



"GO AHEAD" SPIRIT NOTED IN BUSINESS

Chicagoans Point to Signs of Revival.

FIVE PER CENT MONEY NEAR

Leading Banker Says Customers Report Good Trade.

STEEL PLANT PUTS ON MEN

Expected Permission to Increase Freight Rates Will Have Beneficial Effect on Situation, It Belief.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Business conditions in Chicago and throughout the country are decidedly better than they were a short time ago. The year 1914 promises to be one of profitable activity. The present looks like a good time to "go ahead."

That, in brief, is a summary of the views expressed by prominent bankers, manufacturers and merchants interviewed today.

Since January 1 several thousand men who had been laid off late in 1913 have been put back to work in different industries. Reports are that working forces will be increased still further.

Among the points advanced as indicating an active business year are:

The seeming certainty that the railroads will obtain permission to make an advance of 5 per cent in freight rates.

Interest will be lower.

More plentiful supply of money and lower interest rates.

Coming inauguration of the new system of regional reserve banks, which will get the currency question out of the way and which, its friends say, will diminish the chances of panic.

Better understanding between business men and the administration.

J. Ogden Armour, who conducts one of the greatest business enterprises in the world, expressed satisfaction with the present business outlook.

"The business outlook is rosy, indeed," said Mr. Armour, "and the new currency will be busy and money will be easy."

Bankers in Chicago repeat the optimistic "go ahead" assertions made in the city by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. "Those are my sentiments," said James B. Forgan, president of the First National Bank, and added that the "go ahead" spirit, coupled with general feeling of optimism, presaged a better business condition.

Spirit of Optimism Prevails.

"A general feeling of optimism seems to be prevalent throughout the country," he said. "This was echoed in the speech of Secretary of Agriculture Houston before the Bankers' Club. The general sentiment is coupled with the 'go ahead' spirit, and it is this sort of feeling that usually brings better business."

"Money rates are easier than they have been in months. Rates are settling around a 5 per cent basis in Chicago. Money is flowing in from the country in large volume, but it is a natural situation at this time. Our customers report that business is picking up and that collections are fairly good."

John J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, said: "Business sentiment has improved greatly in the last week or 10 days, although the tangible developments which should show as a result of this condition have not as yet become numerous. I believe that if the railroad rate advances are allowed—and I am of the opinion they will be—the incident will have a splendid influence."

Working Forces Increased.

E. D. Huldert, vice-president of the Merchants Loan & Trust Company, pointed out that the fact that manufacturers were inclined to increase the working forces in their plants was one of the best indications of better conditions.

BEACHEY TO TEST LANGLEY'S FAILURE

EXPERT TO TRY TO SHOW DERIDED INVENTOR WAS RIGHT.

"You Can Fly a Kite Table If Your Motor Is Strong Enough," Says Loop-the-Looping Aviator.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—The Smithsonian Institution at Washington accepted by telegraph today an offer of Lincoln Beachey to demonstrate the possibility of successful flight in the "flying machine" invented and built by Professor Samuel P. Langley. Derision was excited when Langley's machine fell into the Potomac River and he was said to have broken his arm. Beachey will try to show that the machine was right in every way and needed only a stronger motor.

A telegram received today from Charles Deolittle Wyatt, director of the Smithsonian Institution, said that while it would be inadvisable to take out the wrecked machine from its place in the institution, every facility would be afforded to make a perfect reproduction, in order that Langley's real success may be shown.

"You can fly a kite table if your motor is strong enough," said Beachey. "That is what I want to show."

Beachey looped his 6th loop in 60 days here today in a high wind.

VACATION IDEA DENOUNCED

Educator Proposes Continual School to Save Boys From Streets.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Characterizing the practice of closing public schools during the summer months as "primitive and preposterous," and asserting that the most important problem of today is that of city boys from three months' contamination in the city streets, P. F. Claxton, commissioner of the United States Bureau of Education, today approved a plan which would mean continuous school sessions.

He says that he proposes that two million children shall be enlisted in vocational work.

WOMAN WINS OWN SUIT

Washington Supreme Court Hears "Portia" Plead Case.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Mrs. Charissa Bailey, of Seattle, who during the last term of the Supreme Court was allowed the unusual privilege of arguing her own case after she had disagreed with her attorney, was awarded a reduction of nearly \$17,000 in street assessments against her property in a decision handed down Saturday.

Mrs. Bailey, who is of Indian extraction, asked and was accorded the right to argue her own case after she had seen two women lawyers on opposite sides of a case the previous day.

SECRETARIES IN DENVER

Colorado, Utah and New Mexico to Have Bank Hearing Today.

DENVER, Jan. 25.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of Agriculture Houston, composing the committee on organization under the new currency law, reached Denver today but transacted no business.

The first hearing before the committee will be at 10 o'clock tomorrow, at which time the presentations and arguments in support of Denver's contention as a location for one of the regional reserve banks will be begun. Utah and New Mexico will be represented before the committee in the Denver hearings.

WOLVES DEVOUR CHILD

Continued Cold Brings Starved Animals Out of Woods in France.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The long continued cold, especially in the central districts of France, is bringing numbers of wolves, frantic with hunger, out of the woods. At Little Le Quiou, a young child, Perigoux, was devoured by the animals, the searching party finding only a torn pinafore and a few bones. Hunting parties are being organized everywhere.

The temperature in Paris has shown a slight improvement in the last day or two.

POETESS TAKES HUSBAND

Fannie Stearns Davis Becomes Mrs. A. McK. Gifford.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Miss Fannie Stearns, the poetess, whose verse has appeared prominently in magazines for several years, was married Saturday to Augustus McKinstry Gifford, of Schenectady, at the home of the bride.

The bride is a grand-daughter of the late William Stearns, president of Amherst College. One of her brothers is Professor William Stearns Davis, author of "A Friend of Caesar's" and other historical novels.

DIVE FATAL TO AVIATOR

George Lee Temple Caught in Gust of Wind at Critical Time.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—George Lee Temple, British aviator, was killed today while flying at Bondon. He was making a difficult dive when a gust of wind caught the tail of his monoplane and the machine crashed to the ground. The aviator's neck was broken.

Temple was the first British aviator to make a flight upside down in this country.

GHOST PLAYS PART IN "THIRD DEGREE"

Stage Set for Accused Wife Poisoner.

SHADE MAKES ACCUSATION

"Why Did You Murder Me?" Is Asked, Without Result.

DRUGGIST DENIES CRIME

Body Exhumed at Los Angeles on Information Given by Father of Woman, in Maine—Widow Also Figures in Case.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—The "third degree," with a "ghost" as the central figure, was applied by arresting officers in an attempt to obtain from John H. Grondin, a young druggist, a confession to the murder of his wife, Zella, according to a statement made public today by his attorneys.

Grondin's attorneys declared that shortly after he was arrested last night he was taken by detectives into a darkened room, where a "ghost" soon appeared and demanded in gloomy tones: "Why did you murder me?"

Prisoner Is Unmoved.

His attorneys said they considered such methods outrageous, but at the same time positive proof of their client's innocence, as the shadowy form and the dismal question alike failed to move him or to obtain from him the slightest admission of guilt.

Grondin, who was charged with having poisoned his wife and with having attempted to establish that she killed herself by inhaling gas, was said by the police to have tried once before, while living in Portland, Me., to kill his wife, but for some reason had been afraid to complete the act and had resuscitated her.

Letter Pronounced Forgery.

When Mrs. Grondin was found dead, October 30, last, Grondin made public a note he said had been written by his wife and left as an explanation of her alleged suicide. It contained an admission of infidelity and the hope that he would be happy with the "woman who truly loved him."

Handwriting experts asserted the writing in the note was a forgery and their assertion, coupled with the arrival here from Waterville, Me., of a wealthy young widow, in whom Grondin was said to be interested, caused the exhumation of Mrs. Grondin's body, although a coroner's jury had decided her a suicide.

Pathologists reported yesterday on (Concluded on Page 2.)

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PROHIBITION TO BE CHIEF STATE ISSUE

Big Question to Arise After Primaries.

WARM CAMPAIGN PROMISED

"Dry" to Offer Two Amendments Through Initiative.

SINGLE TAX FIGHT LIKELY

Eight Proposed Changes in Constitution Submitted by Legislature Also Are to Be Voted On at Election November 3.

Warm as it gives promise of being, the coming primary election campaign in Oregon will be only a mild forerunner of what the voters may expect in the campaign preceding the general election, November 3.

Chief interest in the primary race centers about the candidates and their personalities. The competition is largely a family affair between men of the same party, who desire to be selected as the party choice for office. So far there has been comparatively little talk about issues, outside of those personal issues within the parties as affecting the different candidates for nomination.

But after the candidates have been sifted down to a war footing on May 15, the big issues on which the general election campaign is to be waged will come to the front.

Time Not Lacking.

There will be plenty of time to thresh them out between the primary of May 15 and the election of November 3, a period of almost six months. From all the indications the thrashing-out process will be continuous and enthusiastic.

Undoubtedly the issue overshadowing all others in importance will be that of state-wide prohibition. Oregon this year will be one of the main battlefields in the struggle between "wets" and "drys."

Prohibition campaigns are to be waged next summer and fall in five Western States, of which four are in the Pacific Coast section. The five states are Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and Colorado. The anti-liquor forces are preparing to center their efforts in the three states which appear to them to have the best chances of success. These states are Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Oregon "Dry" Encouraged.

This is especially true of Oregon, where important "dry" victories in the (Concluded on Page 4.)

HAITI REVOLT IS GROWING

American and German Cruisers Go to Scene of Pending Strife.

PORT AU PRINCE, Jan. 25.—The revolutionary movement in Haiti is growing stronger daily. All the towns in the north are in arms against the government and several of the most important places have been captured by revolutionists.

The United States armored cruiser Montana arrived today in Haitian waters and the German cruiser Vineta is expected at an early date.

Michel Crete, president of the republic, had practically decided to abdicate and turn the executive power over to General Bellard, but today Senator Theodore proclaimed himself supreme chief of the revolution and President Crete announced his determination to offer every resistance in his power. Theodore and Bellard are aspirants for the presidency among the revolutionists.

FORTUNE WILL AID SUFFRAGE CAUSE

MRS. BELMONT SENDS \$5000 WITH APPLICATION.

Women Declare War on Democratic Party and Will Make Special Effort to Defeat Henry.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The big fortune of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, of New York, and her influence has been pledged to the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, which is battling here to secure an amendment to the Constitution giving the ballot to women.

The union today received a letter from Mrs. Belmont applying for membership and enclosing a check for \$5000 as a contribution to the cause.

A statement was issued by the union tonight declaring war on the Democratic party because the public rules committee has refused to create a woman suffrage committee in the House.

Suffrage leaders declared that they will make a special fight to defeat for Congress Representative Henry, of Texas, chairman of the rules committee, because Mr. Henry, they say, dodged the issue by absenting himself when the rules committee finally voted against the suffrage committee. Speakers and money will be sent into Henry's district this summer during the Congressional campaign, and the women will work hard to defeat the Texan.

WAY TO MARKET IS NEW

Mail Order House and Parcel Post Solution for Loganberries.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Jesse Huber, a loganberry grower, of South Bottom, says he has solved the problem of finding a market for the berries grown in this county, through a Chicago mail-order house, which advises that it can easily take care of the product.

"The immense distributing facilities of this house," said Mr. Huber, "through parcel post, freight and express, brings it in touch with virtually every home in the United States. It is backed with \$20,000,000."

"It is evaporated form the loganberry will be offered to all consumers at reasonable prices."

LATIN REPUBLICS TO SHOW

South America to Spend \$3,000,000 on Panama Exposition.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—South American republics will contribute about \$3,000,000 to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, according to a statement made tonight by Felix Martinez and Daniel O'Connell, United States Commissioners for the exposition, appointed by President Wilson to interest these countries in the undertaking.

Messrs. Martinez and O'Connell have just returned from their South American trips. Among the nations that will exhibit are Argentine Republic, Brazil, Venezuela, Uruguay, Chile, Peru and Bolivia.

15 INJURED AT WEDDING

Porch Collapses With Dancers, Bride Is Probably Fatally Hurt.

AURORA, Ill., Jan. 25.—A wedding celebration in Little Hungary was suddenly transformed into a tragedy last night, when a porch collapsed beneath the weight of guests and they fell 20 feet to the ground.

Mrs. Florence Bish, the bride of an hour, was perhaps fatally injured. Her husband, Joseph Bish, suffered a broken arm and internal injuries.

Four others were seriously hurt and the remaining guests were scratched or bruised.

JAIL SMUGGLING CHARGED

Newsboy Accused of Trying to Give Liquor to Prisoners.

A young man who gave his name as W. Mahoney, and who had newsboy's badge No. 72, was detained Saturday night by Jailer Aldrich, after it is alleged he was caught trying to smuggle liquor to a prisoner at the county rock pile at Kady Butte.

Mahoney asked to visit a prisoner named Murphy, and was about to pass him a pint bottle of whiskey when restrained, it is said. While the jailer on duty was telephoning to Sheriff Word for instructions Mahoney again made the attempt.

ASTOR YACHT OVERHAULED

Noma Believed Intended for Forthcoming Honeymoon Trip.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Vincent Astor is having his yacht, the Noma, overhauled and refitted, as he has ordered to the ship-building firm are that the work must be finished by early Spring. It is thought he is planning to spend his honeymoon in a sea trip.

His father, Colonel John Jacob Astor, used the Noma on his second honeymoon trip. The cost of overhauling the vessel will be about \$100,000.

HAWAIIAN SERVICE LONGER

Army Men Must Remain in Islands Four Years, Under New Order.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The War Department has decided that the length of term of duty of Army officers, line and staff, in Hawaii hereafter shall be four years instead of three, as has been the custom. The term of duty in the Philippines and the Panama Canal Zone will remain at three years.

HARDEST GALE OF YEAR IS OFF COAST

Shipping Warned to Remain in Port.

BAROMETER LOWEST SINCE '80

Wind Blows 76 Miles Hour at North Head Station.

DAMAGE RESULTS IN CITY

Wires and Poles Blown Down and Plate-Glass Windows Smashed When Wind Renews Its Vigor. Rain Heavy; River Rises.

WEATHER CONDITIONS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

ASTORIA—Heavy gale outside; wind increasing.

BERKELEY—Heavy rain, with southwest gale.

SEATTLE—Gale at Cape Flattery 60 miles an hour; storm predicted for entire North Coast.

WALLA WALLA—Snow disappears with Chinook, but mercury drops at night.

SALEM—Crest of flood believed to have passed; river at 16.3.

ALBANY—River rising slowly and lacks three feet of flood stage.

ROSEBURG—High wind accompanies heaviest rain of winter.

SAN FRANCISCO—Numerous towns damaged by floods or wind, buildings and wires blown down and railroads washed out.

The "Big Wind" which chased shipping to cover and created havoc with telegraph and telephone wires and signs in cities all over the Pacific Northwest a week ago, played a rousing return engagement last night, when it "came back" high in velocity and accompanied by a fall in the barometer to a lower point than ever before in the past 34 years.

After having subsided early last evening, a southerly wind began to blow with renewed vigor in Portland at 1 o'clock this morning and in a few moments had gained the velocity of a young hurricane, sending small objects flying hither and thither.

Portion of City in Darkness.

At 1:30 this morning a large circuit of street arc lights in North Portland was put out of commission, throwing a large area into darkness.

A live wire was blown down at the corner of Union avenue and Brown street and was a menace to traffic for several hours.

A number of telephone poles in the vicinity of Thirty-second and Thirty-fifth streets and Hawthorne avenue were blown down at 1:35 this morning, demoralizing service in that district.

At 1:50 o'clock this morning a plate-glass window in the building of the Overland Automobile Company, Sixteenth and Washington streets, was blown out.

At 3:35 electric lights from the river to East Fifteenth street, between Holladay avenue and Russell street, went out.

The scope of the storm was exceedingly great, forming central at Straits of Juan de Fuca and covering all of the western part of United States. California, particularly, is affected by the storm and floods, and many towns being damaged, others isolated and buildings and wires being blown down.

Storm Warnings Ordered.

Storm warnings were ordered out for the south-west coast of Saturday night and changed to southeast at 11 o'clock yesterday morning for the mouth of the Columbia and the Western Washington stations.

Last night at 7 o'clock, while the storm signals were being ordered shifted southeast, at Astoria, North Head and Aberdeen, the force of the wind began fully to become apparent in Portland.

Sixty miles an hour was the velocity reported at Tatoosh Island and 76 miles at North Head. At Tatoosh Island a thunder storm was recorded. Reports from all parts of the Coast indicated a rapidly falling barometer, beginning yesterday morning. The low register for Portland was in January, 1880, when it reached 28.65. In the storm a week ago it reached as low as 28.56 and last night it was at 28.88, and reported still falling.

Shipping Ordered to Remain.

Seattle reported 28.89, but announced that the gale had not yet struck that point. At Astoria the barometer was down to 28.70 at 6 o'clock P.M., at Olympia it was 28.65, both record breakers.

One of the feats of the gale last night was to hoist one of the triangular frames which the Northwestern Electric Company uses to cover its excavations on the street, through the window of the Wiley B. Allen music store, at Broadway and Morrison street, damaging some of the pianos with the bits of flying glass and sending the fine rain driving in upon them. The damage was about \$325.

Wires Are Entangled.

The gale tangled several electric wires at Ninth and Davis streets, causing a short circuit, setting fire to the poles and putting out seven or eight arc lights on that circuit. It was nearly a half hour before the wires (Concluded on Page 2.)

