there are three or four idle stacks which will probably resume in the course of the next two weeks.

Many Plants Resume.

It is impossible to state the exact number of furnaces now in blast, and it would be unwise to hazard a guess as to the probable iron out-put in September compared with the 954,193 tons in August. Com-

Steel plant resumptions have been most marked in the case of mills producing sheets and tin plate. The record of sheet mill activity in the Mahoning Valley is especially significant. On September 3, only 44 of the 105 sheet mills in this region were in operation. Within three weeks this number was almost doubled, mounting to 71 September 20, and to 86 September 28.

Others Increase Output.

From the last week in August to the last week in September Republic Iron and Steel plant operation was increased by the addition of two open hearth furnaces, one tube mill,

two skelp and three sheet mills Youngstown Sheet and Tube added

in the same period two open hearth furnaces, blooming mill, fifteen

furnaces, blooming mill, fifteen sheet mills and increased the out-put of rod, wire and conduit de-

partments.

Brier Hill Steel added five sheet mills, though open-hearth and plate mill output are less today than a month ago. Operations of Mahoning Valley Steel increased during the period by the addition of two sheet mills. Sharon Steel Hoop added three and Trumbull Steel five sheet mills, and the latter also placed in operation three tin mills. Operations of American Sheet and

Operations of American Sheet and

Tin Plate were at various times during the month increased by the

addition of eight tin plate mills at

the La Belle plant, ten hot mills at the Farrell works and five hot

mills at the New Philadelphia (Ohio) plant.
Other resumptions of the month

include six hot mills of McKeespor

Tin Plate Company, four mills of Standard Tin Plate Company, or Cannonsburg; six hot mills of the Stark-Berger plant, four sheet mills at Nile works of Falcon Steel.

a structural mill, and Chicago Heights hard steel bar mill of In-land Steel, and an addition of 2,000 men to the working force at the Benwood plant of Wheeling Steel

NEW YORK, Oct. 3 .- There was

Profit Taking Appears

NEW YORK, Oct. 3 .- Following

the higher finish of the market last

changes for the most part were con-fined to small fractions. Demand for bonds continues good, but the

market is still showing some effects

of the comparatively heavy offerings of the past week or two. A fea-ture of the industrials was the ac-

tion of Cuba Cane Sugar 7s. Opening at 54, ½ point above Saturday's close, the bonds dropped to 53½

and then quickly reacted further to 52. The movement coincided with that of sugar stocks on the exchange.

International Mercantile Marine 6s were also heavy, while the copper

issues were irregular, American Smelting 5s holding strong and Chile

Copper 6s again sagging off.

There was little change in the rails, with the trend uncertain. Chi-

cago Great Western 4s were par-ticularly strong, while the 'Frisco issues were soft. Northern Pacific

and Great Northern bonds were firm

Traction issues were irregular, with Interborough 5s unsteady.

In Curb Activity

Marked Decrease

Since Middle of July Mills Have Gradually Been Resuming.

BEST IN SEPTEMBER

the 954,193 tons in August. Complete figures are not yet available. The record of furnaces blown in during the month includes one furnace of Central Iron and Coal Company in Alabama, the Mattie stack at Girard of A. M. Byers Company, two blast furnaces at the Newcastle works of Carnegie Steel, one at the Woodlawn plant of Jones and Laughlin, one of Rogers Brown Iron Company, in Buffalo; stack No. 3 of Shenango Furnace Company, Leetonia furnace of United Iron and Sheet and Tin-Plate Plants Show Most Marked Increase.

Since the middle of July dispatches from steel centers have borne frequent announcements of resumption of activity at various plants. Prior to that time, each week for many months had added its quota to the to that time, each week for many months had added its quota to the aum total of furnaces blown out and mills closed down.

The increase in activity over the

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past two and a half months has been spotty, but in one respect at least it has been fundamental. Pig iron furnaces have been blowing in. Net gain for August was only one furnace, bringing the total in blast on September 1 to seventy. But since the latter date announcements of furnace resumptions have been fairly frequent, and at the moment there are three or four idle stacks Washington Banker in A. B. A. Limelight



THOMAS GRANT, .

Manager of the Washington branch of the Fidelity and Deposit Bankers' Association convention now in session in Los Angeles. has announced at the convention that his firm is now issuing blanket protection against forgery to American banks. The inauguration of this policy was decided upon only after careful study of the subject and a compilation of data covering the past ten vears.

the surety companies of this country made the first effort to write what is known as blanket forgery protection for banks. Circumstances compelled the companies to withdraw the policy from the market in 1910 because of the enormous losses. The weakness of their position lay in the insufficient data collected prior to the issuance of the policy, nor had sufficient study been given the subject to enable the companies to handle properly the character of the risk.

"There has been a constant and growing demand, however, on the part of the banks for this protection. The question has been before the Surety Association of America several times each year since 1910, and on each occasion the companies have declined to issue the policy."

About One Point Better Than Expectation.

marked decrease in activity and outside interest shown in the trad-ng on the New York curb market cation of a 7.000,000-bale crop and 8,200,000 the previous month, it appears the radical element above referred to had actually circulated forecasts of a very positive character in the trade Saturday and again this morning, that the condition figures would be 39 per cent and the indicated yield would be as low as 5,200,000 bales. This information was cabled to Liverpool Saturday and caused quite a sharp rise there in prices was fractionally lower. Cash wireless interest and was in de-mand, selling at 2% and 2%. The petroleum stocks did not make a substantial response to the further advances in crude oil announced ther advances in crude oil announced since Saturday. Some of the low-priced issues were firm, Simms Petroleum selling at 6% to 7, and Skelly Oil was bought in moderate amounts at 4% to 5. Cities Service was strong, selling at 133½, to caused quite a sharp rise there in both spots and futures with the market going up 31 English points to the basis of 15.03d for middling with the day's sales 18,000 bales, and futures and the preferred sold at 45% advancing 25 to 30 points before our market had opened against what should have been about unchanged quotations to have equalled our clos-

In Bond Transactions 120 to 150 points with new high records reached for the near months. surpassing the previous highs for Octo week, considerable profit-taking ap-peared in the industrial and rail list, and prices turned irregular, but September by 15 to 30 points. October September by 15 to 30 points. October went up to 21.80 on this advance against 21.95 for December, while January sold at 21.69, March 21.26, and next May deliveries at 21 cents. The buying movement was continued right up to the last minute for the government to appear at 11 oclock, our time. The highest prices were

our time. The highest prices were then reached. Ten minutes later the market had gone off 160 to 195 points on a wide open break, with a scramble of early buyers to unload at whatever price could be obtained. This was entirely because the government's crop report had foiled the coup of the local and Southern bull leaders by coming out as good as 42.2 per cent and making the indicated yield 6,573,000 bales without linters. The figures were, of course, bullish, but the technical speculative position of the market had developed such an overbought and over-bulled condition on the false premises previously referred to, there was a demoralized trading situation

BALTIMORE GRAIN.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 3.—Wheat—
Receipts, 48,467 bus by car and 100 bus by boat; shipments from elevators, 13,264 bus; stock in elevators, 3,895,589 bus. A small sample

VIOLENT BREAK IRREGULAR TRADE FOLLOWS REPORT | RULES IN WHEAT

Government's Crop Report Heavy Tone Develops After General Selling by Commission Houses.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—There was a surprising rise in cotton contract prices from the opening. It was followed by the surprise of the opening of the prices from the opening of the surprise of the ing on the New York curb marked today, shout the only groups which the control of the New York curb marked today, shout the only groups which the today is the today shout the only groups which the today in the today of the today

prices was fractionally lower. Cash houses were fair sellers, hedging against purchases in the sample market, where the basis was about the same as Saturday. Country offersame as Saturday.

Hogs were 10 to 20 cents higher, and with the heavy decrease in stocks had a strengthening effect. Bulk of sales at the yards were at at \$6.80 to \$8.35. Receipts, 30,000, with 26,000 for tomorrow. Western run. 80,200, against \$1,600 a week go and 60,500 last year. Exchange par. Money steady; call, 6; time. 6 to 61/2.

Wheat—Open. High. Low. Close. Close. Dec. . 1.17½ 1.20% 1.16½ 1.18½ 1.17½ May . . 1.22½ 1.25% 1.21 1.23½ 1.23½ 1.20 Corn— -Open. Figh. Low Close Close 1.174 | 1.004 | 1.161 | 1.184 | 1.174 | 1.201 | 1.184 | 1.174 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1.201 | 1 Oct..... 6.75 Jan.... 7.92 7.95 7.92 7.92 (Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members

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rolls, 25a27c; store-packed, 25c; Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania dairy
prints, 28a30c; process butter, 33a34c,
Eggs—Wholesale dealers add 1a2c to following quotations for jobbing lots. Quotations are, loss off: Maryland and Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 45a—c; Western high grade, 42a43c; Western awerage receipts, 41a42c;

tors, 3.895,589 bus. A small sample lot of nearby wheat sold at \$1 per bus. Carlot sales: No. 2 red winter, spot, \$1.234, \$1.244, and \$1.24; No. 2 hard winter, spot, \$1.25; No. 2 garlicky, spot, \$1.15½; No. 3 red winter, spot, \$1.15½; No. 4 red winter, spot, \$1.15½; No. 5 red winter, spot, \$1.16½. No. 2 white, \$1.492,385 bus; shipments from elevators, 1,107 bus. No. 2 red winter, spot, \$1.25; No. 2 garlicky, spot, and October, \$1.16½. Shipments from elevators, 1004; No. 2 white steers, \$2.50a hus; shipments from elevators, 1,107 bus. No. 2 white steers, \$2.50a hus; shipments from elevators, 1,107 bus. No. 2 white steers, \$3.50a hus; shipments from elevators, 1,107 bus. No. 2 white steers, \$3.50a hus; steers, \$3.611.15; feeling steers, \$5.50a hus; steers, \$6.510 hus; steers, \$6.50a hus; steers, \$6.50a

UNSTABLE EXCHANGE HANDICAPS FOREIGN TRADE

Growing Trade Balance Against Europe Not Offset by Gold Movement-Speculation Delays Business.

(By The Washington Herald Economist)

The important effect of foreign exchange rates on foreign trade has only come to the public attention within the last two years. The great depression of foreign money in terms of our money and the rapid fluctuation in exchange at New York has been an after-war development, so serious as to bring suggestions that an international conference will be held to devise ways and means of stabilizing exchange.

Two important factors stand out:

First—The unfunded balance of indebtedness of Europe has increased from about \$3,000,000,000 to the end off June and gold imports of a half billion dollars have not preserved the balance.

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the exchange market appear have caused many short-time fluc-tuations, which is a bad influence trade.
The chief trouble resulting is the

uncertainty and is the element most feared by the American ship-per. High and low exchange in-themselves offer no disadvantages; the trader being chiefly interested in stable relations of money values so that contracts may be made and completed without too great changes of exchange in the mean-Exchange differences between

countries would have relatively lit-tic effect in trade if these differences could be known in advance for certain periods. It is the un-foreseen fluctuation that causes trade uneasiness.

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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. Compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates.) iales from Wholesalers to Retailers.

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gain until the middle of the year but since then another decline. This repeats the history of last year. French, Italian and German exchange have struck new low points. Will the decline continue toward the end of the year as it did last year? Foreign traders would like to know. FELIX MAHONY, Director.

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lowest in February, 1920, but re-covered only to drop again in No-vember almost as low. French and Italian exchange showed the same

fluctuation but reached their low-

cst in December, 1920.

This year there was a steady gain until the middle of the year

lation to certain other trade facproblem is largely one growing out problem is largely one growing out of the war and cannot be met by any immediate adjustment of trade. A new par for foreign cur-rencies has been established in ef-fect, but not yet recognized by the

The extent of these short-time changes is indicated by the follow-ing cases: Sterling dropped 7.5 per cent in two days. French francs fell 10.4 per cent in three days. Italian lire dropped nearly 20 per cent in one week and German marks fell 50 per cent during one month, only to gain 55 per cent in

month, only to gain 55 per cent in two days.

These fluctuations were due to the rapidly varying need by traders to settle accounts for exports or imports combined with a certain amount of speculative buying by others.

It has been argued that since the price of gold is practically deter-mined by the value of the Ameri-can dollar, the value of all other currencies must be measured in dollars. The value of the dollar makes no such rapid changes as the market has shown for foreign exchanges during the last year or so. A speculative element is oper-ating here which represents no fundamental change in trade and serves no useful purpose so far as

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Company, of Maryland, who is a delegate to the annual American In discussing the subject, Mr. Grant said: "In 1907-8 some of

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