

Prosperity Bases for 1925 Appear to Be Well Laid

Improvement in European Situation and Improved Farm Conditions Indices of Better Days to Come.

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Trade Develops Steadily. National trade is developing steadily. Various foreign nations have made excellent progress within the year to improve their currencies and their credit.

Merchandising Prosperous. Merchandising has proved prosperous after what, at the start, threatened to be a bad year. Foreign trade is broadening. Money is abundant.

As the firm is the base of all activity and all prosperity, the state-ment would appear to be sound, that "national condition and the national outlook are good."

So it would appear at the close of the old year and the dawn of the new.

"TALK OF TOWN" COMES TO GAYETY

"Old Man" Johnson picked a winner when he brought Eddie Hall and "The Talk of the Town" troupe to the Gayety for the week of the mid-night show.

The chorus will put plenty of punch in the midnight performance on New Year's eve, for, Miss Lee, the bubbling little blonde on one end, to Miss Minor, the flashy little brunette on the other, it is filled with pep and punch.

Eddie Hall is funnier than ever, creating lots of clean amusement with the help of Charles J. Fagan and other principals.

PETITE STAR AT EMPRESS FAVORED

Little Olive Wintner, 2, responded to as many as seven encores per show yesterday in the Empress theater, where she led her first chorus number, "Doodle-De-Do," while the chorus girls danced behind her.

Joe Marlon is the comic "constable." Ruby Wintner is a benevolent executive, and Helen Burke and Bert Evans have the sweetheart roles of Martha and Tom.

FOUR CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH

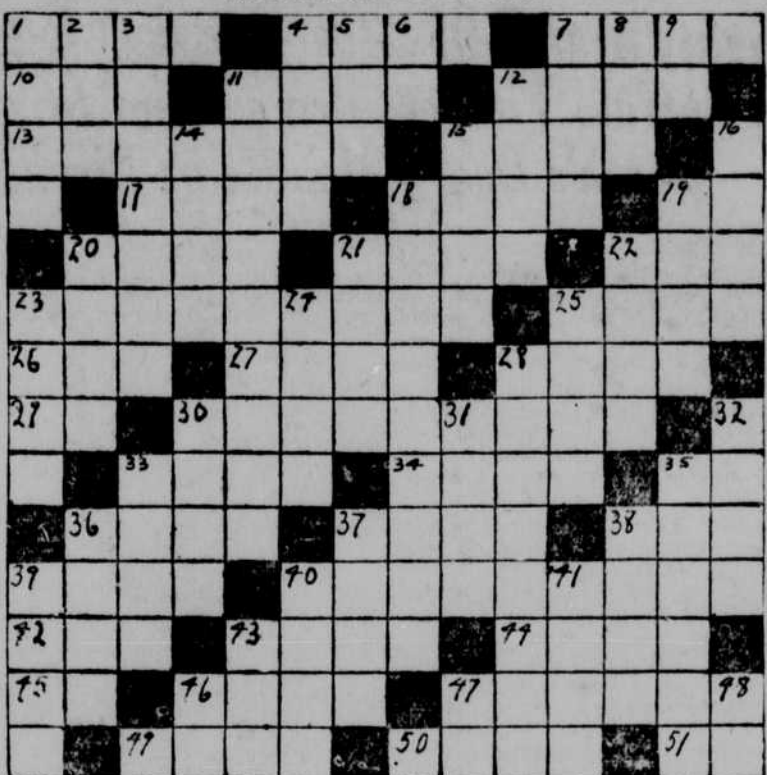
Caddo, Okla., Dec. 28.—Four children were burned to death while sleeping in one room of a farm house near here which was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning.

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The Daily Cross Word Puzzle

By RICHARD H. TINGLEY.



- Horizontal: 1. Mature. 2. Dishes. 3. A rabbit. 4. Land measure. 5. An apostle. 6. A female horse. 7. To concern. 8. Progenitor. 9. Transit. 10. Greek letter. 11. Mangled dogs. 12. One of the United States. 13. Part of the face. 14. Remarkable upon. 15. French river. 16. Single unit. 17. An I O U. 18. A Peruvian. 19. Musical note. 20. State of being well informed. 21. S curve. 22. Suffix used in mineral names. 23. An Italian river. 24. Support. 25. Stone hammer. 26. Part of an apron. 27. To dispose of. 28. Failure of justice to law. 29. A best of burden. 30. Sediment. 31. A kind of fly. 32. Part of the Bible (abbr.). 33. Burden. 34. Jailor. 35. A water bird. 36. The red planet. 37. The name of a country (abbr.).

The solution will appear tomorrow.

Solution of yesterday's puzzle. A grid with letters filled in, corresponding to the crossword puzzle.

MOVIES

At the Rialto.

Edna Ferber's creation of a gay adventuress, that met life as it happened, seemed a difficult thing to bring to life upon a screen.

"Peter Pan" is a mischievous boy who ran away from home the day he was born, because he overheard his mother say that some day he would grow up and be president, and he never wished to grow up.

At the Sun.

"Never Say Die" Douglas MacLean's picture showing at the Sun theater this week, is an adaptation of William Collier's stage success by the same name, and the picture is a highly amusing farce.

At the Strand. "Peter Pan," the boy who wouldn't grow up, has come to Omaha to take film fans to the land of make-believe on the screen.

German Industry Completes Change From Paper Mark

Stockholders Agree Home Conditions Improving—Export Trade Still Facing Hard Fight.

By ERNEST L. DUBRUCK, German's Financial Editor. Berlin, Dec. 28.—The conversion of paper mark balances to the new gold or reichmark by big concerns is nearly completed. In general the reduction of capital has been so drastic that adequate return is promised.

Production Costs High. German export business, however, has a hard fight because of high German production costs. As reasons for these high costs are mentioned high raw material prices and costs due to "social" legislation.

The burden of special legislation (sick and accident disability insurance and pension insurance) and miners' unemployment doles are estimated by employers at 1,600,000,000 marks a year.

Motor Industry Improves. The law against the flight of capital which ends December 31, will not be prolonged. Transfer of money and travel will be easier and banks will save a lot of unproductive labor.

The Berlin auto exposition was a technical triumph and a satisfactory business enterprise. In order to gain time for development, a "descending tariff law" is asked for automobiles—that is, a protective tariff whose rates are reduced automatically at definite periods.

The reichsbank statement for December 15 is satisfactory. Loans increased by 50,000,000 marks to 2,075,000,000 and reserves decreased by 1,000,000,000 to 1,275,000,000. Gold is holding its own, unchanged.

The stock exchange closed before the holidays, after fluctuations, quiet and firm. The wholesale index for December 23 was nearly unchanged, being 133.1-15 as against 132.9-10 for December 12.

World Manager Takes Part in Bill Entire Program for Week Is Good; Viola Dana in Movie Amuses Audience.

Arthur Frudenfeld, manager of the World theater, heads the boards in the new show there. He, with Arthur Hays at the organ and Fannie Fish in a violin obligato put over "The End of a Perfect Day" with great success as attested by yesterday's audiences.

"The English Boy from America" continue to be favorites. They have a snappy line of songs, chatter and dances and are highly versatile. Their tangled use of words arouses merriment.

Another big hit of the new six-act bill was Yvette and her New York syncopators, a jazz band with extraordinary scenic effects.

Viola Dana brought forth ripples of amusement from the audience with "Along Came Ruth." Viola lives up to the sleepiest town in Maine with big city ideas. She makes things so interesting that there are a host of suitors.

Stock Markets in London Boom Despite Holiday

Trade Fails to Slacken, as Usual, After Christmas, but Continues Briskly—Industrials Prominent.

By Universal Service. London, Dec. 28.—Contrary to the usual experience, the stock markets which generally slacken down from Christmas until the end of the year, have been surprisingly good, though half the week has been made up of holiday.

Industrials continued to occupy a prominent position, the activity of tea was maintained, rubber shares attracted greater attention than of late owing to the improvement in commodity prices and textiles were well supported. Iron, coal and steel kept fairly steady, breweries were steady, but distilleries came in for profit-taking.

Great Shakespearean Actor Appears With Wife on Orpheum Program. Orpheum patrons are favored this week with the appearance of Robert B. Mantell, eminent exponent of Shakespeare, and his talented wife, Genevieve Hamper.

"They're Cherished Dishes." "Kate, there isn't a thing in this cupboard I'd dare take for the children's hot milk. They're all cherished dishes of Mrs. Durkee." Suppose the children should break them. Surely there are some kitchen cups or glasses out here that I can take.

Her delicate white was irresistible. I laughed and felt a little of my heartache slip away with the mirth. "I think we'll take the risk of that."

Monday afternoon at a Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged and bridge offered the entertainment for the remainder of the afternoon.

The Maraging club annual dance held Friday evening at the Hub hall proved to be the usual brilliant and enjoyable affair that features the holiday season in Fremont every year.

Monday night the members of the Fraga club, nine in number, will act as hostesses to another large dancing party. The following make up the club members who have issued 110 invitations for their holiday festival at Hotel Pathfinder.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—William Ryan, 25, alias William Smith, was arrested here today with his 18-year-old wife, Martha Gleaser Smith, and tonight confessed that he had taken part in the theft of \$17,700 in currency and \$60,000 in bonds from messengers of the Pacific Gas and Electric company, 500 Sutter street, San Francisco, December 4.

Extenuating flies with a swatter like Mike sweeping back the tide with a broom.

Corinth, Miss., Dec. 28.—An entire business block on the west side of Courthouse square here was destroyed by fire today. Early estimates of the damage place it at between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.

Among the buildings destroyed were the postoffice, Broke's jewelry store, the old opera house, the Corinth Bank and Trust company, G. W. McCullay's store and the Ford museum. The fire is believed to have started from an oil heater in a cafeteria.

Kansas City, Mo.—A new booklet by Dr. E. E. Paddock, Desk 49, Kansas City, Mo., has been of utmost value to sufferers of gall stones and gall bladder irritations. This booklet describes a safe home treatment prescribed by Dr. Paddock for over 30 years. Hundreds of men and women testify to restored health without risky and expensive operations. This book contains a message of hope for every sufferer. Write for it today—Advertisement.

As an attraction for housekeepers a low death rate beats high sounding phrases.

A Wife's Confessional by Adele Garrison

Madge Is Confronted by a Disturbing Discovery. At the sound of Edith Fairfax's voice—soft, vibrant with earnestness, almost caressing—its timbre—I shrank back against the swinging doors through which I had just come from the kitchen, devoutly hoping that neither she nor Dicky would discover my presence before I had a chance to escape noiselessly back to the kitchen.

Piercely I smothered the jealous impulse to rush into the dining-room, confront my husband and the girl talking to him, and demand what she meant by saying that he ought to "tell her, it isn't fair to her to let things slide along this way." Of course, there was the chance that I might not be the person referred to as "her," but every instinct within me cried out that I was the woman Edith meant.

To get away without her knowing I had overheard her colloquy! That was the thought obsessing me as I put my hand behind me, and slowly with infinite pains, pushed back the swinging door, moving backward myself as I did so. But I was not quick enough to lose Dicky's worried reply.

"I can't do it, Edie, I simply can't tell her. Don't you remember that other time? She was as dear as she could be about it, but I could not help knowing what her opinion of me was and—"

I lost the rest of it for just then I gained the other side of the swinging doors and shut out the sound of my husband's voice, suddenly hateful to me. Kate's eyes, round watching and knowing, were upon me, and with whistles sharpened by the necessity of keeping from her my real feeling, I spoke with fussy earnestness.

"Kate, there isn't a thing in this cupboard I'd dare take for the children's hot milk. They're all cherished dishes of Mrs. Durkee." Suppose the children should break them. Surely there are some kitchen cups or glasses out here that I can take.

I had successfully diverted Kate's attention. That small comfort I hugged to my breast as my little maid faced me, putting.

"You think my babe and Marion ought to break her old dishes?" She spluttered. "Defy, never break dishes. And I no want to send old kitchen cups oop mit milk. Maybe dey have vot you call eel, germs, on dem."

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Members of the O. D. Club, the majority of whom have returned from colleges and schools for vacation, will enjoy a progressive dinner Tuesday evening. The members will partake of five courses in as many homes in carrying out the unique party. The remainder of the evening will be spent in dancing and bridge.

Miss Mildred Beckman attended a Gamma Phi dancing party at the Blackstone in Omaha Monday evening.

Mrs. Fred Lee of Buffalo, Wyo., and Miss Virginia Lee, who attends the State university, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hanlon over the holidays.

Mrs. N. Sampter went to Sioux City to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Himan Fishgall and Mr. Fishgall.

Dr. and Mrs. Everett Angle of Lincoln spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dodge of Fremont.

Mrs. Fred Spear was hostess to the Flower Mission club Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Van Metre entertained members of the H. A. L. club Saturday evening at dinner.

Bond Prices Drift Aimlessly in Week of Quiet Trading

Firm Money Rates and Holiday Influences Tend to Contract Market—New Financing Large.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 28.—Bond prices drifted irregularly lower in last week's quiet trading. Holiday influences were reflected in contraction in the volume of business, but reactions which appeared with liquidation of bonds to swell Christmas funds were partially counteracted when buying was renewed after the holiday.

Firm money rates also retarded trading. While the rise in call money to 5 per cent was regarded as a temporary measure due to year-end requirements, the subsequent stiffening of time funds influenced buyers to adopt a more cautious attitude. Demand for United States government and other investment obligations appeared to be dwindling, with quiet liquidation of tax exempt securities specially inspired by prospects of an eventual tax reduction.

Important Offerings Planned. In the matter of new financing, Wall street ignored the tradition of a let-up in business during the holiday season. More than \$55,000,000 of new issues were placed on the market, one of the largest totals ever reported for Christmas week. The bulk of the financing was represented by the offering of \$40,000,000 Andes Copper Mining company's 7 per cent debentures, one of the largest industrial issues of the year.

With bankers planning important offerings for next year in anticipation of January reinvestment demand, it became apparent that the flood of new financing which marked 1924 would continue to the close of the year.

Despite the smaller sales in the bond market last week, investment bankers reported an increasing inquiry from institutions for high-grade domestic securities. Because of year-end inventories and readjustment, actual buying probably will be delayed, but it is expected to be in full swing again within three weeks.

Copper company bonds gave a comparison demonstration of group strength. Unexpected resumption of dividends by the Anaconda Copper Mining company, coupled with the rise in the price of the red metal to the highest level of the year, stimulated heavy buying of these issues.

Magna convertible 7s gave the most spectacular performance of the week, scoring a gain of about 15 points. Anaconda 7s and Chile 6s also advanced to new high levels in line with the buoyancy of these stocks.

In other sections of the list, bonds with convertible features or other speculative possibilities led in activity, while standard investment issues were more or less neglected.

TREMORS NOTED BY SEISMOGRAPH

Washington, Dec. 28.—Earth tremors of "very pronounced intensity" were recorded beginning at 6:38 p. m. today on the Georgetown university seismograph.

The tremors were still in progress at 7:20 p. m., having reached the maximum in their intensity between 6:44 and 6:50 p. m.

Father Tondorf, seismographer of the university, estimated that the center of the disturbance was approximately 6,000 to 6,100 miles from Washington, and possibly within the Japanese earthquake area.

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\$5,000 invested in Government Bonds at 4 1/2% would earn about \$213 per year—not enough to pay the rent on a three-room house. \$5,000 invested in Real Estate or Farm Mortgages at 6% would earn \$300 per year—not enough to pay grocery bill for two. \$5,000 invested in high-class preferred industrial stock at 8% would earn \$400 per year—not enough to pay upkeep on your car.

Winter Fares. From Omaha. Tickets Good Until June 15. TICKETS Good Until June 15. KANSASVILLE, ILL. \$81.45. MIAMI, FLA. \$107.79. MOBILE, ALA. \$69.99. From Omaha. TICKETS Good Until June 15. KANSASVILLE, ILL. \$81.45. MIAMI, FLA. \$107.79. MOBILE, ALA. \$69.99.

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