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BUSINESS OPINION CONTINUES GOOD

MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS
EXPANDED DURING PAST
WEEK.

New York.—Business sentiment continued cheerful last week, with expanded manufacturing operations and a number of commodity price advances supporting indications of general gains in industry.

With car loadings crossing the million mark for the fourth consecutive week, the railroad situation appeared especially bright, with optimism intensified by a series of favorable July earnings statements. Virtually all carriers which have reported so far have shown substantially higher net income than in July of last year.

Gains in car loadings have been paralleled by the improvement in freight traffic computed on the basis of net ton miles which for the first six months of the year totaled 212,506,796,000. This was an increase of more than seven billion net tons, or 3.8 per cent over the corresponding period last year, but 5.8 per cent under the same period of 1923 when the volume of freight was the greatest on record for the first half of any year. The increased capacity of new freight cars and the greater efficiency of loading have tended to swell the volume of net ton mile traffic.

Gradually improvement in the iron and steel industry was noted by the weekly trade reviews, which reported that operations had been speeded up to seventy per cent of capacity and that the month probably would show an average of 72 per cent. Gains in week-to-week purchases, rather than any increase in forward buying, accounted for the expansion of mill activity.

The firing of 1,500 additional coke ovens in the Pittsburgh district provided supporting evidence of betterment in the trade. The price situation showed little change.

An enlarged demand for many commodities last week followed by a series of price advances, which embraced sugar, industrial alcohol, virtually all the non-ferrous metals and scrap iron. Quotations of crude oil and gasoline, however, were lowered, but in view of the sharp reduction in the output of petroleum this action failed to affect the oil shares seriously.

Although price reductions of automobiles had been expected to stimulate business, the development of an open price cutting war has aroused some apprehension in the motor industry.

Fliers Prepare For Worst

Paris.—The French veterans, Lieutenants Francois Coli and Paul Tarascon, both maimed in the war, are going to jump off for their 30-hour air flight to New York confident of success, but ready for a wreck at sea and 15 days adrift waiting for help.

They have arranged to lighten their 420-horsepower plane so that it will float indefinitely, and will carry compressed provisions and an apparatus for distilling sea water. Their machine, including 3,000 liters of gasoline, will weigh four tons at the start.

The first ballast to be dropped will be the running gear when they reach the sea. If they are forced to descend on the ocean their plan is to cut away the cloth of the lower plane so that the ship may ride steadily, and cast out a canvas anchor to aid this. They can thus float for several hours, but if help does not come they can pump out the fuel from the three big reservoirs and, if necessary, cast off the motor, when the airplane should float like a big life preserver.

The aviators will carry twelve rockets and a complete medical kit, and can find subsistence on dried food and distilled sea water for a couple of weeks.

No date has been fixed for the flight, but the men expect to start with a favorable east wind behind them and travel at the rate of about 125 miles an hour.

Man and Wife Executed

Budapest, Hungary.—With five minutes to say good bye before their death, allowed by the court, Mitzi Lederer and her husband, Gustav, former lieutenant, choking with anguish and blinded by tears, were unable to say a single word. They had been convicted of the murder and dismemberment of the owner of a sausage factory, Franz Kukulka, who was visiting the couple in a suburb of Budapest.

"You have five minutes," he said, "four, three, and one, and now no more time to bid each other good bye." The man and wife were parted immediately and executed.

33 Years Ago —IN— Washington County

Items gathered from issue of
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Miss Ella Midgett has returned from a visit to E. City.

Mrs. A. M. Johnston returned Tuesday from Morehead.

Mr. James Harrison, living three miles from town, presented the Beacon with a stalk of corn measuring 16 feet in length.

Mr. Johnnie B. Whaley is home from West Maryland College.

Mrs. S. A. Blount has returned from an extended visit in the north.

Manager J. E. C. Johnston of W. H. Hampton's river farm, informs us that he commenced picking cotton Monday.

House For Rent—Third street; apply to O. M. Chesson, Route 2

To the people of Washington County—when in Plymouth come to Hotel Brinkley for accommodations.

CORN FOR SALE—O. M. Chesson, R.F.D. 2, Plymouth.

STUDENTS ENTERING—the Atlanta-Southern Dental College in October should matriculate at once. This is the last year it will be possible to enter a dental college with only high school education, and increased enrollment must be provided for in the new building now under construction.

Thousands Need Sanatorium Cure. "From 2,500 to 5,000 people could be benefited in North Carolina with proper institutional care for tuberculosis," declared Dr. G. M. Cooper, acting secretary of the State Board of Health, in commenting on the statement of Dr. P. P. McCain, superintendent of the State Sanatorium, that 36 patients now at the institution would have to be discharged in the near future because of insufficient buildings, beds and maintenance funds.

Dr. A. C. Bulla, Wake county health officer, declared that if any Wake county patients are discharged there is no place in the county to care for them.

With regard to the 48 prisoners for whom beds are reserved at the State Sanatorium, Dr. J. H. Norman, prison warden and physician, declared that it is against the law for the State Prison to keep tubercular patients at the plant in Raleigh. Dr. Norman did not deny that there was room at the State's Prison for the patients but said the prison could not properly care for them and keep such prisoners separate from other prisoners. He added that the Legislature had authorized such prisoners to be turned over to Sanatorium because of the better facilities for treatment at the latter place.

Tobacco Raisers Suffer Big Loss. Drought during the month of July cost North Carolina tobacco farmers alone \$8,288,000, according to estimates of the damage done this one crop in the State contained in report made public by the joint crop reporting service of the United States and North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

Concerning general conditions in the State, the report says:

"Dry weather has been a most discouraging factor to farmers in the Piedmont and Mountain counties during July. The Coastal districts have fared better, having had good rains ranging from rather dry in the southern to wet in the northern coastal counties. The best conditions in the State are to be found in the Central Coastal Plains, where few damaging factors have occurred this year. Dry weather hit the State just at the time when good rains would have been most helpful. Crops were beginning to mature, cultivation was the best in years, and stands, while irregular, were fair. The drought checked the growth of plants which are maturing before the fruit has reached full development.

Little Child Meets Tragic Death.

Sad Accident Occurs When
Truck Kills Little Three
Year Old Child.

Little Rudolph, the bright and attractive three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bowen, was almost instantly killed last Friday during the noon hour when he was run over by a truck driven by Mr. T. S. Lucas.

The truck, as we learn, was proceeding at a very moderate rate of speed, and the child in the act of crossing the street, was obscured by a parked automobile which rendered it impossible for the driver to see him until too late, as he was struck just as he stepped from behind the automobile. The little child never regained consciousness, and died within a few minutes of the tragic accident.

This was one of the most sad and touching accidents that has ever occurred here and public sympathy is distributed between the sorrowing parents and other relatives and the heartbroken driver of the truck. The accident is held as absolutely unavoidable.

The funeral service was conducted at the home on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. Marshburn assisted by Rev. Burrus. The interment made in Windley cemetery immediately thereafter in the presence of a large crowd of sympathetic friends and sorrowing relatives. The floral tributes were beautiful and numerous.

Card of Thanks.

To the many friends who so lovingly assisted us both in deed and sympathy in our recent trouble in the death of our little darling Rudolph, we most sincerely thank.

We also wish to thank our many friends for their expressions of love and sympathy expressed in the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr and Mrs. G. W. Bowen

"The Gospel"



Bessie M. Randall, 22, of Ft. Worth, Tex., grew tired of "the pace" and was converted. At Santa Anna, Calif., she organized and built a church—and took to the pulpit. So great was her success that now she is on world tour as an evangelist.

Revival to Begin September 6.

Rev. D. L. Earnhardt, Jr., of Durham will begin a series of revival meetings in the school auditorium on Sunday, September 6th. The Rev. Earnhardt is a powerful preacher and a finished theologian, and also a man of marked ability.

Mr. J. C. Coston, who is so well known to the people of this community, will conduct the choir and possibly a man's prayer service daily.

People are urged to arrange to attend these services which are held under the auspices of the various churches of the town.

NOTICE

Under Section 1296 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina of 1919 the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County hereby notify the public that a CALL meeting will be held in the Court House at Plymouth, North Carolina on Thursday, September 1st, 1925 for the purpose of County finances.

C. W. SNELL, Chmr.

Board of County Commissioners
ADDIE L. BRINKLEY, Clerk,
Board of County Commissioners.

Shelby, N.C.—Mrs. Morris and Biggs, noted surgeons and founders of the Rutherford Hospital, have deeded the institution and grounds to Rutherford county and are planning an endowment fund which will insure its perpetuity and also a staff of the best men in the medical and surgical professions.

Fayetteville—Eugene Warren, of Sampson county, died in the Pittman hospital here of injuries sustained when he was thrown from his car in a collision with a horse and buggy on the Raleigh road four miles from Fayetteville.

Winston-Salem.—One of the most serious yet successful operations performed in this section in some time was one at the Lawrence hospital recently when J. W. Doub, 32, of Clemmons, had about two inches taken from his backbone. Mr. Doub, according to the hospital officials, is recovering nicely and it is the opinion that he will, in the course of time, be able to walk again.

Kinston.—Noah Palmer Mewborne, 19 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Mewborne, of Vance Township, died at 7:40 at Parrott Memorial Hospital. Six weeks ago Sunday night, young Mr. Mewborne was injured in an automobile accident when a car in which he and Dwight Mewborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Mewborne, were riding on the Snow Hill Highway, collided with a car parked on the highway without lights.

Wadesboro.—Cole L. Currie, the 11-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Currie, who live on Mr. J. F. Allen's place in Laneshoro township, was fatally injured in an unusual manner. He was riding a mule to water, and in some manner slipped off the animal's back. He tried to hold on with his arms around the mule's neck, but was unable to do so, and he fell in front of the animal on his back, and the mule stepped on his stomach.

Greenville.—With the opening of the Stokes highway, which connects Pitt with Martin county, Pitt county now has 102 miles of paved highways with four more miles under construction which will connect the southern end of the county with the concrete road of Greene county. Seven of these highways lead into Greenville, which gives it a road system unequalled by any of the cities of the eastern section of the State.

Franklin.—Dr. George W. Truett, of Dallas, Texas, and Dr. F. C. McConnell, of Atlanta, Ga., are to preach daily at Franklin, beginning August 14, and continuing through August 23. Dr. McConnell will preach each morning at 11 o'clock and Dr. Truett will preach each evening at 8 o'clock.

Durham.—Dr. E. H. Bowling, local physician convicted in federal court for violating the Harrison anti-narcotic act and whose license to practice medicine in the State was subsequently revoked by the state medical board, has appealed from the action of the board.

Roper School Opens Monday

The Roper Graded and High Schools are scheduled to begin their 1925-26 session on Monday, September 7th.

With increased facilities this year it is probable that the children of that community will enjoy a wider variety of training than heretofore. Roper has always maintained a school of splendid reputation, and it is no more than natural to expect improvements with each succeeding session.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a certain mortgage executed by W. A. James and wife Fannie James, bearing date of June 22nd, 1921, to the General Assembly and Union Meeting of Washington and Norfolk Districts of Colored Disciples of Christ, which mortgage is registered in Register of Deeds office of Washington county in book 85, page 215, and whereas default has been made in the payment of said mortgage, I shall on the 14th day of September 1925, at the court house door in Plymouth, N. C., at 12 M sell at public auction the property described in said mortgage as follows:

Beginning at a sweet gum on Welches creek, formerly the line of Ishman Lennett, and running the Lennett line to the Daily road, thence along the road through a lane a straight course to Marbury Stillman's line, thence along his line to a marked sweet gum and a cypress standing at a run of Welches creek, thence the various courses of said run to the first station, containing by estimation fifty acres.

This 7th day of August, 1925.

W. R. STEELY, Trustee
P. H. Bell, Attorney

Winston-Salem.—The erection of a handsome fifteen story office building by W. M. Nissen, well known Winston-Salem business man, on the former Y. M. C. A. property, corner of Fourth and Cherry streets, is assured, it became known. Architect W. L. Stoddard, of New York, who has designed some of the largest business buildings in North Carolina and in the South as well as in other sections, has been selected to draw the plans and is already at work.

Gastonia.—A Leslie Sprinkle, 52 year old watchmaker of this city, was found dead here in the jewelry establishment of Van Sleen. There was a bullet hole through his head.

Rutherford.—Plans for converting the Westminster school property, estimated to be worth \$50,000, into an American Legion orphanage, will be submitted at the state convention in Fayetteville, by Fred Williams Post No. 75.

Lumberton.—Announcement has been made here that double sales will be conducted on the local tobacco market, all companies having agreed to put another set of buyers on the market.

Goldboro.—Announcement was made by E. A. Simpkins, postmaster of an increase of \$769.83, in July receipts for the first six months of 1925 were much more than the preceding six months.

Dunn.—Julian McLeon, well known Dunn district farmer, was shot from ambush and seriously wounded. The victim of the secret assault is in the Dunn Community Hospital and his condition is reported as favorable.

Barium Springs.—For the first time in 37 years the Presbyterian Orphans' Home here was a deserted haven Thursday. Not even one of those tots that form the family of babies was at home. The occasion was an excursion to the Presbyterian Assembly Grounds at Montreat.

Oxford.—Frank Daniels, 30 years of age, who fell through a trap door in the pack house on the farm of his father, J. R. Daniel, is in a critical condition at the home of his father. According to report the fall, which was several feet, broke his spinal column and his body from his waist down is paralyzed.

Greensboro.—Louis T. Moore, of Wilmington, president of the North Carolina Secretaries Association, presided over a meeting here of the committee of the organization charged with the duty of arranging a program for the next convention of the organization. Date for holding the convention was fixed as September 18 and 19.

Bicycle For Sale—in good condition; Herman Chesson, Route 2
WANTED—A few roomers and boarders. Hotel Brinkley.

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ANNUAL FIRE LOSS IN NORTH CAROLINA

STATE LEADS NATION IN ACTIVITIES FOR FIRE PREVENTION.

Raleigh.

The annual fire loss in North Carolina is now running close to \$6,500,000, or approximately \$2.45 per capita, as against an annual loss in the United States of \$550,000,000, or about \$5.25 per capita.

The figures were obtained here from Stacey W. Wade, State Insurance Commissioner and Fire Marshal.

Commissioner Wade declared that North Carolina now leads all the States of the Union in fire prevention work. The State has a larger number of fully equipped and modern fire departments per capita than any other Commonwealth and also surpasses all others in the number of fireproof school buildings per capita. North Carolina is now the only State in the Union that requires all state buildings to be built of fireproof construction he said.

Commissioner Wade expressed special pride in the residential fire loss in this State. It was less than seven per cent of the total loss in 1924. This remarkable showing is a direct result of the teaching of fire prevention and safety in public schools. He called attention to the fact that the past Legislature passed a law requiring fire drills in all public schools twice each month and made it mandatory on his department to enforce the statute.

"The annual fire loss is still appalling in both States and Nation," he said, "and the greatest need of the time is closer co-operation of the public with State fire marshals in the prevention of conflagrations."

That the present record is inexcusable may be readily understood, he thinks, when it is remembered that the annual fire loss in England and France in 1924 ran only from 16 to 30 cents per capita.

Commissioner Wade is president this year of the Fire Marshal's Association of America, which will hold its annual convention in San Antonio, Texas, beginning September 18. The big problem ahead of the convention is the appalling loss of property by preventable fires in the last year.

Mr. Wade says his department is getting ready for an intensive observance of Fire Prevention Week in North Carolina again this year. The record shows that heretofore this State has led all others in successfully staging Prevention Week and he expects to maintain the record in 1925. The date is October 5 to 10.

Death Records Show Decrease.

The Grim Reaper is losing ground in North Carolina.

Births in North Carolina during the first six months of 1925 showed an increase over the number of births during the same period of 1924 when 17,823 deaths during 1925 showed a decrease from the total for the six months period in 1924, according to figures made public by the State Board of Health.

During the first six months of 1924 there were 42,030 births in the State while during the same period in 1925 births totaled 42,197. The death total of 17,746 in the first half of 1924 is cut considerably in the total for the first half of this year which is 16,823.

During the present year, the number of deaths by burns far exceeds the number of deaths by typhoid fever. Deaths from automobile accidents exceeds the number of deaths from diphtheria, smallpox, scarlet fever and measles.

Typhoid fever shows a decided decrease this year in deaths from last year. During 1924 there was an average of 22.5 deaths from typhoid each month while this year the monthly average is only 13.85.

Bumper Crop Reported.

William A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, who has just returned from a trip through Eastern North Carolina, reports a "wonderful corn crop" in that section of the State.

"There will be a great surplus on the market in Eastern North Carolina," declared the commissioner, "while west of Raleigh, in certain sections, the farmers have suffered keenly from the effects of the drought. Consequently they will, in many instances, be forced to buy corn to enable them to make the 1926 crop."

"Here is where the Division of Markets can render a great service in finding a market for the corn for sale, also in assisting those in the drought districts."

Mr. Graham also reported a splendid crop of soy beans.