

BETTER BUSINESS SHOWN IN REPORT OF RESERVE BOARD

Holiday Trade in East 10 Per Cent Above Last Year's Record—'Normalcy' Returning.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Continued upward movement of business and the gradual restoration of normal conditions are indicated in the comparison of reports in the last month with those of December, 1920, according to the December review of the economic situation issued tonight by the federal reserve board.

Net improvement was found by the board, despite the recession of business activity in December as compared with the same month last year.

"The holiday trade," the board said, "is a test of the sources and the gradual restoration of normal conditions are indicated in the comparison of reports in the last month with those of December, 1920, according to the December review of the economic situation issued tonight by the federal reserve board."

Manufacturing conditions, however, the board reported as far from uniform, there being a lapse of activity in the iron and steel industry while textiles showed little change, and uncertainty exists as to the future of the clothing industry, due to labor disturbances and the continued demand of consumers for lower prices.

Freight Rates Disturbing "Freight rates," the board said, "continue as a disturbing factor, due to the belief that reductions already announced as effecting some commodities may be much more widely extended."

Relatively lower prices for cereals and cotton, the board continued, had encouraged trade in the agricultural districts and also had resulted in regarding the liquidation of frozen goods. Hardware and related lines are also said to be in an unsatisfactory condition, but wholesale prices "are showing increased stability." Unemployment conditions are reported as but little changed.

"A decided improvement in European exchanges," the board said, "is tending to some extent to help foreign trade situation during December, but the extreme caution of the extension of bank credits, which was previously so notable a phase of our foreign trade, still continues. Export figures indicate a still further decline of activity in 1921, while imports show an advance."

Interest Rates Decline "Disturbed conditions in various articles—European still, render a maintenance of business relations with them uncertain and hazardous rates of interest, which had made notable decline during the autumn have tended, on the whole, still further downward, partly owing to the fact that there was no foreign outlet for our capital."

Reviewing the year in the shipping industry, the board declared that the "industry has been thru a most difficult period, in which many weaker operators have been forced out of business and in which, as a result of greatly reduced freight rates, smaller available cargoes and continued high costs of operation, very few companies have been able to make a satisfactory showing. This condition has been world wide, although American companies have felt a special degree of the handicap of a higher scale of wages than their foreign competitors have been obliged to pay."

PEACE DOLLAR NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED

Coinage of New Silver Piece Rushed by Philadelphia Mint—Will be Continued 25 Years.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The new silver dollar of the 1921 design—the peace dollar—will be ready for distribution Tuesday, it was said today at the treasury. Coinage of the new dollar is being rushed by the Philadelphia mint, officials said. The first dollar of the new series struck off has been presented to President Harding.

The new dollar has the head of Liberty on one side and on the other a dove upon a mountain top, clutching an olive branch, struck by the rays of the sun, with the word "peace" beneath it. This is the first change in the design of the dollar since 1878, officials said, and will remain as the design of the dollar for twenty-five years unless changed by legislation.

About 500,000 of the new dollars probably will be coined with the date of 1921, and after that the dollar will carry date of the year in which it is struck off. Efforts are being made, it was explained, to complete the coinage of at least a half million of the new dollars with the 1921 date in order to avoid a scarcity of the coin which would result in a premium being placed upon them by numismatists.

There will be in all about 180,000,000 dollars of the new design coined, officials said. Coinage of silver dollars ceased in 1904, it was explained when the silver purchases authorized by the Sherman act had been completed, but it was resumed again in February of this year when the purchase of silver was begun under the Pittman act to replace the dollars melted and sold to the British government during the war.

One way to relieve habitual constipation is to take regularly mild laxative. Doan's Regulatee is recommended for this purpose. 30c a box at all drug stores.

LOCAL NEWS

From Monday's Daily. Mrs. Elmer Wetenkamp was among those going to Omaha this afternoon to spend a few hours with her husband at the hospital.

W. P. Sitzman, wife and daughters, Elizabeth and Ruth, were in Weeping Water over Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry O'Brien and enjoying the observance of the wedding anniversary of their host and hostess.

From Tuesday's Daily. Attorney C. E. Tefft of Weeping Water was here today for a few hours attending to some matters in the county court.

Mont Robb, who is engaged in looking after the interests of the Hynes Grain company, was in the city over night visiting with friends and looking after the interests of his company.

Mrs. Alfred Dooley of Palmer, Nebraska, who has been here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Elliott, returned this morning to her home, and was accompanied as far as Omaha by her parents.

Frank L. Barkus arrived in this city Saturday evening for a visit over New Year's holiday with relatives and friends. He and his wife and little daughter were passengers to Omaha Sunday afternoon where they will visit for a short time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Franzen, returning to their home at Dixon, Neb., yesterday afternoon.

ELKS ARE HOSTS TO THE D. A. R. LADIES

Two Patriotic Societies Enjoy Delightful Evening at the Elks Lodge Last Evening.

From Wednesday's Daily. The local lodge of the Elks under the leadership of Dr. J. S. Livingston, their exalted ruler, has shown a great interest in the things patriotic over the city and in keeping with their cardinal principals, and a few weeks ago entertained the American Legion at their club house and last evening the Pontonelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were the guests of honor at the club house. This spirit of interest and cooperation between the patriotic societies speaks well for a greater interest in the building up of the real American spirit.

The business session of the Elks being disposed of the ladies were met and escorted to the lodge room of the order where the festivities of the evening were to be held. The guests were received by a well chosen word of welcome from Dr. Livingston and to which Mrs. W. S. Lee, regent of the D. A. R. chapter, responded very gracefully. The quartet composed of Messrs. York, McClusky, Cloldt and Knorr, then gave a stirring patriotic song and was followed by the Holly orchestra which also rendered a pleasing patriotic number.

At the close of the program Attorney W. C. Kleck gave a very pleasing address in which he outlined the similarity of the great mission of the Elks and other of the strictly American societies in the up-building of a higher plane of citizenship and pointed out the many ways in which the Elks and D. A. R. had worked to bring the realization of what the United States really means to its people.

At the conclusion of the short program the ladies were treated to a very delicious and appetizing luncheon that had been prepared by the Elks and which came as a most delightful surprise to the visitors. The tables were laid in the lodge room and looked very attractive with their snowy lines beneath the canopy of white and purple, the Elks colors, that had been arranged from the ceiling of the room.

The occasion is one that will be very favorably remembered by all those participating and the unanimous sentiment was that the Elks as hosts are certainly the Best People On Earth.

DOES GREAT WORK

From Wednesday's Daily. The American Legion Auxiliary, composed of the wives, mothers and sisters of the former service men, is fast coming into its own as a society that does things and the post of the organization in this city is number one among the live ones of the state. The ladies have been a wonderful help to the Legion and will be of still greater force as time rolls on and both organizations grow in strength.

During the Christmas time the ladies decided to remember the sick and disabled men in the hospitals of Omaha and accordingly prepared six boxes for distribution among the suffering service men who were in the hospitals. These boxes contained gifts of handkerchiefs and small articles such as needles, cigarettes and cigars and many other articles that would appeal to the former service men, shut in from the activities of life. The ladies have received replies from several who received the boxes, thanking them for the gifts and the pleasantness that it brought to them.

BURLINGTON SEEKS TO PULL OFF TRAIN NUMBER TEN

Lincoln Jan. 2.—Burlington officials have served notice on the Nebraska Railway commission that they would file application to discontinue trains No. 1 and No. 10, running from Chicago to Denver, via Omaha, and trains No. 37 and 38 running from Lincoln to Ravenna. Lack of business is given as the reason.

Read the Journal want-ads.

January Clearance!

Beginning Thursday Morning, Jan. 5th

The prices tell the story. No fakes---no jokers. "If you see it in our ad you know it is to be had."



Weeks of warm weather and a backward season call for drastic measures. This is not a sale to make money, but a sale to get money. Simply a quick converting of our surplus stocks regardless of the sacrifice entailed. We have cut the prices deep. Come and enjoy yourself.

Men's fast color blue bib overalls. All sizes. 32 to 42. January clearance price, per pair. \$1.39. Men's leather mittens—knit wrist. January clearance price. 50c. Men's heavy rib sweaters. Big collar. Oxford gray. January clearance. \$1.45. Men's winter caps. Golf style. Inband ear protectors. 69c. Men's heavy Rockford Sox. January clearance. 7 pair for. \$1.00. Men's tan jersey gloves. Knit wrist. January clearance price. 10c. Men's full size cotton flannel gauntlets. January clearance. 7 for. \$1.00. Xtra Special! Choice of our entire stock of Boys' Knicker Suits at just two prices—\$5 and \$10. We have just 58 suits left. These must go before our new spring line arrives.

LOT 1—Mostly young men's sizes. Some blue serges. Take your choice of the lot for. \$7. LOT 2—A little wider range of fabrics. All broken sizes, but think of it, only. \$14. LOT 3—Another bunch of broken sizes, all wool tweeds and cassimeres. Marvelous values at. \$21. LOT 4—Here's where you get broken sizes of our finest suits. Just look for Lot 4 on the red tag. Clearance price \$28. We have put our entire stock of overcoats in just 4 lots, at—\$7, \$14, \$21 and \$28. We don't intend to have a single overcoat left after this sale. We've put prices on them that will move them fast. Come early and get first pick. JUST ARRIVED—10 dozen men's domet serge flannel shirts in kiki color, built with two pockets, lined collar. Good and heavy and warm. Special January clearance price. \$1.40. Kenwood, Broad-long, Glover and work shirts. All standard, full cut, fast colors. Not just a few but every size from 14 to 18. 95c. Boys' work shirts—blue or gray. Well made. All sizes. 73c. Men's Army Flannel Shirts U. S. Standard O. D., 2 pocket, double elbow; sizes 14 to 17. \$3.65.

7 dozen men's assorted dress shirts, neckbands, soft cuffs, sizes 14 to 17. January clearance. \$1.19. Men's winter shirts and drawers. Broken sizes. Ribs and fleeces. 69c. One lot men's worsted and wool mix dress pants. Broken sizes. Choice. \$2.95. One lot boys' coat sweaters—big collar. To close, January clearance price. \$1.95. Any interlined soft collar in the house. January clearance price. 25c. Men's wool cashmere hose—black. January clearance, 3 pair for. \$1.00. Men's olive heather wool cashmere hose. January clearance, per pair. 39c. Xtra Special! Choice of our entire stock Ladies' Wool Sweaters—\$6.45. Don't miss this opportunity to buy a sweater at less than you would have to pay for the yarn alone.

No Approvals! No Refunds! All Sales Final! C. E. Wescott's Sons "EVERYBODY'S STORE" Cash is King in this Sale! We want the money—that's the why of these prices!

STATE ENGINEER GIVES OUT FACTS ON GASOLINE TAX Lincoln Auto Club Gets Information On Bill Proposed for Passage By the Legislature. Lincoln, Dec. 31.—The Lincoln Automobile club will start the new year with clear, concise information relative to the proposed tax on gasoline to be considered by the legislature at its special session which begins Tuesday, January 24. This information was furnished the organization at its request by George K. Leonard, assistant state engineer. "There has never been a statement sent out from the governor's office or from this one to the effect that gasoline tax revenue will be used for maintenance of roads," Leonard writes. "At the present time, money needed for maintenance of state and county roads is derived from fees from motor vehicle registrations. The money obtained per car is less than that of a great majority of states and a trip thru surrounding states will, without doubt, prove we have made a smaller amount of money go further than they have. At the present time, construction money raised by the state to meet federal aid is obtained by means of tax levies and about 11 per cent of receipts in the state treasurer's office goes for construction of state highways. "It is the intention, if the gasoline tax law is passed, to do away with that part of the real estate tax which is applied to the roads. In short, the gasoline tax will be used entirely for construction and not for maintenance." Itching piles provoke profanity, but profanity won't remove them. Doan's Ointment is recommended for itching, bleeding or protruding piles. 60c at any drug store.

TROTSKY EXCOMMUNICATED London, Jan. 2.—Leon Trotsky, Russian war minister, has been excommunicated from the Jewish church on complaint of his father, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Daily Express today. The charge brought by the father, Moses Bronstein read: "Leon has forsown his forefathers' creed, has proved to be an enemy to Judaism and has become a curse to humanity." Bronstein, when asked for proofs by the chief rabbi of the little church where the services were held, declared that every member of the community, every Russian thruout the world stood as witnesses to the fact, which he declared was accepted. "I want him damned, cursed with the curse of damnation which since the beginning of the world has been spoken only against the enemies of God—the curse from which there is no redemption on earth, in heaven or hell." The chief rabbi read seven prayers, seven curses and then blew out seven candles, damning the accused for all eternity. Trotsky's aged mother, a witness of her son's damnation, shrieked, fainted and fell to the floor. HAYS BACK AT WORK; CONSIDERS MOVIE JOB New York, Jan. 2.—Postmaster General Hays started back to Washington late today to resume his duties after three weeks of rest. He said he still was considering an invitation to become head of a group of motion picture producing and distributing corporations, and probably would give them his answer at a conference in Washington on January 14. He is reported to have been offered a three-year contract at \$150,000 a year. Most disgusting skin eruptions, scrofula, pimples, rashes, etc., are due to impure blood. Burdock Blood Purifiers as a cleansing blood tonic, is well recommended. \$1.25 at all stores.

EXTENSION EXPERTS ON HEALTH PROGRAM Monday Conference Devoted to the Physical Well Being of Children—Need Publicity. The annual conference of the extension experts of the state agricultural college was devoted Monday morning to a health program. Dr. Caroline Hedger of Chicago, who has already made several addresses, talked on health campaigns in club work. She said that the development of the child is always kept in mind in such organizations. She told how much interest is now taken by many organizations in the conservation and developments of children. Miss May Baxter, in charge of the central headquarters of the American Red Cross, advocated the co-operation of all agencies in pushing the health program in Nebraska. She made a special plea for the co-operation of the extension service with the county health nurses. Miss Baxter outlined some of the phases of the health campaign now being carried on all over the country. Much work has already been done in this state, she explained. J. P. Ross, chairman of the committee on publicity, reported that there is need of more of it in the extension service. The recommendation of the committee was adopted and the people of Nebraska will know more about the scope of the extension service in 1922. The recommendation of the committee on records and reports was unanimously adopted by the conference. It was agreed that they should be filled away with more care that they might be available when most needed for reference. Committees on home management and home health and hygiene made reports which were adopted. The conference will close Monday afternoon. For headache, toothache, pains, lumbago, sore throat, try Dr. Thomas' Eucletic Oil, a splendid remedy for emergencies.

NOT WORRIED OVER HIS IMPENDING BOUT Morrie Schlaifer, otherwise known as "Kid" Schlaifer, South Omaha's hard hitting welterweight who is rapidly climbing to a place near the top of the welterweight class, isn't letting his coming battle with Bud Logan at the Omaha auditorium next Monday night, January 9th, bother him any. Sunday afternoon he hopped a west bound "rattler" for Denver, where tonight he will swap punches with one of the west's most promising welters just by way of diversion while awaiting the date of the Logan bout. Schlaifer has appeared in the ring in Denver before and although he lost his last battle there on an accidental foul, the fans did not hold that against him, and are clamoring for more of his aggressive style of fighting. In addition to the Schlaifer-Logan fight, Matchmaker Bert Muth, for the Omaha Labor Temple, under whose auspices the show next Monday night is being given, announces a ten round semi-windup between Gunner Quinn, of Minneapolis and Navy Rostan, of Chicago, and a ten round preliminary between Frankie Schmalzer of Milwaukee and Earl Puryear of Denver. Tickets are now on sale in Omaha and are reported to be selling rapidly. A large number of the fans from Plattsburgh and vicinity are planning to attend. MEXICANS THINK THEY WILL GET SOME MONEY Mexico City, Jan. 2.—Financial circles of this city show signs of optimism over negotiations which have been under way between the secretary of the treasury and representatives of American banking houses. Augustin le Gorreta, manager of the Banco Nacional and representative of J. P. Morgan & Co., and Eduardo Hurtado, representing the Speyer interests, have gone to New York, and it is stated they will report there upon the progress made during recent conferences. Prominent economists have been appointed to the Mexican section of the inter-American finance committee. This action was taken, it is said, upon the initiative of Secretary Mellon of the United States treasury. Petroleum fields along the gulf coast made a new record for production during December. There was a total output of 18,000,000 barrels, 13,000,000 being produced by the Toteco and the Cerro Azul lots alone. Thirty-four new wells started during the month. Journal want ads pay. Try them.

The Bottom Has Fallen Out of Phonograph Prices! I have just received word from the Pathe factory that the following prices will prevail on all Pathe models until the present stock is exhausted: \$110 models \$65, \$150 models 75, \$175 models 85, \$200 models 100, \$225 models 110. Remember the Pathe is played with a Sapphire ball. No changing of needles. John P. Sattler, FUNERAL DIRECTOR