

# ROAD TO PROSPERITY

Rush on to Wholesale Houses to Replenish Stocks.

BUY HEAVIER THAN LAST YEAR

Country Fast Recovering From Financial Depression—Factories Resuming Operations.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—That the nation again is on the high road to prosperity was shown today by reports from all sections of the country. On every hand it is agreed that the depression following the financial flurry of last fall is a thing of the past, and that the outlook is for a steadily increasing volume of business until normal conditions have been reached. In some branches of trade prosperity in a full measure has been recorded, and other lines show an improvement that promises some satisfactory records at the close of the year.

Following the end of the stringency in money comes an improvement in collections and a corresponding facility of barter and sale. It also has been demonstrated completely that the general public escaped the effects of the flurry. The people have cash with which to supply their needs, and their needs are just as great as ever.

With more factories resuming operations every day, the number of the unemployed is decreasing, and it is believed that before long the idle mill will be the exception.

Chicago wholesalers report that the country merchants are coming in with their spring orders in greater numbers than a year ago. In almost every case they say that their stocks are low and must be replenished immediately to care for the demands of their customers.

The steel business, recognized as the barometer of trade in general, has shown marked improvement within the last few weeks. Such articles as wire and nails, which get to the general public quicker than the other products, are in great demand, and the railroads are coming into the market for large quantities of supplies.

The outlook is for bigger business, both in quality and in quantity, than last year," said Walter D. Moody, business manager of the Chicago Association of Commerce. "I have been around the wholesale district a good deal lately, and I find it is optimistic over the outlook for the spring business. I have had direct reports from many of the large houses, and they all read the same.

"There are many merchants in town, and they are coming by every train. They are flocking to the wholesale houses, and in practically every case they are buying freely.

## JAPS AT TARGET PRACTICE

Have Small Cannon Mounted Along California Coast.

Santa Monica, Cal., Feb. 13.—On an unfrequented bluff, which marks the northern limit of Santa Monica bay, a party of seven Japanese, with a small cannon in their possession, have been for several days past engaged in experiments that have aroused the suspicions of the settlers in the homestead district, and the news of their operations, reaching here tonight, has created some little excitement, particularly as it is known that the portion of the American battleship fleet will remain several days in the waters enclosed by Point Duma, where the party of Japanese made its headquarters.

Their evident anxiety to escape observation, he said, drew upon them the careful observation of several of the settlers, who found them on one occasion in possession of a small pivot gun, which, mounted on a cliff 185 feet above the water, was being fired, first in one direction and then in another.

The Japanese, unaware that they were being watched, seemed interested in determining the range of the little piece of artillery, which threw missiles over a mile from the shore. The gun was operated with smokeless powder.

## Free to Work for Strike.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 13.—Judge McLemore has dissolved the injunction obtained in his court sometime ago by the Luckenbach Towing Company, of Brooklyn, N. Y., by which the Norfolk Marine Engineers Union, its officers and members, were restrained from interfering with the employees on the Luckenbach tugs in an effort to bring on an engineers' strike. Judge McLemore ruled that no injunction could lie until the evidence against plaintiffs, or their property, was attempted by the defendant.

## Portugal Growing Quiet.

London, Feb. 13.—The Times this morning publishes a long Lisbon dispatch relative to recent events in Portugal. It says that the situation is improving daily and that the government adheres to its policy of conciliating public opinion, but that it would be a mistake to consider all danger over.

## COURT SHIELDED CRIME.

Remarkable Petition for Re-Hearing Filed in Schmitz Case

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—In what is probably one of the most remarkable papers ever addressed to a California court the prosecution in the San Francisco bribery-graft cases today filed with the Supreme Court a petition for a re-hearing of the decision of the Court of Appeals in which ex-Mayor Eugene Schmitz and the former political boss, Abraham Ruef, were virtually held to be guiltless of extortion, the conviction of the former reversed and the plea of guilty by Ruef practically nullified.

The petition openly criticizes the Court of Appeals for its decision and charges that the court by its act had virtually legalized blackmail in the state.

The appeal is signed by Attorney-General U. S. Webb, Francis J. Heney, William H. Langdon, Charles W. Cobb and Joseph Dwyer. The petition concludes:

We ask for a rehearing because the decision, with the greatest respect to the court that rendered it and to this court is:

1. Fallacious in its logic.
2. Devoid of reason to support it.
3. Unsupported by the authorities cited.
4. Diametrically opposed to high authorities, which we cited in our briefs but which are unnoticed by the opinion.

## MAKE SECRET TREATIES.

Germany Destroys Hope of Reform and Gets Concessions.

London, Feb. 14.—The Foreign Office has been advised by Sir N. R. O'Connor, the British ambassador at Constantinople, that Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, the German diplomatic representative, announced at the last meeting of the ambassadors to Turkey that Germany has decided, instead of signing the joint note to the Porte demanding judicial reforms in Macedonia, to agree to the Turkish proposal that the Macadonian foreign gendarmerie be placed under the control of Turkey.

No confirmation has been received by the Foreign Office, however, of the report that Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey have entered upon secret treaties, but the independent action of Germany in the matter of the reforms in Macedonia has caused disquietude, as it upsets the work accomplished during the past year and makes the future uncertain.

In the meantime the powers are continuing the consideration of the recommendations of their ambassadors. It is not expected, however, that the Porte will accept these recommendations, in view of Germany's support of the counter-proposals, and it is believed that the entire question will have to be re-considered.

## REACH VALPARAISO.

Battleship Fleet Being Escorted by Chilean Warships.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The Navy Department has received the following message from Admiral Simpson, of the Chilean navy, on board the cruiser Chacabuco, which piloted Admiral Evans' fleet partially through the Straits of Magellan:

"Talcahuano, Chile, Feb. 12, 1908.—Admiral Evans requests me to inform the Department from the fleet at sea Tuesday 4 p. m., bound for Callao, via Valparaiso: 'Everything going on well. Admiral Evans much better in health.'"

Mr. Hicks, the American minister to Chile, today cabled the state department that the Chilean cruiser Chacabuco, presumably now at Valparaiso, would sail south today for the purpose of joining the battleship fleet again with two Chilean warships, one of which is the Esmeralda.

The three vessels will convey the fleet to Valparaiso, where President Montt will review it from a war vessel and at the same time salutes will be exchanged between the vessels of the two navies.

The Chacabuco conveyed the battleships from Punta Arena to a point nearly opposite Porto Montt, when she left them and proceeded north.

## Jiu Jitsu in Germany.

Berlin, Feb. 14.—The Japanese method of wrestling, jiu jitsu, is to be introduced into all the military and naval gymnasiums of Germany, at the express command of the Emperor. His Majesty has directed all officers to acquire a thorough acquaintance with the rules of jiu jitsu. The officers, upon obtaining their certificates of efficiency in this new method, will be detailed to the various local gymnasiums throughout the empire where they will impart a knowledge of the methods to the recruits as soon as they join.

## Companies Increase Forces.

St. Louis, Feb. 14.—The Republic Iron & Steel Company in East St. Louis put 900 men to work yesterday and today, announcement was made by the National Enameling & Stamping Company that 400 extra men will be given employment in the tin mills of the company at Granite City next Monday.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

## FORBIDS GLAD HAND.

Corrupt Practices Act May Be Found Unconstitutional.

Salem.—That the corrupt-practices bill, to be submitted to a vote of the people under the initiative and referendum, is in direct conflict with that section of the Constitution which guarantees freedom of speech is believed by many who have read the measure. The bill makes it a crime for any person to ask, solicit or in any manner try to induce or persuade a voter on election day to vote for or against any candidate or measure. This would bar the use of any kind of argument on election day and there is doubt whether it would be constitutional.

Under this section of the law it is probable that newspapers published on the morning of election day would be prohibited from printing anything calculated to influence voters in determining how to mark their ballots.

The words "in any manner try to induce or persuade" would cover a multitude of acts. Candidates who went to the polls and extended the glad hand to voters would unquestionably come within the terms of the act, for it is common knowledge that a warm handshake is one of the most potent means of getting votes.

## HOW TO MARK YOUR BALLOT

Instructions for Voting on Initiative and Referendum Petitions.

Salem.—That there is a general misunderstanding as to the manner in which ballots should be marked in voting upon referendum measures is indicated by the fact that in addressing a public meeting a few days ago a prominent speaker made the assertion that in order to defeat a referendum measure one must vote "Yes." This was an error. Ballots are to be marked in exactly the same manner as to both initiative and referendum measures. Those who wish a bill enacted or a proposed constitutional amendment adopted should mark their ballots before the word "Yes." Those who are opposed to it should vote "No." Whether submitted under the referendum or proposed by initiative, the measures appear upon the ballot in exactly the same form. A bill that has been passed by the legislature and has been referred to the people stands in the same position as a measure that has been proposed by initiative.

## PRECIOUS STONES IN RIVER.

Albany Man Makes Great Finds on Gravel Bars.

Albany.—That the gravel bars of the Willamette river are full of valuable stones is evidenced by the number found by J. G. Crawford, of this city, in the past year. People spend hours, says Mr. Crawford, searching on ocean beaches for stones, which can be picked up in ordinary gravel bars where no one ever thinks of searching.

On the Willamette just above and opposite this city is a wide gravel bar and on this during the past year Mr. Crawford has found the following stones, and minerals: Agates of various colors, cornellans, various shades of jasper, conglomerate jasper, white jade, feldspar which resembles the blue ground of South Africa, indicative of diamonds; chalcedony, silicas of various colors, black obsidian, black and red obsidian, moon stones, opals, rubinated quartz, Thompsonite, serpentine, oolitic sandstone, sutureite, phallus and mitiorite, composed of iron and sulphur. On this same plain-appearing gravel bar Mr. Crawford has found in his searches in the past year a fossil shark's tooth, primitive axes, pastels and mortars and paleoliths.

## New Salmon Hatchery.

Astoria.—Master Fish Warden Van Dusen received from the O. R. & N. Co. a lease to the property on Tanner creek, near Bonneville, which the state fisheries department desires as a site for the establishment of a large central salmon hatchery, and of a system of retaining ponds, where the small fry can be fed and kept until large enough to protect themselves against their numerous natural enemies before being turned out.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 82c; bluestem, 84c; valley, 82c; red, 80c.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50; gray, \$27.50 per ton.  
Barley—Feed, \$26.00 per ton; brewing, \$32.00; rolled, \$29@30.  
Corn—Whole, \$22.50; cracked, \$33.50.  
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$20@21; clover, \$14@15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$14@15; alfalfa, \$12@13; vetch, \$14.  
Butter—City creameries; Extra creamery, 37½¢ per pound; state creameries, fancy creamery, 29@35¢; store butter, choice, 16@17¢.  
Cheese—Oregon full cream twins, 15¢; Young America, 16@16½¢ per pound.  
Poultry—Average old hens, 13@13½¢; mixed chickens, 12@12½¢; spring chickens, 12½@13¢; roosters, 10@11¢; dressed chickens, 14¢; turkeys, live, per pound, 9@10¢; ducks, 14@15¢; pigeons, 75¢@1.00; squabs, \$1.50@2.  
Eggs—Fresh ranch 30c, candled, 23@24¢; per dozen; Eastern nominal.  
Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 9¢; 125 to 150 pounds, 7¢; 150 to 200 pounds, 5@6½¢.  
Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6½@7¢; packers, 5@6¢.  
Fruits—Apples, table, \$1.75@3.00; cooking, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$8@11 per barrel.  
Vegetables—Turnips, 75¢ per sack; carrots, 65¢ per sack; beets, \$1.00 per sack; garlic, 8¢ per pound; Artichokes, 90¢@1.10 per dozen; beans, 20¢ per pound; cabbage, 1@1½¢ per pound; cauliflower, \$1.75@1.85; celery, \$3.75@4 per crate; eggplant, 17½¢ per pound; lettuce, hot-house, 50¢@1.25 per box; onions, 15@20¢ per dozen; parsley, 20¢ per dozen; peas, 10¢ per pound; peppers, 17½¢ per pound; pumpkins, 1@1½¢ per pound; radishes, 20¢ per dozen; spinach, 6¢ per pound; sprouts, 8¢ per pound; squash, 1@1½¢ per pound; tomatoes, crates (6 baskets), \$5@5.50.  
Onions—Buying price, \$2.50 per hundred.  
Potatoes—Buying price, 40@60¢ per hundred delivered Portland; sweet potatoes \$3.25@3.50 per cwt.

## THREE DEAD; 23 INJURED.

Sheridan Local Wrecked by Broken Rail at Forest Grove

Forest Grove, Ore., Feb. 12.—Three were killed and 23 were injured, one very seriously, by the derailment of the Sheridan local on a short trestle bridge about three-fourths of a mile west of this city at 6 o'clock last night. The dead are: Mrs. Edward Bates and 5-month-old daughter, of Forest Grove. J. A. McDonald, of McMinnville. Mrs. J. H. Brown, aged 69, of Sheridan, was badly crushed, and may not recover.

The accident resulted from a broken rail, one 30-foot section at the west end of the trestle bridge being splintered into four pieces by the weight of the heavily loaded coaches. The defective rail apparently did not give way until after the engine, mail and baggage cars had crossed in safety.

The smoker was the first to leave the track, carrying with it two day coaches. The smoker and the first day coach ran over the ties for a distance of 20 yards and pitched from the trestle to the ground, ten feet below, striking on their sides. The second day coach also left the track, and turned only partly over.

Miss Grace Harding, of Gaston, a passenger in the rear coach, was thrown through a window into less than two feet of water beneath the trestle, but escaped uninjured.

## PRINTERS SENT TO PRISON.

Members of New York "Big 6" Fined and Sent to Jail.

New York, Feb. 12.—President Patrick McCormick, of the local Typographical Union, known as the "Big 6" and George W. Jackson and Vincent J. Costello, union organizers, yesterday were fined \$150 each and sentenced to 20 days imprisonment for disobedience of an injunction obtained by the Typothetae of New York in 1906. Thomas Bennett and William S. Anderson were fined \$100 on the same charge. Sentence was imposed by Justice Bishop in the supreme court.

This is the first time any such heavy sentence in the case of a labor organization for violation of injunction has been imposed in these courts. The troubles grew out of the strike of Typographical Union No. 6, commonly called "Big Six," ordered early in 1906 against the Association of Employers known as the Typothetae of the city of New York for a closed shop and an eight-hour day.

## WILL BAR JAPS.

British Columbia Legislature Enacts Educational Test Law.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 12.—The new immigration law, enacted by the British Columbia legislature recently, on the lines of the Natal act, which applies an educational test to immigrants arriving in British Columbia, who must be able to read and write in English or a language of Europe to be permitted to land, became a law today, when Lieutenant-Governor James Dunsmuir assented to the bill.

Immediate provisions were made for the enforcement of the new law, which is obviously aimed at the Japanese, and officials have been instructed to carry out its effect on all immigrants arriving after today. There are at the quarantine station 268 Japanese, left there by the steamer Kaga Maru, in quarantine, 125 of whom are bound here, and these will come under the provisions of the new law.

## RURAL PARCELS POST BILL.

Burnham Proposes Measure to Help Country Merchants.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Senator Burnham, of New Hampshire, today introduced in congress a measure of distinct importance to rural interests throughout the United States. It is a bill to provide a rural delivery parcels post for merchandise and other articles actually mailed on rural delivery routes. The rural free delivery routes now number more than 28,000, and on them in excess of 15,000,000 people receive a daily postal service.

The measure has the indorsement of the president and postmaster-general, Meyer. It provides, in brief, for the establishment of a rural parcel post at special rates of postage for the delivery of foodstuffs, dry goods, drugs, books and other merchandise.

## Fund for King's Slayers

London, Feb. 12.—A special dispatch to the Standard from Lisbon states that the public acquiescence in the assassination of the King and Crown Prince as a justifiable political act, and that no effort will be made to bring to justice the accomplices of the murderers, although they are numerous and in many cases known. On the contrary, says the dispatch, no surprise is expressed that the republican newspapers demand the criminal prosecution of the king's equerry, Flegueria, who snatched one assassin.

## Arbitrate With France.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Secretary Root and Ambassador Jusserand today signed a treaty providing for the arbitration of any issue that may arise between France and America.

# CAN'T MAKE RATES

State Railroad Commission Has No Such Power.

COURT SO DECIDES WHEAT CASE

State Constitution Gives Rate Makers Power to Legislate—Extra Session May Be Called.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 15.—That the Washington state railroad commission has no authority to fix maximum rates is the gist of a decision handed down by Judge Hanford in the federal court in this city in a decision in the joint wheat rate case. Judge Hanford holds that under section 18, of article XII, of the state constitution, the power to establish and fix maximum freight and passenger rates is reserved to the legislature and cannot be delegated to a commission.

By this decision the usefulness of the railroad commission as to rate making is destroyed, and Governor Mead stated tonight that he has under consideration the advisability of calling an extra session of the legislature to consider submitting at the next general election a proposed amendment to the state constitution giving the railroad commission the power of rate making.

The decision is a victory for the O. R. & N. and the commercial interests of Portland as opposed to the efforts of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern to divert Eastern Washington wheat traffic from Portland to Puget Sound seaports.

The case will immediately be carried to the supreme court of the United States. If the ruling is upheld in the higher court of appeals, the state commission will have power only to take testimony and gather data relative to rates and forward this to the legislature with recommendations for fixing rates.

## CHILEANS CHEER FLEET.

Navy Thunders Salute—Roosevelt and Evans Toasted.

Valparaiso, Feb. 15.—The great American fleet of 16 battleships, under command of Rear-Admiral Evans, passed Valparaiso yesterday afternoon and continued on its voyage northward for Callao, Peru, the next stopping place. All Valparaiso and thousands of persons from every city in Chile witnessed the passing of the fleet.

President Montt and the other high officials of the republic came out from shore to greet the battleships, and almost the entire Chilean navy exchanged salutes with them as they swung around Curcunilla Point and into Valparaiso Bay in single file, headed by the Chilean cruiser Chacabuco and five Chilean torpedo boat destroyers.

President Montt and other Chilean officials embarked on the training ship General Baquedano and took a position well out in the harbor. Around the Baquedano the fleet swung at a speed of four knots, firing the presidential salute as they passed in review. It was one hour from the time the head of the fleet entered the bay until the last vessel had passed the president's ship and turned toward the open sea.

## SHIP GOES ASHORE.

Vessel and Cargo of Coal Lost on Oregon Coast.

Bay City, Ore., Feb. 15.—The American wooden ship Emily Reed, 103 days out from Newcastle, N. S. W., with a cargo of coal for Portland, went ashore half a mile south of the Nehalem river, on the Oregon coast at 1:30 o'clock this morning. The vessel immediately broke in two and ten members of the crew were drowned. Captain Kessel, his wife, Second Mate Charles Thompson and three members of the crew were saved.

The survivors were brought to Bay City yesterday morning and are now quartered at private residences. The ship has broken up and will be a total loss, as will also the cargo of 2,110 tons of coal. The vessel was consigned to the Pacific Coast Company at Portland.

## Army of Buyers in New York.

New York, Feb. 15.—The Merchants Association estimates that fully 700 more buyers reached town yesterday, making nearly 4,000 now in the city. Although yesterday was a holiday, large wholesale houses were compelled to keep open all day because of the great number of buyers. The winter goods season which is supposed to close in January has been lengthened and many large orders are reported as placed yesterday. Merchants and buyers from the west report a great increase of business.

## After Express Company.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 15.—Violation of the postal laws by carrying first-class mail matter was charged against the American Express Company in a suit filed in the United States district court here today.