

GLOOMY VIEW OF TRADE SITUATION

THE BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS HAS ISSUED STATEMENT.

DISAPPEARANCE OF OPTIMISM.

Commercial Agent Dennis Says That the Business Depression in Great Britain Has Largely Increased.

Washington.—Financially and economically the situation throughout the world improved but little during the month of March, with few signs of better conditions to come, according to cabled summaries for the month received by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce from its trade commissioners and commercial attaches in foreign countries.

In Europe tight money, unemployment and unsatisfactory industrial and shipping conditions were in evidence while some declines in prices and slight revival of building activities were noted. In the east the situation was described as somewhat easier, while in South America conditions were reported as practically unchanged from the previous month.

Commercial Attache Dennis reported that the business depression in Great Britain had increased owing to the perspective failure of an early settlement with Germany on the reparations question. Optimism that prevailed in the cotton textile industry has been dissipated, he declared, both by the increase in customs tariff of British India and a further decline in the price of silver.

American imports into France continue to show marked reductions, Commercial Attache Huntington at Paris informed the bureau.

Teeth Behind Eye.

Paris.—One of the most remarkable freaks ever reported has been discovered here in the case of a woman possessing a complete set of teeth behind her right eyeball. The woman complained of a pain in her right eye, and the X-ray disclosed the teeth.

Death of Judge Pritchard.

Asheville, N. C.—Federal Judge Jeter Conley Pritchard, of the United States circuit court for the fourth district, died here following an illness of several months. Death of the famous jurist was due directly to pneumonia.

Caruso Plays Safe.

New York.—Denial of reports that Enrico Caruso had given his voice a trial to find whether it had been affected by his recent illness was made by Bruno Zirato, his secretary. Caruso will not risk any strain on his vocal chords for some time, Zirato added.

Express Robbers Convicted.

Macon, Ga.—Thirty-six of the 45 men tried during the last four weeks in Federal court here on charges of conspiracy to rob the American Railway company of goods valued at more than \$1,000,000 were found guilty and the other nine were acquitted.

Burlington to Sell Cotton.

Austin, Texas.—Albert H. Burselson, former postmaster general, will leave soon for Europe to sell unsoled Texas cotton. N. A. Wroe, president of the National Bank of Austin, said.

To Be No Obstruction.

Washington.—National Chairman George White pledged the democratic party to refrain from "obstructing and harassing" the Harding administration.

Capacity of Canal, is 16,550 Ships. San Francisco.—Under normal conditions the annual maximum capacity of the Panama canal is 16,550 ships.

21 Persons Were Killed.

Rio De Janeiro.—Twenty-one persons were killed near here in a collision on the Central Brazil railway. A score were injured.

Heavy Snows in Virginia.

Cumberland, Md.—Five inches of snow at Rowlesburg, W. Va., with temperature of 28. Snow has been flying all day. Other points in Virginia and West Virginia also report falls of sleet and snow.

Fewer Divorces in New York.

New York.—In Chicago there were 900 divorce decrees granted in January and 1,000 in February. New York had only 178 in January and 207 in February. St. Louis had 372 decrees in January and 338 in February.

Judge Landis to Resign.

Washington.—Federal Judge Kenneth M. Landis, of Chicago, will resign within a few weeks, it was reliably reported here.

Postal Employees Armed.

Washington.—Postal employees will hereafter be armed and rewards given for apprehension of mail robbers. Postmaster General Hays sent out an order posting a standing reward of \$5,000 for "any postal employee or other person who brings in a mail robber."



Mrs. Herbert Hoover. Here is the latest photograph of Mrs. Herbert C. Hoover, wife of the secretary of commerce.

A COUNCIL OF BUSINESS MEN

Members of Nat. Automobile Chamber Commerce and American Dyes Institute Met With Hoover.

Washington.—Proposed increases of twenty cents a ton in the joint rates on coal from mines on the Cumberland railroad to points on the Louisville & Nashville and connections in Tennessee, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida and Alabama were found by the Interstate Commerce Commission to be not justified. The proposed schedules now under suspension were ordered cancelled.

Secretary Hoover continued the series of conferences with representatives of leading industries looking toward the formation of an advisory council to the Department of Commerce, composed of business men.

Members of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce and later representatives from the American Dyes Institute met with the secretary and discussed the personnel of committees to represent their industries on the council.

Complete Re-Organization.

Columbus, Ohio.—Complete re-organization of the state government in Ohio will become effective July 1 as a result of the enactment by the state senate of the administration code.

Price of Flour Reduced.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Flour prices in Minneapolis have dropped 50 cents a barrel the last week, bringing the price of standard patents at the mills down to \$8.15 to \$8.40 a barrel.

Another Old Confederate Dead.

Chicago.—Colonel Ephraim Lillard, former warden of the state prison of Kentucky and a veteran of the Confederate forces in the Civil war, died at the home here of his daughter.

Prices of Bricks Reduced.

Chicago.—A 25 per cent reduction in the price of bricks was announced by the Illinois Brick company. Bricks that formerly cost \$16 a thousand will be reduced to \$12 a thousand.

Jobless are Put Upon Honor.

Muskegon, Mich.—Muskegon has inaugurated the "honor system" and is making unsecured loans to its jobless citizens. More than \$10,000 has already been loaned to those temporarily out of employment and in need.

To Build New Mexican Railway.

Mexico City.—A new railway line between La Querande, in the territory of Tepic, and San Marcos, state of Sinaloa, is to be constructed, according to an announcement.

Ritter Gets Post.

Washington.—Appointment of William D. Ritter of Salt Lake City as assistant attorney general was announced at the White House.

Consider Currency Reform.

Managua, Nicaragua.—Nicaraguan, Costa Rican and United States government officials are exchanging views relative to currency reform in Central America. The Costa Rican national assembly has also begun considering of the subject.

Want Coal Shipments Stopped.

Montreal.—The American Federation of Labor is asked to urge the United Mine Workers of America to refuse to mine coal for export to Great Britain, or for English ships.

Many Wounded Greeks Arrive.

Athens.—Wounded Greek soldiers are arriving in such numbers from the Smyrna and Brusa fronts that sanitary authorities in this country are unable to care for them properly and are asking for aid.

Sun Yat Sen Named.

Honolulu.—The Chinese parliament sitting at Canton has unanimously elected Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first provisional president of China at the time a republican form of government was substituted for the empire.

TAKE NOTICE OF NEW WAY AND DAY

ATTORNEY GENERAL SOUNDS A WARNING THAT EMBRACES BUSINESS IN GENERAL.

THE LAW IS TO BE ENFORCED

The Department of Justice Will Ask for More Aid From Outside Than it has Received Heretofore.

Washington.—A general warning to business that the Department of Justice will countenance no violations of the law was sounded by Attorney General Daugherty.

The country, Mr. Daugherty said, "should take notice of a new day and a new way" and those who had been guilty of illegal practices should not "close their eyes." His statement, he added, was a "modest, but emphatic warning" to those for whom it was intended and could be regarded as an opportunity for any of those who should mend their ways to do so.

The Attorney General said the Department of Justice did not intend to harass business in any way, but that it did intend to enforce the law. He pointed out that, while the profiteering sections of the Lever act had been declared unconstitutional, the department still could proceed under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Mr. Daugherty was discussing specifically the situation in the building materials industry, which he declared reports to the department showed to be "intolerable." He said the department of justice would ask for more aid from the outside than it had received heretofore.

Recommends \$680,000 Assessment.

Roanoke, Va.—A recommendation of the board of education, read by the Rev. H. S. Sherman, Front Royal, Va., that \$680,000 be assessed as the conference's quota of the church's \$33,000,000 education fund, was adopted at the session here of the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

Opposed to 44-Hour Week.

Chicago.—The executive council of the Typothetae of America in a statement denied that it had ever agreed to introduction of the 44-hour week. The statement was issued to correct what were termed erroneous reports that the organization had approved the 44-hour week.

Victory for Peanut Growers.

Suffolk, Va.—The peanut growers of Virginia and North Carolina now see victory in sight for their organization. Now that they have about 4,000 signers they are bending all efforts to getting the additional thousand signers which will be necessary to complete their organization.

Try Prohibition Fifty Years.

Chicago.—The country should give the prohibition amendment a trial for about fifty years "to see whether it is the best thing for us or not," is the opinion of Judge K. M. Landis.

Mexican Mines Closed.

Mexico City.—Because of the large amount of copper on hand and inability to market it at satisfactory prices the mines in the State of Sonora, especially those near Cananea, continue to be paralyzed.

John C. Noel Appointed.

Washington.—John C. Noel, of Pennington Gap, Va., was appointed by President Harding as Collector of Internal Revenue for the district of Virginia. Mr. Noel is a former state senator.

All-American Day Celebrated.

Philadelphia.—Philadelphia celebrated all-American day with General Pershing, Admirals Benson, Sims and Coontz and Governor Sprout among the guests-of-honor.

Ex-Kaiser's Yacht for Sale.

London.—The yacht Meteor V, formerly the property of the ex-Kaiser, has been offered for sale to certain Dutch interests.

Found Guilty of Mayhem.

Atlanta, Ga.—Mrs. Nell Goodman Rolander was found guilty by a jury in superior court here of the charge of mayhem, growing out of her action in throwing acid into the face of Mrs. Gladys Pressnell.

18 Per Cent Wage Reduction.

Pittsburg.—The managers' committee of the Pennsylvania Railroad presented a plan for proposed wage reductions of approximately 18 per cent to representatives of the telegraph department employees.

Fatalities in Train Wreck.

Somerset, Ky.—Two persons were killed and 30 injured, four fatally, in a wreck of the Royal Palm Limited on the Southern railway at New River, Tenn. An investigation is in progress.

Compulsory Pooling of Grain.

Chicago.—Compulsory pooling of grain became the big issue of the meeting called for ratification of a national co-operative grain marketing plan worked out by the farmers grain marketing committee of seventeen.



Sir Frederick Sykes. Maj. Gen. Sir Frederick Sykes, controller general of civil aviation of Great Britain predicts gas attacks from the air and says that torpedo-carrying planes will make the dreadnaught obsolete in the near war.

COTTON SELLING AT 3 CENTS

Recent Decrease in Price of Fertilizers May Lessen the Prospective Decrease in Acreage.

Washington.—Reduction of acreage and difficulty of farmers in some sections in financing this year's cotton crop, are described in reports to the bureau of crop estimates.

Arkansas reported "an effort" being made to reduce acreage and said some of the winter-picked cotton is being bought as low as 3 cents a pound. Dry weather was said to have checked planting in Florida.

A cut in acreage of from 25 to 50 per cent was said to be planned in some localities in Georgia. Much of the crop of last year still remains in the hands of the growers and boll weevil was reported on the ground in many localities. Louisiana planting was declared to have been interfered with by heavy rains while Missouri reported reduction in acreage.

Recent reduction in prices of fertilizers "may lessen" the prospective decrease in acreage, said a report from North Carolina.

A reduction of one-half in acreage was indicated in California and New Mexico sent similar information.

U. S. is Mobilizing Troops.

Washington.—Army chiefs are insistent that the mobilizing of reinforcements aggregating 125 per cent for the defense of Hawaii and nearly 300 per cent for the Panama Canal Zone is being perfected without reference to any other nation as a probable or possible enemy.

Damage of \$85,715,747.

Washington.—Damage of \$85,715,747 was caused by forest fires which burned over 45,483,307 acres in 455 states from 1916 to 1920, inclusive, it was reported by the forestry service of the Department of Agriculture.

is Generally Favorable.

Washington.—The condition of winter wheat throughout the country is "generally favorable," says a Department of Agriculture review of domestic crop conditions.

Novel United States Stamp.

Washington.—The recent issue of United States stamps entitled, "The Pilgrim Tercentenary," is said to be the first stamp in history that falls to have "U. S." printed on it.

Confederate Brothers at Reunion.

Richmond, Va.—Five brothers, all of whom served in the Confederate army, recently attended a reunion of their comrades in Christianburg.

Canada Ratifies Protocol.

Geneva.—Canada has signed the protocol ratifying the statutes of the international court of justice, her action bringing the number of states which have adhered to the court up to twenty-eight.

Gets Job Without Influence.

Washington.—Ike Meekins, of Elizabeth City, N. C. is here to begin his duties as assistant alien property custodian. Meekins received his appointment without the influence of Tar Heel republicans.

Wilson's Country Home.

Philadelphia.—Woodrow Wilson will have a handsome country home near Princeton, N. J., it was learned here. A Philadelphia architect has been at work on plans for the former President since last November.

\$50,000 Due Terminal Co.

Washington.—The Interstate Commerce Commission certified to the Secretary of the Treasury that, under the six-months' guarantee, \$50,000 was due the Charleston Terminal Company, South Carolina.

Owners Declare Lockout.

London.—A lockout has been declared by the factory owners of Turin, the important Italian industrial center, and troops have occupied the factories there, says a dispatch to the Central News from Rome.

67TH CONGRESS IS NOW IN SESSION

FIRST CONGRESS IN 10 YEARS IN COMPLETE ACCORD WITH THE PRESIDENT ELECT.

MONDELL RE-ELECTED LEADER

Kitchin Becomes Democratic Leader, by Virtue of His Nomination for the Speakership.

Washington.—The 67th congress assembled promptly at noon at the call of President Harding for its first session, expected now to continue until fall.

This congress is the first controlled by the republicans to meet under a republican administration in a decade. The senate previously had been organized at its special session, which began last March 4, but the house proceeded to its organization by re-electing Speaker Frederick H. Gillett, of Massachusetts, over Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina, the democratic candidate. The vote was on strictly party lines and Mr. Gillett was elected.

Frank W. Mondell, Wyoming, was re-elected republican leader while Representative Kitchin became the democratic leader by virtue of his nomination for the speakership.

Nearly all of the 435 members were present for the opening. The crowded house galleries broke into applause when Miss Alice Robertson, republican, of the second Oklahoma district, the only woman member of congress, came on the floor.

Senate galleries also were crowded, the overflow extending far outside of the doors. Seventy-eight senators answered the roll call after the president's proclamation calling the extra session had been read.

Bank Robber Gets One Year.

Chicago.—James Carey, the 19-year-old bank cashier of Ottawa, Ill., whose theft of \$96,000 last November was followed by criticism of Judge Landis when the latter permitted the youthful culprit to return home pending sentence, was sentenced by Judge Landis to serve one year in the National Training School for Boys at Washington, D. C.

Here to Present Statue.

New York.—Dr. Estaban, Gliborges, foreign minister of Venezuela, arrived here at the head of a special mission representing the Venezuelan government, which will present a statue of Simon Bolivar to the City of New York on April 19.

Would Abolish Labor Board.

Washington.—A bill to abolish the Railroad Labor board, now functioning under the transportation act, and place its duties under the Interstate Commerce Commission was introduced by Representative Tincher, Kansas.

No Review of Haywood Case.

Washington.—The supreme court refused to review the conviction of William D. Haywood and more than 79 other members of the I. W. W. on charges of having conspired to obstruct the war activities of the government.

To Succeed Judge Pritchard.

Washington.—Two North Carolinians will be considered by President Harding to succeed the late Judge Jeter Pritchard, of Asheville. They are Judge W. P. Bynum, of Greensboro, and James J. Britt, of Asheville.

Suffered From Cold.

Nashville, Tenn.—This vicinity suffered a visitation of frost and ice during the night, the former being heavy and the damage widespread. The ice formed on shallow water.

German Ex-Empress is Dead.

Doorn, Holland.—Former Empress Augusta Victoria, of Germany, died here. By a strange coincidence, the end came just one year after she suffered her first serious attack of heart disease.

Phone Connection With Cuba.

New York.—The first submarine telephone cable to link the United States with Cuba was formally opened when President Harding talked from Washington to President Menocal in Havana.

Earthquake Shocks Felt.

Washington.—An earthquake lasting an hour and estimated at about 1,800 miles from Washington, probably in Central South America, was recorded on the seismographs at Georgetown university.

Damaging Change of Weather.

Atlanta, Ga.—Fire, made necessary by the sudden return to wintry temperatures, resulted in the destruction of two churches in Georgia and damaged another, causing fatal injuries to two young women.

Severe Fighting Continues.

Constantinople.—Fighting has been renewed by the Turks and Greeks on the Brusa front in Asia Minor. Turkish cavalry is attempting to break through the Greek line running from Kestelek to Akpu east of Brusa.

CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Shelby.—Nine divorcees were granted at the spring term of superior court and eight men were given road sentences.

Lumberton.—Provision for a complete revaluation of real estate in Robeson county for taxation was made by the board of county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting here.

Charlotte.—Mecklenburg county property values were reduced, 25 per cent as the result of a meeting of the board of appraisers and review and the Mecklenburg county commissioners.

Wadesboro.—Mrs. James Coppedge, the oldest resident of this city, and one of the finest Christian women in Anson county, is critically ill at her home here. She is 95 years of age.

Morganton.—A. C. Avery was elected mayor of Morganton by a majority of 255 over his opponent, John M. Pearson, the vote being 516 to 261.

Norwood.—Rev. J. W. Patton, D. D., of Greensboro, deputy grand lecturer of the grand lodge A. F. and A. M., of North Carolina, is spending two weeks here drilling Pee Dee lodge No. 150.

Lenoir.—J. Wilburn Suddreth died at his home about three miles west of Lenoir, being 83 years of age. Mr. Suddreth was an ex-soldier of the Confederacy, and was a member of the 58th N. C. regiment.

High Point.—According to a story members of his family told High Point newspaper men Elder Samuel McMillan, a primitive Baptist minister of this city was robbed of \$105 while a passenger on a Charlotte trolley car.

Winston-Salem.—Daniel C. Roper, of Washington, former United States commissioner of internal revenue, has accepted an invitation to deliver the address at the sixth luncheon of the members council of the chamber of commerce here at noon on April 22.

Asheville.—Conditions in the cotton mills of this section are reported far better than were experienced at the first of the year, yet not so promising as enjoyed six weeks ago, according to a summary of the work under way and orders on hand, say mill officials.

Burlington.—News has been received here of the suicide of James Story, at his home near the village of Glencoe, a few miles from this city.

Monroe.—William Gerald, a mechanic at Iceman Knitting company, was instantly killed when a long section of pipe which he was carrying came in contact with a live wire.

A jury in Wake county superior court awarded J. W. Kimbrough, of Boylan Heights, \$15,000 as damages for injuries inflicted by a train of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad in 1919.

Wilson.—J. C. Lassiter, 30, vice president of the R. G. Lassiter Contracting company, of Norfolk, Va., with branches in a number of Southern cities, died from a bullet wound, believed to have been accidentally self-inflicted.

Belmont.—In the triangle composed of the debating teams from the high schools of Bessemer, Mt. Holly and Belmont, none of the teams were successful in winning but one debate, and therefore this series of debates will not have any representation at Chapel Hill.

Durham.—The Charlotte high school won a unanimous decision over the Raleigh high school in this city in this end of the annual triangular debate.

Durham.—Lora Ashburn, 13 years old, daughter of Mrs. Mary Ashburn, of this city, was burned, perhaps fatally, when her clothing became ignited from flames which burst from a stove which she was lighting with kerosene oil. The fire practically destroyed the Long home on Walnut street.

Wilson.—The arrest of two couples here on the charge of violation of the Mann white slavery law resulted in one marriage, but the Bellamy law prevented the other proposed nuptial event.

Wilson.—Sheriff Howard and his force of deputies are continuing their warfare on illicit distilling in Wilson county. Within the past several days two large stills, one of 75-gallon capacity and the other a 60-gallon outfit, have been captured. Five gallons of "corn juice" were confiscated.

Hickory.—Federal and state prohibition officers operating out from Hickory confirm tales told by local fishermen that blockaders use the waters of the big dams in this section for the purpose of moving to and from their moonshine plants.

Fayetteville.—With clear weather conditions favoring them, the four marine corps aviators making a test flight from Washington to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, left Pope field, Camp Bragg, for the marine station at Paris Island, S. C.

WOMEN NEED SWAMP-ROOT

Thousands of women have kidney and bladder trouble and never suspect it. Women's complaints often prove to be nothing else but kidney trouble, or the result of kidney or bladder disease.

If the kidneys are not in a healthy condition, they may cause the other organs to become diseased. Pain in the back, headache, loss of ambition, nervousness, are often times symptoms of kidney trouble.

Don't delay starting treatment. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a physician's prescription, obtained at any drug store, may be just the remedy needed to overcome such conditions.

Get a medium or large size bottle immediately from any drug store. However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.—Adv.

She Knew Time. Four-year-old Betty had been permitted to go visiting at Aunt Ruth's house. About four o'clock Uncle James made ready to take her home, but Betty objected strenuously to going. "My Muvver said I could stay all day," she said, "and it's all day till it's dark."

Catarah Can Be Cured

Catarah is a local disease greatly influenced by constitutional conditions. It therefore requires constitutional treatment. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE destroys the foundation of the disease, gives the patient strength by improving the general health and assists nature in doing its work. All Druggists. Circulars free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

It's Naturally Longer.

J. B. M. has revived and re-yamped a trick question that was popular in Groves' day. "How far would the names of our Presidents reach if they were placed one after the other?" The old answer was "from Washington to Cleveland." The revised answer runs "from Washington to Harding" (a town in West Virginia).—Boston Transcript.

Returning the Ring.

Jeweler.—Why do you want the diamond removed from this ring? It's a perfect stone.

Maui Grabbins.—Well, I've broken my engagement with Mr. Green and it's against my principles to keep the ring.

Nothing else so enhances the value of a thing as difficulty in obtaining it.

TOO LATE