

BUSINESS IS REVIVING

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CANVASS ELICITS OPTIMISTIC REPORTS FROM EVERY STATE.

FARM IMPLEMENTS AT THE TOP

Country's Industries Slowly but Surely Recovering from Effect of the Recent Depression.

New York, Special: That the country's industries are slowly but surely recovering from the effect of the depression of some months ago, and also that immediate prospects are more than reassuring, is the conclusion reached by American Industries, a semi-monthly publication of the National Association of Manufacturers, after classifying the thousand letters received during the last two weeks, in response to a circular inquiry.

Four questions were asked every one of the 3,000 members of the association, whose factories are situated in all states of the Union, and the responses of one-third of the members, divided into various trade classifications, occupy more than thirty pages of the current issue of the magazine, bearing the date of Oct. 17.

The letter sent out by the magazine follows:

Gentlemen—We believe from all reports that trade conditions continue to improve throughout the country. Will you not assist us in confirming the general reports by giving us a statement of conditions in your particular industry, based upon the experience of your concern?

Will you kindly send us at your earliest convenience a reply to the following questions:

Present condition of your trade.

Percentage of increase in business of any kind first part of present year.

Trade possibilities in your particular industry for the coming year.

Taking the steel trade and the movement of pig iron as the most reliable barometer of trade conditions, the digest of the replies from the industries devoted to the production of iron and steel is found to show that 70 per cent of the plants in the membership of the association report conditions "good," 78 per cent have had an increase of business during the last ten months and 85 per cent have reason to believe that prospects for an immediate future are reassuring.

Machinery, says the editor, "by which is meant all classes of machinery in all parts of the country, shows present conditions 68 per cent good, and that 76 per cent of the members dealing in machinery had an increase in their trade since Jan. 1 and 88 per cent believe in future improvement."

Every member of the association engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements who replied to the circular reported good present conditions and an increase of trade during the last ten months and only one sounded a pessimistic note in connection with future possibilities.

Seventy-seven per cent of the replies from manufacturers of tools and hardware show that trade conditions are good. Eighty-seven per cent tell of an increase during the last ten months and 92 per cent believe possibilities for continued increase are good.

Fuel products rank next to agricultural implements in degree of prosperity. Eighty-nine per cent of the replies from members engaged in this branch report trade in a prosperous condition 55 per cent of the replies report an increase during the last ten months, and all believe the coming year will show an increase in their business.

According to the table, leather and its manufactures follow agricultural implements and food products; lumber and its manufactures come fourth; tools and hardware, fifth; drugs and chemicals, sixth; paper and printing, seventh; machinery, eighth; iron and steel, ninth; textiles, tenth, and violates the lowest.

GIVES TAFT 298 VOTES.

Bryan's Chances Not Rosy According to Magazine Forecast.

New York, Special: Bryan's chances of election to the presidency Nov. 2 are not rosy, according to a forecast published in the current number of *Success Magazine*. The forecast is based on information as to local political conditions received from 3,000 members of *Success Magazine's* auxiliary board of life subscribers. Special reference is given to probable results in the doubtful states.

Summarizing the reports received, the prediction is made that Taft will surely have 298 electoral votes, or 56 more than the 242 required for election. Bryan will have 161 electoral votes and 24 electoral votes are deemed as doubtful.

Got King's Consent.

Rome, Cable: It was announced in court circles that the King has given his consent to the marriage of the Duke of the Abruzzi to Miss Katherine Elkins, and that preparations for the wedding are now in progress.

Warned Not to Gin Cotton.

Walker, La., Special: Every ginner in Livingston parish has received a warning from alleged night riders not to gin any more cotton until the price reaches 15 cents.

Dies Flying the Flag.

Carlisle, Pa., Special: J. George Stangenberg, a totally blind retired merchant, dropped dead with heart disease while flying the Stars and Stripes from the window of his residence in honor of a reunion held here of Grand Army veterans of Southern Pennsylvania.

Hundreds Perish in Typhoon.

Lisbon, Cable: Native reports received here from Chang Chow are to the effect that more than 300 lives were lost in that city as the result of Thursday's typhoon.

SLEW HIS PARAMOUR.

Then Nebraska Millionaire Grain Dealer Turned Gun on Himself.

Omaha, Neb., Special: "Notify my brother that something terrible is going to happen in a few minutes," telephoned Sewell Sleeman, a millionaire grain dealer, to his clerk just at midnight Saturday.

An hour later Sleeman was found lying dead across the feet of Eva Hart, with whom he was infatuated, and who was also dead. Each had a bullet hole in the right temple and the revolver was still in Sleeman's hand.

Sleeman was one of the best known grain men in the West. Besides having a line of 20 grain elevators in Nebraska and Iowa he operated a line of bucket shops in a number of Western cities and towns, securing Chicago Board of Trade quotations, despite the efforts of that organization to prevent him doing so.

It was learned that Miss Hart had announced her intention to break her relations with Sleeman and leave the city to lead a better life. This decision is supposed to have brought on the tragedy.

Sleeman's wife is an invalid and, together with his three children, lives in Hastings, Nebraska.

FLY AMERICAN FLAG

MIKADO'S WARSHIPS GIVE WELCOME TO VISITING FLEET.

GOVERNOR SUFU BANQUETS SPERRY

Admiral Tells Host Traditional Friendship of America and Japan Will Not Be Broken.

Yokohama, Cable: Storm-battered, but magnificent, the American battle fleet lies in the harbor of Yokohama. Shortly after the ships anchored, the mist which had shut out their shore front cleared, revealing from the shore front the lines of American war vessels, backed by the gray of the Japanese. Scores of small craft chartered by individuals and associations darted in and out among the battle ships, the American Asiatic Association being among those to give the heartiest welcome. Two thousand school children sang the American national anthem.

The moment the fleet dropped anchor the admirals, in formal dress, hastened from the flagships of the various divisions to the flagship of the fleet, the Connecticut, which also was boarded by Japanese subordinate officers, who came to arrange details. Shortly, the commander in chief and the other admirals, accompanied by their staffs, entered a motor boat and proceeded to the flagship Mikasa of the Japanese fleet, paying an official call upon Vice Admiral Sir Gero Juin. The Japanese admiral immediately returned the visit and was given a hearty welcome by Admiral Sperry on the Connecticut. After a brief visit the Japanese departed and as they went down the side the Japanese flag was broken out at the mainmast and a salute was fired.

In the meantime visits were exchanged between the captains of all the vessels. The mayor and Governor also called on the admiral and later the reception committee, the spokesman of which was M. Matto, boarded the Connecticut and had the admiral and his men welcome in behalf of the Nation. He thanked the Americans for their evidences of friendship and regard, to which Admiral Sperry responded in a similar strain.

In the afternoon the garden party, given by the mayor of Yokohama, was attended by many officers and many civilians, but the weather was unfavorable and somewhat interfered with the success of the function. Everywhere about the streets the American officers and men were treated with the greatest courtesy, always being saluted by the police and Japanese soldiers.

Crowds continued to swarm the water front all day, and at night the entire city was illuminated. Electric lights and lanterns were swinging everywhere, and at a prominent point a huge design, in which the word "welcome" was spelled, was surrounded by hundreds of American and Japanese flags. The lantern parade, in which there were many flower floats, made a delightful spectacle.

All the Japanese ships were outlined in electric lights and every one carried an American flag at its main mast.

Several dinners were given in honor of the American officers, at one of which the mayor was host and Admiral Sperry the guest of honor. This was followed by a ball given by Governor Sufu of Managawa, at which 1,500 people were present. During the course of his speech at the dinner Admiral Sperry said the object of the cruise was the development of the fleet for peaceful purposes. He believed nothing ever was likely to occur to break the traditional friendship of America and Japan.

Take a Fishy Tale.

London, Cable: Included in a large cargo of fish which the steamship Cleopatra brought from the North Sea for Billingsgate market was a fish weighing over a ton. The monster, which was 16 feet in length, with a girth of over 7 feet, and apparently belonged to the shark tribe.

Kill 10,000 Jack Rabbits.

Los Angeles, Cal., Special: Ranchers of Southern California joined in one of the biggest jack rabbit drives ever held in the West and within fifty-seven minutes more than 10,000 animals had been killed. Of late the rabbits had destroyed many crops.

Over Score Die in Riot.

Lisbon, Cable: Twenty-three persons were killed or mortally wounded and forty persons seriously hurt in a riot at Azambuja, between the monarchists and republicans during the municipal election primaries.

NAME IN THE PAPER

FOR EVERY ONE WHO GAVE \$100 TO DEMOCRATIC FUND.

TOTALS \$248,567 UP TO DATE

Thousands of Warhorses Make Hundred the Limit, While Biggest Gift is \$5,000.

New York, Special: The Democratic National Committee, through Norman E. Mack, Chairman, and Herman Ridder, Treasurer, made public last week the names of all who have contributed \$100 or over to the campaign fund.

The list includes subscriptions up to and including October 9. Consequently Tammany Hall's donation of \$10,000, made after that date, is missing.

Up to October 9 the committee had received \$248,567.55 and had expended \$225,962.68. There was a balance on hand at that time of \$22,604.07. To "carry the campaign to a successful conclusion," in the language of Chairman Mack and Treasurer Ridder, \$100,000, in addition to the amount on hand, will be required.

The amount contributed by sub-

scribers of \$100 and over totaled \$90,712.03.

Contributors of amounts under \$100 gave \$15,551.22. Of this, about \$100,000 was collected by Democratic newspapers. The total number of contributors was about 50,000 on October 9. The fund received \$42,500, left over from the \$100,000 paid by Denver for the national convention.

Mr. Bryan's newspaper, The Com- moner, contributed \$4,046. There were many contributions of 25 and 29 cents.

A survey of the list shows that thousands of Democratic war horses have reluctantly refrained from giving \$100 or over.

There is a noticeable absence of contributions from men prominently connected with trusts. Neither Thomas F. Ryan, August Belmont, David B. Hill nor Judge Alton B. Parker appears as a contributor. They ran the whole Democratic show four years ago. Henry Gassaway Davis, the candidate for Vice President four years ago, gave \$250.

The name of Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, does not appear in the list of contributors, although 37 Oklahoma Democrats have contributed \$5,220 in amounts of \$100 or over. The largest contribution from Oklahoma was \$1,000, from United States Senator R. L. Owen.

Archibald McNeill, of Connecticut, who enjoyed a festive hour for the Vice Presidential nomination, paid in \$1,000, as did Melbert D. Cary, of the same state.

David R. Francis, of Missouri, who bolted Mr. Bryan in 1896 and 1900, appears as a contributor of \$1,000.

Thomas Taggart, of Indiana, National Committee man, also gave \$1,000.

Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, one of the richest men in the world, contributed \$2,000.

The fund got its chief contribution from Charles J. Hughes, of Colorado, attorney for the Republican Utility Corporations in Denver, as Judge Lindsay, of Juvenile Court fame in that city, describes him. These corporations are the Denver Tramways, etc., and control the Republican city machine there. Mr. Hughes is also a candidate for the United States Senate. He gave \$5,000.

When George R. Sheldon, the Republican Treasurer, was asked if he would make public his list, he replied that he would adhere to his original promise, and announce all gifts after the election. He said his statement then would be under oath. The Democratic list was not sworn to by any body.

CUBS WORLD'S CHAMPIONS.

Take Baseball Series from Detroit Team with Small Difficulty.

Detroit, Mich., Special: By defeating Detroit 2 to 0, the Chicago team of the National League retains its title as the champion baseball team of the world. The present series differed but little from that of last year. In the previous series Detroit managed to get one tie game and then went down in four straight defeats. In the present series Detroit snatched a victory out of the five games played.

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LIVE BY GAMBLING.

Report on Austrian Watering Places Reveals Aristocracy's Income.

Vienna, Cable: Two-thirds of fashionable and supposedly purely social clubs of Carlsbad, Marienbad and other Austrian watering places are maintained by high born but impudent Austrians as a means of living off foreigners' gambling losses, according to a report submitted by police authorities who have been investigating recent cases of gambling. Not only are men and women of the highest family connections involved in the scandal, but military men, it was shown, share in the plunder to an extent which threatened the most serious consequences to the reputation of the entire army.

The revelations are proving so unpleasant in high circles that the government is understood to have taken steps to stop the investigation, though the offending establishments will be suppressed.

Not only is the gambling at many of these resorts flagrant, but many instances of crooked play have been revealed. Several times losers of large sums have detected the cheating and forced the restitution of their losses.

Detroit, Mich., Special: Twenty-one known dead, with scores of others missing and probably dead, a dozen more who escaped with life, but were badly burned, 16 small towns wiped out, many others in imminent danger, scores of farmhouses burned, millions of dollars' worth of property destroyed—all this is the record of the forest fires in Northern Michigan.

That greater destruction of property will follow, with many more fatalities, is practically certain.

The known dead were all residents of Metz township, Presque Isle county, in the northeastern part of the lower peninsula.

Fifteen of them were burned to death when a relief train, carrying refugees from the village of Metz, was derailed right in the center of the hell of flames.

Two miles south of Metz Engineer Foster saw high walls of flames on both sides of the track. A crossing there had been utilized as a lumber yard and cedar ties had been piled in thousands near the tracks. These were all on fire.

In an instant the train was on fire. There was no thought of rescue. Men leaped from the blazing cars and dashed up the track, shielding their faces from the blaze.

Some of them got through. Many others did not.

Of the 15 who failed to leave the cars eight were children and three women. John Konleczny, his wife and three children, the eldest only 3 years of age, died together in that horrible trap.

R. S. Richards, a Bay City traveling man, was one of those who escaped.

"When the train left the track such a series of horror and fear went up from the poor women and children.

"Hemmed in by the flames, many of the husbands and fathers left behind at Metz to fight the fires in the vain hope of saving their homes, they were trapped. Some of them tried to get out.

"Most of them, though, seemed stupefied by the terror of it, and they sat in the cars without moving and allowed the flames to roast them."

Navigation on the upper lakes is practically tied up. Dense clouds of smoke blew out over the water and vessel men fear to attempt to make a way through.

The copper district in the Upper Peninsula is all ablaze. Forest fires are roaring all through that region, and it is covered by a pall of smoke so thick that one can not see objects a few yards away.

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Says Shah Must Be Killed.

Odessa, Cable: Ittikhān-Ul-Attebā, a member of the Tabrizi Parliament, in an interview here, declared that the Persian people will never have a constitution unless the present Shah is killed and the national party becomes victorious.

The games were singularly free from squabbles, and on only two or three occasions were the decisions of the umpires questioned. At no time was it necessary for a player to be sent to the bench to enforce