

STATE OF TRADE IN UNITED STATES

The really distinctive feature of the cotton week, and one which is particularly noticeable in the case of the more optimistic tone notable at the end of the week, is the fact that the rally in strength of food prices and the rally in cotton which has followed the ending of the week has been accompanied by a resumption of operations by Lancashire cotton mills. Bradstreet's Weekly Foodstuffs Index, which is a composite index of butter and cheese and most hog products contributing with live hogs to the index, has advanced 1.2 per cent since the week ending September 11. This index is, in fact, higher than at any time since the week ending August 11. It is also noted in raw cotton and gray goods, hides, hay and yellow pine, and in eggs and most of the metals, with the result that twenty-one products are higher and twenty-one are lower and only forty-four are unchanged.

While industry is dull as usual, the cotton market is showing a lower level of activity than has been the case in the past. It is not and has not been entirely prosperous, but it is showing a recovery in a quantity of its consumption that is

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is not and has not been entirely prosperous. Figures of silk consumption show a quantity taken for consumption that exceeds anything in the past year and a half, and cotton consumption for June was the largest since August a year ago. The June building report, too, shows that that industry is not by any means dead, the figure of construction permitted for June being the largest since that of April, well above June a year ago, and, in fact, the fifth largest in monthly total on record. Despite this, however, lumber trade reports are of a rather dull conditions at leading points of production. Southern hardwood producers are inactive, awaiting a lead as

Western pea packers, who canned

NO SPECIAL PLACE ON C.N.R. TRAINS FOR WOMEN WHO SMOKE

Toronto, July 20—There are not going to be any special smoking compartments for women on the C. N. R., according to a statement made yesterday by Walter Pratt, superintendent of the hotels and sleeping car department. He said that accommodations for women who wished to smoke had been provided for

"Some of the women want to smoke in public and may do so in the library observation cars in company with men

IN WALL STREET.

New York, July 20.—(10.30).—The stock market moved within narrow limits at the dull opening of today's market. Changes among leaders were limited to fractions. Mexican Petroleum was the only exception, reacting a point and then rallying moderately. Other Mexican oils were irregular on publication of figures which indicated that the export tax imposed by the Mexican government in some instances equaled

exceeded the sales price. Steels, equipments and rails were firm. Exchange of London reacted slightly from yesterday's rally.

Mexican Petroleum failed two points from its first reversal but gave way to further pressure. European and low-priced domestic oils were firm.

Moderate buying of Central Electric American Car and Baldwin Locomotive strengthened the equipments. Steel

were listless within fractional limits. Northern Pacific and Great Northern were strongest of the rails, New York

leathers showing firmness. Call money opened at six per cent.

PARALYZING EPIDEMIC

Philadelphia, July 20.—A year's attention has failed to nurse back to health six-year-old Agnes Katherine, daughter

by a warning of a "bogey man" under the table. She lost the use of her vocal faculties and limbs and became almost blind. Physicians say there is no cure for her.

WEDDINGS GOING UP.

Philadelphia, July 20.—The cost of weddings is going up here, beginning with the smallest item, the marriage

a license. They have been raised from \$1.00 to \$1.50. The last couple to buy a license to matrimonial bliss were George Washington Fluxus and Alice McGraw.

Williams.

EXCHANGE TODAY
New York, July 20.—Sterling exchange

Canadian dollars 11½ per cent discount

July, 64 3-8; Sept., 62 3-8. Oats, Ju
40½; Sept., 42½.