

COMMODITY PRICES STILL ON TOBOSGAN

Fifty-Five Declines Against Twenty-Two Advances in Week.

New York, Oct. 18.—Although the downward trend of wholesale commodity prices met with rather more resistance last week, and while the changes were relatively less important, the readjustment to a lower basis nevertheless continued strongly in evidence. 55 declines appearing in the list of quotations compiled by Dun's Review, as against 22 advances. The grain markets were again featured by considerable irregularity, but there was some recovery in prices, wheat, rye, and barley disclosing more or less improvement in response to a fair foreign inquiry and reports that farmers were refusing to sell at prevailing levels. Corn, however, was comparatively weak, owing to the practical assurance of a record-breaking crop.

In dairy products, butter was depressed by larger receipts, whereas a short supply strengthened the best grades of eggs. Live meats moved within an unusually narrow range, demand and arrivals about offsetting each other, and the net result was a slight easing in beef and a moderate rise in hogs and sheep. Provisions tended generally upward, the weather favoring an increased movement into consumption. Although few important reductions have been named in iron and steel, the undertone of the markets is distinctly easier, with some concessions offered to induce the placing of new business, and yielding in the minor metals has been something of a feature. The depression in cotton goods continues sharply in evidence, while similar conditions persist in hides and leather.

HARDING ASKED BY HIS FRIENDS?

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United States lead the way to a world "fraternity." Neither officials at the White House nor at the state department would comment on the nature of the inquiry referred to the French government. It was understood, however, that the note was transmitted by the state department to the French embassy in Paris. At the same time, it was stated that no such communication had been received there for transmission.

Secretary Tamm said that no reply had been received by the White House either from Senator Harding or from the French government up to this hour.

Harding Makes Reply. Marion, Ohio, Oct. 18.—Replying to an inquiry from President Wilson, Senator Harding wrote the White House today that although France had sent her "spokesman" to him informally asking the United States to lead the way for an association of nations, the incident had not involved the French government in any violation of international proprieties. The senator declared that in his reference to the French government through Green Castle, Ind., recently he only had sought to convey the thoughts that there had come to him "those who spoke a sentiment which they represented to be very manifest among the French people." He added that his words "could not be construed to say that the French government had sent anybody to me."

Referring to Mr. Wilson's suggestion of impropriety in a foreign nation approaching a "private citizen" on such a subject, Senator Harding pointed out that he is a member of the foreign relations committee as well as a nominee for the presidency and suggested that "an informal expression to me is rather more than to a private citizen."

Parliament's Decorators Affected by New York Strike

Ottawa, Oct. 18.—The Building Trades Council at a meeting tonight refused to take action in regard to the disagreement that has arisen between the Newark firm, who have the contract to decorate the common chamber, and five or six of their employees, who have been on strike for some time. These men walked out in sympathy with the painters because the demands of decorators working for the same firm in New York City were on strike. The council decided that they could take no action unless non-union painters were set to work by the contractors. It is a matter that the Painters' International Union alone is interested in at present.

CHARGE ASSAULT. Hamilton, Oct. 18.—P. Varolik, 7 Manchester street, was taken into custody last evening by Constables Gillespie and Burton, on a charge of assaulting Mike Kom.

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ARE THEY MEMBERS OF THE BAG GANG?

Two juveniles, both 14 years of age, were arrested by P.C. Carter on a charge of snopbreaking. While the specific charge against the trio is that breaking into the Quaker Candy Works and stealing a quantity of candy, it is understood that seven additional charges of shop and house breaking will be preferred against them when they appear in court this morning. Both lads, it is stated, admit that they were members of the gang whose other members were arrested on Sunday night by Detectives Winters and Walsh. When arrested one of the lads had a loaded revolver in his possession. The revolver he admitted stealing from one of the places burglarized.

The largest part of the stolen property has been recovered by the police. Accompanied by Detective Black, one of the juveniles went to the old car barns, River and Queen streets, where he showed the officer the place the stolen goods had been cached by the gang.

BUILDING IN U.S. SHOWS DECLINE

Permits in September Lowest for Any Month This Year.

New York, Oct. 18.—Statistical evidence of industrial reaction again appears in the returns of building permits issued at the country's leading centres, the September total of \$2,615,655 for 103 cities representing the low point of the present year. The permits granted last month, which are exclusive of those for alterations and repairs, involved a considerably smaller estimated expenditure than was the case in August, when nearly \$31,000,000 was recorded at 101 centres, and they mark the fifth consecutive month of reduction. Comparison with the \$128,725,602 of September, 1919, discloses practically a 38 per cent. decrease, and there is a falling off of approximately that much at points outside of New York city. Among the cities revealing especially large losses are included Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and Philadelphia, while in Great Britain a contraction of virtually 38 per cent. is noted. The deferring of many contemplated construction undertakings is still attributed mainly to the difficulty of securing financial accommodation and to the high cost of labor and materials, although prices of some of the latter have recently experienced yielding.

A. Neilson, Carleton Place, Drops Dead on the Street

Carleton Place, Ont., Oct. 18.—Andrew Neilson, one of the most prominent citizens and business men of this side, dropped dead on the street opposite his home here at 11 o'clock tonight. For the past 35 years he had conducted a most successful watchmaking and jewelry business, and came to Carleton Place from Perth. His sudden death is believed to have been due to excessive physical work during construction of a bungalow.

HAMILTON

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Damage to the amount of several thousand dollars was caused by a fire which broke out at the Cereal Company, Equator Manufacturing Company, and the Hamilton Lamp Company factories at an unknown cause in the Hamilton Lamp Company's plant, and spread to the other factories before being discovered, with the result that considerable difficulty was experienced by the firemen in getting it under control.

While attempting to make an arrest in the foreign section of the city last evening Constable Bart Sharpe, narrowly escaped being mobbed by a gang and but for the interference of a friendly naturalized foreigner, would most likely have been severely handled.

Considerable damage was caused by a fire, which broke out at the Y.W.C.A., West Main street, at 8.40 this morning, as the result of an overheated electric motor, used in connection with a freight elevator. Ernest Porhouse, 55 Steven street, was admitted to the General Hospital yesterday, suffering from a fracture of the right elbow, which was caused by a fall on the street.

No disorders of any description have been reported since the general public regarding the strike is entirely different than it was in 1912, when it intervened between owners and miners to settle the dispute. The government, as a result of the war, has been placed in the position of the directorate of the mining industry, the finances of which it controls, and it is consequently interested in the prosperity of the coal trade, which is yielding a large sum to the exchequer. It is maintained the government wholly supports the miners' intimated readiness to explore every device toward any movement toward the reopening of negotiations.

One effect of the coal strike upon financial London, has been the weakening of the pound sterling, which has dropped to \$2.44 on buying orders to cover the actual and prospective coal shipments from the United States to Europe. The effect has already been seen on continental exchanges, all of which are showing a Great Britain late last week, and which were again slightly weaker today. All available supplies of coal have been placed under government control.

ITALY SAFE FOR A WHILE. Rome, Oct. 18.—Italy will not feel any effects from the British coal strike before the end of November, as the government in view of the possibility of the strike, accumulated reserves, which now approximate 1,100,000 tons. The fuel board has announced it is prepared to supply coal to ocean-going steamers.

ST. THOMAS MAN HIT BY UNKNOWN AUTOIST

St. Thomas, Ont., Oct. 18.—Albert Fraser is in a serious condition in the hospital here as a result of being hit by an automobile late this evening. He was walking along the Aylmer road, just outside the city, when a large car hit him. The autoist did not stop, Fraser's wife, who was with him at the time, called to the driver.

U. S. BUSINESS FAILURES. New York, Oct. 18.—Commercial failures this week in the United States, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., are 205 against 200 the previous week, 171 in the preceding week, and 118 the corresponding week last year.

DISLOCATION OF INDUSTRIES

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powerful triple alliance to which the miners belong—were evidently marking time today in the matter of making a decision upon pending proposals. They would lead their support to the striking coal workers.

Talk of mediation was still rife, and while there were no tangible developments along this line, railroad employees and the transport men appeared to be inclined not to take precipitate action, pending possible proposals from some source upon which the government and the miners could negotiate.

Progress Basis of Settlement. John Robert Clynes, former food controller, and one of the most moderate of the labor leaders, has expressed confidence a settlement was possible within a week, if both sides could be brought together to calmly discuss the merits of the controversy. He advocates as a basis of agreement the granting to the miners of half their demands, and the submission of the remainder to an impartial tribunal. He professes to believe in the power of parliament to harmonize the differences between the government and the coal miners, which brought about the settlement of the general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, has also made moderate statements, and both these men are ready to do their utmost to shorten the strike.

A Significant Warning. Newspapers contrast the attitude of Clynes and the British government, and the attitude of the National Union of Railwaymen, who has given significant warning to members of that union, that if they do not accept the Dockworkers' Union, who in a speech yesterday, accused the government of having engineered the strike, and charged it with a "homework" without announcing its policy.

Some Favor Sympathetic Strike. While the national leaders as a whole are saying little, there are some of them who have declared in favor of a sympathetic strike, notably in Scotland and at Barry, Wales, an important coal depot.

The newspapers are making considerable of the fact that while the strike is completely effective there are considerable sections of the miners who entered it half-heartedly, not only because they were ordered to do so, but because they do not approve of the strike, and who declare they will stand by the rest.

The miners of the vital South Wales coal fields represent the belligerent section of the strikers. The bulk of the strikers, who are in the majority, to be found here, and they are eager to carry the fight to the bitter end. With the shipping, steel and iron and other industries, which employ many thousands of men out of work in various parts of the country, it seems certain by the end of the week the total will be in the neighborhood of 2,000,000 unemployed, as numbers of factories will be able to operate only a short time without new stocks of coal.

Public Feeling Pinch. The general public already has begun to feel the effect of the restrictions on coal supplies for lighting and for heating. The public is awake today to find themselves faced with sharp fall weather, which demanded either fires or warmer clothing. If the cold snap continues, it is possible it will have an important effect upon the coal situation.

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HON. E. H. BRONSON DIES IN OTTAWA

Was at One Time Member Without Portfolio of Mowat Government.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 18.—Hon. Erskine H. Bronson died here tonight, after a lengthy illness. He was one of the foremost lumbermen of this district, and at one time a member of the Mowat government of Ontario without portfolio, and later held the same position with the Hardy administration. He represented Ottawa in the legislature at the time. He was born in Warren county, New York, in 1844, and came here with his father when a boy. He became president of the Bronson Western Lumber Company in 1888, and had large interest in many other Ottawa business concerns. He was also interested in lumber concerns in California.

FORTY ACCIDENTS IN SAFETY WEEK

Motorists Participate in Many Crashes—Police Are Surprised.

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These figures show that instead of decreasing the number of accidents have greatly increased, the average being double that of the past year. Last year's accidents totaled 1072, while at the rate of this week's figures there will be over 2100 casualties during the next year.

Farmer Visiting Vancouver Drugged, Then Robbed of \$4,800

Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 18.—Gerald Sprecken, a farmer from Saskatoon, Sask., visiting in this city, has reported to the police that he had been drugged and robbed of \$4,800, which he had drawn from a bank with the intention of buying a home. A casual acquaintance with whom Sprecken roomed is suspected.

ARREST DOMINICO DELUCIA

Hamilton, Oct. 18.—Dominico Delucia of Port Dalhousie, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Buckett and Spakman on a warrant charging non-support, preferred by his wife.

TIE IN THE FINAL FOR HERALD CUP

Westinghouse and Laborites Gain Two Goals Apiece in Fierce Contest.

Hamilton, Oct. 18.—Westinghouse and Labor Party battled to a 2-2 tie in the final game for The Herald Cup, played here Thanksgiving morning. Close to two thousand spectators witnessed the contest. Owing to the fact that there was only one play wicket, the kick was delayed for 20 minutes to allow the crowd to see all the game. It was one of the most fiercely contested games ever seen on a local ground. "Calamities were frequent, but they were of a minor nature. Givlear opened the scoring when he made a fine goal for Westinghouse after 30 minutes play. Three minutes later Parker, taking a header, put the ball into the Westinghouse net for the equalizing goal. Shortly before the interval Labor Party jumped in front, again when, following a cross pass from the center, the scrimmage in the Westinghouse goal, McEwan accidentally kicked the ball into his own net. The Laborites were leading 2-1 at half-time.

Continuous Excitement. The second half was 45 minutes of almost continuous excitement. Altho Westinghouse had the better of the play, it looked as if the L.L.E. had the game tucked away, when 15 minutes from the end, Tiny Fomlo sent a short from the left wing, which Crompton, the Laborite goalie, misjudged and the ball twisted into the net. With the game tied, both teams battled hard for the leading goal, which never came full time being called shortly afterwards with the score two each. The line-up: Labor Party—Crompton, Burtonshaw, McLaughlin, Bell, Rodgers, Cooper, Parker, Wands, Dawson, Duncan and Ferguson.

Crane, Ure, Burns, P. Gardner, Pilkington, Newton, Pascoe, Givlear and Tiny Fomlo. Referee—Phil Evans, Guelph.

GRAVE CONDITION OF THE GREEK KING

Athens, Oct. 18.—The latest bulletin issued concerning the condition of King Alexander says that it is most grave. In addition to his other ailments resulting from the bite of a pet monkey, congestion of the lungs has developed.

MORE BRITISH GOLD.

New York, Oct. 18.—The steamer St. Paul brought \$5,200,000 in gold here from England today to pay Great Britain's interest on the war debt in the United States. It was consigned to the Federal Reserve Bank and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and will be delivered tomorrow.

SUGAR FROM SAWDUST.

The recent announcement that sugar can be produced from sawdust is true, but it will not help the housewife, for the kind of sugar which can be so produced is not the same kind as the ordinary "table sugar," the "beet sugar," or even the "beet sugar" of the breakfast table. It is glucose, an entirely different substance chemically, and will not help for a long time to come, if ever, to relieve the sugar famine.

KING CRITICIZES FEDERAL FINANCES

Tells Audience Out West Unrest Due to Extravagant Methods.

Cranbrook, B.C., Oct. 18.—Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King spent Thanksgiving Day on the final lap of his tour thru British Columbia. He arrived here this evening and his party ate their Thanksgiving dinner as the guests of Hon. Dr. King, provincial minister of public works, and a number of prominent Liberals of the city who had gathered to honor the head of the Liberal party and his lieutenants. At this evening's meeting Mr. King was supported by W. C. Kennedy, M.P. for North Essex, and E. A. Lapointe, M.P. for Quebec West.

Criticizes Financial Policy. Mr. King confined himself to a criticism of the financial policy and methods of the present administration in Ottawa. He believed one of the causes of the present unrest was the sight of extravagance in national methods of government. He pointed to the fact that commissions without number are being appointed, and stated that during the present tour of British Columbia the sleeping car in which Mr. King and his party were traveling was often sandwiched between or hitched behind a long array of private cars carrying various government officials about the country at enormous expense to the taxpayers, who are looking for relief and not for additional burdens.

He made a vigorous attack on the methods which the government has been pursuing to raise revenue to meet unnecessary expenses, especially the luxury tax, which, he said, was simply a means to extort higher prices from the consumer in order to provide income tax free securities for enriched profiteers. Lapointe's Suggestion. Mr. Lapointe said it was the urgent duty of the government to establish a national budget to build up a tariff policy which would give protection to the consumer as well as the producer and to work out a better understanding between capital and labor. The present parliament, he said, had no mandate to settle these questions and its continuance was a breach of faith with the electors of the Dominion.

SNAPPY GUELPH TEAM VICTORS OVER LABORITES. Hamilton, Oct. 18.—A basketful of goals were scored when a scratch team of Laborites played the Taylor-Forbes eleven of Guelph, at Chapple Park in the afternoon, the visitors snatching a 6-4 victory from The Herald cup finalists. Considering the game was only an exhibition it was a snappy one, the Guelphites creating a favorable impression by their clever play. Despite the hostilities weather there was an attendance of over 300.

Lord Tveder, the wealthy coal mine owner, has decided to give up yachting and has sold his steam yacht Liberty, one of the largest British yachts afloat.

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