

DUN'S REVIEW OF THE WEEK

Business Conditions Are Not Such as to Give Much Encouragement. VERY DEPRESSING INFLUENCES PREVAIL. Uncertainty About the Future Causes Much Uneasiness in Trade Centers—Gold Still Going Out—Reports from Cities—Business Failures.

New York, June 2.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: More disheartening conditions have prevailed during the past week, and those who saw the beginning of permanent recovery in the better tone a week ago are disappointed. The money markets have been closer and, especially in the interior, manufacturing and trades are more restricted than before.

Philadelphia reports much disturbance in iron on account of railway rates, with much complaint of collections in all branches. Trade at Cleveland is fairly good, though money is close. The iron trade at Pittsburg is less encouraging; pig is weaker and foreign iron is very low in price with a weaker tendency.

At Cincinnati general trade shows little improvement and collections are slow. At Indianapolis collections are unsatisfactory. At Detroit money is close, vessel rates lower; trade, though larger in volume, is at very low prices. Chicago reports increased receipts in sheep 30 per cent; corn, 30; oats, 40, and wheat, 15 per cent; but decrease in all other articles, especially in products for retail securities, save at buyers' prices.

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At New Orleans business is only fair, but crop prospects, though backward, are promising. Speculative markets have been sinking. Stocks are nearly 82 per share lower than a week ago. Wheat has declined 1 1/2 cents, corn 2 1/2 cents, and cotton 1 1/2 cents. Moderate transactions, few caring to buy wheat with enormous stocks in sight. Lard and hogs lower, with moderate receipts and receipts are small. The market for tin was overvalued and fell 4 cents and coffee is weaker, with reported sales below 11 cents. Lead is higher and coal more active.

Gloomy for the Iron Trade. Uncertainty about freights, labor, crops and finance makes the iron trade gloomy. Prospects of trouble with the Amalgamated Coalminers' union, and the rate of interest for product, and the freight rates raise the prices for pig, not to the advantage of the seller. Structural mills are yet well employed, but at a price which returns but small profits. In the shoe trade shipments are still large. In men's wooleens commission merchants are in trouble with clothiers, who have thrown back orders and are unable to get them at lower prices, and little is doing in spring goods.

refusing to extend or grant discounts to other business concerns. Efforts are being made to protect certain lines of trade, notably grain. Money lenders are affected by the prevalent sense of uncertainty in the business world and do not regard the outlook as encouraging.

An influence may be exerted as well by the price contests in iron and steel industries at the present time. The summer trade in prices continues downward and includes wool, finished iron, hides, sugar, hops, wheat, corn, oil, lard and cotton, nominal advances being reported in tobacco and coal.

Exports of wheat (four included) from both coasts, this week (including Montreal) aggregate 3,253,000 bushels, a moderate increase over the total of the week before, and a larger total than in corresponding weeks in any of the four preceding years.

There are no panicky feelings expressed by merchants or leading bankers at the larger New England and middle state centers. Some improvement in the volume of business is reported from Boston, St. Louis and St. Paul, which are exceptions in this respect. Money is close, even stringent, at all centers, and banks are making loans only to favored customers, and then only for actual needs.

No improvement in trade is noted in the province of Ontario and collections are less prompt than in the week before. The weather has stimulated buying in the province of Quebec, but there has been only moderate activity, the volume of business being below the average.

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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN CHECK AND MEMBERS BULLA AND JONES BRANDED AS BOODLERS.

School Board Chairman Check and Members Bulla and Jones Branded as Boodlers. BIG SENSATION IN THE MAGIC CITY. Agent Van Vechten of the Fuller & Warren Company Makes Specific Charges—Mr. Check Denies Them and Tells the Story His Way.

Sensational rumors reflecting on certain members of the South Omaha school board have been circulating through the atmosphere for several days. F. Van Vechten, representing the firm of Fuller & Warren of Chicago, is the man who has based the charges on the floor of the school board.

The rumor is that the school board has awarded a contract to put the heating apparatus in the new school buildings at its last meeting, when the Smead system was adopted. Van Vechten claims that his firm was knocked out because he would not ante up to Check and Bulla, and Jones says that the shoe is on the other foot, that Van Vechten offered to pay money to certain members of the board, but that his system was not adopted because it fell short of filling the bill as well as the one that was adopted.

According to Van Vechten's statement, Check, Bulla and Jones were the only members that cut any figure in the deal and Jones had said he did not want any money himself. He was present, however, and heard the money consideration talked over.

Below is given in substance what Van Vechten said to a Bee reporter, and it is given for what it is worth: "I was called to Omaha by Secretary Funston I came to South Omaha May 22 and went direct to Check's office. Check sent out George Bulla and Jones, Check asked me to give him the price for the Smead system and to give them to him until I heard from my firm. But I do not care to do this until I have heard from my firm.

Check assured me that the three gentlemen present constituted the board and an arrangement made with them would stand. I stated that I would do anything with me to show my system, but that did not seem to cut any figure. Bulla said he was going to speak plain and I said I would speak plain. 'What is there in it for us,' meaning the three members present, asked the secretary. 'I don't know,' I said, 'but I feel sure that if you and I get together we can make something out of this.' This was on Monday, Check advised me to think the matter over and to meet me in Omaha the next day and I would meet some work that our firm had put in there.

Conspired in a Saloon. 'The next day Check, Bulla and Jones came to Omaha and I met them. Bulla asked me again to ante up for the deal before the money business and I said I did. 'Then,' said he, 'you are not in it.' They looked over my plans, but after waiting around awhile they decided they did not care to go and see any work that we had put in the different school buildings. Jones said to me that he did not care any more about the deal, but that he would himself, but he wanted the very best heating apparatus. Just before leaving, Check or Bulla asked me to meet them at the school board meeting I was to attend before the school board meeting. I agreed to do so. When I came down here I asked for the money and they said they were a saloon. I went there and found Bulla, Check and Jones waiting. After waiting our whistles we all went into a room upstairs. I asked them to ante up to know what there was in it for them. They asked for my bid, and as they pledged secrecy I gave it to them. My price for the heating apparatus for each of the schools was \$1,325. Bulla asked if I couldn't make it any higher. I said I could add nothing except the cost of the extra work of masonry, etc. They then had me figure on that and I raised my bid to \$1,368. Check then arose and said he would have to go over to the meeting of the school board and let them know very hurriedly. I then went to the school board directly to a saloon on N street, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth. I saw he had gone past street and had not returned. I went up to the school house and I went into the saloon. There I found Check in conversation with Mr. Clark, the agent for the Smead system. At that moment that I had been duped and I did not hesitate to tell Check what I thought. He claimed to have met Clark by accident, and that he had no figure on that and that I pointed it. I then told Bulla, who had followed me into the saloon, that I would not put in my bid, as I could plainly see that the school board would not take my bid. Bulla said that if I would put in my bid I would get a square deal and I finally consented to do so. Van Vechten and Clark and I went into the saloon and I handed in our bids. The board went into executive session. Bulla came out and said he would tell me what Clark's bid was. He had withdrawn mine and made it read, suit. I refused to do so. My bid, which included all extras, was \$1,368, and Clark's, which included the cost of the extra work of masonry, etc., was \$1,325. The board voted to take the same as my \$1,325 bid, was \$1,650. When a vote was taken all the members except Thomas voted for the Smead system.

Met by Threats. 'On Wednesday I went to Check and told him that I had withdrawn my bid. He said that he would withdraw mine and explain the facts as they had occurred. I said that I did not consider that I had been given fair play, and I proposed that we should let the matter go. He said that he would let me know the result of the board's action. The next day I was called to the school board meeting and I was told that the board had voted to take the Smead system. I was surprised and said he would have voted differently if he had known the facts. Mr. Check was found in his office and asked to tell what he knew about Van Vechten's charges. He said that he had met Van Vechten and that he was a gentleman and treated him as such. I discovered later on that he was nothing but a baby. If he had not been a baby, he would have been a liar and I can prove it. I adopted the Smead system because I think it superior to the Fuller & Warren. I did not sign the Smead contract for the school board because the board adopted it. Van Vechten hired Pat Rowley to come to us and tell us that we had been duped. I told him that we would do nothing. In regard to meeting Clark by appointment, I did not. When I left the room where Van, Bulla and Jones were, I saw a man who I believe was the man who had been duped. I saw him on the street and he was in a state of distress. I saw him on the street and he was in a state of distress. I saw him on the street and he was in a state of distress.

Charges Emphatically Denied. Mr. Thomas was the only member of the board who voted for the Fuller & Warren system. He said he did so because he believed that it was the best system. He said that he was not a member of the board at the time the Smead system was adopted. He said that he was not a member of the board at the time the Smead system was adopted. He said that he was not a member of the board at the time the Smead system was adopted.

At the Fairmount Street theater, 250 any seat in the house, to see Mark Murphy in the great operatic Irish comedy, 'O'Dowd's Neighbors.' The biggest hit of the season, ever bright and new, and better than ever.

COULD NOT REMEMBER THAT CHECK AND BULLA SAID TO THIS PROPOSITION.

Mr. Bulla was seen this morning and he made a sweeping denial of all of Van Vechten's charges. He said that he had never given money to the board, if it would adopt his system, but denied point blank that he had ever given money to any of the members of the board. He said that he had never given money to any of the members of the board.

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RACE TRACK WAR COMMENCED

Colonel Morris Drives the Telegraph Wires from the Morris Park Grounds. TO CUT OFF THE GUTTENBURG GAMBLERS. Books Were Being Made at the Latter Track on Events at the Former—Telling When the End Will Come.

MORRIS PARK, N. Y., June 2.—The Western Union Telegraph company's wires were ordered out of the Morris Park grounds today by Proprietor John A. Morris, and the fight between this association and Guttenburg is fairly on. Word was sent to Mr. Morris that books were to be made on the Westchester races at Guttenburg and this was the reason for Mr. Morris' summary action.

'I do not know how long this fight will continue,' said Mr. Morris, 'but until the Guttenburg people stop stealing our information the wires will remain outside the grounds.' The telegraph operators immediately made arrangements to send the news from Van Nest railroad station. The track was in excellent shape.

First race, five furlongs: Gold Dollar (9 to 5) won, Lisette (4 to 1) second, Addie (7 to 2) third. Time: 1:07 1/2. Second race, six furlongs: Lidgerwood (8 to 5) won, Louise (7 to 1) second, Sunbeam (8 to 1) third. Time: 1:11. Third race, five and a half furlongs: Dead heat for first place between Sir Excess (4 to 1) and Sir Excess (4 to 1) second, Halcyon (12 to 1) third. Time: 1:05 1/2. Fourth race, one mile: Nock or Never (5 to 1) won, Sir Excess (4 to 1) second, Sir Excess (4 to 1) third. Time: 1:34 1/2. Fifth race, one mile: Sir Excess (4 to 1) won, Sir Excess (4 to 1) second, Sir Excess (4 to 1) third. Time: 1:34 1/2. Sixth race, one mile: Sir Excess (4 to 1) won, Sir Excess (4 to 1) second, Sir Excess (4 to 1) third. Time: 1:34 1/2.

Favorite Finish First. CINCINNATI, O., June 2.—The track was very slow at Latonia today, though not muddy, while the weather was fair and warm. The favorites had a good day of it. First race, purse, six furlongs: Asben (2 1/2 to 1) won, Sir Excess (4 to 1) second, Lucknow (4 to 1) third. Time: 1:21. Second race, one mile: Little George (3 to 5) won, Sir Excess (4 to 1) second, Halcyon (12 to 1) third. Time: 1:51. Third race, one mile: Sir Excess (4 to 1) won, Sir Excess (4 to 1) second, Sir Excess (4 to 1) third. Time: 1:34 1/2. Fourth race, four furlongs: Little (4 to 5) won, Sir Excess (4 to 1) second, Sir Excess (4 to 1) third. Time: 1:07 1/2. Fifth race, one mile: Sir Excess (4 to 1) won, Sir Excess (4 to 1) second, Sir Excess (4 to 1) third. Time: 1:34 1/2. Sixth race, one mile: Sir Excess (4 to 1) won, Sir Excess (4 to 1) second, Sir Excess (4 to 1) third. Time: 1:34 1/2.

Time Day at St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 2.—The sport at the fair grounds was tame today. None of the winners were in much trouble to land the coin for their backers. The talent did only fairly well in picking the winners. First race, seven furlongs: Zaldivar (4 to 5) won, Katrika (10 to 1) second, Invovalco (10 to 1) third. Time: 1:32 1/2. Second race, six furlongs: Route (2 to 1) won, Lady Rose (3 to 1) second, Favor (2 to 1) third. Time: 1:34 1/2. Third race, six furlongs: Tim Murphy (4 to 1) won, Geraldine (3 to 1) second, General Ross (3 to 1) third. Time: 1:10. Fourth race, six furlongs: Senator Morrill (4 to 1) won, Princess Lorraine (6 to 5) second, Sir Excess (4 to 1) third. Time: 1:11. Fifth race, one mile: Bonito (7 to 5) won, Rossier (6 to 1) second, Mergo (6 to 1) third. Time: 1:34 1/2. Sixth race, one mile: Cornet (3 to 1) won, Taylor Hayden (even) second, San Salvador (5 to 1) third. Time: 1:47 1/2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES. PITTSBURGH Nails Down First Place as Far as Brooklyn is Concerned. BROOKLYN, N. Y., June 2.—Despite the dismal weather, 2,000 spectators journeyed to Eastern park in the expectation of witnessing a gallant battle, but the Pittsburghers were in the game from the start, and seemed to win at will. Connie Mack was so offensive that Umpire Emshie fined him \$50. Brooklyn: 0 0 0 0 0 4 0 0 0 4 1. Pittsburgh: 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 2 1. Errors: Brooklyn, 3; Pittsburgh, 9. Errors: Brooklyn, 2; Pittsburgh, 2. Earned runs: Pittsburgh, 5; Brooklyn, 1. Batteries: Kennedy and Kinslow; Elrod and Miller.

Big Roger's Bad Blunder. NEW YORK, June 2.—After apparently settling the New York-Cleveland game today, by knocking out a three-bagger in the fourth inning, the Boston Braves, who had seemed to win at will, Connie Mack was so offensive that Umpire Emshie fined him \$50. Boston: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 7. Cleveland: 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1. Errors: New York, 16; Cleveland, 17. Errors: New York, 3; Cleveland, 4. Earned runs: Boston, 1; Cleveland, 1. Batteries: Doyle and Grand; O'Connor, Davies and Hastings.

Wound Up Billy Barnie. BOSTON, Mass., June 2.—The Champions kept up their gait and won their third successive walk-over from Louisville. They were mighty at bat and perfect in the field, a combination that Barnie's men could not contend against with any success. Score: Boston, 10; Louisville, 0. Errors: Boston, 1; Louisville, 0. Batteries: Goss and Goss; Stratton and Grim.

So Uncle Got Another. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 2.—Weighing last season's performance, eighth inning, and Chicago hammered his rival for all it was worth, scoring eight runs. Delvin fell during the entire contest. Score: Philadelphia: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 8 5. Chicago: 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 8 11. Errors: Philadelphia, 9; Chicago, 15. Errors: Philadelphia, 2; Chicago, 2. Earned runs: Philadelphia, 8; Chicago, 8. Batteries: Goss and Goss; Stratton and Grim.

Beaten by Rain. BALTIMORE, Md., June 2.—Baltimore-St. Louis ball game postponed; rain. WASHINGTON, D. C., June 2.—Washington-Cincinnati ball game postponed; rain.

OLD AGE OF INDIANS.

Defying All Rules of Health They Keep Well and Strong. The Remarkable Longevity of the Indian Race Explained, for Every Human Being They Have a Cure—They Know Where to Find the Roots, Herbs and Bark that will keep them in Good Health—The Secret Now Given to the World.

There are many Kikapoo now living who have lived before white men ever set foot on the continent. They are now in the best of health, and they are still in the prime of life. They have a secret that will keep them in good health, and they are now in the prime of life. They have a secret that will keep them in good health, and they are now in the prime of life.

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