

Nation's Business Goes Forward In Spite of War Scare

Industrial Activity Reaches New Top For Year; Retail and Wholesale Trade Shows Gains

Washington, Aug. 27.—Rays of better business at home struck last week to break through the gloom of the European crisis.

The business world's avid scanning of war reports caused many of its leaders to overlook the fact that industrial activity here, as measured by the Associated Press index, hit a new top for the year and edged ahead of the temporary peak of last fall.

The stock market, for instance, reacted almost entirely to foreign reports.

Retail trade kept pace, generally, with the faster step of industry, and a federal reserve board survey showed that in the latest week for which data is available department store sales were 6 per cent above the corresponding week last year.

Likewise, the commerce department said that 2,978 wholesale firms, representing 23 different trades reporting July sales of more than \$10,700,000, which was 6 per cent more than in the same month last year.

Higher steel and cotton manufacturing rates, both at new 1939 peaks, contributed most to the boosting of the Associated Press industrial index to a high for the year of 95.1 per cent of the 1929-30 averages. The percentage compared with 94 the preceding week and 77.8 a year ago. Automobile assemblies, electric power use and residential construction also gained.

Railroad carloadings also hit a new high for the year, aided by brisker grain and miscellaneous shipments. Ore was the only type of freight which moved in smaller quantity than in the preceding week.

Mother Love



CAMDEN, N. J.—Mrs. Ethel Nicholson, 22-year-old mother, and her 2½-year-old daughter, Pearlene, rest in the local police station after hitch-hiking 300 miles in search of a job. She left her home in West Union, W. Va., to go to a job as a housekeeper in Salem, N. J. Police tried to find her prospective employer.

ASHE MAN KILLED AS TRUCK, AUTO COLLIDE

West Jefferson, Aug. 25.—Charles Bivins, a resident of Phenix road, Ashe county, was killed instantly when he was thrown from the truck in which he was riding Friday as the truck and car collided. His skull was crushed. The collision occurred at Bristol, near Jefferson.

LUMBER

Due to increased activity in the construction of small homes, lumber consumption in the United States during 1939 will be from 10 to 15 per cent greater than it was in 1938, the department of commerce predicts.

A restaurant in Lancaster, Pa., makes a specialty of "beer doughnuts," mixing beer with the batter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

ISAAH: A LIFE DEDICATED TO GOD

Lesson for September 3: Isaiah 6:1-13

No wonder the young prophet Isaiah was in despair when King Uzziah died. A very able and energetic monarch, Uzziah's death meant an end of a prosperous era. For his son Jotham was a weakling, and Tiglath-Pileser, the Assyrian ruler, loomed menacingly on the horizon.

But man's extremity is God's opportunity. The youthful Isaiah entered the temple, and there he saw, in an exalted vision "the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up."

Now you and I, like Isaiah, live in a time of crisis. It is important for us too to see the Lord, to perceive a divine purpose amidst the tangled events of our confused era.

And note that Isaiah saw a great God, One "high and lifted up." No God is adequate for our world except such a mighty Lord. For we live in a universe inconceivably vast. And our social problems have become extremely complex and formidable. So we need to graduate from all mean and petty conceptions of the Most High.

New thro things happened as a result of Isaiah's vision. First of all, there came to him a sense of unworthiness. "Then said I, 'Woe is me! for I am undone.'" Every true Christian passes through this experience. He has doubts about himself. Like Isaiah he feels important and weak.

Secondly, there came to Isaiah a rich experience of forgiveness. A seraphim touched his mouth with a live coal, saying, "Your guilt is removed, and your sin forgiven." Every sincere soul passes through an experience akin to this. God worketh in us, as St. Paul says, overcoming our weakness by His friendly and abiding hand.

Finally, there came to the prophet an impelling call to a life of service. Listen to our Golden Text: "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Then said I, "Here am I, send me." That call comes to every true-hearted soul. We know we are not equal to the task. We realize our deficiencies. But we are willing to do our best.

BOARD TO BEGIN TAKING OLD AGE CLAIMS OCT. 1

Washington, Aug. 30.—The social security administration will begin receiving claims October 1 from the 812,000 men, women and children who, it estimates, will be eligible in 1940 for \$144,000,000 in old age insurance and survivor benefits.

Payments for January, the first benefit month, will be made February 1, said John J. Carson, director of the old age insurance bureau.

He estimated that from 30,000 to 35,000 claims would be filed for the first month by retiring workers, wives, widows, dependent children and dependent parents. The number of recipients will increase each month, he said, as more become eligible under the law.



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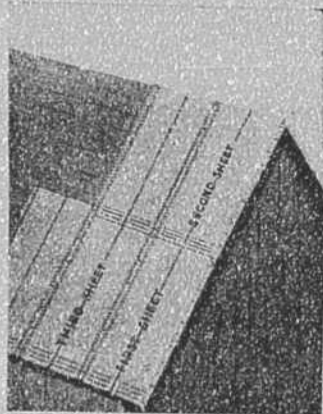
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