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CHECK TO BUSINESS

Harriman Believes Railroad Depression will be Further Felt.

WOULD NOT BE UNMIXED EVIL

Stowing Up Would Mean Curtailment of Expenses, And Increase of Surplus of Roads--Would Cheapen Labor and Money.

CHICAGO, March 14.—A dispatch to the Tribune from New York says: Beyond the slightest doubt inner Wall Street believes a check to general business has resulted from the railroad situation and that this check will grow more apparent. The activity of State Legislatures has aroused thoroughly the large railroad interests of the country. The cost of borrowing money has been increased, and there will be a marked reduction in expenditures. In an interview given by E. H. Harriman yesterday, on certain features of the railroad situation, he said that two kinds of courage are needed in developing and directing the affairs of a great railroad system. One is to make large expenditures when times are dull and the business outlook poor, and thus secure labor, money and materials at low cost. The other kind of courage, he said, is to be able to discontinue the expenditure of funds and the making of improvements when business is good, money dear and labor high. This kind of courage, he said, would enable the railroad by waiting two or three years to make improvements at a reduction

of 20 per cent in the cost of labor, money, and materials. He considered such a saving a good profit for shareholders. When Mr. Harriman was subsequently asked what would be the effect on general business of the withdrawal of the railroads from the iron and steel markets, he replied: "I do not wish to answer that question. I have been asked it before." "Would a check to business be the worst thing that could happen?" "It ought not to be an unmixed evil," Mr. Harriman said. "The railroads now have more business than they can handle. A slowing up would mean the curtailment of expenditures, an increase in the surplus of the roads. It would mean also a lessened day for labor and a reduced demand for money. These in consequence would become cheaper. "There are three things entering into railroad expenditures—the hire of money, the cost of material which is largely the hire of labor, for it is labor that produces the materials, and the hire of labor. If more must be paid for the hire of money, then there must be a reduction in the amount paid for the cost of the material or the hire of labor. "There is so much money to be spent and the increased cost of one item means a decrease in the other two. The railroads must hold net earnings and, as I have tried to make plain, the total costs are bound to be distributed. "A check to business is of course better than a full stop," Mr. Harriman said, "but what would be applicable to a full stop would be measurably true of a slowup." When Mr. Harriman was asked for a solution of the National problem, he said: "We want the Sherman anti-trust law repealed so far as it relates to the railroads. I believe it was not intended that its provisions should embrace the railroads. It was so asserted at the time the measure was under

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discussion prior to its enactment. In the trans-Missouri case tried under the Sherman anti-trust laws, it was finally held that all agreements between railroads were in restraint of trade. What the railroads desire is that they be allowed to make agreements under the regulation and supervision of the government. This would allow the railroads to do an interstate commerce business. "If reasonable rates and agreements, approved under the proper authorities of the National government could be inaugurated, then legislation by states so far as it related to interstate traffic might become null and void. We believe that if the National government should approve our rates as being reasonable, the action would be reflected in the State Legislatures."

FREE EYE GLASSES.

Recommended by Superintendent After Investigation.

NEW YORK, March 14.—A school census, just completed, shows that there are 688,427 children attending schools in Greater New York and that 953,485 persons between 4 and 18 years, the school age, live here. The number of foreign born children enrolled, 113,740, is more than 18 per

cent of the entire registration of the schools.

Probably the most interesting thing is the statement that out of 58,948 children, whose eyes were tested, 17,928 were suffering from defective sight.

Superintendent Maxwell, head of the school board, recommends that the city supply glasses to poor children who cannot afford to purchase them.

PRISONERS SIGN PLEDGE.

New Method of Drunks Spreads to England.

LONDON, March 9.—The authorities at various places in England and Ireland are trying to adopt the plan used by Judge Pollard of St. Louis, Mo., of discharging prisoners arrested for intoxication, on their taking the pledge to abstain from drinking and the National Independent Temperance Society is advocating legislation along this line.

In several places markedly good results have followed the application of the method. In one instance, in Leicester, a confirmed drunkard has become a teetotaler, and been reinstated in a position from which he had been discharged because of intemperance.

STOLE SLICE OF PIE.

James Brown Gets Year in the Penitentiary For Pastry Theft.

LOS ANGELES, March 13.—James Brown was sentenced to one year in the Folsom penitentiary in the Superior Court today for stealing a piece of pie which he did not eat. Brown was caught carving a piece of mince pie in a Long Beach cafe where he had gained entrance by stealth. It was shown that he had served a term in prison once before for burglary and had employed the pie excuse at his former trial.

STILL VERY ILL.

Seriously Sick With Peritonitis at Cleveland, but Bettering.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Fritz Scheff, who had to abandon her tour with "Mlle Modist," at Cleveland, for treatment, is seriously ill with peritonitis, at the Hotel St. Regis. Her manager, Charles B. Dillingham, announced last night that she was resting easily. At the St. Regis hotel last night it was said that Miss Scheff's condition on Tuesday night was alarming, but that she was better yesterday.

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