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VERY SATISFACTORY YEAR.

Madstreet Reviews Business For the Year 1909.

New York, Special.—Bradstreet's weekly review of trade for 1909 is published today. It is a quiet week's rush of business, retail lines, while in whole lines salesmen are in from and inventories are general. obtainable information points to a satisfactory year in sections, indeed, a record volume of business done in year just closed. The least satisfactory reports as to the result come from those of the South where crop damage has prevented fullest savings being taken of the prices of cotton. In wholesale and jobbing a large if not indeed receding business has been noted. Prices of commodities of undiminished strength and of the highest prices of the year were made in the last week. For instance, reached 16 cents, a price never reached at this date since times.

TENNESSEE GOES DRY.

Some Distilleries and Five Big Breweries Affected. Nashville, Tenn., Special.—The law passed by the last Legislature providing for the manufacture of intoxicating liquor in Tennessee went into effect at midnight December 31. Some distilleries and five big breweries are affected and all are closing a suspension of operations with the close of the business day. It is conceded, however, that some one of them will commit a deliberate act for the purpose of testing the statute.

Prize to English Aeronaut.

Sur Marné, By Cable.—The Michelin cup for duration and distance covered in the air during 1909 was awarded to Henry Farman, the French aeronaut who on November 13, 1909, made an unbeaten record of 24 miles in 4 hours, 17 minutes and 50 seconds. The trophy is given by Michelin, a wealthy member of the Aero Club of France. A beautiful prize was to be competed for during the year of eight years. Each year a cash prize goes to the pilot making the longest flight in the world. The trophy was first offered in 1903 and was won by Wilbur Wright with a mark of 76.5 miles in France in competition with others.

Oil Men Form an Organization.

New York, Special.—Cotton seed oil men in New York have completed an organization known as the Oil Producers Association of the New York State. It has a charter for one hundred, its object is to further the cotton seed oil industry in all parts of the world. The association exchanged last year approximately 2,303,500 barrels. J. G. Galloway, American Oil Company, was elected president.

Birmingham a Reality.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—At midnight December 31, the incorporated suburbs of Birmingham a large amount of unincorporated territory automatically became a part of the city of Birmingham. The city an estimated population of 135,000. The Supreme Court recently sustained the act creating Greater Birmingham and to a large extent of the new city is slightly less of forty-two square miles.

\$1,000,000 to Nippon.

Washington, Special.—Sixteen million money orders payable in Japan worth in the aggregate \$1,000,000 were sent from the Seattle post office during the Christmas holidays. The money came from the Treasury of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Minnesota and the Territory of Alaska.

Watson to Public Debate.

Washington, Special.—Thomas W. Watson was challenged to a public debate by representatives of the protestant churches of Georgia. The challengers want the debate held in Atlanta January 15. Watson named as Watson's opponent William T. Ellis, a Philadelphia newspaper man.

Left Only \$300.

Washington, Special.—William E. Miller, publisher who was slain by a bullet from C. Hains, Jr., at the night club, in August, 1908, is left with only \$300.

MADE HOMELESS BY FIRE.

Hamlet of Holland, Near Suffolk Practically Wiped Off the Map

Richmond, Va., Special.—Fire destroyed the Majestic theater, the postoffice and all but one of the twenty-six business places in Hamlet of Holland, 12 miles from Suffolk, Va., on the Southern Railway Saturday night, and rendered half of the town's two hundred inhabitants homeless. There was only the crudest apparatus with which to fight the flames, and aid was rendered by reason of the absence of water facilities. The total loss is estimated at \$115,000. The total insurance is worth \$63,000. More than \$10,000 worth of peanuts were burned. Only twenty-one homes are left in the town, and these are housing the homeless. Five of these caught fire but were saved.

HOSTILITIES CONTINUE.

Belief That Two More Battles Must Be Fought.

Bluefields, Nicaragua.—Hope that the war should be brought to an end through the recognition of the provisional government by the United States has been abandoned. Many believe that two more battles must be fought; one in the State of Chontales and the other near Managua. The insurgent generals have signed a solemn pact to the effect that they will stand as a unit with Estrada until the last vestige of Zelayaism is blotted out of the government of Nicaragua. The peace commissioners which President Madriz announced that he was sending to negotiate with Estrada have not arrived.

FIRST NEW YEAR RECEPTION.

President Shook Hands With More Than 5,575 Callers.

Washington, D. C., Special.—President and Mrs. Taft held their first New Year's reception Jan. 1st, at the White House. All classes passed in review, and in two hours and fifty-five minutes more than 5,575 people shook hands with the Chief Executive. The diplomatic display surpassed all previous ones, and all members of the cabinet were present, except Knox and Dickinson.

Will Wage Determined Fight.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—"To wage an organized and determined fight" against the methods of dealing in cotton in vogue at the New York cotton exchange, President Charles S. Barrett of the National Farmers' Union has issued a call for a meeting of the officers and leading members of the union to take place in Washington during the present month. In the call Mr. Barrett announces the determination of representatives of the union to remain in Washington until Congress takes some definite action in the matter.

Greetings to All Nations.

Washington, Special.—Precisely at midnight on Dec. 31st an employe of the Navy Department pressed a button in the naval observatory. Instantly there leaped from it a spark that encircled the globe. It lasted only a comparatively few seconds, which did not discommode those who heard the news that a new year had been born. New York got the word, both started from Washington and a few seconds later after it had encircled the globe.

Banker Trask Only Victim.

New York, Special.—Spencer Trask, the head of a firm of bankers, which for many years acted as fiscal agent of the late Queen Victoria, was crushed to death by a rear-end collision of a Pullman and freight train in his private compartment while returning to New York from Yeddo, his country place at Saratoga.

Florida Crops Not Injured.

Jacksonville, Special.—The damage to Florida crops from the recent cold weather is trivial. It was thought the low temperature had ruined early vegetables, but only trifling damages have been wrought and this can be remedied by replanting. The orange crop had been marketed.

Kills Two and Puts Three in Jail.

Guthrie, Okla., Special.—Five men who intended to rob the bank and postoffice at Harrah, Okla., ran into a party headed by United States Marshal "Jack" Abernathy. As a result two of the bandits are dead, one is in jail at Guthrie wounded, and two others are held in jail at Oklahoma City as suspects.

It Is Now Judge Lurton.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Judge Horace H. Lurton, the new associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, was sworn in last Monday at noon.

NORTH CAROLINA'S MILLS.

Labor Commissioner Shipman on Textile Industry in State.

Raleigh, Special.—According to returns to the State Labor Commissioner, North Carolina has 312 cotton, woolen and silk mills with 3,143,511 spindles, 55,692 looms, 140,355 horse-power, 55,128 employes of whom 23,358 are females. Sixty-six per cent of the mills report improvement in general proficiency, financial condition and education of employes; 89 per cent report the labor laws complied with; 84 per cent of operatives read and write. The average number of hours in a work day is 10. Eighty-one mills use electric power. Sixty-three knitting mills report 74,440 spindles, 6,954 machines, 6,867 employes. Gascon county leads with 48 cotton mills, Mecklenburg having 22, Alamance 21.

The cotton, woolen and silk mills return capital stock totaling \$51,083,550, and knitting mills, \$2,839,004.

The textile industry represents by far the largest investment in any one line in North Carolina also in number of employes and amount of wages paid. Gaston reports \$7,000,000 capital stock in mills, 452,000 spindles, 5,550 looms and 17,858 horse-power; Mecklenburg, \$4,247,300 capital stock, 223,116 spindles, 4,957 looms, 8,955 horse-power; Alamance \$2,851,715 capital, 136,448 spindles, 5,605 looms, 7,103 horse-power; Cabarrus, 15 mills, \$2,415,530 capital, 243,114 spindles, 5,096 looms, 7,670 horse-power; Guilford, 12 mills, \$2,117,540 capital, 204,580 spindles, 5,263 looms.

ORDER BONDS PRINTED.

Transcontinental Officers Authorize \$50,000,000 First Mortgage Bonds Printed.

Asheville, Special.—The stockholders and directors of the South Atlantic Transcontinental Railroad held a meeting here at which important business matters were transacted, which tend to show that construction work will soon be begun. A resolution was passed authorizing the printing in French and English of \$50,000,000 first mortgage bonds of the Transcontinental, which, it is said, bankers in France have arranged to float. Another important matter was the election of H. R. Neikerson of New York as vice-president of the railroad and A. H. Berry of New York as assistant secretary. These two men are said to be representatives of McArthur Bros., contractors, who, it is said, have the contract for building the road. The election of C. J. Harris of Dillsboro and Dr. E. B. Glenn of Asheville as members of the board of directors was confirmed.

Colonel Jones is of the opinion that early in the spring actual construction work will be begun.

61 Candidates Installed.

Charlotte, Special.—The Mystic Shriners met here last week in annual session and after initiating 61 candidates, elected the following officers: Illustrious Potentate, H. A. Murrill, of Charlotte; Chief Rabbi, A. J. Crampton, of Charlotte; Assistant Rabbi, J. F. Whem, of New Bern; R. H. Bradley, Raleigh, was elected Outer Guard.

Tar Drappings.

The Anson Building and Loan Association, during its 20 years of life have not changed officers. Dec. 31st 26 shares matured amounting to \$200,000.

The Charlotte postoffice did over \$135,000 business in 1909.

Mecklenburg issued 610 marriage licenses last year, white 292; colored 318.

The Talcum Puff Co., of Asheville, the second largest tale concern in the world, shipped 3,000,000 cans last year. An issue of \$25,000 7 per cent preferred stock is authorized.

Sheriff Rides Into Clothes Wire.

Statesville, Special.—While chasing a desperate negro, whom he thought at the time had committed murder, Sheriff J. M. Deaton ran into a patent clothes wire and was seriously injured.

The Scottish Rites Masons closed their session at Charlotte last Wednesday. The event was one of the busiest in the history of the order in this State.

Falls Between Cans to Death.

Morganton, Special.—J. L. Davis, engineer in charge of through freight No. 74, was instantly killed two miles west of Morganton. The tires on the wheels of the engine broke, due it is supposed, to the cold weather and Davis, thinking the engine off the track, started back on the train when the tender and the next car adjoining became uncoupled and he fell between on the track causing the train to pass over him, horribly mangling his body, both arms and legs being severed and his head mashed beyond recognition.

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

THREE BROTHERS JAILED.

Charged With Obtaining Money on Bogus Bill of Lading for Cotton. Wilmington, Special.—Sheriff E. W. Summersville and Deputy S. W. Kellum, of Onslow county, passed through the city on December 28th, conveying to jail at Jacksonville, Carter Fisher, B. B. Fisher and G. H. Fisher, charged with defrauding the banks at Richlands and Jacksonville, Onslow county, of about \$460 on bogus bills of lading for cotton alleged to have been shipped from Verona in the same county. They were captured at Cerro Gordo, Columbus county, by Mr. C. S. Hicks, formerly cashier of the Bank of Whiteville, who is said to have been defrauded by a fourth of the Fisher brothers, and Deputy Sheriff Ammons, of Whiteville. The Fisher brothers are said to be natives of Onslow, but have been living in Georgia for some time and are said to be wanted in several States for swindling banks in much the same manner as they operated in Onslow. As a result of the trial of the Fisher brothers, charged with conspiracy, two of the brothers are in jail in default of bond, also the stepfather, John D. Fisher, was placed in jail, according to developments of the trial.

Rockingham Power Company.

Wilmington, Special.—It is announced here that at a recent meeting of the bondholders of the Rockingham Power Company, in New York, at which 97 per cent of the bonds were represented, the independent bondholder plan proposed by North Carolina interest was substituted for the plan of the reorganization committee and a meeting composed of J. P. Council, Hugh MacRae, of North Carolina, and Robert E. McCormick, of Chicago, was appointed to put the plan in effect. It is believed now that the obstacles to the successful financing of the development are out of the way and that the property will be speedily completed along the lines contemplated by the original promoters.

Rifle Found in Hollow Tree.

Greenville, Special.—Don Carson, a young man of Bethel, this county, while setting mink traps in a creek near his home a few days ago found an old rifle in a hollow tree. Inquiry as to the gun brought out the fact that it was hid there in 1865 by a Confederate soldier who was being pursued by a posse with dogs. The rifle also bore marks of having been used in the Mexican war, and notwithstanding the long time it had been in this hollow tree, with a little rubbing-up it was ready for use again.

Our Industrial Conditions.

Raleigh, Special.—A showing of industrial conditions in North Carolina that is highly gratifying is reflected in the Department of State, the Corporation Commission and the Department of Labor and Printing. The records in the office of the Secretary of State show that during the past 12 months there have been issued 978 charters to new industrial corporations, 542 of this number having been granted within the past six months. There were charters for 26 new cotton mill corporations.

Of Interest and Profit.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Officials, division managers and North Carolina salesmen of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company held a meeting here and discussed various matters relating to the affairs of the company, such as business conditions, prospects for the coming year, etc.

Judge Bynum is Dead.

Charlotte, Special.—Judge Preston Bynum, one of North Carolina's strongest men, died last Thursday. He had served his state as soldier, lawyer and judge. He was a native of Stokes county.

Murders Kinswoman.

Wadesboro, Special.—Jas. Smith shot and killed his cousin, Cora Allen. She was ill in bed at the time. Smith after committing the deed, mounted his horse and rode away.

Car Line By Feb. 1st.

High Point, Special.—That High Point will have street cars running by February 1 is now a sure thing.

Murdered Across Line.

Asheville, Special.—Sheriff Cole, of Madison, says the Chinaman who was murdered across the line in Tennessee, 16 years ago, supposedly by a confession of Pardee Morris, is up to the Tennessee authorities.

Gigging Fish in Mountains.

Canton, Special.—Mountain streams were frozen over last week and several parties engaged in the sport of gigging fish. One party killed 55, and another 40.

The new phone line has been completed to Elkin.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Professor Charles Le Verrier Arrived from Paris to Lecture.

General Wood is to receive another promotion, the last one possible at present.

Wu Ting-fang told a reporter for the World of China's eagerness to build railroads.

Mark Twain returned from Bermuda ill and saying: "My work in this life is done."

Mayor-elect Gaynorsaid a thief had entered his country home and apparently rifled his letters.

William Loeb, Jr., Collector of the Port, organized a new police force, 300 strong, to prevent smuggling.

Frederick Greenwood, author and journalist, who founded Pall Mall and St. James' Gazette, died at London.

Professor Trevor Kincaid, of Boston, is now on his way to Russia to collect parasites for the gypsy and brown-tail moths.

Commander Peary expressed gratification at the rejection in Copenhagen of Dr. Cook's claim to have discovered the North Pole.

Representative F. W. Mondell at Washington, D. C., warmly defended Secretary Ballinger's administration of the Interior Department.

Rival flocks of Drakes are in quest of the golden nest egg of \$125,000, 300 more or less accumulated from the estate of their great kinsman, Sir Francis Drake.

The congregation of the New Tabernacle Baptist Church, New York, bade adieu to the Rev. Dr. George E. Rees, its pastor for thirty-seven years, at a public reception.

Ernest W. Gerbracht, at one time general superintendent of the American Sugar Refining Company's plant, pleaded not guilty to a charge of conspiracy in connection with fraudulent sugar weighing.

Fish Famine in Charleston.

Charleston, Special.—Bad weather kept fishermen from going to sea, thereby a shortage was occasioned on the market, which lasted several days causing even hardship to poor families in Charleston and along the Atlantic seaboard. Fuel and country products was also decidedly scarce, eggs were 40 cents per dozen, also butter 40 cents per pound.

The Pelzer Cotton Mills have received two bales of cotton from India for experimental purposes.

Labor to Raise Large Sums.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Officers of the American Federation of Labor have issued a call to the 1,540,000 members of the organization calling on them to subscribe to a fund with which a bitter fight is to be begun against the United Steel Corporation.

Georgia Town Wiped Out By Fire. Crawfordsville, Ga., Special.—The business section of Crawfordsville has been almost wiped out by fire. The loss is \$80,000 with insurance of \$25,000.

HARMLESS COMMENT.

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NEWSY GLEANINGS.

A letter was received from Dr. F. A. Cook showing that he was in a Norwegian city.

The administration building of Santa Clara College, at San Jose, Cal., was destroyed by fire.

Thomas C. Harden was elected to succeed the late State Senator McCarran, of Brooklyn.

An old milk dealer testified in New York City that there was a good profit in the eight-cent price.

The American baseball players left Cuba, alleging unfair treatment on the part of their managers.

The Atlantic battleship fleet, with 10,000 sailors, anchored in New York Harbor for the Christmas holidays.

John Burns and Joseph Hart died while attending early masses in Roman Catholic churches of New York City.

Kentucky wool growers met at Louisville to form a wool pool, modeled after that of the Burley Tobacco Society.

A Senate resolution calling on President Taft for all papers bearing on the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy was adopted.

Prince Albert's title to the throne of Belgium was held impregnable by friends of the late King, says a Brussels cable dispatch.

The completion of the new \$1,000,000 trestle of the Norfolk and Southern Railway across Albemarle Sound was announced.

Timothy P. ("Little Tim") Sullivan, Vice-President of the Board of Aldermen and Tammany leader in New York City, died after a long illness.

The contract with Fritz Brodt for providing food for immigrants at Ellis Island was cancelled by Government officials, who found the charges that he did not provide contract grade supplies proven.

A BUSY BEE.

"Father thinks I ought to go in for business a bit," remarked the gilded youth.

"Made a start as yet?"

"Oh, yass. I've ordered three business suits and had me name put up at a commercial club."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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