

RECORD BREAKING YEAR IN COMMERCE

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF U. S. FOR ELEVEN MONTHS TOTAL \$3,063,384,954.

ONLY BANNER YEAR OF 1907 COMPARES WITH THIS

Breaking of Commercial Records Doesn't Apply to Exports, However, But Imports Will Reach Highest Figure in Nation's History—Exports Short Except in Manufactures.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Foreign commerce of the United States for 1910, including both exports and imports, promises to set a new record in the history of the nation.

Only the banner year of 1907 compares with this figure. The total commerce of the first eleven months of that year was \$3,047,244,045.

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Exports of manufactured articles, on the other hand, show a gain of 65 per cent in the ten years.

OHIO VOTE SELLERS PUNISHED.

Indicted Men Sentenced Who Failed to Come in Voluntarily.

West Union, O., Dec. 31.—Five men, who were indicted on a charge of selling votes, failing to come in voluntarily, were brought in from Manchester today.

WAVANCHES IN ITALY.

Severe Winter and Heavy Snows Causing Many Disasters and Fatalities.

Turin, Italy, Dec. 31.—A severe winter, with heavy snows, is causing many disasters, especially in the province of Cuneo, where railway communication has been interrupted.

REPORTS UNCONFIRMED.

No Advice at El Paso Regarding Killing of 608 Federal.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 31.—No confirmation of any kind was received today of a report last night from Chihuahua, Mexico, that the federal troops lost 600 men killed in recent engagements with insurgents near Cas, Colo.

Rebels in Flight.

Parral, Mexico, Dec. 30, via El Paso, Tex., Dec. 31.—Thirty-eight rebel prisoners guarded by sixty soldiers, were taken from here to Chihuahua yesterday for trial.

Wife Appears With Sureties of \$25,000 For Husband's Release.

Eau Claire, Wis., Dec. 31.—Mrs. John F. Deitz today appeared before Judge Wickham and presented bonds of \$25,000 for her husband.

EXPLOSION INJURES MANY.

Dynamite Discharged in Tunnel Where Men Were Employed.

New York, Dec. 31.—One man was killed, another fatally injured and eighteen injured by an explosion of dynamite in a tunnel 100 feet below the surface of East river today.

'FRISCO AGAIN SHAKEN.

Distinct But Not Severe Tremor Felt—Heavy Shocks in Other Towns.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 31.—A distinct earth tremor was felt here this morning. It continued several seconds.

DOG TALKS AND THINKS.

Berlin University Commission Reports Ganssberger's Pet, With Vocabulary, Berlin, Dec. 31.—The claim of a

scholar near Hamburg that his dog can speak German and has an understanding of the language sufficient to answer questions intelligently has been

taken so seriously by German scientists that Professor Pfungst of Berlin University headed a commission of investigation.

It is stated that the investigators found the animal possessed of a vocabulary of seven words which were clearly articulated.

It is asserted the dog understands what is said to him, and replies to the inquiries of strangers, within the limits of his knowledge of the language, without aid or suggestion from his owners.

TRUCE IN STREET CAR WAR.

Interurban Towns Temporarily Granted Through 5 Cent Fare.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Acting under the threat of Judge Peter Grosscup that he would set aside the sale and provision of the consolidated properties, the traction companies yesterday agreed to restore temporarily a 5-cent fare to the western suburbs.

The service will be restored this morning, after the armistice arranged between the various interests on the suggestion of Judge Grosscup will continue until Feb. 12 without impairing the legal rights of any of the disputants.

Special meetings of the boards of directors of the western suburbs were held last night to approve of the agreement, which was drafted by Attorney W. W. Gurley of the Chicago Railways Company, on the understanding that it becomes effective as soon as approved by the village trustees.

Evanson was not represented at the conference in Judge Grosscup's chambers, but later Mayor Paden told Mr. Gurley that he personally would guarantee the acceptance of the stipulation, provided the service was restored this morning and the rights of the city preserved.

The residents of the suburbs will have the one-fare service restored, the rails which were torn up will not be replaced at this time and the transfer lines to the city limits as they have been since Wednesday morning. No cars will be run thru from the city to Oak Park, Forest Park and Maywood from inside the city limits, as under the old rules, the Chicago Railways Company asserting that to do so would be a direct violation of its ordinance and partnership arrangement with the city.

Under the terms of the armistice the Chicago Railways Company will be the loser while the City of Chicago will be benefited. Persons boarding cars outside the city limits will pay their fare to the County Traction Company, and receive a transfer entitling them to a continuous ride on the lines of the Railways Company.

FOURTH HERO FUND

Carnegie Gives \$1,250,000 to Establish Such Fund in Germany, Exhausting Original Endowment of \$5,000,000 Made For Like Purpose in 1904.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—Andrew Carnegie has given \$1,250,000 to establish a hero fund in Germany. This is the fourth 'hero fund' established by Carnegie.

The original endowment was made in April, 1904, when \$5,000,000 was placed in the hands of commissioners, who were instructed to use the annual proceeds of the fund for the benefit of dependents of those losing their lives in heroic efforts to save their fellow men or for heroes themselves, it injured only.

In 1905 Carnegie gave \$1,250,000 for a hero fund in Great Britain and the following year established a similar fund in France, by a gift of \$1,000,000.

WAGE STRIFE AT END.

Railroads Grant Conductors and Trainmen 10 Per Cent Increase.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Wage demands of conductors and trainmen employed on fifty western railroad systems were settled yesterday on the basis of an increase of 10 per cent. The agreement was reached at a conference late in the afternoon and the new rates of pay took effect at once.

By the increase granted \$5,000,000 annually will be added to the payroll of the roads involved and 75,000 employees will be affected. The new agreement was signed by A. W. Trenholm, chairman of the railroad general managers' committee; A. B. Garroson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors; and W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Coupled with the settlement of the engineers last Saturday, the present agreement makes a total of \$9,000,000 annual wage increases granted by the railroads in Chicago conferences within a week.

The settlement virtually marks the end of the great wage movement begun by railroad employees of the country more than one year ago. Most of the railroads of the country, eastern, southern, and western, as a result of the demands of the employees, have granted increases amounting to nearly \$100,000,000 annually and affecting practically every branch of the service, with the possible exception of the clerical force.

CRESTON FIREMAN DROPS DEAD.

Was Member of City Fire Department Twenty-Eight Years.

Creston, Dec. 30.—Albert Lee Jones, for twenty-eight years a member of the Creston fire department, dropped dead late Thursday night in a lively barn here from heart failure. He was a son of Col. William Jones for many years assessor for Union county. The funeral will be held under the direction of the Creston firemen.

CAVE-IN KILLS EIGHT MEN.

Miners Crushed in Cellyery in West Virginia.

Bluefield, W. Va., Dec. 31.—Eight men were killed and two injured in the Lick Fork mine, near Thacker, by a cave-in today.

AVIATOR MOISANT PLUNGES TO DEATH

ONE OF MOST DARING SKYMEN KILLED WHILE MAKING FLIGHT AT NEW ORLEANS.

MONOPLANE TAKES HEADER WHILE 100 FEET IN AIR

Moisant Thrown Headlong to Ground and Expires Before Reaching Hospital—Was Preparing to Contest For Michelin Cup and Distance Record—Has Had Thrilling Career.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 31.—John D. Moisant, the aviator, was killed this morning while trying to make a landing at Harahan, three miles above New Orleans, when the machine turned head down at an altitude of 100 feet, throwing Moisant out head first. The machine was wrecked.

Moisant, in his fifty-horse power Bleriot monoplane, with a special thirty-five gallon gasoline tank aboard, left the aviation field in this city at 10:05 this morning. Harahan, where special grounds had been laid out, over which the aviator was to try for the Michelin cup. Moisant circled the field twice, trying to find a landing place. This was difficult, the field being on the edge of the Mississippi river and swamps on all other sides.

Suddenly, from some cause which may never be known, the monoplane turned head downward. The horrified watchers saw Moisant pitch clear overboard, the machine and fall like a plummet fully 100 feet, landing on his head.

Machine a Total Wreck. The machine, with its propellers still working, turned sidewise and fell, a complete wreck. Moisant was rushed to a flat car and started for a hospital in this city. He was still breathing when placed aboard the car, but died before reaching the hospital.

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Moisant was born in Chicago 1870. When 19 years of age he had drifted to Central America, became a soldier of fortune and trader and finally was driven from San Salvador when the revolution broke out, where he was fighting met defeat. Moisant at that time was wealthy, but his property was confiscated by the government. Soon afterwards he went to Spain and later turned up at Paris when the Wright brothers were there exhibiting their new machines. Other aviators, interested in the possibilities of flying machines, he soon was an enthusiastic aviator and his career was marked with daring exploits. Last August he made a flight from Paris to London with a passenger, being the first to accomplish this feat. The trip was made in the face of a storm.

Neck Broken by Fall.

Moisant landed on his head, thirty-six feet from where the machine struck the ground. His neck was broken by the fall and death resulted almost instantly. Other aviators who were not a bruise on the body. The moment Moisant struck the earth, falling in weeds, some workmen who happened to be near picked him up, while newspaper men and officials rushed to him. A special train off late cars was standing near the scene of the accident and the body was placed aboard, brought to the city and taken to an undertaking establishment. The expression on Moisant's face was that of a sleeping man, not the slightest trace of fear or pain being apparent. The wind was the cause of the accident.

Attempted Famous Maneuver.

Moisant, guided by a white flag which lined the course, rounded the circle twice in an effort to find a landing place. The third time around the wind, which was blowing about fifteen miles across the course, drove the machine towards the earth. Moisant, in trying to get back over the ground, swerved suddenly to the left, then attempted his famous right circle, considered so dangerous that it is said but one other man beside the dead aviator ever attempted it. At this instant the wind caught the planes of the machine, it tipped, pointed its nose directly at the ground and came down like a flash, while Moisant, hurled from the machine, dove headfirst to the earth.

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New York, Dec. 31.—Moisant is the thirty-fourth man to lose his life in the development of aviation. Twenty-nine of these were killed during the present year. Four were killed in 1909 and one, Thomas E. Selfridge, U. S. A., in 1908. The death roll includes George Chavez, the Peruvian who flew over the Alps only to be fatally injured in landing; Ralph Johnston, American, who had just before broken the world's altitude record; Charles S. Rolls, the English sportsman; Leon Delagrang, noted French aviator; and Cecil Grace, who after flying from Dover to Calais recently, was lost in a fog over the North sea during the return trip.

Son in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 31.—The tragedy in New Orleans which cost John R. Moisant his life left deep its mark of sorrow in this city. In addition to a dozen or so noted aviators, friends and associates of Moisant, now in Los Angeles, Stanley Moisant, the 14 year old son of the dead aviator, is here. Today the boy was in a hotel on the summit of Mount Love. He will not be informed of the death of his father until he returns to Los Angeles today.

Prominent Minnesota Veteran Dead. Ocean Park, Cal., Dec. 31.—Francis A. Seely, former adjutant general of

Minnesota, is dead in the soldiers' home near here, aged 78. He was a veteran of the civil war and once a member of the Minnesota legislature.

WOMEN MUST SERVE.

Governor Hay of Washington Will Not Exempt Them From Jury Duty.

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 31.—Governor Hay has denied the request of Sunny-side women who sent him a petition that he recommend to the legislature a bill exempting women from jury duty. He said: "Leaders who recently served on the jury here, the first since suffrage took effect, are earnest and sincere in their belief that women should serve on juries. The trial judge of that case praises their services highly and urges that women jurors be generally called upon. I have been advised that the prominent women of the state generally favor service on juries, and I shall make no recommendation otherwise."

REVOLTING OHIO STORY

Cleveland Man Ate and Slept for Two Weeks in Lower Part of Home While Bodies of Wife and Child Lay Rotting in Upstairs Room—Circumstances Indicate Crime.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 31.—For two weeks, while the dead bodies of his wife, Anna, and his 3-year-old daughter, Hermina, lay decomposing in an upstairs room, Herman Mielke ate and slept in a down stairs room at his home, in this city, without suspecting that anything was wrong, so he told the police today. He is being held, pending investigation.

Mielke, who is a paroled workhouse prisoner, went to the police court today to report to Probation Officer Vining, and stated that he had just discovered the death of his wife and daughter. Vining notified the police and detectives, who went there and found the bodies badly decomposed.

Mielke said that he and his wife had quarreled two weeks ago because he kicked the family dog, and that he had not seen her or the child since. He supposed she had run away, until today, when the odor from her bedroom led him to investigate. He claimed that he found a bottle that had contained chloroform by her side.

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FUNK AND GARST IN SENATORIAL RACE

DEFINITE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE THAT NAMES WILL GO BEFORE CAUCUS.

STANDPATS ABANDON PLAN FOR SPECIAL PRIMARY

After All-Night Conference They Decide to Enter Republican Caucuses Many For Young, But Others Ready to Go to Kenyon at First Opportunity—Funk to Issue Statement Soon.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Dec. 31.—Senator A. B. Funk is definitely in the race for United States senator before the legislature. Senator Francis, of Dickinson county, arrived in the city after a ten-days' absence in the east, and at noon announced that he will present to the caucus the name of Funk and will give him hearty support. He will later make a full statement of his plans and the reason for the Funk candidacy.

Standpats Abandon Primary Plan.

At a general conference of standpat members of the legislature, lasting nearly all night, it was decided that they will oppose the plan of abandoning the republican caucus and substituting a bill for a special law to provide for a primary in this case. Members declared themselves to be for Young for senator first, but some of them indicated this morning that they are ready to vote for Kenyon.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Dec. 31.—State Senator Funk and Ex-Governor Garst are both definitely and aggressively candidates for United States senator. Their decision was given out to their friends in this city today. Senator Smith, of Osage, was not in the city and no more definite information is at hand regarding him, but as the situation now stands there are four candidates who will contest with Life Young before the legislature, in the persons of Byers, Funk, Garst and Kenyon, and possibly Smith, besides the previously announced candidacies of Franke and Kelly. Garst's name will be presented by the Ternt district.

GAS ORDINANCE HELD UP.

Judge McPherson to Pass on Merits of 90-Cent Rate at Des Moines.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Dec. 31.—Judge McPherson placed on file here today an order for temporary injunction against Attorney General Byers and the railroad commission to prevent enforcing of the lower coal rates; also a similar order to prevent Des Moines from enforcing lower rates for gas. Both cases will be heard at Council Bluffs next Friday.

In the coal rate case he declares it to be one of the most important ever brought. He intimates that he will hold as in the Missouri case that state rates must be considered by themselves and not as affecting interstate, and that the chief question will be whether or not the commission was justified in reducing the Iowa coal rate without regard to their effect upon interstate.

WHITE CLAIMS ELECTION.

First Personal Statement Regarding Presidency of Mine Workers.

Special to Times-Republican.

Cakalooza, Dec. 31.—John White, president of the Iowa Mine Workers, today made the first personal statement claiming his election to the presidency of the national organization. Mr. White stated today that information coming from reliable sources warranted him in claiming the election over Thomas L. Lewis, of Bridgeport, O., by an overwhelming majority.

The canvass of ballots cast at the recent mine workers election for national officers started Wednesday, and the official announcement will be made at the national convention, to be held at Columbus, O., in January. Mr. White's interests are being carefully safeguarded by representatives during the progress of the official canvass.

PROGRESS IN FEVER PROBE.

President of State Board Advises Rigorous Means at Des Moines.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Dec. 31.—Doctor Moerke, president of the state board of health today stated he was satisfied that some progress is being made in solving the problem of the typhoid fever epidemic in Des Moines, but he has advised a survey of the river above the water supply and the closing of the sewer at Valley Junction.

PRIZE POULTRY POISONED.

Number of Valuable Chickens Doped at Western Fanciers' Exposition.

Special to Times-Republican.

Cedar Rapids, Dec. 31.—Some miscellaneous poisoned a number of valuable chickens on exhibition at the Western Poultry Fanciers' exposition here. The third one, valued at \$75, belonged to President Reynolds, of the association.

Reinbeck Defeats Davenport.

Special to Times-Republican.

Reinbeck, Dec. 31.—The Reinbeck high school basketball team defeated Davenport last night, the score being 24 to 26.

Dead at Age of 115.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Mary Benche, wife of the late Chief Benche, of the Chippewa Indians, is dead here at the age of 115 years.

T.-R. BULLETIN

Noticeable News of Today

The Weather.

Sun rises Jan. 1 at 7:28, sets at 4:38. Low—Increasing cloudiness, with probably snow or rain tonight or Sunday; warmer in the southeast and colder in northwest tonight; colder Sunday. Illinois—Fair and warmer tonight; Sunday increasing cloudiness, with colder in the north in the afternoon or night. Missouri—Fair and warmer tonight, becoming unsettled Sunday; colder in the north Sunday afternoon. South Dakota—Snow flurries tonight or Sunday; much colder tonight.

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Telegraphic News:

Town of New Providence Almost Wiped Out. Fire Destroys Business Section, Aviator Moisant Plunges to Death, Killed in Flight at New Orleans. Funk Enters Senatorial Race. Standpats Will Enter Caucus. Record-Breaking Year in Commerce.

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Markets and General:

Slight Strength in Wheat. Corn Buyers Numerous. No Cattle Trade. Hogs Close Higher and Active. Hamill's Crazy Highway Bill.

WOMAN IS STRICKEN

MRS. J. W. BROTHERS, OF NEAR QUARRY, DIES IN BUGGY OF HEART DISEASE.

FALLS BACK IN SEAT DEAD WHEN NEAR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Men Standing on the Street Saw Her Body Drop Backward and Stopped the Vehicle—Was Taken to Harmon Feed Barn, Where She Died Soon Afterward.

White riding alone in her buggy in which she had been delivering butter to customers, Mrs. Mary Brothers, aged 50 years, living one and one-half miles northwest of Quarry, but formerly of this city and Tama county, was stricken with heart disease at about 1:30 this afternoon while on State street near the public library, and died a few minutes later in the E. W. Harmon feed barn. Mrs. Brothers is the wife of Mr. J. Wesley Brothers. The family lived for a year at 303 Bromley street, this city, and for a number of years they lived near Garwin.

As the buggy was passing the library J. D. Cunningham, of three and one-half miles north of the city, saw Mrs. Brothers fall back in her seat. He ran to the vehicle and stopped the horse, while J. E. Bridgeford, of Jefferson, held the woman's body from falling out of the seat. The horse was turned about and led to the Harmon feed barn.

Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Bridgeford both say that there were evidences of life when they reached the buggy and also after they had lifted the woman from the seat and put her on a sofa in the feed barn office. Mr. Cunningham said he felt her pulse and it was beating then. Dr. H. H. Nichols was summoned, but when he arrived Mrs. Brothers was dead. He gave heart disease as the cause. Coroner F. H. Boucher came soon afterwards and he also ascribed that disease as the cause. He decided that an inquest was not necessary. The body was then removed to the Howard Wilbur undertaking parlors, and is to be taken home this evening.

Was in Usual Health.

According to Mr. Brothers, who came to this city with his wife this morning, she was in her usual health. Mr. Brothers said he stopped up town while Mrs. Brothers went on her errands. He said she had been a very hard working woman, but that she had never had attacks of heart disease. Mr. Brothers was not found until his wife was dead.

Mrs. Brothers was born in Davenport, May 3, 1860. Her maiden name was Mary Krouse. After their marriage the couple lived for a number of years near Garwin, and for a year, two years ago, they lived in this city. Since

NEW PROVIDENCE ALMOST DESTROYED

HARDIN COUNTY TOWN MAY BE WIPE OFF MAP BY DISASTROUS FIRE.

LEADING BUSINESS HOUSES PUT OUT OF BUSINESS

Loss Will Amount to Between \$60,000 and \$70,000—Predicted That Town Will Now Be Moved to Lawn Hill to Secure Railroad Facilities—One of Oldest Villages in County.

Special to Times-Republican.

Elora, Dec. 31.—The town of New Providence, located in the southern part of this county, suffered such extensive damage by fire at midnight that the village may be wiped off the map. The larger part of the business section was destroyed, with stocks of goods, the total loss footing between \$60,000 and \$70,000