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BUSINESS BOOMS OVER THE COUNTRY

Richmond Reserve District Shows Improvement, Says Federal Bulletin.

MARCH RECORD MONTH

High Prices and Activity Reflected in Earnings—Country Merchants Are Heavy Buyers.

Business continues to show improvement, and agricultural conditions on the whole are favorable in the Richmond Federal Reserve District, says the May issue of the Federal Reserve Bulletin. These conditions are in accordance with those of prosperity which come from the eleven other districts.

The Federal reserve agent of New York sets forth the results of a detailed inquiry into the condition of various branches in the New York district as follows:

"The volume of goods produced and sold during March was probably greater than in any other month on record. The business activity and the prevailing high prices are being reflected in earnings and cash balances shown in published statements of corporations. Country merchants are reported to be buying more goods than at any time since 1907. In view of the extraordinary conditions and prices not a few are inclined to question the wisdom of heavy commitments in these times."

The detailed comment on separate branches of business is given in this excerpt from the New York report:

"Steel—Practically sold up with orders for six months ahead. Deliveries are difficult owing to transportation conditions. Unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation on March 31 were 9,331,000 tons, against 4,225,749 tons a year ago.

"Leather—Not many military orders now, but a heavy domestic demand. Prices are high and will probably continue so for some time. Collections are good.

"Boots and shoes—Prices advancing and business brisk.

"Prints and colored goods—In strong demand and prices advancing.

"Lumber—Trade improving; prices increasing.

"Building and materials—Business less active; larger jobs about completed and new work does not offer sufficient margin of profit.

"Department stores—Larger sales of better wearing apparel. More money seen in circulation.

"Jewelry—Sales of diamonds five times larger than for several months past; pearls in good demand. Large silver pieces called for notwithstanding advance in price of metal. Platinum lines paralyzed by the high price on the metal. The clock industry worked to capacity."

ANNUAL MISSION CONGRESS ENDS

Greater Enthusiasm Urged in Developing Latent Forces of Church.

1,245 DELEGATES ATTEND

Four Men Pledge \$2,500 Each Yearly to Support of Extension of Work.

With inspiring addresses on the subject of the Next Steps in Awakening the Latent Forces of the Church, the National Missionary Congress was brought to a close last night after a five days session in Memorial Continental Hall.

The program of the Laymen's Missionary Movement for the coming year submitted by William B. Miller, general secretary, marked the closing.

J. Campbell White, president of Worcester College, stirred an audience that taxed to the utmost the capacity of the big hall with a forceful discussion of "The Latent Human and Material Resources," a division of the main subject, "The Latent Spiritual Resources," the subject of an address by Robert E. Speer.

The total registration of delegates was 1,245.

James M. Speer, chairman of the executive committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, presided.

Four Men Pledge \$2,500 Each.

Mr. Miller told the congress that four men have agreed to contribute \$2,500 a year to finance the movement's further work.

Mr. White's address bristled with figures describing the latent human and material resources in the United States controlled by church members, which should be developed in order that an adequate program might be carried out.

"We are spending \$21.50 per capita per year on liquor; \$10.91 on tobacco, and \$10 on amusements and on churches. If 20,000,000 church members gave 5 cents a week in addition to what is now being given, the church would have \$50,000,000 a year."

Turning to the war, Mr. White asserted that enough is spent every ninety days to evangelize the world.

S. Gordon pronounced the benediction.

"The Basis of Effective Lay Service," was the subject of discussion at the afternoon session of the congress. S. D. Gordon spoke on "Prayer."

Calla Prayer Greater Force.

The speaker pictured the world as the prodigal son. He said "God has given the people five things to use in reaching and winning His world. Life, voice, service, money and prayer. The greatest of these is prayer."

The division "Enlistment" was discussed by N. W. Rowell, K. C. of Toronto, leader of the Liberal party in the Provincial House of Parliament of Ontario.

"Witness," was discussed by Bishop Arthur S. Lord, president of the board of missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Thirty-five delegates to the congress called on the State Department in Washington yesterday morning.

DRAFT REPORTS ON CONSERVATION

Fifteen Committees Today to Prepare Recommendations to National Gathering.

Their Decisions to Be Considered by Conservation Congress, Whose Sessions Open Tomorrow.

Final preparations for the meeting of the National Conservation Congress, whose opening three-day session at the New Willard tomorrow morning, will be completed at the meetings of the fifteen committees today.

These committees will draft reports on the different topics of conservation assigned to them, though the reports of these committees, it is said, do not bind the congress. Nearly 500 experts in various lines are said to comprise the membership of these committees.

The committees and places of meeting today are announced as follows:

Mineral Fuels—4 o'clock in Room 325, United States Geological Survey; C. E. Looser, chairman of committee.

Iron—2 o'clock in Room 321 United States Geological Survey; E. F. Burchard, chairman.

Soils—2 o'clock Office Director United States Soil Survey; C. F. Marbut, chairman; O. E. Pippin, secretary.

Irrigation and Drainage—Meeting subject to be called by Chairman F. P. Davis, Director United States Reclamation Service; C. J. Blanchard, secretary.

Water Power, Nitrate, Phosphate Committee—11 o'clock, Room 600 McLaughlin Building, Tenth and C streets northwest; B. M. Hall, chairman.

Forests—11 o'clock, Room 706 Forest Service, Atlantic Building, Ninth and F streets northwest; Prof. J. W. Toumey, chairman; B. Zone, secretary.

Wild Life Resources—11 o'clock at sessions of Conservation Commissioners, New Willard Hotel. Dr. George Field, chairman; T. Gilbert Pearson, secretary; E. W. Nelson, chairman Committee on Birds and Mammals; Dr. H. M. Smith, chairman Committee on Fish.

Fruit—2 o'clock, Room 610 Riggs Building; R. C. Beckman, chairman.

Wheat and Corn—Report of committee to be discussed in afternoon session of Farm Management Department; W. J. Spillman, chairman.

Cotton—Communications from committees to be forwarded to Dr. C. J. Zimmerman, chairman, or to H. J. Zimmerman, secretary.

Farm Animals and their products—2 o'clock, Animal Husbandry Department, sixth floor Herbar Building; Dr. G. M. Rommel, chairman of the Bureau of Animal Industry, chairman of the Division of Beef Cattle; Prof. J. H. Frandson, University of Nebraska, chairman, Division on Dairy Cattle; Wayne Dinwiddie, chairman Division on Horses; Prof. N. C. Coffey, University of Illinois, chairman Division on Sheep; Prof. J. E. Rice, Corney University, chairman Division on Poultry.

Manufacturers—4 o'clock, Room 610 Riggs Building; Prof. Edward Orton, chairman.

National Highways—3 o'clock, Room 610 Riggs Building; A. F. Bement, chairman; M. H. Crump, secretary.

Game Resources—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chairman, will call meeting of committee.

Education—Report of committee postponed until next congress. Chancellor S. Avery, University of Nebraska, chairman; Prof. J. L. McBride, United States Bureau of Education, secretary.

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\$30.00 Suits.....	\$19.50	10 Evening Frocks.....	\$5.00

Kafka's F at Tenth

Congressional Union Sends May-Day Posies to Judiciary Committeemen

May Day posies for members of the House Judiciary Committee will be dispatched by special messenger from the national headquarters of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage this morning. Every member, whether he be a pro-suffragist or an "anti," will be presented with a buttoniere of violets and daisies, the purple, white and gold colors of the Union.

While the work at the Capitol is going on with unabated vigor, Miss Alice Paul and a number of national leaders are in Chicago directing the arrangements for the gathering of 40,000 women to the Women's Party convention June 5, 6 and 7.

Plans for the Union luncheon to be given at the Union Station restaurant Tuesday, May 16, at 1:30, on the return of the envoys from their Western expedition, are completed and the affair promises to be brilliant and elaborate. All guests are requested to wear white and carry flowers.

Following the luncheon, a demonstration will take place on the east steps of the Capitol at 5 o'clock.

The envoys have completed their trip to the Pacific Coast and are today in Portland, Ore., beginning the first leg of their journey home.

BURR M'INTOSH TALKS TO LARGE AUDIENCE

Journalist Talks Interestingly at Belasco on "The United States and Its Menaces."

The large audiences that assembled yesterday afternoon and evening at the Belasco Theater to hear Burr McIntosh undoubtedly completed the journalist and public speaker, for it is unusual for people to go indoors on such a beautiful spring day. It is further indicative of the growing interest generally in the subject of preparedness, for Mr. McIntosh spoke on "The United States and Its Menaces."

The speaker spoke on many of the momentous questions of the day in a earnest manner and lived up to his reputation as a "plain speaker."

His talk may be summarized as a plea to take the army and navy and its supporting activities out of politics, and to provide a proper merchant marine by suitable subsidy. Mr. McIntosh stated that the American flag will never again be returned to the sea in the commercial world until real patriotism triumphs over petty politics. He ventured as a solution of the present state of things that we should have as President a business man who has no political entanglements. The many views of the speaker on an interesting picture of the Burr McIntosh quality, depicted the great wealth of the country on the one hand and on the other its pitiable helplessness in the face of impending difficulties. The Philippine question was plainly discussed during the showing of the McIntosh collection of views taken when the Taft party journeyed to the islands.

FIVE INJURED IN THREE AUTOMOBILE CRASHES

K. Westenkoper, of Baltimore, Wife and Baby Cut—Two Others Injured Near Alexandria.

Three automobile accidents, two of them occurring outside the District, resulted in injuries to five persons yesterday.

K. Westenkoper, a Baltimore business man, was injured last night at 11 o'clock when his automobile ran into a large rock on the Washington and Baltimore pike between Beltsville and Laurel, Md. He was treated at the Emergency Hospital for cuts to his face, hands and shoulder.

Mrs. Westenkoper and her 3-year-old baby daughter were only slightly bruised. They were brought to Washington in the car of F. A. Hilten, principal of the Holton-Arms School, 2136 S street northwest, who happened to be passing Mr. Westenkoper lost control of the machine when the steering gear became disarranged.

Speeding along the Mount Vernon road in Virginia, five miles north of Alexandria, early yesterday morning, William H. Keeney, of Woodbridge, Va., and Graham C. Davis, of Occoquan, were severely cut on the head when their automobile turned a double somersault at a sharp curve in the road.

Both young men were returning to Alexandria after a night's visit to Washington and were making good speed. They were taken to the Emergency Hospital. Both were severely cut and Davis' leg was injured. Their machine was badly damaged.

Mrs. Mary Fubershaw, 63 years old, and her grandson, Joseph, of 80 R street northwest, were slightly injured in an automobile accident late yesterday afternoon in Seventh street near G northeast.

Dr. Lyman Clements, of 320 B street northeast, who was driving his car south on Seventh street suddenly turned his machine to avoid collision with the Purbershaw car. Dr. Clements' machine collided with Lamppost. Purbershaw's car struck the other one, both machines being damaged. Dr. Clements was unhurt.

FUNERALS

Funeral services for James Cockflower will be held today at 2:30 o'clock at the home, 174 North Carolina avenue southeast. Interment will be in Glenwood Cemetery.

Funeral services for Oliver Beach, who died in Honolulu April 10, will be held today at 2 o'clock at the home, 1191 Seventh street northwest.

Funeral services for Israel W. Little will be held this afternoon from the home of his sister, Mrs. William W. Mills, 422 Sixth street northeast, at 2 o'clock.

Funeral services for Frederick W. Charlton will be held today at 2 o'clock at the home, 3247 F street northwest.

Funeral services for Mrs. Pattle Fisher will be held today at 2 o'clock at the home of John N. Walker, 418 B street northeast.

Funeral services for William D. Humphries, who died Saturday at his home, 412 street northwest, will be held tomorrow afternoon at Park Farm, Stafford County, Va.

Funeral services for Augustus Burgdorf will be held in Harvey's Chapel, 1223 Fourteenth street northwest, today at 2:30 o'clock.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hannahah Fitzgerald will be held this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the home, 21 H street northeast. Requiem mass will be celebrated at St. Aloysius' Church at 9 o'clock.

ASKS \$340,000 TEST FOR NEW "SUB" SYSTEM

Daniels Wants to Make Thorough Trial of Improvement Eliminating Storage Batteries.

Secretary Daniels has written a letter to Chairman Padgett, of the House Naval Affairs Committee, suggesting an appropriation of \$340,000 to enable the Navy Department to make a thorough test of a new system of propulsion for submarines which does not rely upon storage batteries.

An experimental boat equipped with system has been tried out on the Pacific Coast. The naval board found it satisfactory mechanically, but had some doubts as to its military uses. It is to determine the latter that Secretary Daniels proposes to remodel an old submarine upon which the Neff system is to be installed.

It is claimed for the system that it will increase the speed and cruising radius of undersea boats besides eliminating the storage batteries.

PLANS BIGGEST WAR VESSELS FOR U. S.

General Board Would Have Congress Authorize Battleships Mounting 16-inch Guns.

If the plans of the General Board are followed out, the new battleships to be authorized at this session of Congress will be the largest and most powerful afloat and will be equipped with the biggest caliber armament. Tentative plans drawn up for their construction by the naval authorities put their displacement at 35,000 tons and their armament ten 16-inch guns.

The recommendation for ten 16-inch rifles comes direct from the General Board and has the indorsement of many ordnance authorities, although there is a difference of opinion in naval circles as to whether 16-inch or 14-inch guns should prevail.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels said yesterday that the most interest was centered in the battleships and battlecruisers, with expert opinion about equally divided as to which of these types would be the greatest value for the efficiency of the fleet. It is already calculated that the speed for these battlecruisers must not be under 35 knots.

It is believed at the Navy Department that Congress will be disposed toward the smaller type of coastal submarine in preference to the fleet type.

MIRRORS ARE SCARCE AT GIRLS' WAR CAMP

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dears of welcome, and Mrs. George Dewey, Mrs. Hugh S. Hunt and Mrs. George Barnett, representing the two branches of the service, will officiate at the ceremonies. The reception committee is composed of Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Mrs. Robert Lansing and Mrs. Champ Clark.

Early today the 200 camp students, who are coming from States as far away as Massachusetts, Michigan and Georgia, will arrive and get their first glimpse of the trim little khaki tents which they are to call home during the next two weeks. In addition to the students who live at the camp, there will be 500 day pupils taking the course.

First Girls' "War" Camp.

The National Training School camp, which has for its purpose the training of women for service in time of war, is the first thing of its kind ever attempted. It is not a military organization, although the students will receive sufficient rudimentary instruction to enable them to be handled quickly and efficiently. The subjects taught will be such as "Elementary Hygiene," "First Aid to the Sick," "First Aid to the Injured," "Preparation of Sick Diets," and the making of standard surgical dressings. These will be given under the direction of Red Cross nurses and doctors. But this by no means completes the list, which includes such things as wireless telegraphy, waltzing, military calisthenics and the like. In addition, under the direction of Mrs. Sidney Ballou, a striking course of lectures has been provided.

In the center of one of the company streets, into which the camp has been laid out, stands a large tent equipped with showers, and on the other side of the quadrangle is the mess tent, with open-air cooking outside. For the accommodation of the day pupils Raucher's has erected a luncheon pavilion across the road from the camp, where from 200 to 300 persons may be fed a day.

RUSS SCANDAL GIVEN PUBLIC

Petrograd Newspaper Tells of Plot to Assassinate Monk Gregory Rasputin.

FORMER MINISTER OF JUSTICE DECLARED THE INSTIGATOR

(By the Sun News Service.)

Berlin (via Amsterdam), April 30.—One of the most sensational scandals in Russia since the outbreak of the war has just been revealed by the Petrograd newspaper, Russkole Wedomosti, a copy of which reached here today, despite the fact that the Russian government had taken strenuous measures to suppress the news by forbidding the paper from going out of the country.

The story treats with a deep-laid plot to assassinate the monk, Gregory Rasputin, the mysterious "power behind the czar," who has for years had the reputation of exerting greater personal influence upon the Russian emperor than any other personage in the Muscovite empire, an influence which has made and broken scores of statesmen and which, on account of its apparently hypnotic nature is looked upon by the Russian people with almost reverent superstition.

The plot, it is learned, is one of the many crimes laid at the door of A. A. Khovostov, the former minister of justice, who, according to charges recently made in the duma, is alleged to have offered \$50,000 to the assassin of the czar.

The original instigator, the Russian newspaper intimates, is a person in the czar's immediate entourage.

Khivostov, it is charged, signed his name to a document promising to pay the sum mentioned to a hireling if he should be successful in doing away with Rasputin.

GIRLS WASH POODLE.

One Way Women Earn Money to Help in Education.

Lawrence, Kans., April 30.—The task of self-support among the women students of the University of Kansas includes everything from cooking for harvest hands to washing little white dogs while in school. The most common method in practice is doing housework for faculty women. One woman who is especially anxious to get along without financial aid works for a professor's family while she is in school and spends her vacations helping the farmers' wives cook for harvesters.

The women who can do good stenographic work are in great demand by the professors. Women also do a great deal of typewriting for other students. A few furnish themselves with a little pocket money by playing the piano for gymnasium classes. Another solved the problem of making money last vacation by making peanuts for the Santa Fe Railroad. Two room-mates, who wanted to decorate their room but lacked the funds have been giving a little white dog a bath once a week, netting them \$2 a month.

WRITERS TALK TO COAST.

Press Club Congratulates Frisco by Phone on Fire Anniversary.

With Caruso singing to them from Atlanta and Secretary of the Interior Lane, Senator Phelan, President Theodore Tiller, of the National Press Club, and Editor W. Stearns, publicity director of the Democratic Party, speaking to them over the telephone from Washington, 1,500 members and friends of the San Francisco Press Club yesterday morning celebrated the tenth anniversary of the rebuilding of that city after the calamity of 1906.

President Wilson's message of greetings was read by Senator Phelan. Secretary Lane lauded the club and the city by the "Golden Gate." President Tiller said "a city that came back after such a catastrophe as yours, commands our admiration and respect." Mr. Stearns told them "We are proud of California and you." Bert S. Clair, Thornton Smith, and H. K. Smith, former Frisco writers, talked with their friends. The telephone communications were held at 6 o'clock yesterday morning under the direction of J. E. Boisseau, of Baltimore, and of Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

WANDERLUSTERS STUDY SPRING BIRDS ON HIKE

Walkers Trudge Six Miles in Cabin John Bridge Region on Beautiful Sunday Afternoon.

A six-mile walk in the Cabin John Bridge region was enjoyed yesterday by 175 wanderlusters. The hikers were led by John Garms and Frank Lawson. Starting about 3 o'clock from Cabin John Bridge, the wanderlusters followed Cabin John Run for two miles. On the opposite bank of the run, they followed a course back to the bridge, from whence they went to Glen Echo.

The ornithologists counted more than forty-nine varieties of spring birds.

Plans were put under way yesterday for the spring walk of the Wanderlusters at Harpers Ferry. The trip will be made Sunday. It is expected that 100 will be in the party. The hike will be led by Dr. Starpler. The walkers make spring and fall trips to Harpers Ferry.

Kills Bird with Golf Ball.

Pinehurst, N. C., April 30.—The Pinecrest Country Club will have stuffed and placed in the club house the robin killed by Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow with a golf ball drive. Mrs. Barlow, who won the woman's North and South links championship, topped a tee drive in her final match and it went into a group of robins feeding a few yards away. The ball killed one of the birds.

Rib Bone in His Nose.

Stony City, Ind., April 30.—Chester Davenport, of Stony City, is at a hospital recovering from a dual operation performed in which a three-inch section of his ninth rib was removed and used to form a new nasal arch, taking the place of the nose bone that was broken three years ago.

Socialists Name Candidates.

New York, April 30.—Arthur E. Reiter, of Bronx, was nominated for President today at the national convention of the Socialist-Labor party, held in the World Building. Caleb Harrison, of Chicago, was made candidate for the Vice presidency.

Cargo of Seal Oil Arrives.

New York, April 30.—A cargo of seal oil from 55,000 seals captured off Labrador during the winter season was brought here yesterday from St. John's by the whaling steamer Neptune. The Neptune made the largest kill of the season, getting seals valued at \$80,000.

No Aid for Hopkins.

New York, April 30.—Dr. Wallace Bottick, secretary of the Rockefeller General Education Board, denies the report that his organization is planning any extension or other gift for the Johns Hopkins Medical School.

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Kills Snake in School House.

Archieville, Cal., April 30.—George Pratt, a 12-year-old student of the Webster School, four miles north of here, killed a rattlesnake which was found in the store room of the school recently. Miss Alice Myers, the teacher, the day before had discovered the snake in the room, but thinking it one of a harmless variety, did not disturb it. Two rattlesnakes were killed on the rabbit drive here.

Scratch May Cost Hand.

Lafayette, Ind., April 30.—Adeline P. Nichols is at a hospital here in a serious condition from blood poisoning caused by a scratch from a thorn while she was arranging some roses in a vase at her home. It is feared amputation of the hand may be necessary.

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