

OPTIMISTIC TONE IS DOMINANT NOW

Leaders in All Lines Express Confidence.

AVERAGE CROP IS ASSURED

Railroads Expect Influx of European Capital.

EAST FEELS IMPROVEMENT

Merchants and Manufacturers Find Cause for Satisfaction, Despite Tariff Uneasiness, Because of Heavy Orders on Hand.

Increasing optimism is the dominant tone in every present day utterance of the men who conduct the business of the Nation.

Farmers are optimistic, and they have a right to be for this year's crop production, while not promising to be a record breaker, will be well within the average.

As agriculture is the principal industry of the nation all other lines of activity are favorably affected. A revival of trade—both export and domestic—coincident with the marketing of the fall crops is predicted by men who are well informed.

Transportation Chiefs Pleased.

In the volume and importance of its business, transportation in the United States, ranks second to agriculture. Railroad presidents and steamship officials are optimistic. They anticipate a revival of increased business and bigger earnings. With an expansion of operating revenue to meet the constantly increasing operating expenses the railroads believe that they can make a showing sufficiently satisfactory to investors to attract European funds for extension and development work.

Railroad development in the United States virtually has been at a standstill in the last year, due partially to wholesale rate reductions and a decreasing business. This made European capital cautious. War in the minor nations of Eastern Europe drew heavily upon European coffers. This demand was met by "cash in" American securities and investing the money at home.

Financial Situation Changes.

Now the situation is changing. The money market is becoming easier. Bankers who have been calling in their loans and increasing their reserves are preparing now to look about for investments.

Further financial relief is promised through the adoption of a currency measure. Whether the currency bill passed at the present session of Congress or not bankers take a hopeful view of the future because of the evident intention of the administration to provide some manner of currency reform.

Bankers, therefore, join with the farmers and the railroad men in expressing optimistic sentiments regarding business conditions.

Despite a prospective adverse tariff, manufacturers, too, are optimistic, and not without cause. The greatest manufacturing institution in the country—the United States Steel corporation—has enough orders on its books now to operate all its mills continuously for the next six months. Its net earnings in the quarter ended June 30 were \$40,000,000. This reflects favorably upon all other manufacturing lines.

Merchants Report Increase.

The big department stores in Portland and elsewhere report increased

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CHURCH DEACON'S SLANDER SUIT OFF

COURT SAYS SCRIPTURES JUSTIFY SABBATH WORK.

Presbyterian Leader Feels Standing Hurt by Co-Worker's Accusation. He Worked on Day for Rest.

ALTON, Ill., Aug. 9.—Justice of the Peace Barrett dismissed today a slander suit brought by Deacon John Denother, of the Presbyterian Church, near Upper Alton, against Deacon Koch on the charge that Koch falsely had accused him of working on the Sabbath day. The Justice held that Deacon Denother was not slandered because, even if Koch charged that he worked on the Sabbath, he was not injured, as the Scriptures justified necessary labor on that day.

Deacon Koch had charged Denother with plowing corn on the Sabbath and the congregation formally rebuked Denother for violating the commandment. Denother said the accusation brought him into such bad repute that his neighbors would not speak to him. He denied that he plowed on the Sabbath, but said he led his horse to water past the corn field, buried a dead horse and nailed boards around a stove to prevent his children from burning themselves. These things he considered necessary and therefore permitted by the Scriptures.

DR. RALPH S. FISHER WEDS

Miss Hazel Therkelson Becomes Bride of Well-Known Young Man.

Dr. Ralph S. Fisher, a well-known young physician of this city, and Miss Hazel Therkelson, daughter of the late Lawrence W. Therkelson, a pioneer lumberman of Oregon, were married yesterday.

The ceremony was solemnized at Cathedral house, the Rev. Father McDevitt officiating. Members of both families were in attendance. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Catherine Therkelson. Edward R. Benson was best man.

Dr. and Mrs. Fisher left in the afternoon to pass their honeymoon in the Sound cities and on returning will take apartments in the Belle Court. Dr. Fisher is assistant physician and surgeon in the office of Dr. A. E. Rockey. He comes of one of the prominent families of The Dalles. His bride is socially popular possessed of a charming manner and is gifted in many ways.

WIFE WOULD ANNUL KNOT

Present Mate of H. H. Deming, of Portland, Says Wedding Too Soon.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Another Crown Point "hurry-up" marriage involving the remarriage of a man divorced less than a year resulted in an annulment suit today in the Superior Court. Bessie Dillon Deming, the plaintiff, says that Henry Hubert Deming, of Portland, Ore., married her in the Indiana city July 8, 1910, although his former wife, Mrs. Florence M. Deming, had not obtained a divorce until February 24, 1910.

SIDEWALK USERS MAY PAY

Bigelow Also Proposes Graduated License for Theaters.

All persons who use the streets or sidewalks for private business enterprises may be required to pay the city a license fee, under an ordinance proposed by Commissioner Bigelow.

Another ordinance Commissioner Bigelow is considering would require payment of a license by theaters, according to size.

The Vaughn-street baseball park

comes under the scope of the first ordinance, as do gasoline filling stations, street cars, sidewalk elevators, hitching posts, elevator poles and other devices that take up a portion of the public thoroughfare.

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WILSON DISCLOSES POLICY TO SENATE

Lind Carries No Solution to Mexicans.

MISSION IS THAT OF ADVISER

Future Action Will Depend on Report of Envoy.

WARLIKE TALK IS QUIETED

Administration Positively Will Not Recognize Huerta Regime—Plan to Be Revealed to Foreign Nations When Decided On.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Two hours' conference tonight between President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and the Senate foreign relations committee brought about no change in the attitude of the Administration toward Mexico.

The President took the Senators into his confidence far enough to outline the following:

That John Lind, his special envoy to Mexico City, does not bear any solution of the present situation, but goes to continue this Government's effort to induce Provisional President Huerta to redeem his promises for free and constitutional elections.

Recognition Out of Question.

That under no circumstances does the Administration propose to recognize the Huerta government.

That Mr. Lind has gone to Mexico City to be the "eyes and ears" of the Washington Administration on the ground and to explain the attitude of this Government when he had fully familiarized himself with the situation.

That by withdrawing Ambassador Wilson and sending Mr. Lind, the President planned to have a man on the ground who was in sympathy with the Administration here and was in no sense a factor in the situation in Mexico City.

President Speaks Freely.

These policies and suggestions of the President and Secretary Bryan came out in general discussion. It was made clear that the purpose of the conference was to establish more frank and intimate relations between the Senate and the Administration in the development of the Mexican policy; and in the furtherance of this idea the President talked freely and answered many pointed questions.

While the President disclosed no definite plan for the pacification of Mexico, the implication remained that on Lind's reports would depend to a large extent the future policy of this country.

Embargo on Arms Not Discussed.

There was practically no talk of lifting the embargo on the importation of arms into Mexico, which some members of the committee believe would put a speedy end to the difficulties.

The meeting tonight was entirely friendly. The President did most of the talking and Secretary Bryan and members of the committee added a word here and there.

Of the 12 men present, only two Senators, Smith of Arizona and Stone, are believers in a policy of ultimate intervention.

President Wilson was firmly of the belief that intervention would not be necessary and some members of the committee who went to the White House disturbed in mind came away with the belief that perhaps much of the recent talk of war had been unwarranted.

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MEN BURN FOSS' LETTER

Return of Ashes by Special Messenger to Be Strikers' Reply.

BOSTON, Aug. 9.—Six hundred striking workmen of the two Hyde Park manufacturing plants controlled by Governor Foss burned his letter containing suggestions for a settlement, and voted at a mass meeting today to send the ashes by special messenger as their reply.

Governor Foss in his letter said he would treat with his men as individuals after they had returned to work, and suggested August 11 as the date for return.

For ten weeks the men have been out to enforce a demand for a 10 per cent increase in pay.

SMOTHERING HEAT ENVELOPS COUNTRY

Southwest Sizzles in Veritable Furnace.

HEAVY RAIN DUE IN 40 HOURS

Plague Threatens Where Sanitation Is Impossible.

LIVESTOCK IS DYING OFF

Country Roads Hub Deep in Fine Dust, Vegetation Is Covered and Loss Will Be Heavy Unless Relief Is Given Soon.

PACIFIC COAST COOL WHILE MIDDLE WEST SWELTERS.

While the Middle West—the Missouri Valley and the plains states—sweltered yesterday, the Pacific Coast cities were relatively cool. Portland recorded a maximum of 88 degrees, but there was low humidity and the breeze from the river reduced the effect of the heat to a minimum. According to official reports, Kansas City experienced 100 and Chicago 98. Other towns in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma and the valley states generally suffered much higher temperatures.

Other cities in the Pacific Coast states were cool by comparison. San Francisco recorded only 70. Los Angeles was 74. The Yellowstone park was the coolest place on the weather map. There it was only 54.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Heat

of the smothering sort enveloped Chicago today, but was tempered to a noticeable degree by a strong west wind, which, while hot, sufficed to reduce the relative humidity. Two deaths and 11 prostrations were reported.

The official temperature in the top of the Government building tower was 97. Down in the streets and in the hot, dusty suburbs, thermometers showed 102 and 105.

The fact that it was a half holiday served to keep down the list of deaths and prostrations. Practically all the population working outdoors quit at noon and sought shelter. The bathing beaches were crowded to the limit from 7 o'clock in the morning all the day and evening and the parks also housed thousands of sweltering humanity.

Relief Will Be Delayed.

Forecasters say there will be no relief for the heat-stricken country short of 48 hours. All of the Southwest is a veritable furnace, temperatures in several instances rising to 110 in the shade. Government forecasters tonight predicted that heavy rains would prevail over the corn belt in about 40 hours, breaking the wave of torridity which has held Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska in relentless grip for practically two months.

Dispatches from points in Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska tonight say the situation in those and adjoining states is desperate. Lack of rain has caused streams and wells to run dry and the water supply contained in cisterns has been exhausted.

Typhoid Is Threatened.

Because of the lack of water for drinking purposes and for sanitation, typhoid and kindred epidemics are threatened. Water is being hauled many miles and is so scarce that livestock is not getting enough and cattle

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LAND FORMATION IN SKAMANIA CHANGES

MOUNTAIN LEVELS ITSELF IN HURRY AS ONE ANTIC.

Bed of Stream Is Hoisted 20 Feet in Air and Building Voluntarily Moves, Among Other "Stunts."

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 9.—(Special.) State Forester E. W. Ferris, who has just returned from Skamania County, after inspecting a piece of state land that has within the last few months evidenced an ambition to stand upright and cavort about the neighborhood reports peculiar geologic changes in the country around Stevenson.

"In this piece of state land alternate risings and depressions have made the trees all criss cross until they look like they were trying to do a split," stated the forester. "But in the country in the vicinity there are even more peculiar conditions."

"In one case a water course has been raised suddenly so that one end of the stream bed was left 20 feet in the air. In another a piece of a mountain, trees and all, apparently has dropped flat into the ground, leaving a bare cliff where there was a gradual slope. There are deep cracks appearing in the bed rock and in some cases of these depressions, boulders and trees are split right through the middle, the two parts being feet apart.

"A Mr. Bowles connected his house with a water tank and in two years the house and tank 'lunched' together so that it was necessary, three times, to remove a length of pipe. J. W. Shaw, of Vancouver, told me he owned a lake in the neighborhood and that on driving out to it one day he scarcely recognized it, because a big island had appeared in the center. Meantime, an altogether new lake had appeared a few miles away, where there never had been water before."

The changes noticed have all occurred within the last two years.

STEAM SCHOONER ASHORE

Point Arena Wrecked in Clear Weather Off Pigeon Point.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—(Special.)—The steam schooner Point Arena, bound north from San Pedro, ran ashore off Pigeon Point, near Half Moon Bay, at 4:30 A. M. today and is a total loss. The crew reached ashore safely in a lifeboat. Details of the wreck are lacking. The ship's owners have dispatched tugs to the scene. As far as known there was no heavy fog and it is not known how the vessel in clear weather could have grounded.

News of the disaster first reached the marine department of the Chamber of Commerce and was dispatched to George Beadle, owner of the schooner. Messager dispatches simply say the vessel was ashore with no lives lost.

FLAG FLIES OVER CITY HALL

Mayor to Keep Stars and Stripes Floating on New Pole.

The American flag was hoisted on a new flagpole over the City Hall yesterday, and it is the intention of Mayor Albee to keep it flying. The flag was run up by Head Janitor Simmons, a veteran of the Civil War and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"It looks better up there than it does in the drawer downstairs," said Mr. Simmons, bringing his hand to salute as the banner stiffened out in the brisk breeze.

"Every day will be flag day, so far as the city is concerned," said Mayor Albee.

Navy to Begin Cruise in October.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The Navy's present plans are for the Atlantic fleet to leave Hampton Roads for its European cruise early in October, immediately after Fall target practice. The ships will sail for the Mediterranean. Secretary Daniels will discuss the voyage next week with Rear Admiral Bagger, commander-in-chief.

PRINCE AND BRIDE FOUND IN CANADA

Princess Reveals Identity at Vancouver.

WORLD TO BE CIRCLED NOW

Couple Travel Incognito to Avoid Publicity.

BLACKMAIL PLOT DEcriED

Daughter of Mexican Millionaire Asserts Royal Husband Has Committed No Crime and Marriage Not "Runaway."

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Prince Stanislaus Sukowski and his bride of 11 days, formerly Miss Marie Louise Freese, daughter of a Mexican millionaire now resident in Los Angeles, are enjoying their wedding trip in this city.

The whereabouts of the young couple has been a profound secret until today. The Prince and his charming wife reached here on August 4, four days after their marriage, and registered at the Hotel Vancouver as "Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norsang, Seattle."

The Princess today, in the presence of her mother, Mrs. Freese, who, with a younger daughter, reached here yesterday, at first denied her identity. Confronted with her picture, she then laughingly admitted that the Prince and herself had been living incognito since their arrival here a little over a week ago.

Publicity Is Denied.

"But we don't want any publicity or notoriety like that we have been receiving in the American newspapers," protested the Princess as she stamped a pretty foot with no little vigor. She looked radiantly happy in an exquisite morning gown of very gauzy texture. The mother, a matronly looking, complexioned woman with the stately manners of a grand dame of old Spain, nodded approvingly at the dictum of the young woman.

The mother equally desirous of avoiding publicity, registered yesterday at Mrs. A. Gaxiola, Mexico. Her husband is a large landowner at Guaymas. The family has been residing in Los Angeles ever since the outbreak of the revolutionary struggle.

The Princess, her identity admitted, then confessed that the Prince and herself had engaged passage on the steamer Empress of Russia, sailing from here on Wednesday, August 13. A protracted wedding journey will be made in a world-girdling tour. It is their intention to make extended stops in various countries before settling down on the Prince's Austrian estates. The young couple will occupy the most expensive suite on the Empress liner, the joint fare being \$1000.

Wife Explains Actions.

"We were quite justified in traveling incognito, in view of the undue importance given to our marriage by sensational newspapers," resumed the Princess. "I am sorry that our identity has been discovered, because we have no desire for notoriety and have been living here quietly ever since our arrival."

"All this talk of a runaway marriage is nonsense," she continued after a moment's pause. "As a matter of fact, I met the Prince in Vienna while traveling with my mother in Europe two years ago. He is a member of a well-known regiment and is now on furlough. Our attachment dates virtually from our first meeting. We did

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LIGHTER PHASES OF SOME RECENT EVENTS APPEAL TO CARTOONIST REYNOLDS, WHO PUTS HIS IMPRESSIONS DOWN.

