

INCREASED CAR OUTPUT, SALES PACE BUSINESS

Improved Trend in Activity Is Shown by Commerce Department Report.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Increasing automobile output and sales has had an important influence on the recent improved trend of business activity, the commerce department April survey of current business said today.

The February adjusted index of automobile production was the highest reported since May, 1931 and output has been larger in March. Automobile retail sales values in February doubled the January total.

Expansion in general manufacturing output in February was accompanied by pronounced rise in factory employment and pay rolls. The latter gain of 12 per cent exceeded the total for last September, the highest figure in 1933, and also was the largest monthly gain reported since 1919.

Farm Income Gains

Cash income received by farmers from sales of farm products rose nearly 5 per cent during the month, allowing for seasonal trend, and was 63 per cent above a year ago. Increases in major distribution series have not been as large as those reported for production. The February rise in freight carloadings was in accord with usual movement.

Construction work, measured by contracts awarded, declined during February but rose in the first half of March. Iron and steel production increased rapidly in February, but leveled off by mid-March.

Textile industry improvements continued at a slower rate with the adjusted index advancing 5 per cent in February. Three major production groups, good products, lumber and tobacco, recorded decreases. The rise in coal production reflected severe weather conditions and increased industrial demand.

Retail Prices Higher

Wholesale prices changed slightly in the five weeks ended March 24. The rapid rise earlier in the year has been succeeded by freer movement. Retail prices, farm prices and living costs moved higher during February.

The movement of gold from Europe tapered off, although gold receipts were heavy during March. Excess reserves of member banks have continued to mount to unprecedented totals, but expansion in loans and investments has been confined to government security holdings.

No change has occurred in the new capital market and flotations have been few in number and small in total.

AAA Head Speaks

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 5.—Evidence of recovery now is clear "throughout the nation," Agricultural Adjustment Administrator Chester C. Davis told state extension workers and representatives of farm organizations today.

"All available evidence," he declared, "shows that a general recovery is taking place and that agricultural improvement has been an important factor in nation-wide revival of industry and trade."

Employment at Peak

CLEVELAND, April 5.—Employment and production are now at the highest peak they have been since President Roosevelt's recovery

STATESMANSHIP and RELIGION

By ... Henry A. Wallace
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

The Tenth of a series about the creed of a new and greater America.

CHAPTER X
The Great Spiritual Adventure of Our Age

MOST of the looting of the monasteries or abbeys took place within a year or two after Knox returned to Scotland from the continent. Catholicism was banished from the land and the death penalty was placed on attendance at mass after the third offense. Mary, the Queen, however, was a Catholic, and when she attended mass in her private chapel, Knox made some remark about Jezebel or the anti-Christ or about "one mass being more fearful to him than ten thousand armed men."

But barbarous as John Knox undoubtedly was in many particulars, he nevertheless served to give the Scotchmen the character they have today. He was far more decisively on the side of the more than any other reformer of his day, he believed that the church and the schoolhouse went hand in hand, and many of his ideas which seemed wild at the time, had a rather striking fulfillment a century or two later.

His vigor was so overwhelming that he transformed one of the most miserably mismanaged countries of Europe into one which eventually became one of the most law-abiding and orderly. But Knox also unleashed other forces, as witness Froude, the historian, who credits him with responsibility for the "Adam Smiths with their political economies, and steam engines, and railroads, and philosophical institutions and all the other blessed and unblessed fruits of liberty."

UNDOUBTEDLY, the Scotch are better critics, scientists and economists than they would have been without Knox. Probably they are better statesmen and business men, but equally probably they are poorer in all that goes to make for appreciation of the beautiful and enjoyment of a rich and abundant life. Unfortunately, many of the Scotch gained from Knox a facility in denunciatory prophecy which makes them somewhat uncomfortable as relatives and neighbors.

The one thing which stands out in the Reformation period is the extreme seriousness with which both the Catholics and Protestants took their religion. The great reformers genuinely thought they were fighting the priests of Babel and did not hesitate to make plans which resulted in the spilling of more blood by far than the slaughtering of Elijah and Elisha when they so enthusiastically sought to destroy the prophets of Babel.

Personally, I can not help but think that the Babel religion of the commercial centers of Palestine served an excellent purpose in forcing the great prophets to define their ideas about fundamental human and divine issues much more clearly than would otherwise have been the case.

program began, Labor Secretary Frances Perkins told a capacity audience here last night.

The steady rise began to show in February, Miss Perkins said, and she had enough figures complete to prove that by the end of March the index had risen above the peak reached last October, when employment and production suddenly hit the downgrade after seven months' unprecedented improvement.

"After the relapse," Miss Perkins said, "we are now on the road again, because we have maintained production—through CWA, through PWA and through NRA codes. We have learned the wages of the low-income group must be kept up or we can not sustain our machine era."

KIDNAPED GIRL REPORTED SAFE

Pretty Indiana Miss Will Return Home Soon, Police Say.

NEWCASTLE, Ind., April 5.—Return home of Katherine Cook, pretty 18-year-old Kennard high school senior reportedly abducted from an automobile March 31, was expected today after state police told her parents the girl had been found.

Mr. and Mrs. Erskine Cook, Kennard, parents of the girl, said they had been informed by state policemen from the Pendleton barracks that Miss Cook had been found safe but did not disclose her whereabouts.

The parents said they believed the policemen were attempting to locate Schuyler Jackson, 30, uncle of the girl accused of the kidnapping. State police were asked to search for the girl and Jackson after he is alleged to have abducted her from an automobile on state road 67, near Indianapolis.

Miss Cook was en route to Indianapolis with another uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lightner, Shirley, when the abduction occurred, police were told.

Jackson has been separated from his wife, a sister of Mrs. Cook, for two months and has quit his job in an Anderson factory, according to police information.

State police headquarters at Indianapolis said today no report regarding the girl's abduction or finding had been received here.

FIRST LADY HOST TO RAILROADER'S FAMILY, FULFILLING PROPHECY

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Herman W. Fechner went back to his conducting on a commutation train running into New York today, turned that a prophet can achieve honor in his own country.

Years ago Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt rode regularly on Mr. Fechner's train. As he punched her ticket one day, he said:

"Some day you'll be riding the other way on my train. You'll be mistress of the governor's mansion at Albany. More than that, I'll predict you'll be the First Lady of the land."

"Well, Herman," Mrs. Roosevelt replied, "if I ever am, you must come to Washington and see me and bring your family."

So Mr. Fechner, Mrs. Fechner and their daughters, Elsie, 14, and Lulu, 12, had tea at the White House Tuesday afternoon, accepting an invitation Mrs. Roosevelt sent to their home in Ossining, N. Y.

Sets Plane Altitude Mark

BOSTON, April 5.—A new air-plane altitude record for New England—22,600 feet—was established today by Lieutenant Arthur F. Mervin, U. S. A., in a Massachusetts Institute of Technology high-altitude weather plane.

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For bright new signs that proclaim "No Fishing Allowed" may sprinkle the banks of the stream, which will take the sinkers out of the water and leave the spooners on the shore.

Under the star-lit skies, young swains have been known to mutter threatening remarks about Fall Creek fishermen being pests.

However, it is the residents of the North Side that have taken action against the pursuers of the finny tribe by terming the fishermen nuisances.

A number of the residents appealed to the park board to take some action to prevent the followers of Isaac Walton from trying their luck along the stream.

If the park board will post the signs, Police Chief Mike Morrissey has promised to see that the fishermen do not trespass on the property adjoining the creek.

NEGRO SENTENCED IN ASSAULT CASE

CWA Worker Attempts to Attack Woman, 72.

NEWCASTLE, Ind., April 5.—Confessing an attempted criminal assault on a 72-year-old woman, John Taylor, 38, Negro CWA worker, was sentenced to five-to-twenty-one years in the state prison by Judge John E. Morris, in Henry circuit court late yesterday.

Taylor has been held in the state reformatory at Pendleton since his arrest two weeks ago to avert possible mob violence.

The attack occurred while he was working on a CWA project near the woman's home. It was charged.

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