

Steel Makers Realize That Present Market Is Adapted to Buyers

NEW YORK.—Steel makers recognize that this is a buyers' market. Railroad executives know it. Other steel consumers are alive to the situation.

At the same time the margin of profit is so small that steel producers hesitate to make the plunge in prices. Yet, to secure business in sufficient amount to yield specifications that will keep plants operating at 50 per cent of capacity some inducements must be made to consumers.

Producers and consumers are a unit in demanding lower freight rates. The carriers are not availing themselves of the opportunity to reduce in proportion to the proposed cut in rates.

Lower railroad operating expenses are being sought by reduction in wages, scale and by reduction in cost of supplies, especially coal.

Granted lower freight rates, lower production costs of steel and of manufactured products would follow reduced cost of output; at least makers would be placed in a better position to grant concessions demanded by consumers.

Thus, in the last analysis, the present as well as the future of business in iron and steel is dependent upon labor. This means organized labor, because the unions are more strongly entrenched on the rail lines and in the coal mines than in other industries.

All of the trouble experienced now and impending could be avoided if the railway union men involved, it is held, would accept their share of the burden of readjustment in trade and industry.

Scandalizes of the steel corporation continue to face better than competitors, but even the former are failing to maintain operating schedules. Last week's output of steel fell below 46 per cent of capacity, and the average of operations since January 1 was less than 45 per cent, against 49 per cent in December.

Independent steel companies are getting the share of current business which their productive capacity could seem to indicate they should have. This is shown in average operations of 30 per cent of capacity in January and a 31 per cent average in December. These percentages indicate that independent mills as a whole are falling about 5,000 tons a day below the steel corporation's output.

It is not surprising under these circumstances that independent mills find it necessary to attract buyers through special inducements. The scheme chosen is through discounting of the Pittsburgh basing system. Here mills at Buffalo and Cleveland

Wife and Rival She Murdered



Mrs. Catherine Rosier. Below: Miss Mildred Beckitt.



PHILADELPHIA.—A crumpled diary containing "love verse" will play an important part in the trial of Mrs. Catherine Rosier, who awaits arraignment on a charge of murder. Mrs. Rosier, young and beautiful, shot and killed her husband, Oscar Rosier, wealthy advertising man, and his stenographer, Mildred Reskitt.

In a diary left by Rosier is the following array of verse, written in his hand and dedicated to "Jerry":

"The kiss complete, the union of souls,
Heart to heart and hand in hand,
What does the language matter?
A sympathetic witness?"

Rosier's pet name for his stenographer was "Jerry."

Wife was Model.
For months Rosier and his young wife had quarreled. He was 29 and she only 21.

Before her marriage Mrs. Rosier was noted as one of the most beautiful models in the country. The ivory pallor of her skin contrasting with her heavy black hair gives her an ethereal beauty. Rosier, head of the Rosier Advertising company, was absorbed in his business, it is said.

and his young wife constantly complained of neglect.

The other woman in the triangle was an attractive, vivacious blond. Mrs. Rosier had surprised the pair in Rosier's office alone. After the shooting she collapsed and a vial of poison fell from her dress.

The slain stenographer was her friend, she declares, and had betrayed her.

"I Was Intoxicated"

"When I was in the hospital three months ago having my baby she and he began running together," she said today. "I was intoxicated when I killed them."

One quotation in the diary of the slain man reads:

"Above everything truth beareth away the victory."

Below this quotation is another reading:

"There is an honor that is fine and that reckons with every man justly that lives the life that regards kindness and fairness more highly than goods or prices or profits. It becomes a man more than his furnishings or his house. It speaks for him in the heart of every one. His friendships are serene and secure. His strength is like the young tree by the river."

Gas Quality Near Uniform

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Preliminary figures obtained in the course of the fifth semiannual survey of motor gasoline, being conducted by the bureau of mines, indicate, when compared with the 1915, 1920 and 1921 surveys, a marked uniformity in the average quality of gasoline manufactured for sale during the winter months. On the other hand, gasoline sold during the summer months seems to vary in average character from year to year. The average distillation figures for gasoline sampled in New York, Washington and Pittsburgh, the three cities so far covered, was given out.

The samples collected by the bureau of mines in New York show a slight increase in volatility, those from Washington a decided increase, and those from Pittsburgh a slight decrease when compared with the corresponding samples collected in the same cities a year ago, but the general average of the three cities is very close to last year's figures.

A complete report of the survey, which covers the larger cities of the United States, will be issued within a few weeks.

Sunday School Lesson

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portion as the guardian of the nations of the earth. We have a race problem that is red—the Indian was here and called this home before we came; we have a problem that is black—the negro is here and he is here to stay; we have a problem that is yellow—the oriental is not waiting to be invited, he is coming; and we have a problem that is white—the European peoples who have long lived in darkness and oppression and come to the torch of liberty. Are we to meet them with scorn that leads one race to look down upon another with contempt and superiority? If the heart of Jesus was big enough for humanity, surely the heart that loves Jesus ought to have a sympathy that is race-wide. Major General Bliss, American chief of staff, said lately that if ever again there should be a disastrous world war, it would be the fault of the American churches, who, while professing love for all humanity, yet covertly teach that the Anglo-Saxon is the one and only God-favored race.

The Healing Power.

The circumstances of Naaman's cure were such that he could not ascribe it to the king of Israel, nor to the prophet Elisha, nor to the River Jordan, but the conclusion was inescapable: the cure was the work of Israel's God. From that day on he revered Jehovah and even requested the prophet to intercede with God that he might be forgiven for adding his king to his pagan worship. He could not forget the power that had healed him of a disease never known to be cured before. The resources of the Almighty are infinite and He only requires for us to lay aside the pride that hampers us and obey Him in spirit and in truth. "Bless Jehovah, O, my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgetteth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

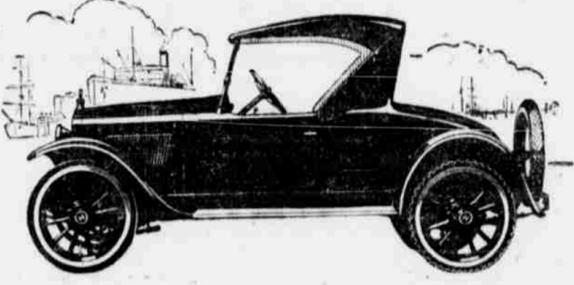
World's Sunday Sermon

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for our possession." In all things, it becomes us to take God at his word and be on the aggressive. Let us not sit still but let us go at once and boldly against everything that is evil.

We sometimes wonder, and I am not amazed at it where the aggressive spirit is among Christians. Men war against the land and they say it is a land of darkness; a land of shame, a land given to drunkenness, immorality and crime, where many have denied and defied the divine name and have not tasted the comfort of redeeming love. And we have men who write long articles in magazines portraying the seemingly unparalleled wickedness of our great cities; and yet we remain basically indifferent to the great work that needs to be done. Oh, for another Caleb and another Joshua—for men of another spirit who are ready to say: "Let us go up at once to possess it, for we are well able to overcome it." God give us an abundant supply of that kind of men, in the nation and in the church of Jesus Christ.

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