

RENT PROBLEMS BECOME ACUTE IN FRENCH CAPITAL

Parisian Financial Expert Discusses Difficulties of the Moratorium

CHECK SCARCITY NOTED Income Tax Criticized for Tendency to Withdraw Deposits From Banks

By YVES GUYOT... There is one thing I can't understand, he said, "and that is, how this wave of prosperity seems to have swept all over the country, and yet we find it has not yet reached the little dealer in the country town."

PROSPERITY IS RISING AND SO ARE PRICES, SAYS HARDWARE MERCHANT

F. J. Semple, Vice President of Simmons Hardware Co., Predicts Wonderful Year—Why the Price of Silks Is Rising Explained—More Conventions Coming

"We are doing a wonderful business notwithstanding that prices are going up in almost every line," said F. J. Semple, vice president of Simmons Hardware Company, 425 Arch street, today.

Swiss cheese, in fact, every kind of imported cheese is advancing rapidly in price, and some kinds are not to be had at any price, according to Thomas Martindale, of Thomas Martindale & Co., 10th and Market streets.

Another Convention Coming The Convention Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce has just secured for Philadelphia the next convention of Commission Merchants of the United States.

CURB LIST WEAK AFTER EARLY RISE

High-Priced Issues Suffered Most—Oil Shares Steady. Bonds Firm

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—In the market for outside securities today speculation was on a somewhat lighter scale, although at the outset a sharp reaction, especially in the high-priced issues, developed.

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A. V. JOHNSON DEAD; FAMOUS 'MOVIE' STAR MADE MILLIONS LAUGH

Death Claims Popular Actor After Several Months' Illness That Followed Nervous Breakdown

GREAT LOSS TO LUBIN'S Tribute in Verse to Arthur V. Johnson

The curtain falls upon the play No more to rise in song. The last strain of a symphony Is lost in the weeping throng.

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REV. JAMES M. WELCH South Philadelphia Minister Dead After 10-Day Illness

The Rev. James M. Welch, pastor of Presbyterian Church of the Evangel, 18th and Tasker streets, and one of the best-known clergymen in South Philadelphia, died yesterday at his home, 235 Wharton street. He was 65 years old. He had been ill for only 10 days.

Found Dead, Hanging From Tree MEDIA, Pa., Jan. 18.—The body of an unidentified man was found this morning by James Carter and John Williams of Media, hanging from the limb of a tree in the woods along Ridley Creek.

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DEATHS

FAMOUS.—On January 17, 1916, HENRY E. FLOYD, aged 72 years, relative and friend of the family, died at his residence, 1215 North 11th street, Philadelphia, Pa. He was a member of the late William and Elizabeth Rogers North of funeral home.

E. B. THOMAS AGAIN HEADS LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD

Directors Also Re-elected at Routine Annual Meeting

President E. B. Thomas and 12 directors of the Lehigh Valley Railroad were re-elected at the annual meeting of the company held at 225 South 4th street today.

Velvet Ribbons Scarce

"Nails," continued Mr. Semple, "are higher, but they are not high enough. I have figured out that the same weight of steel iron or steel rod that goes into the manufacture of a keg of nails would bring more on the market today at present prices than the nails. The key costs that from the price and I can't see why it pays to through the three operations necessary to make the nails, when the raw material costs almost a fortune."

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R. & O. BOND ISSUE APPROVED

Stockholders Vote Unanimously to Increase Indebtedness

The stockholders of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company in Pennsylvania voted unanimously to increase the bonded indebtedness of the company from \$40,000,000 to \$45,000,000.

COFFEE MARKET QUIET

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Trading in the coffee market continued quiet today with price changes narrow and unimportant.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

BUTTER.—Demand readily absorbed the limited supply of fancy stocks and values were very steady.

POULTRY

LIVE.—The market was quiet and unchanged, with a few quotations:

FRESH FRUITS

Demand was only moderate, but values generally were steady. Quotations:

VEGETABLES

The general market was quiet and without important changes. Quotations:

STRIKES GAVE WELL

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—According to advices received today, the Empire Petroleum Company has struck an exceptional gas well, the first flow measuring 1,500,000 cubic feet of gas per day.

Penna. Salt Co. Awarded \$63,154

Common Pleas Court No. 2 today issued a writ of mandamus of \$63,154 in favor of the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company for land taken from the company for the opening of Weccaco street from Snyder avenue to Shunk street.

LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—HOGS.—Receipts, 25,000; market strong; heavy, higher; mixed and light, steady.

NEW YORK BUTTER AND EGGS

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—BUTTER.—Market slightly firmer, top grades, receipts, 3840 packages; creamery, 100% higher; making 34c; State dairy, 30c; imitation creamery, 27c.

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Advertisement for Schlitz Beer featuring a cartoon illustration of a man sliding down a slide. Text includes: 'IT'S AN OUTRAGE. THE WAY THE BOYS HAVE MADE A SLIDE HERE EVERY WINTER FOR THIRTY-SIX YEARS.' 'UPON MY WORD IT'S THE SLICKEST-LOOKING SLIDE I'VE SEEN HERE SINCE I CAME HOME FROM ONION COLLEGE IN '91! I MUST HAVE A TRY AT IT BEFORE I SPOIL IT!' 'IT ALWAYS WAS THE FINEST SLIDE IN TOWN OWING TO THE DENSITY OF THE OOLITIC LIMESTONE OF THE PAVEMENT.' 'I REMEMBER HOW I USED TO POUR WATER ON IT OF A COLD NIGHT!' 'I'LL BET WE'VE FALLEN AT THIS IDENTICAL SPOT SIX THOUSAND TIMES IN THE HAPPY BOYHOOD DAYS!'