

Employment Remains at Stationary Basis

Increase in Industrial Production. With Wholesale Commodity Prices Downward.

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"The volume of factory employment, which had reached a low point for January, showed little change in February, when an increase usually occurs," the report said. "Factory payrolls increased during the month, but a smaller amount than is usual at this season. In the steel, automobile, agricultural, implement, and tobacco industries, employment increased during the four-week period, while further decreases occurred in the cotton and wool textile, lumber, automobile tire, electrical machinery and machine tool industries."

Wholesale Prices Lower.
The summary said that the bureau of labor statistics index showed whole prices during February at 92.1 per cent of the 1926 average—the lowest point since January, 1922.

"Marked declines occurred during the month in the prices of many agricultural products," continued the summary, listing "grains, hides, raw wool and cotton"; certain imported raw materials, notably sugar and silk; and in textiles, petroleum and pig iron.

"During the first part of March a number of these commodities declined still further in price," the summary said. "Wheat and cotton prices were considerably lower, and silver reached the lowest point on record. By the middle of the month, however, prices of cotton, hides and silver had recovered somewhat."

Production increased about 2 per cent in February, the summary said, the increase reflecting chiefly a substantial gain in output of iron and steel. Automobile production was larger in volume than during January, the summary said, but was 30 per cent smaller than that of a year ago. Cotton and wool consumption by mills was given as substantially lower, and production of bituminous coal and copper "also decreased."

The output of steel mills during the first two weeks of March declined in comparison with February, the bulletin said, "contrary to the usual seasonal movement." Bituminous coal output also was smaller, it added.

No Change in Building.

Building contracts were about the same in volume as in the preceding month, the summary said, adding: "Residential building continued at an exceptionally low level, while contracts for public works and utilities were large in comparison with the corresponding month in other recent years. Awards in the first two weeks of March were larger than in the first half of February."

Liquidation of credit at member banks continued thru February, the summary said, "and on Feb. 26 total loans and investments of member banks in leading cities were in about the same volume as in the early summer of last year. During the following two weeks, however, there was an increase of \$230,000,000 in loans and investments, chiefly in loans and securities. All other loans, largely for commercial purposes, increased slightly."

"From the middle of February to the middle of March, the volume of reserve bank credit outstanding decreased further by \$90,000,000," the summary added. "This decline reflected chiefly an increase in gold stock of \$75,000,000 and a further decline of money in circulation, offset in part by some increase in member bank reserve balances. Member bank indebtedness at the reserve banks declined to \$267,000,000, the lowest level since early in 1925; reserve bank holding on bills declined, while those of United States securities increased."

"Money rates in the open market eased further and bond yields declined to the lowest levels since 1928."—State Journal.

PRESIDING BISHOP TO NAME

Chicago—The third presiding bishop to serve within a year will be elected here Wednesday at a special session of the house of bishops of the Episcopal church in the United States. The convocation will be the second within the last four months for the purpose of selecting the ecclesiastical head and president of the national executive council of the church.

Among those discussed as likely candidates for the office are the Right Rev. Hugh Latimer Burleson, bishop of South Dakota and assistant to the presiding bishop for the last five years; the Rt. Rev. James E. Freeman, bishop of Washington, D. C.; the Rt. Rev. Ernest M. Stires, bishop of Long Island, and the Rt. Rev. James DeWolfe Perry, bishop of Rhode Island. Church officials believe the dean of the house of bishops, the Rt. Rev. William A. Leonard, bishop of Ohio and acting primate, will decline the nomination because of his advanced age.

ATTACKS KEEPER, ESCAPES

Morristown, N. J.—Alphonse Mieri, arrested at Blair academy, where he was a student, on charges of Murder and robbery, escaped Sunday night from the Morris county jail after knocking the night keeper unconscious with a club. The youth, who is nineteen, called the night keeper, Arthur C. Fairlamb, to his cell, hit him with the club he had concealed and with the keeper's keys unlocked his way to freedom.

Mieri was indicted Wednesday by the New York county grand jury on charges of murder and robbery. He is alleged to have been one of four young gunmen who on Jan. 26, last, held up a cigar store in New York, during which an unidentified negro was shot and killed.

"Alarm of Mieri's escape was given by the keeper when he recovered consciousness a half hour after the escape, and every available state trooper began scouring the countryside for him."

Industrial Output is Reported on Increase

Decline Noted in Wholesale Commodity Prices and Money Rates —Work Holding Up

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Premier Turns to Three-Power Navy Agreement

Hopes for a Limited Five-Nation Pact Based on Tripartite Accord.

London, March 23.—Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald came back from a week-end at Chequers tonight to search the somnolent naval conference headquarters for the material with which to build a five-power naval pact of limited scope but resting on a tripartite agreement among the Americans, British and Japanese.

He will begin the preliminary phases of this work tomorrow. When the Japanese have received word from Tokyo about the tentative Japanese-American arrangements, the fate of the treaty envisioned will be settled, and if the word is favorable, it can be rushed to completion within two weeks.

Throughout the day Mr. MacDonald waited at Chequers, as he had waited yesterday, for word from either the French or the Italian delegations of some new development that would enable them at least to get together again at the conference table. Italy's demand for parity and France's resolute refusal to accept it with her still forms the chief barrier to the progress of negotiations.

The only statement of the British spokesman tonight was that the conference continued in full confidence that the French delegation soon would return. The British and the Americans will meet tomorrow morning.

With no real developments in conference activities, rumors took the place of news today. One was that Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson had had a two-and-a-half hour conference with Mr. MacDonald today, but this vanished when it was learned that Mr. Stimson had remained at Stanmore all day. Another was that the British planned to make an important statement at 9 o'clock this evening, but the hour passed and the British press conference resulted in nothing.

From Paris came reports of resentment against the British press, which was accused of carrying on a campaign to place on French shoulders the responsibility for the "failure" of the conference.—World-Herald.

EX-WEST POINTER HELD FOR ROBBERY

Chicago, March 22.—James Walker, captured Friday in an attempt to hold up the First National bank of Riverside, revealed himself today as the son of a prosperous grocer of Chester, S. C., and for two years a cadet at West Point.

MAY REDUCE NUMBER OF GREEK HOLIDAYS

Athens, March 22.—A committee appointed by the Greek government to study the reasons for the relatively small output of Greek workmen recommends that the government cut down the number of national holidays as a remedy.

Legal Blanks of all kinds for sale at the Journal office.

MAE WEST PLAY TRIAL ENLIVENED

New York, March 24.—The song and dance act of the state against Mae West and her pleasure men was enlivened somewhat Monday by the appearance in court Monday of one of the missing 47 codefendants, Alan Brooks, who played the part of Pleasure Man himself, and who arrived from the road tour of Fritz Scheff in "Mlle. Modiste."

Mr. Brooks appeared in Judge Bertini's courtroom just in time to hear the dismissal of one count of the triple indictment—that of maintaining a public nuisance. The remaining two counts are staging and authoring an "improper, indecent, immoral and obscene" play.

LAMONT'S SON SUED IN \$25,000 ACTION

Denver, Colo., March 25.—Robert P. Lamont, Jr., son of the secretary of commerce, was made defendant in a 25 thousand dollar damage suit filed in district court here today. Jewel A. Ball, the plaintiff, claims the damages for injuries she incurred when struck by Lamont's car here recently. Young Lamont lives on a large ranch near Larkspur, Colo.

TRIBUTE TO DEAD AIRMEN

Seattle, March 23.—Seattle paid final tribute Sunday to the memories of Ben Eielson and Earl Borland, aviators, who went to their death in an airplane crash near North Cape, Siberia, last November. The bodies were recovered after months of searching and brought to Seattle by plane, train and ship, the steamship Alaska bringing them here from Seward, Alaska. The Alaska arrived Saturday night many hours overdue, having been buffeted by headwinds continually on the trip south. As a result of the delay, funeral services originally planned for Saturday were postponed until Sunday.

Hundreds of Seattle residents waited patiently at the dock for the Alaska to arrive Saturday night and stood reverently by as the bodies were escorted through their ranks to the mortuary.

With the Alaska docked, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Borland, parents of Earl Borland, and Miss Adeline Eielson, sister of the flier, went aboard to meet relatives who had accompanied the bodies to the states from Fairbanks, Alaska. Ole Eielson, father of the pilot, returned with the body of his son, Mrs. Earl Borland, with her two small sons, also came south.

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HOUSE PASSES BUS BILL

Washington—The first act by congress to place interstate motor bus traffic under government regulation came Monday with passage by the house of the Parker bill to give the interstate commerce commission jurisdiction over the motor carriers. The final vote was 215 to 118, after a motion to send the measure back to the interstate commerce committee for amendment was rejected by 238 to 104. It now goes to the senate.

In addition to regulatory powers over rates and schedules, the federal commission, with the aid of joint boards composed of representatives of states involved, would be required to pass on applications for certificates of necessity and public convenience, which the bus lines would be called up to secure. The bus operators also would be compelled to carry surety bonds for the protection of the traveling public.

BULLITT GETS DIVORCE

Philadelphia — A divorce was granted Monday by the court of common pleas to William C. Bullitt, author and diplomatic agent during the World war. He filed suit Dec. 4, charging his wife Mrs. Anne Mosen Louis Bryant Reed Bullitt, with "personal indignities."

EXPLOSION ON CRUISER

Geneva—The diplomatic conference called by the League of Nations to consider proposals for an international tariff union adjourned Monday night after adopting a two-fold scheme that falls considerably short of the original objective. One part of the scheme agreed upon was a convention embodying engagements to undertake a limited program of economic co-operation for the consolidation of customs duties. Representatives of eleven countries signed this Monday night.

The second part was a protocol providing for further negotiations among the countries, including a preparatory study of the economic needs of each state and the inter-relationship of these needs. The delegates of fifteen states signed this.

TROBAUGH FILES 2ND APPEAL

Lincoln, March 24.—Sidney A. Trobaugh, twice convicted in Adams county for the murder of his wife, Sarina, appealed again to the supreme court Monday from the latest judgment.

The jury found that he shot his wife with a revolver on Nov. 13, 1928, and pronounced him guilty of second degree murder. The jurge sentenced him to 25 years.



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New Spring patterns in Four-Hand ties. Rayon and Silk. 2 for \$1

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New, classy patterns. See these fine new caps, at. \$1

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New patterns in fancy Rayon Socks. Long wearing. Five pairs for \$1.

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