

FINANCIAL REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The satisfaction with the solid achievement of the year past and confidence in the promise of the future, are the feelings of the financial community on the threshold of the New Year.

The absorption of bond issues is the substantial evidence of this condition. It is a condition of vital importance to the further work of rehabilitation to be done before the full measure of firmer property is restored.

NUMBER OF THE DEAD TOLD BUT HALF THE STORY

(Continued from first page.) and was peopled in 723 B. C., by fugitive Messenians. It rose to great prosperity in the old days, but suffered from war, and in 387 B. C., was captured by Dionysius of Syracuse and destroyed.

It was again captured in 270 by the Romans and underwent many vicissitudes of conquest in the middle ages. Totin, the Goth, captured it in 549 A. D., the Saracens did likewise in 918, the Normans in 1065, Robert Guiscard in 1066 and the Turks in 1552 and again in 1587.

After the great earthquake in 1793 the town was almost entirely rebuilt, and it presented a more modern aspect than some of the other towns and had wide streets which were studded with numerous villas. It had a beautiful cathedral which dated from the seventeenth century, and it possessed numerous other handsome buildings, among them the Capella del Sacramento, highly decorated with colored marble; the Strada delle Caserme and adjacent to it the Civic museum, which contained a fine collection of terra cotta, lamps, statuettes and vases, including a few very ancient specimens with curious ornamentation.

Above the cathedral and back of it stood the Castello. In the piazza adjoining the railway station there was a fine statue of Garibaldi.

DISCUSSING REPORT.

Discussing the recent report of Secretary Wilson, the St. Paul Pioneer Press argues that there is no investment that can be made today that has a more promising future than the one in the American land, whether it be in the shape of a farm or a city lot or a lot of ground in a suburb or village.

The comparatively small remnant of land not already absorbed in private ownership is being rapidly taken up. It is so far away from nine-tenths of the population that the land-hungry are more and more turning their eyes toward holdings more accessible, and to obtain a share in which they need not necessarily separate themselves from communities and conveniences to which they have become attached. The goal of the ownership of a few acres as the surest guaranty of independence, and of safety against want, is daily finding wider acceptance. So buyers multiply, while there can be no increase in the supply of land. The result must inevitably be a steady advance in value. The decline in farm values noted several years ago in Eastern and middle western states was wholly abnormal, and the result of bad farming only. The lesson taught on those same lands, by scientific farmers, have checked the decline as it is found that there is scarcely an abandoned or run-down farm which can not by scientific treatment be restored to the former productivity, and more.

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Rumors That Dr. Wiley Will Resign Said to Be Without Foundation.

SOME SIMILARITY BETWEEN OPINIONS

Chief Chemist Said to Have Saved People \$100,000,000 in Avoided Sickness.

(By Sheldon S. Cline.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Little of importance is given to the widely reported rumor that Dr. H. Wiley W. Wiley, the government chief chemist, will resign from the department of agriculture because of a reported difference with the president over the prosecution of the pure food law. It may be said with authority that Dr. Wiley has had no difference with the president, nor does the president desire the chief chemist to resign one step from his uncompromising attitude toward all violators of the pure food and drug act.

DISTINGUISHED BOOKS AND CRITICS.

It was of moment to book-lovers to note the choice of books which should be reviewed in the first number of the English Review, the new periodical which many people expect will become a contemporary classic. The two books chosen were by M. Anatole France and Mr. Swinburne, their respective works being 'L'ile des Pingouins' and 'The Age of Shakespeare.' The names of the critics to discuss the books are of significant interest. The distinguished Schuchking reviews the former, and Joseph Conrad the latter, whence an impressive scope of nationality becomes apparent to the discriminating eye. Mr. Conrad enjoys the solitary distinction of being a double contributor, for in this number begins 'Some Reminiscences,' the intimate narrative of a literary experience which the many admirers of Mr. Conrad will have rare pleasure in reading.

LOOMIS LOOKS AFTER FLUFFY.

Miss Fluffy Ruffles, whose first sponsor was Carolyn WeWils has had a second in Charles Bartlett Loomis. Mr. Loomis, who has been convalescing at the fortunes of Miss Fluffy for several months past, is among the best known of contemporary humorists, and began his 'funny' career many years ago by contributing to the newspapers and in spite of much magazine and book success still contributes to them. His first notable book, called 'Just Rhymes,' brought out a few years ago by the Harpers, owned some of its success to the illustrations of Fanny Y. Cory, and is one of the few nonsensical books which are no less popular now than when they were first printed. Mr. Loomis is numbered among the authors who have two new books simultaneously before the public this present season.

TO THINK WHEN YOU READ.

What becomes of 'winter fiction' when in December people can run off to a little lake of Florida water, and read books in a maze of sunshine out-of-doors? One woman discovered that her pleasure in finding resemblances between all kinds of books was quickened when she read with this leisurely half-summer background. Those who have seen a fine volume about a quiet couple of old folk called 'Dixie' and 'Knox' by an author who has become known through Harper's 'Magazine' through a resemblance between it and 'John Brown's Rab and His Friends' but this Southern tale maintains that there is a perfectly clear comparison. It does seem almost reasonable, too, that our minds should be able to find social ideas better in our place when we read of outlaws and wild fireplaces for good reasons.

The amount of work done by the work of an eye-quake 100 million of the works marked on the scale of a delicate instrument, but even this performance is surpassed by the 'eye-quake' of Brandes of Paris, by which the Hertz waves of wireless telegraphy are caught in their pulsations through space.

There is still hope, however, that there may yet be an aeroplane perfected so that it will carry the passenger in an aerial car, similar to the existing ball-balloon, a less service for scientific purposes, or time of war would undoubtedly be invaluable. Experiments with balloons will be resumed at Fort Myer next spring, when, in addition to Mr. Wright, other experiments will be given an opportunity to carry their balloons in the air. Among these will be the first balloon ascent will be Herring, and when the balloon has been drawn up, it will be held in the air by a rope and the balloon will be lowered.

A photograph plate, coupled with a telescope, discloses millions of stars whose light the ring of the eye could not appreciate, the microscope makes the invisible friend of a fly sound like the tramp of cavalrymen.

STATENEWS

COURT CONVENES. DURIHAM, N. C.—Superior court convenes here Monday morning with Judge R. F. Long on the bench. The big cases are W. H. Tilley and Wesley Bates for murder—Tilley for the slaying of his wife and Bates for the killing of Night Watchman Jack Robertson. There is no doubt of Tilley's causing his wife's death, the only thing entering into it is the matter of intention. The case is set for Wednesday. Asking the solicitor are Messrs. Warden & Bryant, Eckstein for Y. E. Brooks, Messrs. Graham & Graham and Manning & Fourche are employed by Tilley.

Railroad Improvements. NEWBERN, N. C.—The news that the receivers of the Norfolk & Southern railroad are to sell \$1,000,000 of certificates for improvements was welcomed in Newbern. The completion of the Beville bridge across Albemarle Sound will mean quicker and better service for both freight and passenger. According to the report, around \$100,000 of the money will be spent in and around Newbern. The addition to the shops here will mean a larger force of employes and also will settle the question that the shops are to stay at Newbern. It is said by railroad men that the bridge across the Albemarle sound can be completed in twelve months.

The N & S will on January 10th put on two trains each way on the P. O. & W. branch, running to Oriental. One will be a mixed train, while the other will be passenger only. There is much travel on this branch, and the extra train has been needed for some time. A strong effort is also being made to get the N & S to extend the run of the Washington-Raleigh train on to Newbern. A petition, signed by about all the business men of the city, was sent in last week asking for the extension of the train to Newbern.

Dead Body Found. NEWBERN, N. C.—This morning Engineer Russell, of the Beaufort-bound train on the N. & S. railroad, in crossing the Trent river bridge, reported to the draw keeper that he saw what he thought to be the body of a woman. The draw keeper, on searching found the body of West Boyd, colored, who has been missing for three weeks. When last seen he was on the bridge. The coroner summoned a jury this afternoon, which took the evidence and brought in a verdict of accidental drowning. Boyd was about 40 years old and leaves a family. Just how he met his death will likely never be known.

Accidentally Shot. HENDERSON, N. C.—Mr. Edmund Allen, aged 25 years, residing four miles from Henderson, while hunting yesterday stepped on a log, which rolled over. In falling the gun fired, the contents of which entered the bowels, producing a ghastly wound. The wounded man was taken to Richmond this morning by Dr. F. R. Harris for treatment.

Child Burned to Death. SALISBURY, N. C.—Saturday morning between 8 and 9 o'clock Eva, the 4-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chamberlain who live on the plantation of Mr. W. M. Sapp, six miles from this city, was fearfully burned and died this afternoon at 2:30. The little girl's mother was looking after the milking of the cows and the child was in the house with a smaller sister when its dress caught on fire from an open fireplace and ran to the barn where her mother was, her clothing all afire. She was severely burned about the face and body, her face being burned almost beyond recognition. A message was sent post haste to this city for a doctor, but it was found that the flames had been checked and at no time was it believed she would recover.

Good Fire Record. WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—Winston's record for 1908 was an excellent one. The report of Chief Rollins, showing that the total loss from conflagrations was \$47,254, their having been 29 alarms turned in, the flames being in buildings insured in the aggregate at \$20,200. The fire fighting system is being constantly improved. Chief Taylor recommends that a combination chemical and hose wagon be purchased.

Postmaster Contest. WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—The decision of Mr. J. T. Benbow to contest for the postmaster-ship of Winston, now held by former Lieutenant-Governor Charles A. Reynolds, is watched with much interest here. Mr. Benbow is the republican county chairman, a lawyer and a clever gentleman. 'Charlie' Reynolds has long been the C. O. P. war-horse in this section, and his friends say he thinks he is entitled to the post-office for four years already. There is no criticism of Postmaster Reynolds—it is simply that a question of the division of jobs is at hand.

Mr. Sam E. Vance, a very popular and able man, is assistant postmaster, and there are many who would give him hearty endorsement for the chair, but it is said that Mr. Vance will not make the fight since Mr. Reynolds desires the office again.

Itinerant Paper. DURIHAM, N. C.—The Durham Reformer, a very plain-spoken and able editor of colored people weekly, is being sent west from new quarters and today is installing its machinery on West Main street. The paper has been here several weeks, but has not been quartered in a place exactly worthy of it. The outfit is a very good one, the print plain and the press first-rate for weekly work. Two good job presses, one of them new, are being put up and the work will be completed in a few days. Editor W. F. Young brings his plant here from Durham, where he ran the paper several years. He tells the Observer correspondent that he has 1,000 subscribers and believes that here in Durham, where the colored people are so thrifty, he will make good. He has a good field and the white people are interested in his efforts.

Forecast Indicates Interesting Week

(By Associated Press.) The worst probability has been told of the earthquake dead in Italy and public attention will turn this week to the survivors. In the case of many, their fate is scarcely more to be desired than that which overtook the thousands killed outright. Vivid pictures of the disaster will be drawn too by refugees returned to a sadder state of mind. Gigantic measures of relief, participated in by every civilized country, will assume practical form this week, and succor for the destitute promises to be steady. The amount of the relief fund in this country already approaches the million dollar mark, and on Monday President Roosevelt will call upon congress for an appropriation of \$500,000. Congress will also probably be asked to authorize the turning over the cargo of the supply ships Celtic and Calgon to the Italian sufferers.

Congress will reconvene Monday following the Christmas holiday, and will receive a special message from the president respecting the use of the secret service, in addition to the message asking financial aid for the earthquake sufferers in Italy. In New York on Tuesday, the government's anti-trust suit to dissolve the Union Pacific system, will be reopened.

The supreme court of the United States will reconvene Monday and the decision that may be handed down during the week include the determination of whether the legislature of New York state has the constitutional right to compel the Consolidated Gas company, of New York city to sell gas at 80 cents per 100 feet. On next Thursday night, January 7, a great mass meeting for the expression of sympathy and for the raising of funds in aid of the Italian earthquake sufferers will be held at Madison Square Garden, New York. Invitations have been sent to President-elect Taft, Governor Hughes, of New York, and other prominent persons, to be present.

Of the numerous criminals cases that are dragging their way through the courts the murder trial of Thornton Hains at Flushing, L. I., will afford as much or more news than any. Hains, charged as a principal, with the death of William E. Annis, who was killed by the defendant's brother, Peter C. Hains, Jr., will go on the witness stand probably on Monday. According to the his counsel, Hains will claim that he had twice before saved the life of Annis; sought to protect him on the day he was slain, and in drawing his revolver meant only to shield his brother from the crowd after the shooting had been done.

The calendar of sports includes the annual meeting at Cincinnati on Monday of the National Baseball Commission; the trial of recently suspended athletes by the Amateur Athletic Union officials in New York on Wednesday, and a meeting in New York Friday of the United States Golf Association.

Both houses of congress will resume their sittings at noon Monday. It is said that both the house and the senate will make the resumption of activity on Monday by the adoption of a joint resolution making an appropriation for the relief of the earthquake sufferers in Italy, but action by the house may be postponed by adjournment for the day out of respect for the memory of the late Representative Davey of Louisiana.

The house has no financial program for the week, and it is not expected that the committee will be called in order, until the latter part of the week when the bill making an appropriation for the District of Columbia will be taken up. The senate will continue its consideration of the postal savings bank bill until Wednesday when that measure will probably give way temporarily to the omnibus claims bill, Saturday will be devoted by the senate to eulogies on the late Senator Proctor of Vermont.

The man who employs men should treat them as human beings. Don't down a man because it is in your power to do so. We have seen men on top using their authority to put some man down and out who later lost out and there was no helping hand to give them a lift. It does not pay to treat your employees unkindly. The time may come when you will regret having treated those in your employ unjustly. It may be that in your day, it will be your lot to ask for a handout from those you tried to put out of existence.

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