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MARKETS SHOW FAVORABLE TREND

Hesitancy Manifested in Sircles Regarded as Neutral Occurrence.

New York, June 17.—While the financial markets displayed some hesitancy during the week this was regarded in business circles but as a natural and familiar occurrence at this season of the year. There were, however, a number of developments that were regarded as especially favorable. There was some resumption of copper buying and an improvement in prices.

The increase in the dividend of the New York Central railroad contributed strength to the rails, although the stocks of industrial corporations receded to lower levels. The successful flotation of the Austrian loan, with its immediate rise to a substantial premium showed that the demand for good investment issues is still vigorous.

Car loadings continue at a high record for this season, this is interpreted in financial circles as an indication that goods are going freely into distribution and not accumulating at the mills. There are other indications that industrial activity continues at very near the record rate in spite of the relaxation reported for some of the basic industries.

The census bureau's report on cotton consumption for May showed total takings by the mills of 620,000 bales. This is only 3,000 bales less than the record figure for March, and is held to indicate that the temporary suspensions by a number of mills in the Fall River district had very little effect during that month on the total output of textiles. During the past week, however, there has been further curtailment by mills in other textile centers in New England.

The heavy mill consumption is offset in considerable degree by the slump in exports of raw cotton. Only twice since the outbreak of the European war have exports been less than they were in May. These occasions were September, 1914, before the allied fleets had secured control of the seas and in September, 1920, when the heavy buying by Europe suddenly collapsed. If domestic consumption and exports of cotton are added together it appears that the total for March was 160,000 bales less than in May. In the face of this statistical showing the cotton market moved uncertainly during the week, with a wide range of fluctuations, which were partly in response to weather conditions. In the speculative transactions July options have occurred the chief place.

The wheat market showed a tendency to weakness, except for a brief rally near the end of the week, when destructive rains were reported in parts of the winter wheat belt. Speculative developments have been conspicuously absent and although the total yield for the country promises to fall behind that of a year ago the better crops in other countries indicate a comfortable world position for this commodity. Corn prices, on the other hand, however, made firm, and at their present levels they have stimulated heavy sales of livestock, with the result that hogs recently sold in Chicago at the lowest prices since 1912. Imports into the United States during May exceeded exports in value to the extent of \$51,000,000. This is the third consecutive month in which the balances of trade against the United States has been unfavorable. For the first five months of the year the trade figures show an excess of exports of \$137,528,000 as compared with an excess of exports amounting to 362,540,000 in the corresponding months of 1922. The heavy increase in imports in recent months is attributed to the inflow of raw materials for manufacture and this in turn reflects the expansion of industrial activity in the United States during the current year.—Associated Press.

Picnic At Holt Lake

The members of the Methodist Sunday school will have a picnic at Holt Lake Thursday afternoon. Those who wish to go will please meet at the church at 3:30. A picnic supper will be served at the lake and everybody is asked to bring baskets.

2,874 RUM PLANTS CAPTURED IN STATE

Federal Agents For Past 22 Months Also Get 22,179 Gallons of Whiskey.

Salisbury, June 16.—Capture of 2,874 plants, 22,179 gallons of liquor and 2,934,496 gallons of malt liquors together with 209 rum running automobiles constitute the cream of the activities of the federal prohibition agents operating in North Carolina during the past 22 months, according to a report compiled by State Prohibition Director A. B. Coltrane and submitted to Federal Commissioner Haynes. The figures date back to July 1, 1921, running through April 30, 1923.

Ten prohibition agents were injured in the performance of duty during the period but none were killed.

The total appraised value of property seized and destroyed was \$571,595.55, while the total appraised value of property seized and not destroyed was \$111,623.60.

It costs approximately \$200,000 a year to enforce prohibition law in the state, according to the report. Fines and money derived from the sale of automobiles total \$130,000, leaving the net cost at around \$70,000.

LARGEST AIRPLANE IN WORLD TO BE TESTED

Washington, June 17.—The army's new "two-and-a-half planer" air giant known as the Barling bomber, the biggest thing yet in flying machines will soon be tested at Wilbur Wright field, Ohio, the war department having today announced the tentative selection of Lieutenants Leigh Wade and Harold R. Harris as pilots for the test flight. The ship measures 120 feet from tip to tip, is powered with six liberty motors, weighs 40,000 lbs., and will have a flying speed of not less than 90 miles an hour.

"If the performance in flight is satisfactory," the department's announcement said, "the air service engineering division at Dayton will have achieved the credit of putting in the air the largest successful airplane in the world."

The plane was designed for the air service by Walter H. Barling. It was constructed by the Whittemann Aircraft corporation, of Hasbrouck Heights, N. J. While it is generally rated as a tri-plane, the "mid-plane" is so narrow as to prompt the expression "two-and-a-half-plane." The gasoline capacity is 2,000 gallons and oil 181 gallons and a minimum operating crew of four will be required.

"Specifications require that not more than 5,000 pounds of bombs shall be carried at one time," the announcement added, "but were anything so large as a 10,000 pound bomb developed, the Barling could lift and fly with it for two hours."

Spruce and "60,000 pound steel" were used in construction as compared to the 150,000 pound nickel steel used in building the navy's transatlantic flier, NC-4. Of the fuselage constructions the statement said:

"Six-inch shells could probably pass through the tail portion without bringing the plane down. There are no vital longerons or wires which if shot would end the flight."

The ship is scheduled to have a 12-hour full speed flight capacity and will carry seven guns sweeping the whole field of approach of enemy machines.—Associated Press.

THREE CRATERS ACTIVE, VESUVIUS, STROMBOLI, ETNA

Naples, June 14.—The eruption of Mount Vesuvius continues intermittently, the volcano going through short periods of rest followed by hours of violent activity.

The same phenomenon is occurring at Stromboli. The high cone of that volcano, especially during the night, seems to be the centre of a gigantic fireworks display place in Mount Etna, and the incandescent lava contrasts strikingly with the glaciers and snowfields that cover the top of the mountain.

Miss Jessie Anderson, of Benson, spent a few hours here Sunday with friends.

N. C. PYTHIANS MEET NEXT AT CLAYTON

Grand Chancellor Makes Comment on Pythian Home at Meeting.

Clayton has been selected as the meeting place for the next annual gathering of Knights of Pythias of North Carolina. The annual convention held at Morganton has just closed after a profitable and enjoyable meeting.

Clayton was probably chosen as a meeting place because the orphanage maintained by the order of Knights of Pythias is located there, an institution of which there is every reason to be proud. The Grand Chancellor at the meeting in Morganton had the following comment on the Pythian Home in his report:

"Experience as Grand Chancellor has taught me that the pivot key to permanent Pythian success in North Carolina rests almost wholly in the attitude of Pythians in North Carolina toward the Pythian Home at Clayton. Around this institution has been created and is being cultivated and matured a tender spot in the hearts of Pythians everywhere. We have many noble achievements to inspire the membership of our order but the exemplified and practical Pythianism of the Clayton Home is the one tangible work which appeals to the pride and humanity of all our brethren. Throughout the year in every way and on every occasion I have encouraged my brethren to rally to the support of Brother R. S. McCain, of Henderson, chairman of the Home Building fund, and have urged each Pythian to give undivided support to the Pythian Home Building fund. True Pythians cannot let this important work fall. Reports are encouraging and it is believed that the work will be successfully completed—but it behoves each of us to redouble our efforts and help encourage those who are inclined to be thoughtless and negligent in their duty to this great cause."

Mr. C. W. Pender is superintendent of the Pythian Home, and the class from the Home accompanied him to the meeting and gave an entertainment during the convention. This class have been to this city and their program always pleases.

The following constituted the program rendered at Morganton:

"The Dawn is Breaking," Carrie Jones, May Evans, Mary Pender Hales; "If I were a Rose," by Marvin Jones; "Home Sweet Home Lullaby," Carrie Jones and Mary Evans; "Pale Moon," Mary Pender Hales; "Humoresque," by Lester Todd; "Peggy," by Marvin Jones, Lester Todd, Mary Hales, Mary Evans; "Springtime," Mary Hamrick, accompanist.

THINK TUBERCULOSIS CURE IS DISCOVERED

London, June 16.—Humanity is offered a palliative if not a cure for tuberculosis by Prof. George Dreyer, bacteriologist of Oxford University.

The basis of his treatment is described as a more effective system of inoculation than has hitherto been known. In explaining this discovery to the Institute of Pathology and Research of St. Mary's hospital, Prof. Dreyer declared that remarkable cures had been effected of guinea pigs and other animals and other important cases of persons suffering with tuberculosis blood poisoning, anthrax and venereal diseases.

In inoculation of persons suffering from diseases he pointed out that dead bacteria are used. In order to be successful the microbes must be digested and destroyed by the tissues of the patients but a coating of fat which covers the microbes prevents the juices of the body from getting at them. He explained that his new system is to destroy the fat surrounding these germs thus making them more easily destroyed by vaccine injection.

London physicians, who have used the new treatment, declare the result derived is much greater than from other forms of treatment in use. They report complete cures in some advanced cases of tuberculosis affecting various parts of the body.

Miss Gladys Makepeace and Mr. Harold Makepeace, of Sanford, returned home yesterday after spending a week here with Miss Marjorie Johnston.

BEAUTIFUL WEDDING AT POLENTA

Miss Edna Booker Becomes Bride of Mr. H. L. Boney Saturday Evening.

Saturday evening the home of Mrs. E. N. Booker, of the Polenta section was a scene of loveliness when her daughter Miss Edna Booker, became the bride of Mr. Henry Lee Boney, of Wallace. The home and the front porch were profusely decorated with nasturtiums and other cut flowers and Southern smilax. The spacious lawn was made very lovely with numerous stands and baskets of flowers. A huge arch was fastened to the gate covered with ivy and silver wedding bells, and numbers of hand-some bridesmaids of light-colored scene.

Before the ceremony a delightful musical program was rendered by Miss Elizabeth Turner, of the Polenta section. Promptly at the appointed hour as the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march pealed for the bride and the ribbon girls, Virginia Young, dressed in pink organdy, and Miriam Sanders, in blue organdy with skirts made of tiny ruffles, unrolled the ribbons and stretched them to the arch, forming an aisle for the bridal party. The flower girl, little Miss Mary Elizabeth Powers, in pale pink organdy with blue ribbon followed with a basket of Colonial roses. Next came the ring bearer, A. M. Johnson, Jr., wearing a black velvet suit with white satin blouse. He carried the ring in a white rose on a silver tray. The bridesmaids were: Miss Mary Booker, sister of the bride, who wore a green organdy dress with short veil; Miss Alma Wade, of Roxboro, in lavender, with a short veil and Miss Lena Booker, maid of honor. She was dressed in blue and pink taffeta with silver trimmings. The bridesmaids carried lovely bouquets of Colonial roses. The groomsmen wore a white carnation as boutonniere. Mr. Edgar Boney, brother of the bridegroom was best man. The ushers were: Messrs. Jesse and John Ellington, Jr., Walton Booker and Misses Lucie Young, Delia Ellington-Vilos Johnson.

The bride never looked lovelier than on this occasion: She wore a white georgette dress heavily embroidered in pearls and crystals, and a short veil. She wore a beautiful string of pearls, the gift of the groom. She was given away by her brother, Mr. Edward N. Booker. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. M. McGeachy, of Whiteville, a former pastor of the bride. The impressive ring ceremony was used. Miss Gladys Sanders, who rendered the wedding music, softly played Tuamuri during the ceremony and Mendelssohn's wedding march was used as a recessional.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was tendered the bridal party.

Mrs. John O. Ellington received the guests at the front door and introduced them to the receiving line composed of: Mrs. E. N. Booker, mother of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Boney, of Wallace, father and mother of the bridegroom, Mr. Edw. N. Booker and the members of the bridal party. Mesdames T. H. Turner and S. T. Honeycutt received in the hall, Misses Emma Tomlinson and Mildred Young in the gift room, and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Edmondson and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Adams in the dining room, assisting in the dining room were: Misses Lucie Young, Delicia Ellington, Mary Lacy Melver, of Sanford, and Alice Hart Turner, of Raleigh. Punch was served on the porch by Misses O'Brien, Mary Ellington and Sarah Adams.

After the reception Mr. and Mrs. Boney left by automobile for Wallace. After a bridal trip they will make their home in Wallace. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mrs. E. N. Booker, of the Polenta section. She received her education at Flora MacDonald College and Peace Institute. Since graduating at Peace Institute she has taught in the schools of Johnston county. The young couple have a host of friends throughout the state who wish them a long and happy life.

THE WEATHER
Today: Probably rain; probably not. Tomorrow: Fair or cloudy.

TWO BIG ISSUES CONFRONT SOLONS

Leaders Will Give Attention To Taxation and Immigration.

Washington, June 17. Taxation and immigration are two subjects to which Congressional leaders now in Washington are giving attention in advance of the first regular session of the new Congress. Some of them are convinced that there is a widespread demand for a reduction of the National tax bill and believe the present temporary immigration restriction law should give way to one outlining a national immigration policy.

Just what changes should be made in the tax law none of the leaders now is prepared to say, but there appears to be an accord with President Harding's view that there should be general reduction all along the line if possible. Whether the tax burden can be appreciably decreased will depend largely upon the state of the national finances at the end of this fiscal year.

Treasury experts also have the whole taxation subject under consideration, but their work has not progressed to the point where they have formulated any definite conclusions. The results of their study will be reflected in the recommendations which Secretary Mellon will make to Congress in his annual report in December.

Restriction of immigration is to be continued as a definite policy of Congress, with indications that the 1890 census instead of the 1910 census will be adopted as the basis for the quotas from the various European countries. The percentage these quotas are to bear to the number of the nationals of the various countries in the United States at the time of that census is another question however.

The bill reported by the house committee just before the close of the last session provided for two per cent instead of the present three per cent with a basis quota of 400 for all countries. Some leaders regard this percentage as too low, with suggestions ranging from three to five per cent.

The change of the census basis will operate to increase the quotas from northern and western Europe and decrease those from the Balkans and other Mediterranean countries.

This change is regarded generally in Congress as desirable on the ground that immigrants from the north and west are more easily assimilated.

In addition, President Harding is expected to ask for action to curb the "smuggling" of aliens into the country and to provide for registration of aliens as an aid to immigration authorities.

THE FOOD SITUATION IS GROWING SERIOUS

Essen, June 17.—The miners and factory workers in various parts of the Ruhr held meetings today to determine what action should be taken in view of the latest moves of the forces of occupation to break the passive resistance of the Germans by the taking over of the railroad stations of Dortmund, Bochum, Herne, Gelsenkirchen and other industrial towns. The French now control absolutely all the railroad lines leading into and through the Ruhr by which up to last Saturday the Germans had been bringing in food supplies from unoccupied Germany.

The relief workers in Dortmund and other places say the food situation is serious and they are anxiously awaiting the outcome of the controversy.

At the meeting today of the Ruhr workers plans were discussed to overcome the difficulty created by the food shortage. The workers' claim prices already have begun to soar. They view the situation with much alarm.

Meetings have been arranged for the Ruhr officials at Bochum and Dortmund to consider the situation and decide what action to take—or to continue their resistance or try to reach some compromise.—Associated Press.

Mrs. Henderson Cole, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mrs. G. E. Thornton.

BOLD ROBBERIES TAKE PLACE HERE

Five Dwelling Houses Entered Friday Night; Considerable Loot.

Smithfield was visited by house-breakers sometime between bed time and day on Thursday night, five dwelling houses being entered and valuable articles being stolen at each place. The thief or thieves entered the homes of Messrs. J. D. Spiers, L. E. Watson, W. F. Grimes, Ed S. Edmondson, and Mrs. Ina Aycock, the peculiar fact in the case being that no one was around at any one of these places.

At Mr. Spiers' home the bath room was entered and Mr. Spiers' trousers were carried from there to the living-room. The burglar took along with him Mr. Spiers' watch which he has used for the past 28 years and about twenty cents in change.

Tracks, some of which were bare-foot tracks, near the bedroom window of Mr. L. E. Watson indicated that the burglar looked over the situation from that view point, but tracks on the front porch and parlor carpet showed that he entered the parlor window Mr. Watson's trousers which were brand new, were stolen, his watch, a small amount of change, and the keys to his safe being in the pockets.

Mr. Grimes was perhaps the heaviest loser. His bedroom was entered, and a handsome gold watch engraved with a "G" and about sixteen dollars in money were taken from his pants' pocket. According to Mr. Grimes, a loaded revolver was within his reach, but peaceful slumber allowed the thief to make his get-away.

At the home of Mr. Edmondson, the family sleeps up stairs but the burglar mounted the stairs, wended his way into the sleeping apartment of Mr. Edmondson, filched his trousers, and took about ten or twelve dollars from the pockets. The thief undoubtedly was neat in his habits for he carefully hung the trousers in a downstairs closet. It was with some difficulty, however, that Mr. Edmondson located them when he arose Friday morning.

By the time the robber had reached Mrs. Aycock's home, he was evidently hungry, for he repaired to the diningroom, took a part of a loaf of bread and some preserves and seated himself upon the front porch and enjoyed his feast. His neatness was not in evidence there, however, for preserves were dropped on the floor and bread was crumbled in the yard. In making his way through the house he rummaged a writing desk drawer and took with him a ring with a small diamond and a locket and chain. A bicycle was also stolen from Mrs. Aycock's place.

Cues as to the identity of the burglars and blood hounds were brought from Raeford in an effort to find out who had committed the robberies. The hounds trailed to a colored man was arrested. He was later released the evidence not being sufficient to retain him.

WALL STREET HIT BY ANOTHER FAILURE

New York, June 16.—Wall street, in the midst of a many-sided clean up campaign directed primarily at bucket shops, was hit today by another failure—that of Knauth, Nachod and Kuhne, a member of the New York stock exchange and of the New York curb market.

Boasting a record of 70 years in the street, 28 of them as members of the stock exchange the supposedly powerful house, with strong German connections, was forced into a receivership with \$11,000,000 liabilities.

A statement of the firm, however, declared its assets were ample to meet its obligations, provided they were administered wisely, although it was admitted that a large portion of them were "slow" assets.

The failure was the first involving a stock exchange house in more than six months, although there has been a string of curb and consolidated exchange failures.—Associated Press.

Prayer Service.
The usual mid-week prayer service will be held at the Presbyterian church tomorrow evening at eight o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.