

LOW PRICE CUTS EXPORT VALUES

Big Fall off in Value of Exports due in Some Measure to Prevent low Prices.

QUANTITY DECLINES

Much Less Export Business now Than There was Year Ago.

The big fall off in value of merchandise exported from the United States is due in a considerable part to lower prices. We scarcely realize, says a statement by the National City Bank of New York, the reduction in export prices which has occurred in the last few months and effect of this reduction upon our export trade. While doubtless a part of the marked decline recorded in the March export figures is due to a reduction in the quantity of certain lines of products exported, the fact that many of the principal factors forming our exports are now going abroad at practically half the former price, per unit of quantity, accounts in considerable part for the decline in the total value of merchandise exported.

Some Examples.

While figures of export prices in March are not yet available, those of February, as recorded by the government, indicate that many of the important articles now passing out of the country are going at less than half the price per unit of quantity of those being exported a few months earlier. Take cotton, for example, one of the big factors in our export trade. The official records of the government show that the average price per yard of the cotton exported in February, 1921, was 17.2c per yard against 37.5c in August, 1920, and 45.3c in June. Flour, another big item in the export trade was exported in February, at \$8.37 per barrel against \$12.23 in the preceding September; copper averaged in the February exports 13.7c per pound against 20c in August, and 20.4c in February of 1920. Corn exported in February, averaged 85c per bushel against \$1.06 in June of the preceding year. With the fall in the price of raw cotton, that of cotton manufactures correspondingly declined, the average price of unbleached cotton cloths exported in February having been 11.9c per yard against 27c in August 1920; and bleached cottons 17.7c per yard against 33.2c in the preceding September. Even in meats, in which the export prices have shown a less contrast with those of last year, the average price in February was materially below that of the corresponding months of the preceding year. Canned beef exported averaging 16.3c per pound in November, only four months earlier; bacon 20.5c per pound against 27.1c a year earlier; lard 15.2c against 28.8c per pound one year earlier; and refined sugar exported in February, showed an average of 7c per pound against 14.6c in November, four months earlier.

It does not follow, however, adds the bank's statement, that all of the big reduction in the value of exports is due to the fall off in export prices above noted, for a further examination of the February exports shows tremendous declines of quantities of certain articles exported, especially in classes in which the exports of a year ago were running at exceptionally high figures. The number of automobiles exported in February, 1921, was, according to the official figures of the government, only 2,295 passenger cars against 10,577 in February of the preceding year, and of commercial cars only 622 as against 2,169 in February, 1920. Cotton cloths also show a marked fall off in quantity, the total number of yards exported in February, 1921, having been only 30,000,000 against 70,000,000 yards in February, 1920, and the value \$5,671,000 in February, 1921, against \$19,407,000 in February, 1920; raisins 471,000 pounds against 6,907,000 in the same months of last year; prunes 1,722,000 pounds against 16,146,000 in February, 1920, and canned salmon 4,236,000 pounds against 9,907,000 in the same month of last year.

In two classes of merchandise exported, steel and petroleum, the prices of February, 1921, show little, if any decline compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year. In most of the manufactures of iron and steel, the February, 1921, prices are, in fact, higher than those of February, 1920, and the grand total of iron and steel exports in February, 1921, was \$101,265,000 against \$71,500,000 in February of last year. In mineral oil, practically all classes show higher prices in February, 1921, than in the same month of the preceding year, and at the same time an increase in quantity exported, the total number of gallons of mineral oil in all forms exported in February, 1921, having been 257,582,000, valued at \$46,379,000, against 226,723,000 gallons, valued at \$34,182,000 in February of the preceding year.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

F. A. Boysen, dentist, Second St.

Traver, the photographer. dt

Dr. T. B. Larrabee, Osteopath. dtf

Miss Florence Peterson of Stanhope was shopping in the city Saturday.

Mrs. Lane Corbin of Stratford was a visitor in the city Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Mason of Williams was shopping in the city Saturday.

DeLaval cream separators. Sorenson Bros. Motor Co. 4-11d-f-jimo

Mrs. J. W. Eppard of Blairsburg was a visitor in the city Saturday.

Lyle Dowling spent yesterday with friends in Fort Dodge.

Mrs. Arch Cormany of Kamrar was a visitor in the city Saturday.

Willys Light farm lighting plants. Sorenson Bros. Motor Co. 4-11d-f-jimo

Mrs. T. S. Thompson of Jewell was shopping in the city Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Wehrheim, a new daughter, April 19, 1921.

C. C. Peterson, the builder, 810 Cedar street, phone 786. 7-12dtf

J. L. Peterson, insurance. Phone 526. 4-18d1mo

Ashes hauled. Phone 7183. Bill Finck. 4-11-d-tf

W. N. Dowling returned home Saturday evening from a week's stay in Mt. Ayr, his former home.

Miss Etta P. Taylor of Parkersburg is in the city visiting her cousin, Mrs. Lillian C. Hall, for a few days.

Miss Susie Mock of Blairsburg visited her sister, Miss Mary Mock, in this city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ryland and son of Kamrar were visitors in the city Saturday.

The Misses Margaret and Anna Meyers of Williams visited relatives in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ingertson went to Jewell Saturday afternoon to spend Sunday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Osmundson and children spent the week end with relatives in Story City.

Miss Marie Doty underwent an operation for appendicitis at Mercy hospital yesterday afternoon.

The school board met Saturday night, but transacted no business of general interest.

The Christian ladies aid society will meet with Mrs. Elsie Vegors, 1005 Bank street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Miss Halma Sexy, who operates a linotype in the Freeman-Journal office, spent Sunday with relatives in Des Moines.

Miss Eleanor Jones left Saturday evening for Chicago to visit her mother, Dr. Elbe McCollum Jones, and her sister, Miss Benona Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cole went to Iowa Falls today where they will make their future home. Mr. Cole was employed at the Standard Oil station on Second street.

The Congregational ladies aid society will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. W. Pearce, 716 Wilson avenue. Come prepared to sew. The April committee will serve lunch.

Mrs. T. H. Eaton of Pocahontas, who was called here by the critical illness of her brother, M. L. McCollough, who passed away yesterday, left Saturday afternoon for Des Moines to visit her husband, who is ill at a hospital there.

Among the Ellsworth visitors in the city Saturday were Mrs. I. R. Fieste, Mrs. Moses Olson, the Misses Esther Olson and Virgean Lande, Miss Myrtle McGonigle, Mrs. G. C. Roren, Mrs. Ole Voga and the Misses Aida and Mildred Voga.

Saturday was an ideal summer day and a big crowd was in the city all day. Business men all report an excellent trade. It was the first good Saturday in several weeks. Sunday was also a fine day, though the wind was high and it was pretty dusty.

WANTED—can take stock to pasture for season. L. T. McCartney. Phone 18F11. 25fj1*

MEMORIAL IS WELL ATTENDED

Wind Storm Does not Hinder.—Three Trees Planted in Memory of Heroic Service.

TWO ADDRESSES

List of Names of Pioneer Women and World War Heroes Read.

The memorial services which were held at Graceland cemetery yesterday afternoon were well attended, in spite of the wind storm, and proved very effective and impressive.

The program was opened by the Planting Song by the audience, directed by Miss Teressa Treat. Mrs. F. E. Whitley spoke in honor of the pioneer women who helped found and beautify Graceland cemetery.

"When the first settlers came to this land they found a wilderness rich in promise, but lacking the necessities of existence except as they gave to the struggle the utmost of strength and energy," said Mrs. Whitley. "And when with the second generation, schools and churches had made their appearance and the rigors of pioneer life had relaxed it is not strange that some of the finer observances of life were overlooked by those who had grown up in a primitive environment.

"It was in these circumstances that forty years ago, a group of women met and formed what became the Webster City Cemetery Association. It was in the little building near the corner of Second and Seneca streets where a small circulating library was for some time maintained. Here they planned the work which they carried out with such distinguished success. The drives were gravelled, the lots were graded and seeded, underbrush was cleared away, but most of all, they worked for a fence.

That fence, a really good and substantial one, called for a sum of money almost overwhelming in those days when money was not plentiful. To secure it the women baked and sewed, they gave entertainments and held festivals; old settlers still tell of the barbecue held on the Wilson lots on the north side during the political campaign of 1884 when an ox was roasted whole, and the cemetery association workers served dinner to the throngs who came.

"Most of those who carried on this work are gone; the two who served as presidents, Mrs. George W. Crosley and Mrs. L. L. Treat, are still with us. While most of them never lived to see the barren desolate hill become the place whose peaceful beauty brings comfort to saddened hearts, while they can never know the greater beauty which it is within our power to add to this place, yet they are a part of it all. Their vision, their part in arousing a sense of community feeling and effort, were their greatest contribution to their time.

We plant this tree today in the hope that as it grows and flourishes it may keep green our grateful memory of the women whose unselfish work made this place beautiful and set in motion influences which are unperishable."

This was followed by the reading of the names of these pioneer women. Dorothy Gilmore read a poem by Joyce Kilmer, who was killed in France.

Rev. Harry F. Shook addressed the audience in behalf of the soldiers who died in service. One tree was planted in memory of those who were buried in France and the other in memory of those who were brought back to Graceland cemetery for burial.

"We should think of this cemetery," said Rev. Shook, "as something of blood, something of human investment. It is an evidence of devotion, of unity of purpose, that shall not die.

"These trees are not only reminders of the past, testimonies of the present, but they are prophecies of the future results that will come from this act and spirit of planting.

"They are symbolic of the results of the sacrifice and investment these young men made in the war to make secure the liberties of our people.

"The Women's Auxiliary and the American Legion who are representative of the citizenship of this town wish to do this in behalf of the wives, mothers, and families, who gave these lives for our safety.

"This is done in the expectancy that these trees will be a wonder to the eyes of men and a protection to all passers-by, and an inspiration to all who hear their story."

Mrs. Lillian C. Hall read the names of the Hamilton county boys who died in service, numbering fifty-four. The names follow:

Ira E. Dally, Nicolo Alongi, Peter Jensen, Charles Knutson, Emil Larson, Ronald Loban, Clarence W. Nelson, Clarence Olson, Swen Olson, Nils Thompson, Odin Olson, Hia Waltermann, McKinley Thompson, Arthur Heng,

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Kamrar Paragraphs.
Wm. Kennedy of Galt and Glen Kennedy of Clarion spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kennedy.

N. C. Eckstein of Webster City was a business caller here Tuesday.

J. B. Kennedy, who has been ill with pneumonia, is slowly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Welp autoed to Webster City Tuesday.

Mrs. J. O. Beem of Webster City visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. Nels Hanson Wednesday.

Cecil Gerber left Wednesday for Hampton, where he will work this summer.

Miss Annie Hanson of Jewell spent Wednesday here with her parents.

Geo. Seal of Fort Dodge was a business caller here Wednesday.

K. C. Rigger, Conrad Rigger and Rev. Gerdes autoed to Grundy Center Tuesday.

John Klaver recently had the misfortune to break his arm while cranking a car.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Gerber were Webster City visitors Thursday.

H. E. Ryland was a passenger to Des Moines Thursday.

I. G. Berryhill recently moved windmills for John Jacobson and Theodore Jacobson. He has also completed the job of putting lightning rods on the barn and silo for Lawrence Jacobson.

J. D. Torrence was able to be at the store Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ryland and baby and Mildred Seaman and Caroline Gerber autoed to Webster City Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Knutson and baby spent Sunday at the A. J. Othoff home.

Millard Riley visited relatives at Duncombe a few days last week.

Mrs. H. A. Cordes and sons, Asher and Robert, left Friday for Clarion to visit their daughter and sister, Mrs. Glen Kennedy and family.

Miss Esther Cordes spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cordes.

John Wepel had the misfortune Wednesday to accidentally break several of his ribs.

Fred Lente has begun work on the basement for his house.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Alexander and son and Mrs. Otto Christenson autoed to Webster City Saturday.

Miss Lola Hyslope was a passenger to Webster City Saturday.

Miss Thelma Mable spent Sunday with friends in Iowa Falls.

April 25.

Home Burns.

Mrs. Mary Ribbey is just in receipt of a letter from her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Pringle, near Barnum, Minn., bringing the news that the Pringle farm home recently burned down. Practically nothing was saved. Mr. and Mrs. Pringle were doing the chores when the fire broke out and it was with considerable difficulty after they discovered the blaze that they were able to get the baby out of the house. The home was partially insured.

Say Oats in Bad Shape.

Farmers hereabouts report that the oats are only about a three-quarters stand. Frost and wind damaged them badly and a good many fields are being replanted. The farmer is certainly having more than his share of bad luck to contend with at present.

Automobiles, Tires and Supplies.

Velle and Gardner automobiles and also a large assortment of second hand cars. We can handle good paper on most of these cars. Hanson & Tyler Motor Co. 25d2

Something New.

Art Seaman has installed a help-yourself oil station at the Lawn Hill garage. Day and night service. Sinclair Quality gasoline. Guaranteed measure. 22d4f1*

Martin Djonne, Lewis Maland, Peter Swenson, Andrew Boyd, Albert W. Mallinberg, Christian Sorenson, Lloyd Lee Brooks, Andrew E. Erickson, Percy Fink, Alex H. Hedlund, Frederick W. Sonkson, Pearl W. Dickerson, Helnick Westwick, Clarence Buzick, William Laurence, Albert Polke, Pratt Aarvig, Theodore Harold Boughton, Cecil Dwight Bradley, Ray Fuller, John Noble Garth, Myron DeFrance, Hahne, Robert Emmett Hanrahan, Lewis Larson, John Pierce, Reginald Gilmore, Mark A. Pooley, George Smith, Walter Sones, Stephen Lester Staley, James Ernest Wedding, Floyd Williams, Merl E. Cleckner, Clifford Strigley, Oliver Ferrell, Arthur Rees, Albert T. Wier, Christian M. Christenson, Sverre Nelson, Curtis Mendenhall.

This list was prepared by a committee composed of Mrs. L. L. Treat, Mrs. G. W. Crosley and Mrs. H. A. Crandall. Since there was no record of these names kept, the list was prepared from memory, and there may be some omissions, in which case the committee will gladly make correction.



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