

Election's Over and the Mills and Factories Start to Hum

Falsehoods Are No Longer Necessary and Special Interests Forced to Admit That Prosperity Can Not Be Held Back

(From press dispatches)

GREAT LOCOMOTIVE WORKS INCREASES FORCE OF MEN

Philadelphia, Nov. 7.—Another ray brightened the outlook for improving business, when Alba B. Johnson, president of the Baldwin locomotive works, announced the big plant at Eddystone, Pa., until further orders, would increase the working time to a five-day shift a week.

The new order goes into effect at once, and applies to 1,239 men, or 239 more than were on the pay rolls three weeks ago. At that time the force numbered 950, the smallest of this year.

The plant has been working only two or three days each week for several months. A year ago, according to Mr. Johnson, times were brisk, and when the whistle blew to "furn to" each morning and six mornings a week there were 6,585 men at work. The lowest ebb was reached in the week ended October 10, and now the tide seems to be turning.

STEEL MILLS TO HUM

Pittsburgh, Nov. 7.—Steel mills, blast furnaces and manufacturing plants in this district employing 20,000 men are preparing to resume either full or part operations within the next ten days.

In several instances employes of these concerns were notified today that they would soon be needed in their old places, or that they would go on full time next week.

From the big new Kensington plant of the Aluminum Company of America came word today that the company expected to resume full operations in a few days.

WON'T MIX

Bad Food and Good Health Won't Mix

The human stomach stands much abuse, but it won't return good health if you give it bad food.

If you feed right you should feel right, for proper food and a good mind is the sure road to health.

"A year ago I became much alarmed about my health for I began to suffer after each meal no matter how little I ate," says a Denver woman.

"I lost my appetite and the very thought of food grew distasteful, with the result that I was not nourished and got weak and thin.

"My home cares were very heavy, for beside a large family of my own I have also to look out for an aged mother. There was no one to shoulder my household burdens, and come what might I must bear them, and this thought nearly drove me frantic when I realized that my health was breaking down.

"I read an article in the paper about some one with trouble like mine being helped by Grape-Nuts food and acting on this suggestion I gave Grape-Nuts a trial. The first dish of this delicious food proved that I had struck the right thing.

"My uncomfortable feelings in stomach disappeared as if by magic and in an incredibly short space of time I was again myself. Since then I have gained 12 pounds in weight through a summer of hard work and realize I am a very different woman, all due to the splendid food, Grape-Nuts." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Read the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

The Jones & Laughlin company, the largest independent steel concern in the country, is preparing to increase its working force at the Soho, South Side, and Aliquippa works, while several mills in the Allegheny valley will start next week.

The Pressed Steel Car company's McKees Rocks and Woods Run plants will increase operations beginning next Monday. Spang & Chalfont, in Milvale, will fire several mills on Monday, and at least four furnaces in the Monongahela valley will be blown in.

The McClintic-Marshall company and the American Bridge company expect to increase operations in their Woods Run plants this week. The extensive works of the latter company at Ambridge will also go on better time.

REVIVAL IN METAL TRADES SHOWN BY PIG IRON BUYING

Philadelphia, Nov. 8.—Buying of pig iron to cover the first quarter of the new year is accepted among local furnace interests as an indication that a better feeling is developing in the metal trades.

Consumers of pig iron are increasing in number, showing that, one by one, mills are resuming work. While purchasing for immediate requirements shows but slight improvement, furnace men agree that the outlook is better than for some months.

Although export trade has not materially affected general lines of manufactures, it is known that in metal lines there have been negotiated a number of fair-sized contracts for transatlantic shipment. A machine manufacturer near Philadelphia recently booked contracts for both foreign and domestic mills.

Asked whether he regarded it as likely that the United States Steel corporation would reduce wages January 1, a local furnace executive said he believed that if business continued to improve, wages schedules would not be disturbed. "Coal, ore and coke," he continued, "are on an unprofitable basis. Everything but labor has come down, and necessarily that must follow, unless prices advance. Looking for a bigger volume of business and a sound demand for steel, I would say that prices would move up to a basis of present wage scales."

DEMAND FOR COKE GROWS; IDLE OVENS TO BE FIRED

Connellsville, Pa., Nov. 8.—Continued improvement in the demand for furnace and foundry coke, and a steady advance in the price over that of two weeks ago, is beginning to have its effect on the coke business throughout that region. Announcement was made here today that the H. C. Frick coal and coke company, and the W. J. Rainey company, the two largest coking concerns in this region, within the next two weeks will fire in more than 21,000 ovens.

Something like 30,000 ovens are now idle in the district. Of these, the Rainey and Frick concerns own about 25,000. The others are controlled by independent interests, who are expected to follow the lead of the Frick and Rainey interests, and place fires under their idle ovens.

Coke men are now asking higher prices for delivery after January 1, and as far ahead as July, 1915. This week the spot price stiffened to 10 cents a ton, and contracts made on a flat rate basis for delivery after January 1, are on a minimum of \$1.75. The Coatesville silk mill expects to

CONTINUANCE OF DEMOCRATIC CONTROL CAUSES TRADE REVIVAL IN PENNSYLVANIA

(From the Philadelphia Public Ledger)

Reports from all parts of Pennsylvania since the election show improved sentiment for business. Manufacturers and bankers are more hopeful and the feeling is that good times are near at hand. Dispatches received by the Public Ledger from its correspondents in trade and industrial centres in the state are as follows:

Allentown Much Encouraged

Allentown, Pa., Nov. 7.—Bankers and credit men say there has been a revival of confidence in Allentown and the Lehigh Valley since the election. In fact, many of them assert that conditions already have improved. Statements of national banks and trust companies, issued Wednesday and Thursday, indicate that never was there so much money on deposit, the total for Lehigh county being \$18,000,000.

York Manufacturers Optimistic

York, Pa., Nov. 7.—There is a general revival of confidence in business circles in this city—, as a result of the election, and the outlook is more encouraging than at any time since the enactment of tariff legislation. While some manufacturers are of the opinion that there is not likely to be any immediate improvement in trade, all are optimistic and think conditions will gradually become normal.

Chester Steel Mills Resume

Chester, Pa., Nov. 7.—Industrial conditions in this city already have begun to improve.

The American Steel Castings company's plant will resume operations on full time next Monday, after having been idle for several weeks. About 1,200 men are employed.

The Federal Steel company's plant, has been running on slack time for six months, started full time today. It is said that the company has received several large orders which will keep its plant busy for at least four months. About 500 men are employed.

Carl H. Ernst, general manager of the American Viscose company, silk manufacturers, says: "The result of the election gives us confidence. It is going to be some time before we get over the bad condition of affairs, but the change will have a beneficial effect on business."

William T. Gayley, Jr., head of the Aberfoyle Manufacturing company, textile manufacturers, says: "We begin to see the turning point, and from now on there will be improvement."

Local bankers also report that there is a tendency toward improvement already.

Bethlehem Begins to Boom

Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 7.—Recent big government orders given to the Bethlehem Steel company, coupled with large orders from the English and French governments, for various various munitions of war, have served to make the outlook for winter encouraging to several hundred workmen, who have been idle for weeks.

With a mild winter, carpenters, plasterers and other skilled mechanics will have plenty of work, for there is a building boom in Bethlehem. Then the new fuse plant which the Bethlehem Steel company is erecting will employ several hundred men.

The building of the new Minsi Trail bridge keeps several score of skilled iron workers busy.

The silk trade shows signs of picking up.

Improvement at Coatesville

Coatesville, Pa., Nov. 7.—Some slight renewal of activity is being observed since the election among local manufacturers. Worth Brothers' tube mill, which has been idle for some time, will resume operations on Monday. Three furnaces out of six will be fired tomorrow. A member of the Worth firm is quoted as saying "that the mills will continue in operation the remainder of the year."

The Lukens Iron and Steel company, which has been running at 50 per cent of capacity, continues to furnish employment to many men. "We have seen no change since election," asserts W. Hamilton, the superintendent.

The Coatesville Boiler works appear to have taken on a boom since election. Men are working overtime, and it is said orders are beginning to come in faster. The Craig Ridgway & Sons company also is working full time. Last year the iron and steel mills here had the largest output in their history.

The tube mills at Parkesburg are virtually idle, although it is said that prospects are good.

Conditions Good at Scranton

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 7.—The fact that coal mining, the basic industry here has not been affected either by war or politics, has stiffened business conditions generally, so that, according to Mark K. Edgar, secretary of the board of trade, the city has fared better than others. The summer coal trade was the best ever known, and all collieries are working full time, with unlimited orders filed.

Orders from war countries have kept some of the principal mills going, notably the Scranton Textile company and the Lackawanna mills.

STEEL MEN SAY BUSINESS DEPRESSION IS OVER

A United States Press dispatch from Gary, Ind., November 16, says: Six thousand men went back to work at the Gary steel mills today after an enforced idleness of several weeks. A general improvement of business in the steel industry, officials of the company said, was responsible for the resumption.

"Bottom has dropped out of the business depression of the United States," said an official of the steel company. "From now on we expect an upward trend in the business thermometer all over the nation."

The men who went back to work today were set at work in the steel mills, the tin plate mills and the plant of the American Bridge company, indicating general improvement. Small steel products for agricultural implement factories, steel and iron plates for ore steamers and many small jobs from the Pittsburgh mills are expected to come here while the eastern mills are turning out armor plate for the allies. Parts for automobiles also will be turned out at the plants, which are now running at from sixty to seventy per cent of the normal capacity.

"The railroads have not yet begun placing orders because of their financial difficulties, but they must soon begin buying rails" said the steel company official. "Buying will be in large quantities because many of the roads have neglected to purchase at all during the period of depression. When the railroad orders begin to come in, prosperity can be said to have returned to the steel business."