

NO CONGESTION AT SOUTHERN PORTS

SUGGESTION IS MADE TO USE GULF AND SOUTH ATLANTIC TERMINALS MORE FREELY

SEVEN SOUTHERN PORTS OPEN

Seven Loaded Cars Moving North to One Being Sent South Which Adds to Jam North of Ohio River

Louisville, Ky. — Headquarters in Louisville of railroads with Southern port connections have sent telegrams broadcast to connecting lines from Pittsburg to San Francisco...

The telegrams asserted that seven Southern ports—New Orleans, Mobile, Jacksonville, Brunswick, Savannah, Charleston and Norfolk—are open and that export business can be handled if lines at Ohio river crossings, St. Louis or Memphis, could be reached.

"As far as I know," said R. L. McKellar, foreign freight traffic manager, Southern Railroad, one of the leaders in a movement centralized here to assist in relieving freight congestion...

Incomplete Returns Show That the Legion Has Gained 80,000 Members

Indianapolis, Ind.—Incomplete returns into national headquarters here indicate that approximately 80,000 new members were obtained in the first two days of the American Legion nationwide campaign for increased membership.

New York Banks Apply Pressure to Many Importers and Merchants

New York.—New York banks is applying pressure to importers and merchants regarding in luxuries and non-essentials in compliance with the request of the federal reserve board that they aid in the deflation of credits.

Either Craig or Osborn Selected to Succeed Glenn on Commission.

Washington.—Former Governor Locke Craig of Asheville or former Commissioner of Interstate Revenue W. H. Osborn of Greensboro will be appointed to membership on the internal boundary commission to succeed former Governor Robert B. Glenn, who died in Canada.

Both Imports and Exports Fell Off Materially During March and April

Washington.—Exports for April decreased \$135,000,000 while imports fell off \$30,000,000, as compared with the trade figures for March. It was announced by the department of commerce.

Exports for the month were valued at \$684,000,000, against \$820,000 in March and \$715,000,000 in April last year.

Miners Bent on Searching Trains for Possible Strike Breakers

Roanoke, Va.—A band of 300 miners has formed in Matewan, West Virginia, bent on searching all trains entering the town for Baldwin-Felts men.

Chinese Cabinet Will Not Open Direct Negotiations With Japan

London.—The Chinese cabinet has decided to decline to enter into direct negotiations with Japan regarding a settlement of the Shantung question.

Vice President Prescribes Equal and Exact Justice Unto All Men.

Indianapolis, Ind.—"Equal and exact justice to all men" as a remedy for unrest was prescribed by Vice President Marshall in his keynote address before the state democratic convention.

"I hold that the democratic doctrine of equal and exact justice to all men and of special privileges to none will meet all the angry and irremediable conditions of today," said Mr. Marshall.

House Committee Approves Stock Dividend Tax for Soldier Relief.

Washington.—A ten per cent stock dividend tax retroactive to last March 15 was approved by the house ways and means committee as a part of the taxation scheme for financing soldier relief legislation. Its adoption of the tax provision by a margin of one vote precipitated such a fight in the committee that favorable report on the bill was delayed, with opponents of the stock tax seeking reconsideration.

EFFORTS FOR RELIEF FUTILE

Soft Coal Operators Have for Weeks Urged Upon Controlling Agencies Necessity of Providing Cars

Washington.—A grave crisis, "involving the industrial life of the country," has resulted from failure of soft coal operators to obtain an adequate car supply, the National Coal Association declared tonight in a general survey based on reports from members in many sections.

At the same time, the United Mine Workers of America, in a statement quoting John Moore, president of the Ohio miners, said that unless something was done immediately to relieve the car situation the public would find itself without coal next winter.

Responsibility for present conditions, Moore charged, "rests squarely on the railroads and their unjust and unfair discrimination in the distribution of coal cars."

The coal association said persistent efforts of operators to obtain relief had been unavailing, that the shortage of open top cars in the coal fields ran 50 to 65 per cent below normal, and that not since the days just preceding America's entry in the war had the country been threatened with "such a paralysis of industries."

"The soft coal operators for weeks have urged the interstate commerce commission, the commission on car service of the American Railroad association, the railroad executives and congress to do what they can to give the mines sufficient cars," the association statement said.

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Knoxville Shoe and Department Stores Have Inaugurated New Era

Knoxville, Tenn.—A large department store has inaugurated a 20 per cent discount on its entire stock except a few contract prices. A shoe store announces a similar reduction in its entire stock of shoes.

Co-Operation of the United States Largely Counted Upon by France

Paris.—Co-operation by the United States is very largely counted upon by allied circles, and particularly by the French, for success of the scheme of liquidation of war debts and reparations, the principles of which were laid down by Premiers Lloyd George and Millerand at the recent conference in Hythe.

Meat Packers Protest to Congress Against Charges of Profiteering

Washington.—Protests against charges of profiteering being lodged against the meat packing industry were presented to Vice-President Marshall and Speaker Gillett by 60 firms styling themselves the "Independents." The signers of the protest offered to prove to congress and the public that the average profits are less than two cents on the dollar and that packers' profits represent less than five cent an average family.

Had French Revolutionary Strike Won, Soviet Rule Was to Follow

Paris.—Soviet rule in France was to have been established if the revolutionary strikes inaugurated May 1 had succeeded, according to the French police, who said they had obtained complete evidence.

The police declared the bulk of this evidence was found among the papers seized at the residence of Boris Souvarine, a socialist editor who was arrested on the charge of having plotted against the safety of the state.

Federal Reserve Board Meets With Advisory Council for Discussion

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NEW POLICY TO BE ADOPTED BY BANKS

TO DISCOURAGE UNNECESSARY BORROWINGS AND CURTAIL LONG-TIME LOANS.

HOPE TO RELIEVE INFLATION

Slowing Down of Industrial Efforts Shown by Decreased Production is Most Unsatisfactory Element.

Washington.—Curtailling of long-term loans covering "non-essential" operations and discouragement of unnecessary borrowings of all kinds will be the foundation of the federal reserve system's new policy designed to deflate the national finances.

American bankers have pledged themselves to co-operate with the reserve board in the effort to carry out the plan.

Governor Harding, of the board, is of the opinion that liquidation of superfluous loans will go far toward rectifying the present inflation.

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GOOD MEN SUFFER ANGUISH

Enormous Resources of Country Must Be Placed at Service of Humanity or World Will Take Them

El Paso, Texas.—Admission that Mexico is "a troublesome neighbor" and a plea that the world "have a little patience and wait a trifle longer" are contained in a statement to the American people by Salvador Alvarado, provisional minister of finance for the revolution.

The statement, a copy of which was received here, follows, in part:

"The men of good will in Mexico suffer an inexpressible anguish at this time, because we know that the world is tired of our disorders, because we are a troublesome neighbor. We know full well our duties if we wish to be respected like a civilized people; we know that we have to protect the lives and property of nationals and foreigners, we know we have to pay our debts, as gentlemen; we know that the difficulties of Mexico affect many parts of the world; that we can not live behind a Chinese wall, and that, due to the swiftness of means of communication, inter-dependence of nations is an actual and positive thing, and that no country can act as she herself desires.

"We also know that if we are not capable of placing at the service of humanity all of the enormous resources that exist in Mexico, the world will come and take them.

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Baltimore.—The attitude the democratic state convention should assume on the prohibition issue was the principal problem which confronted the party leaders prior to the assembling of the convention here for the purpose of selecting delegates to the national convention and adopting a platform. Conferences which lasted until a late hour failed to reach an agreement and a "wet" plank may be offered in the convention.

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Chicago Coliseum Turned Over to Republican National Committee.

Chicago.—The Chicago Coliseum was turned over to the republican national committee and work started immediately on the alterations necessary for the big convention June 8. Offices of the committee and convention leaders in the Coliseum annex are nearly-complete and will be ready on May 31, when the national committee begins hearing contests. One hundred and four contests have already been filed.

SHARP DECLINES FEATURE MARKET

PRICES OF PRACTICALLY ALL PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES BEING "MARKED DOWN"

PORK DECLINE SIGNIFICANT

Cotton, Sugar and Corn Options Broke Violently, as Did Cereals on New York and Chicago Market

New York.—Influenced by the nationwide price cutting agitation that is steadily gaining ground, the principal commodity markets of the country continued to "mark down" quoted values. Cotton, sugar and corn options broke violently here and in Chicago and cereals and provisions, including pork, also suffered sharp reaction.

Significance was attached to the drop in the pork prices as marking the first pronounced break in high priced food-stuffs.

The stock exchange showed improvement on a sharp recovery of Liberty bonds and Victory bonds.

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COULD NOT HOLD OUT LONGER

Virginia Lady Realized She Couldn't Stay Nervous, Weak, Pale, and Hold Out Much Longer.—Cardui Helped Her.

Dublin, Va.—Mrs. Sallie Hughett, of Route 2, this place, recently related her interesting experience in recovering her health, saying: "When... came on I was in a very bad condition and nothing the doctor gave me did me any good. Some say you have to let this take its course... but I knew there ought to be something to give relief. I was nervous, weak and pale. I couldn't eat or sleep to do any good, and felt I couldn't stand this very long."

"I heard and read of Cardui, and how it had benefited other women in the same condition, so decided to use it myself. After my first bottle I felt better, so, of course, kept it up, and it did the work."

"It helped me as nothing else did. I began to pick up right away. I ate and slept and could rest. I knew I was getting better. I kept it up and it did wonders for me."

Thousands of women, suffering as this Virginia lady did, have used Cardui with equally happy results, and voluntarily relate their experiences, so that others, troubled with disorders common among women, may learn to take Cardui. Let your druggist supply you, today.—Adv.

Her Particular Tree.

Christine was visiting Aunt Louise while the latter worked in her garden. "Have you any pickin' trees?" asked Christine.

"What?" was aunt's puzzled reply. "What are they?"

"Why, a pickin' tree," rejoined Christine in a tone full of surprise that anyone should not know the species, "why, my grandpa has some in his garden. They have pretty flowers for me to pick. I can't pick any other without being naughty."

Catarhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Catarhal Deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Catarhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing may be destroyed forever. Many cases of Deafness are caused by Catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the Mucous Surfaces. ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for any case of catarhal deafness that cannot be cured by HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. All druggists 75. Circulars free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Additional Charge.

"Twenty dollars for this job of plumbing?"

"That's correct."

"But you were not on the premises more than an hour, and I paid for all the material you used."

"There was a piece of glass on your driveway. I damaged a tire," said the plumber, briefly.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Important to all Women Readers of this Paper

Thousands upon thousands of women have kidney or bladder trouble and never suspect it.

Women's complaints often prove to be nothing else but kidney trouble, or the result of kidney or bladder disease.

If the kidneys are not in a healthy condition, they may cause the other organs to become diseased.

You may suffer pain in the back, headache and loss of ambition.

Poor health makes you nervous, irritable and may be dependent; it makes any one so.

But hundreds of women claim that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, by restoring health to the kidneys, proved to be just the remedy needed to overcome such conditions.

Many send for a sample bottle to see what Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder medicine, will do for them. By enclosing ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., you may receive sample size bottle by Parcel Post. You can purchase medium and large size bottles at all drug stores.—Adv.

ASK FOR "DIAMOND DYES"

Don't Buy a Poor Dye That Fades, Streaks or Ruins Material.

Each package of "Diamond Dyes" contains directions so simple that any woman can diamond-dye a new, rich, fadeless color into worn, shabby garments, draperies, coverings, whether wool, silk, linen, cotton or mixed goods.

Buy "Diamond Dyes"—no other kind—then perfect results are guaranteed even if you have never dyed before. Druggist has color card.—Adv.

Catty Comment.

"What a lovely color Anna has."

"Yes; she always declares it is wise to buy the best of everything."