

BUSINESS IS PROSPERING

Conservation on the Part of Bankers Does Not Injure Trade.

FAILURES CONTINUE TO BE SMALLER

Manufacturers Are Not Handicapped Through Lack of Funds, and the Volume of General Business Is Not Lessened.

NEW YORK, April 8.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say tomorrow:

When everybody is asking whether it is to be war or peace, the state of business is not easy to judge. Since nobody can judge just how wise bankers may be in an emergency, there is some uncertainty, but it is far from a serious one.

There is no evidence of any such symptoms as to be seen in business reports. The evidence of existing conditions is not confusing nor unfavorable. So far banking conservatism has not caused failures, which continue smaller than for many years, as in March, nor has it caused stoppage of any manufacturing concerns, nor lessened the volume of business reported from principal points.

The wheat outlook counts for much and continues. A grain expert having been 2,241,211 bushels for the week, against 1,521,122 bushels last year, and Pacific 1,255,514 bushels, against 475,000 last year.

At the same time the exports of cotton are extraordinary. Though the month by the cotton which causes larger shipments to Europe, it is not so large as in the past.

In such conditions heavy industrial demands for a great force of operatives have been effective. Though the month by industry meets enormous overproduction compared with corresponding demands in any other year, over production is not nearly as large as in the past.

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Wool is dull, reflecting uncertainty as to future business and unsatisfactory margins of profit. The iron trade continues to report a large volume of business done, but it is becoming evident that this is chiefly on orders previously booked.

A feature of trading at leading cities this week is the active business in bicycles in Chicago and New York, where sales are the largest on record. St. Louis reports boat and ship shipments as heavier than ever before at this time.

Wheat shipments, including flour, this week are slightly larger than those of last week and considerably in excess of last year, aggregating 3,774,728 bushels for the period, against 2,817,414 bushels last year, and 2,626,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 1,744,000 bushels in 1896 and 2,041,000 bushels in 1895.

Corn exports have fallen off sharply, aggregating 3,557,000 bushels, against 4,567,000 bushels last year, and 4,655,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 1,350,000 bushels in 1896 and 1,414,000 bushels in the United States this week numbered 220, against 226 last year, 222 in the corresponding week of 1897, 220 in 1895 and 225 in 1896.

Business failures this week in the Dominion of Canada numbered thirty-eight, against thirty-eight last week, thirty-two in the corresponding week of 1897, thirty in 1896, twenty-six in 1895 and thirty-eight in 1894.

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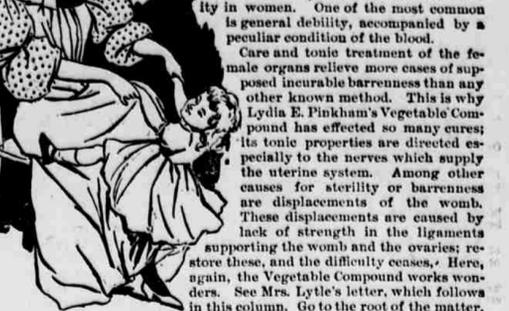
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