

CONDITIONS IN DENMARK GOOD

Business Conditions in Denmark Showing Distinct Signs of Improvement Governmental Expenses Being Reduced, says Danish Legation.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Business conditions in Denmark are showing distinct signs of improvement and the expenses of government have been materially reduced, according to a statement given out here by the Danish Legation.

By mutual agreement between employees and workers, wages have been reduced about 15 per cent and Danish manufacturers are again competing with Germany. There are today but 39,000 unemployed in Denmark, as against 100,000 a year ago.

The shipping situation is better than it has been since the bottom fell out of the market. The idle tonnage in Denmark is decreasing week by week. According to the Danish Shipowners' Association, the number of ships laid up today is only 14, with a total tonnage of 33,413. In January, 25 Danish ships with a total tonnage of 258,300 were idle.

At the same time government expenses are being reduced. During and after the war the salaries of all government employees were raised as the cost of living increased. Now they are going down, and the reductions already total 44,000,000 kroner.

War-time conditions made the government railroads, postal and telegraph services highly unprofitable, and large deficits have been the rule for a number of years. Several commissions were appointed to bring expenses down, and they succeeded in saving the government 39,000,000 kroner annually. Superfluous employees have been dismissed; overtime pay reduced, and while the eight-hour day has not been abolished, it has been made more reasonable by an effective utilization of working hours. The railroads and the telegraph service now show surpluses.

Plans have been perfected to excavate Drogden, the Danish part on the sound between the islands of Amager and Saltholm, southeast of Copenhagen, to a depth of 24 feet with a width at the bottom of 800 feet. This project is considered important because it will enable large freight steamers to pass through the sound and shorten their voyage to the Baltic ports. Work on the excavation probably will be started in the very near future.

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WILL AUCTION EXTRA SHIPPING

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The United States shipping board, through the emergency fleet corporation will conduct auctions of surplus property at New Orleans on August 21 and at Beaumont, Texas, on August 23.

The material offered at New Orleans includes hand tools, pumps, tanks, ship telegraph, pipe fittings, life rafts and miscellaneous ship equipment. The sale at Beaumont includes woodworking machines, life rafts, compasses and nautical instruments, ship furniture, metal berths, winches, steering engines, deck machinery and marine hardware.

SETTLERS FROM SPAIN IN CUBA

(By Associated Press) HAVANA, Cuba, Aug. 6. (By Mail).—Increase in the population of Cuba from 3,000,000 to 10,000,000, mainly through Spanish immigrants is one of the purposes of the new secretary of state Carlos Manuel de Céspedes, former Cuban minister at Washington.

The secretary believes that Spanish immigrants, for numerous reasons, will make the most desirable additions to Cuba's population, and is holding conferences with his colleagues on the best methods to bring these elements to the island. The necessity of checking the flow of workers from Cuba to other fields to Spain, caused by unfavorable financial conditions, and the advisability of counteracting the flood of Chinese, Japanese and Italians is being stressed by Dr. de Céspedes.

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MINUTE NEEDLE ON EMBROIDERY

Ancient Chinese Embroidery Work Must Have Been Done with a Tiny Needle Much Smaller Than Ever Used Since.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Ancient Chinese embroidery work, far surpassing the finest of the present time, and which must have been done with a tiny needle much smaller than ever seen now, was on exhibition in Washington recently. So fine is the work that the finest details of the features of the figures represented were clear; the hairs on the men's beards, small muscles in the littlest figures, even the minutely worked long-pointed finger nail, and the eye lashes were so perfect that to be appreciated, except through a powerful microscope. The smallest needle in the world, which is itself much finer than the finest thread, is now in the National Museum here, yet the experts said, the Chinese work must have been done with a needle slim enough to pass through the eye of that needle.

The exhibit was a portion of the collection of Lady Georgiana Vizenovitch, wife of Sir Vincent Vizenovitch, senior judge of the International Court at Shanghai. The prize piece of the large collection consisted of eight silk embroidery panels representing the eight Chinese immortals, which included the minute work described. They were made sometime during the Ming Dynasty, more than 400 years ago.

A beauty of the old Chinese art, which was pointed out in Lady Vizenovitch's collection is the way in which the colors remain, assist in preserving the silk fibres and retain their freshness through the ages. Lady Vizenovitch is credited with being a foremost authority on Chinese artistry and her collection is one of the most remarkable in the world. It takes just 150 trunks to transport it.

An electric power plant to supply light for the Oregon caves in Josephine county will be planned by E. H. Baker, district engineer of the federal forest service.

Hot Lake Arrivals

(Special to The Observer) HOT LAKE, Aug. 22.—Arrivals at Lake on Sunday, August 20, were as follows: Mrs. John Mattson, Mrs. J. Lundin and Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson, all of Astoria, Oregon; Ada Rumbley, Union; C. W. Marshallman, Pendleton; H. B. Wads, Enterprise; F. A. Dasch, Weiser, Idaho; Angus McDonald, Bruneau, Idaho; Mrs. Taylor, Caldwell, Idaho; F. L. Meyers, La Grande; Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Union; Miss Ullah Coble, Richard; E. L. Keyton, Baker; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Over, La Grande.

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