecracker."

The gun was a .32 caliber revolver. The grocer was Fred Throckmorton, 67. He died 16 minutes after the shooting in an emergency hospital of a bullet wound in the chest.

The boy told police he went to the store with his five-year-old sister. He had a note from his stepmother asking for hamburger.

Police said Throckmorton started to wrap the hamburger and the boy walked behind the counter. He picked up the revolver and asked: "Does this gun work?"

Throckmorton said, "Look out." The boy aimed, pulled the trigger and Throckmorton fell.

The two children ran out of the store and home.

Police were baffled for several hours by the shooting.

On the counter was a note saying, "Please send \$1 nice hamburger. Thank you."

The police were led to the boy by a reporter.