

BUSINESS NOTES

Last week's wheat supplies in Chicago increased 22,000 bushels, corn decreased 4,000 bushels and oats increased 104,000 bushels.

General increases in class and commodity rates in eastern and central United States...

Removal of restrictions upon importation of wool from all nonenemy countries...

Italy, for government purposes, has bought 5,000,000 pounds of American copper...

Philadelphia Markets

GRAIN AND FLOUR

WHEAT—Receipts, 41,337 bushels. The market ruled firm at the following quotations...

CORN

Market was nominally firm. We quote yellow corn for local trade, as to quality and location...

PROVISIONS

The market was quiet and weak. Following were the quotations: City beef, in sides, smoked and salted...

REFINED SUGARS

Prices for refined sugars maintained on a basis of 100 for fine granulated.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

CHEESE—Ruled firm and higher under old offerings and a fairly active demand.

POULTRY

LIVE—Demand was only moderate, but new arrivals were plentiful.

FRESH FRUITS

Choice stock met with fair sale and values generally ruled steady under moderate offer.

VEGETABLES

The market was generally firmer, with demand fairly active and offerings only moderate.

CHICAGO BUTTER AND EGGS

Chicago, Jan. 8.—BUTTER—Receipts, 1,100,000 lbs. unchanged.

GOSSIP OF THE STREET

SUGGESTS PLANS TO PREVENT LOAN

Banker Favors Sale of Allied Bonds Instead of New United States Issue

The manager of a large banking and investment house remarked that he had heard no news from Washington giving particulars about the fifth Liberty Loan.

"Why not," he said, "have our Government take over the bonds or obligations of the Allied countries for the money they now owe us to the extent of the amount necessary for the next Liberty Loan—\$3,000,000,000 or \$5,000,000,000, or whatever it may be."

Another banker when discussing this subject, said we would have to take the obligations of the Allied countries for several years to the extent of \$500,000,000 anyhow.

There is an opinion generally held by financial men in this city, and which is said to be still more generally held by manufacturers and merchants here, namely, that before we can have the great wave of prosperity which is ready to break the moment peace is signed, wages must come down.

One of the partners of a leading banking house said in this connection that, so far as he could see, and from conversations with the heads of well-known manufacturing firms in various parts of the country, the menace of wages in the most serious problem now facing this country.

Speaking on the same subject, an investment broker said he understood carpenters who are nothing more than "hatchet and saw" men were demanding \$1.50 an hour for shipyard and other jobs.

PRISON MATRON DIES

Mrs. Elizabeth Walker Was Keeper at Moyamensing Thirty Years

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, sixty-five years old, for thirty years keeper of the women's department at Moyamensing prison, will take place tomorrow afternoon from her residence, 19 East Oxford street, where she and her sister lived the last twenty-eight years.

Y. W. C. A. WORKERS TO MEET

Conference of East Central Field Committee Opens Tomorrow

The annual members' conference and election of officers of the east central field committee of the Young Women's Christian Association will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week in the Witherspoon Building.

HOLLAND NEEDS FOODSTUFFS

Rotterdam Banker Tells of Needs and America's Opportunity

New York, Jan. 8.—Conditions in Holland, particularly as regard foodstuffs, are shown in a dark light for the population of that country in a letter just received by A. B. Leach & Co. from F. Wachter, Jr., managing director of the Rotterdam-Canada Mortgage Company of Rotterdam.

NEWS OF THE PORT

TODAY'S ALMANAC Sun rises... 7:23 a.m. (Sun sets... 4:30 p.m.) PHILADELPHIA High water, 6:06 a.m. High water, 5:23 p.m. Low water, 12:37 a.m. Low water, 1:22 p.m.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

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LOCAL MINING STOCKS

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Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool, Jan. 8.—Spot cotton was quiet today with prices weak on the basis of a decline of 30 points for middling, old contract, at 19.83d.

No Change in Refined Sugars

New York, Jan. 8.—Refined sugars are unchanged at 3c less 2 per cent for cash.

THE FUTURE OF COAL

FOUR ENORMOUSLY INCREASING DEMANDS DOMESTIC—EUROPEAN RECONSTRUCTION—BUNKERING our rapidly-increasing merchant marine—EXPORT

In order to participate in this property, we are underwriting stock of CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA COAL COMPANY, for the purpose of increasing the production of their already developed property of 586 acres.

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To the City Officials and Citizens of Philadelphia and Surrounding Territory

Greeting: We sincerely regret this deplorable strike. When you do everything in your power to elevate the tone and character of employees and instead of appreciation they abruptly, arbitrarily and with malice deliberately cause this strike, which inconvenienced the public and caused us a tremendous loss, then drastic action was and is necessary.

Arrangements are being made to serve all customers within the next day or two.

All hospitals and homes containing babies and invalids recorded as our customers are being served to the best of our knowledge and belief, and we would thank this class of our customers who are not being served to notify us by telephone or letter and we will give them service at once.

Supplee-Wills-Jones Woolman Branch, 4709 Lancaster Ave.

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