

BUYERS SWARM TO GREAT CITIES

New York and Chicago Talk Prosperity.

NO PESSIMISTS AMONG THEM

Country Merchants Find Trade Good and Act So.

LAST YEAR IS SURPASSED

Purchases at Wholesale Houses Show Business Becoming Normal—Extra Help Required—Hard-Times Talk Scoffed At.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Arrival of throngs of retail buyers in Chicago has made optimism the ruling note in the wholesale district. The influx of merchants from cities and small towns throughout the West, which started early this week, promises to exceed that of last year, when thousands of buyers were brought by excursions. Sales managers in various lines of jobbing said today that the number of buyers is larger now than for the corresponding time in 1907. Opinion was freely expressed today that the business of the country is rapidly returning to its normal level, and this view seemingly is shared by the retail merchants, who are making preparations for trade of at least ordinary volume during the coming months.

Never More Buyers in Stores.

"Things look mighty good in Chicago," was the terse manner in which the present situation of the wholesale trade was summed up today by Walter D. Moody, business manager of the Chicago Association of Commerce. "The manager of one wholesale house, the biggest in its line in the world, told me that his concern was never more satisfied with the present and future outlook than it is today, and that there never were more buyers in its store. Look at the millinery stores, for example, they are just jammed with customers."

Buy More, but Conservatively.

"More buyers are visiting our stores in person than last year at this period. This is due in part to the fact that they did not buy so heavily as usual from the trade earlier in the year. While they are preparing for Spring and Summer trade of undiminished volume, they are buying conservatively. This fact is a good thing for Chicago, because, with its central location and superior transportation facilities it is in the most strategic position to cater to the wants of the merchants who do not buy far ahead and want their goods in a hurry."

Pessimists Weeded Out.

That there is no pessimistic note among the customers is noted by the wholesale men. The "chronic pessimists," according to one jobber, have been weeded out in a large measure. He said the substantial merchants are seldom pessimists.

NEW YORK FEELS PROSPERITY

Influx of Buyers Forces Merchants to Employ Extra Men.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The rush of buyers from all parts of the United States to New York City is ample evidence that hard times do not prevail throughout the country. Ten thousand men and women from the West and Southwest are now in the Metropolitan, and they are spending \$100,000,000. They are not only buying because they have faith in the future, but because their business at the present time is so good that their stocks require replenishing, says the World.

The railroads leading to New York have given reduced rates to buyers, as this is the annual buying period for the Spring trade and merchants are pouring into the city from small towns in Texas, from Oklahoma and the big centers of the Middle West.

Shows Country is All Right.

The merchants of the city are doing their part as hosts and entertaining the Western visitors royally at clubs, theaters, dinner parties and with automobile rides.

EFFORT IS MADE TO OUST JEROME

Lax Conduct of Office Charged in Petition.

TOO EASY WITH OFFENDERS

New York Attorney Said to Have Smothered Cases.

MOVE BY STREET RAILWAY

Repeated Failure to Act on Complaint Alleged in Communication to Governor Hughes, but Prosecutor Is Not Worried.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Twenty-two specific charges are made in a petition praying for the removal of William T. Jerome as District Attorney of the County of New York, which was sent to Governor Hughes at Albany today by a committee of stockholders of the Metropolitan Street Railway, through their chairman, William F. King.

"Fixed" Jurors Not Tried.

The petition alleged that Jerome failed to properly prosecute charges of "alleged jury fixing" and the giving of false testimony in street railway cases; that the prosecution of violations of the criminal law by the life insurance companies of New York, as disclosed by the Armstrong committee, had been delayed; that an alleged criminal conspiracy to divert the property of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company into the hands of a few men was allowed by Mr. Jerome to go on, and hundreds of stockholders were robbed of their money and that no attempt was made to punish men alleged to have committed other frauds in connection with New York City traction deals.

Other Charges Are Made.

The committee also charges that the District Attorney misconducted himself in failing to indict and seek to convict some of the officials of the New York Central Railroad Company in connection with the collision in that company's tunnel in 1902, when if persons were killed. Various other cases of alleged failure on the part of the District Attorney to perform his duty are cited in the complaint. The petition also charges that contributions to the campaign fund to elect Mr. Jerome were received by one of Mr. Jerome's assistants from men connected with large corporations seeking favors from the District Attorney, and that the sum, the amount of which is unknown, was upwards of \$50,000.

Hyde One of Contributors.

Among these contributors, it is alleged, was the attorney for James H. Hyde, who contributed \$500. It is also alleged that the assistant who received these funds and who has since resigned and entered

JORDAN IS LAMPOONED

STUDENTS' REVENGE FOR PUTTING LIQUOR UNDER BAN.

Paper Secretly Distributed at Stanford Assails President and Ridicules the Professors.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—A bogie, which has become recognized as a means of publishing anonymous "scares," "knocks" and "joshes" upon any one in the college community, was secretly distributed broadcast over the Stanford campus this morning.

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BLOOD OF INDIANS BOILS IN SENATE

Owen and Curtis in Verbal Conflict.

ABOUT RIGHTS AS CITIZENS

Oklahoman Denies Control by Interior Secretary.

GORE SAVES DAY BY JOKE

Olive-Skinned Senator Advances to Center of Chamber to Confront Opponent—Hatchet Buried in Friendly Converse.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—One of the most dramatic scenes in the Senate was enacted today when Owen, of Oklahoma, insisted, in tragic tones and with face showing much emotion, that the five civilized tribes of Indians were dead and that he, as a member of the tribe of Cherokee Indians, was not under the control of the Secretary of the Interior. The event was rendered all the more interesting by the fact that Owen was sharply engaged in controversy by Curtis, of Kansas, himself a Kaw Indian.

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HUGHES WAITS FOR JEROME

King Declares Attorney Has Protected Rich Grifters.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Governor Hughes said tonight that the charges against District Attorney Jerome would take the usual course. A copy of them will be sent to Mr. Jerome so that he may send an answer to them to the Governor, after which the Governor will decide as to his course.

William F. King, ex-president of the Merchants' Association, who filed the charges, gave out a statement in which he severely criticized District Attorney Jerome. He said: "I maintain that much of the blame for the present deplorable condition of affairs is due to the failure of Mr. Jerome, as District Attorney, to prosecute the rich and influential grifters who have robbed our people and disgraced the name of our city, commencing with the Ice Trust, the infant clique who siphoned the money of policyholders from the great insurance companies and last in the list, but not in open, shameless audacity and bare-faced mendacity, the Metropolitan Traction Company."

The public exposure of these rich criminals will prevent us from a repetition of the same ill who owned and controlled many great banks and trust companies, is the primary cause of the want of confidence that caused people to rush to banks to withdraw their deposits and place them in safe deposit boxes, and although the so-called panic is practically over as far as the banks are concerned, the want of confidence is here to stay and will stay until the people see some of these wealthy criminals punished, not fined, but put in jail, just the same as would happen to criminals of low importance.

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TERRORISTS SHOW STOIC FORTITUDE

One Spurns Aid of Italian Embassy.

SEVEN TO DIE FOR PLOTTING

All Refuse Aid of Lawyers in Russian Court.

TWO WOMEN CONDEMNED

Italian Journalist, Who Conceals Name, Volunteers to Share Comrades' Fate as Russian for Assassination Plot.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27.—A military court, sitting in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, under the presidency of General Nikiforoff, today condemned to death seven of the terrorists charged with complicity in the attempt last week in this city upon the lives of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievitch, a second cousin of the Emperor, and M. Tchegolovitch, the Minister of Justice, and sentenced three others to 15 years' imprisonment at hard labor.

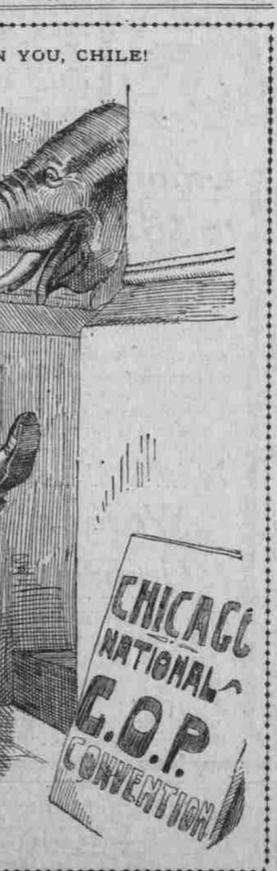
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BER, YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD HOW THEY WERE SWALLOWED UP BY THE CHEROKEES,

he explained, pointing his index finger at his antagonist.

Owen insisted that a man belonging to an Indian tribe is a subordinate or ward and an alien which, he said, was not compatible with American citizenship.

"Am I an alien?" he exclaimed. "Senator Carter came to the rescue and attempted to show that both Senators were right. He said he did not wonder that the Oklahoma Senator resented the idea that he was under the control of the Secretary of the Interior. His remarks brought the Senate into a better humor and thereafter displaced the strained state of mind that had prevailed.

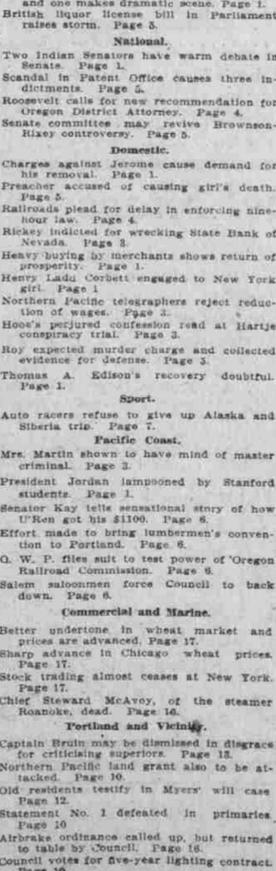
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RECOGNIZE BELLIGERENT RIGHTS

Gore, the blind Senator, added to the relaxed tension by making a suggestion for a way out of the difficulty.

"It would be well," he said, "for the Senate to recognize the belligerent rights of these two Indians." Both of the objects of this rally joined in the laughter

"I think you ought not to be under the control of the Secretary, but you are," he said. "I agree," quickly replied Owen, "with the Senator from Kansas that I ought not to be, but I disagree with him that I am."

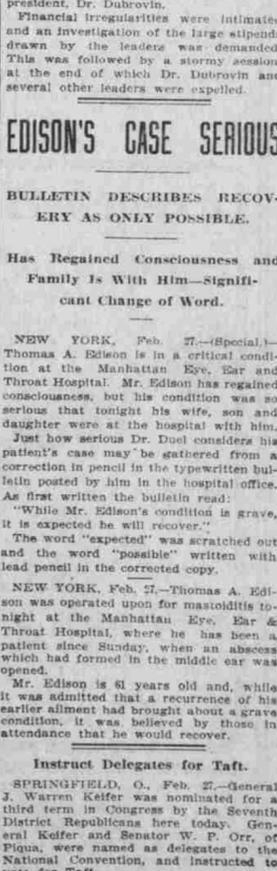
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EDISON'S CASE SERIOUS

BULLETIN DESCRIBES RECOVERY AS ONLY POSSIBLE.

Has Regained Consciousness and Family is With Him—Significant Change of Word.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Thomas A. Edison is in a critical condition at the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital. Mr. Edison has regained consciousness, but his condition was so serious that tonight his wife, son and daughter were at the hospital with him. Just how serious Dr. Ducl considers his patient's case may be gathered from a correction in pencil in the typewritten bulletin posted by him in the hospital office. As first written the bulletin read: "While Mr. Edison's condition is grave, it is expected he will recover."

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James M. Shumaker, ex-Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings of Pennsylvania, on trial for fraud in furnishing New Capitol.

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