

BUSINESS IN THIS DISTRICT AT THIS TIME ON INCREASE

This is the Substance of a Report Just Issued by the Federal Reserve Board of This District.

TEXTILE MILLS ARE ALL BUSY

And Agricultural Conditions Are Much Better Than They Were At This Time a Year Ago.

Richmond, Va., March 2 (By the Associated Press).—January reports indicate a continued gradual improvement in business conditions. Even in the sections of the fifth district that have suffered most from the ravages of the boll weevil, a better feeling prevails and organized plans are being made with a view to reducing its ravages as much as possible in the coming season. As a result more milks, fertilizer and farm machinery are being bought than was the case last year.

This is the leading statement in the official review of general business and agricultural conditions in the fifth federal reserve district by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond made public last night.

Textile mills are continuing in full operation, January being one of the most active months in the history of the textile industry. In this district, the mills in the two Carolinas and Virginia consuming 34.8 per cent of the cotton used in the entire United States during that month, according to the review. New Mills are being built in this and neighboring states, and others are enlarging their plants and adding new equipment.

In the case of furniture, January sales were similar to those in December, the report reads, but the reporting factories have a much larger volume of orders for future delivery than they had a month ago, good business having been secured at the January exposition held by the Furniture Manufacturers Association.

Member banks reporting from thirteen of the district's leading cities show decreased loans and redemptions. This indicates further strengthening of financial conditions, it is stated. Savings bank deposits, in both member and non-member banks, show an increase in January over the preceding month, record totals being reached for the reporting institutions. Loans to member banks were reduced and federal reserve notes in circulation declined with a resulting rise in cash reserves of the Federal Reserve Bank.

The reserve ratio of the Richmond Reserve Bank was 76.51 per cent, on February 14, the review continues, in contrast with 73.87 per cent on January 17 this year and 82.04 per cent on February 15, 1922. Debts to individual accounts in twenty-three of the district's leading trade centers considerably exceeded debits in the same cities during January, 1922, and fell comparatively little below the debits during December, in spite of the end-of-the-year payments in January figures.

Business failures in the fifth district as well as in the United States at large were fewer than in January, 1922, and the total of liabilities involved in the insolvencies was also smaller during January, 1923, than in January, 1922.

Labor is fully employed, wages have ceased declining and show tendencies upward slightly, and good weather has permitted outdoor work to progress unusually well for this season of the year. Sufficient coal is obtainable to supply the district's pressing needs, and no further price increases were made during January and early February.

Cotton prices have continued upward, and farmers are now receiving the highest prices obtained since the spring and summer of 1920. Tobacco prices are considerably above those in 1922, and the crop is much larger. The two factors yielding tobacco growers handsome returns.

Building operations continue to break records for the season of the year under review. Building material dealers are naturally prospering as a result of the extensive building program being carried out everywhere.

Retail trade is much better than a year ago, twenty-three of the twenty-five department stores sending us reports for January showing larger sales during the month than during January, 1922. Wholesale trade is picking up rapidly after the inventory season, all of the six reporting lines for which statistics are given in this Review showing gains in sales in January over sales in January, 1922, and all of these, except shoes and furniture, showed larger sales in January than in December, 1922.

PRESENT SUGAR PRICES MAY INVESTIGATED

Proposed for Inquiry Made in Resolution Presented to the Senate.

Washington, March 2.—Investigation by the Senate Manufacturers Committee headed by Senator La Follette, republican, of Wisconsin, of the recent advances in the price of sugar, was proposed in a resolution introduced today by Senator Brewster, republican, of Iowa.

Washington, March 2.—The army appropriation bill which carries an appropriation of \$30,000,000 for rivers and harbors projects was signed to-day by President Harding.

APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED IN SENATE BY LARGE MAJORITY

All Efforts to Add Amendment to Bill Were Also Defeated, After Debate, by Large Majorities.

MEASURE NOW BECOMES LAW

Trustees of State College and the University, Appointed by Governor Get Approval of Senate.

Raleigh, March 2 (By the Associated Press).—Voting down an amendment to the general appropriations bill, which was designed to reduce the allowances for permanent improvement of state educational and charitable institutions written into the bill by a fractional cut of one-third, offered by Senator Parker of Wayne, the Senate passed the measure, 41 to 2, with two Senators, Brown of Columbus, and Harris, of Franklin, voting "nec." The Parker amendment was lost by a vote of 37 to 7, and on the final roll call which made the bill law, Senator Parker and Senator Tapp cast the two votes in the negative.

Raleigh, March 2 (By the Associated Press).—At a joint session the General Assembly today adopted and affirmed the reports of the joint committee, naming the boards of trustees of North Carolina University and the A. & E. College. Representative Fountain, of Edgecomb, raised a protest because, he said, Wigcomb county had been ignored in the appointment of the State College trustees.

Immediately afterwards the general appropriations bill was presented to the Senate on its third and final reading, whereupon members of the body began debate on some of its provisions.

Having established a precedent early in the term by naming a girl to be in charge when the daughter of Senator Yarbor was elected, the Senate today voted to make little Miss Yarbor, daughter of the senator from Montgomery, assistant honorary page.

SENATE NOT READY TO ACT ON HARDING PLAN

Readmits Its Decision to Postpone Action on Proposal Until December.

Washington, March 2.—The decision not to act at this session of Congress on President Harding's proposal for American membership in the international court of justice was reaffirmed by the Senate Foreign Relations committee today after it had received a further explanation of the administration's purposes from President Harding and Secretary Hughes.

The committee took its position quickly at a meeting called by Chairman Lodge after he had received a brief note from the President, transmitting a long and technical letter from Mr. Hughes in response to a list of questions sent to the White House earlier in the week. The communication reassured the administration's desire for American membership in the court, and emphasized that agreement in advance to compulsory arbitration of all questions was not necessary.

Later Senator Lodge had the two letters placed in the Congressional Record without reading and with the comment that he understood they had already been made public by the Secretary of State. Senator Lodge also called attention that there was only one more working day of the session.

Privately Senator Lodge and others expressed surprise at the promptness of Secretary Hughes' reply and senators said they could not consider it a complete response to the committee's questionnaire.

NEGRO'S NOMINATION DEFEATED IN SENATE

Walter L. Cohen, Negro Republican Leader in Louisiana, Not to Be Contested for Nomination.

Washington, March 2.—The contested nomination of Walter L. Cohen, Negro Republican leader of Louisiana, to be customs controller at New Orleans, was finally defeated tonight by the senate, which rejected the President's nomination. The vote on the confirmation of Cohen was 27 to 35, it was reported, with a few Republicans joining the bulk of the Democrats in defeating the nomination.

Sensate Ransdell and Broussard, Louisiana, Democrats, led the fight against Cohen, who for years has been Republican state chairman of Louisiana and a prominent figure among southern delegates at Republican national conventions. It is understood he was declared "personally objectionable" to Senator Ransdell. Cohen's nomination was presented during the special session of Congress last November, but failed by a vote of 27 to 35 at the end of the session and his name was presented again by President Harding.

Army Appropriation Bill Signed. Washington, March 2.—The army appropriation bill which carries an appropriation of \$30,000,000 for rivers and harbors projects was signed to-day by President Harding.

Boston boasts of a woman's soccer team said to be capable of giving many of their big brother teams a run for the honors.

IMMIGRATION LAWS NOT TO BE CHANGED

No Action on Proposed 'Open Door' Bill This Congress.

Washington, March 2 (Capital News Service).—Although witnesses representing many industries urged the Senate Committee on Immigration to let down the bars to admit labor from abroad, Republican leaders decided, after conference with senators and representatives, that no change shall be made by this Congress in the restriction law.

Opposition to the changed basis and extension of Japanese visas in the new bill which made its acceptance doubtful at any time. Adoption of the 2 per cent quota based on the 1890 census would be a deliberate discrimination against the so-called "undesirable" immigrants, said many members of Congress.

"If it is not intended arbitrarily to discriminate against the immigration from Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Italy, Norway, Poland, Roumania, Sweden, and other countries, why did the proponents of the measure take the 1890 census?" a report on the new definitely shelved bill asked. "It is too apparent that it is intended not to reduce immigration from Great Britain or Germany, but completely to stop almost all immigration from all other countries."

The cry for more cheap foreign labor comes from steel mills, mines, and contractors who want "hunkies" to do the most unskilled kind of manual labor. Americans will not do such work, except at a high price. But Americans generally have indicated they would rather pay an increased price in money for steel, railroads, and buildings than the increased price of depreciation in the value of citizenship which inevitably follows throwing down the gates and letting an enormous influx of ignorant foreigners into this country.

C. H. MORRISON DIES AT HOME IN SPENCER

He Was a Native of Cabarrus and Was One of Spencer's Best Known Merchants.

Spencer, March 1.—Col. C. H. Morrison, one of Spencer's oldest and best known merchants, died at the Salisbury hospital Wednesday night at 10 o'clock following an illness and operation for appendicitis which developed some two weeks ago. His condition had been hopeful to his family and friends up to a few minutes prior to his death which came suddenly, being caused, it is said by a clot of blood striking the heart. Earlier in the evening he had conversed freely with callers at the hospital, a son, John Morrison, having just left the institution when he died.

Mr. Morrison was a native of Cabarrus county, being raised in the Rocky River Church section, was a member of a large and influential family well known in that community, and was 67 years and six months old on the day of his death. In 1887 Col. Morrison was married to Miss Palfie P. Phurr, a daughter of the late S. E. Pharr, of Concord, who with two sons, Messrs. Fred W. and John A. Morrison, the former superintendent of the high school at Chapel Hill, and the latter engaged in the mercantile business in Spencer with his father, survives. Col. Morrison is also survived by one brother, D. L. Morrison, a business man at Harrisburg, and one sister, Mrs. R. B. Orr, of Charlotte.

The family moved to Spencer some 18 years ago and since that time had been prominently identified with the community. Col. Morrison was a favorite in any crowd and was as well known as he was popular. He almost always wore a tube rose on his coat and had a smile for everybody he met. He was generous, kind-hearted and likable to a marked degree. He will be greatly missed in business as well as family circle, for there was no more genial and agreeable man in Spencer or vicinity. He was a life-long member of the Rocky River Presbyterian Church though the funeral will be held from Spencer Presbyterian Church Friday at 11 a. m., and the body will be laid to rest in Chestnut Hill cemetery.

PRESIDENT TO MAKE SEVERAL NOMINATIONS

About Ready to Name Three Democrats as Members of Debt Funding Commission.

Washington, March 2.—President Harding was said today to be about ready to send to the Senate the names of three democrats for membership on the debt funding commission and the amendment to the law recently enacted by Congress.

One of the new positions is expected to go to either Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the acting democratic leader of the Senate, or Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, ranking democrat on the finance committee. The President also is expected to appoint one member of the House Ways and Means Committee, probably Representative Oldfield, of Arkansas, or Representative Crisp, of Georgia.

COCHRANE FUNERAL TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY

Body of Noted Speaker Will Be Sent to New York For Burial.

Washington, March 2.—The body of Representative W. Honke Cochrane, who died at his home here yesterday will be taken to New York for interment Sunday afternoon, according to announcement today by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House. A committee of Senators and Representatives will accompany the funeral party. Plans for the funeral which will be held at St. Jean Baptist Church, in New York, have not been completed.

Boston boasts of a woman's soccer team said to be capable of giving many of their big brother teams a run for the honors.

Chaplain Again in Good Graces of Film Favorite

(By the Associated Press.) Los Angeles, March 2.—Pola Negri, Polish motion picture tragedienne, who last night announced that she had broken off her engagement to marry Charlie Chaplin, seven comedians, early this morning made another announcement that a reconciliation had been effected.

"We have made up," said Miss Negri. "I believe that is what you call it here in America. Mr. Chaplin came to my home early last evening and he stayed late. I have taken him back and we are quite reconciled and engaged again. I am so happy I cannot go to sleep."

"The whole trouble came about," she continued "through a statement published in a newspaper that Charlie had said he was too poor to be married. That newspaper said he said this was a workaday world and he had to stay busy and keep away from emotional affairs and climaxes of sentiment."

"So, of course, I broke the engagement. But last night Charlie came to see me. He swore to me that he had never said such a thing. He said he'd liked for no newspaper at all. He said he loved and could not live without me."

"And so, of course, I believe him and I have taken him back."

TOWNS IN RUHR ARE MADE TO PAY FINES

Bochum and Kettwig Feel the Result of the French Effort to Stop Sabotage and All Disorders.

Essen, March 2 (By the Associated Press).—The towns of Bochum and Kettwig in the Ruhr district of Germany have been fined 25,000 marks because two news dealers were beaten by Germans for selling French newspapers. The towns of Kettwig, near Essen, where military telephones were out, has been fined 1,000,000 marks. These fines are in accordance with an order by General de Gontaut, the French commander, that cities and towns throughout the Ruhr shall be held responsible for sabotage or other acts of disorder designed to hinder the French and Belgian armies of occupation.

German officials of such towns will be liable to arrest and trial by court martial in serious cases. The Bochum fine was collected today.

ELABORATE PLANS FOR VISIT OF ALVIN OWSELY

Commander of American Legion Will Visit This State on March 5th and 6th.

Raleigh, N. C., March 2.—Arrangements for the tour of North Carolina by Alvin Owsey, national commander of the American Legion, beginning on March 4, were completed at a meeting here last night of the Raleigh Post No. 1 and state officials of the organization.

Commander Owsey will speak in Raleigh on the evening of March 6, according to present plans. On March 7, he will visit Wilson and Wilmington. From the latter city, he will go to South Carolina, where he will deliver several addresses. Elaborate arrangements have been made for the entertainment of the commander in each of the three cities in North Carolina he visits, it was stated.

The head of the American Legion was born in Denton, Texas, June 11, 1888. He attended the public schools of Texas and later was graduated from the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., in the class of 1909, being the first captain. Following his graduation, he entered the University of Texas and graduated there in 1912. During this time he instructed in the schools of Texas.

He then entered the law firm of Owsey, which was founded by his grandfather, and practiced law in Denton. He was elected a delegate to the thirty-third legislature of Texas as from Denton county in 1913 and his oratorical ability attracted the attention of the entire state. Upon his return from the legislature, he was elected district attorney of Denton county, to which office he served until the entrance of America into the World War.

Mr. Owsey entered the first training camp at Leon Springs, Texas, in May. Due to his previous military experience, he was commissioned major and assigned to the 142nd Infantry, 36th Division, Camp Bowie, Texas. He was detailed as divisional insurance officer; then was assigned as senior instructor to the third officers' training school at that camp. He later was promoted to lieutenant colonel of infantry and assigned adjutant of the 36th Division, A. E. F.

Colonel Owsey was in two offensives, the Almes-Champagne and the Meuse-Arnonne. He was discharged in July, 1919, at Camp Dix, and returned to his home in Texas, where he was made assistant attorney general of the state. He served in this office until February, 1921, when he accepted the position of assistant national director of the American Legion's Americanism commission. He was appointed national director of the commission in June, 1921, in which capacity he served until his election as national commander.

THE COTTON MARKET

Showed Renewed Strength, Opening Firm at an Advance of 12 to 30 Points.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, March 2.—The cotton market showed renewed strength opening firm at an advance of 12 to 30 points on higher Liverpool cables and a continuation of the buying movement which had been in progress late yesterday. All old crop months made new high records for the season, with March selling at 30.45 and May at 30.35 on covering, trade buying, Wall Street and commission house support. Cotton futures opened firm; March 30.45; May 30.35; July 29.45; October 28.95; December 28.55.

ANOTHER NEW TEXTILE COMPANY FOR A STATE LIBERTY

Swink Manufacturing Co. to Be Built by W. J. Swink and U. A. Cannon, South of Salisbury.

(By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, March 2.—The erection of a cotton mill to be known as the Swink Manufacturing Company, and the building of the town of Swink, were announced here today. The project is to cost about \$2,000,000, and is being promoted by W. J. Swink, of China Grove, this county, and C. A. Cannon, of Concord. The company has bought and has options on 400 acres of land with necessary rights of way for power and sewer developments. The site of the new town is on the main line of the Southern Railway six miles south of Salisbury.

HISTORIC PAGEANT FOR HOME COMING AT LENOIR

Pageant Will Be One Feature of Fine Program to Be Rendered at College Soon.

Hickory, N. C., March 2.—A unique feature of the conference of pastors and congregational chairmen of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod at Hickory, March 7th and 8th, will be an historic pageant of the establishment and growth of Lenoir College, the first ever produced in the history of the institution. The conference, called to pledge wholehearted support of the North Carolina Synod to Lenoir College in its present appeal for \$850,000 for endowment and expansion, will be attended by over 200 delegates from every district in the synod. The reunion of Lenoir graduates and former students on Wednesday afternoon, and the banquet following it, is said to attract a larger number of former Lenoirians than have ever been grouped together. In addition to the pageant and the conference on Thursday there will be staged a Grand Parade of students, former students and townspeople of Hickory, which will express the indomitable spirit of Lenoir College, victor over countless difficulties and supreme in the midst of dangers which threatened its life.

In living pictures the pageant will show many incidents from the history of the institution—the days of struggle when the state was young and poor, the growth of the student body, the erection of new historic buildings, the recognition of Lenoir as a Great A College in 1915, the after-war depression with students gone to the army, friends turned to other interests, and the college dollar shrunk to one-third of its pre-war value, when it seemed as though the struggle of decades to live and grow had been in vain and Lenoir must die, and the jubilation which followed when unexpected help came in answer to prayers. Then the pursuit comes to a close with the more recent period when the vision of a great future has appeared and is realized to be within grasp.

The pageant was written and prepared and will be presented under the direction of Dr. Robt. L. Fritz, connected with Lenoir from its beginning and its honored president for seventeen years, the years of greatest struggle for existence, Prof. E. deF. Hend, head of the department of English, Miss Leah Miller, librarian, and graduate of the school, Dr. E. J. Sox, dean of the faculty, and Miss Hortense Hoty, teacher of expression.

Among the distinguished visitors who will be present in Hickory to view the pageant will be Dr. F. H. Knobel, New York, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, who will deliver his first address on North Carolina soil that day. Hon. Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, Dr. E. C. Brooks, state Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Dr. Wm. S. Currell, of the University of South Carolina.

RUBBER AND ITS MANY USES

Must Produce More Unless a Shortage Exists in Few More Years.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—The recommendation of the Department of Commerce for an appropriation of \$500,000 to investigate the possibility of developing new sources of crude rubber has served to call public attention to the importance of this commodity, which within a comparatively few years has become indispensable in many industries.

Waterproof coats, rubber tires and pencil erasers—up to a few years ago these were the principal uses for the sap of the rubber tree. Now, scores of new uses have been discovered and are being rapidly developed. They are so important that, instead of drying the rubber into sheets on the spit, tank steamers are being built, which will convey the sap in raw, just like milk.

The sap, it is found, can be used, raw, in paper making, producing an especially tough and light paper. As an ingredient of concrete, it lessens the effects of expansion and contraction and it can be added to terra cotta to make it waterproof. For some time past millions of men and women have been wearing rubber heels on their shoes. Now the footwear trade has taken up pure "crepe" rubber as the most perfect material imaginable for soles of shoes for golf, tennis, cricket, and indeed all forms of sport.

Rubber sponges are cheaper than ordinary sponges. Rubber mill and tooth brushes, soap mats and razor cups help to furnish the washstand and the housewife has discovered that she needs no longer scrub the family toilet just because the sponges are chipped. A rubber spout covers up the break and pours better than the original. She also fits anti-splash rubber nozzles on the taps in the bathroom and the kitchen, and rubber plugs for the sinks and the bath.

Some sinks are now made entirely of rubber. These have the great advantage that they save the crockery from breakage. One of the most useful of kitchen inventions is the rubber pipe which has become choked can be cleared without going to the expense of sending for the plumber.

The doctor is finding that rubber plays an ever increasing part in surgery and sick room. Water beds made of rubber prevent that dreadful ailment, bed-sores. Ice bags are made of rubber; so are elastic stockings, bandages for varicose veins, hot water bottles, and operation aprons and gloves. For the cripple the rubber tip prevents his crutches slipping on polished surfaces.

In games we have long used rubber tennis balls, and would the inside of golf balls with rubber. And today whistles in for "crips." For hats, tennis rackets and golf clubs these grips are invaluable. In several cities in Europe the experiment of using rubber for street paving has been successfully tried. The oldest example is the courtyard of one of the largest hotels in London. Now it is cheap enough to be used for floor coverings, and especially for stairs. It is also being used for door springs, for window sash handles, for wedges, and for rubber door stops.

Glen Criger, son of Lon Criger, the old American league catcher, will probably be given a trial in the outfield by the Red Sox.

THREE KILLED WHEN STRUCK BY AUTO IN WEST PHILADELPHIA

Driver of Car Did Not Stop, But Kept Up Rapid Speed Until He Drove His Auto Into a Pole.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, March 2.—Two women and a man were killed early today when an automobile traveling at a high rate of speed, crashed into them as they were alighting from a trolley car in West Philadelphia. The driver of the machine did not slacken his speed, but rushed away as his victims were hurled fifty feet from the spot where they were struck.

THEN ARRESTED BY THE POLICE

Man is of Prominent Family and Is Alleged to Have Been Drunk When He Ran Down His Victims.

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Twenty minutes later, Henry G. Brock, banker, club man and a member of a widely known Philadelphia family, was found four blocks from the scene of the killing standing beside a blood-spattered motor car, wrecked against a pole. He was arrested by the police in connection with the accident.

A fur neckpiece worn by one of the women was found wedged between the mud guard and the radiator of the car. A barrette was imbedded in the radiator. The dead were: Mrs. Elton O'Donnell, 65 years old; Lee O'Donnell, 29, her son; and Miss Mary Murphy, 18, a friend of the O'Donnell family.

A police surgeon, after an examination, reported that while Brock was undoubtedly under the influence of liquor he was fully capable of driving an automobile. A charge of reckless driving was lodged against him.

SHERIFF IN FLORIDA CAPTURES MEN IN MOB

Mob Which Tried to Take Negro From Jail Was Repulsed by Officers.

Tallahassee, Fla., March 2 (By the Associated Press).—Eleven men of a mob were captured today and lodged in the Alachua jail after being repulsed by Sheriff Hogan when they attempted to storm the Putnam county jail here and get a negro prisoner. More than 50 shots were fired by the mob into the jail, one striking Sheriff Hogan in the left hand. The sheriff slammed the jail door in the face of the mob, which retreated after shooting through the doors and windows. A fifty-foot rope was left behind.

OHIO LEGISLATURE IS FRIENDLY TO THE KLAN

For Second Time House of That Body Votes Decisively Against Laws to Curb the Klan.

(By the Associated Press.) Columbus, Ohio, March 2.—For a second time during the present session of the General Assembly the House of Representatives yesterday voted decisively against enactment of laws designed to curb the activities of the Ku Klux Klan. By a vote of 80 to 12 the lower branch of the Assembly defeated a measure that would have made it a felony punishable by imprisonment for three or more members of a secret organization to appear in public in the uniform or regalia of the organization with faces masked.

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