

BRADSTREET AND DUN REPORT ON BUSINESS

Trade as a Whole Is Said to Be More Favorable Than for Previous Week.

New York, Nov. 15.—Bradstreet's Saturday said: Trade as a whole is more uniformly favorable than for some time past. Distributions of retail have quite generally improved, largely due to colder weather and the realization of bumper crops and oats crops, though some parts of the southwest and the south report that open weather has deterred improvement.

However, the much better business done in retail lines has resulted in a large volume of jobbing reorders, particularly for dry goods, boots and shoes and women's wearing apparel. First hands quiet continues in the textile trades, and while the undercurrent is conservatively cheerful, there is no anticipation of future business in large volume.

Holiday goods are being shipped in larger volume, and traveling men are sending in comparatively better orders for spring goods. A feature of this week's report is the heavy sales of jewelry that have been made in the Chicago districts.

The large crops that have been harvested are taken to augur lower prices for foodstuffs, but this is not looked for immediately and some prices, notably eggs and butter, are very high. At the same time collections have improved, especially in surplus crop producing territory, but payments are not yet all that they should be.

Industrial operations show a little betterment, some textile mills have resumed, but affairs in the iron and steel trade have not assumed such shape as to allow of clear predictions regarding future prospects.

R. G. Dunn & Co.'s weekly review of trade today says:

In its bearing upon the future buying power of the country the most important development of the week is the official confirmation of the harvesting of the biggest corn crop on record considerably over 3,000,000,000 bushels being the yield. The government report of cotton ginned is also helpful. The business outlook, however, is still doubtful, in view of the congressional and state elections removes one important uncertainty, but not enough time has yet elapsed in which to form a judgment as to the ultimate effect upon trade interests. It is the hope of rapidly getting rid of most of the present anxieties that is the basis of the recently developed optimism. There is, however, as yet no vital changes in actual conditions. The iron and steel trade is waiting for the railroads to make their rail and other purchases, while the railroads have been waiting for the rate question to be settled. Meanwhile a hopeful feeling prevails.

BENZ CAR WINS BIG RACE AT SAVANNAH

David Bruce-Brown, Its Driver, Carries Off Cup and Big Cash Prize.

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 15.—David Bruce-Brown, driving a Benz car, won the Grand Prize race, 415.2 miles, over Henry in a Benz, one and forty-two hundredths seconds. Bruce-Brown gets \$4,000 cash and the grand prize cup. Burman was third.

The 15 cars got off in the following order: Marquette-Buick, (A. Chevrolet); Lester (Buick); Pope-Hartford (Buick); Alco (Grant); Marmon (Dawson); Benz (Hemery); Fiat, (Nazzari); Lozier, (Horan); Pope-Hartford, (Dishrow); Marmon, (Harrou); Benz (Bruce-Brown); Fiat, (Wagner); Marquette-Buick, (Burman); Benz (Haupt); Fiat, (DePalma). Wagner's car overturned on Skidaway road, his 17th lap. He and his men and Louis Ferro were thrown out. It was announced that both were badly hurt and taken to hospital.

BRITAIN NOW FACING A GENERAL ELECTION

Failure of Parties to Agree on Lords' Veto May Pre- cipitate It.

London, Nov. 15.—Following last night's announcement of the failure of the constitutional conference, there was today the greatest activity at all the party headquarters, where the decks were being cleared for action in view of the possibility of an almost immediate general election.

The government stalwarts urged a prompt appeal to the country on the ground that the sooner they struck the better would be the chances of overwhelming the opposition, but Premier Asquith is believed to be in favor of quickly winding up the business of the parliamentary session before placing the resignation of the cabinet in the hands of the king. Much will depend on the attitude of the Irish and labor parties upon the reassembling of parliament next Tuesday.

The stock market was weak today as a consequence of the conference failure. Consols for money today sold off half a point to 78 3-4, the previous low record, on the failure of the conference. Home secretaries were also weak.

PITTSBURG, PA.—Chas. Kinkler, 32 years old, jumped from a six-story window of a bank building yesterday in an attempt to commit suicide and landed on the trolley tracks in the street below. Trolley wires broke his fall and probably saved his life. When the police arrived, Kinkler sat in the street rubbing his eyes, apparently dazed. A fractured shoulder and a scalp wound were the extent of his injuries.

ELKINS, W. VA.—The political overthrown by which the West Virginia legislature became democratic has led to statewide speculation as to the candidates to succeed Nathan B. Scott, republican, in the United States Senate. It led yesterday to the statement that Henry Gassaway Davis, the democratic candidate for vice president in 1904 has entered the contest. In announcing his candidacy he says he acts upon the assurance of members of the newly elected legislature and friends that are kindly disposed. There are several other prospective candidates and he dis-

WIFE OF CRIPPEN IS SUSPECTED OF HIDING IN CANADA

Faints When She Hears That Doctor Is to Be Hanged and Otherwise Performs Suspiciously.

Allx, Alberta, Nov. 15.—Great excitement has been caused here by the report that a woman who arrived in town Wednesday is Belle Elmore Crippen for whose supposed death Crippen is under sentence to be hanged in London November 23.

After the woman alighted from the train Wednesday she went directly to a livery stable and ordered a team of horses hitched to a wagon. She left a deposit with the livery man for the return of the team, saying she would send them back next day by a friend. The horses were returned by a farmer.

While the woman was waiting at the barn the Crippen case was being discussed by a group of men standing near her and one of them remarked: "I guess they will make old Doc Crippen squawk over in London." On hearing the statement the woman fainted, but soon recovered. While in one of the stores the woman was eagerly scanning a number of newspapers and again fainted on reading something concerning the Crippen sentence.

These occurrences, together with several of a similar nature, led to much excited speculation, especially when it was noted that her appearance tallied with the descriptions printed of Belle Elmore. The police have the woman under surveillance and she may be arrested today.

Miller Doubts Story.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Bruce Miller, who was a witness at the trial of Dr. Crippen and who is the only man in this country, it is said, who could identify Belle Elmore, placed no credence in the report from Alberta that the woman had appeared at the town of Allx, or anywhere else for that matter. "Belle Elmore had no friends or relatives in that section of the country so far as I know," said Mr. Miller. "As I have said before, there is no doubt that she is dead—murdered, as was proven in court."

WORLD CHAMPIONS WILL PLAY SERIES IN CUBA

Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 15.—Business Manager Bancroft, of the Reds, yesterday signed the contract with Manager Jiminez, of Havana, Cuba, to bring the Philadelphia Athletics to Havana during the month of January and play about 30 games with the Cuban team there.

By the terms of the contract, the 14 Athletics who will go are to receive \$2,500 each for the trip, making a total of \$7,000. In addition, they are to have their expenses paid and their wives also may go along without any additional expense to the players. In all, 12 women will accompany the players. Manager Bancroft has received from Philadelphia the consent of President Shippe to take his team and he also has a letter from Manager Connie Mack telling him that he is the only man living who could handle the team for any kind of a trip. They will leave this country about December 15.

BIG NATIONS DEALING WITH NEW REPUBLIC

Germany Joins Other Powers in Negotiations With Lis- bon Government.

Lisbon, Nov. 15.—Germany today followed the example of Great Britain, France, Spain and Italy, and resumed negotiations with the Portuguese government. The action of these governments is regarded as a virtual recognition of the republic of Portugal, and last night there was a large torchlight procession, headed by republican leaders. The parades passed before the legations with which the diplomatic relations have been re-established. In view of the attitude of other countries there is considerable surprise in official circles that the United States still holds aloof. American Minister Gage refers all inquiries on the subject to Washington. According to one report published here, the American government is delaying action until it has further information regarding the alleged massacre of Jesuit fathers by revolutionists. This delay, it is held here, cannot fail to adversely affect the commercial relations between Portugal and the United States.

Washington, Nov. 15.—The United States instructed its representatives in Portugal several weeks ago to transmit business with the de facto government there. However, this does not constitute formal recognition of the new government, and such action will not be taken until the state department is convinced of its stability.

TWENTY-ONE DIE IN A WRECK ON CHANNEL

Two Fishing Vessels Go to Pieces and Their Crews Are Drowned.

Surmer, France, Nov. 15.—Twenty-one persons were drowned in the wreck of two fishing vessels during a severe storm in the English channel today. One of the craft collided with a coast steamer. Two other fishing boats foundered and it is feared their crews were lost. A boat occupied by four customs agents is missing.

HARVARD AND DARTMOUTH MEETING FOR LAST TIME

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 15.—There are 33,000 football enthusiasts at Soldiers field to see what is generally believed to be the last gridiron struggle between Harvard and Dartmouth for several years. These institutions have been playing annual contests since 1897, but it is thought that next year Dartmouth will be dropped from the crimson schedule and Princeton substituted. The game was the last important one of the season at the stadium. Harvard took the field a 10 to 7 favorite.

DR. HYDE CURSES SCHOOL GIRL WHO PEEPS INTO CELL

They Betray Too Much Curiosity and Jeer the Prisoner When He Exhibits His Wrath.

Kansas City, Nov. 15.—There are several girl pupils of the Kansas Commercial college, Kansas City, Kas., whose curiosity to see the inside of a prison was more than satisfied Friday afternoon. Also they will not be in haste to seek another "interview" with Dr. E. Clark Hyde, convicted of the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swage. In a trip of "inspection" through the county jail they encountered an incident they had not bargained for, though they provoked it.

Prof. O. M. West, principal of the school, conducted a class of 80 boys and girls, ranging in ages from 14 to 18 years, on what he called a "reward-for-good-conduct trip," which included visits to the paper mills at Guinotte and Woodland avenues and the county jail. The pupils were shown through the jail building by James Gilwee, chief deputy marshal.

After the young people had swarmed past cells filled with men and women prisoners, they were allowed to troop up the gallow's stairs and stand on the scaffold and gaze through the open trap. Then they wanted to see Dr. Hyde.

They were taken to his cell on the third tier in the west wing of the prison. They called to him to draw aside the sheet which hung across the bars, protects him from the peering eyes of the curious. He refused, so they clamored. That angered the prisoner and he shouted to them to go away. Instead, several of the boys and girls clung to the bars and called teasingly to him.

They Taunted the Doctor.

"You must think you're too pretty to be looked at," one of them said.

Dr. Hyde, enraged, seized a stick and struck at them through the bars of his cell. Deputy Gilwee afterward said that Dr. Hyde cursed one of the school girls in ordering her to "get down from there and go away."

"I am opposed to children being allowed in the county jail at any time," Judge Letshaw said, when told about the school children's experience with Dr. Hyde. "I believe that going through a jail and looking at the prisoners puts wrong ideas into the minds of children. It is not customary for children to go through the jail. When a child comes to the jail to see anyone, I order the prisoner to be brought from his cell into the office."

Curtain Must Come Down.

"Dr. Hyde had no right to have a curtain in front of his cell, and tomorrow I shall order the marshal to deal with him as he does with the other prisoners."

"We went through the paper mill in the East Bottoms yesterday," Prof. Owen M. West said. "After leaving there one of the boys proposed going to the county jail, when told about the children never had seen it, I took them through it. I know nothing about the boy climbing up to see Dr. Hyde, as I was not in that part of the jail at the time."

GOULD AUTOMOBILE KILLS A BICYCLIST

Son of Railway Man Runs Down Rider and Crushes His Life Out.

Lakewood, N. J., Nov. 15.—A big automobile, being driven by the son of the railroad station, collided with a bicycle ridden by Orville Johnson. Johnson was so badly injured he died in the hospital.

George Gould, father of Kingdon Gould, was driving an automobile in the rear of his son's machine. He saw and his son hurried the injured boy to the hospital. The accident apparently was unavoidable.

JEFFRIES BRANDS BOTH STORIES AS PLAIN LIES

Los Angeles, Nov. 15.—James J. Jeffries, former heavyweight champion, yesterday vigorously denied the statements of Abe Attell and John L. Sullivan to the effect that the big act at Beach, July 4, if indeed, Jeff has remained silent for a long time, but the two recent rumors of "fake" in connection with the bout have aroused his ire.

Jeff branded both stories as lies, plain, everyday lies. He added that never from the moment he signed until the bout took place, was there any agreement between him and Jack Johnson to fake the bout. He added that the fight was decided on its merits, but he thinks that he was dopped a few days before the go.

The ex-champion says he has expended considerable money trying to find out how he was dopped. He also announced that he would pay the sum of \$10,000 to any one that could furnish proof that the bout was not on the square, or that any agreement ever existed between him and Johnson. Jeff's firm denouncement of the claims made by Attell and Sullivan will be received with joy by the real fighting fans and should end the prattle of the shouters of "fake."

CHICAGO.—Marking the first conviction on fingerprint evidence in the history of this country, Thomas Jennings, a negro, yesterday was found guilty by a jury in the criminal court for the murder of Clarence A. Hiller on the night of September 19. The jurors felt so confident of the guilt of Jennings that the first ballot resulted in an unanimous vote for conviction, with 11 of the jurors demanding the death penalty on the third ballot. The death sentence was made unanimous.

PITTSBURG.—Fifteen officers and directors of the Imperial Window Glass company pleaded nolle contendere before Judge James S. Young, in the United States district court yesterday, to a violation of the Sherman anti-trust act and each was fined \$500. At the same time a fine of \$2,500 was imposed upon the corporation itself with costs.

The Hawaiian island of Lanai, which has been practically barren for several years, will be reclaimed by a water conservation system and devoted to the coffee culture.

WIFE OF TOLSTOI TRIES TO COMMIT SUICIDE IN WATER

Retires to Spend Remainder of His Life in Solitude—His Mental Condition Is Suspected.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 15.—A private message received here from Tula says that Countess Tolstoi twice attempted to commit suicide today by drowning through a hole in the ice.

The attempted suicide is said to have been due to the fact that Count Tolstoi, accompanied only by his physician, has left his family and gone into solitude. It is reported to be his intention to spend the remainder of his life in solitary retirement.

The count is 82 years old, and before his disappearance, had several fainting spells, which were regarded as serious.

MENTAL CONDITION OF COUNT IS QUESTIONED

Tula, Russia, Nov. 15.—The mysterious disappearance of Count Leo Tolstoi, the Russian novelist and social reformer, has made a painful impression. That he should decide to spend the evening of his days in solitude surprises no one acquainted with his career, but that he should deliberately desert the wife who has borne him nine children is difficult to believe even in the light of his well known eccentricities of character.

The suggestion of a falling mentality is accepted by many in explanation of the count's sudden leaving home, which may have a tragic sequel, as the countess is prostrated. It has been reported that she had attempted her life. The family was without a clue today. In a letter left for his wife the count said: "I can not continue to live surrounded by luxury and, like many other old men, I retire from the world to complete my life in solitude. I ask that you do not seek my place of sojourn and that you do not come to it, if I do not come to you, but forgive me for the grief that I may cause you."

Lived Like Peasant.

The novelist's reference to living amid luxurious surroundings is significant of his state of mind, as he has long lived the life of a peasant. While his family occupied a substantial mansion on the Yasneya Poliana estate, Tolstoi's abode was a peasant's hut, partaking only of the simple peasant's food and wearing the peasant's costume, a rough blouse, wide trousers tucked into his cowhide boots, a leather belt and a fur cap. He has not allowed himself the usual mode of life, but it has been his choice.

The first news of Tolstoi's disappearance came from Prince Dimitry Obolensky, who says the count left his home several days ago accompanied by Dr. Makovsky, his physician. That the doctor should be a party to the affair is another inexplicable feature. Makovsky became the companion of the count in succession to the latter's private secretary, M. Guseff, whom the government called to Siberia, alleging that he had influenced Tolstoi's anti-governmental writings.

Has Had Bad Health.

Tolstoi has been in ill health for some time. He suffered frequent fainting spells and on October 13 was unconscious for hours. Later it was reported that he had improved somewhat. In his writings Tolstoi has condemned suicide as immoral and irrational and as indicating a perverted view of the significance of life.

It is believed Tolstoi proceeded to an old monastery in the government of Kaluga, which is within the government of Tula on the west.

WIFE OF MILLIONAIRE ACCUSED OF POISONING

Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 15.—In a room in the tower of the county jail, fitted with comforts from her palatial home, Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenck is detained without privilege of bail, awaiting developments in the illness of her husband, John O. Schenck, a millionaire pork packer. Arraignment of Mrs. Schenck on charges of attempting to poison her husband by putting arsenic in his food will be delayed pending the outcome.

At the North Wheeling hospital, where he was taken two weeks ago, he was reported today as improved, but still critically ill. Despite his weakened condition, the authorities ventured to tell him of Mrs. Schenck's arrest, but he is said to have only remarked: "If all these things are true, she is where she ought to be."

Three arrests are to be made was admitted by prosecuting Attorney Handlan and Chief of Police Hastings. The unnamed suspects are expected to cast light on the manner in which arsenic or some other drug might have found its way into the Schenck home. The state law expressly forbids the sale of poisonous drugs without registration of the purchaser. In this connection it is said physicians will be questioned.

LUSCIOUS MELON CUT BY BIG CHICAGO FIRM

Sears, Roebuck & Co., Declare a Stock Dividend of 33 1-3 Per Cent.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—A \$10,000,000 "melon" was decided on today by the directors of the Sears, Roebuck & Co., the stock of which is limited on the New York and Chicago exchanges. The directors voted to recommend a stock dividend of 33 1-3 per cent of the common stock (\$30,000,000) to holders of record, April 1, 1911. Ratification of this dividend by the stock holders at their annual meeting, February 27, 1911, is regarded as a mere formality.

BRITISH BANK VICTIM OF ANONYMOUS ATTACK

London, Nov. 15.—There were lively scenes at the head offices of the Birkbeck bank in High Holborn today, due to a rush of depositors to withdraw their balances.

The Birkbeck has an enormous number of small deposits. The bank officials attribute the run to an anonymous circular which connected the company with the Charing Cross bank, which failed recently.

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Somewhat Indignant.
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"Undoubtedly it's a case of appendicitis!" said specialist No. 1, gravely.
"Undoubtedly!" assented specialist No. 2.
"But would he be able to stand an operation?" pondered No. 1.
"Ah, would he?" echoed No. 2.
They dug him in the ribs again, and he squealed.
"Ah," remarked No. 1, "I think we ought to let him get a bit stronger before we cut into him."
"Confound your palaver!" gasped the patient, starting up. "What do you take me for—a cheese?"

Back to the Wild.
There was a time when all dogs were wild and when what we call wolves were different from other dogs only as a collie now is different from a Newfoundland, for instance. From time to time you will hear of dogs that have returned to the life of their ancestors and have run wild with the wolves of the prairie or of the woods. In the town of Sandy in Oregon a greyhound one night made the acquaintance of a coyote, which is a kind of wolf, and ever since he has lived away from the town, running with the coyotes and approaching human dwelling-places only to steal a hen or two when he has been more than usually hungry.

An Exciting Town.
Los Angeles is a truly exciting town to live in. To say nothing of its heavenly climate and its bombs, there is always something stimulating in the occult line going on. Just the other day a widow of the angelic city began to long for a sight of one of her schoolmates whom she had not seen for 45 years. The longing brought its fulfillment. A spirit told her to look for him in Brooklyn. She obeyed, met him on the street a few hours after she arrived, and promptly married him. It is worth while to live in a city where things like this happen, even at the risk of being blown up now and then.

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