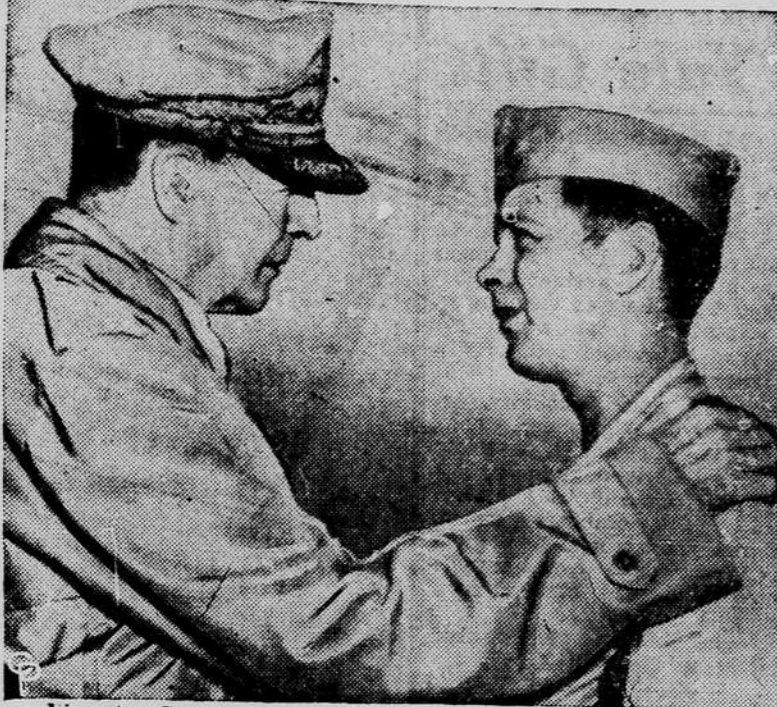


MARKET TAKES  
AVERAGE DROP

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The stock market this week took its first average beating since the period ended November 14 and exhibited considerable irregularity in today's short session.

Bong Gets Congressional Medal



Five-star General Douglas MacArthur pats Maj. Richard I. Bong, of Poplar, Wis., 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

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Table of stock market quotations including items like Adams Exp, Air Reduction, Alaska Jun, Allegheny, Allis Chal Mfg, Am Can, Am Car Fdy, Am For Pow, Am Pow and Lt, Am Rad and St S, Am Roll Mill, Am Sug Ref, and A T and T.

529,850 shares, compared with 1,213,340 a week ago. Bonds were narrow. At Chicago wheat was off 3-4 to up 1-8 of a cent a bushel. The cotton market was closed.

To 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.

Bond Quotations

Table of bond quotations including items like AT and S, B and O, Can Pac, CB and Q, C and E, CGW, CRI, CI, Fla EC, Hud and Man, Ill Cent, Int Gt Nor, MK and T, Mfg PG, Nyc Ry, Nor Pac, Penn RR, Ph Rdc, Sal C, Sou Ry, West Md, FOREIGN BONDS, Aust 5s, Braz 6 1/2, Poland 8s, and TREASURY.

Air Transport Speeds  
Whole Blood To Front

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Whole blood from home, to save the lives of wounded soldiers, sailors and marines on far Pacific battle fronts, gets there fast under a new air delivery set-up.

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 remains approximately 75 per cent of the efficiency of fresh blood for 21 days, to the advanced blood bank facility on Guam.

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

Convicts Get The Book  
—3,500 In One Batch

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—(AP)—King county jail inmates, who know well the meaning of "getting the book thrown at you" in court, have learned a different version.

The Seattle Council of Churches presented the jail with a \$6,000, 3,500-volume library for use of the inmates.

Advertisement for AKRON TIRE CO. featuring a tire and the text: 'MAY THIS CHRISTMAS BRING YOU GLADNESS AND THE NEW YEAR GREET YOU WITH HEALTH AND HAPPINESS. We are happy if we have been of service to you and solicit your continued patronage. AKRON TIRE CO. 7 North 3rd St.'

Advertisement for Julien K. Taylor featuring a large holly leaf illustration and the text: 'Sincerely 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. HAPPY New Year Julien K. Taylor'

Advertisement for Julien K. Taylor featuring the text: 'Farmer Turns Tables On Dealer In Liquor NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 23.—(AP)—A State tax department employe tells of a farmer getting even with a liquor dealer who had been requiring him to buy a bottle of brandy in order to get whiskey. When the dealer said he wanted to buy a turkey, the farmer returned with one and a four-year-old rooster. Told by the dealer he did not want the aged rooster, the farmer replied: "Neither do I, but you are going to buy him if you get the turkey." He sold the rooster.'

Advertisement for PEPSI-COLA featuring the iconic logo and the text: 'EVERYBODY'S GOING PEPSI AT FOUNTAINS EVERYWHERE Pepsi-Cola Company, Long Island City, N. Y. Franchised Bottlers: Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Wilmington'

Advertisement for FREEMAN SHOE CO. featuring an illustration of a man and woman in winter attire and the text: 'A Yuletide Greeting to One and All The Star of Bethlehem, to the faithful, became the shining light which must for all time symbolize peace and good-will. Those who first 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... FREEMAN SHOE CO. 24 North Front St. "SHOES THAT SATISFY"'

Advertisement for DIXIE LAUNDRY & DRY CLEANERS featuring an illustration of a man and woman in formal wear and the text: '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 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.'