

RESOURCES OF BANKS OVER FORTY BILLION

Actual Deposits in the 28,880 Institutions of the Country Amount to \$42,888,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Aggregate resources of the 28,880 banks in the United States, state and national, last June 30, amounted to \$40,310,000,000 of which \$22,371,000,000 was credited to the 21,175 state, savings and private banks and trust companies and \$17,939,000,000 to the 7,705 national banks. This was shown today by a report of Comptroller of the Currency Williams. Deposits of the state banks amounted to \$18,567,000,000, and loans to \$12,486,000,000, showing an increase of five per cent in deposits over the record of the year previous and of 6.5 per cent of loans. National banks showed \$14,021,000,000 deposits, an increase of 9.8 per cent, and \$9,620,000,000 loans, an increase of 9.1 per cent. All banks, state and national, had \$42,888,000,000 deposits and \$32,046,000,000 loans.

COUNCILLOR KELLUM AND JUNIORS TO STAGE EVENT

Big Junior Class Initiation at Raleigh December 16.

Raleigh, Dec. 9.—The big class initiation to be held by the 23 Junior Order Councils of Wake county under the auspices of the Capital City Council No. 1 is to be held Monday night, December 16, at the city auditorium. This event has been postponed one month on account of the prevalence of influenza. More than two hundred candidates will receive degrees, and among them will be Governor T. W. Bickett and Dr. J. Y. Joyner, superintendent of public instruction. Preparation is in progress for the event and the Pilot degree team, which will put on the work, is practicing daily to leave nothing undone for the anxious candidates. Many visitors are expected from surrounding counties to witness the ceremonies. State Councillor Woodus Kellum, of Wilmington; State Vice Councillor Suma R. Reid, of Westport; Past National Councillor C. B. Webb, of Washington City, will be present, it is expected, and will take part in the ceremonies. By special dispensation, the degree of past councillor will be conferred upon Governor Bickett and Dr. Joyner. The initiation will include candidates from the councils throughout the 25th district.

JUGO-SLAVS WANT TERRITORY AT PRESENT HELD BY ITALY

Washington, Dec. 9.—Formal notice has been given the American government of the purpose of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, formerly held by the Austro-Hungarian government, to unite with the kingdom of Serbia in a single Jugo-Slavic state, and to insist upon the evacuation of Jugo-Slav territory now occupied by Italy. Official texts were presented to the state department today of addresses by Prince Regent Alexander of Serbia and a delegation of 27 members from the national council of Zagreb, delivered at Belgrade Dec. 1. The prince regent accepted the proposal of the Zagreb council for union under a parliamentary government, the delegation to be received to sit provisionally at Belgrade as representatives of their people until a constituent assembly can be held within six months after the conclusion of peace.

NEW NON-INFLAMMABLE GAS WILL BE USED IN BALLOONS

Washington, Dec. 9.—Discovery of an inert, non-inflammable gas designed for use in balloons, dirigibles and other lighter than air craft was revealed by the navy department today in a statement explaining expenditures now being made jointly with the army for its production. The department said the use of this new element, officially termed "Argon," will eliminate the hazard of fire and explosion that always has accompanied balloon operations where hydrogen has been used for inflation purposes. The gas from which "Argon" is obtained comes from wells at Petrolia, Tex., the statement said, and a tenth pipe line to cost \$1,050,000 is being laid for a distance of 94 miles from the wells to a plant at North Ft. Worth, where the gas will be compressed into cylinders for shipment to balloon fields.

LENOIR DOCKET CARRIES 178 CASES—FIVE HOMICIDES

Kinston, Dec. 9.—Superior court for Lenoir county was convened here this morning for a one-week term. The docket contained 178 cases at the start, many of which will have to be continued. The state will try to have five murder and manslaughter cases on the docket cleared off as rapidly as possible. Of the defendants in the latter three are white and two colored. None of the cases is of a sensational nature.

DISCHARGE OFFICERS DESIRING TO QUIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Washington, Dec. 9.—Discharge from the army as soon as practicable of officers who have signified their desire to leave the service, has been authorized by the war department. Vacancies caused by such separations will be filled temporarily by officers who want to hold their positions permanently or by those who have asked for commissions in the reserves.

WHEN YOU SUFFER FROM RHEUMATISM

Almost any man will tell you that Sloan's Liniment means relief

For practically every man has used Sloan's Liniment who has suffered from rheumatic aches, soreness of muscles, stiffness of joints, the results of weather exposure. Women, too, by the hundreds of thousands, use it for relieving neuralgia, lame backs, neuritis, sick headache, clean, refreshing, soothing, economical, and quickly effective. Say "Sloan's Liniment" to your druggist. Get it today.



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Economy in Truck Operation

Demonstrated by Forward Truck Efficiency

IN THE month of August alone, 9 truck drivers, under instruction of the Packard Freight Transportation Department, saved 1,638 gallons of gasoline.

On this basis, the 400,000 trucks in the United States would save some 96,000,000 gallons of gasoline per year.

By better handling of merchandise they saved in hauling expense an average of \$58 per month—or \$696 per year per truck.

On this ratio, transportation principles applied fully to 400,000 trucks would save American business \$278,400,000 every year.

Ton-mile costs were decreased.

Loads carried were increased at times 21 per cent—which means that the 400,000 trucks could do the work of 484,000 trucks, simply by applying modern business methods to loading and routing.

The truck owner, the truck driver, is trying to get more work out of his truck, and at lower cost.

But beyond a certain point, he is apt to feel baffled—apt to feel that he might go further if he only knew where else to save.

What he really wants to do is to apply modern business methods to his trucking.

The performance of a motor truck depends on several factors—

The truck—its efficiency as a mechanism.

The load and the road conditions.

How the truck is handled on the road and in the garage; and how much time is lost in loading and unloading.

Choice of the truck in relation to its load has a great deal to do with it.

One of the worst fallacies the business world has to contend with is the practice of guessing at the size of truck needed.

Trucks should be bought for the job—on the advice of people who are competent to advise.

The trucks you have in service today are probably capable of 20 to 50 per cent more service than they are giving you.

What you need to do is to operate them on modern business methods. The Freight Transportation Department of your local Packard Branch or Packard Dealer will be glad to show you how—without charge.

Some Results of Packard 100% War Work

It was a Packard Truck loaded with machine gun ammunition that enabled the U. S. Marines to put the final punch into their fight at Chateau Thierry.

A Captain of the U. S. A. Motor Transport Corps, speaking at a recent Victory meeting in Detroit to recruit men for the Motor Transport Corps, stated that 14 per cent of Pershing's entire force is engaged in motor transport duty.

"If I could tell you the number of trucks under the American Flag over-seas," he said, "there would be a lot of thunderstruck people."

"Chateau Thierry was the turn of the tide," he said. "The Marines, who were smashing the last German offensive, were running short of machine gun ammunition."

"Their commander telephoned back for more."

"The motor transport commander called for four volunteers from among his 90 trucks—and every driver volunteered."

"He chose four, loaded the trucks with 50,000 rounds apiece of machine gun bandolier ammunition, and they set out—four trucks made in Detroit, turned out of the Packard factory just a few months before."

"Three of them were caught in the German barrage and their cargoes blown up and their drivers killed."

"The fourth made his way through with the priceless 50,000 rounds that put the finishing touch on the American victory at Chateau Thierry."

"The driver made his way back to the transport park, and reported in these words: 'Sergeant—reports, Sir, the delivery of 50,000 rounds, and requests permission to make another run.'"

PACKARD MOTOR CAR COMPANY, DETROIT, MICH.

BREAKS TOBACCO RECORD. Business at Rocky Mount Is On the Increase—Prices.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Rocky Mount, Dec. 9.—An appreciable increase was shown in the sales of leaf tobacco on the Rocky Mount market during the past week, the total reported by the secretary of the Tobacco Board of Trade being 1,500,000 pounds, or an average of 300,000 pounds a day. The weekly price average broke all records, being \$40.57. The total sales to date are reported by the secretary as 14,250,000 pounds, or about 1,000,000 pounds under the total for the same period last year. The deficit was chiefly caused by the epidemic of influenza. The price average for the season to date is \$37.06, or about \$7.00 per hundred pounds higher than the average for the same period last year. The sales during November far exceeded those for November, 1917, being nearly 5,000,000 pounds, or over 1,000,000 pounds a week. The actual figures were 4,815,363 pounds, as compared with 3,815,363 pounds in November last year, showing a gain for last month of 1,248,229 pounds. The price average for last month was also far above the average for November last year. The figure reported was \$40.50, compared with \$34.23 in 1917, showing a gain of \$6.27 per hundred pounds.

Two Charters Granted.

Raleigh, Dec. 9.—The T. J. Woodard Lumber Co., of Asheville, was chartered today with \$100,000 capital authorized and \$25,000 subscribed by T. J. Woodard, D. B. Morgan and Ralph Rosenberg for a general lumber and milling business. The Mint Cola Co., of Salisbury, is chartered with \$50,000 capital authorized and \$400 subscribed by W. C. Mauldin and others.

CORPORATION COMMISSION FIGHTING PROPOSED RATES

Raleigh, Dec. 9.—The printed brief of the North Carolina corporation commission in protest against the proposed application in North Carolina of the projected uniform freight rates designed for the entire country, went forward today to the interstate commerce commission in connection with the fight that the North Carolina commission is putting up against the application of this new uniform scale in this state. The brief is an exhaustive document that insists on the justice of the 400 and more commodity and exceptional rates that North Carolina is insisting on holding on to out of the great number that the state gained in its hard fight some years ago with the railroad companies, that would enable North Carolina shippers to maintain something of an equal footing with the shippers in the Virginia cities and elsewhere out of that state in the jobbing and other lines of business.

WILL CONFER REGARDING PROLONGATION OF ARMISTICE

Berlin, via Amsterdam, Dec. 9.—Mathias Erberberger, head of the German armistice delegation, announced today that the French government has requested the German army command to designate plenipotentiaries to confer regarding the prolongation of the armistice. The delegates will meet at Treves, in Rhenish Prussia, December 12 and 13.

666 cures Headaches, Biliousness, Loss of Appetite, foul breath, or that tired aching feeling due to Malaria or Colds. It removes the cause.

AMERICAN CASUALTY LIST

Washington, Dec. 9.—The following casualties occurring before cessation of hostilities and reported by the American commander in France were given out today for publication: Names of Carolinians included in the list are as follows: Killed in Action: Sergeant Festus Roberts, Rutherfordton, N. C.; Corporal Jesse Staton, Cranberry, N. C.; E. R. Bates, Needmore, N. C.; W. J. Gardner, Pikeville, N. C.; J. H. McArver, Gastonia, N. C. Privates: J. O. Sumnerlin, Mount Olive, N. C.; Charley Woodley, Oxford, N. C.; McKinley Justice, Ellen City, S. C.; Thomas Coley, Dover, N. C.; J. F. Dawson, Ogden, N. C.; F. C. Lookabill, Southmont, N. C.; W. A. Hawley, Cooper, N. C.; Andy Styles, Wesser, N. C. Died of Disease: Privates B. A. Dall, Snow Hill, N. C.; John Grant, Brickton, N. C.; T. G. Nance, Thomasville, N. C.; Floyd Turpin, Long Creek, S. C. Wounded Severely: Lieut. J. R. Turner, Bennettsville, S. C. Sergeants: Allen Glasgow, Newberry, S. C.; O. A. Lowe, Charlotte, N. C.; R. D. Waddell, Selma, N. C. Corporals: C. R. Stewart, Middleburg, N. C.; M. S. Hubbard, Greath, N. C.; H. G. Adkins, Rock Hill, S. C.; G. R. Blount, Mackey, N. C. Driver: J. J. Hooks, Fremont, N. C. Cook: L. O. Black, Gaffney, S. C. Privates: J. L. Treadwell, Orangeburg, S. C.; Robert McDonald, Regal, N. C.; W. O. Furrer, Charlotte, N. C.; M. E. Meredith, Swannanoa, N. C.; Richard Brooks, Etingham, S. C.; Jim Clark, Myers Hill, S. C.; M. S. Gibson, New Brookland, S. C.; L. E. Klyan, Edinchem, S. C.; T. F. Rann-

TWO MORE NASH COUNTY MEN REPORTED KILLED IN FRANCE

Rocky Mount, Dec. 9.—The news that two more young Nash county soldiers have made the supreme sacrifice while in the service of their country overseas has been received here. Private John Norman Wilder, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Troy Wilder, and Private Hubert Braswell, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Braswell, of Castalia, were both killed in action. Private Wilder's home was also near Castalia. Both young men were well known in this section, being members of prominent Nash county families. No details as to how they came to their deaths have been received. Lieutenant Edward Johnson, of this city, has been promoted to a second lieutenant in the regular army. Johnson was for a time color sergeant in the Second North Carolina Infantry. He afterward enlisted in the infantry branch of the regular establishment and won rapid promotion. He has been stationed in the southwest, in civil life he was a clerk.

THIN, NERVOUS PEOPLE NEED BITRO-PHOSPHATE

Guaranteed to Put on Firm, Healthy Flesh and to Increase Strength, Vigor and Nerve Force. Weak, thin people—men or women—are nearly always nervous wrecks; thus conclusively proving that thinness, weakness, debility and neurasthenia are almost invariably due to nerve starvation. Feed your nerves and all these symptoms due to nerve starvation will disappear. Eminent specialists state that the best nerve food is an organic phosphate known among druggists as Bitro-Phosphate, a five-grain tablet of which should be taken with each meal. Being a genuine nerve builder and not a stimulant or habit-forming drug, Bitro-Phosphate can be safely taken by the weakest and most delicate sufferer, and the results following its use are often simply astonishing. Weak, tired people regain strength and vigor; thinness and angularity give way to plumpness and curves; sleep returns to the sleepless; confidence and cheerfulness replace debility and gloom; dull eyes become bright, and pale, sunken cheeks regain the pink glow of health. Bitro-Phosphate, the use of which is inexpensive, also wonderfully promotes the assimilation of food, so much so that many people report marked gains in weight in a few weeks. It is sold in Wilmington by Selamy and other good druggists. CAUTION:—Although Bitro-Phosphate is unsurpassed for relieving nervousness, sleeplessness and general weakness, it should not, owing to its remarkable flesh-growing properties, be used by anyone who does not desire to put on flesh.—adv.