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Money In Abundance and Loans Are Expanded

New York, Dec. 9.—We are passing through extraordinary experiences in the money market. Funds are exceptionally abundant and easy, notwithstanding an expansion of a billion in loans of New York banks during the past twelve months. We have loaned vast sums to Europe; invested in new bonds and loans at a rapid rate and repurchased an enormous amount of securities held abroad; and yet our financial resources are far from exhausted and still seem to have great possibilities. Enterprise is reviving. Many new concerns are being launched and old ones refinanced at a rate involving a heavy drain upon liquid capital. In fact the absorption of various forms of investments during the last three months has been simply amazing, and was only partially reflected in the daily Stock Exchange transactions in stocks and bonds. There are many evidences of widespread business revival. Among the most convincing were the October report of the Pennsylvania system, which showed an increase of \$5,200,000 in gross earnings and \$3,500,000 in net, and the New York Central statement, which reported an increase of \$2,500,000 gross and \$2,000,000 net.

General trade continues to expand and bank clearings last week showed an increase from last year of nearly 57 per cent, in spite of diminished speculative activity. November clearings were 75 per cent ahead of last year and 40 per cent ahead of 1913. Reports from the West, where good crops are a powerful stimulant, seem especially encouraging. West of the Alleghenies the war counts for little and local conditions are the principal factor. Merchants in those regions report bare shelves and a widening demand for all classes of merchandise. Big retail stores in all sections of the country anticipate a good Christmas trade. The steel industry continues on its record breaking course, the present rate of pig iron production exceeding all precedent. Prices are again advancing and in some instances have reached a point that restrains orders; but profits are large and this industry is now enjoying a degree of prosperity which should compensate for the lean period which had been endured for months. Railroads are heavy buyers of equipment, having placed liberal orders for rails and engines, in addition to nearly 35,000 cars in November, the largest number since January, 1913. Out export trade in steel is also promising, since foreign requirements are increasing while Great Britain and Germany, our chief competitors, are diverting their energies to the demands of war. Building operations are also being making on a larger scale under the stimulus of rising confidence and an easier credit situation. There has been a decided improvement in the demand for textiles; both cotton and woolen fabrics reflecting this change in ad-

vancing prices. New incorporations reported in November aggregated \$243,600,000, against \$116,000,000 a year ago and \$121,000,000 in the same month of 1913. The total incorporations recorded for the past eleven months reached \$1,362,000,000, against \$877,000,000 in 1914 and \$1,582,000,000 in 1913. These facts show a remarkable revival of enterprise from the severe contraction which followed the declaration of war; the low ebb being in October 1914, when the volume of new incorporations was only \$70,000,000. The amount of new security issues recorded in November was \$230,000,000, against \$28,000,000 a year ago. This was the largest sum in many months, except February last when the total was swelled by several large railroad bond issues, including \$100,000,000 by New York Central. In the face of such facts no very prolonged reaction in stocks can be expected.

In spite of satisfactory trade conditions, flattering railroad earnings, phenomenal activity in steel, etc., the stock market showed a steady declining tendency. This was attributed partly to continued liquidation, to foreign selling and the approaching opening of Congress. A lot of new problems have lately been pressed upon public attention, such as preparedness, revenue, tariff, shipping, etc., and the political situation is further complicated by the coming presidential campaign and the excitement and uncertainty which that movement is likely to produce. There is no reason to anticipate any more disturbance than usual during the next election, and when the president's message reveals the administration policy for the coming session, a sense of relief will probably be felt. One important factor in the reaction was the weakness in the munition shares. Exaggerated war profits will not be repeated. The Allies have secured enough ammunition to tide over the emergency, and Great Britain will now be able to make its own munitions at much lower cost than supplies drawn from the United States. Of course, while the war continues further orders may be expected, but they will be less urgent, less frequent and at lower prices than the first series. Concerns with orders at early prices that will keep them occupied for some months to come must continue to show good results, but it is a question whether these have not been exaggerated and fully discounted. In directly the war continues the most important factor. Financial conditions have been adjusted to present circumstances, thus discounting all known influences. Any important developments in the struggle would, however, be promptly reflected in this market. Peace talk is plentiful, but the chief belligerents show no disposition to come to terms and the outlook is for the struggle to continue through the winter at least, although surprises may happen at any date. —HENRY CLEWS.

CLUB HAS DISCUSSION ON RURAL CREDITS

Co-operation Among Farmers and Combined Credit Would Solve Problem

"Rural Credits" was the subject for discussion last evening at the meeting of the Men's Liberal club of the Unitarian church. The principal speakers of the evening were Dana H. Allen and Percy Cupper. The discussions following the addresses were participated in by J. B. Robertson, Gideon Stolz and L. H. McMahon. Dana H. Allen took the stand that the greatest need was that of co-operation among the farmers in purchasing and marketing of farm products, and that the farmers should accomplish this through their own efforts, rather than through the assistance of the state or federal government. He also advocated that farmers combine their credit for securing better accommodations, following the system now in vogue in parts of Europe, where communities combine their interests, float their loans in the way of bonds, thereby securing a low rate of interest. Loans of this nature are made where it is agreed that the funds are to be used in improving the property. Mr. Cupper advocated state and federal legislation and endorsed the Duffer plan of state legislation by which money at six per cent could be secured for agricultural purposes through the state treasury.

The Rev. R. F. Fischer stated that the meetings of the Men's Liberal club were held for the general discussion of the most important and pressing subjects of the day. The discussion of rural credits will be continued at the next meeting in January, when Judge Charles McNary will express his opinions. At the election last night the following officers were elected: James Mott, Jr., first vice-president; Rev. R. F. Fischer, secretary; Gideon Stolz, treasurer; Walter Deaton, Dr. W. S. Mott and Benjamin Williams, executive committee. After the discussion last night, refreshments were served by the hospitality committee of the club.

Watt Shipp's Win From Woodman Pin Smashers

Table with 4 columns: Name, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Av. Total pins, 2635; average, 175.

Woodburn School Building Ready For Bids of Contractors

Aaron H. Gould, architect, Henry building, Portland, has plans completed for the proposed school building to be built at Woodburn, Ore. Bids for the structure will be opened at 5 p. m., December 20, by the school district directors, of which E. J. Stannard is clerk. The structure is to be strictly modern, two stories and part basement. Bids for a general contract will be received, and the plans and specifications may be seen at the office of E. J. Stannard, district clerk, at Woodburn, or at the architect's office in Portland.

WIDOW GETS \$6,000,000

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 9.—Valuable real estate here and at Santa Barbara, Cal., and \$6,000,000 of the Post estate have been accepted by Mrs. C. W. Post, widow of the Battle Creek cereal manufacturer, as her share of her husband's property, it was announced today. The bulk of the fortune, about \$20,000,000, will go to Post's daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Post Close.

WAR ODDITIES

London.—King George has given Upper Lodge, a beautiful old house in Bushy Park, to the Canadian Red Cross to be used as a convalescent home.

London.—"Billy," the famous King Penguin at the Zoo, died of grief soon after his keeper, enlisted in the army.

London.—Keep a goat and reduce your milk bill 40 per cent. A newly formed league called the National Utility Goat club, wants this done.

London.—England's latest rumor about the German Crown Prince declares that Wilhelm has lost his mind and is now a prisoner in one of the Imperial German palaces under care of specialists.

Man Wanted

We want a man to act as local distributor, attend to shipping out to farmers, and make himself generally useful. The above cut represents our Advance Pump Governor—an article which has proven to be the greatest seller on the market. If you want to get into a small permanent business of your own here is an opportunity which will stand the closest investigation. Requires \$200 to carry first shipment of stock on hand. This work will net you \$100 per month by giving it your attention. If interested, see me Thursday and Friday at Room 304, Marion Hotel. MR. BROWN. Makes pumping so easy any child can do the work.



Margarita Fisher is a Salem girl that has become one of the famous film stars. Miss Fisher appears in "The Miracle of Life" at the Ye Liberty Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

ABOUT OLD MAIDS

By Ella McMunn.

The editor of the Capital Journal has just written something nice about Old Maids. It is the first time I have ever known anybody to say a kind word about us, unless we said it ourselves, and we all know that we are under painful necessity of dealing with the truth in an elastic way. But when a perfectly nice, disinterested man pays us a compliment, in the bulk, so to speak, it sets the lot of us to bubbling with gratitude, and that is why I am writing this nice piece for the Capital Journal, for nothing.

Of course there wasn't a word of truth in the argument, but it rejoices my heart to see that somebody has fallen for the bluff we have put up—the bluff that we are Old Maids because we like it.

As a matter of fact, we do not like it, and never did and never will, and we are Old Maids because we can't help it—just like everybody else, and of course they know a lot about it. And when it is like that, you'd think folks would be charitable; but the world has more respect for a woman who has taken a rolling pin to a couple or three husbands, than for us, and one funny thing about Old Maids is the fact that everyone "tumbles." This, my dear fellow sisters, is due in a large measure to the agonizing effort that we put forth to appear "Happy though single," and we smile around, and smile around, and smile around, and rather overdo it—instead of looking down our nose—like we feel inside.

We do not mind the pity of folks who have had the joy of taking 10 children through the measles, having a few lung, and some more who ought to be, but it does not set well with us to have young people intimate that we are not just as young and beautiful as we once were, only more so.

As far as I am able to determine, and I believe that all who know me will agree that I am qualified to speak on the subject, Old Maids are a lot like other women, but we pretend to be different for reasons that are quite apparent. However, this distinction marks us; we believe that there never was a married woman who made the ideal wife and mother that we would have made but the pathetic part of it, and a part that we never confess to each other—is about men, of course.

We have no unmarried men friends. Their natural instinct of self preservation attends to that. Occasionally a safely married man braves the possibility of bromide and hot water at home, and looms up on our horizon long enough to make a few remarks that cheer us on our way; but it is to widowers, who have had three wives, and who know just what women like, that we must look for our joy. They poke us in the ribs and chuck us under the chin and if we have not got their whiskers pulled out by then, they ask us how we like being Old Maids, and of course it is all very jolly for us—I don't think.



Blanche Sweet, who appears in a dual role as "Twin Sister" in the five part production "The Secret Sin," showing at the Grand theatre today, Friday and Saturday.

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Turned Runaway Car Upon Main Line To Stop It On a Curve

Brakeman M. S. King had a runaway freight car loaded with 80,000 pounds of wheat turned upon the main line in order that the wheels might be slowed down when the car struck the curve. It failed to slow down, however, and was going at a rate of 30 miles per hour when it hit a train coming in the

opposite direction in a head-on collision. Luckily a farmer saw the runaway car approaching and the train was going out five miles an hour when it met the runaway freight car according to the report of H. H. Corey who returned to Salem this morning after making an investigation of the wreck of O. W. R. & N. train No. 22 on the Sinalco branch, December 4. Mr. Corey was sent up by the public service commission to report on the mishap. It appears that the brakes refused to hold and the car started down grade on a switch track.