

## Financial Conditions Over the Country.

### BRITISH TRADE EXHAUSTED.

London, Dec. 17.—While it is generally acknowledged that trade is seriously slackening, the latest returns of the Board of Trade do not show any cause for alarm. The tide of prosperity has certainly turned, but it is not running out very fast. In view of these facts, special attention has been devoted to a statement by Sir Walter Runciman, the head of the great shipping firm of Runciman & Co., of Newcastle.

Speaking at the ceremony of the launching of a vessel on Saturday, he said trade seemed utterly exhausted all over the world. He had never known such a sudden collapse in freights as had just taken place.

One reason for this might be the abnormally mild Autumn which had caused less food to be eaten, thus leaving large stocks on hand. "We are in for very bad depression," he said, "and only up-to-date boats will be able to keep running."

This is the most pessimistic statement that has come from any prominent business man this year. It must be added that many other important shipping men, while admitting that trade is receding, absolutely refuse to accept Sir Walter Runciman's utterly dependent view of the prospects of 1914.

### FRISCO DISMISSES 400 TELEGRAPHERS.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 28.—The discontinuance of the telegraphic system of railroad communication by the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad, in the event of the telegraphers' strike, was indicated tonight by the dismissal of 400 Frisco telegraphers and the removal of telegraph instruments at all points on the main line.

Tonight the road began to transform its telegraph lines into a telephone system for railroad communication.

### 101,545 IDLE CARS ON DEC. 15.

A striking illustration of the remarkable change in business conditions in America in the last 12 months is furnished by the fortnightly bulletin of the American Railway Association which shows 101,545 idle cars on the railroads of the United States and Canada on Dec. 15, 1913. This is an increase of 44,311 cars over the report of Dec. 1 and compares with a car shortage of 34,392 on Dec. 14, 1912.

### 13 COTTON MILLS DISSOLVE.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 28.—Thirteen cotton mills in South Carolina, owned or controlled by the Parker Mills Co., with an aggregate capital stock in excess of \$3,800,000, filed certificates of dissolution of charter with the Secretary of State today. The charters were dissolved.

"This action is only a step in the organization of the so-called Parker merger," stated H. C. Welborn, of Columbia, general manager of the Hampton Mills, a component company of the Parker Mills Company. "This step was necessitated when the Parker Mills Company, the holding company, took over these mills two years ago."

### McCABE COTTON FIRM IN BANKRUPTCY.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 27.—Involuntary bankruptcy proceedings were here today against W. Gordon McCabe & Co., a cotton compressing firm. John Maybank and R. G. Rhett, of Charleston, were named as receivers, the bond being fixed at \$50,000 each.

No definite state of the assets and liabilities of the concern was announced. New York and Richmond, Va., banks are interested in the firm's affairs.

### GERMANS DRIFT TO CITIES.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 20.—That Germany is facing a serious problem because of the drift of people from the rural districts into cities and industrial centers, was stated in a lecture at Johns Hopkins University yesterday by Prof. Carl Rathgen, of the Colonial Institute at Hamburg, and Kaiser Wilhelm exchange professors at Columbia University this year.

To feed this great city population, Professor Rathgen said, Germany would have to import in ever-increasing quantities food for its people and grain and fodder for its livestock. He added that whereas in 1882 something like 19,000,000 people in Germany

## any were engaged in agricultural pursuits today the number is less than 18,000,000.

### SEIGEL STORES CORPORATION FAILS.

Boston, Dec. 30.—The chain of Seigel Stores in Chicago, New York and Boston went into the hands of receivers today. John S. Shepard, Jr., and William A. Marble were appointed receivers of the Simpson, Crawford Company, and the Fourteenth Street Store, of New York, Henry Siegel & Co., and the Merchants Express Co., Boston.

Other receivers were named for Henry Siegel & Co., bankers. The receivership is a friendly proceeding.

The Siegel Stores Corporation was incorporated in 1907 in Delaware. It controls the Fourteenth Street Store and Simpson, Crawford & Co., in New York, and the Henry Siegel Co., Boston, and Seigel-Cooper Co., Chicago.

Henry Siegel is president of the corporation and active manager of the four stores. The authorized capital stock is \$2,000,000 preferred and \$8,275,000 common stock. The gross business of the corporation has been about \$40,000,000 annually.

### HAWES HATE RECEIVERSHIP.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 29.—George Matthias, of Seymour, was today appointed by Federal Judge Thomas receiver of the E. J. Von Gal Hat Co., and of Hawes Von Gal, Incorporated, of Danbury. He filed a bond of \$25,000 and was authorized to borrow \$25,000 to carry on the business. The assets of the two concerns are given as \$532,343 and liabilities \$233,655.

The action was on complaint of H. Linsley Johnson, of Englewood, N. J., trustee of the estate of Isabelle H. Hawes, of New York, who sets up a secret agreement in which Edward Von Gal obtained as a mere gratuity a writing interest in the estate.

Edward Von Gal was owner of a half interest in the Hawes die. The business was established by Benjamin Hawes in 1902 and a corporation was formed in 1912. A loss is alleged in 1913.

### RECEIVER FOR HARBOR FIRM.

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—The United States Court appointed a receiver for the Breakwater Company of this city, today. The assets of the company are placed between one and two million dollars and the liabilities at between three and four millions. The business of the company is jetty building and harbor protection.

Lack of working capital is assigned as one of the reasons for the financial difficulties of the company. It is stated that the company has several valuable contracts with the Government in operation and it was for the purpose of having these fulfilled that a receiver was asked for. Counsel stated if these contracts were carried out all claims against the company will be wiped out.

### SAVINGS BANK CLOSES.

Putnam, Conn., Dec. 29.—The Putnam Savings Bank was closed today by order of the State Banking Commissioners. The president is John M. Paine and the treasurer, Joseph Tourrette. The total deposits are placed at \$2,865,739.

The reason announced for temporarily closing the bank was that large holdings of railroad bonds showed depreciation impairing the assets to a point where heavy withdrawals of deposits could not be met.

In October the declaration of a dividend at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. a decrease of one-half of one per cent. in the rate, was followed by withdrawals. The bank used the four months notice rule. That time would soon expire and as the bank would be unable to market securities without considerable loss the bank commissioners were called in.

### COTTON BROKERS FAIL.

Athens, Ga., Jan. 1.—A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed here this afternoon by the firm of Griffin & Welch, cotton dealers. Liabilities were placed at \$78,000, and assets at \$58,000. J. W. Welch, junior member of the firm, refused to join in the petition.

### S. B. Griffin, senior member of Griffin & Welch, also filed an individual voluntary petition in bankruptcy. He has his liabilities at \$70,000 and his assets at \$43,000.

### VERMONT SLATE COMPANY FAILS.

Rutland, Vt., Dec. 29.—Liabilities of \$197,800 are shown in the bankruptcy petition of the Vermont Slate Company, with quarries in Pawlet and offices in Granville, N. Y. The assets are stated to be \$281,359. There are more than 600 creditors, among the heaviest being the Williams Slate Co., the Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Toledo, Ohio, and the Old Citizens' Bank of Ohio.

## Pretty Wedding Occurred at McLeansville Church.

The marriage of Miss Georgina Elizabeth Wilson to Richard Thomas Brett, which took place in Bethel Presbyterian church near McLeansville, Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, was one of pronounced elegance. The general effect and detail, the beauty of the costumes, the floral decorations, were its distinguishing characteristics.

The spacious church in which the ceremony was performed was first darkened, then beautified with soft lights from candles, the beauty of this effect being enhanced by the beautiful decorations of evergreens.

Proceeding the entrance of the bridal party, Miss Thurston, of Burlington, sang "I Love You Truly," and "Oh, Promise Me." As Miss Lessie Lindsay played Mendelssohn's wedding march on the piano the bridal party entered. Little Misses Allie King and Margaret Vaughn entered first, coming down the aisles opening the white gates which lead a way to the altar.

Then came the bridesmaids and the groomsmen: Miss Edna Wharton and Ben V. May, Miss Bessie Clapp and L. L. Patterson, Miss Anthea Clapp and C. S. Hinshaw. The bridesmaids wore white lingerie gowns with yellow sashes. Then came the maid of honor, Miss Lois Wilson, sister of the bride, wearing pink charmeuse and carrying pink carnations. The ring bearer, Little Miss Lois Allred, of Greensboro, entered next, carrying the ring embedded in a large pink carnation.

The bride, beautifully gowned in white charmeuse, trimmed with white pearls with tulle veil, edged with real lace and carrying a shower bouquet of carnations and ferns, came next, leaning on the arm of her father, Eli D. Wilson, who gave her in marriage. The groom with his best man, S. H. Sherrill, of Charlotte, entered from the Sunday school room, and meeting his bride in front of the altar, which was elaborately decorated with evergreens and lighted with candles, where the ceremony was performed, Rev. R. E. Redding, the bride's pastor, officiating.

Immediately following the ceremony the Wilson home was the scene of a brilliant reception until 9 o'clock last night. A large number of invited guests were present to enjoy the festivities of the evening.

Amid showers of congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Brett left at 9:30 o'clock for Greensboro, where they took a northbound train for Washington and other points north. They will make their home in Akron, Ohio, where the groom holds a responsible position with the Good Year Tire & Rubber Company. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. C. Wilson, of McLeansville, and is held in high esteem by many admiring friends, who regret to see her leave.

Among the out-of-town guests attending the wedding were Misses Anthea Clapp, Mae Barrett, Ruth Thurston, Messrs. L. L. Patterson, B. V. May, Miss McConnell, of Charlotte; Mrs. King, and Misses Margaret Vaughn, Allie King and Lois Allred, of Greensboro.

### Wood-Patterson.

A very quiet wedding took place in the Christian Church on Wednesday evening the 31st, when Mr. John A. Woods and Miss Martha A. Patterson both of Burlington, were made man and wife by the pastor, Rev. A. B. Kendall. Only a few friends were present.

### Jennings-Brown.

Mr. Robert B. Jennings and Miss Mattie Jordan Brown were married December 31, at 6:00 p. m.

The marriage was performed by The Rev. T. S. Brown. The only person outside of the immediate family present was the groom's brother, Mr. Julius Jennings, of Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings left on a trip to New York. They expect to be "at home" in Columbia, S. C., after January 10th, where Mr. Jennings is a prominent cotton broker.

Tommy—"Dad, what is a jury?" Dad—"A body of men organized to find out who has the best lawyer, my son."—Cincinnati Enquirer.  
Maid—"There's a man called with a bill, ma'am."  
Mistress—"Tell him we have some already."—London Opinion.  
"Gladson is a man whose distinguishing trait is self-approval."  
"I understand now why everybody says he is easy to please."—Birmingham Aves-Herald.

## Miss Virginia Townsend the Bride of P. A. Hayes.

Greensboro, Jan. 1.—Centenary M. E. Church was the scene of a pretty wedding last night when Miss Virginia Townsend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Townsend, was united in marriage to Mr. P. A. Hayes. The ceremony which was performed promptly at 8:30 o'clock, was witnessed by a large number of friends of the young couple. The church was beautifully decorated with ferns, cut flowers, smilax and numberless candles.

Preceding the entrance of the bridal party Miss Cecil Stigall sang, "I Love You Truly," and Mrs. W. M. Yearby sang, "All For You."

As Miss Sallie Embrey played Lohegrin's wedding march on the organ the bridal party entered. Little Miss Dorothy Hudson and Roy Bumpass entered first, coming down the side aisles and opening the white gates and making a way open to the altar. They were followed by the bridesmaids and groomsmen who were Miss Bertha Jacobs and William P. Townsend; Miss Ethel McNairy and G. C. Hayes; Miss Jessie Sumner and G. A. Isley; Miss Bessie McNairy and A. B. Beasley; Miss Lola Sweeney and N. Rush Hodgkin; Miss Margaret Freeman and John E. Justice; Miss Mary Gray Newlin and J. C. Freeman. The bridesmaids wore dresses of blue crepe meteor with white lace overdress and carrying pink Killarney roses. Then came the maid of honor, Mrs. Floyd Lamb, sister of the bride, wearing pink broadcloth charmeuse and carrying pink sweet peas, who was followed by Miss Bessie Townsend, maid of honor and sister of the bride, dressed in blue broadcloth charmeuse and carrying pink sweet peas. The ring bearer, little Miss Margaret Lamb, niece of the bride entered next.

The bride, beautifully dressed in white charmeuse with duchess lace and trimmed in pearls, wearing a pretty pearl La Valliere, the gift of the groom, and carrying a shower bouquet of brides roses and lillies of the valley, came next on the arm of her brother, James R. Townsend, who gave her in marriage, they coming down the right aisle.

The groom with his best man, D. F. Hayes, a brother, entered next from the pastor's study. The bride and groom met in front of the altar which was elaborately decorated with ferns, smilax and beautifully lighted with candles and the ceremony was performed, Rev. R. D. Sherrill, officiating. The impressive ring ceremony of the Methodist Church was used.

Immediately following the ceremony the Townsend home on Arlington street, was the scene of a brilliant reception from 8:30 to 11 o'clock. A large number of guests called during the evening and extended every good wish for a happy future to the young couple. The home was beautified with carnations, ferns and holly.

At the front door receiving cards were little Misses Dorothy Hudson and Margaret Lamb. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Justice greeted the guests at the front door and showed them into the parlor where they were introduced to the receiving line. Composing the receiving line were: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lamb, D. F. Hayes and Miss Bessie Townsend, Miss Stigall and Mrs. Yearby and the bridesmaids and groomsmen.

Showing the guests into the dining room was Miss Ada Robeson. Serving in the dining room were Misses Frieda Johnson, Louise Hunt, Roussey Hayes, Kate Stockton and Beulah Jenkins.

Miss Mary Freeman received in the gift room while Miss Sallie Love presided over the bride's book. At the punch bowl were Mesdames Charles Sisson and Branch Fields.

The color scheme throughout the entire home was pink and white. The centerpiece in the dining room was white cluny over pink. A love knot of pink maline suspended from the chandelier and in the center of the table was a beautiful basket of hand-some pink and white carnations with ferns. Holly, mistletoe, smilax, ferns, cut flowers and candles were used in abundance over the entire home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes left on southbound train No. 29 for a trip to Florida. The bride's going away gown was made of blue with hat and gloves to match. They will be at home in this city after January 15.

## Miss Lois Workman Very Pleasantly Surprised.

Miss Lois Workman was very pleasantly surprised at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Workman, on Tarpley Street, Tuesday night, when a number of her friends met at the home of Miss Manie Malone and went to the Workman home taking it by storm. The evening was spent playing games and serving delicious refreshments consisting of candies and fruits. Among the other enjoyable features of the evening Mr. Workman, who is an old time fiddler, gave some very interesting music which was much enjoyed. Those present were: Misses Sallie Patterson, Bessie Pickard, Emily Hoffman, Julia Cates, Manie Malone, Hennie Malone, Zula McClure, Chloa Freeland, Willie Patterson, Mrs. J. Z. Waller and Rosa Cole, of Chapel Hill; Messrs. Harlace Patterson, Wade Hoffman, Frier Williams, Will Parham, J. E. Foust and Harry Cole, of Chapel Hill!

### Unclaimed Letters.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the post office at Burlington, N. C., December 27, 1913:  
Gentlemen: C. F. Greeson, Gen. W. W. Henry, U. L. Watson, American Cotton Mills, C. M. Horst & Co.  
Ladies: Miss Ada M. Ashley, Mrs. E. M. Fogleman, Annie Luallen, Hattie Madden, Miss Gertrude Troxler.

Persons calling for any of these letters will please say Advertisized, and give date of advertised list.  
F. L. WILLIAMSON, P. M.

### Cupid Has Been Working Over-Time Around Here.

The Register of Deeds for Alamance County issued during the month of December, 1913, 61 marriage licenses. 47 to white people and 14 to colored people. This is a record breaker for nine years.

### Shoots Himself in Foot.

Spencer, Dec. 31.—Frank Falls, a young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Falls, of Salisbury avenue, accidentally shot himself through the foot Monday afternoon while handling a 22 caliber rifle. The ball passed through the front of the foot and, as no bones were broken, it is thought he will soon recover.

### 300 Girls Thrown Idle by Fire at Shenandoah, Pa.

Shenandoah, Pa., Dec. 31.—As Edward Whalen, a fireman, and a fire boss at Indian Ridge colliery, was on his way to work today he saw fire raging in the cutter room of the Spoon & Fein overall factory. He sent in three alarms and then called the neighbors.

The factory building and contents were destroyed and the homes of C. E. Smith, Patrick E. Higgins, on the west side and Andrew Mascais, on the east side, were badly damaged. The loss is \$50,000. The entire department worked for five hours before the fire was checked. Several women and children were taken from the upper floors in their night clothing and they had narrow escapes from suffocation.

The fire broke out the second time under a tin roof of the second story of the factory, upon which was built a third story of frame, and for a time the eastern section of the town was threatened. Many firemen had narrow escapes due to the ice-coated ladders. The temperature hovered near the zero point.

The loss of the factory throws three hundred girls out of employment.

### The Aeroplane as a Naval Adjunct.

Washington, Jan. 2.—A new and progressive policy for the development of the aeroplanes as a naval adjunct was inaugurated today by the Navy Department and Sec. Daniels announced that hereafter air craft would form a large part of the naval force of the United States.

Capt. Mark L. Bristol was assigned to have charge of the study and development of this branch of the service. Capt. W. I. Chambers, though retired, will continue the work he began in the adaptation of the aeroplane to naval uses in the form of the hydro-aeroplane.

Secretary Daniels has decided to make the flying school about to be established at Pensacola, Fla., a permanent institution. Lieutenant Commander H. C. Mustin has been assigned to special aeronautical duty on board the battleship Mississippi, which will be stationed at Pensacola for experimental purposes.

There will be systematic experiments on a large scale with aeroplanes, the Secretary said; private designers will be assisted, financially, in efforts to produce the best form of air craft; the training of the personnel will be taken up and the question of the purchase of dirigibles soon will be passed upon.

Rick—"I hear your wife is taking quite a bit of interest in your new investment."  
Dick—"Safe tip. She loaned me the money."—Stanford Chaparrar.

First Married Man—"Is there ever an occasion when everything at your dinner table is stone cold?"  
Second Married Man—"No, not everything. We always managed to have a heated argument."—Judge.

## Miss Lucy Hatch Entertains.

Miss Lucy Hatch entertained quite a number of her friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hatch Friday night. Several contests were enjoyed; refreshments served and all present enjoyed the occasion. Those present were Misses Thelma Stafford, Willard Smith, Paul Coble, Ruth Tate, Clara Stewart, Ruth Browning, Ruth Holt, Julia Holt, Sadie Montgomery, Flora Garrett, Messrs. Erwin Montgomery, Sam Bason, Eugene Wilson, David Curtis, Russell Moore, Mr. Woodward, Robert Barnwell and Herbert Coble.

### Miss Thelma Stafford With Her Friends.

Miss Thelma Stafford entertained quite a number of her friends at the home of her parents, Tuesday night. The occasion was quite a rare treat for those being entertained. Those who enjoyed the evening with Miss Stafford were Misses Gertrude Ellis, Willard Smith, Emogene Scott, Nina Ingle, Ruth Lea Holt, Fannie Lea Walker, Gladys Brown, Pauline Cole, Georgia Hatch, Lorraine Isley, Violet Holt, Mary Carr Hall; Messrs. Sam Bason, Thomas Crutchfield, Rufus Wilson, Walker Love, George Sharpe, James Heritage, Doyle Heritage, Erwin Montgomery, Ralph Holt, R. E. Crutchfield, Jr., Herbert and Russell Coble.

### Mrs. R. H. Roney Entertains.

Mrs. R. H. Roney was hostess to a large number of friends last Friday night at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Benson, complimentary to her guests, Misses Eva Cathey, of Mooresville; Lizzie Hogans, of Raleigh; Mrs. Alma Burks, Richmond Va., and Mrs. Lillie Andrews, Raleigh. Instrumental music was the social event of the evening, while Mr. Pat Brown sang several vocal solos, accompanied on the piano by Miss Huggans.

### A delicious course of refreshments was served in the dining room, consisting of cream and cake.

### Mr. J. M. Hayes Entertained the R. F. D. Carriers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hayes entertained the Burlington R. F. D. Carriers at their home Thursday night. The occasion was an oyster supper, which proved to be the treat of the evening. Oysters, more oysters and better oysters was the slogan of the evening. The excellent cooking of the oysters proved that Mrs. Hayes is an expert on this dish. After supper a large box of fancy cigars was passed. A few round of Finch were enjoyed but no progressive Rook was played.

### Bliss Nicholson Dies From Injuries Received While Chopping.

Mr. Bliss Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Green Nicholson, of the Friendship neighborhood, while out chopping Friday morning, had the misfortune of being struck by a limb which flew from a tree which was being felled, and struck him on the head. He was hastened by automobile for St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, but died between Alamance Mills and Burlington. He was a young man scarcely out of the teens, and his death coming so unexpectedly makes it all the more sad for his relatives and friends.

### He leaves a father, mother, one brother and four sisters. His father is a prominent farmer of that neighborhood and is held in high esteem by his many friends.

### Knicker—"Is Jones monarch of all he surveys?"

Bocker—"No, he is only Mexican president of it."—New York Sun.