

BUFFALO PASSES TRADE PARALYSIS

Great Industrial Center Reflects Improvement.

KEEN MEN SURVEY FIELD

Drygoods and Iron Business Declared on Up-Grade.

GRAIN MARKETS STEADY

Richard Spillane Finds Lumber Activity Hampered by Falling Off in Box Making.

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BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Twelve men prominent in their particular lines of industry assembled at one of the leading clubs Monday to give their views as to business conditions, present and prospective, in this district.

The gathering included Elliott C. McDougall, president of the Marine Trust company; J. M. Brant, president of the financial institutions between New York and Chicago; R. M. Gidney, manager of the Buffalo branch of the Federal reserve bank of New York; Norman M. Mack, ex-chairman of the democratic national committee and owner of the Buffalo Times; John L. Clawson of Clawson & Wilson, big wholesale drygoods firm; C. A. Collins, vice-president of the Buffalo Union Furnace company; Charles L. Kennedy, vice-president of the grain corporation under Herbert C. Hoover; Carlton M. Smith of Smith, Fassett & Co., lumber; Percy N. Naylor, vice-president and general manager of the Dunlop Rubber company of America, makers of Dunlop tires; Edward L. Koons, capitalist, ex-president of the chamber of commerce; and Edward H. Butler Jr., publisher of the Buffalo News.

Purchasing Power is Amazing.

Here, in substance, is what they reported:

The drygoods man—I have been amazed at the purchasing power of the people. In retail lines the business in dollars up to July 1 was equal to that up to July 1 last year, and twice as great in volume. There are signs of slackness coming, although prices may go up temporarily for some goods owing to shortage in particular lines. Wholesalers have not fared so well as retailers. The wholesaler got it like a shock. The retailer got it gradually. Retailers are not making any money today. Goods, I believe, are going lower.

The Pig Iron Man—There is a better feeling, I believe. It is due more to a general idea of betterment throughout the country than to actual improvement in the iron business. The iron business is good or bad, as general business is good or bad. Wages are down with us from \$6.40 to \$5.60. We are on a 15 per cent production based on 1918-19 output, and our present volume includes some old-time contracts. High railroad rates affect us adversely. You know it requires five tons of ore to make one ton of pig. There is a false notion that the railroads are our biggest customers. In the greatest year of railroad purchasing the total was 3,000,000 out of a total of 36,000,000. The automobile business plays a larger part in our industry than does the railroads. That is looking up.

Grain Trade 100 Per Cent.

The Grain Man—Just as long as people eat the grain trade will function 100 per cent, with periods of seasonal depression compensated later by periods of activity. Grain prices today are good, measured against the average. They would be higher for the farmer if railroad rates were not so high. The farmer is complaining bitterly because so large a part of the total goes to the carrier. That will be adjusted in time. Personally I cannot see anything to the situation not natural after financing the most disastrous war in all history and with the additional strain put on all the departments of production.

The farmer should get an adequate return for his crops, but the farmer is a hard man to please. When grain sold at \$1 he demanded more, and so it was when it was \$2, and also when it was near \$3. (Here a gentleman told a story. It was that when wheat sold at \$1 a farmer said it didn't leave him enough to repair his house. When it was \$2 he hadn't enough left over to buy a new car, and when an automobile. And when he wasn't satisfied with \$3 wheat a man asked if he was desirous of acquiring an ocean-going yacht.)

Business Good in Northwest.

The Lumberman—There is going to be a good demand for lumber, owing to increased activity in building lines, but this is offset by a falling off in making of boxes. People think a lot about lumber in other uses, but do not appreciate how great a quantity of wood goes into boxes. When general business declines the manufacture of boxes declines also. In the northwest business is better than before the war. He looked for only a little improvement in business generally, but improvement nevertheless. One trouble with the industry.

HOUSE ASKS SENATE TO PUNISH REED

SENATOR'S REMARKS ON VOLSTEAD ARE RESENTED.

Action Is Declared to Be First of Kind in History of Congress. Speech Held Improper.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—The senate today was requested in a resolution adopted by the house by a vote of 181 to 3 "to take appropriate action" concerning remarks of Senator Volstead, Missouri, during debate on the anti-beer bill last week, which the house held were "improper, unparliamentary and a reflection on the character" of Representative Volstead, republican, Minnesota.

It is the first time in history, so far as official records show, that the house has taken such action. On two previous occasions, however, it censured a representative for making uncomplimentary statements about senators and senate. In both instances the offending remarks were eliminated from the congressional record by a house vote.

The resolution, which was offered by Representative Newton, republican, Minnesota, was adopted after brief debate and was referred to the rules committee when it reached the senate. Mr. Reed made no comment concerning it. Senator Reed's language, as printed in the congressional record, follows:

"Until the other day I never had the pleasure of seeing the distinguished author of the Volstead act. His brief biography states that he was born in the United States. I am, however, informed he speaks a very broken English. I do not know what his ancestry may be, but do know that I have gazed upon pictures of the celebrated conspirators of the past, the countenances of those who have led in fanatical crusades, the burners of witches, the executioners who applied the torch of persecution, and I saw them all again when I looked at the author of this bill. . . . I have no respect for a man, whether he be a member of the house or elsewhere, who proposes to whittle down the constitution of the United States, who tries to leave things as does the amendment of the house, so that an act may go into every building except a residence, and thus the discovery of a bottle of beer above the constitution, who, in the pursuit of his favorite pastime of hunting somebody who may take a drink, is willing to let the constitution of the United States be held up by his hand, before Almighty God, swore he would maintain, protect and preserve. A man who thinks more of 'getting' a bootlegger than he does of the maintenance of the constitution, is not fit to be in a legislative body and not fit to be a citizen of the United States. I have more respect for an anarchist, who, in his ignorance and blindness, attacks upon a soapbox proclaiming against all government, than I have for the man who will in this body or in the house of representatives swear before Almighty God that he will preserve the constitution of the United States and then employ the authority and power of the people vested in him to preserve the constitution for the purpose of destroying that sacred document."

BOY DIES FIGHTING FOES

El Paso Youth Said to Have Wounded Several Attackers.

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 23.—Bennett Boyd, El Paso youth killed by Mexican bandits in Carreta ranch in Mexico August 18, died with his rifle in his hand and wounded several of his attackers before he fell himself. This report was received in El Paso today by Bishop O. P. Brown, Mormon leader, from a friend. According to Bishop Brown, the outlaws previously had raided a commissary at Ojitas, 15 miles from the scene of the Boyd murder. The storekeeper, a half-Indian named Stevenson, was slain and the place rifled. The bandit gang then moved towards the Carreta place, where they found Boyd and a small party of cowboys engaged in a round-up. The bandits greatly outnumbered the Boyd party and at once opened fire. Boyd's companions were driven off, all unhurt, but the youth stood his ground until he was mortally shot.

GIRL OF 14 SAVES LIFE

Cottage Grove Child Rescues Her Playmate From Drowning.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Jessie Ferguson, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ferguson, came near being drowned Thursday afternoon while wading across Mosby creek on the Quimby place. She stepped into a hole and had gone down twice before rescued by Dorothy Quimby, also 14 years old, the only child near at hand. Dorothy had to dive to recover the girl.

The Ferguson girl could not swim. She suffered no ill effects from her experience, although it was some time before she fully recovered.

AIRMEN INJURED IN FALL

Plane Crashes When Pocket of Ozone Is Encountered on Flight.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 23.—Pilot Anderson and Observer Todd were severely shaken up, though not seriously injured, when forest patrol plane No. 8, inbound from Roseburg, crashed at 1:35 o'clock this afternoon from a height of about 50 feet while landing at Barber field.

An air pocket was the cause of the accident, according to local patrol officials, who report the plane badly damaged.

FRAUD INVOLVES UNTOLD MILLIONS

Band Floods Markets With Worthless Paper.

FIVE ARRESTS ARE MADE

Detailed Confession by One Member Reported.

MANY FIRMS VICTIMIZED

Banks, Bond Houses, Investment Security Brokers and Rich Men Are Declared Losers.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—Worthless notes, stolen bonds, fraudulent deeds of trust and forged certificates of deposit running into untold millions have been flung on the markets of the country, federal agents declared today, after investigating the operations of a band alleged to have been headed by Charles W. French and John W. Worthington.

Banks, bond houses, investment security brokers and wealthy business men from coast to coast were declared to have been victims of crime of the most gigantic swindles ever unearthed by department of justice agents.

Six million dollars' worth of stolen bonds, nearly \$3,000,000 in worthless notes and hundreds of thousands of forged certificates of deposit already have been traced by department of justice agents, it was declared.

Detailed Confession Given.

The revelations resulted from a detailed confession attributed to Alva W. Harshman, said to have been a private secretary to French, and who surrendered to federal officials today. Worthington was arrested some weeks ago and has been held in \$100,000 bonds in connection with mail robberies totalling approximately \$8,000,000. French, alleged to be his right-hand man, was arrested yesterday with several of his associates. Today C. K. Strobel was taken into custody in Akron, O., and A. E. Streilung was arrested in Milwaukee.

Harshman was alleged to have told of a deal negotiated by French for the purchase of a bank in the middle west that involved the exchange of \$300,000 in cash.

Deal Is Explained.

A Washington, D. C., man, according to Harshman, was to obtain certified checks for \$500,000 there. These checks, he said, were to be presented to the bank owners, and when the bank gained control of the establishment they were to cash all the certificates of deposit the bank owned. The money, he said, would then be

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BERLIN TODAY SIGNS U. S. PEACE TREATY

GERMAN CABINET TAKES FINAL ACTION ON PACT.

Special Session Is Attended by President Ebert—Document Discussed at Night.

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—The peace treaty between the United States and Germany will be signed tomorrow.

The cabinet gave the document final consideration at a special session early tonight, which was attended by President Ebert.

The document will be signed by Eilias Loring Dressel, United States commissioner, and Dr. Friedrich Rosen, the German foreign minister, who has been empowered by President Ebert, according to the German constitution, to affix his signature in behalf of the German republic.

Mr. Dressel has received full credentials from Washington.

Beyond the statement that the treaty formally provides for the restoration of friendly relations and an immediate resumption of diplomatic and consular intercourse between the United States and Germany, no information was obtainable today regarding the instrument.

It was intimated, however, that there are no provisions included in it for the precise treatment of commercial and economic issues which still are in abeyance. It is said that these will be made the subject of future negotiations.

BUDAPEST, Aug. 23.—Negotiations for a separate peace treaty between Hungary and the United States have been begun, Foreign Minister Banffy announced today.

A Budapest dispatch on August 13 announced the unanimous approval by the Hungarian assembly of the peace resolution of the United States senate.

NOTED BURGLAR SENT UP

Operator Said to Have Cleaned Up \$100,000 Sentenced.

RENO, Nev., Aug. 23.—Compton R. Hubbard, 27, whose burglary operations in many cities of the west are said by the police to have netted him upwards of \$100,000 in jewelry during the last five months, was sentenced by Judge Bartlett today to serve an indeterminate term of two to 14 years in state's prison. Hubbard was taken to the penitentiary at Carson City this afternoon.

Hubbard pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of grand larceny in connection with the robbery here August 2 of A. P. McCarren, former chief justice of the Nevada supreme court.

\$50,000 IN GEMS STOLEN

Jewelry Is Taken From Auto While Owner Is Shopping.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 23.—An automobile containing jewelry valued at \$50,000 was stolen at Los Angeles harbor today while its owner, Richard H. Nelson, salesman for a San Francisco firm of manufacturing jewelers, was inside a store in the harbor district, talking to a prospective customer, according to his report to the police.

\$7,000,000 TIMBER DEAL IS CONFIRMED

ECCLES TRACT PURCHASE OF LAND IS MADE.

Oregonian Publishes News of Exchange in Detail—500 Men to Be Put to Work.

Confirmation of the \$7,000,000 timber deal, announced last week in detail by The Oregonian, and involving the transfer of 27,000 acres in the Nehalem district, owned by the Oregon American Lumber company, to the Central Coke & Coal company of Kansas City, was announced yesterday by Charles T. Early, representing the local company's interests.

Details of the transfer of the timber land had been completed last week, but the final transfer was held up pending the settlement of arrangements with the United Railways company, the lines of which connect with the timber property's 31 miles of tracks at Burlington.

With the announcement of the final closing of the deal also came the order of Charles Keith, president of the purchasing company, for 500 men to be put to work at once compelling the railroad to the timber property.

Mr. Keith secured an option on the timber property from David C. Eccles, president of the Oregon American Lumber company, several months ago and the deal has been under process of consummation since that time.

The property involved is located in Washington, Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties, and is said to be the most valuable piece of timber in the northwest, crisscrossing approximately 100,000 feet to the acre.

Mr. Eccles purchased the property from the Dubois Lumber company in 1917 for \$2,500,000. At that time \$1,000,000 was paid in cash and notes maturing in 1927, with annual interest of 4 1/2 per cent as the remaining consideration. Work was soon started on the construction of the Portland, Astoria & Pacific railway, from Burlington to the timber property, a distance of approximately 31 miles.

Mr. Early and Mr. Eccles are said to have retained their interests in the property, amounting to about 20 per cent. The interests transferred to the Kansas City people involve the 80 per cent held by the Browning family of Ogden, Utah, and the Eccles estate.

When the first announcement of the deal was made last week, a lumberman of considerable prominence in the state declared that in order to pay interest on the investment the Keith interests would be required to log 100,000,000 feet annually from the property. No announcement has been made just what steps will be taken by Mr. Keith, but the Central Coke & Coal company is a lumber marketing and not a logging organization, and it is evident that large mills will either be constructed at Burlington or in Portland.

The fact that the Nehalem boom company has been included in the purchase from the Oregon American Lumber company leads local lumbermen to believe that the method of marketing the timber that is in the mind of Mr. Keith is that of hauling the logs to Burlington, where they would be handled by the boom company and brought to Portland for sawing.

Mr. Keith is an experienced man in

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OPEN CONFERENCE HELD IMPOSSIBLE

Secrecy in Sessions Declared Imperative.

GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS KNOWN

Many Delicate Subjects Are to Be Discussed.

LODGE AND BORAH CLASH

Republican Leader Recalls "Open Covenant" Theory of President Wilson and Its Result.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—A belief on the part of the administration, that this government should not insist on open sessions at the disarmament conference became manifest today both in congress and anti-administration circles.

In the senate the question furnished the theme for a colorful debate, during which Senator Lodge, the republican leader, who has been selected as a delegate to the conference, led a fight against senate action to pledge the American representatives to demand that the assembled powers sit with open doors.

At the same time among administration officials it was outlined as a definite purpose of the government to refrain from determined opposition to secret sessions. Not only was it indicated as the belief here that delicate subjects could not be profitably discussed in the open, but it was suggested that to insist on such a course might meet with such strong opposition from abroad as to wreck the whole programme of the conference.

Berlin Negotiations Secret.

Confirming reports from Berlin that the treaty negotiations with Germany are being conducted secretly at the request of the United States, high officials emphasized it as a conviction of this government that diplomatic conversations cannot develop a frank exchange of views if full publicity is given every step. So far as publicity may be given without endangering frankness and without offending other powers, however, officials are said to favor it.

A similar attitude was taken in the senate debate by Senator Lodge, who has been in frequent conference with President Harding since his selection as a delegate, although declaring that "the largest publicity compatible with the public interest" should characterize the conference, the republican leader asserted it was wholly "impossible and impractical" to conduct negotiations entirely in the full view of the public.

The senate debate resulted from a resolution introduced by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, instructing the American delegates to insist that the conference sessions be public. It came up as an amendment to the \$200,000 appropriation for expenses of the conference, but was withdrawn after Senator Lodge objected, Senator Harrison announcing that he would offer it later as a separate measure. The appropriation then was finally approved by the senate.

Open Covenants' Recalled.

During the discussion Senator Lodge and others referred to the "open covenants" doctrine of President Wilson, Mr. Lodge declaring that although the former president went to Versailles denouncing the secret diplomacy, he finally was drawn into a secret conference of three or four men in whom centered the actual power of the entire convocation of delegates. Senator Watson, democrat, Georgia, seconded the argument against open sessions and Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, supported Senator Harrison's argument for his resolution.

RECRUITS OFF FOR SPAIN

Many Americans Enlist to Fight Morocco Tribesmen.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—The steamship Italia sailed today for Vigo, Spain, with more than 200 recruits, many of them Americans, who had enlisted here in the Spanish legion in the last three days for service in the Spanish army against Morocco tribesmen. They will be trained at Vigo and then embark for Ceuta, on the coast of Morocco.

A number of the Americans in the party wore American expeditionary force service buttons. Some of them said they could find no work and preferred to enlist instead of starving.

DRY CRUSADER ARRESTED

Ex-Town Marshal Held on Charge of Being Bootlegger.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 23.—W. G. Jacks, ex-town marshal of Eagle Point, Or., and prominent in whisky crusades last spring, was arrested last night charged with selling intoxicating liquors, and is now lodged in the county jail.

This is the first arrest in a recent anti-moonshine cleanup carried on in Jackson county by special state agents in the past ten days.

ABUSE OF DISABLED VETERANS CHARGED

DISMISSAL OF CUSHMAN HOSPITAL DOCTOR ASKED.

Accused Physician Said to Have Declared Suffering Boys Were Grafting on Government.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—After investigating charges made by more than 40 ex-service men at the Cushman hospital, Major J. R. Dean, chairman of the special relief committee of the disabled men, appeared before United States Inspector MacCallman today to ask for the removal of Major William E. Reed, the physician in charge of the section of the hospital where nerve cases are treated. Major Dean spent Sunday at the hospital talking to the men. Many asserted that when they complained of suffering the physician in charge told them they were imagining their pain.

"I cite one case in particular. The parents of Byron Shirbeck asked me to look up their son and find out why he had not written. He was a nerve case. Upon investigation I found out that Byron was discharged from the hospital July 8 on the ground that there was nothing wrong with him—'case of hysteria.' The boy has been wandering about the country somewhere since July 8. He is lost to his parents and to us. We don't know where he is or where to look for him. Major Dean is called the 'Daddy of Cushman.' He is the man who made the first suggestion that the old Indian school be converted into a hospital. He knows every patient there intimately. He declares that prior to June 15 all of the disabled men were as happy as their sufferings would allow them to be, but that now all is changed.

His records show more than a score of cases of alleged neglect and abuse.

HAY CROP HELD SHORT

13 Per Cent of Last Year's Yield Said to Be in Growers' Hands.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—Thirteen per cent of last year's hay crop is back in the hands of growers and the new crop is about 11,000,000 tons short, according to delegates who addressed the National Hay association convention today.

A. F. Pickett of Chicago, publisher of a financial magazine, assailed the grain-pooling plan, which he declared, was sponsored by "self-appointed farmer leaders."

Hay farmers who reads through the 16,000 words of his contract and the accompanying documents will find that he is signing away his grain for five years with nothing in return but promises," he said.

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EXPOSITION SITE REPORT IS MADE

Accommodations for 10,000 Autos Advised.

HUGE LANDING FIELD URGED

Immensity of World Show Indicated by Engineers.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE NEXT

Advocates of Locations to Have Two Months to Compile Data on Favored Spots.

SUMMARY OF ENGINEERS' REPORT ON 1925 EXPOSITION SITE.

Recommends approximately 100 acres for automobile camp, accommodating 10,000 cars, not necessarily on grounds, but near by.

Recommends not less than 160 acres for aviation field, saying there must be ample ground to meet the many moods of the winds.

Recommends careful consideration of water course for hydroplane landing in conjunction with aviation field.

Questionnaire is prepared, containing 125 questions calculated to develop information on every possible phase of exposition site needs.

Exposition site committee fixes November 1 as date upon which all questionnaire answers must be in.

Questionnaires will be ready for site advocates September 1.

That there should be an automobile accommodation ground to accommodate not less than 10,000 machines at a time and that there should be approximately 160 acres set aside for aviation fields for the 1925 exposition are two features of a report submitted yesterday to Eric V. Hauser, chairman of the exposition committee on site, by a group of engineers of the Oregon technical council. These items alone are sufficient to indicate what a huge project Portland's world show is going to be. Everything else will be in keeping.

The advisory committee of engineers, working under direction of the exposition committee on sites, completed its report yesterday. It informed the members, composed of Mr. Hauser, Franklin T. Griffith, C. D. Bruun, John B. Yeon and F. C. Knapp, that it has drawn up a questionnaire covering proposed sites. This will be ready for delivery September 1 to all those who are advocating locations.

Advocates Get Two Months.

November 1 is the date fixed by the committee on sites as the date upon which answers to the questionnaires will close. This will give the various advocates of locations two months in which to answer the questions. It is regarded as sufficient time for them to compile the necessary data, to prepare maps and photographs, all of which will be called for, before any decision is reached as to the site by the board of directors of the exposition.

The questionnaire contains a total of 125 queries and covers every possible phase of information that will be needed by the exposition directors in arriving at their final decision on site. It covers not only those locations having river frontage, but will also bring out facts as to where water is at present unavailable. The report reveals that the committee of

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ANOTHER BIG FEATURE FOR OREGONIAN READERS.

"Miss Lulu Bett," the novel by Zona Gale which has attracted attention as few stories have, has been secured for publication in The Sunday Oregonian, beginning next Sunday, August 28. The story of Lulu Bett carries deep human interest. Lulu, Ina Deacon and Dwight Deacon are persons that you know yourself, but by other names. What would you have done in their place, is a question that you are constantly asking as you read the story.

What is the duty of the more fortunate toward the poor relation? Is it better for the poor relation to work for strangers or for the family? These are queries that introduce themselves as you take up the narrative.

Do not fail to read the first installment next Sunday.

