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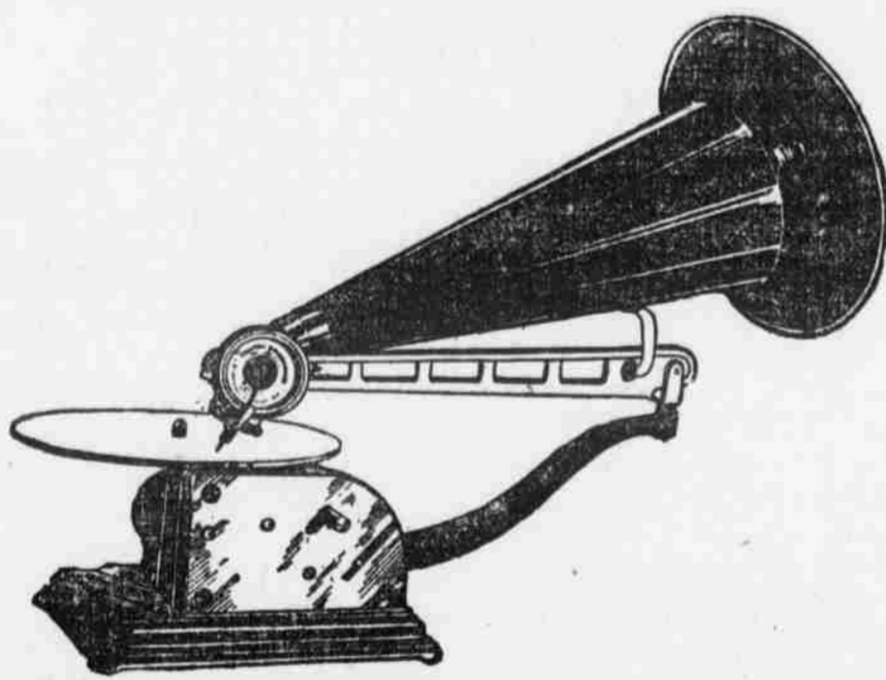
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REGULATION OF INSURANCE

President Decides that He Has No Power to Order an Investigation.

OPINIONS OF LAW OFFICIALS. Statement that Congress Has No Constitutional Power to Order an Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, May 26—President Roosevelt, as heretofore noted, has been urged to take steps looking to a government inquiry into the operations of life insurance companies, and especially the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, concerning which embarrassing complications have developed during the last few months. After careful consideration of the subject and inquiry into the legal phases of such a suggested investigation, the president has determined that in the entire circumstances the government has no authority to take up the matter, either through a special commission or through a bureau of corporations.

It is doubtful indeed, in the judgment of the law officers of the government, whether congress itself, constitutionally, could empower government officials to make such an inquiry.

Message in Office. The following dispatch has been received by the secretary of war, dated Panama, May 25: I have the honor to report that I have taken the oath of office and entered upon the discharge of my duties as governor of the canal zone today. President Amador and his cabinet, a large number of prominent citizens were present when the oath was administered. The occasion was a very pleasant one and of a character to promote the best of feelings. Everything auspicious.

ULCERS FOR 30 YEARS

Painful Eruptions from Knees to Feet Seemed Incurable.

CUTICURA ENDS MISERY

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dean of the corps of newspaper correspondents in this city. He is regarded as being eminently well equipped for the performance of the duties of chief of the bureau of manufactures. The appointment has not been announced officially, but very likely will be in a few days.

Waterways on Canadian Border.

Pending the answer of the Washington government to the Canadian government's contention that the law establishing the international waterway commission provided that all international waterways between this country and Canada be included in the scope of the commission, no further meetings would be held. The next meeting will be held at Toronto, after the decision of Secretary Tait regarding the law. In addition to the St. John river question, there are also questions of the Milk river, Rainey river and other small streams between the two countries, and it was pointed out by the Canadians that as the country in that section was developed new controversies would be sure to arise which it would be necessary to refer to some commission.

Postmasters Elect Officers.

The Association of Second and Third Class postmasters today re-elected officers who have served for the past year and voted to hold the next annual convention at Detroit. Postmaster Filson of Cameron, Mo., spoke at the afternoon session on the rural free delivery system.

Land Withdrawn from Settlement.

The commissioner of the general land office has ordered the withdrawal from entry of 3,000 acres of land in the Minot, N. D., land district on account of the Williston reclamation project.

Japanese Colony for Texas.

Japanese colonization is contemplated in Texas by a wealthy Japanese agriculturist who recently visited the United States, according to a report submitted to the Department of Commerce and Labor by Fred D. Fisher, the American consul at Tamsui, Formosa, who based his announcement upon recent publications in Japanese papers. The report says that 1,000 farmers are to be collected in Japan and that as a first undertaking 5,000 acres will be cultivated in paddy fields in Texas.

Benson is Arraigned.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—John A. Benson of San Francisco appeared in the criminal court here today and gave bond in the sum of \$15,000 to answer to the indictment of bribery and conspiracy in connection with the charge of appropriating public lands to his own use.

In the Day's Work.

"And then," according to the author of a late book, "a wild shriek rent the air." And: "The two people hiding behind the lilac bushes felt their blood curdle." And: "Looking into each other's faces they found them the color of marble."

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DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Improvement Reported in Retail Trade Despite Unfavorable Weather.

MANUFACTURING PLANTS ARE BUSY

Although Cool, Wet Weather Retards Farming Operations Confidence is Prevailing Sentiment.

NEW YORK, May 26.—I. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

Improvement is reported in retail trade, although weather conditions are still far from ideal and excessive rain retards agricultural progress sufficiently to cause conservatism among dealers. Confidence in the future is the prevailing sentiment and leading city jobbers are unanimous in anticipating a large fall trade. Manufacturing plants are busy, especially in heavy steel grades, except where usual repairs are being made or seasonal closing is necessary. Shoe factories find difficulty in starting work on fall footwear owing to the numerous supplementary spring orders, and there is little idle machinery in textile mills, which feel the impetus of advancing raw materials. Operations make favorable comparisons with recent years and there is little controversy regarding wages or hours of labor. Foreign commerce at this port for the last week shows little change in comparisons with the same period a year ago. Exports decreased \$21,700, while imports gained \$60,900. Railway earnings thus far reported for May exceed those of a year ago by \$ per cent after failing to the lowest point of the year, prices of securities recovered materially. Money is abundant and easy and commercial payments are more prompt in most sections of the country.

In the iron and steel industry there is great activity on old orders, and general confidence in a vigorous demand during the second half of the year, but current buying is extremely light, except in a few departments. Hence the mills and furnaces are more active than the markets just now, which explains the apparent contradiction of reports. In steel rails and all other railway supplies and heavy lines for buildings and bridges it is often impossible to secure shipments with sufficient promptness, while pipe and tube mills have orders well ahead. In some other divisions the situation is less satisfactory and more effort is being made to secure foreign trade. Cattle and pig iron are quiet, but the market for steel is active. In steel rails and all other railway supplies and heavy lines for buildings and bridges it is often impossible to secure shipments with sufficient promptness, while pipe and tube mills have orders well ahead. In some other divisions the situation is less satisfactory and more effort is being made to secure foreign trade. Cattle and pig iron are quiet, but the market for steel is active.

REPORT OF THE CLEARING HOUSE

Transactions of the Associated Banks During the Week.

Table with columns: CITIES, Clearings, Inc., Dec. Includes entries for New York, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Wholesale Trade Quiet Pending Clearer View of Crop Outlook.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Wholesale trade is seasonably quiet, pending a clearer view of crop-out-turn, which, owing to unsettled weather in wide areas, still favors definite postponement of the fall bar to fullest activity at retail. Manufacturing activity is still in large volume on orders previously booked. Speculative markets for wheat reflect technical conditions and short supplies in primary markets more clearly than they do the slight determination on the quality and quantity of wheat. Cotton is quiet, but weather which has also been used as a lever to affect corn and cotton. Cotton is quiet, but weather which has also been used as a lever to affect corn and cotton. Cotton is quiet, but weather which has also been used as a lever to affect corn and cotton.

terially quickened by more seasonable weather, followed by belated retail buying materializing and ordinary crop development. Railway earnings for the first half of May exceed a year ago by 5.5 per cent.

Trade conditions rule in two different divisions of the textile trades. The cotton trade, after two years of depression and gloom, is experiencing a revival. Woolen goods are in the hands of the manufacturer, but the influence of the great advance in raw material, and while peculiar lines of goods are selling well, others find the margin of profit between the raw and finished material a narrow one. Higher prices for woolsens seem assured if the crude forms of finished material, such as structural rails and plates, business is still good and the output is heavy. Iron and steel are active, but bituminous in large volume in general lines. Southern lumber markets are strong and advancing. Anthracite coal is active, but bituminous is dull on large supply. Off grade coke is in buyers' favor.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending May 25 number 13, against 23 the week before, 14 in the like week in 1904, 18 in 1903, 109 in 1902 and 144 in 1901. In Chicago for the week ending May 25, against 17 the week before and 14 in this week a year ago.

Exports including food, exports for the week ending May 25 are 1,221,236 bushels, against 1,511,520 last week, 1,122,157 this week last year, 4,777,424 in 1904, 5,900,248 in 1903, 1,721,257 in 1902 and 1,900,721 in 1901. From July 1 to date the exports are 47,221,257 bushels, against 46,000,721 last year, 54,300,700 in 1903 and 228,800,754 in 1902. Exports for the week are 1,225,476 bushels, against 1,688,399 last week, 233,090 a year ago, 1,779,739 in 1904 and 71,478 in 1903. From July 1 to date the exports are 48,446,756 bushels, against 49,003,128 in 1904, 61,371,754 in 1903 and 214,608 in 1902.

Table of market prices for various commodities like Wilkesbarre, Davenport, Little Rock, etc.

CANADA

Table of market prices for Canadian cities like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, etc.

ON A FLYING MOTOR BOAT

Sensations Produced by an Unusually Rapid Ride on a Modern Outwater.

The sensations experienced on riding in one of the fastest motor-boats yet produced are thus described by a yachtman who made the trial trip on the Napier II on the Thames a few weeks ago, in which a speed equivalent of 21.6 miles an hour was attained, although the boat is but forty feet long. "As the boat gained in speed, flattening her passengers against their back supporters, as the propellers gripped and fairly hurled it forward, the mild roar of the engines ascended to a shriek; the sounds of its eight exhausts smote the ear like the continuous reports of a machine gun, mingled with the scream of the river water, while the shore, dimly seen through a veil of powdered spray, flew by like a train. "There was no swaying or plunging, no lurch or roll. The grand little craft poured on its way on an absolutely even keel, and we had no sense of being driven, but a feeling as if boat and crew were flying. There was absolutely no sense of rotation, no water-borne feeling whatsoever. If one shut one's eyes it was not difficult to imagine oneself on some tearing vehicle running swiftly on small rollers over a smooth steel road. Sustained for the first time. It is like no other experience to be had in this world, but after the first half minute or less there settles upon one a quite delightful sense of security and safety, so evenly and so truly does it run. "The successful trial of the Napier II, took place over a measured nautical mile under adverse conditions, there being a strong wind and choppy sea. Its time for a nautical mile against the tide was 2 minutes, 25 seconds, and with the tide, 2 minutes, 12.5 seconds. This corresponds in the one case to a speed of 24.8 knots, or 29.3 land miles an hour, and in the other to 27.1 knots, which is equivalent to 31.25 miles an

hour. The previous best on record in European water with this style of boat was a trifle under 23 knots and in American water, 23.3 knots. This speed was made by the Challenger at Lake Worth in February. Since the Napier II made its record a French boat, the Palatois II, has equaled it on the Seine.

The Napier II, in its second season, having been a failure through breakdowns at first, it is but forty feet long. It has twin screws driven by two forty-horse power motors. "The bow has a flare to turn off the crest of the bow wave, splash guards or 'whiskers' being fitted as an extension of this flare. The Napier II, is an excellent example of the marvelous results that have been attained in providing high-speed motor-boats.

It must be seen at full speed to be appreciated. Ordinary steam craft it passes as a dragon fly darts by a drooping beetle.

It seems to fly over the water. A roar as of rapid-fire artillery, a smother of foam, a white streak, and it is a mile away. Seen approaching stem on, driven at full power, with great cascades of snowy spray gushing from each side of its bow, it looks like some monster, shrieking, white-winged butterfly of the paleozoic age skimming over the surface.

Christian Church Musical.

A musical will be given Friday, June 2, at the First Christian church, the proceeds to go to the church gymnasium, which is in charge of William Parker. He is trying to get all the boys in the neighborhood interested in physical culture. The soloists at the musical will be Frances Rosker, Georgia Ellsberg, Robert Sperry, Prof. C. H. Miller of Lincoln, R. S. Davis, Florence DeGraff, Helen Sadlock, Prof. A. C. Stewart, Emil Conrad, Carl Lamp, Dr. Laird Readings, will be given by Miss Julia Nagl and W. E. Richards. The Omaha High school octet will sing.

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