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WAR BUSINESS IS A SMALL PORTION

Constitutes Only About 1.67 Percent of Gross National Income from All Sources

FACTS AND FIGURES THAT MAKE INTERESTING READING Country Is More Prosperous under Democratic Administration than under Former Regimes

There is no question that Secretary of Commerce Redfield was ultra-conservative in his statement of facts when, in a letter to Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Malburn, he said the war business of this country is less than 5 per cent of the total.

The total domestic business of the United States in 1916 easily will reach \$42,000,000,000.

The manufactured product alone will reach a value of \$30,000,000,000.

The agricultural product which does not pass through process of manufacture will approximate in value \$7,000,000,000.

The product of the mines, such as coal, natural gas, building stone, sand and gravel, which does not go through the manufacturing process, will approximate \$2,500,000,000.

There is fully \$3,000,000,000 worth of manufactures produced outside of the industrial centers and the large plants covered by the census of manufactures—in small shops and homes and in villages and hamlets—not included in the above \$30,000,000,000 total.

There is \$1,000,000,000 worth of unmanufactured products exported.

There is another \$1,000,000,000 worth of miscellaneous production, including the unmanufactured portion of the forestry and fishery product.

Yearly Income \$60,000,000,000

So we have \$42,000,000,000 to \$45,000,000,000 worth of commodities altogether, not including earnings of railroads, banks, wholesalers and retail mercantile houses, insurance, shipping and so on, which make a total annual income approximating in this year of record prosperity not less than \$60,000,000,000.

The above is a rough estimate of the total business of the country.

What is the volume of war business?

There are two senses in which the term "war business" may be taken. First, there is the munition business exclusively. This, though large as compared with its former peace total, is scarcely a drop in the bucket as compared with the country's business total.

For the entire twenty months of the war down to March 31, 1916, the total exports of explosives and firearms amounted to \$330,000,000, or 0.6 per cent of the entire \$5,500,000,000 of exports during that period.

For the single calendar year 1915 exports of explosives and firearms totaled approximately \$200,000,000. For the sake of argument, let us suppose that munition exports in 1916 reach \$300,000,000.

Less Than One Per Cent This is less than three-fourths of 1 per cent of the country's total production of commodities aggregating \$42,000,000,000.

However, the term "war business" is much broader, in the sense used by Secretary Redfield, than "munition business." It includes all supplies used for war purposes, including leather and wool goods, chemicals, horses, automobiles, gasoline, and a large supply of agricultural products, including breadstuffs, meat and dairy products, and has been estimated by some authorities at about \$1,000,000,000 for the calendar year.

The total "war business" in this sense is about 2.4 per cent of the country's total production.

If we take the total income of the United States from all industrial sources plus railway, banking, insurance, mercantile, shipping and other earnings, which may be roughly estimated at \$60,000,000,000, we find that the war business is 1.67 per cent of the total.

In any sense of the term, therefore, the war business of the United States is such a small percentage of the total that politicians who are depending upon the loss of war business as a booby to scare the American people are likely to get disappointed.

Exports to All Countries

The fact is, the total volume of our exports to all countries, belligerent and neutral, and for all purposes, industrial, commercial and war—is only 9 per cent of our total production.

Moreover, the present total production for domestic uses only, after deducting exports, is far greater than the total production both for domestic and export demand in 1913 and former years.

Finally, the present prospect is that the end of the war, by restoring to us a market for \$500,000,000 of exports to Germany, Belgium, Austria-Hungary, and other belligerents—a business which now is almost a complete loss—will not materially reduce even the total volume of our exports.

It should be borne in mind that the war now shuts out an export trade which is nearly double the annual volume of the munition exports. By way of summary we find the facts as regards war business to be these:

1. Munition products exported to Europe constitute only three-fourths of 1 per cent of the total annual production.

ANNUAL MEETING BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Large Attendance and Enthusiastic Proposals Meeting Held in Last Week

The Northwestern Baptist Association of Nebraska met this year in Alliance, June 15 to 18. Those who have been in the association longest say it was the best ever held in northwestern Nebraska, there being the largest attendance and the most enthusiastic program.

The first meeting was Thursday, 2:30 p. m., which opened with a devotional service lead by Rev. Hendricks of Bayard.

Rev. F. M. Sturdevant of Chadron was the first speaker, taking for his subject "The Fundamental of Faith, and the Rise of Denominationalism." He used a large chart and Scripture references, and from historical facts he drew conclusions as to the rise of denominationalism. A very interesting discussion followed.

Thursday evening Rev. E. Brown of Scottsbluff preached the annual sermon.

Friday morning the church letters were read by E. R. Phillips. Rev. C. M. Strong led in the discussion. The reports of the churches as shown by the letters were very encouraging. The "Five years program" was the subject for the afternoon, goal one, two and three being presented by Rev. Ray E. York, goal four by Rev. J. D. Collins, goal five by Dr. G. W. Taft of Grand Island college. This five years program was the keynote of the association, and provides for a forward movement in evangelism.

The plan is to conduct two campaigns, one in the southern and one in the northern part of the association. The first series begins August 13, in the Platte valley district, and the second November 9, in the northern district. The goal set for these campaigns is the conversion of 200 souls into the kingdom of Christ.

Friday evening at 6:30 came the "Dry Federation banquet," at which plates were limited to 100. Dr. G. W. Taft was the first speaker. He gave three strong arguments for prohibition: First, prohibition and business; second, prohibition and politics; third, prohibition and God. Rev. R. E. York gave some convincing facts, taken from Kansas and other prohibition states. Rev. Carns, pastor of the M. E. church, then spoke on "What Shall We Do?" The people responded happily to all of these addresses with decided approval.

At the evening service Rev. R. E. York of Lincoln gave the inspirational address on "The Five Years Program." He was followed by Dr. G. W. Taft of Grand Island college, who gave an address on the powerful influence of Christian missions upon the people of Japan and other nations.

Saturday morning was given to the Sunday school and young people's work, under the direction of Rev. J. D. Collins, and a sermon by Rev. C. M. Strong of Kilgore. In the afternoon Rev. F. M. Sturdevant gave another splendid address, on "The Perfect Plan."

In the evening, Dr. Geo. W. Taft gave a most excellent address on the "Need of Denominational Colleges."

Sunday morning Dr. Wilson Mills gave an excellent gospel sermon.

Sunday afternoon came the women's session, at which Mrs. A. A. Layton presided. Mrs. Weymouth of Chadron spoke on "Inspiration of Mission Spoke;" Mrs. A. H. Robbins, "Echoes from the Northern Baptist Convention;" Mrs. Newell of Chicago, "A Message from Home Missions;" Mrs. Taft of Grand Island spoke for the Woman's Foreign Missions. Mrs. H. Wray gave report from Bayard and McGrew. Mrs. Phillips, of Chadron; Mrs. Strong, of Kilgore; Mrs. Carpenter, of Alliance. This was a meeting of real uplift to the work of the women.

The meetings closed Sunday evening with the evangelistic sermon by Rev. Ray E. York. There were present thirty-seven delegates and seven visitors. The women of the local church served two meals each day to all, in the church basement.

Mrs. E. G. Laing and Miss Ruth Layton planned and furnished special music during the association. The committees did excellent work. The entertainment committee especially, in locating the delegates. People of other denominations opened their doors to the delegates. A real welcome was extended to the association.

Rev. B. F. Farrar of Gering was re-elected as moderator, and E. R. Phillips of Chadron as clerk of the association. The next meeting place is at Calvary Baptist church, Morrill, Nebr.

2. Total exports for war purposes approximate 2.4 per cent of the total production.

3. Total war business constitutes about 1.67 per cent of the gross national income from all sources.

4. Cessation of war will restore to the United States \$500,000,000 of exports, which is about double the present annual munition exports.

Will Manage Alliance News

F. R. Mayer, who has been engaged in newspaper work at Valentine, Nebr., has arrived in Alliance and will manage the News for F. M. Broome, who is receiver of the Valentine land office. Mr. Mayer is a brother of C. L. Mayer, editor and proprietor of the Rushville Standard.

Skinner's Macaroni Products, made in Nebraska. Ask your grocer.—Adv

FATHER DOES SOME CENSURING



M'CANNE ON PREPAR'DNE'S HEMINGFORD DEPARTMENT

New Mexico Subscriber of The Herald Writes Regarding Ads of Bethlehem Steel Company

Artesia, N. M., June 13, 1916. Editor Alliance Herald, Alliance, Nebraska.

Dear Sir: I was rather surprised to find the advertisement "Bulletin number one" in your paper over the name "Bethlehem Steel Company," for I had been reading Hon. Clyde Tavener's speeches showing how the three big armor plate plants had been charging the U. S. government more than double what they are charging for armor plate to foreign governments.

I clipped out the bulletin number one and sent it to Mr. Tavener with a request that he verify his statements. In reply he sent me his speech of May 3, 1916, in which he says his challenge not only to the Navy League but to congress to deny any statement he has made has never been met, and that his resolution calling for a full investigation which he contends will verify all his statements has not been acted upon.

I was pleased to see in the last issue of The Herald your editorial referring to Mr. Tavener's speeches on this subject and urging your readers to post themselves on preparedness. It is really surprising how a few capitalists can create public sentiment in favor of militarism by such exaggerated scare pictures as "The Battle Cry of Peace" and the monster parades of deluded people that are being carried out through the help of a subsidized press.

I hope to see your paper continue to show up the motives of the Navy League. Militarism has been the downfall of nations since civilization began and it is the menace of our government right now. (Signed) D. J. M'CANNE.

THE DRY BANQUET FRIDAY EVENING

Well Known Speakers Were on Program at Banquet, Which Was Attended by Good Crowd

Alliance's first "Nebraska Dry banquet" was held at the basement of the Baptist church Friday evening. The plates were all taken, and there were over one hundred present. Rev. A. A. Layton, pastor of the Baptist church, filled the place of toastmaster in a very capable manner.

Rev. Geo. W. Taft, president of Grand Island college, was the first speaker of the evening and at the close of his speech was roundly applauded. He predicted that Nebraska will go dry at the fall election by from 20,000 to 45,000 votes.

Rev. Ray E. York of Lincoln, well known over the state, was the second speaker. He stated that he was originally from Kansas and quoted Kansas statistics and facts as arguments for prohibition.

Dr. J. B. Carns, pastor of the Alliance Methodist church, was the last speaker at the banquet and communicated from his stock of enthusiasm to the crowd. He characterized Nebraska as "the finest state in the Union" and told of his work in Box Butte county in the dry cause. He also called attention to candidates on the state tickets.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. H. J. Young, pastor of the Alliance Christian church, and the crowd adjourned to the meeting which was held in the church auditorium.

Beautiful Bouquet of Peonies

The Herald office wishes to acknowledge receipt of a beautiful bouquet of monster peonies from Mr. and Mrs. George Davis. The flowers were raised at Hastings by Robert Graham, and are so large that they attract instant attention. Mr. Graham is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Davis and superintendent of the cemetery at Hastings. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are great lovers of flowers, having one of the finest flower gardens in Alliance.

SECOND MEETING OF PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

Western Nebraska Publishers Meet Saturday Evening at Bridgeport for Second Meeting

The second meeting of the Western Nebraska Publishers Association, comprising the counties of Morrill, Scotts Bluff, and Box Butte, was held at Bridgeport, Nebr., Saturday evening, June 17.

Those in attendance at the meeting were R. A. Wisner, Bayard Transcript; Bruce Wilcox and Max Wilcox, Bridgeport News-Blade; R. O. Chambers, Minatare Free Press; C. D. Casper, Bridgeport Herald; H. J. Wisner and R. J. Dobell, Scottsbluff Star-Herald; E. T. Westervelt, Scottsbluff Republican; Lloyd C. Thomas, Alliance Herald; G. E. Mark, Mitchell Index; Ben J. Sallows, Alliance Times; A. B. Wood, Gering Courier.

Articles of association were adopted and the following officers elected for the year commencing with June: E. T. Westervelt, president; Bruce Wilcox, vice president; Lloyd C. Thomas, secretary; G. E. Mark, treasurer. The executive committee consists of the officers.

A delicious banquet was served in courses at the Wilcox home, with Mrs. Bruce Wilcox as hostess. At the close of the meeting resolutions of thanks were extended to Messrs. Wilcox and Casper for their hospitality and to Mrs. Wilcox for the banquet.

Ben J. Sallows, in behalf of the Alliance delegation, extended an invitation to the association to hold its next meeting in Alliance September 2. The invitation was accepted. President Westervelt was voted the champion story teller and will maintain this title until the next meeting, at which time others have signified their intention of meeting him in the "squared circle."

WILSON WILL SPEAK

Democratic Candidate for State Railway Commissioner to Speak July Fourth

Victor Wilson of Stromsburg, Democratic candidate for state railway commissioner at the fall election, will be a speaker on the program in Alliance July 4. Mr. Wilson is known as a good talker and a man who is posted on present issues.

Mr. Wilson will also speak at Ellsworth in the afternoon of the same day.

A. G. Brice of Alliance is a brother-in-law of Mr. Wilson and will entertain him while in the city.

JOSEPH KIME WAS ROBBED

Former Box Butte County Man, Now Living in Illinois, Robbed of Property and Money

Joseph Kime of Streator, Ill., a former Box Butte county resident, who still owns property here, was robbed of \$50 in cash and his suit case on his way to Alliance last week. Mr. Kime had no clue to the robbers, although the railroad authorities are making a strenuous search for the culprits.

Mr. Kime will return to his home this week, after looking after his property interests here.

Currie With Us Again

C. A. Currie, formerly manager of the Alliance exchange of the Nebraska Telephone Company, now holding an important position with the company at Grand Island, is in the city on business this week and renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Currie was accompanied as far as Broken Bow by Mrs. Currie, who will visit her parents there for a short time.

Miss McDonald to Sterling, Nebr.

Miss Phania McDonald, a former Alliance girl, daughter of J. A. McDonald of Ravenna, left her home Wednesday for a visit with Miss Foster at Sterling, Nebr. She was accompanied by Miss Louis Kinney on the trip. Mr. McDonald was in Alliance Monday and Tuesday, returning home Tuesday night.

New Baseball Suits Here

The baseball suits for the Alliance team have arrived and those who attend the game next Sunday will have the opportunity of seeing the boys bedecked in the newest of the new. The suits are of double strength and fine quality cloth, as the team is planning on some strenuous work during the summer games.

Will Recruit New Regiment

"General" Felton, a member of Alliance's baseball team, will at 2:30 o'clock "next week" open a recruiting station for a new Alliance regiment. The volunteers to agree to spend not less than six months in Mexico. Felton has spent some time in old Mexico and says that an Alliance baseball game is nearly as warm as the climate down there. Shepherd, of the nine, who is suffering severely from an injured hand, is being used as the "veteran-soldier" for the recruiting station.

Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Laing

Rev. Geo. W. Taft, president of Grand Island college, who attended the Baptist convention in Alliance last week, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Laing while in the city.

LIVE STOCK PRICES AT SOUTH OMAHA

Cattle Market Steady to Lower, Trade Rather Slow

HOGS FROM 10-15c LOWER

Sheep and Lambs Steady; Largest Lamb Run For Monday For Two Months—Ewes, Wethers and Yearlings Go Fairly Readily at About Last Week's Prices.

Union Stock Yards, South Omaha, Neb., June 20, 1916.—The week opened with a very moderate run of cattle, some 144 loads, or about 3,500 head. Owing to the limited offerings and the fair demand from both local and shipper buyers, sellers started out to get at least steady prices, but were disappointed. Business was rather slow throughout, the good to choice beefs selling at \$10.30@10.60 and the best yearlings around \$9.75@10.25. The demand seemed strong for the choice cattle, the fair to good 1,000 to 1,300-pound beefs going at \$9.50@10.00. The supply of the stock was comparatively small and went at about steady prices.

Quotations on cattle: Good to choice beefs, \$10.30@10.65; fair to good beefs, \$9.40@10.20; common to fair beefs, \$8.25@9.40; good to choice yearlings, \$9.60@10.40; fair to good yearlings, \$8.75@9.50; common to fair yearlings, \$7.25@8.50; good to choice heifers, \$8.00@8.75; good to choice cows, \$7.50@8.50; fair to good cows, \$6.25@7.25; canners and cutters, \$4.00@6.25; veal calves, \$9.00@11.75; grass bulls, \$6.00@7.00; beef bulls, \$7.35@8.25.

There was a good supply of hogs on Monday's market, 121 cars or 7,500 head. The packers started out in good season and the sellers, seeing that a break was inevitable, the offerings went on a 10@15c lower basis than at the close of last week. A good share of the sales were made at \$9.30@9.40, and \$9.35 being a popular price for strings. Several bunches of good butchers and heavies reached \$9.45 and the tops landed \$9.50.

The largest run of sheep and lambs for a Monday since April was on hand on Monday's market, arrivals amounting to 35 cars, or about 8,700 head. Most of the offerings were range spring lambs, and with this generous supply to pick from the packers made their selections in a leisurely manner, early offerings being 25c below last week's prices, and as the sellers were asking less than steady money not much of anything was done until late in the forenoon. Shorn Idaho yearlings brought \$7.50 and wethers about \$7.00 while decent to best ewes sold at \$6.00@6.50.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, spring, \$8.00@11.25; lambs, fair to choice Handy, \$9.25@9.75; lambs, fair to choice heavy, \$8.50@9.25; yearlings, fair to choice heavy, \$7.00@7.25; wethers, fair to choice heavy, \$6.00@7.00; wethers, fair to choice, \$5.00@6.00; ewes, fair to good, \$4.00@5.00.

James Watson of Marple on Tuesday sold his 800 acre ranch, on which the Marple postoffice is located, for the sum of \$111,000. The sale was made through the agency of C. U. Canfield of Hemingford.

Appointed of Library Board

Mayor Romig has appointed as members of the city library board, for terms of three years, E. G. Laing and Prof. W. R. Pate. There is still another member to be appointed, which will be done soon.

New City Ordinance

The city council has passed ordinance number 222, published in The Herald this week, establishing the license fee for fire insurance agents and companies doing business in the city. The license fee has been set at five dollars, in accordance with the state law, and must be paid by all who do business.

City Scales to Be Sold

The city council has reconsidered its decision to remove the city scales from the city hall to the electric light plant and has placed them on sale, and is now advertising for bids. The cost of setting the scales at the plant was estimated at \$100, which was considered more than they would be worth. The average income from their use has averaged about thirty cents per month.

Will Grade and Construct City Mains

At the council meeting held last week bids were received on street grading at Seventh and Missouri. About one thousand yards of dirt are to be moved. The bid of John Garrett for twenty-five cents per yard being the lowest was accepted.

Bids were also received for the laying of water mains for the extension on Mississippi avenue. The bid of E. A. Jeffers for nineteen cents per foot being the lowest was accepted.