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COUNTRY'S BUSINESS CONDITIONS

While the volume of employment is two per cent smaller than in the spring it is three per cent larger than a year ago, according to the index of factory employment of the Federal Reserve board. Contracts for new buildings are 20 per cent greater than last year.

Final estimates show larger yields of corn, oats, tobacco and cotton than in 1922 and smaller yields of wheat, hay and potatoes. Each of ten crops, except wheat, showed an increase in value according to the federal government's report.

Railroad freight shipments shows a heavier volume than in previous years during the fall period. Wholesale trade is but slightly larger than a year ago but retail trade increased 11 per cent. Wholesale prices are three per cent lower than the previous year.

Editorial Comment

UP TO EUROPE ALONE

It is Europe, and Europe only, that is to blame for its conditions, and by no twist can even a fraction of responsibility for them be laid at America's door. Washington Post.

As Secretary Denby says, if our warships aren't made equal in effectiveness to those of the other fellow, what's the use of paying out good money to maintain them at all.—Marion Star.

In Russia and Mexico, when a man opposes the government, he is shot. In the United States he is photographed for the rotogravure section.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

That writer who says there is no logical reason for the steady increase of divorce should study the pile of tin cans in the alley.—North Adams Herald.

OUR APPLES TO ENGLAND

Northwest apple growers have reason to congratulate themselves on the defeat of the protection program at the recent English elections. The proposed new protective tariff would have added about 75 cents to the cost of a box of American apples sold in the markets of the United Kingdom. But even with this victory there will be not much reason for extravagant rejoicing if no better profits are made on the competing exports than on those made from the yield of the harvest of 1922. Those apples were sold abroad because they were so cheap they were in the nature of a gift. Of course they were thus taken off the local market. But at the best they were dumped on the English market by our growers.

A London correspondent to the Oregon Voter says that in spite of this low price the consumer in England did not get much profit from the loss sustained by the American growers. Speaking of prices for this fruit in the English markets this writer says: "The retail price of any decent apples is seldom less than double the price paid by the retailer, and commonly three times the going price at the primary sale." This enormous margin, he wisely says greatly limits consumption.

He states that American apples constitute no less than one-fourth of the total of apples eaten in England, and that Canada sends a like amount. He advises that American growers, instead of dumping their second class apples in England, systematically market their best grades there, feeding their supplies into the trade as needed, avoiding glutting and so cutting out much of the super-profits of retailers.

This writer holds that on the apple crop of 1922 American growers lost no less than \$2,000,000 because of their lack of systematic marketing. Until our growers learn to co-operate in establishing a foreign market as well as a home one, they may expect to lose to the power that does know how to trade systematically and co-operatively.—Portland Telegram.

FAIRBANKS JR.'S FIRST; A PICTURE OF YOUTH

Boys and girls of all ages, everywhere, will rejoice at the news of the presentation of Douglas Fairbanks Jr.'s first Paramount picture, "Stephen Steps Out," at the Rex Theatre this week. The story is one of a typical American boy, a high school pupil. Stephen Harlow, Jr., like most red-blooded boys of his age, has an aversion for text books. As the story progresses, Stephen goes to Constantinople, where his father has sent him to study Turkish history. Contrary to expectations, Constantinople is full of excitement for Stephen—if a revolution, the kidnapping of the Sultan's son and street fights galore count for anything.

"Stephen Steps Out" is a fast-moving comedy throughout. It is a picture all will enjoy. Theodore Roberts is featured in support of the star and others in the cast include Noah Beery, Harry Myers and Frank Currier. Joseph Henabery was the director.

BORN—January 6, 1924, at the Mercy hospital in Eugene, to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Williams of Marcola, a daughter, weight 6 pounds.

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Annual imports of Chinese eggs into the United States are more than offset by exports of American eggs, the United States Department of Agriculture declares. Moreover, the imported eggs are mainly dried and frozen eggs used by the larger bakeries, confectioners, and other wholesale consumers, whereas American exports are principally shell eggs. During the ten months ending October, 1923, 15,000,000 pounds of dried and frozen eggs were imported, as compared with 18,000,000 pounds imported during the corresponding period of 1922.

HISTORIC CABIN SHOWN IN "TOB'ABLE DAVID"

When "Tob'able David," which Associated First National Pictures, Inc. is releasing as Richard Barthelmess' first starring vehicle, appears on the screen at Bell Theatre, Saturday, northerners for the first time will see one of the most famous historic spots of the Civil War. It is Mosby's cabin in which the famous Confederate guerrilla leader took refuge after the battle of Winchester. The story is picturesquely told in the famous poem of "Sheridan Twenty Miles Away."

Tradition in the Virginia mountains to this day insists that any man desiring to escape cannot be captured in this territory.

Union soldiers hot on the trail of Mosby, came to the cabin where he had paused for a bite to eat. Without hesitation he climbed into the chimney. Searching the place they failed to find him, as the hot chimney seemed inaccessible to them as a hiding place.

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