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A WAVE OF PROSPERITY.

Flood of New Orders Starts Big Shops Going Full Blast.

New York Herald.

There is one Milwaukee concern which has been unable to wait for July 1, the date set for the demonstration of returning prosperity by the national prosperity association of St. Louis.

W. H. Whiteside, president of the Allis-Chalmers Company, which has its great \$5,000,000 shops here, declares that he has been forced to increase his force of employees steadily for several weeks, as during the last 90 days there has been an increase of from 30 to 50 per cent in new orders. Today the plant is running practically full time, employing all the men that were working before the 1907 troubles.

Other concerns show the same conditions. The Thomas Furnace Company will resume full force August 1. The Northwestern shop employees who have been working four days a week, eight hours a day, have been put back to five and one half days, and in another month will be back at ten hours and six days.

Three days ago the contractors who are erecting the big city auditorium advertised for help. They needed 50 men at once, but only ten have put in an appearance. On November 1st it was estimated that there were 11,000 idle men in this city.

In an interview, Mr. Whiteside says:

"Like previous depressions, following which collections for comparatively long periods continued very unsatisfactory, there was a substantial improvement, thin a short time after the recent flurry, and at the present time collections are exceptionally good. While some difficulty may still be experienced in the way of financing entirely new undertakings, the financial condition of the relatively small buyer is on a sound basis, and credits are about normal. In fact, the improvement in new orders placed comes from the smaller class of purchasers, who are, commercially, an important factor. Of course, this class of business is widely diffused, but in the aggregate it is greatly stimulating improved trade conditions. The business outlook is distinctly encouraging."

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BOYS BORN IN HARD TIMES.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 2.—Control of the sex of infants is a practical proposition, according to Dr. Frank Kraft, secretary of the American institute of homeopathy. Dr. Kraft says he has discovered no new principle, but has shown the practical application of one originating with the evolution theory. The principle, he says, is based on the law of the survival of the fittest. Dr. Kraft makes these declarations in a book just off the press.

It is well known to scientists, asserts the author, that savage races and races which exist where the conditions of life are hardest, produce a preponderance of male children. From this fact he deduces that nature recognizes in the female the weaker sex. Thus, he says, in times of plenty, females are likely to predominate. Some thinkers of the subject even go so far as to say that the hard times produce male children.

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