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Trade Failures in United States Continue to Decrease—Gold Reserves in Federal Banks Increase—Lumber Outlook More Hopeful, Reports C. A. Smith—November Credit Meeting.

Financial Sunshine—Dun's agency reports failures in the United States in trade circles at 255 the last week compared with 269 for the same week a year ago.

Payments More Prompt—With business

Discount Paper Decreases—Discounted paper on hand shows a decrease for the week of about 2.4 millions, the larger decrease under this heading shown by the Richmond, Minneapolis and Dallas banks are offset in part by

are met with greater promptness and the country is being gradually brought highly encouraging. Strictly commercial defaults numbered 1244 during October and the aggregate liabilities amounted to \$10,776,651, as reported by Dun & Co. Against 1154 insolvencies with \$13,669,078 in the previous month; 1599 for \$25,323,890 a year ago; 1420 for \$20,178 in 1913; 1435 for \$20,245,466 in 1914 and 1150 in 1915, when the amount involved was \$15,762,337. It thus appears that while there were 80 more reverses than in the shorter month of September, the number was less than in any October back to 1912, with the smallest incidence of any month since May, 1910.

The number of failures each month for three years is given below, with the amount of liabilities for each month this year.

	Number	Liabilities
Jan.	1916 1917 1918 1914	\$25,246,286
Feb.	1618 2278 1905 1904	24,344,168
March	1490 2090 1464	18,886,289
April	1418 1918 1418	18,886,289
May	1480 1907 1321	19,466,476
June	1297 1754 1160	11,928,841
July	1297 1754 1160	11,928,841
August	1304 1938 1272	20,128,769

Gold Reserve Gains—Liquidation on a large scale of municipal warrants, also of commercial and bankers' paper, accompanied the corresponding gains in aggregate gold reserves of the federal reserve banks, is indicated in the weekly bank statement of the federal reserve board, made public today at the close of business on November 8, 1916.

Large transfers of gold through the post office to the mint and to the

in planning mills. However, it will make any difference at the present time with the Smith company. The whole scheme of operation of this company is to come to the mouth of Marshfield and ship it in the rough to Bay Point, Cal., where the planning mill is located. Economical methods of shipment make this possible. The distribution of all points is published and it would require a readjustment of the whole system to attempt to operate

Gold settlement fund in Philadelphia, St. Louis, Kansas City, and Dallas, took place during the week. The Boston branch reports a decrease of 3.2 million in total assets, together with a decrease of 3.2 millions in deposits and an increase of 0.8 million in the balance due from other federal reserve banks. The New York branch liquidation of 1.9 millions of earning assets. New York shows a decrease of 2.7 millions in gold and 3.3 millions in deposits.

millions in total reserve is accounted for largely by a considerable increase in the amount due from other federal reserve banks. The increase in the balance of its Philadelphia gain of 5.1 millions in reserve is accompanied by a change of a favorable balance of 1.6 millions in acceptances and commercial bills in account with other federal reserve banks, also by the liquidation of 1.9 millions, net, of acceptances and warehouse receipts and other securities. Gains in reserves reported by the other

or banks result chiefly from partial withdrawals of balances due from other federal reserve banks, the liquidation of earning assets and, in the case of some banks, from increased net deposits.

going along Fifty-second street at a speed approaching 50 miles an hour.

Chicken Thief Must

Portland Fire Record

Sunday.

Work for His Victim

J. H. Yarrow, confessed chicken thief, will expiate his offense by working one week without pay for the men from whom the dressed fowls were stolen.

Yarrow was employed on Saturdays by E. Bennett, proprietor of a market at Fourth and Yamhill streets.

7:28 a. m.—415 East Thirtieth street sparks from chimney, no damage.

11:21 a. m.—S. Amato, 554 East Fifteenth street, defective flue, \$100 damage.

1:14 p. m.—207 Monroe street, defective flue, slight damage.

4:42 p. m.—917 Mississippi avenue sparks from chimney, no damage.

4:55 p. m.—Vacant home, 29 North Elm street, chimney, no damage.

6:05 p. m.—1013 Hancock street

Last Saturday evening, according to testimony in the case today, Yarow placed the chickens in a sack with some groceries and walked out. Patrolman L. W. Madden met him at the door. Yarow went back and offered to pay for the chickens, but it was too late.

Judge Languth asked Bennett if the punishment he planned for Yarow was agreeable, and the employer replied that it was. Yarow went to work at noon. Yarow's ball at headquarters

burning flue, no damage.
7:18 p. m.—John Peterson, grocer, and Mrs. E. H. Berry road, unknown origin. \$2000 loss.
8:23 p. m.—18½ East Gillian street burning flue, no damage.
8:42 p. m.—1442 East Morris street, burning grease on stove pipe no damage.
7:40 a. m.—351 Holladay avenue burning flue, no damage.

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