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

Washington, Nov. 2.—Despite dis-turbed industrial conditions, great prosperity obtains generally over the country, according to reports for October received by the federal reserve board from its agents in the several districts. A strong demand for commodities, verging at times upon recklessness in buying, was noted in practically all sections

Summarizing the reports, the board in a statement made public said the labor situation occupied a position of primary importance, with an increasing degree of general unrest over the country.
"The steel strike, which has been

long drawn out, though with production well maintained," said the summary, "is apparently approaching its end. The strike has not in recent weeks seriously hampered production. "More serious, perhaps, in its pos-

sibilities 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 in-

dustrial 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 situa-tions, 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 em-ployers, while in Philadelphia but little disturbance has been experienced. Conditions in the south, at Atlanta and adjacent region, are fairly satisfactory, while in Minneapolis and the northwest there is full employment at good wages. Unrest exists in New York and Chicago, while the labor situation in the southwest and on the Pacific coast is still unsettled."

Crop Returns Good.

Crop returns were reported as good in most sections and even where decline in output has brought the total yield below the forecasts record prices have augmented the money returns in spite of the decreased volume.

"There has been no decline in general manufacturing, while prices continue firm," said the summary. "The upward movement of trade usually noted in the autumn was in evidence during the month, while speculative activity has been exten- al years ago, was defeated because, sive and is reaching dangerous

"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. Stocks of both whole-salers and retailers in leading lines are running low, and complaint is being made of difficulty in obtaining merchandise. The demand for high grade goods continues.

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 Both wheat and oats show low yield per acre and the quality is poor.
"A continuance of building activity is reported. Labor difficulties and shortage and high cost of construction, both for labor and material, have continued to be retarding factors. Continuance of a satisfactory amount of building throughout

"Official figures for the month of September show a decrease to \$161. 000,000 in the export balance from the figure of \$338,900,000 for the month of August. This is the lowest figure for any month since July, 1917.

the winter is predicted.

shown for meats, chiefly bacon, hams, shoulders and lard, and raw cotton, the September exports of the latter article being 50 per cent less in quantity than the month be-fore. On the other hand, exports of breadstuffs, mainly flour and wheat, were larger, both in quantity and value, than for the preceding two

All-Russians Plan Lottery to

Raise New Money for Old Omsk, Nov. 2 .- (By The Asso ciated 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. The idea was given a trial last Sunday, with results gratifying to its

It is proposed, subject to the to develop the idea into a lottery loan of 400,000,000 rubles, the prizes and interest to be paid in the new bank notes, the old notes being re-

Regarding the new currency, there are 4,000,000,000 rubles in the new American-printed notes, pur-chased under a contract made by Kerensky during his premiership, and which require counter signing to meet the new conditions. The notes are now in the process of be-ing signed. It is proposed to circu-late these notes about November 1 and afterward gradually retire the present currency, while issuing an additional 8,000,000,000 of the new notes to be received from the United States.

Want Union With Germany. Vienna, Nov. 1.-The socialist party unanimously adopted a resolution expressing belief that Austria

With Phonograph Corporation of Omaha



Clair Sterling has resigned from the wholesale phonograph division the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., to become associated with the

newly organized United Phono-graph corporation of Omaha. Mr. Sterling represented Brunswick phonographs in Nebraska, and had the honor of taking the largest initial order, the largest individual order and in leading the sales force with the largest amount of business. He will continue to call upon the trade in Nebraska in the interests of the "Cathedral" phonograph

DEMAND MARKING

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

Washington, Nov. 2.—(Special.)— Western wool growers will be in-terested 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.

The proposed legislation is exin requiring manufacturers to plain-ly mark all woolen goods with the percentage of virgin wool used in

Such legislation, proposed severat that time, no known method exed for marking woolen fabrics: this has now been overcome, so that on the selvige may be printed the required information for the pro-

tection 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. Shoddy wool, of course, but it is wool

that has been reworked and consequently weakened by the process of reconstruction. Shoddy is still wool, although it may have been worked over a half dozen or more times. It is worked, and reworked, until the fiber is so broken that in cannot be woven; it

is then used for felt materials, and

when too short for such use is ground into paint materials. The pure fabric law is not designed to prevent the use of shoddy, for that would be impossible. Statistics show that if only virgin wool were used, there would be but 14 ounces for each person living out-

side of the tropics.

The object of the law would be to inform the purchaser as to the percentage of shoddy, so that he could not be figure of \$338,900,000 for the onth of August. This is the lowst figure for any month since July, would be led to believe he was buying virgin wool, when as a matter of fact, the cloth might be 80

Buyer Is Often Deceived. Virgin wool will wear for a long time, where shoddy will show defects in a short time, and the great-er the percentage of shoddy, or the number of times the shoddy has been worked, determines its wear-

ing 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. This charge will not lie against the retailer, for he must trust to the statement of the manufacturer, and s as helpless as the public. It is assumed that the retailer is

as anxious as anybody to be able to know just what he is selling. The exorbant prices at which vast quantities of shoddy clothes are sold, can only be obtained because the public believes it is buying per-

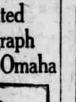
ect wool. Making it compulsory to distinguish wool and shoddy wool clothes would protect the public, would enable the consumer to guard against paying virgin wool prices for shoddy wool clothes, and enable those who resire to buy virgin wool clothing to do so.

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 con-

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

Herr Rogenbogen. cannot survive as a separate state In addition, the government is and urging the government to do all sending with the delegation four in its power to secure the removal experts to aid the trades union delfrom the peace terms of the clause egates and three technical advisers prohibiting union with Germany. for the employers' representatives.



GREATER OMAHA

The Immediate Industrial

Future Appears Dark, But

By WILLIAM TANQUERY.

With the signing of the armistic came an appeal, which ap-

The U. S. government was particularly energetic in urging the

There were many reasons for this sudden demand for "more

In the first place, more buildings were needed, and an "own

your own home" fever had swept over the country. Again, wise

statesmen, politicians and business men wanted building activities

pushed in order to stimulate industries and keep money moving, and

to inspire that feeling of confidence which staves off panics. Noth-

ing is more depressing, nor potent in its effect on the morale of a

people than to walk down the street and pass one building after

another, half finished, and standing gaunt and abandoned against

the cold gray of the sky. Conversely, nothing inspires snap and

business-like action on the part of the citizen more than to see those

same buildings seething with hundreds of workers. Such a sight

indicates that prosperity is abroad, and where there is plenty of

prosperity the average man always feels that he has a chance to

ing program, among them the high cost of labor and material.

However, there were various drawbacks to this proposed build-

To get around this the economic quacks proposed several rem-

"This proposal is an artificial stimulant, a stimulant which has

wife to recommend it. It will probably cause more buildings to be

erected. But many of these buildings would have been erected, ex-

emption or no exemption. Furthermore, exemption from taxation

of one class of capital will only throw a heavier burden on the rest.

If building is exempted, this does not mean that the revenue will

not go to the government, but only that an equivalent amount of

taxes must be secured from some other source. Taxation is high,

and an even rather than an uneven distribution of the burden is

"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. That trouble is high prices of materials, high

prices of labor, and uncertainty as to when labor will take it into

If this, and other remedies are not efficacious, what then is

This appears to be as good advice as any in the present moment,

The great common sense of the American people is going to

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 pro-

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 same and evenly tempered man has a feeling that he knows

what the end is going to be, and that it is simply this-

its head to strike, illegally or otherwise."

"Sit down and don't rock the boat."

edles, among them to exempt newly erected buildings from taxation

people to building, and went to great lengths to make it plain that

no longer was there a necessity for holding back construction for

peared to have been held back awaiting that auspicious moment, for

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an era of building throughout the country.

buildings and more homes."

get some of it.

for a period of time.

the desirable thing.

there to be done?

fear of hampering the war activities of the country.

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