

CROP IN THE WEST IS ENCOURAGING BUSINESS

SITUATION IS SUCH AS TO RE-VIVE CONFIDENCE IN COM-MERCIAL CIRCLES.

Chicago, July 27.—Tonnage on western railroads holds up fairly steady. The recent movement was about equal to that of a year ago, and held up well as compared with recent weeks. The shipping consisted of numerous classifications which indicated that there is a steady demand for all kinds of manufactured products. While perhaps in any one commodity a loss might be shown, the aggregate is large enough to hold equal to comparative figures. Earnings, however, are not keeping pace with the volume of business on account of increasing costs and the denial of rate adjustments which the railroad people claim to be necessary to equalize the situation.

Crop Outlook Bright.
The crop outlook is even brighter than a month ago, and this is helping the optimistic sentiment.

There is no change in the banking situation; money remains easy for all ordinary purposes, but bankers have not changed their attitude of advising caution in all operations as they relate to business expansion. They believe that a steady volume of general business along present levels is best for the time being as there are so many uncertainties to contend with. At the same time they are of the firm conviction that the fundamental conditions are perfectly sound and that prosperity will quickly return when the adverse influences now entering into the situation have been removed. This will take some time, but it is pointed out that they must be removed before good times will permanently prevail, in spite of good crops, at which all eyes are now directed with the hope that they will offset the unfavorable condition elsewhere.

Iron and Steel.
In the iron and steel industry the best-posted interests cling to the belief that there will soon be a turn in the right direction, despite the fact that the month of June did not turn out as well as had been predicted. The predictions now are that the remaining months of the year will show gradual betterment. They still talk of the effects of a favorable railroad rate decision on the industry, but the decision has been delayed so long that it is believed the very fact that it will soon be removed from the situation will act as a help to the trade, whether or not it is for or against the railroads. While there is desultory buying by the railroads and many other consumers, specifications on new business are not coming forward as rapidly as expected.

There was little change in the dry goods trade. Transactions were seasonable and about even with a year ago. Interior merchants, however, were liberal buyers on account of the bright outlook. Buying for fall delivery was fair, but not in a volume exceeding comparative periods. Collections were reported slow to fair.

Railroads operating eastward from Chicago and St. Louis hauled about an even tonnage as compared with a year ago. Otherwise there was little change in the general situation, the business situation in the territory of the roads having developed no tendency in either direction from the levels of the past few months. Most mills and factories are operating on about a two-thirds capacity basis. Shipping facilities are good and all roads are handling heavier than in a number of years to secure business as it is now a matter of net earnings rather than gross tonnage that officials look at. Westbound tonnage was comparatively light, leaving the situation in an unbalanced position. Officials of southern roads reported no particular feature to traffic conditions, but that business was as heavy as could be expected for this time of the year.

WORTH KNOWING.

Simple, hand-operated apparatus has been patented for cutting large quantities of butter into regular-sized cubes for table use quickly.

Concrete brackets support 1,500 feet of a busy Paris street that had to be undermined to form an approach to an underground railway station.

It has been proved by actual experiment that small rodents of arid regions which eat dry seeds can live from two to three years without water.

For motorists who have lost one or both legs there has been invented drive mechanism enabling all the controls to be operated by the hands.

An amusement park novelty takes its passengers in imagination through the Panama canal, the features of which are realistically reproduced.

A machine has been perfected in Saxony which embroiders designs on three dozen pairs of stockings at once, 288 stitches being taken simultaneously.

A bed which can be folded compactly when not in use has been invented by a Washington doctor for the transportation of invalids in automobiles.

A single stroke of lightning in the Belgian Congo killed nine men and a woman and severely injured 22 other persons, two of whom died later.

HOTLY CONTESTED WORK FOR REFORMS ARE HARNESS RACES OR LOSE YOUR COCO

BUT ONE EVENT ON THE DETROIT CARD IS DECIDED IN STRAIGHT HEATS.

Detroit, July 27.—Of the four events on the card of today's grand circuit opening two required six heats each to decide the winner, one race went one extra heat and the fourth was won in straight heats. In the 2:15 pace after Eli Mackay had won two heats and Viewpointer the third, Major Oney who had been finishing fast and strong in second position, came through and took the next three heats in the last round in which Major Oney had things his own way, the heat winners never had more than a half length margin.

Ortolan Axworthy, finishing behind Miss Perfection in the first heat of the sweepstakes for 2:12 trotters, took the next in a fine driving finish. The third was a procession with Ortolan Axworthy always in front. Tommy Murphy never was in great danger with Walter Cochato in the 2:04 pace, though the first two heats were close with Flower Direct contending all the way. The second heat of this race brought out the best time of the day, the last half being covered in 59.3 and the final quarter of the third heat in :28.3.

Grand Marshal fought a game battle to win in the third, fourth and sixth heats of the 2:08 trot. Tommy Horn took the first two heats and Reuben, last year's M. & M. winner, the fifth.

VILLAREAL LIMITS ACTIVITY OF CHURCH

SENSATIONALLY RADICAL ACTION BY CONSTITUTIONALIST GOVERNOR IN NEUVO LEON.

Tampico, via Laredo, Texas, July 27.—A decree limiting the scope of the Roman Catholic church in the state of Nuevo Leon, on the ground of "public health, morality and justice," was issued today by Antonio L. Villareal, governor and military commander. He said: "During the life of the nation the church has been a pernicious factor in disruption and discord and has entirely forgotten its spiritual mission." The most drastic feature of the decree is the prohibition of confession. Villareal gives as his reason for this the charge that the confessional and the secrecy in Mexico have become a menace to morality.

HEAT AND HUMIDITY PULL TOGETHER IN MISSOURI

THE COMBINATION IS SERIOUS AND CAUSES MUCH SUFFERING.

Kansas City, July 27.—Excessive temperatures accompanied by high humidity prevailed over this part of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma today. At Sedalia, Mo., a record for the season was registered with a temperature of 104. At Manhattan, Kan., the mercury reached 106 and at Salina, it was 102.

A Break.
Dubuque, Iowa, July 27.—The heat in northeastern Iowa was broken this afternoon when a heavy rain fell.

Away Up.
St. Louis, July 27.—The thermometer still hovered around the hundred mark today and several persons were prostrated. The day's highest mark was 98 at 5 o'clock.

ADVICE TO AGENTS

"Now a few words about selling this dictionary. A young woman will open the door a few inches."
"Yes."
"When she learns you are a book agent she will try to close it."
"Well?"
"At this point you insert the dictionary." — Chicago Journal.

HIS PESSIMISTIC POSITION.

(From Judge.)
"No doubt an expression of the opinion will cause me to be regarded as an atheist, heretic and an awful example," defiantly remarked Rip Sawyer, "but I believe all the devil wants is to be let alone."

ILLUSION

"Great Scott!" exclaimed the man who is always looking for a chance to be surprised. "Hailstones as big as hens' eggs!"
"That isn't a hailstone," commented his wife. "That's the piece of ice the iceman left at 7 o'clock this morning."

THIS IS THE ALTERNATIVE OFFERED BY THE NEW CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

Peking, July 27.—Yuan Shi-kai's government, lenient for a while, has become so severe that the summary executions of sentences to death or exile for political offenses are again numerous. It is not only those who violate the law, but also those who passively support it and who will not work for reforms, on whom the hand of the law is set.

Yuan Shi-kai has found that drastic regulations are necessary for improving the provincial administrations and purging the country of rebels, who are still striving to turn the army against the president. A recent presidential mandate prescribes execution for officials who receive bribes for perverting the law. Life imprisonment is prescribed for those who accept bribes for neglecting to put the law in force. It appears from the mandate that "punishment by death may take the form of shooting" instead of the old time decapitation, and "penal servitude may take the form of banishment to remote and unhealthy provinces."

Besides rebels and corrupt officials, persistent gamblers and secret service men of vicious practices are also to be put to death, if the presidential orders can be enforced. Such lists as the following are appearing daily, indicating those whose life may be the forfeit of their crime.

"Tong-chong, acting magistrate of Hsiao Kan Hsien, failed to perform his duty and practiced 'squeeze,' giving great trouble to the people.

"Tu Chong-Yu, acting magistrate of Chung Shan Hsien, allowed his relatives and servants to receive bribes and to frequent evil houses.

"Tung Lai-yu, magistrate of Chia Yu Hsien, misappropriated government funds and had the habit of smoking opium and gambling.

"Feng Jui-sung, active magistrate of Chung Yang Hsien, refused to hand over his office when instructed to attend the examination of magistrates."

One regrettable phase of the drastic program which the government has undertaken is the fact that many innocent persons have to go to the execution grounds. It has long been the practice of trade rivals or any persons who hold a grudge against another to bring the authorities down upon that person and perhaps bring about his execution. One of the most familiar methods has been for one to send through the mail letters which would seem to connect his business enemy with rebel operations. The government authorities, carefully watching the mails, detect these letters and believing them genuine, run down the person to whom they are addressed, and take summary action. Perhaps hundreds of guiltless persons have already been executed as a result of such fraud. It would seem that the administration could easily detect such fraudulent letters, but the Chinese authorities are still naive and life is held very cheap because it is so wretched and miserable.

A sordid evil continues to exist in the secret service branch of the government. The detectives have long made it a practice to extort "squeeze" by threats of denunciation and to obtain rewards by accusing innocent men of complicity with Sun Yat-sen and his party.

An account comes from Chengtu, in Szechwan province, of an opium smoker being executed publicly as a warning to others who persist in defying the prohibition against use of this drug. It is not clear from the report, but it seems to be the case that the execution was performed at one of the burnings of confiscated opium, which take place from time to time, and are made occasions of public rejoicing.

DID HUERTA CARRY AWAY SIX MILLIONS?



Gen. Huerta's last picture in uniform.

When Huerta fled from Mexico City how much money did he take with him? It is rumored that he carried drafts on European banks for \$5,000,000.

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PORK-BARREL YIELD IS GREATEST THE COUNTRY HAS EVER KNOWN OF

The Appropriations Made by the Present Congress Make Tom Reed's Old Estimate Look Very Small and Measly.

Washington, July 27.—(Special.)—Twenty years ago Speaker Reed started the nation by calling attention to a "billion-dollar congress." Since that time the two billion-dollar congress has been passed and we are on the verge of a three-billion dollar congress. Unless the rivers and harbors bill now pending, carrying upwards of \$53,000,000, is blocked the present congress must go on record as having made the largest expenditure of any previous single session. Democratic members, recalling the purely platform appropriations and promises of reform, view with considerable anxiety this rapid approach toward a three-billion-dollar congress. Appropriations and authorizations for the present fiscal year, which began on July 1, on the basis of bills already passed and pending, will approximate \$1,121,700,000. Last year the appropriations totaled \$1,098,678,788.40, or a little under eleven hundred million dollars. Staggering as are these totals, there seems to be little chance that they will be lowered. Following are the totals, under the various heads, showing what may be expected from the present congress for the expenses of government for the year 1915, compared with those of last year:

	1915	1914
Agriculture	\$19,000,000	\$17,800,045
Army	101,000,000	94,256,145
Diplomatic	4,400,000	3,730,642
District Columbia	12,000,000	11,383,730
Fertilizations	6,000,000	5,518,250
Indian	10,000,000	4,486,710
Legislative	36,000,000	35,172,434
Military academy	1,000,000	1,099,302
Navy	140,000,000	140,800,643
Pension	169,150,000	180,300,000
Postoffice	\$11,750,000	285,376,281
Rivers and harbors	52,000,000	41,073,094
Sundry	193,000,000	116,796,327
Permanent appropriations	131,000,000	127,535,564
Deficiency and miscellaneous	18,000,000	28,463,509
Totals	\$1,121,700,000	\$1,098,678,788

The largest increase is that of \$26,000,000 more for the postoffice department, although that for the army is considerably increased. There is a big drop in the pension appropriations caused by the death of old soldiers, and Panama canal payments have decreased so as to make a comparatively small drain on the treasury for the coming year. There is no public buildings bill carried in the present session, but it is understood it must be taken up in December, as pressure is very strong for such a measure. The tremendous expenditures expected to be made for good roads will probably offset those here-

JAPANESE STUDENT SHOWS FORM IN TENNIS

IN THE WESTERN TOURNEY YOUNG ORIENTAL LOOMS AS POSSIBLE CHAMP.

Chicago, July 27.—Play in the Western tennis tournament today reduced the field to two scores. Then rain fell and prevented many matches from being played. H. Mikami, a Japanese student at the University of Chicago, loomed up as a championship possibility. Winning his way into the second round by the default, he won a handy victory over Walter Wing of Evanston. Most of the well known entrants came through their preliminary matches successfully, and the oriental star is in the same half in the drawing as E. B. Powell, the Canadian Davis cup player, and others.

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