

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

CONSPIRACY IN CUBA

WALL STREET ACCUSED OF FINANCING REBELLION.

Substantial Citizens of Island Have Confidence in President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft and Gov. Magoon, and No Apprehension is Felt.

A conspiracy to start a revolution movement in Cuba has been discovered. Under instructions issued by Gov. Magoon a number of suspicious persons believed to be connected with the conspiracy have been shadowed for several days past. It is believed that the movement is backed by New York capitalists.

Gov. Magoon has been aware for several days past that certain individuals were conspiring against the government, but he did not attach to the matter much importance, owing to the fact that these persons were under constant surveillance and the Cuban rural guard and the American forces on the island had been so assigned as to be able to crush any such movement in a few hours' time.

The fact that Gov. Magoon was cognizant of the conspiracy and the movements of the agitators seems to have served to suppress the threatened outbreak, and advice received by the government Wednesday night from all the provinces show that there is no ground at all for apprehension. There is reason to believe that this conspiracy has been going on for several weeks past. The recent miniature uprisings near Santiago and Camaguey were due to too great enthusiasm in the part of some of the partisans in the movement, who failed to await the signal from the chiefs in Havana.

It is declared that Maso Parra, a native born Cuban, has been the leader of the activity. Parra is known to have led several Latin-American revolutions in the past. He tried to enter Cuba after being expelled two years ago, but the Palma administration feared his purpose in returning was to organize a revolution and would not permit him to land. Parra landed in Cuba several weeks ago. No objection to his coming was made.

FOR PURE KANSAS DRINKS.

Board of Health to Inspect Places Where Beverages Are Sold.

All "joints," drug stores that sell liquor, ice cream parlors and confectionery stands; in fact, every place where drinks of any kind are sold in Kansas, are to be inspected at once by the pure food inspectors of the state board of health. The orders to the inspectors were issued by Dr. S. J. Crumbrine, secretary of the state board of health. The inspectors are to visit every place where drinks are sold or manufactured to see if the premises are in proper sanitary condition. The pure food law also applies to drinks of all kinds. Everything must be properly labeled, of standard strength and purity and without adulteration. The inspectors will gather samples for analysis.

The "2 per cent joints" in some of the towns are the ones that suffer most under this order. It is reported that these places sell the goods without labels or any mark of identification. This is in violation of the federal laws, as everything must be labeled.

TO REORGANIZE FOUR ROADS.

Only Obstacle Removed by Granting of Immunity to the Alton.

The granting of immunity to the Chicago and Alton for paying rebates to the Standard Oil company by Judge Landis, of Chicago, Tuesday removes the only obstacle to the ratification of the sale by the Rock Island of the controlling interest in the Alton to the Clover Leaf and the consolidation with the Minneapolis and St. Louis and Iowa Central railroads. As soon as the necessary financial details are arranged the organization of the four roads will be effected.

Miss Virginia Lee Weds. Miss Virginia Lee, daughter of the late Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, was married at Alexandria, Va., Wednesday to Lieut. John Carter Montgomery, Seventh United States cavalry.

Minister as Confidence Man.

Rev. Benj. F. Graf, a deposed minister, was taken to Joliet, Ill., from Michigan under arrest for working an alleged confidence game. He was unable to secure \$1,000 bail.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Wednesday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$5.60. Top hogs, \$6.10.

Weds a Music Master.

Countess Montignoso, ex-queen princess of Saxony, and Signor Toffelli, music master, were married Wednesday at the registry office on the strand in London.

Leaves Oyster Bay.

President Roosevelt returned to Washington at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, ending his summer vacation at Oyster Bay, which commenced June 12.

ACCUSE BEEF TRUST.

Back to Old Tricks, Eastern Dealers Charge.

Allegations that the great western packers, known as the beef trust, are once more operating in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, the Elkins act and the rate regulation law are made by firms and persons engaged in the meat and provision business in Washington. It is reported that these statements are being made the basis of an investigation by government officials, but Judge Russell, the acting attorney general, said he did not know of any such charges being filed in the department of Justice.

Judge Russell said he had held the opinion more than a year ago that subterfuges for the evasion of the explicit provisions of the commerce laws were to be treated as if they were direct and open violations of these laws. At the present accusers charge subterfuges this comment of the acting attorney general is regarded as significant.

It is said the operations of the beef packers in combination are likely to be considered both a violation of the injunction issued by Judge Grosscup in the United States court in Chicago and also as violations of the Sherman anti-trust law and of the laws governing interstate commerce.

Judge Grosscup granted the injunction against the packers in 1902. They were especially enjoined from combining to increase prices of meat to the consumer; to decrease the price of beefs on the range; to extort or accept rebates from railroads; to maintain black lists of employes, and to threaten carry on operations designed by agreements to destroy competition.

GIRL IN HORSE THIEF ROLE.

A Sixteen-Year-Old Makes Raid on Ranges.

Reading nickel thrillers and newspaper accounts of daring in live stock stealing inspired Elizabeth Paschik, a 16-year-old school girl of Marcus, Wash., to carry out a series of horse-stealing jobs in northeastern Washington which for cleverness in plan and execution are without parallel in criminal history in the Pacific northwest.

The girl, who was arrested by W. H. Graham, sheriff of Stevens county, after riding one of the two horses she stole from Peter Paul's ranch more than 100 miles, was remanded to the juvenile department of the Spokane county superior court. She told the story of her crimes in a straightforward way, declaring no one assisted her in stealing horses and other live stock from the ranges on the Colville Indian reservation.

"CONFEDERATE" ON TOMB.

President Directed Gen. Wheeler's Southern Title to Be Used.

By direction of President Roosevelt the words "Major General, Confederate Cavalry," will appear on the monument to Gen. Joseph Wheeler in the Arlington national cemetery. Some time ago the war department had under consideration the question whether the rank of Gen. Wheeler in the confederate army should be indicated on his monument. Several officers at the department thought it would not be appropriate for an ex-confederate officer's rank to appear on a monument in a national cemetery. The matter was referred to President Roosevelt, who directed that such rank be included with the other military honors conferred upon Gen. Wheeler.

HALF MILLION FOR THE RACE.

New York Yacht Club Members to Furnish Cash.

Preparation for the defense of the America's cup has begun by the New York Yacht club. At least one syndicate is being formed to build a yacht to defend the trophy, and there may be a second and perhaps more. All seem to agree that the management of the defender will be vested in E. D. Morgan. Among the largest subscribers to the syndicate are said to be Edward H. Harriman, Col. Robert M. Thompson, C. K. J. Billings and Roy A. Rainey. The cost of building and operating the defender and other expenses of the race, it is estimated, will exceed \$500,000.

Send Messages Over Sea.

Marconi has arrived at Glace Bay, C. B., to make preparations for the establishment of trans-Atlantic wireless communication between Canada and Great Britain. Within a few weeks it is hoped constant night and day service will be in operation.

Rebate Verdict Upheld.

The United States circuit court of appeals at Denver Monday affirmed the judgment of the district court at Minneapolis last May declaring, the Great Northern railroad guilty of giving rebates. Under that judgment the Great Northern was fined \$15,000.

Four Killed in Wreck.

Two Missouri freight trains collided head on at Evansville, Mo., twenty miles southeast of Moberly, early Monday. Four of the crews were killed.

Peace in Morocco.

Peace has been declared in Morocco. Delegates from three important tribes Monday accepted the French peace overtures and will see that the terms of the agreement are carried out.

Sustains San Francisco Grand Jury.

The state supreme court of California has sustained the validity of the grand jury which indicted Schultz, Ruef and others.

HOT REPLY TO FISH.

Harahan Makes Sensational Charge in Letter.

"Stuyvesant Fish loaned himself as an individual about \$1,500,000 from the treasury of the company [Illinois Central] on securities of his own selection which proved to be inadequate and unmarketable."

This and other startling allegations were made in a letter given out Tuesday night by J. T. Harahan, president of the Illinois Central railroad, and addressed to the stockholders of the company. The letter is a speedy reply to the letter of Mr. Fish published Tuesday criticizing the administration of Mr. Harahan, who succeeded to the presidency of the Illinois Central when Mr. Fish was ousted by the directors.

Mr. Harahan's letter, in part, follows: "The statement in the circular letter issued by Mr. Fish to the stockholders and published Tuesday that the Illinois Central accounts are padded or in any way manipulated is absolutely untrue. He knows there has been no change whatever in the relations of the Illinois Central with the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific. The resolutions presented by him some weeks ago to the board of directors making these charges were referred to the accounting, traffic and operating officers, and their reports, which were transmitted by me to the board of directors, show that the charges are utterly groundless and that the accounts have been kept precisely as they were under Mr. Fish's administration, and that the relations with all connecting lines are the same as before his retirement."

"His reference to alleged domination by the Union Pacific is merely an effort to play upon what he supposes to be the current prejudice to further his own interests and should not deceive anyone."

CHINESE OVERTURN KINGSTON.

Influx of Orientals a Serious Menace to Jamaican City.

The influx of Chinese at Kingston, Jamaica, is a serious matter. One section of the press is urging the government to take steps to prevent their landing here, it being detrimental to local traders.

Kingston's city council has adopted a resolution calling on the government to amend the paper alien immigration law so as to prohibit the entrance of the undesirable foreigners.

STOP GAMBLING ON LINERS.

New York Police and Steamer Companies Working Together.

For the first time in the history of ocean travel the police of New York and the trans-Atlantic steamship companies have united, it is said, in opposing the gamblers who ply their trade on ocean liners. It is the intention of the steamship companies to post pictures of what the "sharps" in the smoking rooms of steamers, in the ticket offices and in every other place where the gamblers can be found, it is the further intention to refuse to sell tickets to men known to be gamblers and to refuse to transport gamblers who have been issued under names other than their own.

ALFONSO SNORES NO MORE.

Surgical Operation Restored Tranquility in Royal Family.

The recent operation on King Alfonso for adenoids was made necessary, according to a writer in Gil Blas more for domestic reasons than had health. The king snored so loudly and persistently that he deprived the queen of sleep. Drugs and cold baths before retiring were unavailing. Finally the king's nose was examined and it was found that the nasal passages were partly obstructed by adenoid growths. When these were removed by an operation the king's unpleasantly snoring respiration disappeared entirely and the queen sleeps untroubled now.

Roosevelt's Bear Hunt.

A special from Lake Providence, La., says: It has been learned the proposed bear hunt of the president will be in East Carroll parish, opposite the Abata station, on the Iron Mountain railroad. The camp will be eighteen miles from Lake Providence.

Several Hurt in Crash.

Several persons are in hospitals in New York suffering from hurts from an accident on the Brooklyn bridge, following one of the worst jams in its history. The breaking of a drawbar on a train caused a collision between two freight trains.

Are Shot Without Trial.

Seven workmen and two girls were executed at Lodz, Russia, Monday by shooting, without trial, for participating in the murder of Marcus Silberstein, owner of a cotton mill.

Wu is Formally Named.

The reappointment of Wu Tingfang to his former post as minister of China to Washington was gazetted Tuesday.

Beavers Released from Prison.

George W. Beavers, formerly of the postal department in connection with the postal frauds several years ago, was released from the penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va., Tuesday.

Slays Three Children.

Mrs. Martha Mund, of Buffalo, N. Y., aged 27 years, early Tuesday strangled her three children, Christopher, aged 8 years, Helen, 2 years, and Freda, 8 months.

Nebraska State News

BEATRICE PEOPLE CELEBRATE.

City Starts in Last Half of Century Since Its Foundation.

With a grand salute at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning the opening day of the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the city of Beatrice was ushered in under most favorable circumstances. For the last week the merchants have been busily engaged in decorating their places of business for this memorable occasion, and with myriad electric lights strung across the streets throughout the business section the city presents a beautiful appearance.

At 10 o'clock a. m. there was a balloon ascension, and every hour during the remainder of the day a grand parade of fraternal orders, Beatrice fire department, military organizations and labor unions. At 1:30 there was an exhibition drill between fraternal drill teams, and in the evening the Beatrice fire department gave a grand display of fireworks. Thursday's program comprised an address by William Jennings Bryan, flower parade of carriages and automobiles and a parade of old settlers and homecomers.

There was an industrial parade Friday, participated in by all the manufacturing institutions of Beatrice. The high school, postoffice employes and traveling men also took part in the parade.

MERRICK WANTS COURT HOUSE.

Time is Too Short to Submit Proposition to Voters This Year.

The people of Merrick county will not be given a chance to express their opinion on the question of voting \$100,000 bonds for the erection of a new court house at the general election in November. After careful consideration, the county board of supervisors has decided that the time is too short before election to comply with all the requirements necessary for the submission of an issue at the coming election. Instead of trying to crowd matters now, the supervisors intend putting it off until next year and then taking it up in plenty of time. The question of erecting a new court house was proposed several years ago, but the proposition was withdrawn before election on account of a heavy hail storm which swept the county and severely damaged crops. The need of a new court house is keenly felt, for the old structure is in a deplorable condition, the east side having settled so that the building had to be tiddled and later propped up. The general sentiment over the entire county seems to be that a new edifice should be constructed, and that it only remains for the supervisors to take the necessary steps for submitting the question at the election one year hence and the bonds will be voted.

BERI-BERI FRIGHTENS FARMERS.

Assurance of Physicians Does Not Alleviate Alarm at Alvo.

Notwithstanding the quiet quarantine of the twenty Japanese laborers on the Rock Island near Alvo, who were discovered to be afflicted with beri-beri, the dread oriental disease common in their native country, and the announcement by Dr. W. H. Willson, inspector of the state board of health, that they have the situation well in hand, residents of Alvo and the surrounding country are still greatly alarmed. The disease is contagious and epidemic. It exists most notably in the orient, particularly in China and Japan, and is a fatal paralysis affecting the lower limbs and working upward until the vital organs are reached. Poor and unfit food and too close confinement are said to have caused the attack at Alvo. The disease was discovered among the Japanese at Alvo by Dr. I. D. Jones, of Murdock.

AUTO DRIVER LOCKED UP.

He Refused to Take "Honker" from His Machine.

C. Charles Jones, of Lincoln, intended to merely advertise his brand of automobiles; instead he is in jail and may stay until he promises to be good. The trouble is with his "honker," which sounds like the shriek of a man in torment. It has been noted, and when the machine, driven at a high rate of speed, goes along the street the warning signal is something alarming to nervously inclined listeners. He was arrested on a charge of creating a nuisance. When he refused to take the "honker" off his machine at the police station he was locked up with bail denied. Jones is the first automobilist to be locked in Lincoln for exceeding the speed limit.

Frost Aids Corn.

The light frost which visited the lowland around Humboldt did no damage to growing crops, tending rather to aid the corn by checking its growth and causing it to ripen fast. The last few weeks of hot weather and winds did much to get the corn in shape to escape damage by the frost.

County High School Defeated.

The proposition for a county high school was voted on in Hamilton county last Saturday and defeated by a majority of about 1,500.

Apple Crop Short.

A report comes from Nebraska, in Cass county, that the orchards of Congressman E. M. Pollard, numbering 12,000 trees, will this year yield but 500 barrels of apples, less than 5 per cent of the average crop.

Killed by Fall from Wagon.

Thomas McComas died at Bassett as the result of an injury received by falling out of a wagon. His home was three miles north of Bassett on the Nebraska river, where he settled twenty-five years ago.

MURDER CHARGE IS PROBABLE.

Buffalo County Authorities Will Probably Place It Against Stranger.

The sheriff of Buffalo county returned to Grand Island from Ravenna and Sweetwater, where he investigated further the burning of the B. & M. car, loaded with oil, and in the ashes of which the trunk of a man was found, and where he also further inquired into the presence of a man, with badly burned hands and face, who told a bartender in that fire that he had been burned in a gasoline explosion at Ravenna roundhouse, and a Grand Island physician that he had been injured at the Grand Island shops. The injured man was taken to Kearney where he will probably be tried or the charge of murder before he gets through with the case.

At Ravenna he walked into a saloon and stated that he had been hurt there. This was before it was learned that in the ashes of the car were found the remains of a man. The car was discovered in the fire between Ravenna and Sweetwater and the trainmen ran into the next siding, six miles, before getting out the burning car. It is believed that the man in custody, who gave his name as Frank Collins, murdered his traveling companion for some motive and set fire to the car with the hope of getting out in time, the former plan being frustrated by the train speeding up instead of stopping on the main line.

ACCIDENT MAY PROVE FATAL.

Dr. Boyes Believed to Be Seriously Injured by Fall Under Auto.

Dr. J. H. Boyes is in a very critical condition in his private hospital as the result of an automobile accident at Hebron. He was returning from a fishing trip in company with M. R. Peery and Curtis Maring. When they reached the point known as "high banks" on the river road, where the road runs parallel to the river, being only a few yards from the edge of the bank, the front wheel of the auto struck some obstacle and the guide rod broke, turning the machine directly over and into the river, a fall of over thirty feet. At the turn Peery jumped and saved himself, Maring jumped and alighted in the middle of the stream, while the doctor stayed with the machine and was pinned beneath it in three feet of water. It was with great difficulty that his companions rescued him in time to save him from drowning. No bones were broken, but he is hurt internally. Attending physicians say his chances of recovery are very uncertain.

EXETER DOES MUCH BUILDING.

Public and Private Improvements Under Way.

Contracts have been let for an up-to-date system of water works, city hall and jail and a franchise granted private parties for furnishing electric light power service at Exeter. In addition to these, contracts have been let for nine brick business buildings. Exeter has spent more than \$50,000 on schools, churches and other improvements during the last couple of years and the amount will be doubled in the next two. The town needs more people to handle the work, better facilities for housing and feeding them and the men to do the work and the women to help. It is short in restaurants, rooming houses, furniture, hardware, and needs an up-to-date grocery. Only a single meat market handles the business of some 4,000 people, and needs help.

RYAN TALKS FOR Y. M. C. A.

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ANSWERS THE RAILROADS.

A Brief Filed in the Federal Court at Omaha in Resistance to the Application of the Railroads for Temporary Injunction Against the Railroad Commission's Grain Rates.

Attorney General Thompson set out that the fixing of rates is essentially legislative in character and the railroads are trying to enjoin legislative discretion.

Suspects Held in Lincoln.

Brought back to Lincoln from Sioux City, La., on suspicion of having robbed the Rock Island's Rocky Mountain limited train on Sept. 5, J. C. Dalby, M. Hubbell, alias Frank Rogers, and James Williams were each placed under \$750 bonds and committed to the county jail.

Greek Laborers Strike.

Owing to a strike of Greek laborers employed on the Union Pacific's O'Fallon and Northport branch construction work has practically suspended. The interruption will last only a short time, it is surmised, when the company will have more men on the scene of operations.

Milk as Fire Extinguisher.

Lightning struck the barn of Marshall T. Harrison, near Dunbar, but the fire was extinguished with buckets of milk before any damage was done.

A BATTLE ON KANSAS PLAINS.

American Artillery to Reproduce the Great Muxden Conflict.

Out on a wide stretch of Kansas plain the savage battle of Muxden is to be fought again—a mimic struggle which for ten smoke-blown days is to stagger over 80,000 acres of government reservation. There will be the crash of heavy siege guns and the stench of pueric as the disrupting shells hurl earthworks and their dumpy defenders in the air.

The infantry, with its siege guns and field artillery, will throw its strength against the redoubts which the engineers have constructed—a fortification which duplicates as far as possible the one which the Russian at Muxden and over which the little brown men swarmed after their Shimose shells had blown great breaches in the works.

It is chiefly for the purpose of seeing what American artillery can do under identical circumstances that this mimic battle is to be fought. Dunnie is the explosive with which our shells are to be charged, a pueric compound which takes its name from Major Beverly W. Dunn of the United States Ordnance Corps.

The works which are to be attacked by this shell were constructed by the Third battalion of engineers, now stationed at Fort Leavenworth. The redoubt is 30 feet through at the base and 12 feet at the top. It is riveted with fascines, hurdles, brush and sod and is made as strong as the nature of the soil and subsoils of the region will allow. On the inner face a banquet table, about four and a half feet below the top, has been constructed, and on this will be placed a large number of dummy figures representing men, to test shrapnel fire.

The work of making this redoubt has occupied the engineers all summer and they believe that it will put the artillery to a stubborn test. It is practically the strongest fortification that modern military science could construct.

In all about 5,000 men will be engaged in the maneuvers at Fort Riley.

WORSE THAN BLACK PLAGUE.

Greatest Catastrophe World Ever Known Now in Progress.

The greatest catastrophe the world has ever known is in progress at this present moment and the world reckons little or nothing of it.

This is the plague epidemic in India, which has now been raging for more than eleven years, and which, so far from showing any tendency to die out, keeps steadily increasing in intensity. Thus, during the six weeks ending May 11 last, 481,802 persons perished from it, or at the rate of over 80,000 deaths a week.

Nothing approaching the appalling horror represented by these figures has ever been recorded before. The nearest to it was in March, the epidemic was responsible for 57,702 deaths.

No pestilence of ancient or modern times, of which we have any knowledge, has slain so many millions of people as has this one and the end of which, mind, is not yet.

The "Great Plague" of London, for example, about which everybody has heard, killed at the outside some 80,000 people in seven months, or about as many as are dying weekly in India from a disease which is identical with it in every respect.

The "Black Death" is said to have slain one-third of the then population of England—say 1,500,000 persons; but this is doubtful. Even admitting the correctness of the estimate, however, the mortality of the present epidemic in India has already more than doubled this figure.

What will be the end no man can foresee or venture to forecast. It may be that all that has gone before, and all that is happening now, inexorably awful though it is, is but the prelude of worse to follow.

HIGH PRICES FOR COAL.

Coal Scarcity May Make Cost of Fuel Highest in Years.

The Pittsburg Coal Company, the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company and the Pittsburg and Buffalo Coal Company have refused to accept an order from the Italian government for 500,000 tons of coal to be shipped to Italy.

For some time past a representative of the Italian government has been in this country trying to obtain coal, first in the anthracite field and afterward in Pittsburg. In both places he has been unsuccessful. The Pittsburg operators have decided that it would be impossible to fill the order because of the great home demand for coal.

There is a shortage of miners at the present time, and the coal shortage is so serious that it would be impossible to get the coal to tidewater. Besides, there are no boats available on which the coal could be shipped.

According to the operators, there is every reason to believe that the price of coal will be higher this winter than ever before, mainly through the coal shortage. The railroads entering Pittsburg have served notice on the operators that hereafter no cars will be allowed to be sent off the lines owning them. This action will prevent the shipment of thousands of tons of coal until the order is rescinded, which is not expected to happen until after the crop movement is completed. The situation was never more serious than at present.

Brief News Items.

Chicago banks send millions of dollars West to aid in crop movement.

Mayor Becker of Milwaukee intimates that he will in a short time be a full-fledged candidate for Governor.

A strong sentiment favoring Roosevelt for a third term as President is seen by Secretary Straus during a trip.

During a reception at the Eagle Club rooms in McKeesport, Pa., Louis Delo, a well-known athlete, attempted to kill himself by shooting. His condition is critical.

The Panama canal cost the American government \$81,449,000 up to Dec. 31, 1906, according to a statement of the audited expenditures made as of that date and just published.

Sherman Long, a carpenter, was shot and killed at his home in Columbus, Ohio, by Frank Miller, his brother-in-law, who has had trouble with his wife, and went to Long's house in search of her.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

CHICAGO.

While there is a more conservative tone permeating business circles, full activity in the leading industries is more defined and of encouraging magnitude. Production reflects no appreciable falling off, but operations would be conducted with greater ease were the tension less it money and cost of supplies.

Transportation facilities by both rail and lake are severely tested by increased general freight offerings and marketing of crops, and with this gratifying condition in evidence it is not clear that commerce is undergoing shrinkage. New demands continue strong for factory materials to complete contracts which run far ahead, especially in steel, forge, car and machinery construction.

The most active branch at present is that of staple merchandise, the absorption of which is remarkably strong and comparing favorably with a year ago in textiles, footwear and food products. The attendance of visiting buyers includes many from distant points, and their liberal orders indicate sustained confidence for satisfactory sales throughout the agricultural communities. Local retail distribution is of reasonable extent.

Mercantile collections in the West occasion little complaint, and defaults compare favorably with last year in both numbers and liabilities.

Marketings of crops indicate that growers are disposed to secure the current year's high returns. The general demand for breadstuffs is well sustained and the shipments run heavier than a year ago. Live stock and provisions are in ample supply, and the absorption is good for both domestic and foreign needs.

Bank clearings, \$243,913,697, exceed those of the corresponding week in 1906 by 15.8 per cent.