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THE GAIN IS SLOW

Progress Towards Better Business Meeting Numerous Obstacles.

WEEK SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Rapid Advance in Cost of Meats Worst Feature to Consumers.

NEW YORK, April 15.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Progress toward better business continues, but it is slow and meets many obstacles. In speculative aspects and in wholesale demand for goods, the week shows improvement. Money markets are undisturbed and a little more active. Among the chief obstacles is the anxiety of the operatives to secure better wages, even while many manufacturing works are running without profit and others at the risk of loss. In a number of establishments better wages have been conceded, thus increasing the purchasing power of the people, but strikes have largely overbalanced settlements, several of importance having thrown about 12,000 workers

Out of Employment
this week. Retail trade has improved on the whole since March, as the approach of Easter brings more business, but distribution to individual consumers still lags behind purchases of jobbers and such demand for products as springs from building and other investments looking into the future. Crop prospects will greatly affect the course of trade for some months and the government report had little influence to discourage. For consumers the worst feature is the rapid advance in meats.

For the first time in a long period prices of commodities average a shade higher than a year ago, and in Great Britain also, owing to different causes, a slight advance occurred in March.

The Increase in Cattle and Oil.
The feature in trade circles is found in the price movement, more particularly those for cattle, dressed beef and petroleum. Drouth, low prices and "hard times" within two weeks have resulted in a shorter supply of cattle, prospectively 30 per cent less than last year. Live cattle are \$1.00 higher per 100 pounds than last year and \$1 higher than the lowest point this year. Dressed beef is 2½ cents higher than the average last year, the highest since 1885. Petroleum sold at \$1.57½ on Thursday, 62 cents higher than on Jan. 1 and 75 cents higher than a year ago, which is more than three times the lowest prices in 1892, and the highest quotations since 1878.

IS AN OIL FAMINE IN SIGHT?

Different Views of the Cause of the Rapid Rise in Price.

FINDLAY, O., April 15.—The oil producers of this region, which is the most active part of the Ohio petroleum field, are in an excited state of mind over the rapid rise in prices. They predict that the Standard will soon be paying \$1 for the stuff they condemned as worth only 10 cents a barrel a few years ago. The announcement was made at the office of the Buckeye pipe line that the prices of the day would be \$1.07 and \$1.05 for the two grades of Lima oil. From all that can be learned the producers in the Lima fields have an abundance of oil in their tanks, but are declining to sell, evidently on the belief that the

Top Notch Has Not Been Reached
in prices. While some of the oil producers regard the jump in prices with suspicion, of which possible schemes of the Standard company are the basis, others believe there is an actual oil famine in sight. The general belief is that while Ohio crude oil may not remain as high as \$1, it will command a price sufficient to greatly enhance the value of the field, which is the second largest in the world. New wells will be sunk in all directions in Northwestern Ohio unless the present rise in prices proves to be caused artificially.

CATLEMEN ELATED.

An Advance of \$25 a Head Makes New Mexicans Happy.

SANTA FE, N. M., April 15.—An advance of about \$25 in the price of beef cattle in the past month has served to elate the livestock dealers of New Mexico. Mutton has also gone much higher, showing a great advance. At the advanced prices some 4,000 cars of cattle will be shipped out over the Atchison during the next six weeks. In 1894 but 500,000 cattle were on the ranges of New Mexico, but during the past year the number reported for taxation is 250,000. Exports say at least 1,000,000 meat cattle are on Mexican ranges, and of this number 250,000 are ready for shipment. The sheep in the territory in 1890 were 1,900,000, and in 1894 they numbered over 2,000,000.

CREATED A SENSATION.

Impending Arrival of American Warships Stirs Up the Turks.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 15.—The impending arrival of the American warships San Francisco and Marblehead off the coast of Syria has created a sensation in government circles here. The United States minister, Mr. Alex. W. Terrell, replying to a question on the subject, said that the war vessels were only sent to protect American subjects.

New Gold Mines in Montana.

HARLEM, Mon., April 15.—For a year past miners have been at work in the Little Rockies, southeast of this place, with results most satisfactory, as evidenced by recent shipments of over \$50,000 of free milling gold ore to Great Falls for treatment. Mines on two belts or mineral zones have been opened up, Gold Bug and Buckeye, each series yielding rock bearing gold and silver assays running as high as \$40 a ton in gold. Experienced men are of the opinion that the new mines will develop into one of the largest gold camps in Montana.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

The Carson mint will soon be discontinued.

There is talk of putting copper bottoms on warships.

President Cleveland says he sees no reason for calling an extra session.

Charles H. Mansur of Missouri is seriously ill in Washington.

Receipts of the treasury are considerably less than expenditures at present.

President Cleveland is said to be very much annoyed at the result of the Chicago municipal election.

President Cleveland will not proclaim the Yankton reservation open till the state land matter is settled.

United States war vessels have been ordered to Syria because a massacre of American missionaries is feared.

The statement of the condition of the treasury shows available cash balance, \$185,584,404; gold reserve, \$90,319,310.

Meredith H. Kidd of Indiana, who has been a member of the Dawes commission for the past two years, has resigned.

The Concord has arrived at Chin Kiang, the Atlanta has arrived at Colon from Carthage, and the Alliance has arrived at New York.

Secretary Smith has denied the motion for reviewing the case of Angus McDonald et al., vs. Emil Hartman et al., coming from Duluth, Minn.

The treasury department has issued to all income tax collectors a series of supplemental instructions to conform to the recent decision of the supreme court.

POLITICAL NEWS.

George B. Swift has been installed mayor of Chicago.

At a meeting of Green Bay and Fort Howard (Wis.) councils it was decided to hold the election of officers for the united city on April 23.

The American Republican College league endorsed protection and bimetallism, elected L. D. Vaughan of the Chicago university president and decided to hold its next convention at Minneapolis.

UNFORTUNATE EVENTS.

Twenty-three miners were killed in an explosion near New Whatcom.

The Susquehanna rolling mill, at Columbia, Pa., has been destroyed by fire.

Four persons were killed and two fatally injured in an Ohio railway accident.

Two business blocks at Wheeling, W. Va., collapsed, burying seven persons in the ruins.

A bad wreck is reported on the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg railroad near Punxsutawney and four persons killed.

At Merrill, Wis., by the upsetting of some pitch on the stove, Mrs. Cotey and child were burned so badly that they died after terrible suffering.

FOREIGN NEWS.

General Martinez Campos is expected to land at Manzanillo Sunday.

There is a good sized war cloud hovering over Norway and Sweden.

Cholera has broken out among Japanese troops. There is great mortality. It is officially denied that there is any quarrel between Argentine and Chili.

A cablegram received by the editor of Outing says Bicyclist Lenz was murdered in Armenia.

British steamer Ethelred was fired upon and examined by a Spanish gunboat while passing Cape May, Cuba.

England has given the United States to understand that she desires no interference in the Venezuelan settlement.

At the annual meeting of the bimetallic league in London A. J. Balfour

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said England must change her financial policy.

The British Museum has withdrawn from public use the books in its collection, of which Oscar Wilde is the author.

French socialists are organizing a meeting to protest against sending a squadron of French war ships to Kiel, in order to take part in the ceremonies attending the opening of the Baltic and North sea canal in June next.

CRIMINAL NEWS.

Winona, Minn., aldermen are accused of crooked transactions.

Senator Goebel shot and killed Banker Sanford at Covington, Ky.

The postoffice at Springfield, Ill., was robbed of about \$8,000 worth of stamps.

An unknown young man and woman committed suicide in a Kalamazoo (Mich.) hotel.

An Iowa editor committed suicide at the feet of a young woman who refused to marry him.

Al Cummings, a negro teamster of Champaign, Ill., murdered his wife because she left him.

To save an innocent man, a stranger confessed a burglary at Youngstown, O., and promptly disappeared.

Large numbers of counterfeit 2 cent postage stamps have been sold. They are said to be of excellent workmanship.

Frederick W. Griffin, assistant cashier of the Northwestern National bank of Chicago, was arrested for stealing \$50,000.

Chief Hazen of the secret service has issued a circular of warning against a new counterfeit of a \$5 treasury note of the series of 1881.

H. C. St. John, son of ex-Governor St. John of Kansas, murdered his wife in their home near Oklahoma City, O. T. Jealousy was the cause.

Grant Griffin, colored, who murdered William Tibbs, a negro gambler, at La Crosse, Fla., was hanged privately in the county jail at Gainesville.

Charles A. Bishop, alias Charles A. Paine, an actor, who pleaded guilty some time ago to abducting Clara Veters, was sentenced to one year at Waupun by Judge Gilson of Fond du Lac.

SPORTING NEWS.

Intercollegiate football will be given another trial at Harvard under conditions.

Peter Maher has signed articles for a fight with Steve O'Donnell, to take place under the auspices of the Atlantic Athletic club at Coney Island on Thursday, May 30.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

Navigation has opened at Duluth.

A break in the Spirit Distillers' association is threatened.

According to Dun's and Bradstreet's business is much better.

The affairs of the Wood Harvester works are reported to be in excellent shape. The plant at St. Paul will soon be started up.

LABOR NEWS.

The Eureka mine at Ramsay, two miles from Bessemer, has closed down, throwing 100 men out of employment. It was caused by the ore playing out.

A new national organization of street railway employes has been formed at Cleveland, O., to take the place of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes which, it is claimed, is now practically dead.

RAILROAD NEWS.

The Pike's Peak Cog railway has been opened for the season.

A report that Northern Pacific lands are to be temporarily withdrawn from sale proves untrue.

An 80-hour snow blockade on the Rock island in Kansas Colorado was raised Monday night.

The Toledo, Ann Arbor and Northern road was sold to R. C. Marvin, representative of the bondholders committee, for \$200,000.

NEWS OF LEGISLATURES.

Senate of Illinois passed the Torrens land title bill, but three votes being cast against the measure.

The Michigan senate has passed the Jamison bill repealing the law under which Roman Catholic bishops can hold church property in trust.

Speaker Meyer of the Illinois house has ordered the preparation of a bill to extend the principles of civil service reform to the state departments.

Governor Morton has submitted to the New York legislature a message requesting the legislature to provide for a proper exhibit for the coming cotton exhibit in Georgia.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Judge Sloan of Wisconsin is dead. "Charlie" Chase, aged 72, known throughout New England as a lottery king, is dead.

Major George L. Torbert, formerly

postmaster of Dubuque, died suddenly, aged 64 years.

W. Jennings Demorest, the well-known prohibitionist, is dead, after a week's illness.

M. P. Wing, ex-state senator and for years president of the Bar association, died at La Crosse, Wis.

If England fights Nicaragua she must also fight all the other Central American republics, it is said.

Mrs. Paron Stevens, a prominent New York society leader, died of pneumonia after a brief illness, aged 61.

The French minister of foreign affairs made a spirited speech informing England that she can't have all Africa.

James H. Campbell, formerly minister to Sweden and Germany, died suddenly at his home in Wayne, Pa., Friday.

The marquis of Queensbury was acquitted in the proceedings brought against him by Oscar Wilde, and Wilde was arrested and locked up.

The number of divorce cases in France is steadily increasing, 60 per cent of the suits being brought by women. Bad treatment, insult and assault are the principal causes.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS.

Apaches are on the warpath in Arizona.

The Krag-Jorgensen army rifle was tested Monday with surprising results.

Seed grain and provisions are being distributed to Wisconsin fire sufferers.

Miss Florence Wickes, daughter of the Pullman vice president, has gone on the stage.

The ex-Union and ex-Confederate soldiers have begun their reunion on the Shiloh battlefield.

Six hundred tramps have created a reign of terror in the towns of Bivalve and Port Morris, N. J.

E. M. Phillips of Hamlin won first prize in the inter-collegiate oratorical contest at St. Paul Monday night.

Governor Clark of Arkansas, who attacked a member of the legislature, was fined for carrying concealed weapons.

The weather bureau inaugurated a new system of signals on the great lakes when navigation opened Wednesday.

The Chicago city council passed an order forbidding glove contests in Chicago because aldermen were denied free admission.

There has been no improvement in Assistant Comptroller Mansur's condition, and no hope of his recovery is entertained.

The Ann Arbor (Mich.) city council has appointed a committee to investigate the official conduct of the board of public works.

A new compound has been discovered that has sweetening qualities superior to sugar. It is derived from coal tar products.

Robert Louis Stevenson's estate will probably prove to be worth \$100,000 to \$150,000. Most of this will be from profits from his books.

Banker Holmes Arrested.

LAKE CITY, Minn., April 13.—W. F. Holmes, president of the Merchants' bank of this city, and who wrecked the bank by overdrafts, was arrested in the law office of his attorney, H. D. Stocker, in Minneapolis, by Deputy Sheriff Kennebec of Wabasha, on a charge of grand larceny and brought to this city. Holmes had a hearing before Justice Wells. He has furnished bonds to the amount of \$7,500.

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