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## Decline in Trade of Foreign Countries.

Trade conditions in practically all sections of the commercial world show a decline, measured in values of merchandise imported and exported, as compared with those of a year ago. The latest figures received by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor show that both imports and exports fall below those of last year in a very large proportion of the countries for which it has statements.

The Bureau of Statistics receives reports of the monthly or quarterly imports and exports of practically all the commercial countries of the world, and is thus able to compare trade conditions in the last month of the accumulated months of the year with corresponding periods of preceding years. These figures show, as above indicated, smaller sums as the total value of the imports of a large proportion of countries, and in most cases a decline also on the export side. The imports of the United Kingdom, for example, in the nine months ending with March, 1909, amounted to 2,194 million dollars, against 2,328 millions in the corresponding months of the preceding year; and the exports of domestic products in the same months amounted to 1,343 million dollars, against 1,552 millions in the corresponding months of the preceding year. Imports into Germany in the twelve months ending with December, 1908, amounted in value to 1,980 million dollars, against 2,382 millions in the preceding twelve months; the exports in the same period amounted to 1,607 million dollars, against 1,620 millions in the preceding twelve months. Russia shows slight gains in imports, the figures for the twelve months ending with December, 1908, being imports 385 millions, against 361 millions in the preceding twelve months; though exports show a decline, being 483 millions in the twelve months ending with December, 1908, against 511 millions in the preceding twelve months.

Austria shows a slight decline in both imports and exports, the figures for the month of January, 1909, being imports 39 million dollars, against 49 1-2 millions in the preceding January; exports 32 3-4 millions, against 33 millions in the corresponding month of the preceding year. Belgium shows an increase in imports for the two months ending with February, 1909, their value being 105 million dollars, against 98 millions in the corresponding period of the preceding year; but a decline in exports, the figure being for the two months ending with February, 1909, 60 million dollars, against 73 1-2 millions in the same month of 1908. The Australian Commonwealth shows for the twelve months ending with December, 1908, imports 239 millions, against 252 millions in the preceding twelve months; exports 301 millions, against 340 millions in the preceding twelve months. Brazil shows a drop in both imports and exports, the imports for the twelve months ending with last December being 173 millions, against 197 millions in the preceding year; and the exports 215 millions in 1908, against 264 millions in 1907. Canada shows also a decline in both imports and exports, the figures for the eleven months ending with February, 1909, being imports 254 millions, against 322 millions in the same months of the preceding year; and exports 224 millions, against 229 millions in the corresponding months of the preceding year.

Cuba shows a slight increase in imports, but a marked decline in exports, the imports for the twelve months ending with June, 1908, being in round terms 97 millions, against 96 1-2 millions in the preceding twelve months; exports 97 1-2 millions, against 110 3-4 millions in the preceding year. India also shows a decline in both imports and exports, the value of the imports in the ten months ending with January, 1909, being 258 million dollars, against 267 millions in the corresponding period of the preceding year; exports 389 millions in the 1909 period, against 471 millions in the corresponding months of the preceding year. Japan for the two months ending with February, 1909, shows imports 35 millions, against 47 1-2 millions in the corresponding months of the preceding year; exports 28 millions, against 25 millions in the corresponding months of the preceding year. Mexico shows a decrease in both imports and exports, the imports being, in the seven months ending with January, 1909, 43 million dollars, against 71 millions in the corresponding months of the preceding year; exports 65 1-2 millions, against 73 millions in the same months of the

## MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

### What is Transpiring in North Carolina and Other States.

State Chairman Adams loses out in his race for internal Revenue Commissioner.

The Municipal elections throughout the State generally resulted in victories for Democracy.

Ex-Governor Glenn continues to make reputation for himself and his State as a platform lecturer.

Judges McPherson and Phillips of the Federal Bench in Missouri will be impeached during this session of Congress.

Dr. Zollicoffer of Weldon, is winning a name for himself and his county by his work in the laymen's movement.

The Governor has granted pardon to Major Martin who stole sixteen thousand dollars worth of State bonds during the Russell Regime.

Mr. Roosevelt is going after the big game as he has gone after everything else. He now has six lions to his credit. Holding the championship in the district in which he is stationed.

Ahoskie, the first town to take the step in Hertford county has recently voted bonds for the erection of a high school building, and has also voted for the imposition of a special tax. It is pleasing to note this sign of educational progress in that district.

Last week in Rome Lieutenant Calderara, one of the pupils of the Wright brothers in Aerial Navigation, while making a flight with the Wright machine, was perhaps fatally injured. He had ascended in the machine to a height of 100 feet when suddenly the motor stopped, the car standing stationary for a minute, then dropped like a shot. The car was completely wrecked and Calderara seriously hurt.

The agitation for good roads is being begun in all sections of the State. Many sections of the State have already taken active steps in the movement that has been instituted for the improvement of our public highways, and it is hoped that ere long visible results may be effected. Not only in this, but in other States is the campaign for good roads being waged, and when the farmers and general public come to realize their importance it will not be long before an improved system of public highways will traverse the length and breadth of our whole country.

Last Thursday, May 6th, Chairman Norman E. Mack, of the Democratic National Committee, issued the first number of his magazine, the National Monthly. Among the notable contributors to the first number are John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, and Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia. Mr. Mack, in an editorial devoted to the discussion of party affairs, says:

"While I have pronounced views on questions of party policy, and propose from time to time to give expression to them, I do not propose to enter upon a campaign of disagreement. What the party wants now is more issues on which we can agree, fewer on which we disagree. Because we have met with reverses within the past forty years, we must not accept the expression that Democracy is inherently weak."

At one time it was thought that the special session of Congress that is being held to revise the tariff laws would adjourn sometime between the 15th of June and the 1st of July. The consensus of opinion now is, however, that the session will continue for a time longer, and the real tariff revision bill remains to be framed in conference. Whatever influence President Taft feels that he can bring to bear upon the conference for the passage of a satisfactory bill will be exerted. The President desires and hopes that the revenues from the new tariff bill, what with economies in the administration of government, will be sufficient to avoid all deficits. If this should not prove to be the case, he will favor a graduated Federal inheritance tax. In no aspect of the case, does he favor an income tax. Should he find that the inheritance tax would not meet all the requirements, he would favor the imposition of an excise tax on the dividends of corporations.

"I hate Brown. He was my rival and almost won the woman who is my wife." Well, what of it. He didn't succeed?" "No; that's why I hate him."—Boston Transcript.

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## Good Roads a Question of National Importance.

The report of the Country Life Commission, appointed by the President of the United States to consider the condition of the farmers and recommend remedies for existing deficiencies in country life, was submitted to Congress on February 9th, 1909, together with a message from the President. While the Commission purposely avoided endorsing any particular bill now before Congress, it does make certain specific recommendations. On the subject of highway improvement the Commission makes the following statement and suggestions:

"The demand for good highways is general among the farmers of the entire United States. Education and good roads are the two needs most frequently mentioned in the hearings. Highways that are usable at all times of the year are now imperative, not only for the marketing of produce, but for the elevation of the social and intellectual status of the open country and the improvement of health by insuring better medical and surgical attendance.

"The advantages are so well understood that arguments for better roads are not necessary here. Our respondents are now concerned largely with the methods of organizing and financing the work. With only unimportant exceptions, the farmers who have expressed themselves to us on this question consider the Federal Government is fairly under obligation to do the work.

"We hold that the development of a fully serviceable highway system is a matter of national concern, coordinate with the development of waterways and the conservation of our native resources. It is absolutely essential to our internal development. The first thing necessary is to provide expert supervision and direction and to develop a national plan. All the work should be co-operative between the Federal Government and the States. The question of Federal appropriation for highway work in the States may well be held in abeyance until a national service is provided and tested. We suggest that the United States Government establish a highway engineering service, or equivalent organization, to be at the call of the States in working out effective and economical highway systems."

The report and recommendations of the Commission are highly valuable, as its careful investigation, including personal visits to all sections of the country, and correspondence with 550,000 residents of the country districts as to the most pressing needs of the farmers for the improvement of their condition, shows that public sentiment is unanimous in favor of better roads as a practical means of supplying existing deficiencies in country life.

In his message to Congress accompanying the Commission's report the President summarizes the conclusions arrived at by the Commission, and states that as the result of its investigations the following three great general and immediate needs of country life stand out:

"First, effective co-operation among farmers, to put them on a level with the organized interests with which they do business.

"Second, a new kind of schools in the country, which shall teach the children as much outdoors as indoors and perhaps more, so that they will prepare for country life, and not as at present, mainly for life in town.

"Better means of communication, including good roads and a parcels post, which the country people are everywhere, and rightly, unanimous in demanding."

The satisfaction of the first two of these needs will be greatly facilitated by the adoption of a system of improved roads extending through all the farming sections of the country. Bad roads are the chief obstacle to co-operation among the farmers, and improved roads will make co-operation possible.

The need for a new kind of country schools cannot be met so long as our dirt roads, which at certain seasons are almost impassable, prevent the attendance of the farmer's children at centralized schools where they could have all the advantages of a graded school in connection with a high school. Central schools of this kind are now being established in some sections of the country, where good roads permit of the pupils of an entire township being transported to them daily from their homes, and with the extension of improved roads this school system would be-

## Protection.

Fence our Europe rivals out; Keep the duty steep; Save our honest workingman From foreign labor cheap. Build a tall old tariff wall. Thus produce a dearth And make the honest workingman pay Twice what things are worth. When his cheeks are thin with want And thinner is his calf? Fill his place with an immigrant Who'll do his work half.

come general. It can thus be seen that of the three reforms which in the opinion of the President have been shown to be urgently desirable, road improvement is the most important, as it would aid in making the others practicable. That highway improvement is the most important economic reform has long been urged by the farmers, who through their principal organization, the National Grange, have been persistently agitating for the adoption of a policy of Federal aid for good road construction and maintenance. The declaration by the Country Life Commission that the establishment of a fully serviceable highway system is a matter of national concern, absolutely essential to our internal development, should serve to hasten the enactment of legislation providing for the creation of a National Highways Commission, and making liberal appropriations for carrying on its work.

"Peculiar woman, my wife; very literal. Why, the pin money I give her, she invariably spends for pins." "Um! Overstocked, aren't you?" "Oh, no, you see there are hat, hair, neck, shawl, safety, clothes and rolling pins. When this list is exhausted, I've no doubt she'll have us dining on terrapins." Boston Transcript.

### The Coming of the Christ.

It appears that nearly all of the prophecies of the Bible for the "Time of the end" have been fulfilled, as have also been those of the books of the other great religious systems: "Knowledge increased," "Ends of the earth brought together," "Gospel preached to all nations," "Every man's hand against brother," "Famines, pestilences, earthquakes in divers places," "Nation against nation, kingdom against kingdom," "Changes of times and seasons," "Running to and fro—falling away of belief of God," "False Christs and prophets," and the fulfillment of the predictions for such things as battleships, bullets, automobiles, incubators, threshing machines, water meters, electricity, telegraph, trusts, streets of cities filled with boys and girls, etc., etc.

We are warned that his coming would be silently "As a thief," that it would come in so subtle a manner that "If it were possible it would deceive the very elect," that it would come upon all silently "As a thief," that it would be even as a "Snare upon all them that are upon the whole surface of the earth"—and finally that caution and the query:—"Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." "When the son of man cometh, will he find faith upon the earth."

Could it be possible that history may have repeated itself and He be upon the earth now, in humble and obscure way, as before? Were we to hear of a Holy Soul—most likely in the East, as before—how might we satisfy ourselves whether he was the Christ or the anti-Christ.—Work and Works.

### "My Young Sister"

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