ARE UNABLE TO FILL BIG ORDERS FOR COAL

Reading Company Declines Large Foreign Contract.

HOME DEMANDS ARE TOO GREAT.

The Shortage in All Grades of Coal Declared to Be Increasing Daily—Scarcity of Labor at the Mines One of the Principal Causes—Western Railroads Anxious.

Philadelphia (Special). — Because of its inability to fill the order, the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company was compelled to decline a contract for 200,000 tons of anthracite, the order for which was tendered by a representative of the Austro-Hungarian Chamber of Commerce. The proposed purchaser was willing to pay the regular price for placing the coal on board vessels, either here or in New York.

Another order for 200,000 tons of bituminous coal wanted by the Italian government is also being offered to the largest soft-coal operators of the United States, with little prospect of its being taken because of the great expense in delivering it to the Italian destination designated. Other foreign orders have been offered to American operators with lack of success.

The great demand for coal by foreign governments is attributed to the increased amount of coal consumed by their naval vessels, the number of which has grown rapidly within the last two years. All native coal is being used for this purpose and the supply is not equal to the demand. Added to this is the coal required for other government institutions, as well as for industrial consumption.

An officer of the Reading Company explained that his company was compelled to decline all such orders because of the great demand for coal among customers in this country and because of the scarcity of labor at the collieries. The same conditions confronted every other anthracite company, as well as all bituminous operators, he said. It was further explained that the shortage of all grades of coal is increasing daily and many Western railroads are now much disturbed concerning their supplies for the coming winter.

Men who formerly worked in the mines are seeking employment in less dangerous lines of business. Many have abandoned mining as a means of livelihood and have turned to farming in Western States. Foreigners who formerly came to the United States to take up mining now seek employment in other fields of labor.

EIGHT HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Carl Hanna, Grandson of Late Senator, Was at the Wheel.

New York (Special). — Eight persons were injured when Carl H. Hanna, 18 years old, and a grandson of the late United States Senator Mark Hanna, drove an automobile carrying a party of seven and running 40 miles an hour into a slow-moving fish wagon containing three men, in Ocean Avenue, Sea Bright, at 1 o'clock A. M. It is said that the automobile carried no headlight, and the wagon, who was moving in the same direction, was not seen until it was within 20 feet. Cyril Carmichael, 19 years old, son of Thomas Carmichael, banker at 52 William Street, New York, was hurled 25 feet in the air. Two ribs were broken and he was otherwise hurt.

Carl Hanna was pinned under the steering gear as the car struck a ditch on the opposite side of the road after it had described an arc and turned a somersault from the force of the impact. He was seriously hurt. Miss L. Sergas' arm was wrenched and her clothes were torn. Her father was more seriously injured.

Wallace Robertson, brother of George Robertson, who drove a car in the Vanderbilt cup race, sprained his arms and one wrist and was badly cut and bruised.

Daniel Horner, a fish dealer of Seabright, who was driving the wagon, was hurled many feet in the air, and badly hurt. Willis Horner, son of Daniel, was thrown 30 feet and landed in St. Peter's Churchyard. The machine was demolished.

DEATH FROM CAT'S BITE.

Mrs. Rachel D. Barry Suffers From Hydrophobia.

Long Branch, N. J. (Special).—Mrs. Rachel D. Barry, widow of Amos C. Barry, who was bitten by a cat seven weeks ago at her Eatontown boulevard home, died a victim of hydrophobia. She was dying for eight hours.

Her spasms were so severe that she had to be strapped in bed. Mrs. Barry was 46 years old and the daughter of the late John Cullom, of Oxford, Pa. She leaves five children, a daughter and four sons.

Panama Canal Fund Short.

Panama (By Cable).—Lack of funds is checking canal work. Four thousand men have been laid off on the new line of the Panama Railroad, and it is stated that the department of municipal engineering has been ordered to lay off 1,000 more. A reduction in the clerical force is also looked for. The excavation for August will show big increase over July.

Can Preserve Ice.

Rhinelander, Wis. (Special).—J. M. Darrow, connected with the paper mills here, says he has discovered in a waste product of the mills a preparation which will preserve ice indefinitely. The compound, it is said, can be manufactured at a cost of 47 cents for 1,000 gallons. Housekeepers, with this preparation in hand, can buy a cake of ice, coat it and have no need to trouble the icemen again all summer.

Stolen Mail Pouches.

Chicago (Special).—Postoffice Inspector Kimball declared, after investigating the recent theft of two mail pouches on a Chicago, Burlington and Quincy train, that the stolen pouches contained matter sent to points east of Chicago. He said that if $250,000 had been stolen it must have been currency sent from the Denver banks to New York. The inspector doubted that such an amount had been taken.

The News

Domestic.

A boiler on the coal barge Paterson, which usually plies between New York and Boston, exploded at Lang's Docks, in Hoboken, killing six men.

After three weeks' rest on a farm under athletic treatment, the health of Secretary of State Root has been completely restored.

Spreading rails caused a wreck on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, in which 1 person was killed and 12 injured.

John F. Gaynor, the contractor, convicted of complicity in the Savannah harbor frauds, is critically ill.

The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railroad has been fined $20,000 for rebating.

Evander McIver, a wealthy contractor, of Chicago, was found murdered in a basement.

The American ship John Currier ran on an unchartered rock in the Pacific.

Two persons were killed and three injured in a fight at a Kentucky fair.

Congressman Theodore E. Burton, chairman of the Inland Waterways Commission, has announced the plans for the coming inspection of the organization.

Secretary Taft declares the Solid South is a ghost of 40 years ago, and that the South should take a part in the councils of the nation.

The forty-first annual conference of the Universal Peace Conference was begun at Mystic, Ct.

The ministers of Coffeyville, Kan., have announced a union scale for conducting funerals.

One man was killed and eight were injured in a railroad wreck at Hagerstown, Ind.

Much damage has been done by forest fires in the Adirondacks.

Severe frosts are reported throughout the Canadian Northwest.

Dr. Eliphalet Wright died at Pittsfield, Mass.

W. L. Seddon, director of works of the Jamestown Exposition, has resigned, to take effect at once. The direction of works will be turned over to W. M. Dixon, assistant to Director Barr.

The suit to secure an accounting of the property of Mrs Mary Baker G. Eddy, instituted by relatives of the leader of Christian Science, has been withdrawn by the plaintiffs.

Ezra Meeker, who drove an ox team across the continent, has been told that he cannot drive through the streets of New York.

Street railway officials were arrested and fined in Los Angeles for disobeying a city ordinance requiring fenders on street cars.

The condition of Secretary Taft's mother is said to be hopeful. It is said that reports of her illness have been exaggerated.

A crank who had a hundred telegrams addressed to President Roosevelt or King Edward was arrested in New York.

A runaway trolley car plunged through the walls of a tenement in New York, creating a panic in the building.

Burglars robbed the cottage of A. Howard Hinkel, of Cincinnati, of $5,000 worth of jewelry.

The Portland Trust and Savings Bank of Portland, Ore., has closed its doors.

Former Justice McLachlan, of Cranesville, N. Y., a recluse, was worth $100,000.

The McKinley Monument at Canton, O., will be dedicated September 30.

Foreign.

Quelch, the English delegate, ordered to leave Wurtenburg for referring to The Hague Peace Conference as a "thieves' supper," was given a great sendoff by the Socialistic Congress.

Fearing a general mutiny in the navy and army, the Russian government is making a thorough inspection of all forts and ships.

The German authorities are closely watching Russia since receiving the news of the spread of cholera in that country.

King Charles of Roumania granted amnesty to all who were implicated in the recent agrarian revolt.

General Caffarel, who was involved in the French decoration contract scandals, is dead in Paris.

The bandit chief Raisuli has defeated the large force sent against him by the Sultan of Morocco.

Negotiations are in progress for an extradition treaty between the United States and Spain.

Frances von Bredow, daughter of Senator Newlands, of Nevada, died in Berlin. She was the wife of Lieutenant von Bredow, formerly an attache of the German Embassy at Washington.

A woman delegate from India caused a sensation in the International Socialist Congress at Stuttgart by a fiery speech, in which she pictured the distress in her country.

Mutiny is spreading among the Czar's Siberian troops, and in a fight between the mutineers and sharpshooters 18 of the former were killed and 25 wounded.

Twenty-seven persons were killed and nearly 50 injured in an encounter between peasants and Hungarian soldiers in Herzegoviula.

A rate war has broken out between the Cunard and the German lines involving cabin passages between Hamburg and New York.

A British shipbuilding firm has been awarded a contract, supposedly by Russia, for several battleships, cruisers and gunboats.

During the last year Russian frontier guards made 11,600 arrests, seizing altogether $65,000 worth of smuggled goods.

Mulai Hafig, who was proclaimed sultan of Morocco, is marching upon Casablanca with 15,000 tribesmen. A converted Jew who shouted for the new sultan during prayers in the grand mosque was terribly beaten.

A plot to assassinate King Carlos and Premier Franco of Portugal was discovered by the premature explosion of a bomb in the house of a student suspected of being a leader of the conspiracy.

Cholera has broken out among the natives in Shanghai and several Europeans have succumbed to the disease.

Some 30 Germans are reported killed and many wounded in a fight with the Hottentots, in which the Germans were defeated.

The United States Immigration Commissioners found 30 per cent of the population of Syria afflicted with Egyptian eye disease.

The situation in Morocco is becoming more serious, the entire country being aroused by the fanatical movement for a holy war.

"WALTZ ME AROUND AGAIN, WILLIE."

—Week's cleverest cartoon, by Macauley, in the New York World.

FOR THE COURT OF ARBITARTION

Text of the American Proposition Completed.

GERMANY AND GREAT BRITAIN.

They Are in the Agreement With the United States for Carrying Out the Plan—The Court to Consist of Seventeen Judges—Provision for a Special Tribunal.

The Hague (By Cable).—The text of the American proposition for the establishment of a permanent court of arbitration has been completed, in agreement with Germany and Great Britain, and will come up for discussion this week. It consists of 26 articles. The first article records the desire of the signatory powers to organize an "international high court of justice, easily accessible and free of charge, with judges representing the various systems of laws of the world, and capable of insuring a continuation of arbitration by jurisprudence."

The second provides that the judges must be "jurisconsults of known competence in international law, selected so far as possible from the members of the permanent court of arbitration."

According to the third and fourth articles the judges are appointable for terms of 12 years, and will enjoy diplomatic privileges and immunities while exercising their functions.

Article five provides that the court shall consist of 17 judges, 9 forming a quorum.

Article seven provides that the high court yearly shall appoint three judges, with three substitutes, constituting a special tribunal, which can, if necessary, try cases elsewhere than at The Hague.

Article eight says that the president of the court shall be elected every three years by a majority of the votes.

Article nine deals with the payment of the judges. The amounts are not fixed, but the proposal contemplates a fixed yearly salary, besides special renumeration when engaged in cases, and traveling expenses.

Article 10 forbids judges from receiving renumeration from their own or other governments for services in connection with the high court.

Article 11 says that the court shall sit at The Hague, except in cases of force majeure and the special instances provided for by Article 7.

Article 14 states that the high court shall sit one or twice yearly, in July and January.

Article 19 provides that "each party shall be entitled to have its own judge to participate in the trial of cases submitted to the court. If a special tribunal acts as a commission of inquiry even a person not connected with the court can participate in a trial."

Article 25 proposes the ratification of the convention at The Hague as quickly as possible.

Article 26 proposes to establish the duration of the convention, but the term is not yet fixed. Any signatory power is entitled to denounce the convention by notifying the Dutch government two years before the expiry of each period, but the convention remains intact for the other powers.

President Nelidoff has informally interview the presidents of the committees on the advisability of postponing the discussion of the proposed permanent court of arbitration until the meeting of the next conference, recommending the powers in the meanwhile study the question. No decision in the matter has yet been arrived at.

A PLOT TO BLOW UP KING CARLOS

Bomb Explosion Brings to Light a Conspiracy.

THIRTY POLITICIANS ARE ARRESTED.

Explosion Occurs in the House of a Medical Student, Who Is Suspected of Being the Leader of the Conspiracy—Two Persons Killed and Two Fatally Injured.

Lisbon, Portugal (By Cable).—An extensive plot to assassinate King Carlos and Premier Franco was discovered through the explosion of a bomb in the tenement district of the city Two persons were killed and two fatally injured by the explosion. The affair has caused intense excitement.

As a result of the police discoveries 30 Republicans have been arrested. They were taken secretly aboard the cruiser Adamastor in the Tagus River, where they are now confined.

Jose Bettencourt, a medical student, is declared by the police to have been the leader of the conspiracy. It was in his room that the explosion occurred and he was making bombs at the time.

The 30 prisoners will be given a secret trial, and it is predicted all will be exiled to Timour.

THE FRENCH MOW DOWN THE MOORS

An Advance Turned Into a Hasty Flight.

GERMANY WATCHING THE FRENCH.

When a Heavy Fog, Under Which the Moors Were Moving Upon Casablanca, Suddenly Lifts the French Batteries Ashore and Afloat Pour Into Them a Deadly Fire.

Paris (By Cable).—Vice Admiral Philibert, commanding the French naval forces off Casablanca, telegraphs that while the Moors were advancing on the French Camp, near Casablanca, under the cover of a fog, the fog lifted and permitted the French batteries ashore and afloat to shell the Moors with deadly effect.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon General Drude had moved forward his field guns to a ridge, situated about four miles from the camp, whence he shelled the Moors, who were then in full flight eastward.

Admiral Philibert reported that the situation elsewhere was practically unchanged.

The report that Mulai Hafig, brother of the Sultan, had been proclaimed sultan is confirmed.

Associated Fraternity.

Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).—The Associated Fraternities of America elected officers, as follows: T. B. Hanley, Des Moines, president; W. E. Futch Cleveland, vice president; and C. H. Robinson, Washington, D. C., secretary and treasurer and manager of the publicity bureau.

$1,000,000 Diamond For King.

Pretoria, Transvaal (By Cable).—In accordance with the resolution introduced by Premier Botha the Transvaal Assembly, by 42 to 19 votes, authorized the Government to purchase the Cullinan diamond, the largest in the world, and valued at $1,000,000. This great gem will be presented to King Edward in token of the loyalty and appreciation of the people of the Transvaal for the bestowal of a constitution on the colony.

Schmitz Stays Out.

San Francisco (Special). — The State Supreme Court rendered a decision in the McKinney salary case, sustaining the legality of the removal of Mayor Schmitz and the appointment of Mayor Taylor.

Lost Island Found Again.

Honolulu.—The Island of Laysan has not disappeared, as reported recently by the captain of the schooner Olsen. The island was visited August 15 by the U. S. tug Iroquois, en route here from Guam.

IN THE FINANCIAL WORLD.

Atchison has placed orders for 23,000 tons of steel rails.

There was an advance in nearly all foreign government bonds.

"Little investors, but no big ones, are buying stock," said a leading investment banker.

Philadelphia & West Chester Traction Company will begin hauling light freight and express packages next month.

It is estimated that the four big electric manufacturing companies will in 1907 earn $197,000,000, a gain of $10,000,000 over last year. Of this amount General Electric is credited with $7,000,000.

Morgan's home coming was not celebrated with any fireworks in the stock market. There is much curiosity, however, as to what he will do now after his long absence from the United States.

Very little is heard these days of the formerly predicted retirement of President Corey, of United States Steel.

For the first seven months of this year the Pan Handle's operating revenue increased $2,088,893 and the net income increased $417,292.

The six great Pacific railroads—Atchison, Southern, Union, Northern, Canadian and the Great Northern—earned gross the last fiscal year $492,000,000. The Pennsylvania alone will have earned in its current fiscal year about $310,000,000. That gives an idea of its relative bigness.

The Nation's Capital

Some Interesting Happenings Briefly Told.

Members of the Congressional Appropriations Committee will visit Panama to consult with the canal officials concerning the amount to be appropriated for next yearls work.

Brigadier General Allen, chief signal officer, in his annual report urges a considerable strengthening of the arm of the service in his charge.

Congressman Sereno Payne, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, says there will be no revision of the tariff in the next Congress.

The United States has recognized the provisional government set up in Honduras by Manuel Dovila as president of the de facto government.

Uncle Sam's bill for maintaining the American army of pacification in Cuba during the last fiscal year was $2,554,970.

The American delegates to The Hague Peace Conference will insist on their proposition regarding general arbitration.

Under the law the President is authorized to grant the request of the Isthmian Canal Commission for permission to create a deficiency of $8,000,000 during the current fiscal year to meet the requirements of the engineer department for an enlarged scale of operations.

The State Department will take a vigorous stand in the case of Dr. Hirsch, who has been denied admittance to the Russian Empire.

It is the belief in national political circles that Congress in its next session will not enact any of the radical measures proposed by President Roosevelt because that body in a presidential election year never does anything except pass the appropriation Bills.

General Greely in his annual report gives interesting information as to the attitude of large firms and corporations toward employes who are members of the state militia.

The bid of the Maryland Dredging and Constructing Company for dredging the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers near Washington has been accepted.

President Gompers says the federation will bring a counter suit against the National Manufacturers' Association, charging conspiracy.

Postmaster McElroy, of the National House of Representatives, is dead at the age of 75.

NECK BROKEN BY DENTIST.

Man Walks To Hospital After Tooth Is Pulled And Dies Week Later.

Chicago (Special).—George Davis, thirty-eight years of age, died in the county hospital of what was diagnosed by the physicians as a broken neck.

Davis came to the hospital about one week ago complaining of a pain in his neck. His right arm was paralyzed, and the day following his arrival he was attacked with severe pains in the spinal column. He told the physicians at the hospital that he had gone to a dentist to have a tooth extracted. The tooth was difficult to extract, and Davis said that the dentist had jerked him severely

It is believed by the physicians that the dentist dislocated a part of the spinal column in the neck by his jerk.

Man Killed By Bear.

Ogden, Utah (Special). — Word reached Ogden that James Chapman, a passenger engineer on the Union Pacific Railroad, was killed by a bear near Evanston, Wyo., his home. Chapman was with a party of friends camping out. He wandered away from the camp. His dead body was found in a thicket. His face and neck had been clawed by the bear, and death had resulted from the severing of an artery in the neck.

Nobel Prize For Kipling.

Stockholm (By Cable).—The Tidningen says it has good authority for stating that Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) having been suggested and rejected, Rudyard Kipling has been designated as the winner of the Nobel literary Prize this year.

London.—Mr. Kipling was asked to confirm or deny the story from Stockholm. He replied that he had not been notified of the award.

Boat Upsets; Four Drown.

Sacramento, Cal. (Special).—Three persons were drowned here when a duckboat capsized in the Sacramento River. A fourth victim was added to the list when Manuel Greggs was pulled beneath the water by two women after he had plunged to rescue the three persons whose boat had overturned.

Three Fall 2,000 Feet.

Berne, Switzerland (By Cable).—The fate of three German tourists, who had been missing on the Jung Frau since last Thursday, was cleared up, when guides discovered their dead bodies on a glacier below Rotthl-Sattal. They had fallen a distance of 2,000 feet.

Islands Shaken By Earthquake.

St. Thomas, D. W. I. (Special).—A sharp earthquake was felt on the Islands of Guadeloupe and Dominica. Several strong shocks have been reported from the Island of St. Lucia this week.

Japanese Sketch Forts.

Atlanta, Ga. (Special).—Two Japanese were discovered, it is said, in the rear of Fort McPherson taking views and sketches of the buildings and grounds. A former enlisted man, who said he observed the Japanese, after talking with them, told the story of the occurrence to the officers of the Department of the Gulf. The officers of the department say no action will be taken unless other discoveries are made.

Make Haul At Bar Harbor.

Bar Harbor, Me. (Special)—Burglars got into the cottage of A. Howard Hinkle, of Cincinnati, here, while the family was at dinner, and secured jewelry valued at $5000.

Jap Prince A German Footguard.

Berlin (By Cable).—Prince Kiniyoshi Kuni, of Japan, has been admitted to serve in the Second Regiment of the German Imperial Footguards.

THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY CUTS ITS DIVIDEND

Reduction of 1 Per Cent. on Preferred Stock.

PRESIDENT FINLEY EXPLAINS IT.

Says Directors Considered That Under Existing Conditions of High Prices of Supplies and Labor, of Increasing Taxes and Legislative Reduction of Revenues It Was Deemed Prudent.

New York (Special).—The directors of the Southern Railway Company cut the semiannual dividend on the preferred stock of the company from 2½ to 1½ per cent.

President Finley made the following announcement:

"At a meeting of the board of directors of the Southern Railway Company the income account and results of operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, last, were considered. A dividend of 1½ per cent. was declared on the preferred stock out of accumulated surplus, making a total dividend distributed of 4 per cent. for the year. For this purpose there was appropriated a portion of the surplus income carried forward from the year ended June 30, 1906, after payment of dividends for that year.

"In taking this action the directors were influenced by the consideration that the income account for the year reflects such abnormal and extraordinary conditions as may not reasonably be expected to recur. At the same time the directors considered that under existing conditions of high prices of supplies, material and labor, of increasing taxes and legislative reduction of revenues, it was the part of conservative prudence to limit the distribution of the profits of the company, at least until the permanent effects of such conditions can be fairly measured."

As a result of the announcement Southern preferred sold off from 53 to 53, where it closed on sales of 1,600 shares. The common stock held fairly strong, declining three-quarters of a point, to 15⅝.

The reduction of the dividend to this basis is assumed to have been made on the advice of J. P. Morgan, who got back from Europe on Wednesday.

The income amount for the year ended June 30, 1907, gives the following figures: Gross earnings, $50,657,994, an increase over last year of $3,016,555; operating expenses, 44,699,282, an increase of $4,926,143; net earnings, $11,658,712, a decrease of $1,909,587; total income, $13,787,993, a decrease of $1,669,438; balance applicable for dividends after payment of fixed charges, $2,296,321, a decrease of $2,938,744.

BIG FLEET SAILS IN DECEMBER.

Plans Of The Cruise To The Pacific Determined.

Oyster Bay, N. Y. (Special).—The Atlantic battleship fleet will start for the Pacific next December, according to an official statement issued by Secretary Loeb at the direction of President Roosevelt. The statement was made following a conference between the President and representatives of the Navy Department. It follows:

"A conference between President Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Newberry, Rear Admiral Brownson, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, and Rear Admiral Evans, commander of the Atlantic fleet, was held to decide some of the details in connection with the fleets going to the Pacific. The fleet will consist of 16 battleships and will start sometime in December, going through the Straits of Magellan and up to San Francisco, and will probably also visit Pugent Sound. The question of the route by which it will return has not yet been decided. The destroyer fleet will leave for the Pacific about the same time as the battleship fleet, but will not accompany it."

HOUSES BLOWN DOWN.

Several Persons Injured Around Johnstown, Pa.

Johnstown, Pa. (Special). — A storm that approached the dimensions of a cyclone did great damage in Somerset County.

One woman sustained serious injuries, and in the vicinity of Boswell, near here, a path 500 yards wide and a mile long was swept by a terrific wind. Houses and barns were destroyed and growing crops leveled.

Mrs. David Peterson was probably fatally injured when her home was blown down.

The tracks of the Pittsburg, Westmoreland and Somerset Railroad were washed away in a number of places, tying up the road.

KILLED BY TENANT'S WIFE.

He Fired At Her First, But Her Aim Was True.

Mount Sterling, Ky. (Special). — Algin Thomas, 70 years old, a farmer, was shot and killed by Mrs. Katie Brumet, the 20-year-old wife of Abe Brumet, another farmer.

Brumet was a tenant of Thomas and they had a disagreement. While Brumet was away from home, Thomas shot at Mrs. Brumet three times, one bullet grazing her head. She got a revolver and fired at Thomas five times, one bullet piercing the brain.

The young woman is about to become a mother and is in a critical condition. Thomas leaves a family. Mrs. Brumet is highly respected.

Gasoline Kills Three.

Warsaw, Ind. (Special).—In a gasoline stove explosion Charles Webster and wife and their two-year-old child were burned to death at their home, near Warsaw. Mrs. Webster lighted the fire, then the tank exploded. The liquid was thrown over her and the child. As Webster tried to rescue them his clothes caught fire and he was overcome. The three charred bodies were found in the debris.

Cholera Spreading In Russia.

Berlin (By Cable).—The Prussian authorities are watching with considerable concern the news indicating that cholera is spreading in Russia. The latest report that the disease has appeared on a confluent of the Vistula intensifies the feeling of anxiety here, and the authorities have ordered a strict sanitary inspection of all vessels and rafts entering Prussian territory by the Vistula.

Scared bears evidently made that rally of 6 points in [illegible]

COMMERCIAL COLUMN

Weekly Review of Trade and Latest Market Reports.

New York.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

Jobbing markets are well attended by interior buyers and country merchants, who operate with great freedom considering the financial stringency, which has compelled the postponement of much contemplated structural work. Yet many Western and Southern cities report building operations in excess of last year's, and as the harvests progress there is more disposition to increase preparations for future needs. Retail stocks have been depleted by the customary bargain sales, and preparations for fall and winter trade indicate confidence in continued activity. At most domestic points there is no complaint regarding collections, but reports from Canada indicate many requests for renewals. Leading industrial plants are well occupied, many mills having output sold far into 1908.

Inquiry for pig iron has improved, chiefly for small lots and prompt delivery, consumers of Bessemer iron being notably urgent for quick shipment. But scarcely any can be had earlier than October. In most sections of the iron and steel industry conditions are normally more quiet at this time than any other month of the year, and the moderate decrease in new business of late has received more attention than the circumstances warranted because of the phenomenally active period preceding.

Wholesale Markets.

Baltimore.—Wheat—Southern in good demand and firmer. Cargoes on grade sold at 91½c. for special bin No. 2 red, 91 for stock No. 2 red, 86½ for special bin steamer No 2 red, 84½ for stock steamer No. 2 red. Western closed lower; spot and August, 91@91¼c.; No. 2 red Western, 93¼; September, 91¼@91½.

Corn—Spot and August, 61¾c.; September, 62¼; year, 57¾. The market was neglected and prices eased off, being ¼c. lower at midday, except year, which was fractionally firmer. Sales 5,000 year, 58c.

Oats—We quote old crop oats: White—No. 2, 62½@63; No. 3 (heavy), 61@61½; No. 3 (light), 59½@60; No. 4, 58@58½. Mixed—No. 2, 59@59½c.; No. 3, 58@58½; No. 4, 56½@57.

Butter—Separator, 25@25½; imitation, 20@21.

Cheese—Jobbing prices are: New, per lb., 14¼@14½c.

Eggs—Market firm under steady demand and moderate receipts of choice fresh-gathered stock. We quote, per dozen, loss off: Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby, firsts, 29c.; Western, firsts, 29; West Virginia, firsts, 19½; Southern, firsts, 17@18; guinea eggs, 9@10.

New York.—Wheat—Spot market easy; No. 2 red, 95½c., elevator; No. 2 red, 95¾, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 109¼, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 97¾, f. o. b., afloat.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 64c., elevator, and 63¼, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 white, 65¾, and No. 2 yellow, 66¼, f. o. b., afloat. Option market was without transactions, closing ¾@⅞c. net lower. September closed 65c.; December closed 64; May closed 63.

Oats—Spot strong; mixed, 26@32 lbs., 62c.; natural white, 30@35 lbs., 66@67; clipped white, 36@40 lbs., 66½@69.

Butter firm, unchanged; receipts, 6,940 pkgs. Cheese firm; receipts, 2,982 boxes; state, full cream, small, colored and white, fine, 12¾c.; do., good, 12¼@12½; do., ordinary, 11@12; do., large, colored, fine, 12½; do., white, 12¼; do., ordinary to good, 11@12; skims, 10@10½. Eggs firm; receipts, 7,383 cases; Western firsts, 19@20c.; seconds, 17½@18½.

Philadelphia.—Wheat unchanged; contract grade, August, 90@90½c. Corn firm; August, 60½@61c. Oats 1c. higher; No. 2 white, natural, 63@63½c.

Butter firm; extra Western creamery, 25½c.; extra nearby prints, 28.

Eggs firm; Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, free cases, 21c., at mark; do., current receipts, natural, returnable cases, 20, at mark.

Live poultry steady; fowls, 14@14½; spring chickens, 15@17; ducks, 11@12.

Live Stock.

Chicago. — Cattle — Common to prime steers, $4.20@7.50; cows, $3.20@4.60; heifers, $3@5.35; bulls, $2.50@5; calves, $3@7.50; stockers and feeders, $2.50@5.

Hogs—Market steady to 5c. lower; choice heavy shipping, $5.30@5.90; light butchers', $5.95@6.10; light mixed, $5.85@6.05; choice light, $6.10@6.20; packing, $5.15@5.75; pigs, $5.50@6.15; bulk of sales, $5.60@5.90.

Sheep—Market steady; sheep, $3.80@6.35; yearlings, $5.75@6.85; lambs, $6@7.50.

Kansas City.—Cattle—Market steady. Native steers, $5@7.10; Southern steers, $3.25@4.65; Southern cows, $2@3.35; native cows and heifers, $2.25@6; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.60; bulls, $2.25@3.90; calves, $4@6.50; Western steers, $4@5.80; Western cows, $2.50@4.

Hogs—Market steady to weak. Bulk of sales, $5.75@5.90; heavy, $5.65@5.80; packers, $5.70@5.95; pigs and light, $5.85@6.

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The date for the dedication of the McKinley Monument, at Buffalo, N. Y., has been fixed for September 5.

Germany needs 1,000,000 horses for her army on a war basis. This is more than any other nation of the world.

The African possessions of the French government amount to 3,805,000 square miles, and those of Great Britain 2,714,000, including Egypt.

George H. Worthington, of Cleveland, O., has a stamp collection that experts estimate is worth $300,000.

It is estimated that the area of land in Korea which can profitably be put under cotton is capable of producing about 130,000,000 pounds of ginned cotton annually.

The lack of railroad transportation has been the main cause of keeping the State of Sinaloa from taking her position as one of the leading and largest states of Mexico, it having 35,000 square miles of splendid farming land and thousands of rich undeveloped mines.