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DECREASE IS SMALL

Iron Trade Gives Review of Week in Market

BLAST FURNACE PRODUCTION

Intense Heat of July and Humidity of Atmosphere Interfere to Considerable Extent in Operation of Furnaces and Results in Slight Decrease.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 10.—The Iron Trade Review this week says.

Our blast furnace statistics for July show a production of 1,719,728 tons, against 1,822,485 tons in June, a decrease of 5.6 per cent. As the intense heat of July and the humidity of the atmosphere interfered to a considerable extent with the operation of many furnaces, this decrease in production is not large.

While there has been an increase in stock held by merchant furnaces, the reports indicate large sales have been made for future delivery. On the whole, the statistics reveal a more favorable condition than was expected. A sale of 15,000 tons of basic pig iron has been made by a Tennessee company on the basis of \$13, Birmingham. The United States Steel corporation has signified its desire to confer with the Bessemer association late this month in regard to the purchase of pig iron for September delivery. The fact that this conference is to be held will undoubtedly strengthen the market for Bessemer.

The Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad company has made a contract for 30,000 tons of open hearth rails for delivery in 1906—delivery to begin in April and to be made at 5,000 tons per month. There are now pending inquiries for 150,000 tons of rails for export and for domestic use.

PRESIDENT WILL PLUNGE.

Rumors That He Will Make Voyage in Submarine Boat "Plunger."

New York, Aug. 10.—Much interest was caused yesterday at the Brooklyn navy yard through orders that have been received by Lieutenant Charles Nelson, in command of the submarine boat Plunger. The orders came from the secretary of the navy, and read: "You are to proceed as soon as possible to Oyster Bay and report to the president."

When the orders came the boat was in drydock, being overhauled. She was at once taken out and is now lying in the waterway that runs through the center of the navy yard. A large force of engineers and mechanics is working night and day getting the little craft into tiptop shape. An entire set of new and heavily insulated electric light wires is being put in and the gasoline engine is undergoing a complete revamping. Every bolt and rivet is being subjected to a thorough resoldering and the torpedo-tube is being frequently tested.

It will be five days before the Plunger will be in condition to make the run to Oyster Bay. Lieutenant Nelson has picked a crew of ten men from the various submarines and every man is being thoroughly drilled at his particular post.

Although it is said that the president has several times expressed a desire to go down in a submarine and the officers of the Plunger are extremely anxious to have the chief executive as their guest in a dip below the water's surface, no intimation of such a plan has been made and the men admit that they expect only to show the president how their craft works.

Owing to the narrow channel and shallow water it is out of the question to dive in Oyster Bay. Instead the plunge will be made outside in the Sound.

NEGROES AROUSED.

Will Hold Meeting to Oppose Abuse of Their Rights.

New York, Aug. 10.—Bishop Alexander Walters of the African Methodist Episcopal church, chairman of the executive committee of the Afro-American council, and Dr. William H. Steward, the president, sent out the formal calls yesterday for a conference, to be held in Detroit beginning August 30. The call is addressed to the bishops of the negro churches, presidents of leading organizations and prominent churchmen and laymen.

The bishop calls attention to many recent happenings, such as the race riots in one of New York's negro quarters, and declares that the time has come for the "déveller" members of the Afro-American council to arouse themselves and do something to check this onslaught upon their civil and political rights.

TEXANS FEAR INVASION BY YELLOW JACK SCOURGE.

State Health Officer Submits Report on the Situation.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 10.—State Health Officer Tabor has submitted a report to Governor Lanham concerning the yellow fever situation in the South, in which he says:

"Yellow fever exists now in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and the Republic of Mexico. Texas is sandwiched between the infected districts with very little hope of escaping invasion by the scourge with the long summer before us. We are guarded as closely as possible, but it is very hard to maintain a successful quarantine. I would most certainly insist that there be no mobilization of citizens or soldiers at this time, as any excitement might cause a general stampede and a general quarantine that would tie up the entire railroad service of the state."

The state health officer has also called upon the governor to hold the entire state Ranger force in reserve subject to his orders, as he may need them at any time to control the quarantine situation.

CENTENARIAN DEAD.

Aged Chicago Man Ends long and Eventful Life.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Captain Jerome B. Osier, believed to be the oldest resident of Illinois, died yesterday, aged 105. He was born in Erie, Pa. Following his

father as a sailor on the lakes, Mr. Osier had become a master of a small schooner before he made his first voyage to Chicago. The ship was welcomed as the largest craft that the new port had seen and made a sensation. Seeing great possibilities in the trading post, Mr. Osier decided to make it his headquarters.

In 1861 he enlisted in the navy and was assigned to the Mississippi river service. Under Admiral Porter, on whose ship he was an ensign, he took part in the river battles between New Orleans and Vicksburg.

After the war he became a life insurance agent and was engaged in active business until one year ago.

WILL CHRISTEN WARSHIP.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Governor Edward Hoch of Kansas, accompanied by his wife and daughter, Miss Anna Hoch, passed through Chicago last night en route to Philadelphia, where Miss Hoch will christen the new battleship Kansas when she is launched.

PLAGUE AT TALTAL.

New York, Aug. 10.—There are eight cases of plague in Taltal, provinces of Atacama, cables the Herald correspondent at Valparaiso, Chile. The epidemic of smallpox in Valparaiso is unchanged. Nearly 550 deaths have been recorded during the last seven days.

CARDINAL GIBBONS SHOCKED.

News of Archbishop Chappelle's Death Received.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 10.—Cardinal Gibbons was informed of the death of Archbishop Chappelle when he arrived in this city last night. He said:

"The news is a great shock to me. Before leaving Baltimore yesterday morning I received a dispatch from him commending himself to my prayers, and this was the first knowledge I had that illness was so serious or that the end was near. I need not say how greatly I am shocked and grieved at the news of his death."

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