

WINTER BUSINESS YEAR IS ASSURED

Big Total in Building Operations Certain.

\$30,000,000 MARK IN SIGHT

Progress in Other Lines Reported Encouraging.

LUMBER TRADE IS BETTER

Traffic Development in Chief Industry of Northwest Reflected in Other Interests.

Portland is hitting a stride in building operations that indicates a banner year, with a strong possibility of reaching the \$30,000,000 mark. Public utilities corporations report correspondingly gratifying service additions, as well as sales of equipment and appliances. Retail business is better than a year ago. So many new homes, apartments and other structures are being built that the city's 66 square miles of territory that the bureau of water works has installed 724 connections the first three months of this year as against 310 for the same period in 1921.

An outstanding development of vast importance and tremendous importance with relation to the general improved tone of business here is the increase in lumber shipments to Japan and to the Atlantic seaboard. A conservative estimate, made yesterday by one of the largest mill managers in the northwest, places this volume at \$10,000,000 for 1922—more than enough, he said, to offset the slump in middle-western territory caused by what operators contend is an unfair rate tariff in favor of competitors elsewhere.

Lumber Trade Significant.

The lumber business is the largest industry in the northwest, and when other lines are correspondingly active. Hence it will be seen that this new market trade has a big significance in its relation to the local situation. As to this fact that there is a fairly good condition of the lumber trade, immediate domestic demand, caused in part by exceptionally live building operations, and it is easy to understand why there is a better feeling in this respect.

Lumber exports for the first quarter of 1922 were valued at \$2,188,156 and total exports from this port, including wheat and flour, for that period aggregated \$10,078,023, as against \$9,199,735 for the same quarter of 1921. This shows a substantial gain, despite the fact that many reports are showing losses these times, and proves that Portland's shipping is healthy and prosperous.

Business in Portland is steadily on the upgrade and people are spending lots of money, not only for new homes and commercial buildings, but on modern appliances such as stoves and electrical equipment—features they were not so heavily installing some months ago. Utility concerns report substantial increases in service connections and a marked gain in general sales, particularly within the last two or three weeks.

More Homes Are Needed.

The housing situation of the city makes necessary a large number of new homes and apartments and expanding business requires additional structures. With these go hand in hand the equipment, which starts a big line of activity and a continual flow of money in the channels of trade. The reflection in this construction work is seen everywhere and merchants and tradesmen enjoy its benefits.

Portland's banner building year was 1910, when the figures ran up to \$20,556,000. A. G. Johnson, assistant commissioner of public works, said yesterday there was every reason to believe that 1922 would reach \$30,000,000.

Here is the way the figures reveal the lead of this year's first quarter over the last: Permits issued, 1921, 2317; value \$3,508,585; permits issued, 1922, 3200; value \$5,930,853.

FORD RAILWAY LOSES \$331,000 IN MONTH

DECEMBER DEFICIT IS FIRST UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.

Road's Return for Year, However, Has Revenue of \$43,000 Above All Expenses.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Earnings statements filed with the interstate commerce commission today by the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton show that for its December operations it had incurred a deficit in operating expenses over revenues of \$331,000. This was the first month since its purchase by Henry Ford in which it has not shown a profit, although its previous career was marked by heavy losses.

Previous monthly earnings, however, brought the road's return for the year under the Ford management into the profit class and for the entire year 1921 its revenues above expenses were fixed at \$43,000. Interest on bonded indebtedness is not classed as an operating expense by the commission and consequently is not reported.

Mr. Ford's attempts to reduce rates on the line, which have been under the commission's examination frequently, received another rebuff today. An order was issued suspending a freight tariff which the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton proposed to make effective April 1, and by which the coal rates in the Ironton district would have been cut 10 cents a ton until July 30. The usual investigation to determine whether the cut constituted a discrimination against the other producing territory will be instituted.

BUGGY FOUND AT LAST

Central Point, Or., Store Supplies Order After Vain Hunt Elsewhere.

MEDFORD, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Central Point, Or., is the only town in this state where one can buy an old-fashioned buggy, according to Ashbury Beall of that town who cites the following incident: A search of the northwest places this volume at \$10,000,000 for 1922—more than enough, he said, to offset the slump in middle-western territory caused by what operators contend is an unfair rate tariff in favor of competitors elsewhere.

BANK ROBBERS CAPTURED

Two Men Reported Taken After Battle Near Quilicura, Wash.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., March 31.—A report has been received here that two of the robbers wanted in connection with the robbery of the State Bank of Sequim have been captured in a battle near Quilicura, Wash., and that one of them was wounded.

TURKS ACCEPT PRINCIPLE

Government Acts on Allied Proposal to Establish Peace.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Turkish government at Constantinople has accepted in principle the suggestions transmitted last week by the allied foreign ministers looking toward peace between the Greeks and Turkish nationalists in Asia Minor. The Constantinople government, however, makes certain reservations with respect to Thrace.

EX-EMPEROR KARL WORSE

Weakness and Delirium Result From Ravages of Pneumonia.

FUNCHAL, March 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—The condition of ex-Emperor Karl of Austria-Hungary, who is suffering from pneumonia, today took a turn for the worse.

NURSE'S THREATS TO KILL ADMITTED

Miss Stone Tells of Intent to Force Lawyer to Wed.

ACCUSED PROTESTS LETTER

"Your Days Are Numbered," Quoted by Prosecutor.

TEAR DROPS IDENTIFIED

Defendant in Murder Case, Asked if She Was Ever Insane, Replies, "No, Just Raving."

NEW YORK, March 31.—After admitting authorship of letters in which threats were made to kill Ellis Guy Kinkead, former corporation counsel of Cincinnati, for whose murder she is on trial, Miss Olivia M. P. Stone today told a supreme court jury that her sole intent was to scare the lawyer into leading her to the altar for a ceremonial marriage.

It has been her contention that Kinkead refused to go through the ceremony with her after their alleged common law marriage almost four years ago. From time to time, he promised to do so, but put off the day and finally he abandoned her and married another woman, Marie Louise Gormley.

Nurse Is in Tears.

"Yes, I swear by all that is good and holy that that is the truth," she said, raising her right arm above her head.

LINER SAVED FROM FIRE

Flames, Raging in Hold of Iowan for Two Days, Are Put Out.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The American-Hawaiian liner Iowan has been saved from a fire which raged in her holds for two days, officials of the line were advised today in a wireless message from her captain.

ORDER IN FIUME WANTED

Jugo-Slavia Asks France and Great Britain to Act.

PARIS, March 31.—The French foreign office today received a note from the government of Jugo-Slavia suggesting that France and Great Britain co-operate in re-establishing order in Fiume and in assuring the execution of the treaty of Rapallo.

ISLANDS CHARM VISITOR

Though This Letter Will Reach Oregon Long After We Have Traveled Through Japan—When There Are White and Purple Trilliums by the Willamette and Cherry Blossoms about Kobe.

It must have been a beautiful day in the few hours it may have taken to reach the islands, for the reason, doubtless, that those who dwell there have dulled the edge of appreciation, and those who visit lack phrases that are adequate.

GOATHAM NEWSPAPER HELD UP BY BANDITS

TWO CLERKS ARE INJURED AS INTERFERENCE IS OFFERED.

Three Men Escape With \$1000 From Office of New York Tribune at 10:30 P. M.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Three bandits walked into the accounting room of the New York Tribune in Park Row, across the street from City Hall, police station, at 10:29 o'clock tonight and held up two clerks and a watchman.

MASTER ANARCHIST RECANTS ANARCHISM

DR. MAX COHEN PLEADS GUILTY, IS PAROLED.

Fugitive Declares Principles, if Put in Practice, Would Bring Savagery Back.

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MEAT TARIFF IS OPPOSED

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ON BOARD S. S. TAIYO MARU, March 10.—(Special.)—The softness that is summer, whatever the calendar may call it, is gradually outdistanced as the voyage draws near to Japan.

There was a snow storm in Yokohama just a day or so ago, the wireless said—a flurry that wrapped the port in winter. At the same hour beside this ship odd gray birds rose in coveys as quail rise from the fields. Such they seemed until they plunged again into the sea, quite fearlessly, where the crests were an elfin green. They took the plunge as blithely as any grebe, for they were flying fish. Winter was far and far away.

Off to port the porpoise played, leaping in long indolent curves, a school of 20 out for recess. If the porpoise is half as happy as he appears neither land nor ocean knows a more comfortable, joyous fellow. He dives well, for sailors vow that his speed enables him to nab the tail of any fleeing prize, and having dined, he exercises.

Pacific Cold and Barren.

Flying fish and porpoise and Mother Carey's chickens, those wee white birds that were like spindrift in the distance, have tarried near Hawaii. The Pacific is cold again and barren, and roughened to sport by a west wind.

All we have left to remind us of the south, of the islands and opalescent mist that clothed the hills of Oahu, is the plump presence of Juita the hula girl, who goes to dance at the Tokio exposition. Juita is a flying fish, nor has she the daintiness of sea birds, and romance will not cling to her. She is rounded and slinky and frizzled of hair, and naughty as to the eyes.

To say that she is plump is to pay her a most considerate compliment. Clearly it was error to transplant to Juita to an alien environment, with never a scarlet bougainvillea bloom to tuck behind an ear, and never a long twilight to saunter through. As a memory of the islands the hula girl reproaches those who led her away. She is of Oahu and not elsewhere.

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INVESTORS IN BONDS AVID FOR OFFERINGS

CONDITION SHOWS MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS.

First Quarter of Calendar Year Reflects Betterment Both Financially and Industrially.

SALES OF STOCKS IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDED TODAY, MOSTLY AT SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER QUOTATIONS, AMOUNTED ROUGHLY TO \$5,000,000 SHARES, AGAINST \$3,000,000 SHARES IN THE CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Business on the New York Stock Exchange for the first quarter of the calendar year reflects gradual improvement in financial, industrial and general economic conditions from the acute depression of 1921.

Sales of stocks in the three months ended today, mostly at substantially higher quotations, amounted roughly to \$5,000,000 shares, against \$3,000,000 shares in the corresponding quarter of last year. There were also marked gains in sales of "odd lots" and in private dealings.

The turnover in bonds on the stock exchange was proportionately much larger.

The par value of such securities was approximately \$1,240,000,000, as compared with \$760,000,000 in 1921.

To this impressive total it was estimated the Liberty group, mainly the 4 1/2 per cent series, contributed almost 40 per cent. The entire list of United States war flotations has displayed unprecedented strength recently. Today's maximum figures are showing gains of \$150 to almost \$350 over lowest quotations of last January.

To the enormous dealings in bonds on the stock exchange should be added the many new underwritings placed here since the beginning of the year. These comprehended weekly offerings ranging from \$25,000,000 to almost \$100,000,000 and included numerous foreign national and municipal issues, practically all of which were avidly taken by investors.

RAIN ENDS PERFECT DAY

Thousands of Persons Are Caught in Choice Little Shower.

The end of a perfect day yesterday was a choice little "April" shower and the thousands of persons who took it for granted there would be sunshine until sundown and left their homes sans umbrellas and rubbers in the morning, learned once more that it sometimes rains in Oregon.

It was one of the balmy days of the spring and had it continued dry and as fair throughout the entire afternoon, very probably there would have been a good many backyard gardens in course of construction, but just about the time Mary and John felt the annual urge to get out of the shower, rain and hail, they were stopped by the gentle shower, which, however, did not last long.

The maximum temperature was 62.

LANDSLIDE DERAILS TRAIN

Four Passenger Coaches and Engine Upset, but No One Hurt.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 31.—A 100-foot landslide derailed train No. 2 of the Missouri Pacific at Boles, about 10 o'clock, causing the engine to overturn.

Four of the eight passenger cars left the rails, although remaining upright. No passengers were injured.

The train was en route to St. Louis from Macon, Ga.

Reports from Washington, which is about five miles from Boles, said that approximately 300 feet of track was torn up. Heavy rainfall during the week is said to have caused the landslide.

PORTLAND FLIER KILLED

Ray Roundtree Succumbs to Hurts in Airplane Accident.

MACON, Ga., March 31.—J. J. Costa of Anthony, Kan., and Ray Roundtree of Portland, Or., were fatally injured, and W. L. Fisher of Mack, Ga., received injury from which he is not expected to recover when their airplane late today crashed into a 60-foot smokestack at the Macon, Public & Savannah railroad shops, caught fire and fell to the ground.

The accident occurred just after the airplane had hopped off for a flight to Atlanta and thence to Texas.

The three occupants of the machine were severely burned and Costa died at a hospital late tonight. Roundtree succumbed to his injuries shortly after midnight. He is known in automobile racing circles as Jules Roundtree.

Roundtree's friends of Ray Roundtree could not be located here last night. He is not known to local auto racers and it is thought he took up flying after leaving Portland. He is believed to be in Newton W. Roundtree, Portland real estate dealer.

FEDERAL SHAKE-UP BEGUN BY HARDING

President Ousts Chiefs of Printing Bureau.

DIRECTOR LOSES POSITION

James L. Wilmeth Discharged for "Good of Service."

SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED

Louis A. Hill Takes Charge of Big U. S. Offices Employing About 6000 Persons.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—James L. Wilmeth, director of the bureau of engraving and printing, and a number of other executives in the bureau were removed "for the good of the service" tonight by President Harding through an executive order. Louis A. Hill, assistant chief of the division of engraving, was named as the new director of the bureau and all other vacancies were also filled.

The executive order affected executive heads of every division in the bureau and the action was taken, it was explained, as the result of an extended investigation and in connection with the complete readjustment of the bureau to peace-time conditions. Mr. Hill was sworn in immediately and went to the bureau and took charge. The new executive personnel will be in complete charge tomorrow.

Some Are Retired.

The only exceptions to dismissal in the executive order were in cases of persons eligible for retirement for age, all of whom were retired as of this date.

Mr. Wilmeth for years was chief clerk for the treasury and about four years ago was appointed chief of the bureau by President Wilson, succeeding Joseph A. Ralph. The bureau is one of the largest in point of personnel in the executive branch of the government, employing about 6000 persons. It operates the greatest engraving plant in the world, making all the paper money, bonds, certificates and securities of the government, as well as the postage stamps.

Those dismissed said the order had come without any warning and was a complete surprise to them.

Mr. Wilmeth said he received the order upon its being promulgated by the president and that was the first intimation he had of his dismissal. Mr. Hill, who assumed his duties at once at the bureau, said that no statement could be made other than that contained in the White House announcement, but added that there could be considerable work to do in reorganizing the bureau on a peace-time basis.

Officials of the treasury department failed to throw any light on the dismissal order. The changes, however, in bureau circles were regarded as sweeping and meant, it was declared, the complete elimination of those who formerly had directed its operations.

ARBOR DAY PLANS UP

President to Call Attention to New York State's Began Custom.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—The observance of the country will be begun on the 50th anniversary of Arbor Day, April 30, in a proclamation signed by President Harding has promised to inaugurate a delegation of Nebraska congressmen, headed by Representative Charles McNary, said today on leaving Washington. McNary, after a conference with the president, said, would give attention to the founding of the observance 50 years ago in Nebraska.

Arbor Day was first observed in 1872 in Nebraska, when the state legislature passed a law creating the observance.

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Dr. Cohen fled to Mexico whence he went to Russia and other European countries.

He told Justice Wasservogel he was "tired of wandering like a hunted beast over the face of the earth," and that he was through with the doctrines of anarchism.

He had become thoroughly convinced, he said, that the anarchistic theories if put into practice, would "swing the world back to savagery."

His greatest desire, he said, was to be allowed publicly to renounce anarchism, to become a law-abiding citizen, and to return to his wife and son in Queensborough.

Justice Wasservogel, in suspending sentence, warned Dr. Cohen that the slightest violation of his parole would mean a long term in Sing Sing. He left assuring the justice that courtrooms would know him no more.

ARGENTINE WANTS BAN LIFTED; INDUSTRY HARD HIT

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To have glimpsed from clouds like their volcanic sisterhood from clouds like distance to the nearness of tropical verdure and the warm hues of tumbled mountains, is to feel that perhaps O'Brien was wise with an elder wisdom when he preferred the pleasant idleness of the south seas to cold and commerce and bustle.

"From a desolate seas long we went to roam," such a land as Hawaii might well call any wanderer.

Rain falls languidly over Oahu when the Taiyo Maru picked her way through the fishing boats, wherein brown anglers tended their lines. The green shore, the white beach, were limned with rainbow hues where land met water. A shining unforgettable treachery of mother of pearl was inlaid along the coast. Folk say that the islands are fairest in sunlight. But this could not well be. The sadness of clouds becomes them like a mood.

Out from the harbor to meet the crawling ship, and beg for silver, swam the Kanaka boys whose home is the sea. Of a clear day, it is said, the harbor is a transparency into which one peers for vari-colored fishes, strange of form and hue, and shells that match this wild extravagance. Yet the low visibility that attends wet weather, murkiness, the bright depths to smoky emerald, bothered the gleaners not at all.

Divers look like frogs. Were they to miss even an occasional coin in their diving the harbor floor would be paved with small change. Only a nimble dime and a far-flung coin can escape them. Poised like tawny frogs in the water, it is but a stroke and plunge to the pursuit—a flurry of feet, a dim picture of sprawling bodies deep in the eddy of the dive. Somewhere in mid-depth the coin is captured. The swimmer

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