

INCREASE IN STEEL ORDERS

The United States Steel company's report of unfilled orders on January 31, shows a total of 4,613,680 tons. This is an increase of 331,000 tons during the month of January, and constitutes one of the indisputable evidences of reviving activity in the steel trade.

It is said correctly that this increase is largely due to the fact that during a considerable share of the month the mills of the steel company were at a low rate of production. This is indisputable; but comparing the result with the preceding period when with mills going out of operation and production rapidly decreasing, the unfilled orders also diminished, the evidence of increasing demand is beyond contradiction. The production of the company at the beginning of the month was about 45 per cent of capacity. By the close of the month it had risen to 65 or more. When with that enhancement of production the orders exceeded shipments by 331,000 tons, it shows the return of consumptive demand to the market in the most unmistakable manner.

The significance of the figures is heightened by the period in which it takes place. At the beginning of the year he would have been bold who predicted a decided revival of demand before March 1. But these figures show a material improvement before February 1, which may well be expected to develop still further during the succeeding months.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

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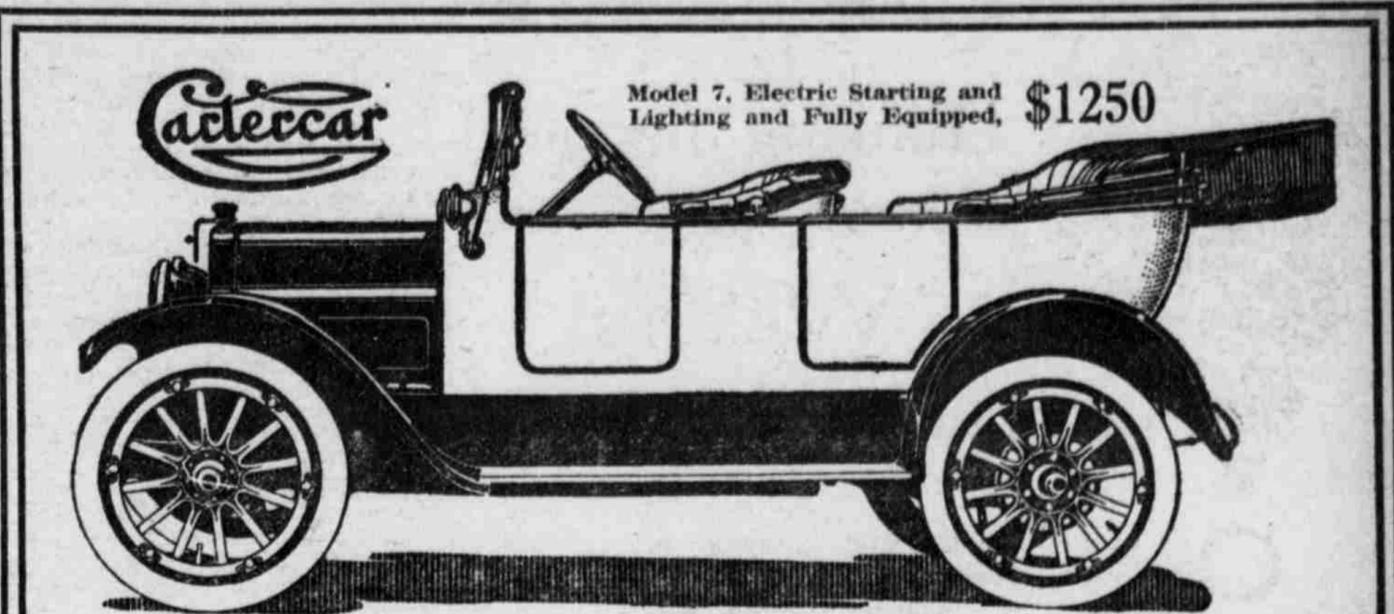
Springfield (Mass.) Republican: It is amusing from time to time to get reflections of the temper with which the president is regarded by that portion of Washington which particularly rejoiced in, and variously profited from, the social sideshow that went with republican administrations. The sad substance of the story is that in such quarters Mr. Wilson is held—way below par. Fine houses that found ready takers when there were wealthy republican cabinet officers are now vainly placarded "for rent," and the stores suffer also from less lavish patronage under this democratic regime, unambitious for social brilliance. And all of this, human nature being what it is, seems to have made "picking on the president" one of Washington's favorite winter pastimes. Well, it doesn't do the president any harm and, in fact, Washington has a habit anyway of being rather ill disposed—quite behind his back—toward the occupant of the White House, whoever he may be. But when the graduating classes of the country's high schools begin to plan for those spring trips to Washington, which so improve their minds, they would do a charity if they would only raise an extra fund to enable Washington meanwhile to change places with them.

COOLING OFF

Observing people have noticed that Mexican news has gravitated to the back pages of the papers. Things are happening every day down there. Villa is getting ready to take Torreon. Cientificos are skulking along the border trying to get from American to Mexican soil with horses and ammunition in order to threaten the constitutionalists from the rear. Huerta hangs on. John Lind is still at Vera Cruz. But other news takes precedence.

So much for the policy of waiting. We are so unexcited about Mexico now that it would take more jingoes than the world contains to stir our fighting blood.

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national ill feeling if a few months cooling-off time could always be had between word and blow. Mexico illustrates the merit of Mr. Bryan's arbitration treaties. All they bind any country to is to take a year to think about it before going to war. These treaties, we are glad to say, are making good headway among the nations, and will probably receive the assent of our captious senate. They will do away with hasty wars, and most wars are hasty. We may get into trouble with Mexico yet, but the chances are several times less now than they were before a year of "watchful waiting."—Nebraska State Journal.

BACKS BRYAN'S OPINION OF CURRENCY LAW

Who shall decide, when two doctors, both expert in diagnosing the morbid conditions due to the presence of the money devil, disagree? The case is one between Dr. La Follette and good old Dr. Bryan. The former, after making a careful examination of the currency bill, declared the symptoms were unmistakable; the money trust disease was written all over it. But the alarmed

members of the family called Dr. Bryan in consultation, and he proceeded to rap the less skilled practitioner over the knuckles. In that well-known medical journal, The Commoner, he publishes his opinion, which is as follows:

"Then came the titanic struggle for currency reform. The money power, which has for a generation held the nation in its grip, fought desperately to retain its control. It required the high courage and the persistent perseverance of the president to win the victory. Victory was won, and the country is free. The finger prints are still visible upon the nation's throat, but the hand is gone and the nation breathes a sigh of relief."

For us this is conclusive. If Dr. Bryan can fit no traces of the money devil, then he must have flown up the chimney howling.—New York Evening Post, Ind.

The democratic national committee has issued a pamphlet on the record of the administration entitled, "Performance," and the curious thing about it as a political document is that it's all true.—Kansas City Star.

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