

### BUSINESS ACTIVITY SHOWN BY REPORTS

Approximate Total Volume Is Given; Increase Declared Above Normal

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—Debits to individual accounts (bank debits) at banks in 20 clearing house centers in the Twelfth Federal Reserve district afford an approximate measure of the total volume of business activity in the district. These figures, corrected for usual seasonal variation, were 3.4 per cent larger than January this in December, 1924, and 5.0 per cent larger than in January, 1925. The latter increase is approximately equal to the estimated annual growth of business and trade in this district.

Comparative stability marked the industrial situation during the month, and there was little change in the volume of employment. Present employment figures are slightly smaller than a year ago, but there have been no reports of serious unemployment conditions during the winter. During January, the lumber mills of the district increased production from the annually low levels of December, and shipped more lumber than they produced. Stocks of lumber held by reporting mills on January 31, 1925, were smaller than one year ago. Unfilled orders on the books of these mills at the close of January, 1925, were 15.9 per cent smaller than at the close of January 1924. Mining activities continued during January at the relatively high levels of recent previous months and metal markets were seasonably active. Petroleum production in California was slightly less during January than in December, 1924. Decrease of production was accompanied by a seasonal decline of consumption during the later month which resulted in a further increase of 2,291,942 barrels in stored stocks, now aggregating

### Rash

That spoils beauty

Skin reddened or roughened, skin with eczema. Skin with pimples or blotches. People who suffer simply don't know what science has done to correct it. There is a new way, based on decades of skin study. It brings instant relief, healing starts at once, complete results come so quickly they often seem magical. Sulphur is one great factor. Probably no better way will ever be found to deal with skin parasites. But a new combination brings multiplied effects. The new way is called Mentho-Sulphur. Discomfort ends the moment you apply it. In a few hours the healing shows. And countless people are amazed to see how quickly the entire trouble ends.

Use this new-day method. Just ask your druggist for a jar of Rowley Mentho-Sulphur. You will learn that skin troubles can be removed almost as easily as dirt.

### Free—One Sunny Day

Add this sparkle to your morning glass. Let us send you—free—the way to sunnier days. It brings to countless people every day new fitness and new joy. The way is this: On rising drink a glass of water, hot or cold. That washes out the stomach—fits it for food. Add a little Jad Salts to the water. Then you have a sparkling drink. Jad Salts are made from the acids of lemon and grape, combined with lithia, etc. In an hour the whole day is

### HUNDREDS OF WOODEN SHIPS BUILT BY U. S. DURING WAR FORM \$50,000,000 JUNK PILE IN VIRGINIA



Above is a view of the plant of the Western Marine and Salvage Company at Alexandria, Va., where hundreds of wooden vessels of the

emergency fleet are being destroyed to salvage the metals and other materials used in their construction. The value of the salvaged

materials will be only a small fraction of the \$50,000,000 it cost to build the ships.

190,121,316 barrels. Flour-millers of the district produced and sold less flour during January than in December, 1924. The decline in volume of sales was greater than in production, and millers' stocks of flour increased slightly during the month. In 20 cities of the district there was a decline of \$1,765,000 in value of building permits issued during January, 1925, as compared with January, 1924, 13 of the reporting cities showing increases and 7 decreases.

Irregularities in trade persisted. Of the 11 lines of wholesale business for which figures were compiled by this bank, 7 showed decreases in value of sales during January, 1925, as compared with January, 1924, the decreases being smaller, however, than were similar declines reported for December, 1924, with December, 1923. Trade at retail, as represented by sales of 36 department stores in principal cities of the district, declined by about the seasonal amount from December to January, and was smaller in the latter month than in January a year ago. The volume of retailers' outstanding orders was approximately 2.6 per cent greater in January, 1925, than in January, 1924.

The price level at the end of January was approximately 10 per cent above the low point of June, 1924, and 6 per cent higher than in January, 1924, according to the wholesale price index number of the United States department of labor. During the closing months of 1924, prices of farm products as a group attained an approximate parity with their 1913 relationship to prices of other commodity groups, a position maintained during January. On January 30, 1925, wheat for May delivery on the Chicago market was quoted at \$2.04 per bushel, the highest price paid since January, 1920.

Further slow increase in the volume of credit advanced by member banks of the district was reported during the month, and a slight growth in borrowing from the federal reserve bank was noted. Interest rates charged by banks in leading cities tended slightly upward.

### MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER 398

WHY MADGE FELT A "COMFORTABLE LITTLE FEELING OF SAFETY."

I found Claire Foster, dressed for traveling, even to her hat, rushing frantically through her packing.

"I'm going to make it!" she said breathlessly. "I can't get everything in, but I can get some stout paper and cord from Mrs. Barker and make a bundle of what is left."

"I'll help you," I promised, to reassure her. "But come to breakfast now."

She looked at me with suddenly-widened eyes in which there was the haunting fear I had seen when she had mentioned Herbert Pettit's name.

"I—I couldn't eat any breakfast," she faltered.

I took her by the shoulders and swung her around facing me.

"Look here," I said crisply. "There's nothing more unpleasant going to happen to you, I guarantee it. The taxi is already waiting for us, and we only have to eat our breakfast and start. I have telephoned Dicky to meet us at Tim-kingsville, and we will motor from there to Nantucket and go from there to New York on the A. V. & W. In less than twenty minutes we shall be away from even the road leading to Coldwin."

"You mean—" she began breathlessly.

"I mean that you mustn't delay the game by not eating," I interrupted. "I will not stir a step unless you eat a decent breakfast. I won't insist upon its being a hearty one. And there is not the slightest reason for your being nervous. I'll tell you all about it when we get into the taxi."

She drew a deep breath, as might a child who has been assured of safety from some pursuing danger, and faced me with steady eyes.

"I won't hinder you any longer," she said simply.

"That's right," I said briskly. "Come along to the dining room now."

She followed me docilely down the hall, and into the dining room, where we found our places set, and as we sat down Mrs. Barker and the sulky maid came through the kitchen door, each with a covered tray.

"It will save time to have these things ready by your plate," Mrs. Barker said practically. "Just

keep them covered until you've finished your fruit."

She brushed an imaginary crumb from the tablecloth, came around to my side of the table and said in a low voice intended for my ear alone:

"I didn't intend that anyone should eat in here this morning while you were here, but an old man came in last night after you did who had made a mistake and left the train at the wrong station—he's some kind of a high-class foreigner by the looks and accent of him—and he came just now and asked for an early breakfast, so I couldn't help giving it to him. But he doesn't know anything about this mix-up as the people in the house do, so I don't think you need to mind."

"No, I don't mind," I returned quietly, although my pulses had quickened with excitement.

For I knew, of course, who was the elderly foreigner whom she meant—knew as well as I did a minute later, when Harry Underwood, in his clever but fantastic disguise of Don Ramon Almiraz, walked in and took a seat at the other end of the room.

Claire Foster opened her eyes wide at the sight of him, and with a flash of her old vivacity touched my foot beneath the table.

"Where did he get it?" she murmured, bending over her cereal.

"Hush!" I countered warily watching Mr. Underwood out of the corner of my eye.

An Unknown Quantity!

I had no idea whether or not he meant to speak to me. Harry Underwood is always distinctly the unknown quantity of any equation which contains him. His appearance at the Barker house, projected from conjecture as it was by his ingenious story, proved that he was carrying out his voiced intention of watching out for me.

I did not take much stock in his rather melodramatic hints of hidden knowledge, but his proximity and care of me gave me a queerly comfortable little feeling of safety.

(To be continued)

### Five Students to Enter Peace Oratorical Contest

The try-outs at Willamette University for the peace oratorical contest will be held in the near future. This is one of the most important forensic contests in which Willamette will enter this year as a cash prize of \$60 is awarded to the winner and a prize of \$40 to second place.

The following have signified their intention of trying out: Percy Hammond, Clarence Oliver, James Walsh, Rawson Chapin and Gladys Auburn.

Lee Chapin, winner of last year's contest, will not be eligible because of the state ruling.

### BORAH LOSES FIGHT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, lost his fight tonight to have the senate rescind its former action in voting an increase of salaries of senators and representatives from \$7,500 to \$10,000 a year.



### Noses

Quickly Cleared

When the head is stuffed up with catarrh or a cold it signifies a local germ attack. Then combat it locally. Fight the germs where they exist.

The way is Ely's Cream Balm. Apply a little in the nostrils and breathe it. Let its antiseptic fumes penetrate all the air passages. The head is cleared instantly, inflammation is subdued, the whole trouble is checked.

Internal treatments deal only with effects. Deal with the cause for quick relief. Ask your druggist for a bottle of Ely's Balm, and you misery can be in a moment. Do that

### LAW PRACTICES ARE DISCUSSED

Associate Justice Belt Addresses Meeting; Technical Rules Detailed

At the regular meeting held at The Spa Saturday evening, Associate Justice Belt of the Oregon supreme court was the principal speaker. Justice Belt laid stress on the tendency of the courts of law today in regard to adherence to technical rules. Justice is the primary aim of every court of law, he said, and old rules of procedure should not be allowed to interfere with the administration of the law. Courts are becoming more lenient in rulings on evidence and seek to discover all the facts concerning the case at hand. The also spoke on some of the methods of law practice which enable the lawyer to get the best results at the trial.

Justice Belt was recently elected to the supreme court and is the youngest member on the bench. Previous to this election he was trial judge in the circuit court for a term of ten years and before that he practiced law.

At last evening's meeting James Young acted as toastmaster and in addition to the main address each member of the club presented some topic concerning law in a short talk. The following members spoke: Oliver Crowther on the law of Maru; Joseph O'Neill on the following of precedent; Manley Strayer on divorce; Leland Duncan on morality; Clarence Phillips on regulation of radio by congress; George Duncan on contempt of court; William McKinney on domicile and residence; Harold Hall on the history of the Willamette law school and George Rhoten on legal ethics.

Justice Rand, also of the Oregon supreme court, will speak at the next meeting of the club, March 27, and Benjamin Forbes will act as toastmaster for the occasion.

### School Sponsors Spelling Contest at Silverton

SILVERTON, Ore., Mar. 2.—(Special to The Statesman)—The Silverton schools are sponsoring a spelling contest to be held in the near future by the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades of Silverton and adjacent schools.

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### Attractive Flannel Costume for Spring, and an Ensemble with Long Coat and Plaid Silk Frock



These models were shown in New York at a recent exhibition of advance modes. The flannel costume at the left promises to be popular in the early spring. The unusual ensemble attracted much attention.

Any school may enter the contest for any or all of the grades. Three or less pupils from each grade can participate. The winners of each school are asked to decide for grade championship. On April 10 a contest will be held to decide on grand championship. The Coolidge and McClaine bank of Silverton is offering prizes to the winners.

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### Building Records Show Permits for \$43,500 Given

Building permits issued yesterday by City Recorder Poulsen considered a sum of \$43,500 to be used for building purposes, and which will be started within a few days. The permits were for the building of a factory, the erection of dwellings and one permit was for the repair of a store building. The following permits were issued:

The Miles Linen company, a permit to construct a reinforced concrete factory building at 2160 Fairgrounds road, estimated to cost \$33,000. The builder was given as A. A. Selwert.

E. T. Barkus of 215 Kearney is to build a dwelling costing \$3000; C. W. Standish to build a garage at 783 North Capitol costing \$500; Max O. Buren, local merchant, is to make repairs to his store building which will cost \$500; the Salem Construction company of 1390 South Liberty is to erect a dwelling costing \$5000, while W. E. Tripp is to build a dwelling at 2055 South Church street costing \$3500. All permits were dated March 2.

Polk County News—A very large crowd attended the prayer meeting at the home of Pink McGuinn Sunday afternoon. We are sorry to report he is improving slowly.

### RHEUMATISM

IT'S A SHAME FOR YOU NOT TO GET RID OF RHEUMATISM

When Others Do It So Easily With Trunk's Prescription

Mrs. W. H. Stoddard of Upland, Mrs. John Obelle, 927 W. 3d St., Calif., in a letter says: "Trunk's Prescription for rheumatism is the ONLY thing that knocks the rheumatic pains, and to send four bottles."

Mrs. J. C. Breedlove, White Salmon, Man., writes: "I used your medicine for rheumatism and it cured me. I have a father-in-law who is suffering from rheumatism and I want to get it for him."

What these people have done hundreds of others have done, hundreds will do tomorrow, and YOU can be one of them. An amazingly easy treatment for the relief of all forms of rheumatism. If every man and woman who have rheumatism in any form would take Trunk's Prescription there would be but one remedy remaining on the market, and that one would be Trunk's Prescription, as it stands alone in its good effect and results, so much so that all other remedies would be laid aside as forgotten. No matter how long standing your case may be or the innumerable treatments tried in vain, simply follow this treatment as directed and rheumatism cannot exist in the human body. There are only two instances in which these prescriptions can fail, and that is if you haven't rheumatism, and if you do not read and follow the directions. Trunk's Prescription sells for \$1.75 or 3 for only \$5.00 at Perry's Drug Store, 115 S. Commercial St., Salem, Ore.—Adv.

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### City Beautiful

Is the Slogan Editor's Topic This Week

Salem Beautiful; More Beautiful Salem beautiful-- That is not enough. Salem is now a beautiful city-- But she has the setting for and the ambition to become the most beautiful city on earth. Salem is the bulb center of the United States.

It is now realized by Salem people that there is commercial value in beauty for a city. Beauty in a city brings people worth while; draws industries; enlists capital.

With every stream that meanders through Salem given a border of beauty, and all the helps to nature that may be taken advantage of in adding to the attractiveness of the city, Salem will realize her ambition.

Thursday's Statesman Will Offer Many Suggestions for Beautifying Your Home and Salem

Watch for this Issue