

R. ADS SHOW GREAT PROSPERITY

They Point to the General
Conditions Over the
Country

GROSS EARNINGS GREATER.

PRESENT SITUATION ALSO INDICATES THAT MORE LABORING MEN ARE BEING EMPLOYED—STOCKS INCREASE.

New York, Oct. 17.—Estimates of railroad men just obtained, indicate that the trunk lines of the country are earning in the present month an amount that equals if it does not surpass the earning of the corresponding period of 1907. In the first three weeks of September the gross earnings of thirty-five roads showed a steady gain and the reported increase in traffic in the states where farming products are the chief articles for transportation and in the states where manufactured articles supply roads with work, make it almost certain that the traffic in October already is far in excess of the September tonnage.

The pouring of increased revenues into the treasuries of the railroads is of great importance to both the laboring men, the retail traders and to manufacturers. Reports received from various parts of the country are that the increased traffic has compelled the roads to hire more men, while the payment of more wages in turn has stimulated retail trade and has forced the merchants to send additional orders to wholesale houses and factories. The increased tonnage means still more, because the railroads are the barometers of the business condition and the farmer's prosperity. When the railroads are busy, that is a sign that the working people have been turning out commodities for transportation, and that they are enjoying good wages. Increasing traffic means the employment of more men.

The additional gross earnings of the roads again show how quickly the country has recovered from the panic of last fall. Confidence has been restored to business men. The assertion was made by several men that the readiness with which business conditions responded after the panic was attributed to the republican administration.

While the moving of crops forms the greater part of railroad traffic, the shipment of dry goods from wholesale houses and factories in this city to the west is another important item. Other products that mean increased railroad tonnage is iron and steel. They report many orders.

Another significant indication of improved business conditions is found in the reports of bank clearances. For the month of September the total was 5.2 per cent greater than last year. The payment for crops, for stocks, in retail stores and purchases by farmers and wage earners increased the deposits and the withdrawals from banks by checks. The payment through clearing houses in 101 cities in the country amounting to more than eleven billion dollars, a gain of 8.4 per cent over August. The figures of bank clearings tell more than words how confident merchants are throughout the country that under a tariff and careful federal administration business tends to grow better each week.

With the disappearance of reminders of the financial stringency the rapid rise in the prices of stocks is another forecast of the confidence of business men in the election of Taft and of the reign of prosperity that is sure to follow. Men who deal in stocks make it a point to live four or five months ahead of the industrial conditions and their optimism in paying gradually higher stocks ever since Taft was nominated for the presidency shows their faith in him and their confidence that industries and railroads will have a greater earning power next year than last year.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles effected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at A. G. Luken & Co's drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

TO OFFER 50,000 RUBLES.

Russia to Investigate Aerial Navigation.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 17.—A competition is to be announced in 1909 by the Russian chief engineering board for air balloons, built according to the principle "heavier than air"; 50,000 rubles will be appropriated for premiums for the best project.

WOULD MURDER THE FARM.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Buckley's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c at A. G. Luken & Co's drug store.

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POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS PROFITABLE

So Says Postmaster General
Meyer in Answer to
Critics.

FOREIGN SYSTEM SUCCESS.

DEPOSITS ARE ENORMOUS—FALLING OFF IN PROFITS IN ENGLAND IS DIRECTLY DUE TO OUTSIDE INFLUENCES.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Postmaster General Meyer has expressed himself with vigor concerning recent criticism of the postal savings bank plan in the republican platform. Some of the criticisms have appeared in newspapers ordinarily friendly to the administration or at least supporting the republican national ticket in the campaign.

In reply to an editorial statement that postal savings banks have been a failure in European countries Mr. Meyer said today:

"To assert that the system of postal savings banks has seen an utter failure abroad and therefore ought not to be tried in this country, displays surprising ignorance concerning the whole subject. In England where postal savings banks have existed for forty-five years, the system has grown so substantially that according to the last annual report there were 16,320,204 deposits. The annual amount deposited has grown to be upward of \$215,000. From 1905 the interest accredited to depositors aggregated \$17,500,000. An addition of nearly \$20,000,000 was made in 1905 to the amount standing to the credit of depositors, which at the beginning of the present calendar year, had reached the immense total of \$799,555,700, an average of something over \$75 to each depositor.

Explains Loss of Profits.
"It is true," continued the postmaster general, "that the profits of the postal savings bank system in England during the last few years have not been so great as in the years preceding and there is even a loss in its management at the present time, but this is mainly due to the decreased interest on consols, in which the funds are largely invested.

"Had the British government deemed it advisable the rate of interest paid to the depositors could have been decreased, but owing to the large volume of profits received by the government previously it was deemed unfair to the depositors to make this reduction. The postal savings bank system in Great Britain and other European countries has been a decided success, and statements to the contrary from persons who are interested in having the growing sentiment in their favor squelched in this country must be branded as undeniably false."

Paying his respects to the resolutions against the establishment of postal savings banks which were adopted by the bankers in their recent convention at Denver, Mr. Meyer said that these sentiments were no. of the rabid sort which some of the newspapers denoted them to be, but were only representative of the protest which might be expected from the bankers who saw in the establishment of the government saving scheme the disappearance of a share of their own business.

Bank Guarantee Is Tricky.
"The postal savings bank system can by no means be likened to the proposition advanced by the democrats for the government guaranty of bank deposits," said Mr. Meyer. "I consider the last scheme an insidious attempt to fool the voters of the country into would eventually bring to the country more disaster than the formerly proposed free coinage of silver."

Postmaster General Meyer is preparing himself with information concerning the postal savings bank system, which he may use in a series of campaign speeches if it appears that the government guarantee of deposits feature is making dangerous headway.

KILLS HIMSELF TO SAVE DOCTOR BILLS

St. Louis Man Thought of Wife
And Children.

East St. Louis, Ill., Oct. 17.—To prevent his wife and eight children from becoming impoverished by his illness, August Fiel cut the arteries in his wrists and died in the Henrietta hospital here.

Almost the last thing he said to his wife was: "It is no use wasting what little money we have in doctor bills and medicine for me. The children need it for winter clothes."

MUST NOT SPIT.

Floors of Federal Building Are to be Protected.

Postmaster Spekenhiser has received notice from Postmaster General Meyer, requesting him to post a notice reading as follows in the lobby of the local federal building:

"Do not spit on the floor; to do so may spread disease."
Postmaster Spekenhiser is further instructed to call upon local authorities in the enforcement of the order if he finds it necessary to do so.

Next Wednesday is Hospital Day. Get a tag.

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MONUMENT TO HUMPHRIES' DIVISION

Will Be Unveiled at National
Cemetery.

Spottsylvania, Va., Oct. 17.—The beautiful monument erected to commemorate the valor and heroism of General Humphries' division of the union army will be unveiled November 12 in the national cemetery at Fredericksburg, Va.

Joint invitations from the Pennsylvania and Confederate veterans will be sent to President Roosevelt, and the members of his cabinet, army officers, the United States Marine band, the Richmond artillery blues, and other state militia to be present.

Governor Claude A. Swanson and United States Senators Martin and Daniels, of Virginia, and other prominent citizens of Pennsylvania and Virginia are expected to take part in the exercises.

Wednesday, October 21, is hospital day. Be sure and get a tag.

WITHERSPOON STATUE.

Monument to Signer of Declaration of Independence.

Montclair, N. J., Oct. 17.—William Couper, the distinguished sculptor of Upper Mountain avenue, has just completed a statue of John Witherspoon, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The statue is of heroic size and will be cast into bronze at once. It is intended for the city of Washington, and will be placed at the junction of Connecticut avenue and Eighteenth street northwest, only a few blocks from the statue of the poet Longfellow, which was also sculptured by Mr. Couper. The figure of the great New Jersey patriot is of heroic size and is of a very commanding presence.

So far as is known, the first record of punishment by tar and feathers in the year 1189, the first of Richard I. At that time a law was passed that "any robber voyaging with the crusaders shall be first shaved, then hot pitch shall be poured upon him and a cushion of feathers shook over it." After this the criminal was to be put ashore at the first place the ship came to.

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EDUCATOR OPPOSES LITTLE TEDDY BEARS.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 17.—"When mothers teach their children to fondle an ugly animal instead of time-honored playthings, it is high time that something be done," said State Superintendent Corson, of Ohio, in opposing Teddy bears for children. He made the statement in an address at the county teachers' institute.

DEMOCRATS FORM TAFT LEAGUE

Purposes to Protest Against
Bryanism.

New York, Oct. 17.—Following the lead of the Richmond Democrats, prominent business men of Baltimore, who have always been identified with the Democratic party, have formed a Taft Democratic League. The purposes of the organization are to protest against Bryan and Bryanism and to do everything possible to help carry the state of Maryland for Taft. While the organizers of the Baltimore club are confident that Maryland will go for Taft they feel that the prosperity of the country depends so much upon his election they want to take no chances. The membership of the club is limited entirely to Democrats and Independents, and is open to persons from every section of Maryland.

ENGLISH MINERS ON EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Bill in Their Favor Sure to Be
Made Law.

London, Oct. 17.—The English miners eight-hour bill, being a government measure, its enactment into law seems certain. The bill is to become operative in five years after its passage and the eight hours' maximum provided for a day's work below ground in the mines including to and from work.

Fashion Note—Tags will be worn in Richmond next Wednesday owing to the observance of Hospital Day.

NEW JERSEY IS FOR TAFT

All Factional Fights Have Been
Settled.

New York, Oct. 17.—Reports received by the Republican National Committee indicate that William H. Taft will carry New Jersey in his race for the Presidency by as great a majority as did President Roosevelt four years ago. Though the Presidential fight in that State is just beginning to live up, the Republicans already have been welded together in solid array for Taft. Factional disputes that for a short time obscured the preparations for the national election have been settled harmoniously, and between now and November 3 the Jersey Blues promise to wage one of the most enthusiastic campaigns in their history for Taft.

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STATE RAILROAD RUNS TO THE PEN

Texas Soon to Operate a New
Line.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 17.—The state of Texas is soon to begin operating a railroad owned by itself, which was built to handle the products of the Rusk penitentiary, principally iron and pipe. The government road establishes a connection with the Texas & New Orleans and International & Great Northern and will carry both freight and passengers.

The town of Palestine is now agitating an extension of the line to that point in return for which it offers a right of way and bonus.

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