

NOVEMBER LET UP IN INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY REPORTED UNDER WAY

Rail Loadings Week of November 11 are Off But Above Same Date Last Year

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Signs have not been wanting during the past week that the industry is slackening in industrial activity is under way. Rail-way car loadings for the week ended November 11 showed a further falling off in traffic, although the total number of cars loaded—95,000—is still very large and exceeds the movement for the corresponding weeks of 1921 and 1920.

One result of the somewhat better car situation has been further gains in soft coal production, which now is well established at a rate appreciably above 11,000,000 tons a week. Further progress has been in reconstituting stocks of fuel and coal inventories. There have been reports of no demand from most of the states west of the Mississippi. Barring spells of extremely severe weather it is considered that the danger of a fuel famine is past. Steel production continues to hold up remarkably well. The country's mills are working at a rate not far short of 80 per cent of capacity and the trade reports show sufficient orders are booked to insure the maintenance of approximately this scale of activity into the first quarter of the new year.

Pig iron prices, along with those of coal, are still tending lower, but this is merely a natural result of the abnormal scarcity situation produced by the strikes. Prices of finished steel show little change. This is due largely to the fact that buyers have supplied their immediate needs and now show a disposition to watch developments in the industry with interest. Demand naturally is light in the meantime.

Automobile output also is high. Some 217,000 passenger cars were turned out in October, a record 1,000 less than August high record, but represents a recovery of 30,000 cars from the September slowdown and is an unusually large figure for this season of the year. In addition to the fact that makers are expected to be well booked up ahead and continue to be liberal buyers of steel.

In cotton a government report of November 14 places the total to date at 8,670,000 bales which is generally interpreted by the trade as indicating that the crop will turn out to be in the neighborhood of 10,000,000 bales. Wheat, after early firmness, gave way moderately, partly in response to apprehensions of a lessening in the car situation may have an unfavorable effect on prices.

It is realized that inability to move grain has been delaying marketing and that more cars are likely to mean more grain at the central markets with corresponding declines in prices.

Foreign buying meanwhile continues light and its future is, in view of the fluctuations in the foreign exchange market, uncertain. Present prices are still materially above those of the early fall and corn at around 70 cents a bushel is approximately fifty per cent above the price a year ago.

Banking reports from those from industrial sources and point to the conclusion that the peak of seasonable demand has been passed.

Wage and Working Rules Agreed to By the N. & W.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Nov. 26.—The Norfolk and Western Railway company has reached wage working rules and conditions agreement with its shop employees, it was announced at the Keenova offices of the road today. The agreement is with the new association of shop workers, organized on the N. & W. since the strike of shopmen on July 1, last.

The company has announced that it will negotiate only with the company association, which is not affiliated with any other labor organization.

May Direct Battleship Fire From Monoplanes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Feasibility of directing the fire of battleships from airplanes is being determined by tests made by the navy department, the navy department announced tonight and results thus far obtained, in the opinion of bureau of aeronautics experts, give "every promise of success."

At present the fall of shots on an enemy target is spotted by observers from the masthead of the firing ships. Use of planes, it was pointed out, was to permit observers to hover over the line of fire and to report the effect by radio to the firing battleship.

To Southeastern Fair Patrons

To see all of fair exhibits turn to right at entrance gate and enter tent with sign "Merchants' Exhibit." This will lead you through the following exhibits: Pet animals; merchants; farm produce; health; Salvation Army; Willard test farm; home economics, floral and art display; bird exhibit; fish and seafood exhibit; automobile and manufacturers' exhibits.

From the latter booth one should cross the show grounds to Fourth street fence and see the exhibit of livestock.

Six Million Expansion Program is Planned By State Power Companies

RALEIGH, Nov. 26.—A construction and expansion program involving the expenditure of more than \$6,000,000 is now under way by the Carolina Power and Light company, the Carolina Power and Light company and its affiliated companies, including the Yadkin River Power company and the Palmetto Power company, according to announcement by officials of the Carolina group today.

The program includes the construction of a 15,000 kilowatt steam plant near Brick Haven on the Cape Fear river, which, it is expected, will be in service by September 7, 1923. The plant which will be built at a cost of \$1,800,000 will be constructed for an ultimate capacity of 60,000 kilowatt, and will be used for the purpose of supplementing power furnished by the hydroelectric plants of the Carolina group during low water periods. Its completion will make available a large block of primary power through the conversion of secondary or full power, officials state.

The Carolina group of properties now serve about 40 communities in North and South Carolina.

RITNER'S CHANCES OF RECOVERY ARE BETTER

Relatives of Poole Tell Different Story About the Shooting at Elrod

(Special to The Star) FAYETTEVILLE, Nov. 26.—That every hour brings improved chances of the recovery of H. G. Ritner, the Coast Line engineer who was shot while sitting in the cab of his engine at Elrod Tuesday morning, was stated tonight by Dr. J. F. Highsmith, head surgeon of the Highsmith hospital here, where the wounded man was brought shortly after the shooting. The bullet has been located in the pericarditis, or sack which surrounds the heart, but owing to the highly dangerous nature of the operation necessary for its operation the ball will not be removed.

That R. H. Poole, the Elrod merchant, placed under a \$10,000 bond following the shooting, did not fire the shot that came near causing the death of the engineer, is the conviction expressed by relatives of Mr. Poole while in this city to see Ritner. Photographs have been made at the scene of the shooting to show that a shot, fired at the burglar who had attempted to break into his store could not have entered the cab of the engine without striking the limbs of one or more trees in the vicinity, which, they declare, bear no marks, while Mr. Ritner's firearm, they assert, has stated before witnesses that the shot which wounded the engineer came from the road, where the burglar was standing when Mr. Poole fired at him. Furthermore, Mr. Poole's relatives believe that X-ray pictures will show that Mr. Ritner was wounded by a pistol or rifle ball while Mr. Poole used a shotgun.

A version of the occurrence different in almost every respect from those hitherto published is given by the Elrod men. They assert positively that the store was burglarized and that Mr. Poole saw the burglar, armed with a flashlight, pushing open the front door of the store, which that night had been left unbarred; that he hailed the intruder and, running to the door, fired two shots after him from a double-barreled shotgun. The burglar, they declare, returned the fire and it was from this source, they contend, that Mr. Ritner was wounded. Reports reaching this city at the time made it appear that the burglarizing of the store was a delusion on the part of Mr. Poole.

As to the story that Mr. Poole's nerves had suffered from the strain of constant worry over the recent death of his wife and the marriage of his two daughters, the Elrod men declare, the relatives of the Elrod man declare, the first proposition was entirely correct. Mr. Poole having suffered the loss of his wife last February, but that the marriage of his daughters was in no wise displeasing to him. Both of them married excellent young men who are well known citizens of Robeson county, one of the daughters having been married 12 years ago, while the other had been married five years. Mr. Poole's mind, they state, is perfectly clear.

Pays 50 Thousand For a Strawberry Plant

THREE RIVERS, Mich., Nov. 26.—Fifty thousand dollars for a single strawberry plant was paid today by Frank E. Beatty, president of the R. M. Kellogg company, a fruit growing concern.

The plant is to be known as "Rockhill," in honor of its grower, Harlow Rockhill, of Conrad, Iowa. The price is believed here to be the highest ever paid for a single strawberry plant. The plant bears in early summer and begins again in the late summer, bearing fruit continuously until frost comes.

170 Thousand Leave Constantinople Homes

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—One hundred and seventy thousand persons have abandoned their homes, and departed from Constantinople in the last two months, according to reliable figures. Of these 15,000 went to the United States. The American colony has shrunk from 800 to 330.

Eugene Debs is Given a Great Ovation When He Appears in Chicago

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Eugene Debs, leader of the socialist party, made his first public speech since leaving Atlanta penitentiary here today and was given an ovation that delayed the start of his address for more than an hour.

Hundreds stood outside the hall for hours after fire guards had limited the audience to 4,000 persons. In whose honor the meeting was held, was overshadowed by the demonstration accorded Debs. Huge baskets of red roses, tied with red ribbons, were given Debs by his admirers, and after the meeting the socialist national committee met to elect Debs to the national committee room for nearly an hour to keep the waiting crowd from carrying him away. With tears coursing down his cheeks, Debs begged the committee to get him out and shake hands with the crowd, and once he forced his way to the platform despite their protests that his strength was unequal to the strain.

"I am just recovering from the effects of a speech I made almost four years ago," he told the audience. "It was a record-making speech, I began at Canton, Ohio, and finished it at Atlanta penitentiary. "But there is nothing to regret. I opposed the war and I still oppose war. The next time I go to war, I will be at the head of any patriotic country on the face of the earth. I would have saved the lives of the 60,000 American boys who perished in the battlefields of France to create 30,000 new millionaires in this country. I spoke at Canton from a deep sense of conviction, and after all, ten years is a very modest sentence for having an opinion of your own in the United States."

Out of the war, he said, "one great good came, quite unexpected to the ruling classes of the world. That was the soviet republic." Jean Louquet devoted most of his address to an attack on Clemenceau and the peace treaty of Versailles. Clemenceau, he declared, "no more represents France than Mr. Schwab or Mr. Pierpont Morgan represents the spirit of America."

"It is for me a great privilege," he said, "to be able to put before the American people, in contradiction to Mr. Clemenceau, a quite different view of the situation of the world. The fundamental cause of the present situation in Europe, he said, is the peace made in 1919, and this was a natural result of the continuation of the war until that time.

Expect Final Chapter in New Jersey Mystery

Officials Believe Thanksgiving Day Will See Decision

SOMERSET, N. J., Nov. 26.—The Somerset county grand jury will reconvene tomorrow to begin what authorities say will be the last phase of the investigation of the murder of the Rev. Dr. L. B. Sisco, who was shot by W. Hall and his choir leader, Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills. Official sources declared the investigation would be completed by Wednesday night at the latest and that the jury's final action would be made known before Thanksgiving day.

About fifteen witnesses remain to be called. The three considered by the grand jury to be most important, probably will be heard tomorrow. These are Mrs. Jane Gibson, pig raiser, who has told the authorities that she witnessed the slaying of the rector and the Rev. Dr. Sisco; Louise Cest and Barbara Tough, maids in the Hall home at New Brunswick. Other witnesses subpoenaed include prominent members of the slain rector's congregation of the Protestant Episcopal church of St. John the Evangelist.

It became known tonight that members of the grand jury had visited the Phillips farm, scene of the murders, and that the investigation was adjourned Wednesday.

Number of Inmates of Prisons Shows Increase

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—An increase of more than a thousand in the number of inmates in the various federal penal institutions of the country during the year which ended last June 30, was attributed by Superintendent of Prisons Votaw, in a report to Attorney General Daugherty today, to the large number received for violations of the anti-narcotic, postal and counterfeit laws and the recently enacted motor vehicle theft act.

The total number of federal prisoners in federal penal institutions and in state institutions other than county jails last June 30 was placed by Superintendent Votaw at 6,395, as compared with 5,263, June 30, 1921. The government expended \$1,313,820 in maintaining the prisoners in federal institutions last year as compared with an expenditure of \$1,298,659 for the previous fiscal year.

Mr. Votaw, in submitting his report, recommended establishment of a reformatory for federal offenders between the ages of 17 and 20 and of an institution for confinement of female offenders.

New Greek Cabinet is Reported Formed

LONDON, Nov. 26.—A new Greek cabinet to take the place of the ministry of M. Zaimis, which resigned Friday, has been constituted, says a Reuters dispatch from Athens.

Real Fight on Subsidy is Expected to Start on Amendments Today

Leaders in the House are Anticipating a Multitude of Proposed Changes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Buffeted back and forth by three days of general debate, the administration shipping bill tomorrow will enter what is generally agreed to be its real troubles soon in the house. It will be taken up under a rule permitting consideration of any germane amendment, and indications are that a multitude of such proposed changes will be offered and disposed of before the final vote Wednesday night.

The real fight over the measure is expected during the next three days, Chairman Campbell, of the rules committee, having announced that the rule permitting unlimited amendment was made with the specific purpose of giving the house an opportunity to pass the sort of shipping bill it wanted and one on which it would be willing to stand.

Notwithstanding the prospect of determined efforts to change the bill, Representative Mondell, Republican leader, has assured the president Harding that it will pass the house by a comfortable margin and other proponents of the measure have expressed the belief that it will go through without material modification. Those opposed to the measure, however, assert the administration leaders will need a full attendance Wednesday to avoid defeat.

Representative Edmonds, Pennsylvania, ranking Republican on the merchant marine committee, has announced that he will move to strike out the section giving the shipping board jurisdiction over coastwise rates pending a hearing on the question and Representative Dickinson, Republican, Iowa, has prepared an amendment providing a compensation to producers and interior points whose consignments are shipped on vessels receiving aid. In some quarters this amendment is regarded as reflecting in some degree the attitude of members of the farm bloc towards the measure.

Telegrams continued to come in today from absentees seeking trials and leaders on both sides were trying to line up as many members as possible for the vote Wednesday.

G. O. P. Leaders Just Beginning to Realize Election Significance

Alleged to Have Started With a Bold Front, They are Now Courting Favors

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Administration leaders are just beginning to realize the full significance of the recent election. They are beset with trials and tribulations. Immediately after the returns were in the white house presented a bold front and stood pat. The program was to buck the incoming waves good and hard. The President and his advisors have come down off of their high horses, and are currying favor with the "progressives" of the old party. They want to put through a legislative schedule, and the high horse business does not take well in the Borah and LaFollette camps. Conferences this week will show where the two factions expect to stand during the remaining days of the present congress. The two sides are sparring for position.

In the fight the Democrats are taking no sides. Here and there one finds a Democrat who takes sides with Senator LaFollette, but they are few and far between.

"I have never seen the Republicans more demoralized than they are now," said Senator Overman today. "They do not know which way to turn. They were all shot to pieces by the election. They will press the ship subsidy bill but it will be defeated in the senate."

Mr. Overman thinks that congress should get through its work and go home after March 4. He is opposed to an extra session.

Annie MacSwiney Still Fasts Outside Prison

DUBLIN, Nov. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Annie MacSwiney still is fasting outside the Mount Joy prison. Since she was ejected from a position at the inner gate of the prison late Thursday night by the military, she has occupied a position on a public platform.

A constant stream of sympathizers passed by her cot today, stopping a moment before the screen concealing the stretcher on which she lies to observe what they might, or offer prayers.

Miss Mac Swiney says a military officer gave her an order to move but she declined to do so and declared that if the military interfered with her she would call the policemen on duty and charge the military with assault. Nothing further has happened although she declared the officer refused her representation about a fire in the roadway near her cot which her friends had built.

Miss MacSwiney says a military officer to every member of parliament protesting against the action of the provisional government in detaining her sister Mary MacSwiney, who is on a hunger strike inside the prison.

Annie MacSwiney today sent the following reply to a cable dispatch received from a sister in North Carolina who begged her to abandon her fast in thanksgiving for Mary MacSwiney having received the sacrament.

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