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A GRAVE MISTAKE.

The new year has been ushered in with most gratifying reports of improved business conditions. Railroads are handling more freight and ordering new equipment, the steel trade is reviving, retail business improvement is noted in all sections and easier credit conditions exist everywhere.

It is a significant fact that in their trade reviews of 1914 neither Dun nor Bradstreet refer to the tariff as affecting adversely business conditions of the past year. Both of these great commercial organizations emphasize the European war as the cause of the worldwide collapse of trade. Dun's Review says in this regard "Since the beginning of the modern system of credits in the middle of the seventeenth century there has been nothing approaching in violence and extent the overwhelming convulsion of the market of 1914 as the result of the sudden outbreak of the European war. The United States, although a neutral country, suffered almost as much in a business way as the nations actually engaged in the conflict."

Of course Dun and Bradstreet are all wrong on this. Almost any Republican newspaper or spellbinder will tell you that the war had little or nothing to do with it, and the Democratic tariff caused all the trouble. But isn't it strange that both of these commercial agencies, neither of which can be accused of being Democratic, should make such a mistake?

Exceedingly bad taste is a mild characterization for the performance of an ex-president of the United States who feeds his insatiable appetite for newspaper notoriety by fabricating a statement in a foreign newspaper bitterly attacking his own government's foreign policies. But, however incongruous and unpatriotic such a spectacle may appear abroad, it excites little more than an amused and contemptuous derision on this side, where the people of the United States have ceased to regard Theodore Roosevelt seriously.

Having become one himself, Colonel Roosevelt shows symptoms of sympathy for the down-and-outs.

Some men's consciences are always taking the rest cure.

One thing about the war especially pleasing to the czar is the fact that he is not at present the chief target for Russian bombs.

Admiral Dewey comes from the fighting stock that fights all the harder because the cause is hopeless. He is a Vermont Democrat.

Miss Genevieve Clark, daughter of the speaker, is to marry an editor. We always did admire that young lady's taste and good sense.

Down in Mexico there is some talk of extending the presidential tenure of office to two months.

Of course T. R. is shocked by our foreign policy. It isn't one of My Policies.

Geologists tell us the earth is 100,000,000 years old. And still it cuts up capers.

One reason truth is stranger than fiction is that we don't hear it so often.

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Some people only tell the truth when they want to make trouble.

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IN THEATRE BUSINESSBy Beau Rialto
(Written for United Press.)

New York, Jan. 16.—The opening fortnight of the new year finds the local theatrical situation almost devoid of feature as far as new plays are concerned. The merry holiday spirit and so on always puts a big dent in the paternal pocketbook and the theater tickets, numbered among the luxuries, are not bought in any great numbers while the said pocketbook gets back to its former state of good health and robustness. Of course, the managers know all this and seldom is it that a producer will venture forth with a fledgling when the year is still young.

The one happy, successful exception is James Forbes' "The Show Shop" at the Hudson. Forbes is pleasantly gratefully remembered for "The Chorus Lady," the excellent play which introduced Rose Stahl to the country. This latest play is very much like "The Chorus Lady," for it, too, holds the mirror up to the theatre in its natural colors. In the Stahl vehicle he showed that the life of the footlights is not all honey and jam, that all the chorus ladies do not "wear diamond chest protectors or dine at local restaurants." In "The Show Shop" Forbes makes a delightful fling at the managers—and nobody likes a manager—with genuine satire flavored with a little sentimentality.

He shows in the opening act the office of the manager who is going to put on a melodrama entitled "The Punch." Into that office stream all the characters who may be seen in real life and sunny afternoon on the east side of Broadway in the neighborhood of Times Square. Of

course, there is the young actress, the doting mamma, the "angel" and all the rest. The millionaire wants to marry the heroine of "The Punch" but mother objects. She wants daughter to have a Broadway appearance first. How the young plutocrat wins the girl, is the story of the play. He does.

The cast usually good with Douglas Fairbanks, Miss Zella Sears, Patricia Collinge, Edna Aug. Ned Sparks, Georgia Sidney, William Sampson, Sam Coit and Miss Olive May.

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best. He is John Jarina, 12. His
father has been dead five years.

Gustave Miller, 13, another is an
orphan. He works from morn till
night on a farm near Rocky River, a
Cleveland suburb. His schooling
starts at once.

Little Michael Lucas, 13, is an-
other beneficiary of the big brother
scheme. Michael's father has been
out of work for months. Now Mi-
chael has a new father who is giving
him a chance to be success as a busi-
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good citizen.

When the Rotary club decided to
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