MARKET TAKES **AVERAGE DROP**

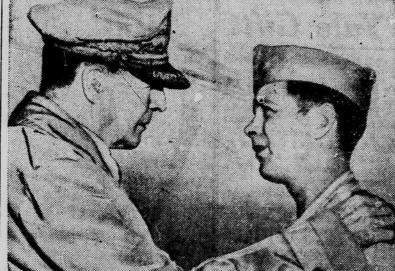
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(A)-The stock Market this week took its first average beating since the eriod ended ivovember 14 and exhibited considerable irregularity in

thout the six-day stretch other armament-rated ere bought on the idea that Nazi counter-offensive in meant a prolonged war. Monday on, however, cuswere more or less timid of the thought of a further cal correction of the climb oven-year highs. The cloudy international picture inspired caution. Earnings prospects brought lized purchasing.

decline was on deal dipped under the mil are mark for the first time December 2. Renewed carriers rallied the list he transportation aver peak since Septem-Wednesday trends suffered the widest drop since November 14 with profit cashing in the rails and a little more gloom over hattlefront news spurring liquidation. Selling lightened a bit Thurs day and there was a fairly goo comeback Friday, again touche off by the railway section.

Buyers stepped carefully in th brief proceedings notwith standing dispatches telling of a ant Allied smash at the Ge Commitments wer lightened or extended grudgingl partly owing to the forthcomin All exchanges will reces Monday for Christmas. The Associated Press 60-stoc

omposite was up .1 of a point at 21,340 a week ago. down or unchanged. Transfers of was closed.



Bong Gets Congressional Medal

Five-star General Douglas MacArthur pats Maj. Richard I. Bong, of Poplar, Wisc., on the shoulder, after presenting him with the Congressional Medal of Honor in ceremonies at Leyte airfield, in the Philippines. Bong has forty downed Jap planes to his credit.

Stock Market Quotations

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Youngs S and T Final stock sales 529,850.

Farmer Turns Tables

the farmer replied:

He sold the rooster.

"Neither do I, but you are going to buy him if you get the turkey.

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d	Adams Exp	1314
α	Air Reduction	391/4
e	Allis Chal Mfg	21/8
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e	Am Pow and Lt	23/8
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k	529,850 shares, compared wi	th 1,-

to but showed a net decline of .3 Bonds were narrow. At Chicago on the week. Of 635 issues reg- wheat was off 3-4 to up 1-8 of a stering, 235 were up against 400 cent a bushel. The cotton market

Boeing Airpl
Borg Warner
Briggs Mfg
Budd Mfg
Budd Wheel
Burl Mills
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you Merry Christmas!

Here's a toast to you at this happy Yuletide Season! May all the joy and gladness of the true Christmas Spirit inspire you and give strength to your thoughts and actions. Our need now is for greater unity . . greater faith . . . greater determination and will to "carry on." May God grant you all of these things in fullest measure . . .

and may your wish . . and that of every true American . . . for Peace and Victory be answered in this coming year.

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To Our Friends

May we have the pleasure of extending to you, one and all, our sincere desire for all the good things that you may wish for ... Our ever increasing circle of friends has made this Christmas a very happy one for us ... and we only hope that you, too, will receive your share of happiness.

. For your fine patronage we are thankful and ask that we may continue to serve you in the years to come. -

HAPPY NEW YEAR

NORTH-SMITH COAL CO.

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ı	CRI and P Rfg 4s 34	507/
ı	Cl Ut 4½s 77	1025
8	Fla EC 5s 74	574
ı	Hud C 5s 62A	731/
9	Hud and Man 5s 57	303/
i	Ill Cent 434s 56	763/
ğ	Int Gt Nor 6s 52	671/
8	MK and T Aj 5s 67	853/
ı	Mo PG 4s 75	361/
8	Mo PG 4s 75 Nyc Rfg 5s 2013	891/
8	Nor Pac 6s 2047	1031/
1	Penn RR 41/2s 65	119
8	Ph Rdg Ci 6s 49	343/
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9	Braz 61/2s 26-57	59
3	Poland 8s 50 Final bond sales \$2,200,000	27
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Convicts Get The Book -3,500 In One Batch

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—(P)—King county jail inmates, who know well bank facility on Guam. the meaning of "getting the book thrown at you" in court, have Am Tob B _____ 6434 learned a different version.

he Seattle Council of Churches presented the jail with a \$6,000, making deliveries west of Guam. 3.500-volume library for use of the inmates. Atl Ref _____ 30%

Bond Quotations Air Transport Speeds Whole Blood To Front

UNITED STATES PACIFIC| Army and Navy medical of-FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl ficers said availability of the whole Harbor, Dec. 23.—(P)—Whole blood from home, to save the lives of blood in sufficient quantity will wounded soldiers, sailors and ma- mean reduction in fatalities. rines on far Pacific battle fronts. Officers said that under the sysgets there fast under a new air tem now in operation, it is hoped delivery set-up.

cities, arrived in a few days at an sent to Army field and evacuation Army field hospital just behind the hospitals, Marine field hospitals, Ormoc line on Leyte, Philippines. Navy base hospitals and hospital So great was the need that the hips. It also will be made availfirst delivery was exhausted in able to all amphibious forces and seven days and a request to triple to major combat ships, such as the amount of shipments' was aircraft carriers, going into action.

The request was sent to American Red Cross donor centers at San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles, which have been contributing the entire supply to date. Red Cross officials said two more centers, at Portland and San Diego, may be called upon to help.

Navy Air Transport planes now deliver the whole blood, which retains approximately 75 per cent of the efficiency of fresh blood for 21 days, to the advanced blood

Planes of the Army's Air Transport Command and of the Troop Carrier Group, a joint Army-Marine air service, participate in Eighty per cent of the blood has been used by the Army thus far.

EVERYBODY'S GOING PEPS delivery set-up.

The first bottles, taken from volunteer donors in Pacific Coast the Western Pacific. It is being

Pepsi-Cola Company, Long Island City, N. Y.
Franchised Bottlers: Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Wilmington



The Star of Bethlehem, to the faithful, became the shining light which must for all time symbolize peace and good-will. Those who tirst saw ... 1944 years ago today have their counterparts in each of us—who look ahead with full faith in the enjoyment of happiness and security for all people of all lands. The Babe born in the manger grew to speak words! rich in wisdom which can still guide us in living the good life. Let us rededicate ourselves this Christmas to keeping the spirit of the day alive-for all time . . .

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24 North Front St.

"SHOES THAT SATISFY"

Sincerely

MAY THIS CHRISTMAS

BRING YOU GLADNESS AND THE NEW YEAR GREET YOU

WITH HEALTH AND

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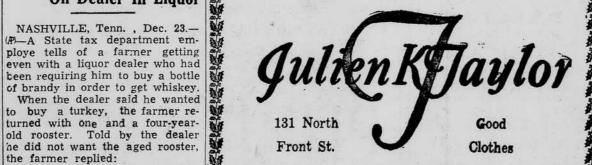
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HAPPINESS

This is more than an ordinary greeting this year. It is evidence of our gratitude to the folks who have lived before us, who have made this Christmas of priceless happiness possible.

In this spirit we send our sincere good wishes for you and all those dear to you. May this Holiday time be one of joy and happiness to you and yours.







Christmas Gives Pleasant Thoughts

It doesn't seem twelve months since the last time we wished our many friends Season's Greetings.

You have helped us close another chapter in the life of our business and we are

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truly appreciative of your cooperation and confidence.

Our warmest Greetings for Christmas and Sincere Good Wishes for the New Year being ushered in . . . May it be your happiest.

DIXIE LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANERS

17th and Church Sts.