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IMPROVING RUBBER AND TIRE OUTLOOK
 Industry Getting on Much Stronger Foundation—Small Companies Disappearing.

(Boston News Bureau, Sept. 16.)
 Boston—A more optimistic feeling prevails among leaders in the rubber and tire trade and the industry in general appears to be on a sounder foundation than for some time past. Although manufacturers are still facing the highly competitive conditions which characterized tire production almost from the beginning, many small companies are disappearing.
 It is generally agreed that the cut in tire prices in June was not justified when all factors are considered. The balloon tire was largely responsible for the price cut. Its immediate success frightened some manufacturers with large stocks of cord and fabric tires on hand, into the belief that the balloons would replace almost overnight the old standard casings. Rather than be forced to take large inventory losses the price reduction was announced by one of the leaders and followed by the rest. While this action served to stimulate the margin of profit was small. Economies since affected have increased the return and there is now talk of an upward revision of tire prices after Oct. 1.
 Although crude rubber importations in the first eight months of 1924 decreased 32,000 tons, compared with 1923 the price has risen steadily from low for the year of 17 1/4 cents in May to current quotations of 27 1/2 cents a pound. Cotton, another important factor in tire building, is firm and it appears unlikely that production costs can be reduced materially. Leading manufacturers are endeavoring continually to reduce overhead expenses until more of the so-called "kipp" companies are eliminated and prices advanced.
 Tire Sales Show Improvement.
 In the past two months tire sales

have shown a marked improvement and inventories have been reduced materially. A leading authority estimates that finished tires now available in the United States do not exceed two months' supply. In the past manufacturers have carried from four to five months' requirements. Purchases of cotton and rubber are now being made on a hand-to-mouth basis, and output consequently has been curtailed.
 Companies like United States Rubber Company, Goodyear, and Goodrich are not dependent solely on tire output because a large part of their business consists of footwear, mechanical goods and other rubber products. These manufacturers are broadening the field for their merchandise with a view of having a substantial leaning post in the event of poor tire years.
 Of the three companies mentioned Goodyear is the only one whose output in dollars is probably more than 50% tires. In the case of Goodrich mechanical goods account for more than 60% of sales, while in 1923 tires accounted for substantially less than one-third of United States Rubber's \$186,000,000 total sales.

What Should We Eat?

"Doctors declare war on modern diet."—Daily Chronicle.
 In days gone by, before I sought my knowledge to complete, I didn't care much what I ate. So long as I could eat.
 But this I found grave doctors held. A most pernicious creed.
 "You cannot care too much," they said, "About the way you feed!"
 Said one, "Excess of sugar's bad!"
 A second cried, "White bread will breed 'a most degenerate race!"
 "Eat fruit!" another said.
 "Fruit!" sneered his rival. "What's in that?"
 A man's strength to sustain?
 "Meat is the cause," explained a fifth, "Of almost every pain!"
 In milk I thought I'd found a food. Quite perfect, till I read.
 That if you drank the stuff unboiled "You're very soon be dead."
 While if you sterilized it first The bacilli to kill,
 The vitamins expiring too,
 Its value fell to nil.
 And now it seems that all the things I like best are taboo.
 Pickles are poison—sweet are worse.
 So what is one to do?
 Some races have died out, I know.
 But here's what "gets me beat"—
 How millions managed to survive.
 On nothing fit to eat!
 J. R.

Fight Called Off
 Due to Benny Leonard breaking a thumb while in training, the boxing bout for the Welterweight Championship of the World was postponed at the Polo grounds, New York, last night. Leonard's opponent was to be Mickey Walker, claimant to the title.

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Spectres of the "House"

"BIG BEN'S" APPEARANCE MEANS BAD NEWS.

Among the many who visit the Houses of Parliament many ask:—"Are there any ghosts?"
 It would seem strange if a place so full of memories as St. Stephen's lacked a ghost or two, and as a matter of fact tradition credits the home of the Mother of Parliament with more spectres than any other building in London, save the Tower.
 The most famous, as well as the most sinister, of Parliamentary ghosts is "Big Ben," who is said to appear whenever a death is pending in the Royal Family.

Numbers of people say that he was seen just before the deaths of the Prince Consort, Princess Alice, the Duke of Clarence, Queen Victoria, and King Edward. On each occasion he appeared at midnight, when the great clock after which he is named struck thirteen.
The Radiant Boy.
 Another interesting House of Commons ghost is the "Radiant Boy," a child phantom seen and heard many times. If the testimony of M.P.'s and cleaners is accepted, his complexion is of colourless purity, a halo of silver sparkles about his head, and it utters low moans as it wanders from room to room.
 So far as can be ascertained, the Radiant Boy has no pre-historic history connected with St. Stephen's, and why it should "walk" there is a mystery.

It is only to be expected that the ghost of Guido Fawkes should haunt the lower regions of the House, but he has not been seen there for many years.
 The night of November 4th, 1852, the eve of the first assembly of the Commons in the present building, the customary search of the vaults was made when one of the officials came running to the Sergeant-at-Arms in a state of abject terror, vowing that he had seen the ghost of Guy.
 So impressed was the officer by the man's condition and story that he ordered the vaults to be searched again, but Guy, if he had been paying a visit of inspection to the new premises, had taken his departure and was seen no more.

A Suicide Ghost.
 The spectre of Bellingham, too, is said occasionally to visit the spot where, in the flesh, he murdered Mr. Stephen Perceval, in May, 1812, and there is another very conventional kind of ghost, which sometimes appears on the Terrace, and with a dismal shriek throws itself into the river.
 Most remarkable of all the House of Commons spectres, however, was one which appeared only once—the phantom not of one deceased, but of a famous M.P. still happily in the House.
 One day, in 1897, so the story goes, Mr. T. P. O'Connor was summoned suddenly to the death-bed of a near relation in Ireland.
 That evening a friend, knowing nothing of the sorrowful summons, looked for "T.P." in his customary seat, and believed he saw him sitting there as usual. He was seen also from the Press Gallery. Yet at the time "T.P." was undoubtedly in Ireland.

Girl Climber's Fate

Englishman Scrambles Down Alps Crevasse and Finds Daughter Dead.

English tourists met with an accident while climbing the Alps, and one of them, Miss Carr, lost her life. A Mr. and Miss Carr and a Mr. Patterson, together with a guide and porter, were climbing the Cima di Jazi, near Monte Rosa, when, says a Central News Geneva message, the porter fell into a crevasse, dragging Miss Carr with him.
 Miss Carr was suspended by the rope for two hours. The rope then broke and she fell seventy-six feet to the bottom and was killed. Her body lay in the crevasse twenty-eight hours.
 While Mr. Patterson and the guide went for aid Mr. Carr descended the crevasse, only to find his daughter was dead. Both he and the porter were found injured by the rescue party.

Sinking Sun Peril

"A new terror is rising for poor pedestrians; it may be called the terror of the westerling sun," remarked Mr. Muskett, solicitor, at Marylebone recently.
 He was prosecuting Mrs. Lydia Eunice Bayes, of Doughty Street, Holborn, for driving her car dangerously in Avenue Road, St. John's Wood.
 She narrowly missed knocking over a perambulator, then touched a woman, knocking her umbrella out of her hand, and finally stopped against a pavement tree.
 It was about 7 p.m., and she said that the sun was in her eyes and she could not see the constable's signal, nor where she was going.
 The magistrate said she ought to have stopped and fined her five pounds with five shillings costs, and suspended her license for six months.

Hen That Helped Industry

The secret of making sugar perfectly white was discovered in a curious way. A hen which had been through a clay puddle went with her muddy feet into a sugar-house and left her tracks on a pile of sugar.
 It was observed that wherever the tracks were the sugar was whitened. Experiments were made, and it was discovered that wet clay could be used in refining sugar.
 The sugar was put into earthen jars, of sugar-loaf form, and clay was put over the tops and kept wet. There were holes at the smaller end of the jar, and the moisture soaking through the sugar dripped from these holes. By this means the sugar was made beautifully white.
 Sugar refining is now so big an industry that wonderful machinery has been devised to cope with the huge demand; but the secret so accidentally disclosed laid the foundation of the process in use to-day.

The Oldest Almanac

In the British Museum is an almanac that is 3,000 years old; it is supposed to be the oldest in the world.
 It is written like all other Egyptian manuscripts, on papyrus, and was found on the mummy of an Egyptian, who had treasured it apparently as something sacred, for it is of a strong religious character. Under the days, which are written in red ink, there is a figure followed by three characters, signifying the probable state of the weather.
 It is not entire, but it was evidently torn before its owner died. Beyond clearly establishing the reign of Ramesses the Great, it contains nothing else of any value.

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