CHICAGO, Aug. ss selling by traders weakened market today, after it had been ept for a momentary dip in the ling. Offerings then were small linger shorts who covered on yes-

umed such operations. Government report, while bearish, ightly disappointing to some in the as they had expected it to show 100,000 bushels or more. A state canse prevailed pending new developin the food bill, which was passed Senate yesterday.

cash article was heavy and offer m the West were larger. The de-ere was limited, there being but Number 2 mixed in the sample bids. Number 2 mixed in the sample was \$2.28½ @ 2.29, against \$2.30 @ 19½ yesterday, and No. 2 yellow was \$2.25½ compared with \$2.32½ @ 125 yesterday. The market at Liverpool

dull and easier. ments from Argentina for the week imated at 280,000 bushels, against 1512,000 bushels last year.

Profit taking carried oats down after the ket had been strong. Many shorts cov-ton the bulge, but short selling was re-ted with support limited. The South out-this market at points in Illinois, but little from farmers.

The latter had no grain on hand of any except old oats, and have more than al storage room where threshing has Receipts were not up to exons and the Government report was inting in that it did not conform to of private reports of big threshing re-tar private reports of big threshing re-tar the weather was unfavorable for movement. The market at Liverpoot easier. Shipments from Argentina for were estimated at 360,000 bushels

Wheat was neglected and prices, were he returns were good. The market at Liv-arpool was steady. Shipments from Arestina for the week were estimated at 4,000 bushels, against 368,000 bushels last

ber closed 3c lower after having After having sold as high as \$1.18%. De-ember corn ended 14c above the bottom at \$1.16%, against \$1.17% at the end yester-May, after having risen to \$1.15½, 1 ¼c above the low at \$1.13½, com-with \$1.14%, the final quotation of

ptember oats sold high as 60% c and 4 % above the bottom at 59% c, com-d with 59c yesterday's last price; the high on December was 59% c and the close at the bottom at 58% c or % c below yester-tars close; the high on May was 62% c and final %c above the bottom at 61% c com-

ed with 62% c at the end yesterday. Late in the day there were reports that buth vessels at New York had been or-and to stop loading, which caused fears that considerable quantity of grain would

Sept.	Open. 2.27% (new deli 1.18 1.14%	High. 2,27%	Low. 2.21	Close. 12.22	t2.25
Dec.	1:18	1:18%	1:161	1:18%	1.17%
Bee	.59% .59% .62%	.00% .59% .62%	.58% .61%	.58% .58%	.59 .59%
Bept	22.50 22.62	22:57	22:42	*22.50 22.62	122:47 122:60
Pack	23.00 22.80		22.90 22.72	23:17 22:80	+32:92
Bid.	*42.50 fAsked.	42.75	42.60	42.60	142.50

FAILURES DECREASE IN JULY

Returns for Month Show Strong Position of Business

After another month of adjustment to lew war conditions, statistics of failures still emphasize the strong position of busitas, commercial insolvencies in July, as reported to R. G. Dun & Co., numbering 1137 and supplying \$17.240,424 of defaulted Indebtedness. These figures compare with 1145 reverses in June for \$18,055,153, and with 1207 in July, 1916, when the liabilities were \$11,647,499.

Excepting April, the present returns make the best numerical exhibit of the year and not in any July back to 1911 have there mount, aside from that of last year, is the smallest for the period since 1912.

Of the preceding twenty-three years, ten
fisched reductions in number during scioned reductions in number during uly, in comparison with June, and seven-sen decreases in the sum of money in-

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New YORK, Aug. 9.—There was a steady opening in sugar futures today, with first prices unchanged to an advance of 5 points and sales on the call 1250 tons. There was a little selling by Wall street and scattered trade interests, who have recently taken the buying side, but there seems to be a feeling of hesitancy on their part in following the upward trend of the smarket. At the same time they sold very moderately, owing to the continued strong spot situation.

Another Extra for Union Pacific NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—The Union Pacific illroad Company has declared the regular arterly dividend of 2 per cent and extra vidend of ½ of 1 per cent on the compan, the same as three months ago. Also regular semiannual dividend of 2 per ni on the preferred stock. All dividends yable October 1 to stock of record September 1.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

ODD FELLOWS' SUMMER BOOSTERS

Active Workers of the First, Second and Third Districts. Lodge Receptions

The Boosters Committee of the First, Second and Third districts was called by Chairman Frank Schuman, of Merchants' Lodge, to the room of Energetic Lodge, Parkway Building, the following brothers responding: J. C. Henderson, D. D. G. M., Spring Garden Lodge; J. F. Flaher, D. D. G. M., of Energetic Lodge; J. M. Walker, P. G., of Merchants' Lodge; F. D. Arentz, P. G., of General Harrison Lodge; M. H. Smith, P. G., of Star of Bethlehem Lodge, and P. G. Borgner, of Apollo Lodge. Brothers Shuman, Fisher and Walker, the committee appointed to draw up resolutions pe-titioning the Grand Lodge to adopt a means

various lodges and in that way create more interest in the meetings.

A hearty response was made in the matter of suggestions and discussion of various points for the improvement of the order, for increasing the social features and enlarsing the recessing the second features and enlarsing the second and membership. Social attends was called to the necessity of doing the degree with that if a lodge needed assistance it should be deeper and cheerfully given by another lodge, whother the helping lodge can put on the degree with its own team or not; that the representatives of this committee act as a team and assist when and where they can.

Attention was colled to the benefit to be derived from a "side issue" auxiliary or association which can provide its own funds to educt entertainments, little surprises and special features to keep up interest, it was announced that Mattenpolitan Lodge No. 150, from the Eighteenth District, had moved into the First District and that the lodge be invited to send a representative to the next booster meeting. Brother Borgner, of Apolio Lodge, suggested the advisability of endeavoring to secure a permanent home for the lodges of the first three districts. The proposition was discussed, and the members were advised to think it over.

Secretary Arentz accepted the position of treasurer also. It was earnostly requested that

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His Written Confession

WHEN the Kaiser, on August 10, 1914, in the presence of Ambassador Gerard, reached for a pad of telegraph blanks and wrote out in his own hand and in English his refusal of President Wilson's offer of mediation, he unwittingly composed a confession of the greatest crime in the history of the world.

His attempt at denial; his effort to hide behind a web of circumstantial details which expose what he sought to conceal; his inadvertent truthfulness when he crossed out "knowledge" and wrote above it "news," and his hypocritical regrets at the "necessity" which forced him to slaughter millions, make up the most amazing document

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