

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

Special Correspondence to The Tribune Giving the High Light at the National Capital.

IMPROVEMENT IS CONTINUING IN BUSINESS WORLD

November Official Summary Shows Industrial Conditions Steadily on Upgrade; Labor Short.

WASHINGTON—Further improvement in the general business situation is shown by November figures so far received by the department of commerce. Marked increases have again occurred in the production of pig iron and steel making the output of these industries much the largest for any month in two years. Unfilled orders of the steel corporation declined slightly, but this may be due in part to better transportation, which has made it possible to catch up on deliveries. Building contracts in November totalled \$248,000,000, or only \$5,000,000 less than in October and 30 per cent above November, 1921. Further increases in employment have taken place. The United States Employment service reports that expansion in employment thruout the country has been the greatest since January. A decided shortage especially of common labor and of building workers has developed in many places. Car loadings continue at a little over 995,000 cars weekly. The shortage of cars is less severe than a few weeks ago, but is still limiting the distribution of many commodities. In the week ending December 9 both stocks and bonds were more active, with prices back to the level of about a month ago.

Some improvement in French financial conditions is noted in cables from Paris. Outstanding currency, which expanded about 1,000,000,000 francs in September, has been reduced by 1,400,000,000 francs in October and November. Indirect tax and monopoly returns for October exceeded estimates. The general industrial situation, though spotty, has not shown much change. Wholesale and retail prices are rising. A tremendous increase in the floating debt of the German government and in circulation of the Reichs bank has been accompanied by an unprecedented increase in private discounts at the Reichsbank. Living costs are increasing out of proportion to wage advances, and food riots have occurred in many places.

Total and part time unemployment is increasing. Many industries report that prices are reaching world levels. Japanese exports exceeded imports in November by 23,000,000 yen, but total foreign trade was 11,000,000 yen less than in October.

FISHER WANTS DOLLAR VALUE

Appeals to Congress for Stabilization of Currency.

WASHINGTON—Professor Irving Fisher of Yale university, appearing before the house banking and currency committee, urged the enactment of legislation to stabilize the dollar. "Never before have such fluctuations been so wide, so universal, so diverse or so long continued," declared Professor Fisher. For years to come the problem of the instability of money will continue to engage the attention of economists, business men and statesmen.

"Deflation was wanted to do justice to pre-war creditors and doubtless it did so to the few pre-war creditors still surviving. But it did injustice to the much larger number of war and post-war debtors. We certainly have no right to choose our standard to help the few and hurt the many. We must recognize the fact that every disturbance of our standard makes it impossible to do justice to everybody. It should be an axiom of economic history that monetary instability leads straight to class conflict.

"The gold dollar is now fixed in weight and therefore variable in purchasing power. What we need is a gold dollar fixed in purchasing power and therefore variable in weight. The more the evidence in the case is studied the deeper will grow public conviction that our shifting dollar is responsible for colossal social wrong and is all the more at fault because these wrongs are usually attributed to other causes."

Letters Clutter Mails Cannot Be Delivered.

WASHINGTON—In a survey recently completed it has been discovered that the average number of incorrectly addressed letters received at postoffices throughout the United States daily reached 375,381. The overwhelming majority of this mail is sent out in the form of circular letters and advertising matter by large users of mail and private business concerns who use obsolete mailing lists.

Want Aliens To Fill Vacant Jobs

Manufacturers Howl When Cheap Labor Supply Gets Low.

WASHINGTON—W. W. Husbis is quoted in Nation's Business, the organ of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, as favoring modification of the immigration law so to admit aliens who would fill industrial needs of this country and at the same time possess qualities which would make them desirable residents of American communities. The commissioner is opposed, however, to opening the doors to all.

"In the last fiscal year 139,000 aliens entered the United States who, in their own country had been laborers and servants, and 126,000 who had followed similar occupations in this country departed so that practically nothing was added to the industrial man power of the country during that year. In the first three months of the present fiscal year, however, 69,000 aliens of this class were added and only 17,600 departed, indicating that the tide has turned and the present immigration is contributing at least something to the industrial forces of this country."

What's That?

Last year 8,000 people were killed and 6,000 more were injured as a result of fires. And still we permit countless breeding places for fires to go untouched. Ninety per cent of the fires in America may be traced to poor housekeeping methods and general carelessness.

BUREAU ELECTS OHIO MAN HEAD OF FEDERATION

O. E. Bradfute Is New President of Farm Bureau, Executive Committee Named.

CHICAGO—O. E. Bradfute, of Ohio, is the new president of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Dr. W. H. Walker of California is vice president. These officials were elected by the 59 voting directors in attendance at the fourth annual convention of the federation here.

The executive committee for 1923 is as follows:

Northeast group: Frank Smith of New York; Frank App of New Jersey; George Putnam of New Hampshire.

Central group: J. F. Reed of Minnesota; W. H. Settle of Indiana and Howard Leonard of Illinois.

Southern group: J. T. Orr of Texas; E. H. Woods of Kentucky; E. A. O'Neal of Alabama.

Western group: (C. S. Brown of Arizona; J. F. Burton of Utah; J. M. Rodgers of Colorado.

Of these four, Howard Leonard, J. T. Orr, C. S. Brown and J. F. Burton remain from last year's committee.

John W. Coverdale has been appointed by the executive committee as executive secretary for the new year. Mr. Coverdale has been executive secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation for two years.

The new executive committee went into session immediately after the close of the annual election.

Cooperative marketing was voted by the committee as the major project for 1923. A cooperative marketing director will be employed by the federation immediately.

Trunk Straps of Steel.

Trunk straps made of steel have been invented that are more durable than leather ones.

Sawed-Off Sermon.

Beware of the man who smiles when he is angry; he's dangerous. And beware of the man who looks glum when he's glad; he is probably a humorist.

Punchettes

by Rev. M. A. MATTHEWS, D. D., D. DEMOCRATIC CHURCH



You are frequently presented with the statement that the church is composed of classes. There was never a greater falsehood uttered. The most democratic institution on the earth is the church.

The Bible says that we are all included under sin. There isn't any man who is not classified as a sinner. Some may lie about it and say they are not sinners and some may lie about it and say there is no such thing as sin. But both of those statements are infallible proofs of the existence of sin and of the fact that we are all included under sin. That is democratic.

Those who are saved are saved by Christ; therefore all Christians, regardless of their name, are sinners saved by grace and all Christians are under grace. That is democratic.

There is only one qualification for joining the church; namely, belief in Christ.

The rich and the poor, the high and the low, the learned and the ignorant, the wise and the foolish, the good and the bad, the young and the old, the pretty and the ugly, are all members of the church.

Christ is the Saviour of all. And we meet in the common place to worship Jesus Christ. There is a common worship, and a common prayer.

The man in overalls, and the man in broadcloth, the woman in satin and the scrub woman in her apron, can sit down in the same pew, sing the same hymn, repeat the same prayer and worship the same Christ who died to save all.

The most democratic institution on either is the church of Jesus Christ.

M. A. Matthews

The Curse of Knowledge. "Earache," wrote Harry in his physiology examination, "comes from bits of information getting inside the ear tubes."—Chicago Herald.



The Standard of Comparison

Driving Comfort in Winter

The Buick "Model 45" Six Cylinder—\$1195

As complete as has been the development of the enclosed car, Buick designers have not neglected to improve the open type of car, building into it a measure of comfort, convenience and weather protection surpassed only by the more expensive closed vehicle.

Protection against wind and snow is assured by the snug-fitting storm curtains that open with the doors. The Buick design of storm curtains with a special weather strip provides a coziness, comparable to that of any closed car, while windshield wiper and tight fitting windshield, adjustable from within, make driving safe and comfortable.

Added to this, and equally important in winter driving, is the splendid performance that a Buick car always produces—its constant and surplus power—its roadability and perfect balance and its unquestioned dependability.

For cold weather driving there is no superior to the Buick open cars.

The Buick Line for 1923 Comprises Fourteen Models:

Four—23-34, \$865; 23-35, \$885; 23-36, \$1175; 23-37, \$1395; 23-38, \$1325. Sixes—23-44, \$1175; 23-45, \$1195; 23-41, \$1085; 23-47, \$1085; 23-48, \$1095; 23-49, \$1435; 23-50, \$2195; 23-54, \$1025; 23-55, \$1075. Prices f.o.b. Buick factories. Ask about the O.M.A.C. Purchase Plan, which provides for Deferred Payments.

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Shank Auto Co.

When better automobiles are built, Buick will build them

"Renewed hope, undaunted courage, and continuous effort" will be the New Year's slogan that will win.

Certainly the rigors of the year just passing were many, and include about everything from ruinous low prices on farm products to wage scale manipulation and unemployment. But the measure of man's power of resistance, his ability to receive financial punishment and still recuperate has never been made.

Today the personnel of SKAGGS STORES acknowledge with grateful thanks a very large patronage from this community in 1922. Our merchandising area has grown very large this year. Every kind of income and industry represented in the great northwest was served by our stores. The farming, the railroading, stock raising, mining, fruit-growing, lumbering, fishing, and even the commerce of the seas, have all played their part in helping SKAGGS STORES give to each community uniform low prices, based on a general low overhead cost.

We enter the New Year with the determination that our stores will be stores of continued community service—and to merit in every way the patronage we hope to receive.

Here's wishing a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

SKAGGS United Stores