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EARLY PREDICTIONS FAIL.

A year ago a peculiar financial panic struck New York, and from there spread all over the industrial world. During the crisis, and indeed ever since, there have been more or less regular announcements that the depression was only temporary and would be followed by a sharp rebound. These predictions have been based on the circumstance that in agriculture, which is the foundation of prosperity, and in other important industries, favorable conditions have prevailed. The talk of a resumption of activity has been in reality more dominant than comment on the actual depression, but, strangely enough, this sharp rebound so often promised, has failed to materialize. There has been in every line a gradual recovery, but industrial countries are still very far from their former activity and it is apparent that there is no immediate prospect of a more rapid improvement than is taking place. Forecasts are beginning to study the situation with a view to discovering the reasons why their early predictions failed. They felt at the beginning that the great banking institutions and the larger corporations were so sound, that panic and long continued depression could be prevented, or at least very quickly overcome, by united action, and they advocated the application of artificial methods rather than a cure by the working of natural economic laws. The latest panic, it is true, differed from others inasmuch as the majority of the more important industries were prosperous, but it is believed now, that the application of artificial methods was too violent, and resulted in bringing about a recovery which could not be sustained when this support was withdrawn. So quickly was the immediate effect of the crisis overcome, that an impression was created that former prosperity was near at hand. It is now a question as to whether the ultimate cure would not have been more rapid if matters had been permitted to take their natural course.

Henry Clews, of New York, discussing this phase of the situation, called attention to the cotton industry. He stated that entirely without any corporate regulation, this industry has undergone the necessary readjustment more rapidly and in a better condition in every respect, than any other great industry of the country. No particular treatment was accorded it, during the earlier days of the panic, but the natural laws governing the open market, have of their own accord brought about an almost normal condition, while in other lines the depression is still so serious that the action taken by the government, the trusts and corporations may now be regarded as a fatal mistake. The result of that action, Mr. Clews believes, has been that buyers, realizing low prices were held up in the face of depression, remain distrustful, because they know that in the majority of lines, prices depend more upon artificial regulation than upon open competition, which latter is always a safer test of real value than the arbitrary decision of combination.

THE KING'S VISIT.

Perhaps never in the past century has an international event been watched with so intense interest as the visit now being made by King Edward to the German coast, and rarely have international relations been so peculiarly characteristic of the two powers involved. With absolutely no points in dispute, with, diplomatically, only the friendliest feelings entertained, and through ties of kinship, every possible reason for a continuance of friendship, Britons and Germans are ready to fly at each other's throats. The situation is one which cannot be improved by diplomatic measures. It is a psychological condition, developed, not through any material cause, but by the gradual growth of sentiment, and it must await the cure which time alone will bring. There is a possibility that without the slightest reason Britain and Germany may, in a very few years, be at war; it is just probable that they may be nationally embracing each other as the rulers did yesterday. King Edward's visit at this time can do no harm; it may possibly be productive of some good, but in reality slight improvement can be accomplished through diplomacy alone, for there is nothing at issue which statesmen, by direct agreement, can settle. The feeling in each nation is purely sentimental and will be overcome only through one of those regular waves of public opinion which sway the peoples.

It is somewhat peculiar to find King Edward enthusiastically and even affectionately received by the people of Berlin, when his own subjects in Berlin are greatly wrought up over the

fear of a possible German invasion, when they are clamoring for more warships and a larger standing army, and when they are outside of official circles scarcely able to speak civilly of their German cousins.

But at this particular time there is a hint as to the true purpose of the visit, in the announcement that France and Germany have reached an agreement, which, while directly concerning only Moroccan affairs, touches on international relations generally. France, like Britain, has been one of the circle of nations, which during the past few years has forced Germany into isolation. France is the first to conclude a friendly treaty with Germany in which the peace of Europe with regard to one important question, is apparently assured. It may be suspected that King Edward's visit is not merely a friendly call, but will involve a discussion which may lead to some definite understanding whereby future complications between Britain and Germany may be avoided.

"Nature plans for mankind's needs." "I should say so. What could be more convenient than cars to hook spectacles over?"

Knicker—The Uplift Commission advocates gymnastics for the farmers.

Knicker—Fine! and they should have alarm clocks for the roosters.

"Pon't tactics," declared the half-back.

"What's the trouble now?" demanded the referee.

"I tried a kick for the stomach, but this fellow blocked it with his head."

First Almshouse Inmate—All the dishes and mirrors here is broke.

Second Almshouse Inmate—Sure they're broke. They wouldn't be here if they wasn't.

"I have just read a story of an economical farmer that Mr. Rockefeller, Jun., had been telling to his Sunday school class," said Higgins. "He says there is a farmer out near Cleveland who makes a fad of economy. Every time he drives into town he carries a hen with him tied to the seat of his buggy. A friend who rode out with him one day was curious to learn the use of that hen, so he watched carefully and found out. When at noon the farmer lunched under a tree he gave his mare a feed from a nose-bag, and the hen, placed on the ground, ate all that the horse spilled from the bag, so that there was no waste at all."

"Good story," said Higgins. "and true, too. I know that old farmer. Mr. Rockefeller didn't say where he got his lunch, did he?"

"No," said Higgins. "The story stops there."

"It was the egg the hen laid under the bushy tree on the way out," said Higgins.

John G. Johnson, Philadelphia's famous lawyer, was talking in the smoke room of a liner about work.

"In my youth," said Mr. Johnson, "I was ambitious, ambitious in an aimless and desultory way. In early youth, of course, one understands neither life nor one's self."

"An aged millionaire questioned me one day good-humoredly."

"You are ambitious," he said.

"I am," I agreed.

"Why," said the millionaire, "do you want to rise?"

"So that I can do as I like," I answered.

"The millionaire smiled and shook his head."

"Ah, my boy," he said, "it is only when we do as we don't like that we succeed."

"Has Johnson said anything bright lately?" asked Shakespeare of Artemus Ward as they sat in the club corridor.

"No," said Ward. "Boswell sprained his wrist the other day, and it hasn't been worth while."

"I presume you have a family tree, just about every friend."

"Sure," answered Joe Miller. "It's a chestnut."

But this, being apparently trivial, was omitted from his published work.

"Ha! haughty beauty!" blazed the villain. "You refused me because I was poor, but now your father has lost his fortune. We are in the same boat now!"

"We are in the same boat," she acknowledged. "but I have a first cabin ticket. Back to the steers for you!"

Laugh beneath the shadows with that golden music, dear.

That the gloomy clouds may scatter and the saddest disappear.

Laugh beneath the shadows, till thy laughter, like the sun,

Lights the hills with rainbow glory and the golden day be won!

MCARTHUR VS. ST. JOHN.

In the McArthur and McVeay case against the City of St. John, heard before Justice Wallace Frederick, yesterday, Wm. A. McVeay, one of the plaintiffs, submitted plans and specifications of the Loch Lomond extension in which his firm had submitted a tender, and spent considerable time explaining them to the judge and jury.

Barring a few sharp passages between Powell and Skinner the afternoon's proceedings were decidedly uninteresting. Witness was examined in regard to some declarations made to him by Engineer Harbour prior to the firm submitting a tender, and evidence on this point was admitted subject to objection. Justice White expressed the hope that the trial would not occupy more than three weeks, and to facilitate matters ordered a third stenographer to be engaged. Special jurors not serving on the case were waived from further attendance and will be paid by defendants.

ROME, Feb. 9.—The Tribune states that it has been decided to show the gratitude of Italy for America's generosity in the earthquake relief work by accepting the suggestion of its New York correspondent to give President Roosevelt the honor of the "citizenship" of Rome.

It is also intended to give a street in Rome the name of an American citizen, for instance, New York or Washington.

WARREN, Mass., Feb. 9.—Dr. John C. Cutler of this town, one of the few foreigners to receive the Order of the Media or Rising Sun at the hand of the Emperor of Japan, provides in his will, filed here today, for the perpetuation of the honor. He stipulates that the fact shall be engraved upon his tombstone, together with the mention of the time and place of his birth and death. As a further means of preserving his memory in the minds of Japanese people, his last will provides for a bequest of \$1,000 to be given by the Japanese legation at Washington, to the mayor and council of Sapporo, in Hokkaido, Japan, for the purpose of erecting there a public drinking fountain to his memory.

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Kelly's condition became gradually worse, and the man upon whom so much depended also grew weaker. The latter suddenly succumbed. Before the body became cold Dr. Vaughan, assisted by several physicians at the hospital, amputated the left leg just above the knee. Kelly was quickly placed under the influence of an anesthetic and the diseased knee was amputated. Meanwhile, the dead man's leg was being carefully dissected.

A DELICATE OPERATION.

The knee-joint was cut away from the calf of the leg, while a similar operation was performed on Kelly. When the diseased knee was removed Dr. Vaughan quickly substituted the "borrowed" one. The bones were fitted together by skidman strong wire and the most delicate phase of the operation, that of joining the ligaments, caused the surgeons to work as they probably never labored before. Every tissue, tendon and muscle was joined together, and the bone fastened together. In the course of time, say the physicians, the bones will knit together, and the man will be able to use his leg. Such an operation, it is said, has never before been performed in this country. One similar to it, the physicians say, and only one, has been performed in Germany.

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Have only one doctor—just one. No sense in running from one doctor to another! Select the best one, then stand by him. No sense in trying this thing, that thing, for your cough. Carefully, deliberately select the best cough medicine, then take it. Stick to it. Ask your doctor about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for throat and lung troubles.

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INVESTIGATION POINTS

TO MURDER AND ROBBERY

Dagger Wound Found on Body of Burned Chancellor—Funeral Delayed.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 9.—The report of the examining physicians declares that Chancellor Becker, whose body was found in the ruins of the burned German legation, was murdered. An examination of the body, which was burned beyond recognition, showed that the chancellor had received a dagger wound in the region of the heart. Investigation disclosed also that 25,000 pesos (\$2,125) had been abstracted from the safe in the legation. The body was buried today, with a great popular manifestation of sympathy. To add to the mystery, an intimate friend of Becker's declares that he saw the chancellor on the day following the fire which occurred on Friday. A servant employed by the legation is missing and on this account the funeral, which was to have been held yesterday, was postponed for further investigation. Although the identification has not been absolute, the German minister is satisfied that the body is that of the chancellor.

MISS MARIE HALL.

The following is a tribute to the genius of Miss Marie Hall who is shortly to appear in St. John:

TO MISS MARIE HALL.

Soft as the rain that falls on April night,

Light as the falling petals of a flower

Dim as a misty landscape seen at night,

Low as the murmuring waves at twilight hour,

Your music hold me with its strangely subtle power.

It rose and fell in lingering melody:

It held the speechless yearning of a soul

Struggling for freedom—some great "Time's" work

Woven in song, poured forth, a perfect whole,

From those impassioned strings in mystic harmony.

And as I listened wrapt, as in a dream

The soul of music bore my soul away

On wings of phantasy, until a gleam

More splendid than the rosy dawn of day

Revealed the spirit realm where music holds her sway.

Swift as a god I thundered through the dawn,

Apollo's reins in my immortal hands;

I was the wind, and drove, with breath of storm,

Dead leaves and rain-clouds over winter lands;

My song of death slow-shuddering through a lowering morn.

I was a breaker rolling to the shore,

And dashing high to kiss the cliff with spray;

I was a rainbow, faintly arching o'er the land

In transient glory; far away

As steeped in dreamy pain, the shimmering ocean lay.

So, flushed with visions, soared my spirit still;

Swayed by your rushing flow of melody

That upward stole, and ever upward till

It reached the gates of Heaven in majesty,

Then faded to a dying murmur—and was still.

S. MARGAN POWELL, "Montreal Witness," Feb. 1st, 1908.

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DEATHS

CROWE—In this city on the 9th inst., Wm. Crowe, in the 81st year of his age, leaving one son and one daughter to mourn.

Funeral will take place tomorrow, Thursday, at 2.30 o'clock, from his late residence, 686 Main Street. Friends are invited to attend.

MORRISON—Suddenly, in this city, on Feb. 8th, Matthew Morrison, in the 72nd year of his age, leaving a widow, two sons and one daughter to mourn.

Funeral on Thursday at 2.30 p. m. from his residence, 272 Dixie street. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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