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## FIND REAL BASIS FOR THE 1922 BUSINESS CONFIDENCE

Future Needs Must be Supplied from Current Production, Meaning Greater Activity.

The real basis for confidence in the course of business in 1922 is now clear. Notwithstanding the severe depression during the past year, purchases by the American people in terms of physical volume were sufficient to absorb to a large extent the accumulated stocks so that a gradual increase in output of many classes of manufactures may be expected. Future needs must be supplied primarily from current production. This means greater business activity and explains the expansion in manufactures which has taken place in recent weeks, says the National Bank of Commerce.

The general tone of business during the first two weeks of January has been encouraging. The total physical volume of retail trade is good. Sales in agricultural districts continue slower than in cities, with trade in the East and Northeast and in southern California cities better than in the remainder of the country. Necessities are selling much better than luxuries, and this was characteristic of the Christmas trade. Although it is generally recognized that buyers in all lines will wisely continue to be cautious as to future commitments, it seems probable that there will be a moderately well-sustained distribution of goods in wholesale as well as into retail channels.

Unemployment is unquestionably wide-spread, but probably its extent has been somewhat over-estimated. Special measures undertaken to lessen it, particularly public works, are doing much to alleviate its worst features. The major part of the productive energy of the country is absorbed in clothing, feeding and sheltering the population. Farmers certainly will not buy heavily, but they must have such foodstuffs as are not produced on farms, as well as necessary clothing. They must buy some farm implements, for even with the more careful repairing which is increasingly practiced, a certain proportion of farm machinery steadily becomes unusable. They will buy articles of convenience and even of luxury to some extent.

Railroads have made notable gains in economy of operation, and improved credit conditions have definitely bettered their outlook, although traffic is at present disappointing in volume. The heavy decline in tonnage, serious as it has been, has primarily been the result of lessened shipments of coal, iron ore and similar heavy commodities. Reasonable buying of rails, cars, locomotives and other equipment may be expected during the current year.

## HARVARD STUDENTS DRINK LESS THAN 20 YEARS AGO

Henry A. Yeomans, Former Dean, in Report Declares They Are More Responsible, Work Harder and Are Better Behaved.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 26.—Henry A. Yeomans, who retired as dean of Harvard College a year ago, has given his impressions of the undergraduates of today and those of twenty years ago in the course of his report to President Lowell, made public today. The dean says among other things that fewer students drink alcohol now and fewer drink to excess than in the past.

"It seems clear," continues Dean Yeomans in his report, "that irresolute to the effects of the war, the student body as a whole is more responsible and more sensible of its obligations to the community than it was 20 or even 10 years ago. This is due in part to the fact that the minimum requirements of the college have been slowly but steadily raised. The undergraduate will answer any reasonable demand that is fairly enforced. He works more and he works more intelligently than he used to do. He does not say things that his elders, including the dean, do not always approve; but he is in earnest. He criticizes the faculty and especially the administration, sometimes with reason, sometimes without; but criticism, even if it is always unreasonable, is better than indifference."

"This attitude toward college work is reflected in general conduct. The hazy pranks that were common 25 years ago have, at least for the time, almost wholly disappeared. There is too much serious business on hand. Though younger in years, the students are older in habits of mind."

"They take a keener interest in the problems of the general community and react more sharply to its feelings and opinions. The use of alcoholic drinks, for instance, illustrates this tendency. If it be true, as some have thought, that since the passage of the Eighteenth Amendment a small group of students have drunk hard liquor with a bravado which has made them conspicuous, the same statement could be made of the students of our colleges. However this may be, it seems clear that fewer students drink alcoholic liquor and fewer students drink to excess than ever before."

"This keeping closer step with the general public is due in part to the extremely democratic character of our college. Our undergraduates come from families of various social life and make a fair cross section of society at large. But it is also due in large part to the growing conviction among students of the necessity to college not merely to spend four or five years, nor even to pursue scholarships, but to get on in life, but rather to train their minds for the service of the public. If such training is to be effective, students must not drift away from the college."

## The Oldest Post Office in America

One in St. Augustine, Fla., Was Built Over 300 Years Ago for Spanish Governor.

St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 25.—The oldest post office building in the country, Postmaster Chas. F. Hopkins, after a research extending over a period of two years, has received copies of official records in the "Archives of the Indies" at Seville, Spain, showing that the structure he now occupies was erected sometime between 1668 and 1669 by one Gonzalo Mendes, the King of Spain purchased the building in 1664 as a residence for the Spanish governors of Florida, and it served as such until Florida was transferred to the United States in 1821.

In the archives at Seville were found official "Letters and Dispatches of the Governors of Florida seen in Council from the year 1668 to 1670" and one referring to the purchase of a house for the Governor in St. Augustine indicated that the housing situation in America more than 300 years ago was little better than it has been the last few years. It read: "To His Majesty from the Governor Pedro de Ybarra on the 30 day of January, 1664:

"In this city they have never had a house for the Governor and when I arrived they lodged me in a house which was built over the sea, and it was so cold and damp that two Governors died here. These Governors were Guillermo de Miranda and Domingo Gilierrez de Avendaño. When the latter himself has never been well in, nor have I been so since my arrival."

"For this reason, there being no house to live in here, Gonzalo Mendes decided to build one and this he did in a good location."

"It is proposed by the officials at Your Majesty here that Your Majesty purchase said house at a reasonable price as a dwelling for the Governor. They have these dwellings everywhere, but here."

The records show the petition was approved and the building was purchased at \$10,000 by officials named for that purpose. After some bargaining, however, Mendes agreed to take \$10,000 cash for the structure, and it was purchased for that price.

FOR STEALING COAL  
Yesterday morning O.N.R. officers Ryan and Ross arrested Ernest Bush, an Robert McLeod and George Cook, on the charge of stealing coal from the Canadian National Railway.

## Defends U. S. Gov't Railway Control

Hines Denies Roads Were Turned Back in Broken Down Condition.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Assertions that the railroads were turned back to their owners after a period of Government control, "in a broken down condition," were denied today by Walker D. Hines, in a statement before the Interstate Commerce Commission in which the former director general of railroads said he believed the Government had "substantially over-maintained the equipment" of the roads.

Mr. Hines told the committee that the report at the end of Federal control showed locomotives to be in "distinctly better" condition than at the beginning and the condition of freight cars to compare favorably with that of the beginning of Federal operation. He added that both generally were in "exceedingly good" condition at the beginning of Federal operation.

Although there had been some shortage of maintenance in rails, cross ties and ballast on some roads, Mr. Hines said, this had been "greatly exaggerated" in the general discussion. There could be no better proof of the condition of the roads when turned back, the former director general said, than the "unprecedented volume of business which they began to handle within four months of that time, in 1919, without, he asserted, any marked improvement of their rolling stock."

Comparing the efficiency of labor under Government control, Mr. Hines declared that the "traffic units of service per man hour" had increased from 32 in 1915 to 96 in 1917 and 1918 and to 100 in 1919, "thus showing more traffic units per man than ever before."

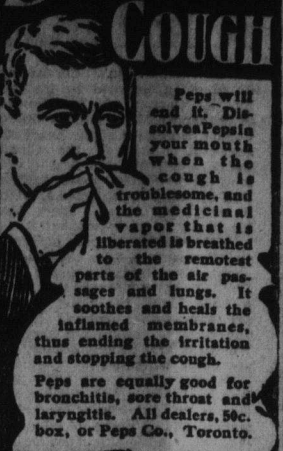
With this start in 1920, he said, the figure had been increased to 101. Quoting from the reports of regional directors for 1918 and 1919, Mr. Hines said these showed a "vigilant and efficient performance of the service and a satisfactory handling of the business under peculiarly difficult conditions."

Stating that critics of the railroad administration among the rail executives appeared to take as a starting point the idea that their equipment was in bad condition when the Government took control, Mr. Hines declared that the testimony of President Rex of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in 1917 in the advance rate case before the Interstate Commerce Commission, said that it had been impossible to maintain passenger car equipment, that the continuous service of freight cars had left great numbers in need of repairs and locomotive repair also had suffered from inefficient and insufficient labor.

Although some who criticized the administration's maintenance policy seemed to take the position that it should have placed no limitation of maintenance expenditures in annual appropriations, Mr. Hines said, the Government had adopted that position. He said that such amounts should "correspond reasonably" to the Government's contract obligations "except in unusual circumstances. In defense of this policy, the former director general recalled officers in maintenance who had been better in doubtful cases to the Government to fall somewhat short of the contract obligation in maintenance allowances than to exceed it, because the contract expressly protected the company in the former case, whereas the Government's claim for excess was established.

Mr. Hines said the railroad administration had "substantially over-maintained" rolling equipment, generally because it wanted the maintenance put on equipment which it could immediately use. He contradicted one statement which, he said, had been made before the committee by Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, to the effect that the administration had ordered a change in the car repair standards, asserting that the standards were "probably more strict" than prior to it.

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Just two weeks ago (Thursday Dr. Harris arrived in Liverpool and today he will be in Ottawa. Dr. Harris went to England on an important mission, and he is returning on the Montcalm, which is a world famous musical organization with here and begin his tour of Canada in May. The band, says Dr. Harris, all under the auspices and for the benefit of the G. W. V. A.

Dr. Harris had no time to discuss music. He was too enthusiastic and let no opportunity pass to say a good word for the latest acquisition to the C. P. S. fleet. "They say it was rough weather, and maybe it was," said he, "but you would hardly notice it, the Montcalm acted so beautifully on the turbulent seas."

## Obituary

**Mrs. Margaret Stafford.**  
The death of Mrs. Margaret Stafford took place on last Friday after a week of illness with pneumonia, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Wallace, of Watford, Kings county. Her husband died eleven months ago. She is survived by five daughters and one son. The daughters are: Mrs. William MacLeod and Mrs. George MacLeod, of St. John; Mrs. William MacLeod, of St. John; Mrs. Ernest Wallace, of Watford; Mrs. Stanley Cady and Mrs. Scott, of St. John; Mrs. H. Steeves, of Moncton; and Mrs. L. J. McGovern, of Boston; and two brothers—Emaley of Sussex, and Hiram, of St. John. The funeral will take place from his late residence at three o'clock this afternoon. Many were sorry to learn of his death.

**Mrs. Daniel Scott.**  
The death of Mrs. Daniel Scott, formerly of Amherst, who lived the past seven months had resided with her son, Osborne, at Sunny Brae, occurred yesterday morning. She was 74 years of age and is survived by her husband and one son, also a brother, J. A. Simpson, of Amherst.

## Funerals

The funeral of Mrs. Lucinda A. May, 84, took place yesterday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, from the residence of her son-in-law, George A. Henderson, 127 King street east, before the Rev. R. G. Galt, at the funeral home at Fernhill.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary J. McGinnis took place yesterday morning, at 8:45 o'clock, from her residence, 30 Clarence street, to the Cathedral where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. A. P. Allen. Nephews acted as pall-bearers. Interment at Black River.

## Chinese Found Dying In Fight With Cousin

Hammer and Hatchet in Hallway Near Scene of Struggle.

New York, Jan. 26.—An early morning fight between two Chinese in an attic at 290 Mulberry street, Newark, yesterday resulted in serious injuries to Ah Ben, 28, and the arrest of his cousin, Ah Fook, who admitted having disturbed the Sunday quiet by an assault on his relative. Both men are in the Newark City Hospital.

Outside of the room, which the men occupied, the police found a hammer and a Chinese hatchet, and after breaking down the door arrested Fook, who was asleep in bed. The injured man was found at the foot of the stairs unconscious.

After being taken to Police Headquarters the prisoner objected to being put in a straitjacket, and in the struggle that ensued hit Capt. Froedrich on the knuckle of his right hand. Shing Lee and Charles Fook, who lived in the same house, also were held as material witnesses. The injured Chinese probably will die.

## George's Talk Seen As Plea To U. S. To Enter Genoa Parley

Feels Americans Should Do Their Part in Stabilizing Europe's Economic Position.

London, Jan. 26.—Premier Lloyd George Saturday publicly appealed for the success of the Genoa conference in a manner that could not be interpreted in any other way than as a direct bid for the United States to participate.

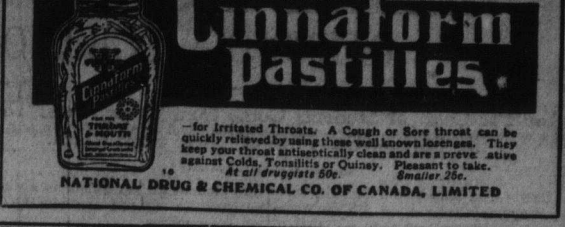
"I appeal to all men in power and to all rulers of men who have the opportunity to determine to go to the Genoa conference in a spirit of peace and understanding," the Premier declared, "cheering thousands of Coalition Liberals in London for the reorganization conference."

But he did not give his audience a chance to ponder whether he would like to see the Genoa meeting supersede the League of Nations, for immediately the Premier stated he was a believer in the League, but wished "some of its friends would not run it as a little party show." He argued that if the League of Nations had been established, it would automatically exclude America and Russia, both of which he maintained are needed as partners to any effective settlement of the world's ills.

"The Washington conference is establishing peace in the great West, and I am looking forward to the Genoa conference to establish peace in the East. They will be like the wings of the angel of peace hovering over the world," the Premier solemnly stated.

Lloyd George left no doubt in the minds of his audience that he favored frequent conferences between statesmen as the only way to settle their differences, and as a result of the subject it was evident he was taking a little dig at Premier Poincare, who by pen and speech has used his influence to have them discontinued in favor of the old school diplomacy. "If we could have had a conference in July, 1914, the catastrophe would not have come in August," the Premier declared as his adherents cheered.

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## Baby's Wrists Cut; Mother Blames Drug

Parent Arrested After Both Are Found Wounded—Mystery Case.

New York, Jan. 26.—"I am a victim of the drug habit. I would be better off dead," Mrs. Mary Neustadt, 23, of 143 West 100th street, made that statement yesterday when arraigned yesterday in West Side court charged with felonious assault. Detective Glasser of the West 100th street station, said he was called into Mrs. Neustadt's home last Friday by excited neighbors, and found Mrs. Neustadt and her two-year-old son, James, on the kitchen floor. The wrists of both had been slightly cut, and there was another knife wound on the mother's throat.

"I meant no harm to the child," said Mrs. Neustadt. She was held in \$1,000 bail for examination tomorrow.

## Soviet Withdraws Offer To Mortgage Industrial Future

London, Jan. 26.—Along with other grandiose schemes that have been proposed of late for the reconstruction of Russia, but which have "gone to pot," is that of Hugo Stinnes, in which he attempts to interest English capitalists in the Soviet promise to pay him for his last visit here. Economic Stinnes' dream of a reconstructed and revitalized Russian trade has not been fulfilled.

Although the German industrialists, it is understood, still think there is some chance of putting the project through in the event of English or American financial support, the terms of the offer are such as to discourage capital because they present only gambling elements and not safe security. When Stinnes was in London he said he had assurances from the Soviet authorities that they were willing to turn over the industrial and agricultural departments of the country to foreign capital.

Stinnes accepted such an offer as a working basis there has been a change in the Soviet mind—as not infrequently has been the case before—on the insistence of the Soviet now is said to be that it cannot mortgage its industrial future for the sake of immediate development of its agricultural resources. In fact, all officers for foreign development are said to have been known for more than fifty years.

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