BUSINESS NOTES

Despite dispatches from Washington reporting rejection of the proposed plan to allow the copper producers to dispose of the government's metal, it was stated yesterday that there are still chances of its adoption. The War Department, it is believed, will give its ratification within a short time.

It is the belief that sizel prices are on the verge of further reductions, although there is nothing definite as to this from the producing companies. The fact has, however, been pointed out that the reduced prices are already a reality, looking at the subject from one point of view. This has to do with the old orders, which were on the books when the steelmakers turned aside all private contracts to take on the government war work. It is upon such orders that the companies have been working very largely since current demand slackened and these commitments were taken, in many instances, at prices below those prevailing now. While there is no anticipation of a drastic reduction in prices—certainly not to the level prevailing as to old orders—lower levels are expected by the consumers.

One hundred and fifty-nine officers and members of the Wholesale Saddlery Association and twenty associated retail harness associations, component sections of the National Harness Manufacturers' Association of the United States, were ordered by the Federal Trade Commission today to stop trade practices which the commission held constituted conspiracy in restraint of trade.

Drug and Chemica) Markets says this week: "Purchase of small lots of drugs and pharmaceutical chemicals is still characteristic of the market. The tendency of prices is downward. Quick-silver declined \$5 a fash during the week. Salicylic acid is lower. Essential oils are quiet. Imports of botanicals are small."

Morace F. Taylor, president of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers Association, writing from Buffalo, N. Y., to the division of public works and construction developments of the United States Department of Labor, does not

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besitate to say material reductions of lumber prices will develop very slowly, if at all.

Cancellation of the probibition against the exportation of raw hides from the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovaks has been announced to the State Department by the legation of those countries. Exportation will accordingly be permitted to France, Italy, England and the United States subject to supervision.

Declared value of exports from the Amsterdam district to the United States during 1918 totaled \$5,701,519, the smallest of any year since the earliest days of the American consulate there, according to advices to the Department of Commerce from Consul Mabin at Amsterdam. Tobacco, one of the chief export articles of previous years, entirely disappeared from the 1918 list. Diamonds and seeds were the chief exports of 1918. The decline, according to the report, was due chiefly to export and import restrictions of Holland and the United States and to lack of shipping facilities.

The American Pine Pitch Export Company has been organized, under p rovisions of the Webb-Pomerene law, by eleven of the largest southern manufacturers of pine pitch in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The new company is capitalized at \$1,000,000 and will have its principal office in New Orleans, from which port it is expected, most of its exports will be made. The concerns included in the combination represent an annual output of 1,000,000,000 feet of yellow pine lumber.

Chicago business men have formed a pool of their export interests, capable later of handling the enormous export and import problems that will come with the development of international business. Another phase of foreign trade activities here was a meeting at the Association of Commerce attended by officials representing commercial organizations in Seattle, San Francisco, Chicago, Racine, Milwaukee, Kenosha, Peoria South Bend and La Porte, Several resolutions relating to export business across the Pacific were passed.

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RAILROADS' FUTURE ABSORBING TOPIC IN FINANCIAL DISTRICT

Banker Believes Government Will Return Carriers to Private Owners Soon-Thinks Fears of Financial Outlook Unwarranted—Gossip of the Street

POLLOWING the tenseness of Tuesday, created by the failure of Congress to pass important legislation, the atmosphere in the financial district yesterday was one of calm deliberation, but a waiting calm, which might develop in any direction. The plight of the railroads was naturally the main topic of discussion.

Many prominent financiers whose opinions were asked on the matter begged to be excused, or, as one prominent banker said, "Ask me something easy." There was still evident the prevailing sentiment of the day before-that in some way things would work out all right in the end.

A partner of one of the largest banking concerns in the city, which is recognized particularly with railroad securities, took a very philosophical view of the events of the last few days in Washington. He said he believed the railroads would very soon be turned back to the owners. and he did not believe there would be as much difficulty in financing them as was anticipated. The government, he said, was responsible for all the charges connected with returning them in as good or better condition than when they took them over. In fact, he remarked, he had a very good reason to believe, notwithstanding statements to the con trary, that every one connected with the roads before they were taken over is in favor of having them back again. This banker said also that "we are all bordering on a state of hysteria over matters whose real im portance we are greatly exaggerating at present, and when we settle down to real business again we will some time in the future smile at how wrought up we had become over matters which, if left to themselves would solve their own destiny."

Little Change Expected for Railroad Bonds

It was significant that he did not expect railroad bonds to be affected to any considerable extent by the railroad situation, no matter how it is

"The values," he remarked, "are behind those bonds, and it would take a lot to destroy these values."

Another banker said the weak spot in handing back the roads to the former owners lay in the labor situation. He remarked that he anticipated serious difficulty when it came to dealing with the railroad workers. who, he said, had been pampered by the government for three years. Speaking of the effects on the country financially and economically attending the failure of important legislation, he was noncommittal, as were many others.

A certain broker summed up the general sentiment on this particular matter by quoting the classic remark of Sir Roger de Coverley: "Much might be said on both sides."

Vanderlip's Interview Widely Discussed

The exceedingly pessimistic interview given by Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank, New York, to a New York Sun correspondent in Europe, was freely discussed in financial circles yesterday. Mr. Vanderlip, so the correspondent stated, finds Europe in virtual bankruptcy, with politicians trying to hide the true conditions from the people by holding before their eyes the prospect of paying off a big percentage of the war debts of the European Allied countries by indemnity to be received from Germany when they know that Germany is in no position to pay any such sums. Mr. Vanderlip finds financial conditions in Europe such that, he says, she may as well hang out the red flag, and he goes on to advise New York banking interests that it would be unwise to make any advances in the form of money or credits. As a well-known banker remarked in speaking of the interview, Mr. Vanderlip smashes the hopes of those who had believed the European countries would be large purchasers in the United States for the materials neces-

"It is true," he remarked, "they want these things, and so might I want a yacht or a \$10,000 auto, but if I haven't got the cash to buy them I shall continue to want them."

Another banker, commenting on the interview, said it certainly was

very blue picture of European conditions which Mr. Vanderlip has thrown on the screen, but he said he had heard Mr. Vanderlip speak on several public occasions and he had always found him looking at the future through blue and never through rose-tinted glasses. No one hearing him could doubt his honesty, he remarked, but he believed Mr. Vanderlink judgment was always affected by his temperament.

Banker Thinks Germany Can Pay Big Indemnity

A financier who has given the European situation some study said it was surprising how quickly a nation could recover from a bankrupi condition. He remarked that in many of the opinions he had read on the subject of Germany's ability to pay a big indemnity, spread over a number of years, enough consideration had not been given to the stupendous amounts which Germany raised yearly in the days before the war for the upkeep of her colossal ermy and navy, and now when these expenditures are no longer necessary the same sources from which this money came still exist to a very large extent. He believed Germany can and should be made to pay a beavy indemnity.

A downtown banker, whose opinions on the stock market extend away beyond the quotation board in his office to the domestic and world events which affect the ever-changing quotations, said yesterday people do not take into consideration sufficiently the enormous power behind public sentiment in the determination of the prices of stocks. He was answering a question as to whether the railroad situation had any effect outside the railroad groups. There is never an occasion when certain events affect one group of stocks, he said, that the influence of public sentiment as applied to that group doesn't extend in a greater or less degree to all groups.

In speaking further on the effect of sentiment in this connection, as it affected him personally-and he concluded that it also affected others in more or less the same way-he said he felt at present like selling everything he had, but the other sense of caution prevented him doing so, Pointing to the quotation board, he said it was a true reflex of the combined sentiment which swayed investors as it swayed himself.

There was a good deal of interest shown in financial circles in this city yesterday over an issue of \$8,000,000 state of Louisiana Port Commission serial 5 per cent gold bonds, exempt from all federal income taxes. The bonds were first offered yesterday morning by a syndicate composed of Halsey Stuart & Co., of Chicage, whose local office is in the Land Title Building, and William R. Compton & Co., also of Chicago. The price was 100 and interest, and they were largely oversubscribed at

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Steel Foundries Co. Raises Dividend New York, March 6.—Directors of the American Steel Foundries Company at a meeting here today declared a quarterly dividend of 2 per cent, putting the stock on an 8 per cent basis as against a previous rate of 7 per cent.



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Maturity	Amount	Maturity	Amount	Maturity	Amount
1927	\$25,000	1938	\$179,000	1949	\$298,000
1928		1939	185,000	1980	
1929		1940	197,000	1951	
1930		1941	208,000	1952	380,000
1931	124,000	1942	217,000	168	367,000
1932		1943	224,000	16	386,900
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