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The above is a true and correct statement of the circulation of the Minneapolis Journal for dates mentioned.

THE COURSE OF BUSINESS Because there has been a falling off in stock investment, there is an impression current that business is dragging.

The investment public has not felt sure of its footing with rumors of conflicting deals to contend with. It has been learned from experience that when the president of a railroad says that his property has not been sold, he may mean that in fact, or he may mean that negotiations to that end are not concluded.

Business sentiment may be affected in a slightly unfavorable way by this situation in stocks. It is probably true, however, that it is influenced more by a dull grain and flour trade.

There have been no new developments at Washington this week except further confirmation that the president is determined to give the country a business administration, a policy that the people as a whole will endorse, no matter what the politicians may think of it.

The Pacific coast is prosperous with a good harvest. The people have made headway. In the middle northwest there is a touch of dullness growing out of an unsettled manufacturing policy.

Again death has suddenly called a distinguished Minnesotan. The death of Dr. C. S. Seely in St. Paul last night was as unexpected as it was dramatic.

diction became a fact. Hard as is the blow to the circle of relatives and friends, the sudden death, the death in the harness, is the one that all active men, and of such was Mr. Seely, must naturally prefer.

RACE PREJUDICE BECOMES MONOMANIA The utter inability of some people to maintain any connection with reason when discussing anything that relates to the negro is too well demonstrated by the intemperate outburst of the Memphis Commercial Appeal regarding Booker Washington's dining at the White House.

There has been a lot of talk and a general agreement in the north that the south can best deal with the negro question in its own way, but if the Commercial Appeal's wild break indicates the southern attitude, we shall have to revise our conclusions and hold that the south is not competent to deal intelligently and successfully with the question.

If it had been a state dinner, or a social occasion, it is pretty certain that Mr. Washington would not have been there, even if invited, so scrupulous is he, in common with other distinguished negro men, about doing anything that may run counter to the barbarous but powerful and necessarily recognized race prejudice.

Company E of the Ninth Infantry was evidently not at breakfast when the bolomen attacked it. The latter left eighty-one dead men on the field when they concluded that they had enough.

AN IMPORTANT CONVENTION The national reciprocity convention, proposed last summer at the meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers in Detroit, will be held at Washington on Nov. 19, according to the decision of the committee of arrangements at Philadelphia yesterday.

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for a judicious reciprocity treaty with our neighbor, whose foreign trade is greater than that of any country in the western hemisphere except the United States.

As to the true position with regard to tariff modification by revision or by reciprocity concessions, Congressman Overstreet put it in concrete form, the other day, when he said: I would advocate modifying the tariff on articles that do not need protection, the modification to be accomplished without interfering with the spirit and true intention of the republican doctrine of protection to American industries.

THE ISTHMIAN CANAL From Washington it is learned that all doubt about the attitude of the Panama canal company as to the disposition of that property has been removed by the admission of the president of the company that he has come to Washington to sell the uncompleted ditch to the United States at the best price he can get.

AN UNJUSTIFIABLE STRIKE The city has had one experience with a building trades strike already this year and does not care for another. One is now threatened that may have the effect of stopping work on the new Chamber of Commerce and other buildings.

WHICH ROUTE IS CHOSEN, it does not appear that the new treaty with England, judging from the statements which have dribbled from the state department with reference to its provisions, will impart any very great advantage to this country. It appears that it gives our government the right to fortify the canal and this, inferentially, means the erection of permanent fortifications for which the former treaty made no provision, but was amended so as to permit our government to take any step it found necessary to defend the United States and maintain public order, which constructively means the right to erect fortifications.

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the standpoint of self-interest, then is it certain that there are troublous times ahead for them and the trusts.

Thomas Lawton, the copper king and builder of the yacht Independence has taken to verse writing. It is now not hard to understand how he came to lose \$5,000,000 recently.

SHIPPING SUBSIDY BILLS Senator Frye has announced his purpose to introduce the old Hanna ship subsidy bill in a different form, which he thinks will make it acceptable.

THE SENTIMENT OF THE COUNTRY is increasingly against unjust discrimination. The public are increasingly aware that there has never been such activity in ship-building in this country as at the present time, not only in the construction of vessels for the lake and coasting trade, but merchant vessels for ocean freighting, some of them the largest kind of freight steamers for the Pacific trade.

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE last year favored the Frye subsidy bill on the ground that farmers need better freight service to foreign countries, but the bill he supported was no help to the farmers, for it had such meager provision for the encouragement of capacious freight steamer building that it would amount to nothing as a remedial measure.

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in some form of literature and says it well—need have no fears about the fate of his work. It will receive generous recognition and good pay and he will meet with the most cordial encouragement to continue in a field he has entered so worthily.

FIGHTING OBESITY It is cabled from Europe, with some show of veracity, that the Emperor and Empress of Germany are in a very uncomfortable, if not perilous physical condition by reason of their very ardent efforts to reduce the accumulations of fat in the repositories of the layers in the areolar tissue. They have been drinking enormous quantities of strong tea to effect such reduction, but in applying the remedy both have brought upon themselves the revenge of nature for their temerity, in the form of the most depressing neuroasthenia.

EMPERORS AND EMPRESS, it seems, can be as foolish as other people and adopt fashionable fads at the expense of physical soundness. This is observable in the persistent wearing of the straight corset by the girl of the period, which compels her to appear in public looking like the leaning tower of Pisa.

A QUARTER OF AN HOUR, morning and night, he says, will bring about a decided loss of fat, with restoration of symmetry and activity to bulky and ill-shaped people.

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THE MEXICANS have a tariff on corn and the shortage this year induced the speculators to run a corner. Prices went high till President Diaz took a hand. He suspended the duty on corn and obtained congressional consent to import and sell corn at or below cost. He then induced the railroads to reduce their rate on corn one-third. The speculators will have to let the corn go. This may not be the duty of government but it is magnanimous.

THE DUKE OF ALVA, who died in New York this week, was dragging around the following list of titles: Duke of Alva, Don Carlos Maria Stuart Fitzjames Postocastro Palfox, Duke of Berwick, Duke of Alva de Tornes, Duke of Liria, Duke of Olivares, Duke of Penaranda and Duke of Huescar. Among his friends he was known as "Al".

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CURRENT TOPIC EDITORIALS

UNIQUE LIENANTENANT COMMANDER POTTS Indianapolis News. The witnesses that have been the most cocksure of certain facts and have been the most caustic in criticism of Admiral Schley have been the younger officers of the navy, who have not had enough experience to appreciate the subtleties of the case.

SETON-THOMPSON VINDICATED. New York Tribune. Ernest Seton-Thompson has proved so clearly again and again his hearty friendship for wild animals that the legal proceedings taken against him in Colorado are a charge inspired by malice, if they were not the result of uncommonly stupid blundering.

THE MERGING OF THE PHILIPPINES. Boston Herald. As to the complete merging of the Philippine islands in the United States, we think this would be a change which would prove disastrous both to the American and the Filipino people. The social, industrial, religious and political customs of the two peoples are altogether different.

EXPENSIVE MISSIONARY WORK. Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle. If Miss Stone's ransom is paid, the bandits will make missionary life too expensive for the churches, in case any more work is done among the Turks, who are the hardest people in the world to convert.

AN INDEPENDENT PRESIDENT. Atlanta Constitution. One term in the White House caps the climax of ambition and adds a new picture to the page of history. It is a good thing that the passage from the second act of "The School for Scandal."

GOOD GROUND FOR CONFIDENCE. Washington Post. The solid condition of business in spite of trusts, in spite of the Wall street panic, in spite of an enormous shrinkage of the great part of our central crop, bodes prosperity unshaken by all these adverse happenings, and unshaken by the awful tragedy that changed the head of the government—surely there is a good basis for confidence in the industrial and commercial future of the country.

IF WE COULD ONLY IMPRISON MORE. Brooklyn Eagle. The imprisonment of John Most for a year because of his publication of an incitement to murder the rulers is well enough in its way. But the pest from which we have been suffering has been spread by men of more energy and greater wealth than Most ever dreamed of having. It is easy enough to pick up a friendless old man whose trade has been snatched and send him to prison. He deserves it, and a year is too long for him to think on his misdeed in confinement; but so long as the bigger anarchists go free the forces of disorder will be stirred up.

AUSTRIAN INDEPENDENCE. New York Sun. It is evident that the Australian colonies, now that they are well-known and have learned the strength derivable from union, will no longer suffer England to use the islands of the Southern Sea as counters in her game and give and take with foreign powers. Their watchword is to be henceforward "Hands off the South Pacific!" and their motto is to proclaim a Monroe doctrine of their own.

AFRAID OF PUBLICITY. New York World. Senator Frye confesses that he has "worked out a new subsidy bill," but he refuses to make public its provisions, saying: "I am unwilling that its features should become the shuttlecock of journalistic comment."

DIVORCE CANON DEFEATED. Chicago Post. There will be no general expression of surprise over the action of the Episcopal convention in finally rejecting the proposed marriage and divorce canon, despite its approval by the house of bishops. The section forbidding the remarriage of divorced persons for any cause not existing before their former marriage, making the innocent suffer for the sins of the guilty, was rejected by a majority sense of justice that it was foredoomed to defeat at the hands of the clergy and laity.

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FROM VARIOUS FIELDS

THE WORLD LANGUAGE—English-speaking people have formed the habit of assuming that the English language is, without doubt, the coming language of the civilized world. The fact that it is already the commercial language of the nations even as French was, and that it is now spoken by more people of western civilization than any other tongue taken together with the rapid growth of the number of those people has caused it to be taken as one of the certainties that the English language is to inherit the earth.

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BAD REPUTATION OF THE POLICE—In The World's Work for October Franklin Matthews says that to come squarely at it the police force of nearly every American city is under the suspicion of being a gang of lawless men.

BICENTENNIALS IN VOGUE—American bicentennials will be in order now that we have reached such antiquity that seventeenth century happenings are 200 years ago. One of the first will be that of the city of Mobile, which was founded in 1702 by Le Moyne de Bienville.

CONGRESS OF "WEATHER-SHOOTERS"—The third cannon-throwing congress will meet at Lyons, France, on Nov. 35, and 17. This is no convention of military artilleryists, but of mild-mannered farmers ("weather-shooters," the Germans call them) who have begun to use cannon to defend their grapes against the birds which are especially numerous in the form of hail. The United States consul at Lyons, Mr. Covert, who has reported exhaustively concerning the use of explosives in breaking up the ice on the St. Lawrence river to the aid of the idea in America upon the agricultural artillery idea in America by Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau, and others, has been asked to attend. At the same time he remarks that experiments on a large scale are being conducted by thousands of people in two great nations and are being accepted as a new method of delusion of the uneducated peasant. The experiments have been conducted by the wealthy and well-educated proprietors and have been accepted as a new method of French peasantry, which is nothing if not conservative. Mr. Covert rather ironically remarks that the care of a little property goes further to develop a man's mind and character than the care of a great one. It is confident that sufficient data will be presented to the approaching congress to settle the question.

CHINA A MARKET FOR CHEAP THINGS—The consular reports comment on a peculiar characteristic of the Chinese people—viz., that they handle very cheap things very carefully and cheaply made articles will last much longer with them than with other peoples. Consequently the Chinese market is a fine one for flimsy, sandy and cheap goods that would find a very little sale in America.

THE FARMERS' TRUST—The farmers' international trust idea, so strenuously advocated by our own J. C. Hanley, is taking root in Europe. There has lately been organized in France an international committee on the price of wheat, which is supported by twenty nations of Europe. The committee purposes ultimately to fix the price of wheat.

FACTS LEAKING OUT. Omaha World-Herald. One charge against Schley is that he failed to locate the Spanish fleet. That is the reason why the fleet escaped in safety and made its way back to Spain.

A CREDITABLE APPOINTMENT. Philadelphia Record. It has now developed that there was considerable republican protest against the appointment of ex-Governor Jones, of Alabama, to the vacant post of minister to the United States at St. Petersburg. It is all the more to the credit of President Roosevelt that the appointment was made.

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