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STEADIER TONE IN BUSINESS CIRCLES IS NOW APPARENT

Principal Speculative Markets Of The Country Displaying Firmness

Production Still At Best Rate Of Year

Rate Of Cotton Consumption Continues High; Steel Mills Show No Let-up In Activity; New Buying Light, But Prices Firm; Car Loadings Heavy.

New York, May 20.—A steadier sentiment was apparent in financial and business quarters during the past week. For one thing, it was evident that the principal speculative markets were displaying a firmer tone, liquidation of a pressing character having ceased and short selling having considerably improved technical conditions. Although extreme quietness prevailed during the greater part of the week, total sales on the New York Stock Exchange amounting to only about half a million shares Friday, this condition was considered a natural result of recent weakness and some signs of a rallying tendency were noted.

For example, the copper market, which has been quiet for sometime and has been sagging in sympathy with prices at London, stopped in its decline and strengthened appreciably.

Business Index

That the effect on the general level of the falling prices which have been holding the attention of the business community will be less than might be expected is argued on the basis of the behavior of the index published by the Department of Labor. The department's index for all commodities during April is unchanged as compared with March. Aside from a reaction in the price of some of the individual groups of the index were higher.

It was pointed out that the increases have taken place in those commodities in which labor costs play a large part, and it was assumed on this basis that recent wage advances will be a sustaining factor. In fact, it is claimed that it is raw materials prices which have reacted and that these reactions have come in response to uncertainty over the effect of higher wages.

Production, meanwhile, is being maintained at a level which approximates the best rate of the year. The absolute amount of cotton consumed by the country's mills during April was slightly smaller than the high record of March. When allowance is made for the smaller number of working days in April, however, the rate of consumption in the two months is approximately equal. Some curtailment of operations by New England textile mills has been reported, but it is thought this tendency will not become general, as most of the mills have contracts extending into the summer. By that time the uncertainty regarding the character of the new cotton crop will, it is expected, be considerably reduced.

No let-up in activity at the steel mills is apparent. Production is, if anything, higher, and the products are stated to be passing directly into consumption. Consumers are reported to be taking all the steel that the mills can turn out and the present rate is confidently expected to be maintained during the third quarter of the year.

New buying remains light but prices are firm.

Intense Activity

Railway car loading statistics confirm the other evidences of intense industrial activity. Although the total for the week ended May 5, which is 961,000 cars, is some 5000 smaller than the high record of the previous week, it easily breaks all records for corresponding weeks in any other year.

Considerable attention was given to the figures for March imports published by the Department of Commerce. The total value of \$402,000,000 is the largest in any month since August, 1920, and is \$146,000,000 greater than in March a year ago. The large total is considered to reflect in part the intensity of domestic prosperity which is calling for large supplies of foreign raw materials. It is also considered to be a natural result of the relatively high prices prevailing in this country and of the policy of requiring

Vaccinating Hogs Against Cholera

Dr. F. D. Owen, avine specialist representing the U. S. Department of Agriculture, last week vaccinated 250 hogs against cholera in Harnett county. Dr. Owen will work in this county through this week and any who have hogs they wish vaccinated should get in communication with H. A. Edge, county farm demonstration agent, at once. Dr. Owen was in Dunn Friday and advised The Dispatch that there is considerable hog cholera in this vicinity.

It might be stated that the serum used in vaccinating hogs is only a cholera preventative and will not cure after the hog is stricken.

Report of Supt. Welfare For March and April

To the Chairman Board of County Commissioners:

Arrangements made for cripples to go to Orthopaedic Hospital (includes numerous visits to homes, family physicians, etc.)—3.

Taken to Orthopaedic Hospital—1.

Brought home from hospital—3.

Children examined during eye clinic—480.

Children fitted with glasses—265.

Visits made to homes regarding dependent children—15.

Visits made to homes regarding feeble-minded children—5.

Children placed in foster homes—4.

Visits to County Home carrying out, providing Sunday services—10.

Boys under 16 put on probation and returned to school—6.

Working permits issued to children under 16—30.

Charity cases to hospital for treatment—1.

The remainder of the time has been spent in visiting schools in the interest of compulsory attendance and health work, arranging for the County Field Day, getting out two issues of The School News, and writing with a pen of messages.

M. F. CAMP,
Supt. Public Welfare.

Jury Told To Get Hats And Go Home

Pittabors, May 17.—Chatham Superior Court is in session here this week with Judge J. Lloyd Horton presiding. This court is for trial of civil cases only and the docket is crowded, with liquor cases mostly. In one liquor case tried Wednesday in which two white men, a man named Lakey and one named Oran Palmer and a negro, John Alston, of Gulf township, were tried for blocking the jury found Lakey guilty and freed Palmer and the Alston negro. Judge Horton, after scoring the jury for rendering the verdict they did, told them that the court had no further use for them and that they could take their hats and go home. Lakey was sent to the roads for two years.

Tracy Vincent Dies At Oteen Hospital

Asheville, May 17.—Tracy A. Vincent, business manager of The Oteen Echo and North Carolina Legionaire, and one of the most active men in the North Carolina department of the American legion, died tonight at Oteen hospital after an illness of seven weeks. He was a veteran of the world war. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Dunn Citizen, Speaker

The following from a report of the finds of Oak Ridge Institute, published in Friday's Raleigh News and Observer, will be of interest to Dispatch readers:

"Sunday night the alumni address was delivered by Hon. N. A. Townsend, of Dunn. He chose as a basis for his strong and forceful address 'Disrespect for Law.' 'No man' said Mr. Townsend, 'can break the law in the least, willfully, without breeding in himself and in others contempt and disrespect for law, which makes law enforcement difficult and brings public morals.' Mrs. Townsend accompanied Mr. Townsend to Oak Ridge and while here they were the guests of Prof. T. E. Whitaker.

Give everyone the benefit of the doubt. We may get the worst of it once in a while, but the aggregate profits will over-balance.

A man whose work is with the micrometer, the level, the square, or the plumb line is very apt to be honest in his man-to-man transactions.

DR. J. A. CAMPBELL WILL TOUR EUROPE

He and Mrs. Campbell Expect To Sail From Montreal June 22

Dr. James A. Campbell, head of Buie's Creek academy, and his son, Prof. L. H. Campbell, a member of the faculty of the academy which his father founded 37 years ago, were Dunn visitors Saturday. Dr. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell expect to sail from Montreal, Canada, on June 22 for Europe, where they will spend two months. While in that country Dr. and Mrs. Campbell will attend the Baptist World Alliance, besides touring several European countries, including France and Scotland. The expenses of both Dr. and Mrs. Campbell on this trip will be borne by the churches which Dr. Campbell pastored and former students of the school which he founded 37 years ago.

Speaking of the recent commencement exercises of the Buie's Creek academy, Dr. Campbell said the graduating class this year was one of the largest in the 37 years history of the school. The graduating class numbered more than eighty, while the enrollment was above the six-hundred mark. The fall term will open on Tuesday, September 4, and indications already point to a capacity attendance.

Perhaps no preparatory school in the State has meant more to the rising generations during the past 37 years than this well-known Harnett county institution. Thousands of boys and girls have gone from this school to the various colleges, while thousands more have made their way through life with the training received there. The worth of this institution to Harnett county and North Carolina is inestimable, and at its head Dr. Campbell has spent a life of usefulness that is invaluable.

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Hanging Lamp Falls

The fire, according to eye witnesses, started when a hanging lamp over the stage fell and burst, blasting oil catching flimsy draperies and quickly spreading to the wooden building. At first, according to C. C. Bruce, 19-year-old student, who was one of the players on the stage, it was believed that the fire could be controlled. But soon it spread and the audience numbering around 300, mostly children, became panic stricken. Men in the audience attempted to quiet them but a concerted rush was made for the one insecure stairway that furnished exit.

A jam resulted that overtaxed the structure and it collapsed. According to persons present, the scene that followed was indescribable. Scores were hurled into a closet under the steps. Some were impaled by splinters from the broken stairs. Soon the splintered stairway caught fire. Those not killed by the fire, those not killed by the fall perished in the flames.

Meantime men and boys who had escaped by leaping over railing or through windows endeavored to extricate the trapped. Dozens were pulled to safety. Others leaped from windows sustaining fractured bones and bruises. Mothers, trapped on the second floor, hurried their children through windows.

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County Auditor's Report

General County Funds

Receipts:

For convict labor \$ 975.00

Fees from C. S. C. 583.95

By Sheriff 1922 taxes 500.00

By E. of D. Marriage licenses 80.00

Collected on back taxes 134.37

Total \$ 2,278.32

Expenditures:

April 2 \$ 2,737.57

Paid Bank of Lillington note and interest 10,100.00

Paid interest of road and bridge bond 3,700.00

Total \$16,532.57

General School Funds

Receipts:

From State \$ 2,977.50

From Sheriff on taxes 11,700.00

Total \$14,677.50

Disbursements:

Paid teachers' salaries \$12,520.50

Paid for expenses 10,787.30

Total \$23,307.80

Respectfully submitted,

D. P. McDONALD,
County Auditor.

Balance to credit county fund May 1st—\$12,811.98.

Balance to credit school fund May 1st—\$1,450.84.

Swallows Poison; Death Results

Jessie Turlington, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Turlington, who live near Turlington's Cross Roads, died Friday morning from the effects of swallowing strychnine. The poison had been placed in a vase in the Turlington home and the child got hold of it in some manner. When the child first showed signs of illness the parents did not know that she had swallowed the poison. She soon began to show signs of having been poisoned, however, and investigation proved that she had swallowed the deadly poison. A doctor was called, and while he tended the child before the end came, he was unable to ward off death, which followed within an hour and a half after the unfortunate child had swallowed the poison.

Widow of Late Senator Thomas Watson, Dead

Thomas, Ga., May 14.—Mrs. Thomas E. Watson, widow of the late United States Senator Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, died at her home here at 11 o'clock tonight, from an attack of acute diabetes.

SEVENTY-FOUR PEOPLE PERISHED IN OF SCHOOL FIRE

Mass of Humpty Jammed Beneath The As The Flames Swept On

Forty-One Children Among The Missing

Fire Started When Hanging Oil Lamp Fell In Midst Of Closing Exercises Of High School — Panic Followed And Stairway Broke Down — Sixty-Two Of Victims Buried In Mass Grave — Whole Families Wiped Out.

Camden, S. C., May 18.—This has been a topsy-turvy day for Kershaw county. Stunned almost by the knowledge of the extent of the disaster which had wiped out in a breath, entire families—mothers and children—the county quickly turned to the work of attempting to identify the dead, to bury them, succoring the wounded and providing for the bereaved. All day long little was thought of but this.

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WOULD STOP ALL NEW BUILDING

Recommended As A Means To Bring Down "Steadily Mounting Costs."

New York, May 16.—A recommendation that all new building construction be deferred for a few months to relieve a serious situation throughout the country was contained in a resolution adopted today by representative by virtually every branch of the building industry from various states, who met to discuss the situation at the home of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Calling a halt to new construction it was declared, would bring down "steadily mounting cost" in the industry. It is urged, however, that projects under course of construction be carried to completion.

The meeting was called to consider, with the board of directors of the American Construction Council, of which Mr. Roosevelt is president, the present abnormal condition of the building industry and to take action that might possibly relieve the situation. Groups represented included bankers, transportation, architects, contractors, material dealers and manufacturers, bond and insurance interests, labor, and federal, state and municipal authorities. The findings of fact in regard to present conditions were unanimously adopted and the meeting passed the following recommendations:

"First, that banking interests curtail the financing of speculative building until after the close of summer.

"Second, that wide publicity be given to the increasing trend of construction costs, both of labor and material.

"Third, that governmental, municipal, state, county and town construction departments be urged to delay their work on such as much as possible until September or October.

"Fourth, that the cooperation of the building industry be solicited to curtail the demand for construction until the early months of fall."

New Administration in Charge in Fayetteville

Fayetteville, May 16.—Mayor H. McD. Robinson and the new municipal administration took charge of Fayetteville's municipal affairs last night. Mayor Robinson had three votes on his hands by way of introduction to the executive responsibilities. These came in the election of a mayor pro tempore, a chief of police and the superintendent of streets. For mayor pro tem he cast the deciding vote for Alderman J. R. Harrison against Alderman R. H. Buckingham, stating that, as Mr. Buckingham had held the honor for the past year, his ballot would go to Mr. Harrison. The vote for police chief, after a number of ballots came to a tie between Chief J. A. McLeod and former Chief J. T. Helly, and Mayor Robinson voted for McLeod. J. C. McAllister, present street superintendent, was the third official elected by the mayor's vote. His opponent was Jerry Scott. City Treasurer Paul Stewart was re-elected over H. M. MacKethan, and J. Bay and Clark was re-elected city attorney without opposition.

Would Induce Farmers To Plow Under Cotton

St. Matthews, S. C., May 14.—A campaign to induce farmers to plow up a portion of their cotton crop is contemplated by the American Cotton association, J. Skottowe Wannamaker, president, announced here today. Before making a decision, however, Mr. Wannamaker said, the sentiment of the cotton belt and friendly interests generally will be sounded, and a questionnaire is being sent out, he announced to thousands of individuals and concerns.

The president of the association indicated that he personally favors a wide-spread movement to plow up at least one third of the land now planted in cotton, and to plant in its place, food crops.

An appeal will be issued by the association to farmers everywhere to join in the movement, if the vote to be taken indicates that the cotton belt believes the crop reduction proposal should be undertaken. Mr. Wannamaker said, adding that civic bodies, business and commercial organizations and associations of every kind would be asked to cooperate in making it a success.

Will Operate Bus Line From Clinton To Duke

Beginning about June 15, W. L. Bass will begin the operation of a bus line between Dunn and Clinton and Dunn and Duke, making two round-trips between the three towns each day and night. Mr. Bass has purchased a 12-passenger International truck, equipped in regular bus style. He will make Dunn headquarters when the service is inaugurated. The fare will be six cents the mile, or \$1.50 from Dunn to Clinton and 25 cents from Dunn to Duke. The bus will be operated on regular hour schedule, though the schedule has not yet been worked out.

George Gould Dies In His French Home

Cape Martin, France, May 16.—George J. Gould died at his villa here this afternoon after a lingering illness beginning with an attack of pneumonia in March. The American financier was conscious until the end, and never gave up hope in his stubborn fight to recover.

To the last he opposed recalling to his bedside the doctors who brought about such an improvement in his condition several weeks ago that he was at that time declared out of danger.

A few days before his final relapse, which occurred May 8, he sent in his application for re-acceptance of membership in the Mentone tennis club, and it was accepted. His wife and two children were at his bedside when he died.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow.

Charges Fraud in Making Stock Sale

New Bern, May 16.—Grand Superior court under Judge Henry A. Gandy, of Clinton, is hearing the case of the Wilmington Products company of Wilmington, which charged that three notes given for stock in the company totaling \$9,000. The case will reach the jury tonight or tomorrow morning.

Mr. Daugherty charges that through their agent, Sterling Dudley, the Fisheries Products Company, secured his notes by fraudulent means. Dudley having discounted them with two banks after he had promised Mr. Daugherty the company would hold them, taking care of their payment with a twenty per cent dividend that was promised.

The Wilmington Bank and Trust Company and the New Bern Banking Trust Company are named as co-defendants with the Fisheries concern.

The defendants are represented by the firm of Guion and Guion of New Bern; Judge George E. Rouse, and H. E. Rogers, of Wilmington; and T. D. Warren of New Bern, and the plaintiff by Moore and Dunn and Wilson H. Lee of New Bern.

The deceased, whose home was at Zebulon, had gone to Red Springs to attend the closing exercises of the Philadelphia high and farm-life school, her sister, Miss Lowrey Olive, being a member of the faculty. Mrs. Lawrence's daughter, Miss Lillian Lawrence, was also a member of the faculty of the Philadelphia school, which is situated 4 miles east of Red Springs. The ill-fated car belonged to Miss Lillian Lawrence. Neighbors Terry and Lawrence had started to Huston to meet W. C. McKay of Atlanta, Ga., who was to arrive on a Seaboard train at 10 o'clock.

The roads cross where the accident occurred. It is thought that Mrs. Terry's car was confused as to which of the roads leading to Maxton, but failed to bring the car to a stop and attempted to make the turn too late. The car landed front first in a 18-foot ditch. John Buie, who was the first to reach the scene of the accident, succeeded in removing the two women from underneath the overturned car.

The remains of Mrs. Terry were brought to Fayetteville soon after the accident and later were brought to the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Graham, near Godwin, where they remained until Sunday afternoon.

Deceased was born April 9, 1897, and was therefore in her 26th year. She was married on February 22, this year, to Mr. W. A. Terry of Zebulon. She was a sister of Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church at Mt. Airy, and a former pastor of the First Baptist church of Dunn. It was while her brother was pastor of the Dunn church that she made her home here. She joined the Baptist church at the age of 18 years and was a member of that church at the time of her death. While living in Dunn she deceased took an active part in church and Sunday school work, being superintendent of the primary department of the First Baptist Sunday school. Her beautiful traits of character and her kind and

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MRS. W. A. TERRY KILLED FRIDAY IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Met Instant Death When Auto Ran Into Deep Ditch Near Red Springs

Interment Made Sunday At Old Bluff Church

Deceased Formerly Lived in Dunn And Her Unlucky Death Was A Shock To Her Many Friends Here—Was Bride Of Only Few Weeks—Had Gone To Red Springs To Attend Philadelphia Commencement.

A crowd estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000 attended the funeral of Mrs. W. A. Terry, who was killed in an automobile accident Friday morning, at the old Bluff church cemetery, near Wade, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Albert N. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church of Dunn. Mr. Johnson said glowing tributes to the deceased, who before her marriage on February 22, this year, was Miss Olive, and a former wife of Mr. W. A. Terry, were rendered by a mixed quartet, composed of Mrs. E. L. Downing, Mrs. Sallie Taylor, Caper C. Walker and Dr. C. D. Bala. The pallbearers were: Sandy Graham, Ralph Parker, E. Durham Taylor, L. A. Cole, Baxter Graham and M. E. Jernigan.

The large grove surrounding the cemetery was one large mass of humanity, gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to one they had learned to love and admire, and one who had so suddenly been snatched from this life as the life began.

The annual large crowd of people showed in a degree the high esteem in which she was held by all who knew her.

Over 100 in the party of the deceased brought together by hundreds of friends of the unfortunate young woman.

Mrs. Terry met her death about 9:30 o'clock Friday morning when an automobile which she was driving ran into a ditch on the Red Springs-Maxton highway, some three miles south of Red Springs. Mrs. Lawrence, the only other occupant of the car, sustained a broken arm and other minor bruises as a result of the accident. Mrs. Terry was pinned underneath the auto and sustained a fractured skull and internal injuries. She never regained consciousness and died in a short time after the accident.

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