

U.S. PROSPEROUS DESPITE STRIKES, REPORTS SHOW

Strong Demand for Commodities, Verging Upon Recklessness in Buying, Noted by Reserve Board.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Despite disturbed industrial conditions, great prosperity obtained generally over the country, according to reports for October received by the federal reserve board from its agents in the several districts.

The steel strike, which has been long drawn out, though with production well maintained, said the board in a statement made public today said the labor situation occupied a position of primary importance, with an increasing degree of general unrest over the country.

More serious, perhaps, in its possibilities than any other labor disturbance is the coal mine strike.

Fewer Actual Strikes. "Hopeful indication in the labor difficulty is the fact that in some districts a smaller number of actual strikes, or a smaller number of men out of work as a result of strikes, is reported.

A troublesome factor in the industrial situation is seen in the existence of a widespread condition of industrial and social unrest, and while disturbances growing out of strikes have not increased during the month, prospects for a growth in this direction have been such as to cause some anxiety.

Summing up district labor situations, it would appear that in the New England region, there is no general or serious dislocation of working relationships, although there is unusual caution among employers, while in Philadelphia but little disturbance has been experienced.

Commodity prices show a recession from the high levels reached during August.

Sales, both wholesale and retail, in many sections, are reported to be in excess of those for previous months and for the same period last year.

Corn Outlook Better. "In agriculture there has been a further increase in the estimated yield of corn as against small decreases for spring wheat and oats.

All-Russians Plan Lottery to Raise New Money for Old. Omaha, Nov. 2.—(By The Associated Press.)—A nationwide lottery is a feature of a new plan devised by the finance ministry of the all-Russian government to effect the retirement of the present currency and the substitution for it of bills printed in the United States.

Want Union With Germany. Vienna, Nov. 1.—The socialist party unanimously adopted a resolution expressing belief that Austria cannot survive as a separate state and urging the government to do all in its power to secure the removal from the peace terms of the clause prohibiting union with Germany.

Becomes Associated With Phonograph Corporation of Omaha



Clair Sterling has resigned from the wholesale phonograph division of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., to become associated with the newly organized United Phonograph Corporation of Omaha.

PROPOSE LAW TO DEMAND MARKING OF WOOL FABRIC

Would Require Manufacturers to Designate Percentage of Virgin Wool in Fabric on Selvage.

Washington, Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Western wool growers will be interested in a movement here to enact pure fabric legislation designed in the interest of the public and wool growers alike, and with a view of curtailing the immense profits now being paid to manufacturers for shoddy.

Such legislation, proposed several years ago, was defeated because, at that time, no known method existed for marking woolen fabrics; this has now been overcome, so that on the selvage may be printed the required information for the protection of the public.

Shoddy is Reworked Wool. The public generally does not realize that, in suits sold as all wool, there is very little virgin wool, the greater part being shoddy.

Buyer Is Often Deceived. Virgin wool will wear for a long time, where shoddy will show defects in a short time, and the greater the percentage of shoddy, the more the number of times the shoddy has been worked, determines its wearing qualities.

Those behind the pure fabric law, contend that shoddy should not be sold as wool, even if technically correct. In effect, the buyer is deceived, if not actually swindled.

Name German Delegates to Labor Conference in U. S. London, Nov. 2.—A Berlin wireless message received here contains the names of the German representatives to the Washington labor conference.

The delegates will be Dr. August Mueller, former secretary of state, and Rudolph Wissell, former minister of economies. The trade union will be represented by Herr Grassman, chairman of the trades union association.

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The Immediate Industrial Future Appears Dark, But Common Sense Will Win

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There were many reasons for this sudden demand for "more buildings and more homes." In the first place, more buildings were needed, and an "own your own home" fever had swept over the country.

However, there were various drawbacks to this proposed building program, among them the high cost of labor and material.

Pointing out the fallacy of such a move the Building Age says: "This proposal is an artificial stimulant, a stimulant which has to be recommended. It will probably cause more buildings to be erected.

"The trouble with building is the very same trouble that is causing high prices and slackened production, all over the country. Sugar coating the trouble will not remove it; any remedy that will do good must strike at the very heart of the reason for lack of sufficient building.

If this, and other remedies are not efficacious, what then is there to be done? "Sit down and don't rock the boat." This appears to be as good advice as any in the present moment, when no one knows what the immediate future is going to bring forth—that is, no one knows what the next move will be, but every sane and evenly tempered man has a feeling that he knows what the end is going to be, and that it is simply this—

The great common sense of the American people is going to triumph. If the turmoil breaks that appears to be threatened in the present industrial situation, assurance can be felt that when it is all over things will have been figured out once and for all, or at least for the next several decades, and the doom of bolshevism, red radicalism and I. W. W. rascality and scoundrelism will have been pronounced.

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