

Plan Dealing With World Crisis to be Fought in Congress

BABSON MAKES FORECAST FOR ENSUING YEAR

Statistician Declares America is Only About Half Way to Prosperity at Present

DISCUSSES PRICES AND SALES FOR COMING YEAR

Says Business Earnings Should Average Somewhat Better Than in Year Passed

Wellesley Hills, Mass., Dec. 30—"What's going to happen in 1923?" That question is uppermost in the minds of 1,000,000 American businessmen and investors who are facing the problem of making plans for the New Year.

Signs are not clear and the usual barometers seem to contradict one another.

In the face of this general confusion we had best fall back on the facts and figures. After a thorough study of the fundamental conditions that govern our market, Roger W. Babson today issued a statement which clears the air and furnishes a basis of fact for your plans.

"We are not at a point in the business cycle," says Mr. Babson, "where you can get almost as many different opinions as there are business men. Some are very bullish for the coming year, and others can not see much hope for business. The reason for such a situation is that we are at present neither at the top of a boom nor at the depth of a depression. If we were at either of these extremes there would be no question of what the next move would be. As it is, we are about half way between them."

"During the past year United States business has steadily advanced until the average for the whole country is what we usually call 'normal' business. Having advanced thus far, shall we immediately continue into a great prosperity period or shall we go into another period of depression and poor business as some predict?"

"If you will only remember the five years preceding 1921 and recall what an enormous orgy of ex-

AUTHORITIES CONTINUE HUNT FOR BOMB SENDER

Marshfield, Wis., Dec. 30—Members of the county board of Wood county expected to meet here today in special session believed to be for the purpose of appropriating funds with which to carry out the work of ferreting out those responsible for the sending of the bomb which exploded and killed Mrs. James R. Chapman and seriously wounded her husband.

County officials, local police authorities, postal inspectors, and others are all working on the case. Private detectives arrived late last night to take part in the investigation, according to District Attorney Calkins. The investigation so far into the crime has brought about several new clues, and circumstantial evidence is pointing strongly toward a suspect whom they expect to take into custody within a short time.

BRITISH WOMAN AND MAN, DEATH PLOTTERS, TO DIE

London, Dec. 30—Mrs. Edith Thompson and Frederick Edward Bywaters will be hanged simultaneously at 9:00 Tuesday morning, January 9th, for the murder of the woman's husband, the Daily Mail announced today. The Home Secretary has decided to refuse the petitions for clemency, the Mail declared it learned from official sources.

Mrs. Thompson expects to become a mother early in the new year. She will be the first British woman to be hanged in fifteen years. Bywaters' appeal was accompanied by petitions so large that two motor trucks were required to carry them to the Home Office. They contained more than a million names.

Coue Cheers Up Cripples



Emile Coue, the mental healer, who is to visit America in January, preached good cheer to crippled children at the Hermitage Craft School and Home for Cripples at Sussex during a tour of England.

NORTH ATLANTIC STORM IS SWEEPING SOUTHWARD

Department of Commerce and Federal Reserve Board See Business Prosperity

Washington, Dec. 30—With an optimism based on a year of viable, industrial and mechanical achievements, the Federal Reserve Board and the Department of Commerce in a year-end analysis and forecast of the nation's business have united in predicting greater prosperity for the American business man in 1923.

Despite unsettled economic conditions abroad and difficulties in many domestic industries, both government agencies see for American business a steady upward swing. The federal government, with a deduction of the total interest-bearing of the country of \$667,000,000 in the twelve months ending December 11th, blazed the way toward the economic structure.

The department of commerce reported basic industries are increasing contrary to the general rule at this time of the year.

Textile mills are 20 per cent more active this year than last. Iron and steel products increased from 60 per cent to 70 per cent. Petroleum 15 per cent; coke 40 per cent; paper 20 to 30 per cent; rubber 40 per cent; automobiles, 50 per cent; leather, 25 per cent; sugar, 40 per cent; building construction, 50 per cent; lumber 35 per cent; brick 50 per cent.

LUMBER MARKET REPORT SHOWS FINE PROSPECTS

Market is Now Featured by Unseasonal Strength; New Year Promises Much

The holiday week is always dull in the lumber trade, and this week is no exception. Demand, however, remained remarkably strong up to the very eve of Christmas and is expected to reassert itself even more strongly immediately after the new year. Prospects were never better for a heavy volume of business, and the lumber industry is keenly optimistic. The market is featured by unseasonal strength as the year closes. Retailers' stocks on the whole, are very low, due to the unusually good business that they have enjoyed for some time and their hesitancy in buying before inventories for filling-in purposes. The building outlook being excellent in nearly all cities and large towns, the yards will soon have to come forward with requirements that will aggregate enormous quantities.

The agricultural situation has improved notably of late, and the expectation is that farmers, after several years of relative inactivity in such work, will next year undertake extensive building construction and repairs, which probably will be carried on at a pace calculated to make up much of the time lost. Country yards, therefore, are also preparing for a bigger year than usual.

NORTH ATLANTIC STORM IS SWEEPING SOUTHWARD

(By United Press) Bordeaux, France, Dec. 30—Terrific storms of sleet and snow that have been playing havoc with shipping in the North Atlantic ocean all week have been swept southward by a hundred-mile gale and today were causing damage along the lower coast of France.

The Lutetia, a 1400-ton French liner, was driven into the mouth of the Gironde river unable to proceed on a voyage southward.

TO HOLD CHEST CLINIC IN BEMIDJI NEXT WEEK

Plans have been completed to hold another chest clinic, Friday, January 5, in the offices of Drs. Garlock & Garlock. Dr. R. L. Laney of Lake Julia sanatorium will be in charge, assisted by Miss Beth MacGregor, Red Cross community nurse.

These clinics have been very successful and much good has resulted. The need of another was so urgent that it was decided to hold one before the resignation of Miss MacGregor takes effect, which will be within a short time. Any person showing the least symptoms of lung trouble are urged to make appointments, early so that they may be cared for at this time.

INVENT GUN TO REVOLUTIONIZE NAVY WARFARE

Recoil is Said to Have Solved Problems of Light Ships, Heavy Guns

FRENCH GOVERNMENT EXPERTS STUDY PLAN

Utilization Would Practically Nullify Effects of Pact Made at Washington

By John O'Brien (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Paris, Dec. 30 (United Press)—More powerful than the Big Bertha which shelled Paris from a distance of sixty miles and capable of being used aboard warships built only for 13 1/2 inch guns, a new weapon which, it is believed, will revolutionize the use of artillery in naval warfare, is being studied by the French government experts.

One of the astounding features of the invention, due to the labors of two French scientists, is that it eliminates the recoil shock of the biggest guns.

Utilization of the newly discovered principle in the armament of naval units would practically nullify the effects of the limitations imposed (Continued on Page 4)

BIG STRIKES MARKED NATION IN PAST YEAR

Coal Strike is Most Important Since Effects Were Felt by Entire Nation

New York, Dec. 30 (United Press)—The outstanding purely domestic feature of 1922 in this country were the coal and rail strikes. Of these the coal strike was the more important, as it was and is acutely felt by practically the whole country.

Thousands of people are now suffering from the lack of fuel, and, according to authorities, no immediate relief is in sight. The rail strike, with the consequent weakening of transportation facilities is in part responsible for the present coal condition.

After numerous negotiations had failed the miners suspended operations on April 1. They demanded a raise in wages and the operators threatened a cut. The strike affected (Continued on Page 4)

Diver Seeks Gang's Victims



J. D. Rooney, federal agent, at left, supervising the search of divers in Lake LaFourche, La., for the bodies of F. W. Daniels and T. F. Richards. The men disappeared following their kidnapping by a hooded gang, and later their bodies were brought to the surface of the lake by a dynamite blast. Right is Bud Davenport, one of the men kidnaped with Daniels and Richards, and then released.

COUNTY BOARD TO OPEN ANNUAL MEET TUESDAY

Beltrami county commissioners are to meet in annual session at the court house Tuesday and a very busy meeting is apparently in store for the board. Appointment of a chairman and vice-chairman of the board and selection of county employees will be among the first matters to be taken up.

Friday forenoon at 10 o'clock a hearing will be started for redistricting Beltrami county as the result of county division. However, it is not expected that any definite action on the project will be taken at this session.

MOOSE ARE PLANNING ON BIG TIME SUNDAY

Although the numbers on the program for the big annual New Year's Eve celebration of the Bemidji Moose have been kept secret by the committee in charge, the members of the committee promise to keep their guests entertained Sunday evening from 7:30 to "Happy New Year" time—and then some.

Nearly 500 invitations or notices have been sent out for the party. All members of the Loyal Order of Moose, the Women of the Moose, Heart Legion and the Junior Order of Moose, and their ladies are invited.

Moose members are also reminded that the first business meeting of the lodge for 1923 will be held next Tuesday evening.

FRANCE ALONE OPPOSES PLAN

Great Britain, Germany and Other Nations in Favor of U. S. Intervention

Washington, Dec. 30. (By A. L. Bradford. Copyrighted 1922 by the United Press.)—France alone is withholding acceptance of American intervention in Europe. Great Britain, Germany and some other nations concerned, it was learned from a high official today, already have formally indicated their willingness to accept the American proposal for an international commission of business men and financial experts to recommend a just and practical revision of the German reparations.

The United States would be represented on the commission, according to the American plan for taking Europe out of its present economic chaos, made by President Harding and announced by Secretary of State Hughes in an address at New Haven last night to force a show-down as to whether the United States can aid Europe.

France has not rejected the proposal but for some time has been withholding its attitude regarding it. Tired of waiting for the facts, this government started to force the issue by making the proposal public. According to administration officials, it was learned that negotiations on the proposal have been carried on for nearly two months.

RADIO BRINGS PLEASURE TO NORTH WOODSMEN

Lumberjacks in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Now Enjoy Evening Entertainment

Minocqua, Wis., Dec. 30—Long dreary evenings in the lumber camps of northern Wisconsin and the upper Peninsula of Michigan are things of the past.

A new day has dawned for the lumberjacks—at least those employed in several camps near Marquette, Michigan.

No longer will the "jacks" after a hard day of labor have to sit on the edge of their bunk and "cuss" about the dreariness and lonesomeness of the idle hours in the camp.

Many lumber companies have decided to chase away those blues and fill those idle hours with something worth while. In many of the camps this is being brought out by the installation of radio receiving apparatus.

One outfit has been set up at the headquarters camp at Vail Spur, near Marquette, Mich., with Raymond Cyr as operator.

Every evening instead of sitting on their bunks, listening to the worn out tales of their comrades, the lumberjacks are thrilled by the experience of listening to concerts and to speeches given in far off places. In addition the radio is educational as it keeps the woodsmen informed of what is going on in the outside world.

The companies have decided that there shall be sufficient entertain-

AMERICA'S PLAN GIVEN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Outstanding Feature is Body of Experts Representing Principal Governments

EUROPE GIVES MIXED REPORT TO PROPOSAL

France Objects at Once But Britain and Germany are in Favor of Move

(By United Press)

Washington, Dec. 30—The administration's plan for dealing with the world economic crisis will be bitterly fought in congress. The plan will be criticized in a way calculated to arouse public opinion against it.

(By United Press)

New Haven, Dec. 30—The long looked for American plan for intervention in Europe's financial crisis has been officially revealed by Secretary of State Hughes in an address here last night. Its outstanding feature is a commission of business men and experts representing the principal European governments and the United States, which will make an exhausted study of the reparations problem.

This commission would endeavor to take the matter out of politics and recommend a revised reparations figure up to the limit of Germany's ability to pay. This recommendation would be submitted to the respective governments for approval.

Outstanding business men and financial experts would be selected for the commission in hope that the peoples and governments of the world would favor acceptance of their findings.

The administration would be willing to ask congress for an easier funding for the eleven billion dollars allied debt to the United States. With the European economic structure restored through this plan this government would give its approval to a loan by private interests to Germany.

(By United Press)

Europe gave a mixed report to Secretary of State Hughes' proposal for an international committee to consider reparations, according to exclusive United Press dispatches. Great Britain welcomed the plan, government circles received it warmly; the press enthusiastically. It is expected that the allied conference of the allied premiers again falls.

France objected at once to Hughes' proposal. Semi-official word sent out from the Quai D'Orsay was that it wouldn't work; that the funding trouble with the reparations was that Germany wouldn't pay them; that it was unfair to France who was most interested in the proposals that the commission will consider.

Germany, while welcoming the proposal, was busy with a reparations plan of her own which she will offer to the allied premiers next Tuesday. The Cuno government offers to pay forty billion gold marks provided the allies or anyone else will loan them twenty billion.

TOMMY SIMONS NAMED PRESIDENT OF ALUMNI

Tommy Simons was elected president of the Bemidji High School Alumni Association to succeed Hallan L. Huffman at a meeting and dancing party held by the alumni and students of the Bemidji high school at the new Moose hall Friday evening.

Miss Josephine Parker, retiring secretary, was elected vice-president. John Koors succeeds Miss Parker as secretary and Harold Morse was elected treasurer to succeed Fred Graham. The election was held near the close of the dancing party, which was quite well attended. Music for dancing was furnished by the Cook orchestra of three pieces.

The Alumni association has been called for a meeting to be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the rooms of the Civic and Commerce association, the meeting being called by the new president. The object of the meeting is to make arrangements for future activities on the part of the association.

HIGH HOPES FOR THE BABY

