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## SAYS THESE ARE DAYS FOR WORK AND OPTIMISM

Readjustment Important for Labor and Capital Alike.

IRVING T. BUSH WRITES

Unwise to Be Pessimistic, for Pessimism Breeds Discouragement, Father of Failure.

(Editor's Note—The period of business readjustment which has now arrived is the time for optimism, says Irving T. Bush, one of the broadest minds in American business. In this article written especially for The Observer, Bush is founder of the great Bush Terminal Sales Company in New York, which employs 35,000 men.)

BY IRVING T. BUSH  
When business is on the upswing, there is no danger in being optimistic. When business is on the downswing, it is unwise to be pessimistic, for pessimism breeds discouragement and loss of courage. Restraint and common sense is good at all times. It is absolutely essential on the downswing.

This country has passed through five years of unexampled prosperity. A period of readjustment has arrived, and it is best for everyone to face the facts. There is nothing to be gained by getting blue because business cannot continue forever on the upswing. It never has and it never will and if we look at the best interests of the country, we must be convinced to the conclusion that it is time a hal was called.

Our Foreign Markets.  
A generation or so ago our business affairs were local to this side of the Atlantic. Today they are international and if we are to continue to endlessly boost the price of everything that goes into a manufactured product, the time will soon be reached when other nations will undersell us in the markets of the world.

The preservation of our foreign markets is, if anything, more important to labor than it is to the owners of industry, and the important fact to everyone, labor included, is what the contents of the pay envelope will be in the way of comfort and happiness.

It is far better to keep the cost of comfort and happiness on a basis where it can be purchased with the money earned by the worker than to have it sold by the worker to the people of other countries.

During the war the world has laid its money on our counters and demanded our goods because we were the only producing nation in position to supply their wants. This period has ended and trade will return to its normal condition, which means that we must compete for business as in the past.

While this period of readjustment is going on, some people who have been skating on thin ice may get their feet wet and recall the days before the war, when the people of the United States owed Europe vast sums for money loaned to us for the purpose of developing our resources. It is not a bad thing to have a year abroad to pay the interest on this borrowed principal.

Today that debt is paid and we are the chief creditor nation of the world.

From a money standpoint, we can look the world in the face. The essential thing for us to preserve is that greatest asset of all—the spirit of America. This country has not

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## BOOK SUPPRESSED 20 YEARS; CONTENTS IN TOMORROW'S OBSERVER

The third volume of Bismarck's Memoirs, suppressed by the Kaiser and frantically guarded for 20 years and still unpublished, will be made public through The Sunday Observer tomorrow, in the form of a resume of the book by a prominent German who has read it. It is a history-making revelation. Don't miss it. Readers, agents and news-dealers should arrange today for all extra copies wanted. It is the biggest single feature The Observer has published in months.

## HORACE E. DODGE DIES AT PALM BEACH, FLA.

Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 10.—Horace E. Dodge, millionaire automobile manufacturer, died at his winter home here tonight.

Detroit, Dec. 10.—The death of Horace E. Dodge at his winter home in Palm Beach, Fla., tonight was unexpected by his acquaintances and friends here, who had not learned of Mr. Dodge's serious illness. His health had been impaired, however, since an attack of influenza last winter. He left here several weeks ago with Mrs. Dodge, apparently in good health.

Mr. Dodge had been the sole head of the Dodge Brothers' automobile interests since the sudden death early this year of John Dodge, his elder brother. The brothers founded the automobile business that bore their name here eight years ago, after engaging in the manufacture of automobile parts since the early days of the industry, when they were associated with Henry Ford.

## CLUB MEMBERS PRIZE WINNERS

Boys and Girls Take Many Prizes at State Poultry Show.

Livestock Meeting Closes With Address by Dr. Tait Butler and Others.

Special to The Observer.  
Salisbury, Dec. 10.—The three-day meeting of the state livestock association wound up here today with a program which included addresses by prominent men of this and other states, a sale of purebred Shropshire sheep and Poland-China hogs, and the awarding of prizes in the state poultry show.

R. B. Miller, of Salisbury, who has a large herd of Herefords, told how he grows and markets them successfully. The value of the milking Shorthorn, which is practically unknown as yet in North Carolina, was explained by J. C. McNeill, of Amherst, Mass. R. W. Scott, member of the state board of agriculture and president of the sheep breeders' association, discussed the conditions now facing the sheep breeders.

Dr. Tait Butler told how the south has been raising champion beef cattle but has failed to develop local markets, and said that breeders in the south have got to build an outlet at home for their cattle. He prophesied a great change in southern agriculture, based on permanent pastures and livestock, as well as upon farm crops. Other speakers included D. C. Spencer, of Washington, D. C.; J. W. Cameron, Polkton, N. C.; and Dr. Hartwell Robbins, of Washington, N. C.

Dr. Robbins, who is in charge of tick eradication in North Carolina and Virginia, told how the presence of ticks in eastern North Carolina is retarding the development of the state, and said that the eradication of ticks in eastern North Carolina, once freed of ticks, would be a wonderful market for purebred cattle raised in the western part of the state. The cattle breeders' association passed a resolution endorsing the state-wide cattle tick eradication bill which was approved by the North Carolina state board of agriculture at a regular meeting.

Crowds of Salisbury school children from the first and second grades have visited the milk exhibit in the court house since the meeting and Tuesday. The home demonstration agents, Misses Edwards, Wallace and Alexander, talked to the youngsters and gave them a list of balanced meals such as were on display at the tables. All of them promised to drink more milk now that they understood how necessary to growth it is.

The boys and girls' poultry clubs went out over the professionals in several classes at the poultry show, the large club exhibit from Catawba county, where J. W. Hendricks is agent, figuring heavily in the winnings.

In the open classes boys' and girls' birds took the following prizes: Buff Plymouth Rock cockerel, Harry Arndt, Claremont, first; Gertrude Barringer, Claremont, second on cock, first on hen, and fourth on pullet; Katie Pharr, Conover, second and fourth on pullets, and first on cockerels, and third on pullets.

Oliver Smith, a club boy of Conover, on his Andalusians, won first, second and third on hens, and first, second and third on pullets. In the single Comb Brown Leghorns, open classes, Miss Winnie Lee McCombs, Catawba, took first, third and fourth on cocks; second, third and fourth on pullets.

In the special classes for best birds shown by club members Miss Pharr, of Conover, won \$5 on a Buff Plymouth Rock cockerel. For second best bird Dorothy Yount, Henry, route No. 1, won with a S. C. Rhode Island Red pullet. Third went to Gertrude Barringer, of Claremont, fourth to Paul Wagner, Newell, on S. C. White Leghorn cockerel, and fifth to Redfeather brothers, Peachland, on a White Orpington hen.

Dr. B. F. Kaupp, secretary of the state poultry association, was the greatest winner of the show, carrying away a total of 86 ribbons, a silver cup for the most points in the American class, and a trophy cup for the most points made by any exhibitor. His birds from the experimental station farm captured 29 firsts, 22 seconds, 11 thirds, 11 fourths, three fourths prizes and one fifth prize. Local birds won their full share of prizes, Dr. H. S. Newman, new president of the state association, being a heavy winner.

## ROAD ADVOCATES OF N. CAROLINA COMPLETE TASK

Clarkson Will Draft Bill to Be Submitted to Legislature.

AGREE ON ONE MEASURE

Neuse Merchant on Trial, Charged With Receiving Goods Stolen From Cars.

BY M. D. ABERNETHY.

Raleigh, Dec. 10.—Good roads advocates representing the Citizens Highway association, the North Carolina Good Roads association and others interested in a permanent system of hard surface highways for North Carolina, who have been in session here since Tuesday outlining a plan that will be submitted to the 1921 session of the legislature, today completed their work.

Heriot Clarkson, chairman of the committee, before leaving for his home in Charlotte tonight, said that the principles to be incorporated into the proposed law were unanimously agreed upon by every member of the committee representing both good roads organizations.

Instead of cluttering the legislative hopper in January with a score of good roads programs only one bill will be presented during the legislative session sought by the advocates. This bill will be tentatively drafted by Mr. Clarkson, the features agreed upon this week incorporated, and by a gang of lawyers who have been working on it since they were suggested by a joint committee of both good roads associations at a meeting in Raleigh prior to January 5 when the general assembly convenes.

There will also be a meeting of the North Carolina Good Roads association and the Citizens Highway association when the final committee report will be held in Spartanburg sometime in January.

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One of the features of the meeting was the cabaret luncheon. This was followed by the appearance of a theatrical troupe from the Piedmont theater. Cabaret girls were there in numbers and everybody had a good time.

SENATORS REMIND RESERVE BOARD NEED FOR BRANCH

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senators Simmons and Overman of North Carolina, and Smith and Dial of South Carolina, called on Governor Harding of the federal reserve board, today, relative to a request filed with the regional bank at Richmond more than a year ago asking the establishment of a branch bank to serve the western part of North Carolina and South Carolina. Governor Harding, Senator Simmons said, agreed to call the attention of the bank at Richmond to the proposal and intimated that he might act if the board would possibly act if the Richmond bank delayed decision too long.

"What's the News?"  
Horace E. Dodge, automobile manufacturer, dies at his winter home at Palm Beach.

Organization of a \$100,000,000 corporation to finance foreign trade for the farmers' benefit is proposed at Chicago.

## FOUR IRISH COUNTIES UNDER MARTIAL LAW

London, Dec. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—Martial law has been proclaimed by Dublin Castle over the city and county of Cork, the city and county of Limerick and the counties of Tipperary and Kerry.

In an announcement made to the houses of commons today, Premier Lloyd George declared it was the intention of the British government to put down the lawlessness which for months has been prevalent in Ireland.

Dublin city and the county of Dublin, although they have been the scenes of numerous affrays and much vandalism, were not included in the district which is placed under martial law, but Lloyd George told the commons that if conditions should warrant it the interdicted area would be extended.

## CARDERS MEET HERE, TALK SHOP

Three States Send Delegates to First Group Meeting.

Spinners May Gather at Spartanburg Next Month; Questions of Interest Discussed.

Questions relating to their particular group and to the cotton mill business as a whole, were discussed at a meeting of the carders' division of the Southern Textile association in the Selwyn hotel here yesterday, attended by nearly 200 members.

Carders were present from North and South Carolina and Georgia. The meeting, declared to be a success in every way, was the first of a series of similar group meetings suggested by the directors of the textile association at a meeting here several weeks ago.

Mill men said following the meeting that the next group to gather probably would be the spinners. This meeting in all likelihood will be held in Spartanburg sometime in January.

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## MERCHANTS ARE BEARING THEIR PART OF LOSSES

State Secretary Tells of Sacrifices of the Retailers.

MANY SELLING AT LOSS

J. Paul Leonard Calls Attention to Other Classes Who Are Not Reducing Their Prices.

"How are the merchants getting along? They're experiencing the business ordeal we predicted a year ago that they would experience sooner or later—the disasters of a falter market and business stagnation."

This is the reply of J. Paul Leonard, of Statesville, secretary of the North Carolina Merchants association, who was in Charlotte yesterday for a few hours, when asked to say something about the members of his organization. Mr. Leonard enlarged on his idea in an interview, as follows:

"The merchants are losing as much or more than they made on the rising market, and yet they continue to be the target of every fellow who knows more about running a mercantile business than the men who have made it their life work."

"Although your paper, along with all others, is filled with advertisements of merchants offering their goods at prices in many instances less than manufacturer's cost, you find some folks who are still howling, claiming that prices have not come down, and others, including some of the bankers, who say the merchants are responsible for the downward trend, and I found much reasonable goods selling below invoice cost, and in some instances below replacement value on today's market."

"I was in a store today where they offered a suit which cost less than they cost, but there was no scramble for them. Other goods were offered in proportion. The other day I was in a store which was selling a suit for 75 cents, a downward trend, and I found much reasonable goods selling below invoice cost, and in some instances below replacement value on today's market."

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## Her Surrender Is Expected



Above—Mrs. Clara S. Hamon; below, Jake L. Hamon, slain Oklahoma millionaire, and his widow, Mrs. Clara S. Hamon, stand trial at Ardmore, Okla., for the alleged shooting of Jake L. Hamon.

## JUDGE ASSAILS SENATE DEBATE GASTON MEANS IS LED BY DIAL

Declares Purported Second Most of Day Devoted to Farmers' Relief Legislation.

Fight to Probate Alleged Last Will of Mrs. Maude King's Husband Is Lost.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—The fight to probate an alleged second will of the late James C. King, millionaire lumberman, who died November 1, 1915, failed again today when Judge Jesse Baldwin in circuit court sustained the decision of the probate court that the purported last will is a forgery.

A will probated shortly after Mr. King's death, and now upheld, leaves the estate of between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000 to a home for aged men. The latest attempt to establish the validity of the alleged second will was made in the name of Mrs. Mary C. Melvin, sister of Mrs. Maude King, who was shot and killed at Concord, N. C., August 29, 1917.

Gaston B. Means, of New York and Concord, Mrs. King's business manager, at whose home she was visiting, was tried and acquitted on a charge of murdering her husband. Judge Baldwin, in his decision severely criticized Means' association with the will case. "No fair consideration of this case," he said, "can ignore the fact that Gaston B. Means is shown to be the controlling and dominating spirit in the attempt to establish this will. Indeed, the conclusion is irresistible that Mrs. King was induced to execute the second will in August, 1915, although it was not offered for probate until July 17, 1917, about five weeks before Mrs. King was killed, and nearly 12 years after Mr. King died."

Testimony in the will case brought out, among other things, that Means had worked for Captain Boyd as a German agent prior to America's entrance into the war, and that Means had a contract with Mrs. King whereby he was to obtain at least \$1,000,000 if the alleged will was probated.

Mrs. Maud A. King married the aged millionaire—he was 73 at the time—in 1901.

Five days prior to that event he had married his wife. Shortly after his marriage he added a codicil leaving \$100,000 to his wife, while in an ante-nuptial agreement he gave her six to nine dollars. I had to read at the advanced age, and yet this newspaper has a number of writers who seem to take a delight in harassing the merchants about their alleged failure to reduce prices of the paper. And advertising rates also continue to increase, adding to the merchants expense. Why not ask others besides the merchants to take some of the losses?"

Mr. Leonard doesn't expect the present depressed conditions in business to last much longer if everybody will do their share to get things back to normal, he said, adding that he hasn't much faith in the efforts to artificially hold up

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## TINKHAM GETS LITTLE SUPPORT FOR HIS PLANS

Punishment for South Not Likely to Become Effective.

NORTH IS AGAINST HIM

Little Man, Filled With Hatred, and Finds but Little Sympathy in Congress.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Washington, Dec. 10.—A canvass of the situation here indicates that there is no immediate danger of the adoption of the Tinkham resolution to look into the election returns of the south with a view to reducing representation from that section because of the barrier of the negro. Tinkham has some supporters in the proposition but they are few and far between.

The attitude of southern congressmen is one of defiance. "The may cut Mississippi's membership in the house to one," said Representative Humphrey today, "but the one left will be Tinkham."

"The atmosphere of Massachusetts," said Representative Clyde R. Hoey, of the ninth district, "seems to generate southern feeling. It is refreshing to know that many New Englanders and western republicans do not share the views of men like Tinkham and others who are crying for a republic."

Mr. Hoey said that the basis for the Tinkham measure does not apply to North Carolina, where the vote in the last election compared favorably with the south in any other state in the union.

It looks now as if Tinkham would not succeed in his plan to strike the south.

"The first day of the new session witnesses the introduction of a bill to reduce the representation of the south because the negro is not permitted to vote," said Representative Hoey. "This time the measure is championed by Representative Tinkham, of Massachusetts. His name is against him. It suggests a republic of men who would like to see the tinker with so vital a matter as suffrage in the south, and willing to punish our people because they are determined to preserve their political rights with the south in handling the problems growing out of the adoption of the negro suffrage amendment. His idea is that Congress will not attempt to interfere with the thinking people in the north freely admitted in private conversation that the fifteenth amendment was a serious mistake, a crime of the reconstruction period, and this kind of reasoning is the method of handling the problems growing out of the adoption of the negro suffrage amendment. 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