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BUSINESS OUTLOOK LOOKS BETTER

National C. of C. Sees Improved Conditions Over Nation

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—Optimistic predictions are being made for fall business as the result of some rather marked changes for the better which have been noted in the last 30 days, according to Frank Greene in his monthly review of business conditions in the September number of The Nation's Business.

"Chief of the changes which have taken place," he writes, "has undoubtedly been the further progress made in the improvement that was visible quite plainly one and two months ago in the agricultural sections. Also there has been evidence of distinct forward progress in rehabilitating Europe, the effects of which, if successful, as it appears probable now, cannot fail to have big consequence for future American trade. Hence the concededly much more cheerful feeling visible in many lines within time instances optimistic predictions made regarding the further future."

"In other words the business 'scenery' looks considerably better than it did and in the case of the farmers some effort toward capitalizing the aforesaid scenery has been made, the main spring of this being big sales of wheat at prices far better than were thought possible three months ago and even still better than were received at this time in 1923. Back of this has been an even bigger rise in corn and hog prices and the apparent disappearance of the fear of anything resembling a burdensome surplus of farm products, present or prospective. So rapid has been the marketing of new wheat and old corn that car loadings have increased and a car shortage looms.

"That the improvement manifest in the 'scenery' has been substantial enough to be always reflected in some of the measures of trade movement is evident in sharp upturns in some statistical measures. While the returns at hand of retail trade for July, these including mail-order and chain-store sales, reflect a reduction from the June aggregates, they mark a really good gain over July a year ago when it should, of course, be recalled trade was sagging off from the very great activity of the first half of 1923.

"Bank clearings, gains in which in recent months have been confined mainly to New York and with these attributed to activity in speculation, showed in July a forward movement outside that city, part of which as in the southwest, must be attributed to early wheat marketing at higher prices.

"It has remained, however, for commodity prices as represented by the index numbers to show the most marked and quickest reflection of the better tone in big primary lines, the August 1 index number gaining 3.2 per cent with 10 out of 13 groups of commodities advancing. The biggest quantitative advance shown, it is true, is in textiles, which have reflected a sharp gain in cotton goods, increases in raw wool, and in fact in all other textiles. Of course grains and livestock have made the largest percentages of gain, but provisions, hides, metals, coal and coke, vegetable oils, naval stores and miscellaneous products also gained in July.

"Examination of the list of advances reveals the fact that the preponderance of gains has been in products of the farm which for some years have not been occupying as relatively a favorable position as have, say, the products of the mill, the factory, the mine or the forest.

"The course of industry this summer has gone far to confirm earlier predictions of a slack time in mine, mill and factory operations. Pig iron production in July fell to less than one-half that of July a year ago when the year's peak of production was reached. It might be noted by the way that pig iron and steel production have not proved as mobile as in some other years, production not dropping as rapidly but certainly getting well down. A turn is predicted for August as some furnaces have resumed recently.

"Soft coal production has been at a point 18 per cent below last year and about equal to the low point of the first half of 1919. Automobile output has also sagged noticeably and in August was at the lowest point in over 18 months. Curtailments has of course continued in cotton goods while furniture manufacturers report orders from three-fifths to three-fourths of normal. Silk manufacturing has improved and the raw material has reacted from the bottom.

"Woolen goods manufacturing has been light but buying by manufacturers, mainly of fine wools, has cleaned up the domestic clip pretty well and caused an advance which is taken to mean that mill operation will be active later on. Orders for shoes have helped manufacturers in that line and things are more active than in the spring with a steady effect upon hides and leather.

"Building has held up pretty well but lumber prices have shown a good deal of ease through the summer, this despite late reports from producing regions that orders are expanding and that some mills are resuming. What is hailed in some cities as a permanent clipping of brick prices has been noted but cement has been strong with shipments breaking all records. The petroleum industry resembles a great giant which is apparently beyond control, certainly of production, and prices are lower as production keeps up and stocks on hand make new high records.

RACE HORSES GO BEGGING

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—Fifty full-blooded racing horses were offered recently at an auction held at Hoppgarten near here, but no buyers appeared. The auction was arranged by wealthy owners unable any longer to keep the horses because of the expense involved.

THE PREHISTORIC MOUND AN INTERESTING WORK OF NATURE

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and in this case, for instance, Dr. Livingston knows as well what has been going on throughout the ages in the making of this interesting piece of nature's handiwork as if he had been able to stand there all these years—these million and perhaps millions of years. The record of the rocks is written plainly. Like the law of the Medes and Persians that "changeth not," the laws of nature are constant. They will bring the same results under like conditions each time, though the number be two times or a billion times. To the man of science, these wonders of nature are more interesting than the puny work of some ephemeral race of men in the distant past.—Ed.)

In sending photographs and the findings of Dr. Livingston, Prof. Horner says:

"It must be admitted that the structure is of natural origin. But you can truly say that there are many evidences of prehistoric people in the Oregon country, and that in 1880 three mummified bodies were found on the Santiam river below Seilo (only a few miles from this mound); that these were exhibited over the Willamette valley and were photographed at Monmouth by C. C. Lewis, now connected with the Woodard & Clark house in Portland, also that in shape the structure somewhat resembles a pyramid."

CORSET DISEASE DISAPPEARS

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—One of the few diseases in Germany that have shown a decline in recent years is chlorosis, also known as "green-sickness." According to Professor Rudolf Lennhoff, the practical disappearance of the disease is to be directly ascribed to the discarding of corsets by women.

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CONSTRUCTION IN U. S. SHOWS GAINS

Operations are Relatively Higher in Western Portion of Country

Construction operations in the United States for the first six months of this year increased 0.71 per cent over the same period in 1923, Engineering News-Record reports. Totals of contract awards for the period this year were \$1,026,505,000, as against \$1,019,230,000 up to the end of June in 1923.

The Southern states show the greatest increase in construction for the six months period compared with that of last year of with any of the other sections. The increase is 26.6 per cent, making the 1924 half year total \$117,623,000.

Construction is holding relatively high rates in the southern, western and middle Atlantic sections. Substantial increases in these sections are shown month by month over their records of last year with the exception that the southern section fell below in June, the western in March and the middle Atlantic in April.

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TIME, but it helps the food give a dollar's worth of strength for every hundred cents spent. Take time in the evening to cook enough for breakfast and lunch. Let the cereals for breakfast cook during the evening meal.

DRINK at least eight glasses of water a day—two of them just after rising in the morning. Drink sparingly while at work. When overheated, wash out the mouth with cool water but do not swallow it. AVOID whiskey, beer and wine, for the sake of keeping your head clear for earning money. Moonshine is likely to cause blindness or fatal poisoning.

FOR DIARRHEA—Take a half day off from work. Lie flat on your back. Apply hot water bottle or hot clothes to abdomen. Take no food or drink. After pain is gone, drink boiled milk, and for next 24 hours use only broths, and other liquid foods. For severe pains in abdomen followed by nausea, which does not improve under above treatment, send for doctor.

PERSONAL CLEANLINESS

The chief cause of disease in camp is eating with unwashed hands. Soap kills many kinds of disease germs. A shower bath after the day's work is easy, if you will attach to a post a large can with holes in the bottom for the spray and open at the top for receiving the warm or cold water. A screen of sacking gives privacy. Washing the feet and hose each day and rubbing soap into hose lessens the burning of feet during a job which requires standing. USE YOUR OWN DRINKING CUP AND TOWEL. Keep garbage in covered cans and prevent flies. Use only the toilets provided by the management. Be especially careful about the contamination of streams.

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