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STEADILY BRIGHTENING.

The following Dun report of finan-
cial conditions is so comprehensive
that the Democrat gives it. A spirit
of optimism prevails in it that needs
to be seen, in order that this western
country particularly shall appreciate
the real situation:Success of the foreign loan negotia-
tions foreshadows a further extension
of American enterprise and empha-
sizes the position occupied by this
country in the field of international
finance. With constructive factors
multiplying, prospects steadily brighten
and actual gains in business are
now more in keeping with the growth
of optimistic sentiment. Almost
without exception, reports from the
leading centers tell of accumulating
evidences of progress and only in iso-
lated cases, such as the lumber trade,
is depression still manifest. Even
here there are indications of recovery,
other building materials also moving
more freely, owing to the widening
scope of new construction. Outdoor
work has been facilitated by favorable
weather, which is also an important
influence in imparting impetus to op-
erations in distributing channels. Con-
tinued low temperatures in many sec-
tions notably stimulate retail buying
of seasonable merchandise, while the
broadening activity in this direction
is reflected in the enlarged demands
made upon wholesale departments.
Development of all business is ex-
ceeding expectations in some quar-
ters and expanding requirements are
a feature in the dry goods markets,
which are buoyant in response to the
rapid rise in raw cotton. Though the
dye-stuffs shortage continues a hand-
icap, the textile situation generally
shows distinct improvement; renewed
interest is created in leather by the
placing of the large Russian army
boot contract and conservatism in
footwear is less in evidence. Pressure
upon the steel mills is so great that
producers are chiefly concerned with
the problem of making deliveries,
conditions in this respect being fur-
ther complicated by the recent rush
of railroad equipment orders. The
industrial boom is not alone confined
to the east; it has spread to the west
and south, and in the latter section
manufacturing plants that have been
idle for years are resuming. This,
together with the phenomenal ad-
vance in cotton prices, has caused a
sudden reversal of sentiment, which
is now as optimistic as it was pes-
simistic a short time ago. The com-
mercial mortality in the south is di-
minishing and for the country at
large the failure returns for the third
quarter reflect a gratifying recovery
from previous depression. Other sta-
tistics are also favorable, gross earn-
ings of railroads reporting for three
weeks of September being 1.8 per
cent larger than last year, while bank
clearings at leading centers show a
gain of 15.6 per cent over 1914, a fair
comparison with a year ago not being
possible because of the general sus-
pension of operations in the leading
speculative markets.Though there is no abatement of
the foreign demands, for the moment
war contracts in iron and steel are
overshadowed by the sudden revival
of railroad buying. After displaying
a conservative attitude for a protracted
period, the transporting companies
are now entering the market in ear-
nest and the rush of business from
this quarter accentuates the pressure
upon producing interests.The ladies of the United Presbyter-
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to marry. The fool killer has not
been around his way.As a matter of fact many men are
fools if they don't marry. Marriage
responsibility grips a man into real
living.The papers are again giving pictures
of James Whitcomb Riley. Does one
good to look into his face, as well as
to read his poems. Everybody likes
Riley.Those poor little fool Balkanites
are jumping all over dynamite.The more we think about it the
more we don't know anything about
which will beat—Beans or Quakers.Some consolation in baseball circles
in the fact that there is one Portland
in the U. S. that had some base ball
snap in 1914.Don't let cobwebs get into your
head.Even if your hair is gray don't let
the gray matter underneath go back
to second childishness.Ruts are dangerous to the mind.
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fall over.Did you ever digest the fact that a
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Rattlesnake Jim's Whereabouts.

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Jim an eccentrically dressed individ-
ual, who travels about the world
afloat and has visited almost every
climate and country, is in Marshfield,
after having visited North Bend for
several days. Jim has the faculty
of attracting much attention by his
method of dress, as he goes barefoot
and keeps his trousers rolled well
up to his knees. He wears a red band
about his head, underneath his hat.
Sometimes he talks to the news-paper men and sometimes he does
not. He was equipped with a great
array of supplies and paraphernalia
when he arrived here, carrying pro-
visions and clothing, and things nec-
essary to a traveler. Last night he
kept his pack at the police station and
the officers permitted him to occupy
one of the beds in the city jail. Those
who could break through his reserve
and had conversation with him state
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