

GREATER OMAHA FORGES AHEAD AT RAPID RATE

Some Remarkable Increases in Business Activity Are Revealed by Figures Showing Business Done.

FEW INDUSTRIES SHOW LOSS

Packing Houses, Lumber Business, Smelter, Real Estate Transfers All Move Ahead.

FARMERS HOLD BACK GRAIN

Building Record is Marvel and Shows Big Gain in All Classes of Building.

AND NOW FOR THE YEAR 1916

Table with 2 columns: 1915, 1914. Rows include Manufacturing, Jobbing, Real Estate, etc.

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Omaha has just closed the most successful year's business it has enjoyed since the city was planted on the banks of the Missouri river nearly three-quarters of a century ago.

The greatest gains are in real estate transfers, manufacturing jobbing, building operations and bank clearings.

Figures on the manufacturing and jobbing have again been compiled by the bureau of publicity in the same painstaking way in which the bureau has done this for the last several years, getting exact figures to the last penny from each individual manufacturer and jobber in the city to make up an absolutely reliable total.

Big Real Estate Deals.

The volume of real estate transfers almost doubled over the amount of such business done last year. This is shown in round numbers approximately \$5,000,000 last, to nearly \$10,000,000 this. One thing, of course, is to be considered in these figures, namely that they are more representative of the actual volume of money represented in the transfers of this year than figures have been in past years. This is because the necessity of buying federal revenue stamps for the instrumentalities of real estate transfers, makes it obligatory upon the parties to the contract to reveal the true amount represented in the transaction, instead of filing a deed bearing the easy phrase "consideration \$1."

By no means, however, does this new system account for the whole of the increase recorded, for the year has been especially productive of big deals in real estate. So much has this been true that the activity has on several occasions been characterized as a "rich man's boom."

Manufacturing Gain.

The manufacturing output of the city shows the magnificent gain of \$17,500,000 over last year. A large percentage of this is accounted for by the increase in the output of bullion reduced in the smelting.

Age to Orange Crop Will Be Light

ORANGE, Cal., Dec. 31.—Orange growers in the citrus fields, which were eleven white mantled with a notable snowfall of yesterday, a bright sun today, below the freezing point, and some localities, but not conditions resulting in any damage was done to crops now being gathered. Bureau forecasts even colder tonight and warnings were issued to orchardists to stand by to protect.

EXAMINER'S RULING IN DAKOTA SET ASIDE

SURE, S. D., Dec. 31.—The supreme court today set aside the order of State Bank Examiner J. L. Wingfield, which ordered all state banks operating in the state to deposit 50 per cent of their legal reserves in state banks within the state.

The Weather

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity. Unsettled, with rain; no important change in temperature.

Table with 2 columns: Time, Temperature. Rows include 5 a. m., 6 a. m., 7 a. m., 8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., 12 m.

Comparative Local Record.

Table with 2 columns: Date, Temperature. Rows include Highest yesterday, Lowest yesterday, Mean temperature, Precipitation.

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal: Normal temperature, 32 degrees; Excess for the day, 2 degrees; Total deficiency since March 1, 22 inches; Deficiency for the day, .02 inch; Total rainfall since March 1, .37 inches; Deficiency since March 1, .22 inches; Deficiency for the year, 1914, 5.43 inches; Deficiency for the period, 1913-1915, 1.25 inches; T indicates trace of precipitation.

A. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

Why Omaha Is Proud



OMAHA FACTORIES BOOST FOR OMAHA

Campaign to Push Sale of Omaha Goods in Omaha Trade Territory is Attended with Satisfactory Results.

GREAT BENEFIT TO NEBRASKA

Last March, some sixty or more of the leading manufacturing firms and corporations of Omaha entered upon a campaign that had for its purpose the education of the people of Nebraska and Omaha trade territory in regard to patronizing home industry and the use of Omaha made goods, price and quality being equal to those manufactured elsewhere.

These Omaha manufacturers, and those intimately connected with them in the campaign, did not work alone, nor did they hide their light under a bushel. Instead, they called the newspapers to their assistance and through the medium of the press, once each week during the balance of the year, they exploited their plans.

With the end of the year those who went into the campaign cast up their accounts, made their estimates and decided that the experiment was attended with the best kind of results and that by reason of the work carried on, the name of Omaha and the excellent reputation of its manufacturing industries had been carried into new fields and that trade was being drawn from a much larger area.

Money Well Invested.

The plan adopted by the Omaha manufacturers cost them some money, but they feel that it was money well invested. For the information to the public that went out weekly through the press was a constant booster, one that was working twenty-four hours every day and seven days each week.

Of the sixty or more manufacturing concerns that entered into the scheme there was not one that did not secure from five to fifteen new customers by reason of the campaign that was carried on. Merchants all through Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, South Dakota, Nebraska and the mountain states became familiar with the lines put out by the Omaha manufacturing concerns and it was not long after the inception of the plan before orders commenced to come in, specifying the articles needed and giving shipping directions.

The advertisements that were inserted in the Omaha papers each Tuesday soon came to be looked upon as familiar acquaintances and within a couple of months they were classed among the old friends.

The merchants in Omaha trade territory soon became convinced that with their closeness to the place of production, they could order their goods and get them much sooner than dealing with manufacturers in far away cities. They too, recognized that by buying Omaha made goods, they were getting goods equally as good as they could buy elsewhere, could get them laid down in their home towns a few hours after ordering, and considering the difference in freight charges, for much less money in almost every instance.

SAY, OLD TIMER, I'LL HAVE TO HUMP SOME TO BEAT THAT



FORD PEACE PARTY IS AT COPENHAGEN

Delegates Met by Crowds of People Upon Their Arrival at Danish Capital.

WILL LEAVE UPON WEDNESDAY

COPENHAGEN (Via London), Dec. 31.—The Ford peace delegates arrived here today. Crowds of persons met the boat that brought the Americans across the water from Sweden.

The police authorities have prohibited the holding of any public demonstration in Denmark and after the party had registered at various hotels it was announced by the executive committee that strict compliance would be given to the order of the authorities to demonstrations, therefore it is probable that during the visit to Copenhagen the members of the mission will engage only in informal conferences with a view to obtaining Danish delegates and preparing for the trip to The Hague.

When the party was leaving Stockholm thousands of Swedish people gathered at the station to bid it farewell and sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Leave on Wednesday.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company from Copenhagen says that the Ford party probably will sail next Wednesday for Rotterdam on the steamer A. P. Bernstorff.

Hai Resh Conclave Elects Its Officers

DENVER, Dec. 31.—The annual conclave of the Hai Resh, a Jewish National Fraternal association, which has been in session here for four days, adjourned late today with the election of officers and the selection of St. Paul for the next meeting place. The officers elected were as follows:

- Council chief, Maurice Goldsmid, St. Louis; Council prophet, Melvin Schlesinger, Lincoln; Council scribe, Rudolph Loeb, Atlanta; Council installer, Allan Litman, Cleveland; Council editor, Maurice Hirsch, Memphis; Council historian, Louis Schenbeck, St. Joseph, Mo.

Earthquake Shock Felt at St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 31.—An earthquake shock lasting fifteen minutes was recorded at 4:30 o'clock this morning on the seismograph of St. Louis university. The direction apparently was southeast by south and the distance was approximately 1,700 miles from St. Louis. For four days the seismograph has been restless.

Free Movie Coupon

By a special arrangement The Bee is able to give its readers each Sunday a combination coupon good for a free admission with each paid ticket to a number of the best movies. In The Sunday Bee

GREEKS PROTEST ALLIES' ARRESTS OF Foe CONSULS

Athens Government Terms Seizure by Entente at Saloniki as Violation of Its Sovereign Rights.

REUTERS FORWARDS REPORT

Teuton Officials Taken in Charge Because of Plane Attacks Upon City.

THIS IS REASON FOR ACTION

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Greece has protested against the arrest of the consuls of the central powers and their allies at Saloniki, which it terms a violation of Greece's sovereign rights, says Reuter's Athens correspondent.

The arrest of German and other consuls at Saloniki reported in a dispatch early today from that city, was because of a German aeroplane attack on Saloniki, it was stated here late today.

Five Negroes Shot and Two Burned to Death in Race Riots

BLAKESLY, Ga., Dec. 31.—Excitement caused throughout this section by clashes between white possumen and negroes near here yesterday, in which seven negroes were killed and two whites seriously hurt, had not entirely died down today. Influential white citizens expressed the belief, however, that there would be no more trouble.

Five of the negroes were shot and killed, and two others were burned to death, according to reports here, as a result of three pitched battles between the negroes and various bands of whites seeking to capture Grandison Goolaly, a negro farmer, and his two sons, Mike and Ulysses, accused of assassinating Henry J. Villipigue, an overseer, who had thrashed one of the younger Goolalys. Villipigue was shot in the back Wednesday night, his wife narrowly escaping death from several other shots fired after he fell.

The negroes reported dead were Grandison Goolaly, his two sons, both of whom were buried in a cabin in which they sought refuge; "Hoob" Jewell, Charles Holmes, James Burton and Early Highwater.

It was estimated that there were several hundred whites in the various poses and it was said that probably half a dozen were wounded. Samuel Pittman and O. B. Hudspeith, members of the sheriff's posse, were the only whites known to have been wounded. Pittman's right arm was broken by a shot and Hudspeith was shot in the head. He is expected to recover. The killings took place in the western part of this (Early) county, about ten miles west of here, and near the Alabama border.

President and Cashier of Racine, Wis., Bank Indicted

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 31.—Charged with responsibility for the failure of the defunct Commercial and Savings bank, Charles R. Carpenter, cashier, and B. Hinrichs, president, are under heavy bond here today to appear in court and answer indictments returned late yesterday by the grand jury.

The indictments were kept secret, pending arrest of the men. This took place late last night. Carpenter immediately furnished bail of \$30,000, and Hinrichs bail of \$5,000.

The Commercial and Savings bank closed its doors on September 17, 1914, and at that time the two men were given \$2,000,000. Since then a total of 60 per cent of all deposits has been paid in dividends.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS ARE NOT IMPROVEMENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Federal Reserve board today declared that agricultural implements are not to be regarded as permanent improvements to farm and therefore commercial paper drawn to pay for such implements is eligible for rediscunt with federal reserve banks.

CZAR NICHOLAS MADE BRITISH FIELD MARSHAL

LONDON, Dec. 31.—It is officially announced that King George has appointed Emperor Nicholas of Russia a field marshal in the British army.

Annual Review

The Bee's Annual Review of Omaha's growth during the last year will be found on pages 6 and 7 of this issue.

The Day's War News

SINKING OF THE British armored cruiser Natal by an internal explosion is announced by the admiral. OFFICIAL TEXT OF Austria's reply to the second American note on the Ancona was received in Washington today. FURTHER REPORTS OF the landing of allied troops on the Greek coast of Kavala, east of Saloniki, were received today. FROM GERMAN SOURCES comes a report of the defeat of a Serbian army, apparently reinforced by Italians, in central Albania.

Letts Play Trick Upon Germans and Mow Down Hundreds

PETROGRAD, Dec. 30.—(Via London).—A Christmas day feast by the Germans on the Riga front made by means of a banner hoisted on the trenches saying, "Merry Christmas, we will be in Riga New Year's day," was answered by a raid of Lettish snipers Christmas night in which three companies of the Germans were wiped out.

The Letts were able to trick the Germans by a knowledge of the German language. After nightfall, a company of Letts gained the rear of the German trenches and fired a rocket signal when their feat was accomplished. A Russian motor car then approached the trenches and opened an enfilading fire on the Germans. The Letts in the rear then yelled out in German: "Back, back! the Russians are coming."

Thereupon the Germans fell back toward their supposed comrades, who met them with rifle fire. In the confusion few of the Germans escaped. Occupying the vacated trenches the Letts stung "The Watch on the Rhine," waited for the approach of German reinforcements. The unsuspecting German reinforcements joined in the sniping and were mown down as the trenches by machine guns their comrades had left behind.

SEVEN STATES GO DRY AT MIDNIGHT

Sale of Liquor in Iowa, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arkansas, South Carolina Illegal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—State wide prohibition of the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors will become effective in seven states at midnight tonight.

More than 3,000 saloons, a large number of breweries, wholesale liquor houses and distilleries will be put out of business. The states which are to enter the dry column are Iowa, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Arkansas and South Carolina. Many counties in all of the seven states have prohibited the sale of liquor for a number of years under local option laws.

In Colorado district attorneys at a recent meeting agreed that technically Colorado's constitutional prohibition amendment and the enforcing statute do not become effective until midnight January 1, but it was also decided that the expiration of all liquor licenses at midnight tonight will render liquor sales on New Year's day unlawful.

Sales in Colorado Extensive.

According to one authority between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 has been expended for liquor in Colorado within the last week.

Arkansas will have its first experience with prohibition when the statewide law passed by the last legislature, goes into effect with the coming of the new year. The Arkansas department of the Anti-Saloon league has announced that the league will have workers in the field to see that the law is enforced. Anti-prohibition leaders have announced that no fight will be made for the repeal of the law, at least until prohibition has been given a thorough test.

In Iowa "bargain day sales" in the 502 saloons of the state are in progress today preparatory to the final closing tonight. Under the new law retail sales of liquor are prohibited, pending the action of the next legislature and the people on the proposed constitutional amendment for prohibition, which is to be disposed of within the next two years.

Oregon Law Draconic.

In Oregon the manufacture or sale of any kind of intoxicating liquor is absolutely prohibited by constitutional amendment. Drug stores are not permitted to sell liquor for any purpose, with or without a doctor's prescription. Each family may import for personal use a maximum either of two quarts of spirituous or vinous liquors, or twenty-four quarts of malt liquors in any period of four successive weeks. In operation further than a common carrier may make deliveries of liquor and the illegal purchaser of liquor is made equally culpable with the seller.

In the state of Washington the initiative prohibition law, ratified in November, 1913, permits residents to purchase from outside the state two quarts of spirituous liquor or twelve quarts of beer each twenty days.

Idaho will go dry tonight by virtue of statutory prohibition. Most of the state has been dry under local option and only about 150 saloons will be forced out of business.

Possession of Liquor Crime. Idaho's prohibition law is said to be the most drastic in the union. It not only closes the saloons, but makes possession of any kind of malt or spirituous liquor a crime, excepting wine for sacramental purposes and pure alcohol for medical, scientific and mechanical uses, which is procurable only on an order from the probate court.

The South Carolina dispensary system, under which fifteen out of forty-four counties operated liquor dispensaries, will cease to exist in Iowa today, under the new prohibition law individuals may obtain through shipment one gallon of liquor a month for personal use. Certain spirits are permitted for churches, and the practice of arts and sciences, according to an opinion by the attorney general of the state.

CLOSING OUT SALES IN IOWA

Five Hundred Saloons and Fifteen Breweries Will Quit.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 31.—More than 500 saloons in Iowa are today conducting their "closing out" sales, preparatory to shutting their doors for the last time, unless some unforeseen act of the courts (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

BRITISH CRUISER NATAL GOES DOWN

Big Fighting Ship Sinks in Harbor as Result of an Internal Explosion.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The British armored cruiser Natal has sunk after an explosion. Official announcement to this effect was made here today.

The Natal was sunk yesterday afternoon while in harbor, as the result of an internal explosion. There are about 400 survivors.

The Natal's sinking is the most severe loss which the British navy has sustained in several months. No British naval vessels of importance have been sunk since last May, when the Triumph and Majestic were torpedoed at the Dardanelles. The keel of the Natal was laid down eleven years ago and its displacement was only about one-half of the largest British sea fighters.

The vessel's normal complement was 704 men. Its displacement was 13,600 tons. It was 490 feet long and 73 feet beam. Its largest guns were 9.2 inches. Of these it carried three forward and three aft. It was armed also with four 7.5-inch guns, twenty-four three-pounders and three torpedo tubes.

The Natal brought from Portsmouth the body of Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador at London, after his death in 1912, remaining at New York for two weeks.

California Solons Called to Revise New Primary Act

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 31.—Governor Hiram W. Johnson issued a statement today announcing that he would call a special session of the California legislature to meet Wednesday, January 5, 1916, to consider the acquisition of the California building at the Panama-Pacific exposition for a state normal school and to unravel a primary law tangle. The call will be issued within twenty-four hours.

The primary laws of the state are generally considered in an unsatisfactory condition because some measures intended to provide for non-partisan registration and elections were rejected at a recent election, while one of the series of laws to this effect was left standing.

In his statement the governor terms the election law situation "extricable confusion." A third object of the special session, the second to be called during the five years of Governor Johnson's administration, is an act for the benefit of the Panama-California International exposition at San Diego, Cal., which will be open all through the year.

Four days are set as the probable duration of the session, and \$100,000 as the cost, although the statement says filibustering tactics may run this up.

Rumors Five Are to Quit British Cabinet Again Circulating

LONDON, Dec. 31.—All members of the cabinet attended the meeting today to consider the draft of a bill for compulsory military service, and it appears consequently, there have been no resignations.

Rumor still is busy, however, with the names of Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer; Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, and Sir John Simon, home secretary. The foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, and the war secretary, Earl Kitchener, are also mentioned in connection with possible changes in the cabinet, but even if several members withdraw it is now clear that the government will not break up over the question.

Sir Edward Grey's health is again put forward as a reason he may retire in case of any reorganization of the ministry.

The general impression is that opposition to the plan for compulsory service on the part of labor is lessening, although the decision of labor leaders to refer the matter to the trades union congress leaves this question still open.

Trial of Lorimer Set for January 17

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—William Lorimer, former United States senator and president of the defunct La Salle Street Trust and Savings bank, was formally placed on trial today on a charge of looting the institution of \$1,000,000 in money and securities, and the case was then continued to January 17, when the selection of jurors is to begin.

Indictments against Thomas McDonald, assistant cashier of the bank, were dismissed today by Hayden N. Bell, assistant state attorney, who said the evidence did not justify placing Mr. McDonald on trial.

Former Cashier Acquitted. DENVER, Dec. 31.—John S. Quack, a former cashier of the First National bank of Wellington, Colo., today was acquitted by a jury in federal district court of embezzlement and misappropriation of \$20,000 of the bank's funds. Quack pleaded he had no criminal intentions in connection with the alleged irregularities.

AUSTRIA AGREES TO MEET VIEWS OF UNITED STATES

Unofficial Version of Reply to Second Ancona Note Indicates that Danger of Rapture Has Passed.

PUNISH SUBMARINE COMMANDER

This Amounts to Disavowal of Act and Assurance that it Will Not Be Repeated.

TRANSLATORS WORK ON NOTE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—American demands on Austria-Hungary in connection with the destruction of the steamer Ancona apparently have been met in the new note from Vienna. The official text of Austria's Ancona note was received early today at the State department. The work of translating from diplomatic code will take several hours and arrangements for publication will be made later.

If the official text of Austria's reply to the second American note conforms to press dispatches, saying the communication announced that the submarine commander who torpedoed the steamer had been punished, virtually only one phase of the incident remains to be cleared up.

Indemnity Issue to Be Met. That would be the payment of indemnity for American lives lost, for which Austria has expressed a willingness to make reparations. Later, however, there may be full exchanges between the United States and Austria on the question of submarine warfare and the necessity for warning before attacking merchantmen.

It was pointed out here that in punishing the submarine commander for failure to take into account the panic prevailing aboard the Ancona before torpedoing the vessel, the Austrian government in effect, disavowed the act and gave assurance that there would be no repetition of such an incident.

Officials Reserve Comment. Although officials reserved comment today pending the receipt of the official text, there was a relaxation of the tension which has been evident here. Up until a few days ago there was an air of gravity in official circles here over the situation and the relations between the two countries appeared to be on the verge of a break, but within the last day or two there had been intimations of a favorable settlement of the controversy.

The Ancona was sunk by an Austrian submarine off the Tunisian coast on November 7. A few days later the American government dispatched a note to the Austro-Hungarian government demanding a disavowal of the attack, punishment of the submarine commander, reparation for loss of American lives and assurance that such acts would not occur again.

Austria's reply was regarded as unsatisfactory and unacceptable to the American government, and a second note was sent asking for a compliance with the original American demands. The new Austrian note is in answer to that communication.

Reply Comes in Sections. The reply came in sections. Secretary Lansing said this forenoon that one section had been translated and that he expected the complete translation would be in his hands before night.

Officials who had read the unofficial version of the reply received in press dispatches from London apparently were much gratified at its nature. Danger of a break of diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary was no longer considered imminent. Officials said, however, that additional correspondence on the subject was sure to ensue. Secretary Lansing declined to comment on the reply until he had the complete official text before him.

It was considered doubtful that the official text would be given out for publication either today or tomorrow. Secretary Lansing has received from Ambassador Penfield a brief resume of the contents of the note.

Issues Formal Statement. The members of the expedition are (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

THE WANT AD WAY

I tried real hard to land a job, but I couldn't get one. Until I used a Bee want ad. Which is the one best bet.

I wandered 'round the city with no special place in mind. Just asking here and there for work. But no work would I find.

Why wander 'round the city? Don't look around off-handed. But make a list from Bee Want Ads. A job you'll soon have landed.

Save time and work, when you are looking for a job. Consulting the "Bee Want Ads" columns everyday.

The best jobs are always offered in THE BEE. Keep yourself well informed by reading the "Bee Want Ads" columns everyday.

THE OMAHA BEE.