

RETAIL BUYING SHOWING GAINS

Shipping Strike Hurts Pacific Coast Trade

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—(A)—Some divisions of retail and wholesale trade proceeded at the fastest pace thus far in 1936 during the current week, Dun & Bradstreet said today in the weekly review of business.

"The broadening wave of retail buying brought upward revisions in the estimates of Christmas totals," the review said, "Sales of luxury items being indicated at close to the 1929 peak. The strong surge of retail distribution was evident in the records to wholesalers, the volume of many being limited only by their ability to obtain from manufacturers shipments, which were overdue a month or more.

"Upward movement of the leading industrial indices was more general this week, although the extension from previous positions was short."

The agency estimated retail sales for the country as a whole from 3 to 10 per cent higher than in the preceding week, and from 15 to 22 per cent ahead of the same period last year.

Percentage increases in the major geographical areas were: New England 15 to 20 per cent; East 18 to 20; Middle West 15 to 20; Northwest 17 to 22; South 20 to 30; Southwest 20 to 35, and Pacific coast 8 to 15.

The shipping strike again affected retail trade on the Pacific coast, the review said.

"Extending the upturn of the week preceding," the agency said, "consumer buying at many key cities went ahead of the volume for the pre-eastern shopping period."

Telephone Office Is Scene Of Activity

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switchboard, to the telephone at the other end.

They don't understand either that for the most part the message is transmitted mechanically, that the jangle of the telephone is caused by an automatic ringer, that the message is secret so far as the operator is concerned, that all she does is to give the connection.

Phantom Coil

Most remarkable to a layman is the fact that a tiny apparatus, known as the "phantom coil" can take two pairs of open wires and allow six telephone circuits and 14 telegraph circuits to come over them, all at the same time. Which means that many people are talking over the same wire into different instruments at the same time.

To an amateur the mechanical department is a revelation. Here the great mass of cables and wires comes in from all the outside world, connecting Shelby with Charlotte, Asheville, Toluca, Waco or the residence of Joe Doe. And the long distance wires are able to put you in touch with King Edward, if you wish to pay.

The wires come in three sections, cable 1, cable 2 and the toll wires. They are separated according to number and position. They then go to the switchboard, back to a relay rack and out again.

A large set of storage batteries keeps enough current in reserve to ring for the office a long period of time in case of emergency.

Peak Hours

The local office is busiest during the morning hours of 8:30 until 11:30, from 2 until 4, and from 6 until 8 o'clock.

One of the most interesting things is a little clock connected with long distance which records automatically the number of seconds some young swain talks to the pretty blonde of whom he is enamored, or some salesman who is trying to explain to the wife why he won't be home tonight. It doesn't make errors.

The people who care for these details along with hundreds of others are: Sam Gault, manager and with the telephone company practically all his life; his assistant, H. E. Harris; Mrs. Ivy D. Taylor, cashier; Mrs. C. W. Smith, switchboard head operator; operators, Mrs. Malcolm Barges, Mrs. Pearl Bowling, Mrs. J. D. Branton, Miss Mildred Cabanis, Miss Wray Greene, Miss Marietta Hoyle, Mrs. Henry Lucas, Mrs. E. J. Minnick, Miss Virginia Mintz, Mrs. George Ware, Miss Bernice War, Mrs. Tom Gold, Miss Thelma Bostic, Miss Frances Blanton, Mrs. Floyd Willis.

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Strike Ask Consideration As U. S. Plans To Start Ships

By The Associated Press

Labor voiced its insistence that the Federal Government recognize "rights of maritime unions" as it enters the Pacific Coast strike to carry food to Alaskans on chartered ships.

The Seattle Labor council requested the union recognition after the Interior Department announced it would advertise for bids for private ships to carry food and fuel to Alaskans, whose supplies have been depleted by maritime strike.

Maritime unions withheld until learning details of the government's program.

Hawaii, also virtually isolated by the strike blockade, found some relief in a steamship company announcement all the 700 tourists marooned there would be afforded passage on two liners sailing Friday and Monday.

The strike gripped the big liner President Coolidge at San Francisco and at San Pedro, Calif. Harbor industrial activity reached a virtual standstill as the teamsters union blocked attempts of non-union truck drivers to move cargo from piers.

In New York striking seamen

tried to get crews to walk off the American Importer and the President Roosevelt after the International Seamen's Union recruited crews for the Washington. The I. S. U. is at odds with rank and file strikers on the Atlantic and Gulf coast and the Sailor's union of the Pacific to which all west coast seamen belong.

The Grace Line delayed sailing of the Santa Paula from New York to California and ordered the Santa Elena to discharge and take on Intercoastal passengers at Ensenada, Mex. All American ships reaching west coast ports have been tied up by the strike.

The only violence was at Tampa, Fla., where Police Chief C. J. Woodruff predicted "there'll be no further trouble" after a riot between seamen and police resulted in the arrest of ten strikers.

Federal farm colonists in Matanzas Valley saw a bright side of the picture as they found a ready Alaskan market for their home grown product in the territory which usually imports most of its fresh vegetables.

Hawaii Fearful As Food Is Dwindling

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between the International Seamen's union and the operators.

The New York state supreme court was asked to strike out the agreement on the ground that it never had been ratified by the union membership.

Joseph Curran, strike leader, telegraphed William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor for "an opportunity to present facts in maritime strike on Atlantic and Gulf coasts."

Curran, saying he represented 20,000 I. S. U. members, hoped to obtain a reversal of A. F. L. resolution denouncing the strike as the "handwork of communists and other extremists."

The I. S. U., which earlier in the year ousted the sailors union of the Pacific, one of seven west coast unions, has outlawed the sympathetic strike of its members.

Operators and unions at Seattle awaited the arrival from Washington of Col. O. F. Olson, manager of the Alaska railroad, to learn government plans for chartering a ship to carry provisions to restock Alaska's depleted larder.

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Rogers Theatre To Open On Monday

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clashing colors to disturb, the whole blends into a perfect setting for enjoyment of picture entertainment provides for comfort and health. Completely automatic, a tremendous fan driven by a 15-horse power motor runs continuously during the time the theater is open to the public. In the winter air is pulled over a heating screen and raised to the temperature necessary to heat the building. This is handled by automatic thermostat attached both to the fan and the boiler. In the summer time air is pulled from outside across and through pipes which spray cold water.

Air Is Washed

Thus the air is changed in the theater every two and one half minutes; in both winter and summer it is water-washed, in summer by cold water, in winter by hot. With the exception of the lounge rooms, both splendidly equipped, one for ladies and one for men, there are no radiators; the conditioning system takes care of both heating and cooling.

No effort is being made to paint a word picture of either the exterior or interior of the building. Cleveland county people will on its opening day see for themselves the interior. They have already seen the exterior and they will probably be amazed when they find the decorative interior, the comfort, the luxury which has been provided for them.

Sophs Leading On Honor Roll

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Charles Byers, Mildred Bates, Thelma Bumgardner, Carolyn Carrick, Jean Collins, Barbara Cook, Catherine Dendy, Celeste Hamrick, Sara M. Hamrick, Josephine McWhirter, Elizabeth Pou, Elise Putnam, Pearl Weathers, Sue Wilson.

Tenth grade: Sims Blanton, Julian Byers, Grady Dover, Rush Hamrick, Willis McMurry, Bill Smart, Willie B. Bailey, Ruth Dixon, Margaret Elliott, Martha Eskridge, Mary Glenn, Edith Fitch, Ann Smart, Katherine Spake, Ruth Thompson, Margaret Trammel, Mildred Whitehead, Ruth Beam, Emily Buice, Helen Davis, Ethel Patterson, Ponder R. Sanders.

Eleventh grade: Floyd Bost, Carl Gallimore, Catherine Apple, Gladys Blane, Elizabeth Falls, Lorene Hamrick, Louise Hardin, Eva Jones, Ruth Lewis, Dora McSwain, Dorothy Magness.

Dynamite Case Men Are Given Paroles

RALEIGH, Nov. 20.—(A)—Two men involved in the "Burlington dynamite case," Tom Canipe, 22, and J. F. Haraway, 30, were free on parole today.

Governor Ehringhaus extended clemency to the two men who were sentenced last January in Alabama superior court to two years each.

They were convicted of receiving stolen dynamite, blowing up a part of the E. M. Holt plaid mills at Burlington, and attempting to dynamite another mill.

Two other men sentenced in the dynamite case were not paroled. They are Florence Baylock, sentenced to four to six years, and J. L. Anderson, sentenced to eight to ten years.

1,000 Drown As Water Sweeps

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mediately after the news of the disaster was flashed to nearby Akita city.

The bursting of the reservoir was believed caused by heavy rains which swelled the contents of the huge receptacle.

Today's Markets

New York cotton nat 2:30 today: Jan. 11.61, Mar. 11.63, May 11.59, July 11.50, Oct. 11.14, Dec. 11.75.

STOCKS EASY

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—(A)—Prices generally tilted backward in today's early stock market proceedings.

At an active opening losers of fractions included General Motors, Chrysler, U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, North American, N. Y. Central, Montgomery Ward and Westinghouse. An exception was Goodyear which got up more than a point.

BARELY STEADY

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—(A)—Cotton future opened barely steady, unchanged to 3 points lower with steady Liverpool cables offset by liquidation.

TREND LOWER

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20.—(A)—The price trend was lower at the opening of the cotton market today.

CHICAGO GRAIN

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—(A)—Wheat prices moved up early today after a hesitant start. Corn started 3-8 lower to 1-4 higher.

CHICAGO HOGS

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—(A)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs 25,000 including 12,500 direct; opened fully steady with Thursday's average; later trading strong to 10 higher; top 9.75.

Summary Of The Market

Furnished by E. A. Pierce & Co.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. — Dow Jones summary for today:

Trading in London stocks restricted due to renewed activity over Spanish civil war, international issues easier.

Nobilit Sparks declares regular quarter 50c and special dividend consisting at option of stockholder of \$1.50 in cash or 1-20 shares in stock for each share held both Dec. 21 and Nov. 20.

LONDON: Foreign Secretary Eden revealed note sent to British Ambassador to Spain which appealed to General Franco to guarantee secure and safe anchorage at Barcelona for British ships and to allow proper time before any attack made on Barcelona for evacuation of all British residents.

American Hawaiian S. S. declares regular quarter 25c Dec. 23 and Dec. 12.

Dun & Bradstreet: Extending the upturn of preceding week consumer buying at many key cities went ahead of volume of pre-Eastern shopping period, the formal launch of the Christmas season provided a strong acceleration to demand, recurrence of a cold wave benefitted retailers in all districts, pushing sales 3 to 10 percent ahead of preceding week, spread over the comparative 1935 volume somewhat smaller, estimate ranging from 15 to 22 percent for country as a whole.

Department store sales in Metropolitan area of New York first 12 shopping days of Nov. 13.9 percent ahead like period last year.

Liquid Carbonic year ended Sept. 30 \$3.16 a share vs. \$2.57 share preceding year.

Public Service electric and gas will furnish full electric power requirements at Linden General Motor's new assembly plant.

Illinois Central second week Nov. gross estimated at \$2,500,000 gain about 28 percent over like week 1935.

Pere Marquette ten months ended Oct. 31 \$1.75 a common share vs. \$3.86 on 5 percent preferred in 1935 period.

Edison Brothers stores declares regular quarter dividend 40c.

COTTON LETTER

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Despite further liquidation yesterday the undertone was steady. Trade interests absorbed most of sales and there appeared to be more cotton wanted at limits on scale downward. The export situation could improve but the demand by mills is still large. Recent liquidation by tired longs has helped the technical position. With prospects favoring a continued good business in textiles at home we see no reason to expect any important easing in prices and a higher level should result later on.

Fire At Roxboro

ROXBORO, Nov. 20.—(A)—Damage estimated at between \$50,000 and \$70,000 was done by a fire which swept through a store and office building here. Firemen battled for several hours before getting the blaze under control.

WPA DISTRICTS ARE CUT TO FIVE

Districts Consolidated Personnel To Be Reduced

RALEIGH, Nov. 20.—(A)—George W. Coan, Jr., State Works Progress Administrator, said today he would not be able to give out the personnel set up for the new five district program in North Carolina for several days.

"We are working out the personnel matter and will have something on that in a few days," Coan said. "We expect the consolidation of seven districts into five to become effective about December 1 but personnel charges, certainly some dismissals which will be necessitated, may not take place until December 15."

Coan said it was impossible to estimate the number of projects or number of persons to be worked in each district.

The state administrator also said he did not expect state headquarters to be removed from Raleigh "at this time." A concerted movement has been underway for some days to have the state offices moved to Greensboro.

Asked specifically as to who would be placed in charge of new consolidated district offices at Raleigh and Winston-Salem, Coan said he could not say yet.

Counties in Charlotte and Asheville districts announced are:

Caldwell, Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Lincoln, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Union, Stanly, Charlotte, Caldwell, Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Lincoln, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Union, Stanly, Montgomery, Moore, Anson, Richmond, Scotland Hoke and Robeson.

Asheville: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, Swain, Jackson, Transylvania, Henderson, Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Buncombe, Haywood, Madison, Yancey, Mitchell and Avery.

Sin Of Sadness Is Martin's Topic

A sermon on the sin which brings most sadness into the world will be preached Sunday night at the Second Baptist church by the pastor Rev. C. V. Martin.

The morning sermon topic will be "The Poverty of Jesus." Other services will be held at regular hours. A baptismal service at 7:15 will see a young man and his wife baptized.

Fireman Killed

BAITIMORE, Nov. 20.—(A)—A fire engine returning from a blaze in the suburbs today lost a wheel and careened into two trees, killing one fireman and injuring two others seriously.

Police identified the fatally injured fireman as Lawrence Wheatley.

A survey showed there were no horses on 34,571 of 174,589 Kansas farms.

Dog Saves Owner But Dies Himself

YORK, S. C., Nov. 20.—(A)—Tip was his name and he was just a dog, without known pedigree.

His master, Elijah Feemster, who lives alone, was awakened at midnight by Tip pawing his face.

The house was afire, the room full of smoke.

Feemster ran out with Tip in his arms. But somehow, in the excitement, the dog went back. His charred body was found in the ashes.

Remodeling Celebration SALE SPECIALS

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39c

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No Tax Increase Says Harrison

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(A)—Chairman Harrison (D-Miss.) of the Senate Finance Committee said today there would "absolutely be no increase" in taxes by the next Congress, and that the budget would be brought into balance during the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Hi Editors Meet At Chapel Hill

CHAPEL HILL, Nov. 20.—High school newspaper editors from a number of towns throughout the state gathered here today for the opening session of the North Carolina Scholastic Press Institute which is being sponsored by the Daily Tar Heel, the University's student daily newspaper.

Sessions will continue through Saturday night when a final banquet will bring to a close a series of conferences and discussions among the delegates and a number of prominent North Carolina newsmen.

Towns to be represented include Burlington, Troy, Greensboro, Raleigh, Statesville, Wilmington, Kannapolis, Goldsboro, Durham, Rocky Mount, Kinston, Lexington, and Chapel Hill.

Security Act Forms Due At Post Office

Shelby employers have only two more days to fill out and return forms SS-4, provided in the social security act, to the local postoffice. After tomorrow night the forms will be sent to national headquarters in Baltimore. Postmaster Frank L. Hoyle is asking that all employers take the few minutes necessary and send the cards in now.

Forms SS-5 of the same act will be placed in the hands of employers next week, to be filled out by all employees. Full directions accompany all forms.

Bobbitt's Dog Is Winner At Monroe

MONROE, Nov. 20.—(A)—The final brace of the open all-age stake, closing event of the Monroe field trials, was won by Sports Peerless, setter owned by Dr. L. M. Bobbitt of Winston-Salem yesterday.

Second place went to Homewood Hillbilly, pointer owned by the Farmwood Kennels of Waynesboro, Ga., and handled by Fred Bevan. Hawkstone Binnie, a setter owned by Miss Claudia Phelps, of Aiken, S. C., and Flatwood Flit, pointer entered by U. M. Fleishman of New York, divided third prize.

BREEZE AND BLANTON REPORT ON CONVENTION

Vic Breeze and Fred Blanton gave reports last night to the local Kiwanis club of the Carolinas district convention held a few weeks ago in Greensboro, which they attended as delegates from the local organization.

Most of Utah is a plateau, 6,000 feet above sea level.

Polk county claims to ship nearly one third of the Florida citrus crop.

Finland, As Usual, Will Pay On Time

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Nov. 20.—(A)—Finland will pay her war debt installment due the United States Dec. 15, authoritative sources said today.

The small Baltic nation is the only debtor which has not defaulted on its obligations to the United States.

Penny Column

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MINSTREL BABY SHOW PLANS ARE COMPLETED

All plans were completed early today for the huge minstrel and baby show at Piedmont school building in Lawndale tonight. It is under the sponsorship of the Piedmont PTA and contains a local cast of some 50 persons.

Numbers of entrants have been announced for the baby show. The minstrel will be featured by the Dixie Blackbirds, and begins at 8 o'clock.

WPA Allocations

RALEIGH, Nov. 20.—(A)—The State WPA announced allocation of \$196,910.89 in 18 varied projects over the state. The largest allocation went to Durham county for operation of sewing rooms.

Furniture Increase

LENOIR, N. C., Nov. 20.—(A)—Wage increase for its 500 employees was announced here by the Kent Coffey Furniture Manufacturing company. No definite scale was disclosed.

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