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THE INFANT INDUSTRY.

The automobile industry is still in its infancy almost, yet today it is one of the greatest industries in the world.

Within one generation the world has seen the birth and rise of this industry, until today in the nation and world its size is so stupendous as to be almost beyond comprehension.

Alfred Reeves, general manager of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, in trying to get before the intelligence of the people something of the immensity of this business, was saying recently that of the approximately 26,000,000 automobiles in the world, around 21,000,000 were in the United States, including in that figure about 3,000,000 motor trucks.

The wholesale value of automobiles and trucks for last year amounted to \$3,000,000,000. The wholesale value of motor-vehicle tires amounted to \$886,700,000, and the wholesale value of parts and accessories, exclusive of tires, to \$1,000,000,000.

Here is a wholesale valuation of cars, trucks, tires and parts amounting to nearly \$5,000,000,000. Add to these figures the retail value and the total would probably run for these items alone certainly to not less than \$7,500,000,000.

The consumption of gasoline by motor vehicles last year amounted to 7,494,000,000 gallons. At an average price per gallon of 20 cents, and that, of course, is below the actual cost, there is an additional item of approximately \$1,500,000,000, and in these few items, estimated at retail value, we have an aggregate of over \$9,000,000,000.

OUR INCOME. The incomes of the people of the United States last year aggregated, 78 billions of dollars, according to statistics made public by the National Industrial Conference Board.

The most significant fact in connection with these figures is that there has been a greater increase in our national income between 1920 and 1926, than for any similar period of years in the present century.

President Coolidge indicates now that he may call Congress together a little sooner than usual to discuss the flood situation and permanent improvements along the Mississippi.

For some time there has been a concerted movement to get the President to take this course but he has refused to do so. He has publicly stated that Secretary Hoover advises him that Congressional relief is not necessary.

gress can certainly provide this. It will be some months perhaps, before engineers can submit definite plans for controlling the Mississippi but that question will of necessity have to wait until the plans can be perfected.

More than 700,000 people are homeless. That means they have no funds at hand. That means they have no means for making a living.

PEONAGE IN GEORGIA.

Dr. King, who operates a big Georgia farm, has been freed by a jury which tried him on a peonage charge. The case of the State broke down when a negro who said he had seen five other negroes killed and buried on the farm, admitted that he was not telling the truth.

However, there was enough evidence presented to show that a healthy condition does not exist on this particular farm. Dr. King, who formerly managed the farm, admitted on the witness stand that he whipped four laborers on the farm, but he denied that any one was kept there by force.

One stole a time book and would not tell its hiding place, Dr. King said, so he was whipped. Why have a court in Georgia if persons charged with larceny are to be handled by the man bringing the charges against them?

State Revenue Commissioner Doughton, who has charge of the sale of auto licenses, hopes auto owners will not wait until the last minute to secure their 1927 license tags.

Branch offices of the Carolina Motor Club have been opened in various cities in the State and from these as well as from the State bureau at Raleigh, the new tags can be secured.

There is one thing that is making many people wait until the last minute—the ruling that the new tags cannot be used before July first.

Heretofore the licenses could be placed on cars and trucks as soon as purchased but this year its different. It is just as unlawful to display the new tags before July first as it is to display the old ones after that date.

Concord fans this summer will have opportunity to see some fast baseball without leaving the confines of their home county.

Sheriff Caldwell gives warning that operators of slot machines, punch boards and the like are to come under the watch of the law.

It wouldn't be so far wrong to observe that peace in China has been Shanghai'd.

CARE OF FEEBLE-MINDED.

In The University News Letter S. H. Hobbs, Jr., makes a survey of the treatment accorded the feeble-minded in the various States of the Union.

Mr. Hobbs finds that the States do not vary greatly in the proportion of the total population that is feeble-minded but there is great variance in the number of such cases reported in the several States, due to the facilities afforded in different States.

The survey shows for instance, that New Hampshire has many more feeble-minded in institutions than North Carolina but that does not mean there are more feeble-minded persons there per population than in North Carolina.

Mr. Hobbs finds that only a small part of the feeble-minded in the United States are in institutions provided for their care. The vast majority are in the community, where many of them get along reasonably well and are partially or wholly self-supporting.

The feeble-minded are usually divided into three classes: idiots, imbeciles and morons. An idiot is a mentally defective person having a mental age of not more than thirty-five months, or, if a child, an intelligence quotient of less than twenty-five.

North Carolina has one institution for the care of feeble-minded, the Caswell Training School, located at Kinston. This school was authorized in 1911 and opened in 1914.

An outstanding fact is the rapid increase in recent years in the number of states providing special institutions for their feeble-minded.

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There is an amazing prosperity in the United States, and there seems no particular reason why it should stop.

RED CROSS FLOOD CONTRIBUTIONS.

Official figures by States and cities of over 100,000 population on the fund of the American Red Cross for relief of the hundreds of thousands of sufferers in the Mississippi River flood area have been compiled for the Manufacturers Record by DeWitt Smith, assistant to the vice-chairman of the Red Cross, and are published in the issue of June 9 of that paper.

North Carolina didn't do any too much in this crisis. This State, the figures show, contributed \$160,730.30, sent in by 115 Red Cross chapters.

Table with 3 columns: State, Chapters, Amt. Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Texas.

Twenty-four of the largest cities in the nation had fallen short of their quota on May 31st. Included in the list were Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland, Boston, Baltimore, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Seattle, Providence, Scranton, Toledo, Akron, Syracuse, San Antonio, Salt Lake City, Cambridge, Lowell, Jersey City, Spokane, Tacoma, Kansas City, Kans., and Fall River.

It is easier as a rule, to get funds for a cause of this kind in urban than rural sections. We do not mean that city people are more liberal than country people, but it is easier to get the message to the city dweller than to the rural dweller and in addition relief organization and agencies are as a rule better organized in the cities than in the rural sections.

North Carolina cities did well, especially in this immediate section, but in some of our rural sections the relief call met practically no response at all. Farm people didn't seem over anxious to make contributions despite the fact that the greatest sufferers from the flood were people living from the soil.

TYING THE COUNTIES.

The State Highway commission has prepared a contract designed to give the commission complete authority in road location. Under a Supreme court decision the commission, once it has taken over a road for State upkeep, may not change the location of the road without the consent of the county governing authorities—the county commissioners or the county highway commission in charge of roads.

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WORK HOURS.

When a bill to cut the working hours of women and children (children over 14) employed in industrial plants from 60 to 55 per week, was presented to the late deceased legislature, the house treated it as a joke and voted it down with jeers—a shameful performance.

There is another feature that helps. Heretofore children employed in industrial plants had to be sent to work at 6 in the morning and also worked until 9 at night. Not that they could be worked straight along. But their hours could be arranged so that they could be sent to work that early, or they could be kept on the job until 9 p. m. Under the new law children may not begin work until 7 a. m.

The women's organizations asked for the eight-hour day for women and children and the foregoing is what they got. They consider that some gain, an admission that this class of workers should not be kept on the job as long as men.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE NOMINATION.

All the political experts are now giving Mr. Coolidge free advice regarding the third-term issue. Hardly a day passes without some amateur savor of the country rushing into print with the positive assertion that Mr. Coolidge will run or that he will not run.

It is a different story, of course, when it comes to the election; but in so far as the nomination is concerned, if the man in the White House chooses to do so he can merely stretch out his hand and pick it up.

THE REAL TEST.

The colleges have turned loose another flood of graduates upon the world. The total in North Carolina, as has become usual, eclipses all previous records. But there is no longer any question of who is to do the world's work when everybody has a college degree.

SHE GOT THE WINE.

That lovely and spirited old lady, Mrs. R. R. Cotton, "mother of the Woman's Clubs of North Carolina" told an anecdote which must have shocked some of the Willard devotees upon the occasion of the annual spring meeting of the Goldsboro Woman's Club at Herman Park yesterday afternoon.

"Propose a toast," the host invited Mrs. Cotton. "Here's to the success of the Goldsboro Woman's Club," she proposed. The host had half raised his glass on his lips. But he stopped short and placed it on the table decisively.

"Rejuvenation is a myth and the inevitability of old age must be fully accepted, but prolongation of life, with reasonable retention of physical and mental vigor, may reasonably be expected to follow state known as rejuvenation may be approximated. The changes wrought by substitution of wise for improper habits of sleep, diet, and exercise afford a clew to the acquisition of uniformly good health and longevity."

SHOULD GET

Durham Herald. O. O. McIntyre, one of the writers, who has recently returned to Paris, writes some remarks in which the French are commended for American tourists.

McIntyre says if the French cause for complaint. But while a Frenchman in an airplane same work for 20 cents, explained, "but you are an idiot so far as it applies to banking before they had introduced a rush of cables from London for more money.

Many tourists expect to be just getting what they expect majority do not like it, and are registering the kick.

GROWING

The government of Russia is commercial handbook to tell commercial production has started off with the claim of the largest country of the world.

Let the Russian officials and agents realize, and face the fact, that they are succeeding at all because they are trying to do mischief.

MILLIONS FOR NEWSPAPER

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