

## BUSINESS AFFECTED BY REDFIELD'S STEP

GARY Sees Displeasing Results But Urges Steel Men to Lend Co-operation in Action.

## WOULD RETURN TO NORMAL

Belief Expressed That Gradual Compromise Would Have Come Without Secretary's Interference.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The action of Secretary of Commerce Redfield in seeking to stabilize the steel industry in anticipation of possible future adverse conditions was characterized as tending to "affect business progress" by Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States steel corporation in an address here today before members of the American Iron & Steel Institute. The manufacturers, however, accepted the secretary's invitation to co-operate with his department.

Business Affected. "Personally, I have believed if business men and others who are interested in business conditions and results would retain their composure and courage we would gradually, if not immediately, return to a condition normal and satisfactory. However, the secretary's action, a very wise and thoughtful man, believed, that it was desirable to anticipate possible future adverse conditions, and therefore took the action men, and of course, this having been published, the natural result has been or will be to temporarily affect business progress until there can be successful co-operative movement which is commensurate to inspire confidence and activity."

"The steel industry is still more or less the barometer of trade. It involves large production, large amounts of working capital, large numbers of employees and has a deep influence upon the commercial and financial interests of the country. We occupy positions of great responsibility. What we do at this meeting may have an important bearing upon the whole business situation. We must not, we will not, intentionally make a mistake. Therefore, the way we have been called upon to do must be done, and we have done it, and we are bound to do it. We have served the government to the best of our ability, and governmental representatives have in spoken language, commended our efforts."

Adapt to Conditions. "Now we are called upon again to be a movement effort to co-operate with the government in the endeavor to stabilize business conditions to protect, so far as practicable, and reasonable capital and labor for their mutual benefit, and to bring about results which no reasonable man will deny are desirable. The methods were not suggested by us. They originated with a distinguished high-minded and capable public official whose obligation and whose desire are to best serve his country. We must on this occasion rise to a high plane of unselfish observation and thereby determine our course."

"There is ahead of us large business prosperity. We may hasten or retard its progress depending upon our attitude. If we await ourselves of the opportunity offered we will succeed. We must be resolute, fair-minded and confident. We must simply the spirit of co-operation whenever practicable. We must have faith in ourselves, in each other and in our country. Peace has not yet been established throughout the world and this fact more or less adversely affects industry."

## Is Chosen Successor to General Goethals



Brig. Gen. George W. Burr.

Brigadier General Burr has been named to succeed Major General Goethals as head of the army's supply department. Burr has been Goethals' assistant since last November. General Goethals, at his own request, is placed on the inactive list. He answered the call to duty in December, 1917, dropping his business connections to aid the government.

## M'CORMICK NOT TO BID TILL SHOWN PAVING MONEY

Only on condition that the city of Tulsa provide ample assurance that the city's paving tax bills will be collected on time in the future will the P. P. McCormick Paving company submit bids on the paving to be laid in the future, according to David McCormick, president of the firm. The McCormick company is not sure that it will bid at all, but this assurance is necessary, claims McCormick, if his firm does any more work for the municipality.

Reason for this stand is given by McCormick in what he states the fact that only 40 per cent of the tax bills due March 1 on paving script held by his firm has been collected up to date. He claims there is now \$225,000 out on overdue claims. David McCormick, recently returned from a business trip to points in Texas. He states that all pre-war contracts have been annulled in that state and that the contractors are taking a new start.

Mrs. Olive Ford Dies. Mrs. Olive Ford died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. W. Baxter, 11 East Twelfth street, Wednesday night. The remains will be sent to Fort Scott, Kan., Friday morning, where the funeral services will be held.

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## BOLSHEVISM FEARED BY ALLIES, SAYS LAW

English Leader Declares Something Must Be Done But Entertains Opposes Sending Troops.

LONDON, March 6.—Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in the house of commons, replied last night to some questions raised in a debate on foreign affairs that has been in progress in the house.

As regards bolshevism, Mr. Bonar Law said that few people now had any illusions about it. The allies were agreed that something must be done for Russia, but none of them, he declared, would recommend dispatching the necessary forces to quell the anarchy there.

As to indemnities, Mr. Bonar Law said, the government realized that the enemy expected to get the best possible indemnities from Germany and he emphasized the point that it was Great Britain's business to get every penny it could but it was useless to hold out the hope that the indemnities would wipe out the country's immense war debt.

Mr. Bonar Law agreed that it was urgent that peace be achieved quickly because there was real danger of Germany sinking into bolshevism. Moreover, he pointed out there was the greatest necessity for the allies to get their own trade and industries going again. Therefore, the sooner the blockade was ended, given the knowledge that some other weapon could be depended upon, the better it would be for Great Britain and the world in general.

LONDON, Monday, March 6.—via Montreal.—British delegates to the peace congress have been instructed to submit as their first demand full reparation for British losses at sea during the war, including compensation for relatives of mariners who lost their lives according to a statement made by Premier David Lloyd George to a representative from the mercantile marine service today.

Holds Up M. V. Agent. An unknown man held up the station agent at Seagrany on the Midland Valley railroad last night and took his watch, valued at \$50, and \$47 in cash. The police were notified and a good description of the man was given. Detectives Brannan and Pilkington were sent out to investigate the case but have made no arrests.

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