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## DUN AND COMPANY REPORT NORTHWEST TRADE PROSPECTS FOR 1913 AS GOOD

Annual Review Says That 1911 Crop Shortage Affected a Large Area and Was Naturally Reflected by Business Conditions During the First Half of This Year.

### STATISTICS INDICATE THAT FALL TRADE WAS RECORD BREAKER

Many Lines Show Large Increase Percentages and Say That Customers are Not Overstocked—Consolidation of Big Banks Said to Be Natural Sequence to the Growing Magnitude of Local Requirements.

### VOLUME OF COLLECTIONS ON OUTSTANDING PAPER DISAPPOINTS

Much Larger Than One Year Ago and Quoted as Satisfactory by Some Houses, But as a Whole Has Not Met Expectations—Annual Failures Less by Ten.

#### Special to The Pioneer.

St. Paul, Dec. 27.—Basing its report on statistics gathered from the trade in Minnesota, North and South Dakota and thirty counties in Wisconsin, the St. Paul office of R. G. Dun and company today made public the review of trade conditions in the Northwest as sent to Dun's Review, the general international trade paper of the company. The information and statistics are based on inquiry extending over several months and were gathered by sub-offices, traveling reporters and other agents in every part of the district covered. Much has been printed during the past three months of trade conditions in the Northwest but the Dun report is considered as authentic. Following is the report in full:

"The year which is about to close has been sufficiently marked by significant events to give it a distinctive character of its own.

"The effect of crop shortages over a large area was naturally reflected by business conditions during the first half of the year, and constituted a disturbing element well calculated to try severely the commercial situation. We had passed through a prolonged period of enforced economizing on the part of the ultimate consumer, of restricted buying on the part of the retailer, of reduced sales and diminished profits on the part of manufacturer and jobber.

"While there never was any genuine apprehension as to the course of affairs, still business was quiet to the verge of dullness. Within the last few months, however, the more pronounced setbacks to our prosperity which operated to our discomfort in the past, have either modulated their force or altogether ceased to be effective. A survey of the whole field shows but few developments which have not been favorable.

"When the growing season got well under way, there was not at any time cause for serious doubt that the crops would be large. Occasional complaints came from isolated points; but speaking generally, nothing occurred from planting to harvest whereby the prospects of a bounteous yield were materially impaired. In the returns from the threshing machines the expectations of the most sanguine have found ample justification.

#### Fall Sales Record Breakers.

"Merchandise sales, during the first half of the year, were scarcely normal; and it remained for September, October and November to bring up the average, the figures from those points being record breakers from every standpoint. Which ever way we look, we find that all our basic industries have experienced in 1912 a prosperous year. The activity which is prevalent, seems to be fairly well distributed among several industries which form the bulwark of our commercial fabrics.

"The following table of prominent trades shows increase in their sales during 1912 over those in 1911:

| Increase                            | Per Cent.   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Auto supplies.....                  | Substantial |
| Building materials.....             | 25 to 40    |
| Butter and eggs.....                | Substantial |
| Cigars and tobacco.....             | Substantial |
| Clothing and men's furnishings..... | 25 to 30    |
| Confectionery.....                  | 5 to 10     |
| Crockery.....                       | 10 to 20    |
| Drugs.....                          | 10 to 20    |
| Dry goods.....                      | 10 to 20    |
| Electric supplies, machinery.....   | 25 to 30    |
| Fruit and vegetables.....           | 15 to 20    |
| Furniture and stoves.....           | 10 to 20    |
| Groceries, teas and meat.....       | 10 to 20    |
| Hardware.....                       | 10 to 20    |
| Harness.....                        | 10 to 20    |
| Hats, caps and furs.....            | Substantial |
| Jewelry.....                        | 5 to 10     |
| Laundry supplies.....               | Small       |
| Liquor.....                         | 15 to 20    |
| Military.....                       | 10 to 20    |
| Produce commission.....             | Moderate    |
| Plumbers and steamfitters.....      | 10 to 20    |
| Paints and oils.....                | 20 to 30    |
| Paper and stationery.....           | 10 to 15    |
| Railroad supplies.....              | Some        |
| Shoes.....                          | 10 to 20    |
| Tailors trimmings.....              | Moderate    |

#### Greater Traffic Movement.

"Traffic movement is one indication of an active and prosperous condition of general trade and bank clearings another.

"Traffic at the Minnesota transfer may be taken as an index of the general movement in the Northwest; and it is at this point where an interchange of cars is made among the several railroads, and where through merchandise is trans-shipped. During the twelve months ending November 30, 1912, the total number of cars received and forwarded was 677,687 as against 578,561 cars for the previous year; an increase of 99,126 cars for the year 1912. During the month of November 1912, the number of cars received and forwarded was 61,004 as against 51,110 for November 1911, showing an increase of 9,894 for the month.

#### Bank Clearings Increase.

"Bank clearings for the month of November were \$62,401,299.03, as against \$52,414,503.72 showing an increase for the month of \$9,986,795.31.

"The following table shows the an-

## THE MINNEAPOLIS REPORT

Minneapolis, Dec. 27.—The year 1912 opened with promise of a bountiful harvest throughout the Northwest. This promise was fulfilled and the Northwest raised one of the largest crops of wheat and coarse grains in its history. Weather conditions were good and the crop matured favorably for good quality. During the harvest and threshing period however a serious labor shortage developed, which proved very expensive to the farmers. Wages and threshing fees were the highest ever paid in the Northwest.

In some sections, particularly Northwestern North Dakota, Eastern Montana, and Southern Manitoba, rain interfered with harvesting to an extent that probably five to twenty per cent of the wheat in such sections has not yet been cut and much of it will be abandoned. When the grain was ready for market the price had declined sharply and the movement to terminal markets was much slower than anticipated.

While receipts at all of the Northwestern primary markets have been heavy since September 1, as compared with the same period for 1911, the price has been much lower and the difference between the two years, in money, is not marked. There is much of the present crop still in farmers hands and heavy receipts at primary markets are looked to for some time to come.

Merchandising, manufacturing, etc., follow agricultural conditions closely in the Northwest. Two successive short crops, 1910 and 1911, caused merchants and others to adopt most conservative policies. The first half of 1912 was marked by extreme

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## HOTEL MANAGER SAYS WAITERS WILL STRIKE NEW YEARS EVE

By United Press. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 27.—New Year's eve dinners may be marred by a country-wide waiters' strike, according to admission made today by Thomas Karan, manager of a fashionable hotel.

Information gleaned here among waiters, who have been urged to join a new union known as the Hotel Workers' association, was to the effect that at nine o'clock New Year's eve, a union leader is to blow a large whistle in every prominent hotel and restaurant from New York to Chicago. This will be the signal for bell boys, dish-washers and others to stop working.

Other local hotel men admitted plans for a strike had been reported under way but made light of it, declaring it would be a fizzle because the men were not organized. Cause for the strike is given as "general improvement of working conditions."

## NORTH DAKOTA HORSES DYING AFTER BEING VACCINATED

By United Press.

Ashley, N. D., Dec. 27.—Fearing the ravages of the disease which decimated the horses of Kansas and Nebraska, a number of the farmers and stockmen in this part of the state permitted a young man to vaccinate their horses. He used a blackleg vaccine. A large number of the animals he treated have died and many others are in bad shape. There have been threats of damage suits against the youth but as judgment would be of no value and there is no way of securing criminal action, there will probably be no redress for those who have lost their horses.

## INVESTIGATING N. Y. POLICE

By United Press.

New York, Dec. 27.—It was stated at the office of District Attorney Whitman today that he is working in complete sympathy with the Curran aldermanic committee, which is investigating police conditions in New York, and that every move made by the aldermen has the entire approval of the district attorney.

Because of this it is believed that whenever there is a suspicion that any proposed witness is in any way connected with the graft payments or collections he or she will not be permitted to be sworn unless they first sign the waiver of immunity.

Police Captain John B. Ormsby will be called late this afternoon, it is expected, by the committee. He will be the first of thirty police captains who will be asked what they know regarding police matters and the prevention of vice generally.

## DEWEY CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

By United Press.

Washington, Dec. 27.—"Seventy-five years young. I prefer to call it," said Admiral George Dewey on his anniversary while a long line of officers and friends in private life passed through his office at the Admiralty Board to congratulate him upon the event.

Admiral Dewey looked as youthful as when he sailed with his fleet to win the battle of Manila and to take over for the United States the sovereignty of the islands, more than fourteen years ago.

His voice was modulated, his carriage was the envy of many a young officer in the service and his enjoyment of life equal to any of them.

## STOLE BLANKETS—THIRTY DAYS

By United Press.

John McClellan was yesterday given thirty days in the county jail without the option of a fine for stealing a pair of horse blankets from G. H. Roberts, of Kelliher. McClellan took the blankets from a stock car while it was en route to Kelliher.

## NEW LAW FIRM ESTABLISHED

By United Press.

St. Paul, Dec. 27.—Cards have been issued announcing the formation of the law firm of Todd, Kerr & Frankel. After January 1, 1913, Kay Todd, Harold C. Kerr and Hiram D. Frankel will be associated under this firm name. Mr. Todd and Mr. Kerr have been practicing under the firm name of Todd & Kerr.

## DIAGNOSING HIS CASE



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## HENS LAY FOR THE POOR

Birds at Spokane Poultry Show Kept During Christmas Week and Product Given the Needy.

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Special to The Pioneer.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 27.—That the humble hen has strongly marked capabilities, instincts is being demonstrated in Spokane this week, where 3,000 hens that came for show remained to lay.

The product of their efforts is being given to the needy people of Spokane, some of whom are enjoying for the first time in many years an egg that a hen would be proud to claim as its output.

It is the joint donation of poultry raisers and hens from all parts of the Pacific Northwest, assembled at the annual show of the Inland Empire Poultry and Pet Stock association. The fact that the show comes during Christmas week led the exhibitors to agree to donate all eggs laid by their show birds to a goodfellowship fund being raised by the Associated Charities.

Each night the eggs are collected at the big building housing the show and on the following day are delivered to poor families.

In addition, exhibitors from near-by ranches are bringing in many wagonloads of apples, potatoes, carrots and all kinds of garden truck for distribution among the poor.

Spokane is particularly fortunate this year in its efforts to take Christmas cheer to the unfortunate, as work has been plentiful on account of a large amount of building and railroad construction projects, totaling more than \$20,000,000. Charitable efforts have been unified to a considerable degree, and a ready response has been given by the people generally.

A large store room was filled with gifts of clothing, food and toys as a result of the Goodfellowship fund, and cash donations were numerous. All the poor children of the city, including those at the orphan homes, were invited to a large Christmas tree celebration.

## ADDITIONAL SOCIETY.

Barnard Clifford, of Minneapolis, arrived this morning to be the guest of Wilbur Lyan for a few days.

## Do you want to Buy a dog? Rent a house? Find a ring? Sell a boat? Trade horses? Hire a cook? Secure a position?

If your want is worth wanting, it is worth spending a few cents in these columns.

## THE NATION'S BUSINESS' OUT.

The December number of The Nation's Business, published in Washington, by the chamber of commerce of the United States, is just out. It covers very fully the governors' conference at Richmond, and as the governors discussed thoroughly both rural credits and the income tax, this issue contains much information on both subjects, including a full description of the Wisconsin state income tax and a careful explanation of the co-operative rural credit systems as worked out in Europe.

It prints for the first time a plan for rural banks in Virginia, adaptable to other states, outlined by Charles Hall Davis of Petersburg. The same issue covers carefully the Ninth Convention of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, and also explains by means of an official diagram the parcel post system.

Two pages of the issue are devoted to announcing the annual meeting of the chamber of commerce of the United States, which will be held in Washington, January 21 to 23. Over 700 delegates have already been selected by the 225 organizations now constituting the chamber.

## HOW TO REMOVE INK-STAINS

The following is taken from a page of practical household suggestions published in the January Woman's Home Companion: "A leaking fountain-pen in the pocket caused an ink-spot on a light wool coat. I applied alcohol by degrees, using only enough to moisten the spot, then rubbing the cloth between my hands as though washing it. Soon the spot had entirely disappeared, leaving no trace of the ink."

## MANY HEAR OF CAMP RIOT

Story of the Supposed Brawl and Wholesale Killing Well Circulated Over North Country.

BRAINERD REPORT A WINNER

From the Crookston Times.

"Brainerd, Minn., Dec. 26.—Crazed by potatoes of wood alcohol and driven stark mad by the drug, camp lumberjacks in the vicinity of Bemidji turned Christmas day into a bloody massacre. Armed with axes the crew attacked each other. When the awful carnage was over the camp was transformed into a bloody shambles. Fourteen men lay dead from alcohol and wounds. These particulars were brought here by lumberjacks who fled from the scene.

"The Times endeavored to confirm the story of the slaughter but was unable to do so and indications point to the story being the result of a drunken lumberjack's dream. The rumor was spread and it was generally believed along the Duluth line but it could not be confirmed and is now believed to have been a pure fake."

The above clipping, taken from the Crookston Times of Thursday, is a fair sample of what the daily papers surrounding Bemidji published yesterday.

According to the Brainerd Dispatch, the lumberjacks who fled from the scene must have been some scared Brainerd is about 100 miles from the Cochrane camps. The Brainerd correspondent was conservative on this report as most of them estimated the dead at twenty-eight.

## PRAIRIE FIRES BURN MUCH HAY ON NORTH DAKOTA FARMS

By United Press.

Center, N. D., Dec. 27.—Prairie fires are unusual in North Dakota at this season, but one burned a strip from one to three miles in width from Sanger, this county, to the Missouri river. There was a heavy wind and the flames jumped over all of the ordinary firebreaks.

Thousands of tons of hay were burned and several hundred head of cattle perished in the flames.

The ranch of Thomas Hall, recently elected secretary of state, was in the path of the fire and his winter's supply of hay was among the losses.

## DYNAMITE CASES NOW BEFORE JURY

Charge of Federal Judge Anderson Was Delivered Yesterday Afternoon to the Twelve.

### CONSIDER CASES SEPARATELY

Each of the Forty Defendants To Be Given Individual Deliberation Before Verdict.

### MILLER MAKES A STRONG PLEA

District Attorney Says Accusation Would Mean a Blot on the Entire Country.

By United Press.

Indianapolis, Dec. 27.—Whatever is to be the outcome of the three-months' "dynamite" trial, in which forty labor union officials are accused of complicity in the dynamiting plots now rests with the jury.

Judge Anderson last evening instructed the jury and ordered it to retire.

The court then adjourned until 9:30 this morning, thus precluding the returning of verdicts before that time, should they be found.

All verdicts while separate as to each defendant, are to be returned at one time. That the verdict won't come today was indicated by the court's instruction to the jurors to "carefully weight all the evidence."

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27.—As the impassioned tones of the district attorney died down to the last word of his closing argument in the dynamite conspiracy case at four o'clock yesterday afternoon, a dead, momentary silence filled the packed and dimly lighted court room and the forty indicted union men gazed intently at Judge Albert B. Anderson, who faced them from the bench, his instructions to the jury held in his hand.

District Attorney Miller's voice trembled as he closed his argument with the declaration that the jury's failure to convict the forty defendants would be an everlasting disgrace to this country.

Judge Anderson began the reading of his instructions in a calm, even voice, the only sound audible in the marble-trimmed, high ceilinged room. Wives and relatives of the forty men, scattered about the room, could be told at a glance as they leaned forward in their seats to catch every word spoken by the court.

The forty defendants sat three deep facing the court and jury.

Some of them leaned forward, their heads bowed upon their hands. Others swung nonchalantly backward and forward in their swivel chairs, while yet others sat stiff and straight in their seats, looking straight before them.

The faces of the twelve jurors, men whose lives have been spent in the open, were impassive, almost expressionless. They seemed not even to see the forty men seated to their right, whose fate was then being placed in their hands by Judge Anderson.

Judge Anderson instructed the jury it must follow the court's interpretation of the law but that it must not consider that the court is attempting thereby to control the jury's judgment.

Judge Anderson instructed the jury that their verdict should affect only the forty men now on trial.

### Miller Roasts Senator Kern.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 26.—Christmas at the "dynamite conspiracy" trial yesterday found the forty men accused of complicity in the McNamara plots listening to attacks upon themselves by District Attorney Charles W. Miller.

Toys, which some of the defendants' children trundled into the Federal building, and sprigs of holly in the coats of men charged with dynamiting, were the only outward tokens of Christmas.

Once only was Christmas mentioned before the jury—that was when District Attorney Miller referred to an explosion which Orrie E. McManagal said he caused in an iron works plant at Los Angeles on December 25.

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### FIRE IN DUNNING HOME.

Fire in the Dunning home in Solway did a small amount of damage last night. It is said to have started from an overheated stove. The blaze was confined to the dining room of the home and did not get into the store.

## SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER



## Evidently Scoop Bought Too Many Xmas Presents



## By "HOP"

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