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## SLACKING OF BUSINESS SHOWN

SLOWING UP IS SHOWN IN REPORTS FOR APRIL AND MAY.

## OFFICIALS STUDY SITUATION

Trade and Production Continue in Large Volume, Says Reserve Board.

Washington.—Government officials whose departments are concerned with the economic situation throughout the country are giving more than cursory attention it was made known to the trend of general business as indicated by conditions which developed late in April and have continued into May.

While trade and production continued in large volume, reports to the federal reserve board show that there was slackening of business activity, although in comparison with the situation prevailing a year ago, general conditions are regarded as far better. The reserve board in a summary made public attributed part of the slowing in business to "seasonal influences" but these it was declared in other quarters, could not be wholly responsible.

The reserve board noted decreases in the production of lumber, anthracite and mill consumption of cotton. On the other hand, there were increases reported in such basic lines as the output of pig iron and petroleum.

While car loadings were much larger for the period covered than for corresponding weeks in 1922 the shortage of freight cars evident a few months ago has almost entirely disappeared. This was constructed by the reserve board to mean more than a seasonal decrease in shipping. The heavy volume of traffic appeared to be constituted mainly of manufactured goods.

The weather was charged by the reserve board with responsibility for some of the reduction reported in department and retail store sales. Easter purchases, made in March, augmented that month's total sales, but "unseasonable" weather held down April purchases.

Accompanying the decline in sales which although not substantial in all lines was evident everywhere were cuts in prices of certain basic commodities such as fuel and farm products. Clothing, metals and bundling materials however, were slightly higher in price at the beginning of May than a month previously.

### Mail Robbery Nets \$50,000.

Stanton, Ill.—Five bandits escaped with two mail pouches containing \$50,000 after holding up and kidnapping Postmaster George A. Roberts and Harry Kennan his assistant.

The robbers, driving a large touring car, crowded a smaller machine carrying Roberts, Kennan and the pouches to the curb. They forced the two postal officials to enter the bandit auto and tossed the mail sacks in after them.

Roberts and Kennan were carried 15 miles from Stanton and thrown from the machine.

The mail sacks contained the payroll of the Mount Olive and Stanton Coal Company.

Poses are scouring the suburbs.

Although the postmaster was armed with a shot gun, he got no chance to use it. The robbers drove into town and fired a salvo to terrorize pedestrians. Then they forced the postmaster's car to the curb and boarded it. After getting the pouches and riding themselves of their two captives the outlaws drove toward St. Louis, whence they presumably came.

The money came here on a Wabash train. The robbers are believed to have followed it from St. Louis. Trace of them was reported at a late hour tonight near Edwardsville, Ill., north, across the river from St. Louis.

### Bryan Will Preside at Conference.

Washington.—William Jennings Bryan will preside at the International Economic conference at Gothenburg, July 12 and 13. It was announced by the Southern Commercial Congress, which is organizing the meeting.

Mr. Bryan, a director of the congress, will act as president of the commercial commission to Scandinavia, comprised of 48 delegates commissioned by state governors, which will sail June 30 for the conference with Sweden, Norway, Denmark and other European Nations. After the commission will continue its survey of conditions in Germany, France and England.

## AIR SPEED KING WILL SEEK TO MAKE NEW MARK.

Washington.—As dawn breaks in New York some day next month an Army airplane will shoot into the clouds, and as the street lamps begin to glow that evening in San Francisco, it will come to rest at the Golden Gate.

With "High Speed" Maughan at its wheel, the plane will be sent after another record for the Army Air Service, which recently added to its long list of triumphs the Kelly McReady non-stop coast to coast flight, and which, later this summer will send one of its fragile craft skimming clear around the globe.

The War Department has announced that the attempt to fly from coast-to-coast between dawn and dark will be made some time between June 15 and 25.

A Curtis pursuit plane will be used, and Lieutenant Russell L. Maughan, "speed king" of the Air Service and holder of the world's record for one, 100, 200 and 250 kilometers will be the pilot.

## BELT IS HURT BY COLD RAIN

WEEK WAS DECIDEDLY UNFAVORABLE FOR COTTON SAYS REPORT.

Some Signs of Improvement in the Carolinas; Replanting is Underway.

Washington.—The weekly weather and crop bulletin, issued by the department of agriculture for the week ending May 22 covers the southern field as follows:

The first half of the week was generally cool in the cotton growing states, but the latter half was somewhat warmer; the temperature for the week as a whole averaged two or three below normal except in much of Texas, where the weekly means were normal or slightly above. Rainfall was frequently in nearly all sections of the belt, except in most of Texas, and amounts were heavy in many localities.

The week was decidedly unfavorable for cotton because of wet weather and cool nights, except that fairly favorable conditions prevailed in most of Texas, and in the Carolinas. Fields were clean in Texas and chopping grass progressed favorably with the condition and stands mostly fair; weevils were appearing in the lower Rio Grande valley, where cotton was blooming. It was too cool and wet in Oklahoma and cotton made poor progress, while heavy rains caused much washing of fields. Cotton needed cultivation badly in Arkansas and very poor growth was reported from that state, with plants dying in some localities and much replanting being done.

Growth was slow in Louisiana and Mississippi especially on the lowlands and fields were becoming grassy in Tennessee. Cotton plants showed fairly good growth in Alabama but much of the week was rainy and field work needed, especially in the south. Deficient sunshine, cool nights and heavy rains were decidedly unfavorable in Georgia where weevil were reported as appearing generally. The crop showed some improvement in North Carolina, while progress and condition were fair in South Carolina, the latter part of the week being more favorable in these states.

North Carolina: Moderate temperature and rain with sunshine about as needed for most crops. Favorable for planting, cultivation and growth. Cotton 10 days late. That recently planted coming to good stand, but early irregular; much replanting. Condition of crop very poor to poor, but improving; chopping in progress.

South Carolina: Intermittent showers and nights too cool early in week, but all crops improved. Progress and condition of cotton fair except backward on account of wet soil in Piedmont where chopping and replanting continue.

### Fourteen Die in Fire at Mexicali.

Mexicali, Lower California.—Fourteen persons are known to have been killed and more than three blocks of buildings were destroyed by a fire which started in the operating room of a moving picture theater here. The property loss was placed at from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000, the higher figure being credited to agents of companies which had insured the buildings. One thousand persons were made homeless.

While only fourteen bodies have been recovered, local officials say at least twenty were killed and unofficial estimates put the number of deaths at a much higher figure.

## CENTRALIZATION MENACES NATION

SENATOR LEE S. OVERMAN ADDRESSES KIWANIS CLUB AT CONCORD.

## GUILD LABOR REGULATIONS

Sound Warning Against Attempt of American Bolsheviki to Control the Congress.

Concord.—Declaring the "efforts of certain men and organizations to centralize power in Congress," is the greatest menace this country faces today, Senator Lee S. Overman, in an address here before the Concord Kiwanis club, made an urgent plea for conservation of our constitution, "the foundation of our country and the power of our liberty."

Senator Overman was especially severe in his criticism of those people who would "amend our constitution until we have none left. He pointed out that there are 71 bills to amend the constitution pending in Congress now, and warned that some of them were very dangerous, especially those which would direct the teaching of birth control and would take away certain powers of our courts.

Senator Overman was also emphatic in his denunciation of the amendment relative to regulating child labor in the United States. "If we pass an amendment stating that no children can work until they are 18 and such an amendment has been offered, we will raise a nation of idlers and loafers." Each state should be allowed to make its own laws relative to the working of children, the senator declared, and as an example of the efficiency of this plan, he pointed out that in a senate committee last year it was admitted that North Carolina's child labor law is the finest to be found in this country.

Senator Overman said that he favored one of the 71 amendments offered to Congress. "That is the Wadsworth amendment," he explained. "This amendment would put all future amendments up to the people, and that is who should decide them. You can't force any law created by a change in the constitution when the majority of the people do not favor the change."

Senator Overman issued a warning against bolsheviki, declaring they are attempting to gain control of Congress. "They will take the powers from our courts, once they get control," he warned, "and put everything in the hands of Congress. Power centralized in Congress is the greatest menace facing this country today."

Rights of states to regulate affairs within them is a divine right the senator said, and he plead with his hearers to fight against any movement that tends to further break down the constitution and weaken the rights of the states to "look after their own folks under local conditions."

Rhine Army Cost Pact is Complete. Paris.—The agreement for payment of the cost of the American army in the Rhineland is ready for the signing, which is expected to take place at once. The document now is minus the clause to which the United States objected, allowing the allies to cancel the agreement in case the United States proceeded to collect war damages direct from Germany.

Sir John Bradbury, having received instructions from Prime Minister Baldwin in London to withdraw his opposition to the elimination of this clause, the allies agreed to go ahead at once with the signing. The point which the British representative thought to cover through this clause is regarded by the other allies as sufficiently covered by the treaty of Versailles.

### Censor's Rules For Film Shows.

London.—American film producers who wonder why some of their motion pictures have been ruled off the British screen may find their explanation in the remarks of T. P. O'Connor, oldest member of the House of Commons and chief censor of the cinema in England.

Mr. O'Connor, who with his associates passes judgment on about 25 miles of film every week, mentions 67 elements, any one of which will cause a film to be forbidden. The board will not permit materialization of the figure of Christ, cruelty to children and to animals, disparagement of public characters and officials, prolonged death-bed scenes, too much revolver shooting, or a picture which holds up as laudable the sacrifice of a woman's virtue.

## THREE ARE LOST IN CLOUD BURST.

Sayre, Oklahoma.—Three persons are missing after a cloudburst which participated six inches of rain in 45 minutes. Short Creek left its banks and spread into a stream five blocks wide through the middle of the city.

Nearly 300 farm laborers, oil field workers and their families were rescued from tops of their tents, houses and trees.

The water began receding at midnight after causing damage here estimated at \$50,000. The railway station at Doxey, four miles east of Sayre, stood in water seven feet deep.

Hail stones larger than walnuts fell immediately preceding the rain and added to the confusion.

## BUSTS ARE PLACED IN HALL

ELABORATE CEREMONIES WERE HELD AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY.

Representatives of Families Famous in American History Were Present.

New York.—Busts of Abraham Lincoln, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Ward Beecher, Alexander Hamilton, Ulysses Grant, Robert E. Lee and Frances Elizabeth Willard, were unveiled in the hall of fame of New York university, bringing the total number of busts in the hall to 3.

Elaborate ceremonies culminating in a procession to the Hall of Fame were held at the university and were participated in by representatives of many families famous in American history and of scientific, literary, artistic and patriotic societies.

Jules Jessorand, French ambassador to the United States, who unveiled the Lincoln bust, declared that the United States had learned from the example of the martyred President the value of disinterested courage and generosity.

Emerson, declared Dr. Henry Van Dyke, speaking at the unveiling of the philosopher's bust, illustrated the noblest achievement of democracy to produce a spiritual aristocracy. He was an awakener, a liberator, a teacher of courage with prodence.

"The question of today," Dr. Van Dyke asserted, "is whether the new generation of Americans will follow such native teachings as those of Emerson, or turn to idolatry of strange gods, like Freud, the renegade Jew, Nietzsche, the insane German, and H. G. Wells, who thinks that he had invented the only true religion which is communism. To turn from the writings of these men to the poems and essays of Emerson is like coming out from a cabaret into the fresh air."

Martin W. Littleton, president of the Southern Society of New York, speaking at the unveiling of the statue of Lee from the chisel of George T. Brewster, declared that the Confederate general was the embodiment of a cause which was lost, but the representative of a principle which will never die.

"The cause," he said, "was the right of a state to withdraw from the Union; the principal was the right of state to withdraw from the Union; the principle was primary and patriotic loyalty to the sovereignty which he acknowledged. It meant, perhaps, more happiness to mankind that the cause be lost, but it meant perpetuity to civilization that the principle should survive."

### Five Killed at Crossing.

Franklin, Ohio.—Five members of the household of Bert Williams met instant death and another man was probably fatally injured at Carlisle, two miles west of here when Baltimore and Ohio passenger train No. 64 crashed into a truck which was moving the Williams family from Franklin to a new home in Germantown. Another man escaped serious injury.

The two women and three children killed were seated on a sofa on the rear of the truck which was loaded with furniture.

A freight train had just passed over the crossing on the main street of Carlisle, and Gross drove on to the tracks, unaware of the approaching train, view of which was obstructed by the freight train. The bell at the crossing was still ringing when Gross drove on to the tracks, it was said.

Bert Williams, who was following his family in a motor bus arrived at the scene shortly after the crash, unaware that the truck had been wrecked. With other curious he edged his way through the crowds until he looked on the face of his dead wife, her arms still holding his dead four months old grand son. He fainted.

## LAUNCH ADVANCE AGAINST BANDITS

CHINESE GOVERNMENT STARTS TO RELEASE CAPTIVES BY FORCE.

## BRIGANDS ARE DISCOURAGED

Messengers Traveling to and From the Outlaw Hill Retreat Have Been Stopped.

Shanghai.—Panic seized the bandits of Paotzuku as Chinese government troops launched a determined advance against the outlaws in an effort to break up their communication and force an issue in the international problem revolving about the kidnapping of the foreigners from the Shanghai-Peking express, May 6.

The Peking governments plan to release the captives by force apparently is to be put into operation at once.

The cordon of troops about the Paotzuku stronghold was tightened in all directions. Messengers traveling to and from the outlaw hill retreat have been stopped. Troops are engaged in breaking up all the bandits' lines of communications in an effort to isolate the band that is holding the foreigners.

Chiefs of the brigands are said to be greatly discouraged at the refusal of the diplomatic corps at Peking to deal with them and are reported to be anxious to come to some sort of terms before it is too late to save their own lives.

Fresh parleys are expected to be opened immediately with the Chinese government representatives.

A bandit envoy, accompanied by one of the captives as mediator, is said to have left Paotzuku to re-open negotiations, but so far they have not arrived at Tsao-Chwang.

The outlaws who are declared to have been pinning their hopes to Chang Tsaolin, dictator of Manchuria, and head of the Fengtien party that was in control at Peking prior to its defeat at the hands of the Chihli party last summer, has been discouraged in that direction as well. They had expected aid from Tsao-Lin's lieutenant, the notorious Chang-Ching Cao, former military governor of Hunan province, but the leaders of the gentry in all the surrounding villages have discounted this hope and have urged the outlaws to settle with the Peking government as quickly as possible.

### Four Persons Burn to Death.

Mountain Lake Park, Md.—Fate intervened in summer vacation plans of Mrs. Mary O'Connor, aged 94, and her three grown daughters, and as a result the four are dead.

The four met death when burning leaves ignited accumulated gas in the cottage occupied by Mrs. O'Connor. The three daughters were some distance from the cottage when the explosion occurred. When they reached the building it was a mass of flames. Disregarding their own safety the daughters rushed into the cottage in an attempt to rescue their mother. They never came out.

The dead beside Mrs. O'Connor, who lived at Clarksburg, W. Va., are: Miss Kate O'Connor, Clarksburg; Mrs. Jett Grannon, Fairmont, W. Va.; Mrs. Mary E. Rooney, Clarksburg.

When the rescuers removed the four bodies from the debris late in the day \$2,000 in gold was found hidden in a chimney. It was turned over to the authorities.

Several other cottages near the one occupied by the victims also were destroyed.

### Finds Way to Avoid Dry Conflict.

Washington.—Indications were given at the Treasury that Secretary Mellon had found a way for reconciling the supreme court's recent prohibition decision with foreign laws requiring ships of their nationals to carry liquor as crew rations.

The belief was expressed that the regulations necessary to carry out the high court decision barring liquor within the territorial waters of the United States would be actually promulgated within a few days. Officials refused to disclose the course which the Treasury appeared to have adopted in dealing with the situation developed by the court's ruling.

The belief gained ground that the regulations would provide flatly for the barring of all crew rations as such at the three mile limit but that the ships would be permitted to place such liquor as was required by their home laws under the jurisdiction of the ship doctor as for medicinal purposes.

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