DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Spring Business Makes Favorable Comparison with Same Period Last Year.

PIG IRON OUTPUT AT RECORD

Domestic Steel Rail Requirements Supplemented by Large Orders from South America and Japan.

NEW YORK, March 15.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say:

Spring trade is making a most favorable comparison with the volume this time last year, except in a few sections where the weather is still unfavorable, and mercantile collections improve steadily despite the high money market. Leading industries have orders covering production well into the future, especially cotton factories and steel mills, while the output of pig iron when the month opened was close to the largest on record. High prices in the footwear industry have checked placing of contracts for fall shoes at New England factories, some decline in prices of hides and leather encouraging buyers to delay ordering the finished product, but most mills are still busy on spring goods.

Prices are well maintained in all sections of the iron and steel industry, premiums being frequently offered for prompt delivery, but orders are seldom accepted on these terms because of the oversold condition of mills and furnaces. There is a nominal difference of about $4 per ton between spot and third quarter business and scarcely any sales are made at the higher figures because little iron is available for prompt shipment. Domestic steel rail business is supplemented by large requirements by South America and Japan that may be filled in this market if satisfactory deliveries can be arranged.

Textile mills are producing at a remarkable rate without threatening any accumulation of stocks and advanced prices for cotton goods have not checked demand. Premiums above regular quotations are willingly paid for early shipments. Most jobbers have not provided for all the spring trade, but others will not be able to meet the requirements of customers. This is especially the case with western jobbers, who still receive liberal orders.

In woolens a fair renewal trade is apparent in many lines of men's fabrics, but the market is irregular. New lines of dress goods are being brought out and the cutting up trade is the most active factor. Leather is more quiet, stocks of some varieties being larger than at any recent date, and the situation now depends on the development of trade in fall shoes. Prices of hemlock sole leather remain unchanged, bids at 25 cents for middleweight hemlock thirds being rejected, but supplies expand. A smaller demand for belting butts has weakened quotations and trade in upper leather is backward, except for calfskins. Domestic hides are dull, prices showing a downward tendency.

Prices of grain were well maintained in view of the official report of farm reserves on March 1 that showed the unprecedented total of 206,446,000 bushels of wheat, 1,289,000,000 bushels of corn and 348,461,000 bushels of oats.

There was no change in the cotton situation. Advance in price started liquidation that caused a sharp decline.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Increased Complaints of Short Stocks Come from Many Points.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Bradstreets tomorrow will say:

Spring business has further expanded, jobbing operations being maintained at a volume equal to or exceeding last year, while trade has felt the stimulus of the approach of Easter and the appearance of springlike weather. Increased complaints as to short stocks in some lines, notably dry goods, come from many points and slow deliveries are still complained of. Industry is active, except where, as in the flooded section of the Ohio valley, mill operations are restricted. While business is large, there is claimed to be no tendency to purchase beyond legitimate requirements, and the prospects favor active demand and a large turnover.

While the green bug has ruined wheat and oats in Texas, the situation in Kansas and the southwest generally is excellent and the impression seems to be that damage reports have been considerably exaggerated for market effect. In the south preparations are progressing under favorable soil conditions for a large cotton acreage.

In the pig iron market buyers and sellers seem to be maneuvering for position as regards prices, and while little new business has been placed, except in the Birmingham district, the undertone appears to be stronger. Production in February was below that of January, but the daily output during the first named month increased somewhat over January, the largest part being furnished by the leading interest, and not by the merchant furnaces, whose product has the most influence on the open market. All finished lines are very active, with specifications coming in freely. Pipes and tubes are in brisk request and the leading interest has withdrawn prices and notified the trade that no orders will be taken for shipment this side of June 1. Sheet and tin plate mills were never so rushed and fancy premiums prevail.

In the wool market firmness prevails and interest centers in foreign grades, arrivals of which are very heavy. Stocks of domestic wool are very small, though sales thereof are of moderate proportions. The mills are still running on worsteds and therefore staple wools are in good demand.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending March 14 number 184, against 172 last week, 127 the like week of 1906, 186 in 1905, 193 in 1904 and 194 in 1903. Canadian failures for the week number twenty-three, as against twenty-one last week and thirty-three in this week a year ago.

Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending March 14 aggregated 2,080,034 bushels, against 2,251,303 bushels last week, 2,019,327 bushels this week last year, 895,742 bushels in 1905 and 2,908,250 bushels in 1902. For the last thirty-seven weeks of the fiscal year the exports are 126,004,865 bushels, against 99,152,892 bushels in 1905-6, 45,599,114 bushels in 1904-5 and 188,431,838 bushels in 1901-2.

Corn exports for the week are 1,998,254 bushels, against 2,631,572 bushels last week, 2,235,252 bushels a year ago and 2,841,411 bushels in 1905. For the fiscal year to date the exports are 47,313,437 bushels, against 89,052,445 bushels in 1905-6 and 51,970,348 bushels in 1904-5.

Crack Shots at Geneva.

GENEVA, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The result of the shoot for trophy yesterday was: William Veach, 152; F. Van Buren, 145; A. Propst, 147; Ed Meyers, 141; C. C. Evans, 147; Charles Thorpe, 148; R. Meyers, 127; Miller, 135; Edwards, 150; Cory, 138; Robbins, 140; Olmsted, 146; Duff, 137; Charleton Hyde, 145; A. Olson, 149; J. J. Martin, 135; George Maxwell, 150; F. A. Corbin, 148.

CONKLIN BEATS GARDNER

Demarest's Team Mate Wins Second Place in Billiard Tourney.

TIE PLAYED OFF YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Conklin Makes an Average of Nearly Sixteen and a High Run of Sixty-Four—Gardner's High Run is Forty-Three.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Calvin Demarst and Charles F. Conklin, representatives of the Chicago Athletic association, carried off the bulk of honors in the national amateur 14.2 billiard championship tournament which was concluded at the Liederkranz club today.

Young Demarest won the title yesterday by defeating Edward Gardner of Passaic, N. J.

Conklin and Gardner met today in the play-off of a tie for second place and Conklin won out by a score of 300 to 201. Scores:

Conklin—0, 0, 28, 0, 41, 6, 10, 5, 5, 45, 33, 22, 1, 64, 11, 0, 1, 0, 31; total, 300; average, 15 15-19; high run, 64.

Gardner—2, 0, 43, 6, 2, 36, 9, 7, 24, 0, 1, 17, 0, 29, 3, 0, 2, 9, 1; total, 201; average, 10 11-19; high run, 43.

COOLEY OUT FOR PLAYERS

Old Dick Clearly Recognizes He is in the Western League.

Dick Cooley, the manager of the Topeka Western league team, returned home last night from a short trip to Kansas City and St. Joseph, says a Topeka paper. While in St. Joseph, Cooley met President Norris L. O'Neil of the Western league and is now thoroughly convinced that Topeka is no longer in the Western association. Cooley says the present indications point to a good team for St. Joe this season, as nearly all the players are signed up for the team and a manager has accepted terms. However, the name of the manager is not to be made public for a few days, at least.

While in Kansas City yesterday Cooley met Manager Ashenback of the St. Paul team of the American association and closed a deal with him for three of St. Paul's players. He has secured two pitchers, Dish and Moore, and a catcher by the name of Kelsey.

Dish, one of the new pitchers, formerly belonged to the Detroit team in the American league. While still the property of Detroit, he was loaned to the Evansville team in the Central league, where he made a great record. He was the one good pitcher on the team and kept the Evansville team well up in the race. On days when he was not pitching he would be placed in the outfield, where his hitting would break up games many times. Moore and Kelsey are former Texas leaguers and were bought from Texas teams last season. Moore is counted as a comer, as he is big and has all kinds of smoke and curves. He is also a good hitter. Kelsey is a good backstop and was considered one of the best men in the Texas league last summer.

Shortly after Cooley had closed the offer for these players the St. Paul team was offered a much higher price by another manager.

President O'Neil will be in Topeka in about a week to look over the ground and make necessary arrangements for the opening of the season. "Ducky" Holmes, manager of the Lincoln team, is in Topeka today and it is not unlikely that Cooley will make some kind of a deal with the manager for a couple of players.

Will we see old Frank Genins back in the Western? is a question many fans are asking, in view of the fact that St. Joe and Topeka are coming in the circuit. Genins was with the last St. Joe tribe which was transplanted to Hutchinson when the money gave out in the former town, and there is a rumor he may be with St. Joe when it comes back into the Western.

Connie Mack has asked for waivers on Jimmy Burke. This means that the former manager of the Cardinals will return to Kansas City. Mack drafted Burke at the close of last season. There was a good deal of talk that Connie secured the infielder to plug up a hole at third base. He evidently thinks that Jimmy is not of major league caliber or else he would not seek to let him out of the American league.

Comiskey will raise the tariff on his grounds. He will cover the first-base bleachers and charge 50 cents for them, and will build a new bleacher in the outfield, besides increasing the capacity of the grounds by 2,000, a total increase of 5,000, making the capacity of the grounds 26,000.

Subsidized sporting papers that come out every week with their columns filled by the highest bidder and his stool pigeons are aggravating the situation between base ball managers and "star players" who are not getting their worth in salaries and are holding out for it. These papers, which get their news service for free passes and thrive off the subsidy, studiously labor to spread the false doctrine that high salaries cannot be afforded, blinded by the fact that they are the logical outcome of the unprecedented revenues of the managers.

IOWA-NEBRASKA GAME IN THE AIR

Board of Control Will Consider Foot Ball Matter Wednesday.

IOWA CITY, Ia., March 15.—(Special.)—Whether the action of the State University of Nebraska in refusing to adopt the three-year playing rule for athletes will result in the cancellation of the Iowa-Nebraska game scheduled for nex fall the local university authorities are unwilling to state. The Hawkeye management has been willing to waive other rules of the western conference in the past, but the general opinion has been established during the last three months that Iowa would insist on a strict adherence to all of the eligibility rules. The matter will probably come up for decision at the meeting of the Board of Athletic Control on Wednesday of next week, after which meeting it will be possible to announce what Iowa expects to do. Last season the state university waived the limited games and training table rule when contracting with the State Agricultural college for a game, but the Aggies were held to a strict interpretation of the eligibility rules, in order to make the game fair on both sides. It is for this reason it is believed that the state university will be unwilling to play the Nebraska eleven in the event that the Cornhuskers insist on playing their freshmen.

At the State University of Iowa the base ball schedule for the coming season has been approved, and Leslie Story, formerly a star player on the State University of Iowa, but last year coach of the Cornell college team at Mount Vernon, has been employed as a coach. The base ball men are working in the gymnasium daily now under the direction of Catlin, and Story is expected to take charge of the men as soon as they are able to go out on the diamond. The following games are to be played:

April 15-20—Rock Island league team at Iowa City.
April 23—University of Missouri at Iowa City.
April 24—Luther college at Decorah.
April 26—Minnesota at Minneapolis.
April 27—St. Thomas college at Minneapolis.
May 3—Ames at Ames.
May 8—Nebraska university at Iowa City.
May 10—Grinnell at Iowa City.
May 18—Cornell at Mount Vernon.
May 25—Cornell at Iowa City.
May 27—Grinnell at Grinnell.
June 1—Ames at Iowa City.

GEORGE STONE SIGNS CONTRACT

Gets Increase in Salary, but Amount Not Stated.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Dispatches from Austin, Tex., where the Browns are training, announce the receipt today by Manager McAleer of a telegram from George Stone, champion batter of the world, conveying the information that Stone will start for Austin from his home, Coleridge, Neb., next Monday. The terms made by McAleer and Stone are a secret. McAleer refuses to give them out and intimates that Stone will likewise refuse.

Stone's wire today was in response to one sent him by McAleer Wednesday, offering him a salary raise and a substantial sum at the end of the season if he continues to lead the league. The Browns team is now virtually complete. Spencer continues to hold out, but no attempt is being made to bring him to terms, as he is not needed.

GOLF FINALS AT PINEHURST

Herreschoff and Foote Will Play for Chief Trophy Today.

PINEHURST, N. C., March 15.—Frederich Herreschoff, the young Garden City player, and J. D. Foote, the Apawamis veteran, will meet in tomorrow's thirty-six hole final round for the chief trophy as to the result of today's semi-final round in the third annual spring golf tournament. Mr. Herreschoff defeated T. F. Lippy of Seattle four and three, and Mr. Foote had a close match with C. L. Becker of Woodland, which was won by a long putt on the home green.

In the consolation L. D. Pierce of Woodland and J. Roberts Allen of Ottawa remain.

Mr. Pierce won today's match from J. E. Porter of the Allegheny Country club on the twentieth green, and Mr. Allen defeated H. W. Rhodes of the Spring Haven Country club, Pennsylvania, five and four.

Hart Knocks Out Rogers.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 15.—The fight between Marvin Hart and Harry Rogers, scheduled for twenty rounds, was terminated in the second round by Hart knocking Rogers out with a right swing on the jaw.

Chicago Controls Ruelbach.

CINCINNATI, O., March 15.—The National Base Ball commission today disallowed the claim of Pitcher Ruelbach of the Chicago Nationals that he is a free agent in base ball and at liberty to sign wherever he pleases. Ruelbach claimed that his last year's contract was only for one year and that as he was tendered no contract to sign for this year the Chicago club no longer has any claim on his services. The commission decided that his contract is for three years.

WITH THE BOWLERS.

The Krug Parks won three straight games from the Onimods last night at the Association alleys. There was plenty of excitement, as the first game was won right at the finish, the second a tie, which the Krugs won in an extra frame, and the last was nearly even up to the last frame. The Krug boys made a spectacular finish, four of them putting three strikes in the tenth frame. Marble had the high single game and total, with 216 and 624. Scores:

ONIMODS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
McCague	193	182	171	546
Tracy	163	202	185	542
Heaton	144	146	160	450
Forscutt	198	184	187	569
Francisco	196	212	175	583
Handicap	22	22	22	66
Totals	916	948	900	2,764

KRUG PARKS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Johnson	176	178	208	562
Zimmerman	201	186	205	592
Marble	206	202	216	624
French	153	201	205	559
Beugele	192	181	156	529
Totals	968	948	990	2,896

BOWLERS GATHER IN ST. LOUIS

Play in American Tournament Begins This Evening at 7 O'clock.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 15.—Preparations have been completed for the annual tournament of the American Bowling congress, which will be held here, beginning tomorrow night. The hall, containing twelve new alleys, was formally turned over to the local association, in direct charge of the tournament, tonight.

Five-men teams, only, will bowl tomorrow night, twelve starting at 7 o'clock and an equal number at 9:30. Sunday the bowlers will start at 1 p. m. and continue in relays until 12, midnight, and will comprise five-men, two-men teams and individuals.

The total entries that have been received for the tournament include 244 five-men teams, 511 two-men teams and 1,026 individuals.

The business meetings of the congress will be held at the Southern hotel during the week, the election of officers taking place Thursday.

Missouri Defeats Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 15.—The annual indoor track meet of the universities of Kansas and Missouri was held here tonight and Missouri won, 48½ to 36½, this being Missouri's eighth consecutive victory in the meet.

Kid Murphy Gives Decision.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 15.—Kid Murphy of New York and Eddie Greenwald of Milwaukee fought a ten-round bout tonight before the Milwaukee Boxing club, Murphy getting the decision.