

DEMAND MORE ACTIVE.

Improvement Reported by Jobbers in Sales of Seasonable Staples.

Depleted Stocks of Retailers the Cause of the Present Activity.

General Outlook More Favorable Than for Several Months Past.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—Bradstreet's says: The feeling among jobbers and manufacturers last week that an improvement in demand for seasonable staples was in sight was evidently well founded for at more than a dozen centers South and West demand is now more active, the volume of sales has increased and the general outlook is much more favorable for business later in autumn. Notwithstanding the Labor day interruption the week's volume of business is slightly heavier, however, several cities reporting a larger demand this week to replenish depleted stocks than during two preceding months, notably among jobbers in groceries, hardware, dry goods, millinery, hats and shoes. The most marked improvement is at Chicago, St. Louis, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Pittsburg, Charleston and Augusta, although other cities have reported a better feeling and prospect for more active demand. No such gain has taken place in financial as in commercial circles. New Orleans bank failures have resulted in restriction in loans and volume of trade at a time when the early movement of cotton and sugar prospects had stimulated trade.

THE AMERICAN DOMINATES.

He Controls the Financial Situation for the Present.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—The St. James Gazette, commenting on the rise in the bank rate and the causes of the outflow of gold, says:

"At any rate, it is the American who dominates the financial situation, and he is likely to continue to do so until the election in November, and afterwards."

"As regards the prospects of the election, most Englishmen assume confidently that McKinley will be elected, and he probably will be, though it seems to us undesirable to speculate too freely on the elections in a country where public opinion is easily irritated by anything in the nature of English patronage or criticism."

No Reason to Love Either.

Englishmen have no particular reason to regard with affection a party leader whose platform includes a virulent denunciation of England, and the open threat that English debts will be paid in depreciated currency. On the other hand there is no occasion why they should enthuse over a statesman whose chief political environment has been to raise Chinese wall tariffs around American industries, in order to maintain and penalize the British exporter. Besides it would do no good in the long run. If McKinley is supposed to have won with the help of English gold and influence, the reaction will be all the more intense when Bryan comes in, as is not improbable, in 1900, even though beaten in November."

INFLOW OF GOLD.

Not Likely to Be Checked by New Discount Rate.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Treasury officials are not inclined to the belief that the action of the Bank of England in raising the discount rate from 2 per cent to 2½ per cent will necessarily result in a prompt cessation of gold imports. Gold is always paid by the Bank of England on demand, in exchange for Bank of England notes and the only effect on gold importations, it is said, can be the indirect one of tightening the money market. But even with this advance, it is thought that importers in the present condition of the market, can afford to pay the ½ per cent and still make a profit. Nor are they confined to London for their supply, as is shown by the fact that a considerable proportion of the recent importations come from France. Altogether the officials do not regard the situation as at all serious, and confidently expect gold importations to continue.

Five Millions Deposited.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—Lazard Freres have deposited \$3,000,000 in gold at the subtreasury in exchange for legal tenders. The steamships Britannic and Fuerst Bismarck brought \$613,000 and \$597,500 gold, respectively, making the aggregate amount received \$23,172,050. The bank of British North America will deposit at the subtreasury in exchange for legal tenders the \$1,000,000 gold received on the Fuerst Bismarck. Total deposits for the day were \$5,000,000.

Adopt a Plan of Campaign.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 14.—A secret meeting of the candidates on the Democratic state ticket is being held here. The object is to adopt a plan of campaign. The refusal of the gold Democrats to put up a state ticket has acted as a stimulus to the nominees of the regular Democracy, and the party will make a vigorous fight.

Manley Confident.

AUGUSTA, Me., Sept. 14.—Joseph H. Manley, chairman of the Republican state committee, summarized the situation in Maine as follows: "We shall poll (in Monday's election) the largest Republican vote ever thrown. We shall give the largest majority ever given in a presidential year."

SPORTING NEWS.

Fitzsimmons has challenged Corbett and Corbett has accepted.

The Prince of Wales' Persimmon won the St. Leger stakes at Doncaster. G. H. Whitaker of the Chicago Athletic association, has established a new swimming record.

The Canadian cricketers won the annual international match from the Philadelphians by 40 runs.

"Mysterious" Billy Smith and James Ryan of Australia, fought at Astoria, Ore. Smith lost on a foul.

RAILROAD NEWS.

Heavy cuts in salaries of Northern Pacific employes are announced.

Rate demoralization is likely to occur between Chicago and St. Paul on account of G. A. R. tickets.

The Central Traffic association has decided to make cheap rates to Canton to any party of 40 or more who make pilgrimage.

At the annual meeting of the Chicago Great Western road the net earnings during the last fiscal year were shown to be \$1,398,578, an increase of \$550,220.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Sewall Gillam, the father of the late famous cartoonist, is dead.

Professor Luimieri, the celebrated Italian meteorologist, is dead.

Annie Livingston, for years the common law wife of John L. Sullivan, died at Bellevue hospital, New York.

R. B. Stillson, formerly auditor of the Arkansas and Southern Railroad company, died in the Arkansas penitentiary.

Dr. George B. Goode, assistant secretary of the Smithsonian institution, and probably the leading authority on fish and fisheries in the United States, died of bronchial pneumonia, aged 45 years.

Judge George S. Rogers, one of the pioneers of Superior, was found dead in his bath tub, the cause assigned being heart disease. Judge Rogers was one of the most prominent citizens of Superior.

UNFORTUNATE EVENTS.

An opera house fire at Benton Harbor, Mich., resulted in loss of life to 11 firemen.

An explosion of nitroglycerine at Pinole, Cal., wrecked a store house and killed 12 workmen.

By the wrecking of an excursion train near English, Ind., two persons were fatally and eight seriously injured.

The 8-year-old son of Nicolai Nelson of Aastad, Minn., accidentally shot and killed his 6-year-old sister with a 22-calibre rifle.

Four people were injured, one perhaps fatally, by an accident on the depot incline of the Ninth street cable line at Kansas City.

While a crew were threshing on the farm of Herbert Lossing near Sanilac Center, Mich., the boiler exploded, killing three and severely wounding two others.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

The First National Bank of Beatrice, Neb., has suspended.

Iron mines on the Mesaba range have nearly all closed down.

The Edgar Thompson steel works at Pittsburg have closed indefinitely.

According to Bradstreet's there is a somewhat better feeling in business circles.

The Consolidated Electric Railway company of Fort Wayne, Ind., has passed into the hands of a receiver.

The J. B. Watkins Land and Mortgage company of Lawrence, Kan., was placed in the hands of receivers. Liabilities, \$4,250,000.

The coal trust has added another 25 cents on coal, making the price at Duluth \$6.75, or \$1.50 above the price at this time last year.

The Columbus (O.) Central street railway company has been placed in the hands of a receiver. George H. Worthington of Cleveland being appointed.

The failure of the First National Bank of Helena was announced by the posting of a notice that the bank was unable to meet withdrawals demanded of it. Creditors will be paid in full.

LOOKING FOR TROUBLE

Believed Germany May Attempt to Reinstate the Zanzibar Pretender.

English Demand His Surrender but the German Authorities Refuse.

British Troops in Egypt Prepared for the Advance on Dongola.

ZANZIBAR, Sept. 14.—The belief is prevalent here that Germany does not intend to acquiesce in the action taken by the British government, through Rear Admiral Henry Rawson, in appointing Hamoud Bin Mahammed Bin Said sultan of Zanzibar. Said Khalid, the alleged usurper, has been at the German consulate ever since the fall of the palace, on Aug. 27, and in spite of the request of the British consul for his surrender, there has been no disposition manifested on the part of the German officials to give him up. Rumors are now in circulation here that it is the intention of the German authorities to reinstate Said Khalid on the throne from which he was deposed by force of British arms. These rumors have caused great uneasiness here. There is a feeling that Germany is not acting in a friendly spirit, and is seeking to make an issue with Great Britain.

ON TOWARD DONGOLA.

England Massing Troops in Egypt Preparatory to a General Advance.

CAIRO, Egypt, Sept. 14.—Dispatches just received from the front, say that the North Staffordshire regiment, numbering about 900 men arrived at Kosheh camp, the southernmost fortified post on the Nile, and will be pushed forward to Absarrat. The third brigade has reached Absarrat safely and the main body of cavalry is arriving there.

The cavalry scouts report the dervishes still in view south of Duglo, but the enemy retreats at the slightest sign of a forward movement. The Anglo-Egyptian scouts, feeling the way for the advance guard, are steadily pushing on to Kasbar, 14 miles further south, which will be the next place occupied. The troops, black and white, are full of enthusiasm and anxious for a brush with the enemy. The weather is hot in the extreme, but the soldiers are benefitting from being on the move.

All the troops taking part in the expedition are now on the march towards Dongola.

Duglo, hitherto held by a small force of cavalry, is being fortified and added to the string of depots connecting the expedition with Wady Halfa, the real base of supplies.

The intelligence department reports the dervishes gathering in force north of Dongola.

Skirmishes between the dervishes and the Anglo-Egyptian scouts are expected at any moment.

Thus the advance of the British-Egyptian expedition up the river Nile, win Dongola, if not Khartoum, as its objective point, is now in full swing, after months of struggling with terrific heat and cholera, during which the work of railroad building and passing gunboats in sections up the river and over the cataracts has been carried on incessantly under the direction of British officers, a number of whom have already given up their lives as a sacrifice to the task.

A white man and two negroes, all murderers, were hanged at Paris, Tex.

Unknown persons fired W. A. Dangle's home at Chadron, Neb., killing two babies and nearly killing the parents.

Walling and Jackson, convicted of Pearl Bryan's murder, planned to escape from jail at Covington, Ky. A prisoner peached.

A saloon brawl at Minoqua, Wis., resulted in the death of Moses Gravel, 35 years old, at the hands of Alex Hagen. The latter gave himself up.

The skeleton of a middle-aged man has been found under the old Jesse James house at St. Joe. Supposed to be another victim of the outlaw.

The bodies of Lou Wilson, a farmer, his wife and a 4-year-old son were found dead on their farm near Neponset, Ills. All were shot through the temple.

The Mexican government is making an effort to extradite Santa Teresa, the maiden "healer," her father and Senor Aguirre, editor of a Mexican paper at El Paso, Tex., which recently criticized President Diaz and his administration very severely.

Dorman Musgrove and Henry A. Cligmars, who shot and killed Sheriff Rogers of Glencoe, Minn., while resisting arrest less than three months ago, were taken from the jail by a mob and hanged to a bridge. Disappointment at what seemed miscarriage of justice was the cause.

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