FEDERAL BANKS ON BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Reports of Reserve Agents on Commercial and Manufacturing Favorable in Main.

BOSTON IS LEAST OPTIMISTIC

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2 .-Reports of business conditions throughout the country from federal reserve agents are, in the main, favorable and show improvement for November, according to information from these sources published today by the Reserve board.

Boston, one of the least optimistic of the twelve reserve districts, says that their business has improved "but slightly, if at all," but that the economies of the past months are not now being so rigidly observed and that the public generally is spending money more freely than in the past, due, presumably, among other things, to the fact that labor is more generally employed."

New York Business Better. Activity and improvement in trade and industry continued during the month, New York reports. Retail and depart-ment stores have food business very at some place to be decided upon later. much better with an increasing demand probably The Hague. A general conferfor higher grade goods. Steel orders are reported as very heavy notwithstanding heavily advancing prices.

Philadelphia says that conditions throughout that district are gradually becoming better and substantial imprvement is reported in nearly all lines, mills and factories of all kinds working at peace in the hope of devising terms acnearer normal capacity than for some with voluntary wage increases by concerns, and reduced working hours and larger payrolls than ever be-

Mig Demand for Steel. A tremendous demand for steel products and unprecedented activity in the steel and allied businesses continue through the Cleveland district with prices the highest since 1908. Output from automobile and rubber manufacturers is at capacity and there is a scarcity of

Futher development of "the very satisfactory general conditions heretofore reported," features the Richmond district. This is said to be strongly in evidence and general business is described as in excellent position both immediate and

Atlanta reports conditions generally there as representing more of a continuation of the favorable situation and outlook for the previous month than as possessed of new features.

Chicago Pactories Enlarging. Business development in the Chicago listrict is reported as favorable and confirms former reports of general recovery with accumulated orders for future delivery in steel equipment cars and heavy structural forms exceeding all previous experiences. Confidence in the future is held to be indicated by the large expectations being undertaken to enlarge out-

St. Louis says there is indication of a considerable increase in business activity in all parts of that district, with business men optimistic as to the future and generally confident. The improvement is noted in almost all lines and the manifest ovement in the last two months is said to have some far toward wining out the losses of the early months of the

fully employed. Bank deposits have increased, with increases in loans and discounts over September.

Farmers Holding Wheat. Although farmers in the Kansas City | They called attention to the immediate moving to this market. With cold into effect the following principles:

weather approaching, improvement is locked for in commercial, industrial and business conditions, and the district is said to be facing the next few months with optimistic complacency.

Reports from Texas, southern Oklahoms, northern Louisiana, southern New Mexico and southeastern Arizona are said to show a gratifying recovery from conditions existing at this period a year

San Francisco is hoping for reasonable stability in its commerce, its report de-clares, with a perceptible betterment in lumbering, with important inquiries and iderable buying, which have strengthened the "deteriorized prices."

FORD PASSPORTS ARE GOOD ONLY IN NEUTRAL STATES

(Continued from Page One.) that there was not the slightest ground

Each application for a passport will "a wolf in sheep's clothing" might get aboard the ship and while playing the part of an advocate of peace be in reality

The State department does not contemplate that it could stop wireless messages being sent out from a neutral European country calling the soldiers from the trenches, but the ballef was expressed today that such messages would necessarily be received in belligerent and would be easily suppressed.

ment expressed the opinion today that and commended the work of State Su-if the peace party went to any beiliger- perintendent A. O. Thomas in this direcent country and attempted to stop the tion. war they might be considered by the

ports received so far is small and Mr. farm demonstrators the city men are Ford himself has sent no application, sending to the farms. Only two more days remain before the peace ship is scheduled to sail, and it is cational committee, reported as follows considered doubtful that a great number the report being adopted:

the report being adopted:

We believe the best interests of our school can be conserved by changing the annual teachers' institute from the hot summer today and before noon tomorrow.

Pord Amnounces His Plans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Henry Ford returned to New York from Detroit today and made his first announcement of definite plans for his pence expedition which will sail for Europe Saturday on the Standinavian American liner Oscar II.

Mr. Ford desied that he had any intestition of instigating a strike among the soldiers in the trembes. He said that during the voyage members of his party.

The report being adopted:

We believe the best interests of our school can be conserved by changing the annual teachers' institute from the hot suntum months and its term from one or two weeks to only two days at the work in which said would so recommend. It will associate and Florina, Greece, forwarded by way of Athens and Rome, say arrangements have been made for the surprise of Monastir.

We also believe the best interests of our school can be conserved by changing the annual teachers' institute from the hot suntum months and in schools or two weeks to only two days at the weekend, and would so recommend. It will associate annual teachers' institute from the hot suntum months and in schools of the teachers' institute from the hot suntum months and in schools of two days at the weekend, and would so recommend. It will associate the plant of the sachers alone 100,000 annually and will produce greater efficiency of this year, so therefore the surprise of the surprise of Managing the annual teachers' institute from the hot suntum months and in schools of two weeks to only two days at the weekend, and would so recommend. It will associate the plant of the sachers alone 100,000 annual teachers' institute from the hot suntum months and in schools of the schools of the sachers alone 100,000 annual teachers' institute from one or two weeks to only two days at the weekend, and would so recommend. It will be alloued the sachers' sold in

SEVEN REASONS FOR BOOSTING FOR RURAL SCHOOLS-W. H. Campbell of Clarks, chairman of the rural schools committee of Nebraska Farm congress, who is an enthusiast on the matter.



would be selected as permanent peace delegates to remain in Europe. He expects other neutral nations to send deleence will then be held to decide on further steps.

Mr. Ford proposes that the delegation from each neutral country appoint five members of the permanent body. volunteer court of arbitration will map out schemes for the establishment of ceptable to all the belligerents.

Louis P. Lochner, secretary to the expedition, said the idea of "getting the loys out of the trenches by Christmas" trying the impossible," he said, "but we are trying just the same."

Ford's Statement. In a signed statement today Mr. Ford declared :"Envoys to thirteen belligerent port he said: and neutral European governments have found overwhelming evidence of a universal peace fesire. We have further evidence in hand that the belligerent governments would not be opposed to a conrence of neutral nations."

Mr. Ford said that the expedition ex-From there it will proceed to Stockholm. nhagen and The Hague. He asserted he had definite letters of assurance that the mission will be welcomed with onthusiasm in Norway, Sweden, Holland, Denmark and other countries which may te included in the itinerary.

FARM CONGRESS ALMOST UNIT FOR

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Rural School Movement. movement.

They urged that the university carry able rulings and provisions. into effect the practical knowledge of "Among these is the ruling that a stu- traffic, similar to that exercised by the by scientific experiment.

in economic distribution,

cided inclination to hold wheat for higher credits, and held that such legislation prices, a considerable amount is now whether state or national, should carry and the demands of the people.

5. Uniform laws regulating later throad and conveyances.
6. Adequate state and national supervision and inspection of all such rural credit organisations.

Want Different Market Plan. They condemned the present speculative live stock marketing system and appointed a committee to report in 1916 on some specific form of relief for this alt-

They commended the action of the farm Department of Agriculture and the prog-

They endorsed the initiative petition for constitutional convention. They favored the fixing of standards for grain products and the grading of those products by the federal govern-

ment. They commend the State Rallway commission and the farmers' grain dealers be subjected to the closest scrutiny, it organisations in preventing an increase in being feared, as one official said, that freight rates on grain in the western adorganisations in preventing an increase in vance rate case.

> For Highway Engineer. They favored a state highway engineer to take general supervision of the construction of state highways.

They opposed anything unreasonable in the expenditure of federal money for They thanked the publicity bureau of Omaha and the newspapers for co-operantries by official government stations tion, and the Commercial club and other tostitutions for courtesies and entertain-

Peace Promoters Might Be Arrested. They noted with pleasure the improve-Legal authorities in the State depart- ment that has come into the rural schools

They resolved in a half joking, half country involved as promoters of sedi- serious vein, that efforts should be made to send city demonstrators to the busi-The number of applications for pass- nees men of the cities in return for the

W. H. Campbell, reporting for the edu

FOR RURAL SCHOOL

W. H. Campbell of Clarks Gives town Farmers' Congress Benefit of His Studies.

WOULD HAVE WINTER TERM

W. H. Campbell of Clarks, chairman of the educational committee of the farmers' congress, made his report on rural schools during the afternoon session. had been given up. "The whole thing is Campbell is himself the father of seven good rural schools. In concluding a long and exhaustive re-

"In regard to the prospects for the futive to the division of the year into school during most of the season, but who wish to enter school during December, January and February. The state superintendent of public instruction has as a part of his program for next year the arrangement of a course of study adapted to the season, but who wish ballast tanks, and but for extremely calm weather Captain Glassen believes his ship would have sunk immediately. The steamer returned to Gibraltar, where temporary repairs were made.

English Diplomat Dies.

LONDON, Dec. 2—Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane, who was an attache of the British embassy at Washington in 1846-47, died yesterday, aged 91 years. He was the steamer returned to Gibraltar, where temporary repairs were made. rural conditions and divided into terms in such a manner that new classes may be formed at the opportune time and reviews carried such as the larger boys and PROHIBITION girts of the country districts may wish to pursue.

Things Look Brighter. (Continued from Page One.)

"Yesterday all the forces seemed to be working against us. Today confusion is turned to gladness. We have the cowork of the state conservation and public welfare commission.

"Yesterday all the forces seemed to be working against us. Today confusion is administration shipping bill to take the place of the measure which failed of passage at last session of congress, is in stitutions and individuals. The powers conditions. The board has made favor-

Industrial conditions are reported good the problems of production, distribution dent will be accepted who has finished in Interstate Commerce commission in the Minneapells district, with labor and other problems being accumulated an accredited high school, even though the railroads. he took the ninth and tenth grades in the The bill will not be introduced in con-They commended the university for the rural or any other school. They also gress until President Wilson has given beginning it has made in offering courses, have arranged with the state superintend- his approval after its revision by adminis ent that a student may omit the foreign tration leaders in and out of congress. district are reported as showing a de- necessity of an adequate system of rural grades and substitute mathematics. Thus languages from the ninth and tenth the schools are coming to meet the needs

> Wants Winter Term. "Finally we recommend a winter term in rural schools for those who cannot take the full year's work.

> "It can be done. It must be done. The cople of a community.

> 'It we would conserve the youth of the country, we must educate them where they are. This winter term will come, as has the night school of the cities, as supplementary and citizen-making in-

"In conclusion, we believe that the greatest advancement comes through publicity, and we thank the press for their generous effort. Our future progress will narketing bureau of the United States depend upon whom we elect to legislate and administrate. Let us do our duty. Let us approve every effort to conserve soll and stock, but our great burden is to conserve our youth for the present and the future of our splendid land."

Chemicals in Coal Start Fires on Big

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.-Acting on suspicion that the fires which have started in coal bunkers of several steamships leaving here with munitions of war for the entente allies were caused by chemicals mixed with the coal, federal and city detectives are working as coal trimmers in the bunkers of some of the steamships now loading here. One of the steamships, whose coal supply was carefully inspected by detectives, is the French liner Rochambeau, which caught fire on its last eastbound voyage and which leaves here Saturday for Bordeaux.

ceived information from an autooritative source that a new chemical compund is being tested by persons seeking to hurt the movement of war munitions, and that coal impregnated with this compound will take fire spontaneously.

Arrangements Made

from Monastir state that Serbian reinforcements are nearing Monastir from the north, says a Reuter dispatch from

If these arrive in time, the dispatch adds, the Serbians will be able, in the opinion of Colonel Vassitch, defending Menastir, to retain possession of the

Ship Inverkip Hits Submarine Boat

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 2.-Capboyz and girls, and he says these are the kip, which went into dry dock here for former Austrian consul. seven reasons why he is interested in rush repairs today, says he believes he accidentally rammed a submerged sub- Department of Justice had issued such marine while passing out the Straits of a statement in regard to the charges Gibraltar on November 6.

The Inverkip, from Valencia to Norfolk if so, upon what grounds it based its ture, there is one matter of general in- in ballast to load coal, was about one assertion, which appeared to be confirmsterest to all dwellers of the country rela- hour's run from Gibraltar when there tory in nature. was a great shock. The ship's officers Goricar charged in effect that Austrian periods. As arranged at the present time saw oil rise to the surface, and this, with consulates in the United States operating for the grading of subjects the year is the fact that a long diagonal dent was under the direction of the German emdivided into two terms, which usually made in the bottom of the Inverkip, leads bassy were concerned in conspiracies to pects to stop first at Christian's, Norway. break in January or February. This as a Captain Glassen to believe he struck a cripple munitions plants.

House Committee Has Substitute for the Shipping Bill

of the press are at our service shedding committee today. It was prepared after They noted with gratification that the the great reformity light of publicity, conference between Secretaries McAdoo University of Nebraska stands for pub- The Teachers' association sees a new and Redfield and would have congress lic welfare, academic freedom and co- light, and the great state university is appropirate \$80,000,000 for merchant ships doing much to meet country needs and that could be used as naval auxiliaries The bill, too, would create a federal board with jurisdiction over deep water

Italy May Send Troops to Albania

ROME. Dec. 2.-What is believed to have been an intimation that an Italian expedition soon will be sent to Albania teacher may be secured from among the was given by Foreign Minister Sonnino normal trained students of the School of in his address before Parliament when Agriculture. Three months of teaching he said that as soon as possible the will be good for them and will serve the Italian flag, "would wave from the opposite coast of the Adriatic to help the

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Civil service examination will be held on January 3, for postmaster, at Aboka, Neb.

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DR. RITTER ACCUSES AUSTRIAN CONSUL

Ernest Ludwig Said to Have Paid for Gun Cotton Affidavits in the Lusitania Case.

LAWYER CORROBORATES STORY

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 2 .harles De Woody, a special investigator employed by the federal government, announced today that he was sending to Washington details of a statement which he said was given to him last night by Dr. E. W. Ritter, who is under arrest here, in which Ritter is alleged to have told of receiving money from Ernst Ludwig, Austrian consul at Cleveland, for affidavits charging that the liner Lusitania carried gun cotton when

Charles 8 Reed, attorney for Ludwig. also gave out a statement. In it he said that Ludwig paid \$600 to Ritter for the Lusitania affidavit. Reed said the money was paid in his office.

Reed added: "Ritter came to Ludwig with a story about gun cotton being aboard the Lusitania. Ludwig consulted me. I did not know what to think of it, but Ritter produced an affidavit. Ludwig believed it and reported it to Baron Zwiedenik, the Austrian charge at Washington. The baron came to Cleveland and met Ritter in my office in the presence of Ludwig and myself. This was last June."

Austrin Makes Inquiry. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The State de-partment has received from the Austro-Hungarian government through Ambasrador Penfield at Vienna a formal in-Near Gibraltar quiry regarding the statement recently issued at the Department of Justice, which was construed by the Austrian embassy here as being in confirmation tain Glassen of the British steamer Inver- of the charges made by Dr. Goricar, a

Austria's inquiry asked whether the made by the former Austrian consul and,

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