BUSINESS BEYOND ALL PRECEDENTS

EXCHANGES 44 PER CENT. ABOVE LAST YEAR.

Remarkable Expansion in the Aggregate of Business Payments Comes in Spite of a Material Decline in Prices During the Past Seven Years—European Exchanges Alarmed.

New York, Feb. 3.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say tomorrow:

Failures in January were smaller than in any previous month except August, 1898, and July, 1897, and the proportion of solvent payments to clearing house exchanges is smaller than in any other month of which records exist. In January they were but 86 cents per $1,000 clearing house payments, and the smallest in any previous month had been about $1.08 per $1,000. The defaulted liabilities were $7,728,897 against $10,451,513 last year, a decrease of 26 per cent. and 58 per cent. smaller than in 1897, 57 per cent. smaller than in 1896, 50 per cent smaller than in 1895 and 76 per cent. smaller than in 1894. The manufacturing failures were the smallest excepting August, 1898. Considering that January is usually one of the largest months of the year in failures, the return is surprising as well as encouraging.

The volume of business in January has been far beyond all precedents. Exchanges through clearing houses have been 44 per cent. larger than last year and 59.7 per cent. larger than in 1892 and while speculation in stocks at New York materially increases the volume of payments, it was larger outside this city by 52.3 per cent. than in 1892. It is pertinent to note that the remarkable expansion in the aggregate of business payments comes in spite of a material decline in prices during the past seven years so great that payments of $82,000,000 would cover about as much business as payments of $100,000,000 in 1892. It is not strange that European exchanges are disturbed and alarmed and a rise in sterling even when gold is being shipped this way is one of the interesting features. It is commonly ascribed to recent sales of stocks on European account but it would take a million shares at ordinary prices to cover one month's balances. Europe is not buying enough to cover its accumulating excess of merchandise exports over imports.

DECLINE IN WHEAT.

The most remarkable feature of the week has been the decline of 5 cents in wheat with only half cent in corn and only a sixteenth in cotton. The government estimate of the wheat crop, 675,000,000 bushels, has more influence than any other from that source for a number of years, because it is recognized as the result of great efforts to get at the truth, and is therefore considered about the lowest estimate admissible. With ordinary consumption and present exports of 150,000,000 bushels from the crop of 1898, flour included, there will be less than 100,000,000 bushels for replenishment of stocks, for farmers' holdings and for exports in the next five months, and the exports of 4,492,456 bushels, flour included, from Atlantic ports against 3,094,517 last year, and 1,495,604 from Pacific ports against 336,840 last year, besides 309,855 from Duluth and Portland, Me., shows a stress of foreign demand, which may well excuse some recovery in prices.

COTTON MARKET STORY.

A very strong market for cotton goods has prevailed and prevents raw cotton from declining. The advance in goods has been unusual and is sustained by heavy buying, especially of print cloths and kindred products. The prospect is that the outgo will place dealers and manufacturers in a stronger position than they have held for years, with smaller stocks of goods unsold. A better tone appears in the woolen goods market also, with some important grades which were opened at a great reduction in prices recently advanced, which has stimulated the demand for all grades.

The iron industry is advancing prices of products rather than of materials. Pig has remained without change this week, anticipating that six or seven furnaces will be put into blast as soon as possible. The demand is strong, but not apparently urgent at the chief markets. Eastern bars and plates have advanced with very heavy demand and cut nails have been hoisted by the association of makers. The rush of orders for the future does not cease and the works are generally covered for months ahead with orders for ships, steel cars and for exports. In the minor metals, the speculative fever at London has caused considerable advance and the tin-plate combination has advanced prices 25 cents. As yet the prices of products do not seem to disturb the foreign demand, which is yet strong, but in all the minor metals the London market is singularly uncertain.

Failures for the week have been 224 in the United States against 335 last year and 25 in Canada against 39 last year.

IRON PIPE TRUST.

The Big Establishments Soon to Be United.

New York, Feb. 3.—The combination of the cast iron pipe and foundry interests into one concern seems to be an accomplished fact.

The prospectus of the United States cast iron pipe and foundry company is issued today. It proposes to unite into one company the following named firms and corporations:

Lake Shore foundry, Cleveland, O.; McNeal Pipe and Foundry company, Burlington, N. J.; National Foundry and Pipe works, limited, Scottsdale, Pa.; Buffalo Cost Iron Pipe company, Buffalo, N. Y.; Addison Pipe and Steel company, Cincannati, O., (having works at Addison, O., and Newport, Ky.); Dennis, Long & Co., Louisville; American Pipe and Foundry company (having works at Chattanooga, Tenn.; South Pittsburg, Tenn.; Bessemer, Ala. Anniston, Ala., and Bridgeport, Ala.).

These companies are said to control the larger part of the cast iron pipe business of the country.

The company will be authorized to issue $15,000,000 seven per cent. noncumulative preferred stock and $15,000,000 common stock. Of this $3,000,000 of preferred stock and $3,000,000 common stock are to be retained in the treasury for the purchase of additional companies and plants.

The present annual output of cast iron pipe is stated to be 600,000 tons per annum, of which the new company will be able, it is said, to supply 450,000 tons.

INDUSTRIAL JOTTINSS.

Chat Concerning Mining and Miners Down the Valley—Changes Among Railroad Officials. Big Locomotives.

It is said that great activity is being displayed in and about the collieries at Hazleton and that the miners are making fairly good time. Compared with other years this winter now drawing to a close, has been so far less hard in mine circles than heretofore. Little, if any, complaint is heard among the men and practically no suffering from want of food or clothing is in evidence. A Hazleton paper in touching upon local conditions in the coal trade states that the trade so far this winter has been excellent and accounts for this with the fact that stock of coal on the market was reduced to a minimum. Also that, Hazleton coal being the best procurable, gives a decided advantage over others.

Commenting further the same paper states that "there are many things, however, that must be remedied to insure a general and continuous activity in the future, but it looks now that the Anthracite association and other organizations were going to accomplish a great deal along that line and many predict that the conditions of the anthracite region will continue to grow brighter. There is no reason why it should not, if all things were properly adjusted."

WILL ORGANIZE MINERS.

Benjamin James, of Jeanesville, O., is in Wilkes-Barre looking over the coal field of Luzerne county, with a view of organizing the miners. Until recently Mr. James was secretary of the National Order of United Mine Workers, but his executive ability as an organizer was noted and he was given this work and sent east to further the interests of the order. It will be remembered that Mr. James was here in Scranton early last fall, and succeeded in organizing several local unions, The Tribune at that time giving a very full account of the aims and intentions of the order. Mr. James came to Wilkes-Barre from Pittsburg, where he attended the joint convention of miners and operators held in that city early in the year. At that convention it was agreed that on and after April 1, next, to last one year, eight hours should constitute a day's work, and that a raise of wages should be made from 15 to 20 per cent. over the wages of the old ten-hour day. Mr. James expects to remain in Luzerne county for some time and hopes to accomplish good work in the line of organizing local unions among the mine workers there.

ANOTHER SLATE PI-CKER.

M. J. Kerrigan, of Stockton, Pa., has applied for a patent upon a new slate seperator, which he recently invented. Already Stroh's Iron works at Mauch Chunk are manufacturing the several parts of the machinery and a complete one is in operation at the Stockton washery, where it is giving excellent satisfaction. Many prominent operators and mine workers have seen it working and alleged that it is the superior of all others of its kind. It bids fair of coming into general use at collieries and washeries. The Improvement company, of Stockton, are considering the advisability of putting the separator on the market. Its inventor is a young man and is employed at McTurk & Scott's machine shops. He has had many offers to sell his rights.

ALMOST COMPLETED.

One of the most important jobs of rock tunnelling ever undertaken down the valley is rapidly nearing completion. The tunnel is being cut in the West End Coal company's mines at Mocanaqua, and will be over 200 feet in length when finished. A similar piece of work, though on a smaller scale, will soon be started in the same mines on the water level, or long drift. Many such improvements have been made recently in and about the colliery by President Conyngham, and under the direction of Superintendent Sarge, which will facilitate operations. An immense pump was installed a few months ago in the basin of the sand drift and is working in good order. The coal washery, "Black Laundry," run in connection with the colliery, is now working on full time.

THIS AND THAT.

Z. T. Bretz, of Mauch Chunk, was recently appointed to the onerous position of yardmaster of the Terminal railroad at Allentown, and assumed the duties of his new position Feb. 1. Mr. Bretz was formerly employed by the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and was considered to be one of its most efficient employes. Not long ago he was released and this fact created considerable comment. The reason is now seen and his friends who were not in the secret are once more at ease.

It is said that the management of the Lehigh Valley railroad are contemplating several minor changes along the system and that the plan of centralization of work at Packerton may be abandoned entirely. Following closely upon the above report is the one that Master Mechanic Higgins, of Bethlehem, and former Master Car Builder Lentz, who are at present working in other capacities, are slated for removal. Much speculation has ensued since both reports were circulated.

Report has it that the Vulcan Iron works at Tamaqua have been closed down indefinitely and Superintendent Love has returned to Wilkes-Barre.

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THE MARKETS.

Wall Street Review.

New York, Feb. 3.—Stock values received a severe test today, the market at one time bordering on panicky stage on enormous outpouring of stock, from professional and commission house sources, but the day left off with irregular changes of a fraction either way with the tone strong. Total sales were 937,400 shares. The bond market yielded sympathetically with stocks but did not display much recuperative power when the stocks rallied. Total sales were $4,450,000.

Carrington & Co's Letter.

London opened up lower but rallied ⅛ to 104 on American buying and covering. New York opened strong but immediately went off heavy selling by commission houses. Traders scenting a change of sentiment took advantage of the opportunity they have been looking for so long. Many large bulls, if they did not actually aid in bringing about the reaction, offered no resistance. The pounding continued till about 1 o'clock when the liquidation having exhausted itself, traders caused a rally by attempts to cover early short sales, the list getting back to nearly opening prices. Today's setback has undoubtedly shaken out a good deal of long stock increased the short interest and from a market point of view cleared the situation. Early in the week we wrote there was likely to be two sides to the market and there certainly has been and will continue to be. A good bank statement and the probability of favorable action on the peace treaty next week should rally prices still more but we think for a time at least purchases should only be made on pronounced weakness and profits taken on quick bulges.

Quotations furnished by LABAR & FULLER, stock, grain and cotton brokers, rooms 209 and 210, Board of Trade building, Scranton, Pa.

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Am. Cot. Oil	35¾	36¼	35½	36¼
Am. Sug. Re'g Co	134	134½	132⅞	133¼
Atch., To. & S. Fe	22⅞	23	22	22¾
A., T. & S. F., Pr	61⅞	62¼	60⅝	62¼
Am. Tobacco Co	145½	145½	143½	145¼
Brook. R. T.	93⅛	93¼	90	92¼
Bay State Gas	7	7	7	7
Can. Southern	58½	59	58	59
N. J. Central	101½	101½	100	100
Ches. & Ohio	30½	30½	29⅝	30⅜
Chic. & G. W	16⅞	17	16⅝	16⅞
Chic., & N. W	149½	149½	147¾	148⅞
Chic., R. & Q	135½	135⅝	133	135⅝
Chic., Mil. & St. P	127⅝	127⅞	126⅝	127⅞
Chic., R. I. & P	118⅞	118⅞	117¼	118¼
Chic., St. P. M. & O.	91	91	93½	93½
C. C. C. & St. L	60¾	60¾	59¼	60½
Con. Gas	198½	200½	196	200½
Delaware & Hud	112½	112½	110½	112½
Fed. Steel, Pr	87	87½	85¾	86⅞
Fed. Steel, Com	52	52	49⅝	51⅝
Gen. Electric	111	111	110½	110½
Louis. & Nash	66¼	66¼	65¼	66¼
Manhattan Ele	113½	114	110⅝	112¾
Met. Traction Co	218	220¼	215¾	220
M. K. & Tex., Pr	38⅝	38½	37	38
Mo. Pacific	47	47	45	46⅝
Nat. Lead	37¾	37¾	37½	37½
N. Y. Central	134¼	136¼	133½	136
Ont. & West	22⅝	22½	21½	22½
North. Pacific	51½	51¾	50	51½
Nor. Pacific, Pr	80¼	80⅝	78½	80⅝
Pacific Mail	33	33¼	30	32½
People's Gas	114¼	114½	112	114
Phil. & Read	22	22	21½	22
P. & R. 1st Pr	61	61	58½	61
Southern R. R., Pr	50⅝	50⅝	49¼	50½
Tenn., C. & Iron	44	44	40¼	43½
Texas & Pacific	20½	20½	20½	20½
Union Pacific	47⅝	47⅝	46¼	47⅝
Union Pac., Pr	80½	80¼	79	80¼
U. S. Rubber	51¼	51	50	51¼
U. S. Leather, Pr	73¼	73¼	72¼	73¼
Wabash, Pr	23	23¼	22⅞	23¼
West. Union	95¾	95¾	94¾	95¾

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

WHEAT.	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
May	73¾	74	72⅝	73
July	71⅞	71⅞	70⅝	71
CORN.				
May	38¼	38¼	37⅝	37¾
July	38⅝	38⅝	37¾	37⅞
OATS.				
May	28¼	28¼	28⅛	28⅛
July	26½	26½	26½	26½
PORK.				
May	10.40	10.40	10.15	10.20
LARD.				
May	5.85	5.85	5.72	5.72
July	5.85	5.85	5.85	5.85

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations—All Quotations Based on Par of 100.

STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Scranton & Pittston Trac. Co.		20
First National Bank	300	...
Elmhurst Boulevard	...	100
Scranton Savings Bank	235	...
Scranton Packing Co	...	95
Third National Bank	385	...
Throop Novelty Mfg. Co	...	50
Scranton Railway Co	25	...
Dime Dep. & Dis. Bank	180	...
Economy Light Heat & Power Company	...	45
Scranton Illuminating, Heat & Power Company	85	...
Scranton Forging Co	...	100
Traders' National Bank	150	...
Lacka. Lumber Co	...	150
Lack. Trust & Safe Dep. Co.	150	...
Moosic Mountain Coal Co	...	115½
Scranton Paint Co	...	80
Clark & Snover Co., Com.	400	...
Clark & Snover Co., Pr	125	...
Carson Coal Co	...	100
Scranton Axle Works	...	80
Scr. Iron Fence & Mfg. Co.	...	100
BONDS.		
Scranton Pass. Railway, first mortgage, due 1920	115	...
People's Street Railway, first mortgage, due 1918	115	...
People's Street Railway, General mortgage, due 1921	115	...
Dickson Manufacturing Co.	...	100
Lacka. Township School 5s	...	102
City of Scranton St. Imp. 6s	...	102
Mt. Vernon Coal Co	...	85
Scranton Axle Works	...	100
Scranton Traction 6% bonds	...	105
Carson Coal Co	...	100

Philadelphia Grain and Produce.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—Wheat—Was a shade easier; contract grade, February, 75⅝a76c.; Corn—Was ¼c. lower; No. 2 mixed, February, old, 41¼a41½c.; do. new, 40¼a40½c.; No. 3 do. do., 35a35½c.; No. 2 mixed, do., 34a34½c. Provisions—Firm and in better demand; smoked beef knuckles and tenders, 18c.; hams, S. P. cured, 7¼a8¼c.; hams, smoked, 8¼a8½c.; sides, ribbed in salt, 5⅝a5¾c.; do. do. smoked, 6½a6¾c.; shoulders, pickle cured, 7a7½c.; do. do. smoked, 6a6¼c.; picnic hams, S. P. cured, 5a6¼c.; do. do. smoked, 6a6¼c.; bellies, in pickle, 6a6½c.; breakfast bacon, 7¼a8½c.; lard, pure city refined in tics, 6¼a6⅝c.; do. do. in tubs, 6¼a6¾c.; do. butchers' loose, 5¾c. Butter—Firm; fancy western creamery, 19c.; do. prints, 20c. Eggs—Dull and 1c. lower; fresh, nearby, 20c.; do. western, 20c.; do. southwestern, 20c.; do. southern, 19c. Cheese—Steady but quiet. Refined Sugars—Firm and Nos. 5 and 10, 1-16c. higher. Cotton—Was 1-16c. lower; middlings uplands, 6 9-16c. Tallow—Firm; city prime, in hogsheads, 4c.; country, do. do., barrels, 4¼c.; dark, do., 3¾c.; cakes, 4¾c.; grease, 2¼a3¼c. Live Poultry—Firm; fowls, 9a10c.; old roosters, 6½a7c.; spring chickens, 9a10c.; turkeys, 9a10c.; geese, 8a 8c. Dressed Poultry—Firm; fowls, choice, 10½c.; do. fair to good, 9½a10c.; old roosters, 7c.; spring chickens, choice western, 10½a11c.; do. fair to good, 9a10c.; turkeys, choice to fancy, 12a14c.; do. fair to good, 9a11c.; ducks, 8a9c. Receipts—Flour, 4,500 barrels and 17,000 sacks; wheat, 13,000 bushels; corn, 82,000 bushels; oats, 6,000 bushels. Shipments—Wheat 3,000 bushels; corn, 64,000 bushels; oats, 7,500 bushels.

New York Grain and Produce Market.

New York, Feb. 3.—Flour—Entirely neglected and 5a15c. lower to sell; Minnesota patent, $4a4.25; winter do., $3.85a4.10; do. straights, $3.60a3.70; do. extras, $2.70a3. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red, 82¼c., f. o. b., afloat to arrive; No. 1 northern Duluth, 81¾c., f. o. b., afloat spot; No. 2 do. do., 79½c., f. o. b., afloat to arrive; No. 1 northern New York, 81c., f. o. b., afloat spot; options were weak throughout practically the entire day. It was a case rather of light demand than of oppressive offerings, the break in Wall street discouraging buyers; most of the news was bearish, including big Argentine shipments, lower cables and snow west; export rade, however, was again fairly brisk; closed weak, ⅝a⅞c. net decline; March closed 80c.; May, 77c.; July, 75½c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2, 41¼a41⅝c., f. o. b., afloat for new and old; options also developed weakness under sales by yesterday's buyers and the drops in wheat; export trade failed to help the price; closed weak 1⅛a1⅜c. net lower; May closed 42⅝c.; July, 43¼c. Oats—Spot steady; No. 2, 34½c.; No. 3, 33½c.; No. 3 white, 35½c.; No. 2 do., 36c.; track white, 35½a39½c.; track mixed, western, 34a36c.; options dull. Butter—Firm; western creamery, 14 a19c.; do. factory, 12a14c.; Elgins, 19c.; imitation creamery, 13a16½c.; state dairy, 13a 17c.; do. creamery, 14a18½c. Eggs—Firm; state and Pennsylvania, 19½a20c.; western fresh, 19½c.; southern, 18a19c.

Chicago Grain Market.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Under pressure of heavy liquidation today wheat declined 1⅝c. from the top price of the session. Near the end, however, heavy export takings brought about a reaction and May left off with a net loss of ¾c.; corn declined ⅝c. and oats ½c. Pork lost 22½c.; lard, 10a12½c. and ribs, 7c. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Dull and neglected; No. 3 spring wheat, 64a70c.; No. 2 red, 71½a73c.; No. 2 corn, 36a36½c.; No. 2 yellow, 36a36½c.; No. 2 oats, 27¾a 28c.; No. 2 white, 30½a31c.; No. 3 do., 29¾ a30½c.; No. 2 rye, 55c.; No. 2 barley, 41a 52c.; No. 1 flax seed, $1.14¾; N. W., $1.18¾; prime timothy seed, $2.35a2.40; mess pork, $10a10.10; lard, $5.55a5.57½; short ribs, $4.80 a5; dry salted shoulders, 4½a4¾c.; short clear, $5.10a5.20; whiskey, $1.25; sugars, unchanged.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Cattle—Slow. Hogs—Fairly active; good to choice Yorkers and light mediums, $3a3.05; roughs, $3.40a3.50; pigs, fair to choice, $3.65a3.70. Sheep and Lambs—Slow; choice to extra, $5a5.70; culls and common, $3.25a4.50; sheep, choice to selected wethers, $4.35a4.50; culls and common, $2.50a3.50.

New York Live Stock Market.

New York, Feb. 3.—Beeves—Very dull; top steers about steady; medium to fair, lower ;bulls, steady; cows, lower; steers, $4.50a5.65; oxen and stags, $2.50a5.75; bulls, $3.25a4.25; extra fat heavy, do., $4.60a5; cows, $2a4. Calves—Steady; veals, $5.50a 8.50. Sheep—Weak; lambs, lower; fair to good sheep, $4a4.25; medium to prime lambs, $5.05a5.40. Hogs—Steady at $4a4.50; pigs, lower; westerns, $4.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Cattle—Unchanged; fancy cattle, $6a6.50; choice, $5.60a5.95; bulls, $3a5.25; beef steers, $4a4.95; stockers and feeders, $3a4.80; bulls, $2.70a4.25; cows and heifers, $3.20a4; western fed steers, $4.20a5.30; Texas steers, $3.75a5.10; calves, $4a7.25. Hogs—Stronger at $3.75a3.90; pigs, $3.50a3.60. Sheep—Active and steady; inferior to prime sheep, $2.50a4.30; yearlings, wethers, $4.20a4.50; lambs, $4a5. Receipts—Cattle, 2,500 head; hogs, 29,000 head; sheep, 5,600 head.

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