

DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Labor Troubles Have Decided Effect on Trade.

Better Domestic Demand For Cotton Goods, But Offers For China Too Low--Failures For Half Year.

New York, July 5.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s, weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

Developments of fresh labor troubles is a feature of the week that has made for conservatism in many directions, but throughout the country jobbing and retail lines are busy and are handling goods at prices which yield fair profits. There is no reflection of this activity in the continued improvement in the textile markets in the east and the uneasiness over the money market does not extend beyond the ranks of speculators in stocks.

Crop reports continue gratifying, much good having been done by rains in the middle west. Harvesting of winter wheat progresses favorably.

Manufacturing has been interrupted by the elements of labor agitation. Numerous prostrations from heat caused the employers to close the mills during the most distressing hours, while the sheet and hoop workers were ordered to stop work until certain disputed points were settled. No immediate settlement is anticipated because many plants need repair and others are taking stock. Until the owners wish to resume their position will not be known. The reduction of 25 cents on No. 28 sheets was unexpected and not accompanied by any general weakening of prices. Cottons are in better domestic demand, but prices are held above bids of shippers to China and sales in the brown goods division have decreased. Manufacturing as a whole is unusually active for the season. Staple products are quiet, speculation being restricted by depressing weather, and the lengthy holidays at most of the exchanges prevented week commitments.

News from the west was full of promise as to the growing wheat yield, causing a further decline in prices, although foreign needs are known to be heavy. Corn steadied somewhat because of the reported damage from heat and drought. Receipts continue light in comparison with last year's but exports are equally satisfactory. Cotton holds firmly at a point a little below 9 cents, the free movement into sight being disregarded. Strength is found in greater activity in the goods market together with rumors of rain in Texas and a few other States where moisture is deficient. Sales of No. 7 Rio coffee have been made below 35 cents which is not surprising since receipts at Rio and Santos reports for the crop year just ended were little short of 11,000,000 bags. Even this record breaking crop will be surpassed if the current yield is equal to expectations. Compared with the prices of a year ago wheat shows a decline of about 11 cents a bushel, cotton \$6.25 a bale and coffee 3 3/4 a pound, while corn is not higher than last year's price and pork products alone of these commodities show any advance.

Commercial failures during the first half of 1901 numbered 5,759, with liabilities of \$55,804,653, against 5,332 last year for \$74,747,845. In manufacturing lines there were 1,265 defaults with \$21,691,048 liabilities, while 4,139 traders failed for \$24,864,207. The improvement over the preceding year was most striking in brokerage and banking insolvencies which were \$9,249,435 and \$15,539,554 respectively, against \$22,243,346 and \$25,822,682 last year. This is the most noteworthy because the violent agitation in Wall street during May was calculated to cause serious disturbance and the last week of June brought other failures through the injudicious speculation and poor banking methods. While the half year statement is gratifying the second quarter makes a much better showing, liabilities declining \$7,602,289 compared with the first quarter and \$17,623,675 in comparison with the second quarter of 1900. The average liabilities per failure was smaller than in the corresponding three months of any year since these records were first compiled. The proportion of the bad to solvent payments through clearing houses was but 69 cents to each \$1,000, and only one out of the preceding 105 quarters recorded a lower ratio while the average amount of defaults to each firm in business as but \$20.33, only seven other quarterly periods making smaller returns.

TEXAS RIVAL FOR STANDARD OIL.

Houston Oil Co. With \$30,000,000 Capital Chartered.

Houston, Tex., July 5.—Charters were today filed at Austin for the Houston Oil Company with a capitalization of \$30,000,000 and the Kirby Lumber Company, capitalized at \$10,000,000. The first named has been organized to handle oil produced in the Texas field and is primarily intended as a competitor of the Standard Oil Company, first in Texas and afterwards in the domestic and export trade. Its articles embrace provisions for owning lands, prospecting for and marketing oil, operating pipe lines and steamships. The lumber company will take over the holdings of John H. Kirby, embracing more than 1,000,000 acres, embracing the larger part of the standing timber in East Texas.

Increase in Postage.

Washington, July 5.—The cabinet was in session about two hours today and devoted the entire time to minor matters. Postmaster General Smith explained how the revenues of the postal service were being kept at a point far below what they otherwise would be for the fact that under the present classification a large class of periodicals were handled at the rate of one cent a pound, which was a great financial loss to the service. It was his purpose to modify the regulations so as to compel this class of publications to pay eight cents a pound instead of one as now. These new regulations, it is said, will be issued in a few days.

TIGERS CAUSE TROUBLE.

State Board Asks Mayor and Chief to Show Cause--Radical Action is Taken.

At the opening session of the regular monthly meeting of the State board of control yesterday afternoon a good sized bombshell was dropped upon the matter of the enforcement of the dispensary law in Charleston. It came in the form of the following resolution which was promptly adopted:

"Resolved, That the mayor and chief of police of the city of Charleston are hereby accorded the privilege, and are so requested to appear at the office of the State board of directors in Columbia, S. C., on the 16th inst., at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any they have, why the dispensary profits accruing to said city should not be withheld under Sec. 9 of the dispensary law, to be used for the better enforcement of said law."

This step on the part of the board seems to be entirely unexpected. There was no intimation of the matter until the resolution was presented and adopted so far as the public is aware. The resolution is, however, very plain and emphatic in its terms, and has the ring of "something doing" about it. No doubt it will create quite a stir in Charleston. It may mean the inauguration of a new plan to bring about the enforcement of the law in Charleston. Its possibilities are many.—The State, July 3.

AN AWFUL DAY IN NEW YORK.

New York, July 3.—Rain storms of today, with consequent fall in temperature, were a Godsend to the bulk of sweeter humanity in this city. As soon as the last storm of the afternoon had passed over the temperature immediately began to ascend. The wind, which blew during the storm, also commenced to abate very rapidly, until it assumed the proportions of a slight breeze only. These atmospheric conditions, coupled with the very considerable humidity which as an aftermath of the downfall of water from the clouds, made the suffering almost as intense as it was when the thermometer had registered several degrees higher.

Most of the hospitals are already crowded to their utmost capacity and many of them have erected tents on their grounds for the accommodation of the heat victims.

The death rate has increased with such rapidity that the morgue is being taxed as it never was before and every available foot of that institution is now occupied by corpses. Hospital attendants are collapsing under the extraordinary strain to which they have been subjected, and were it not for the volunteers who have come to their aid, the situation would be greatly exaggerated by enforced neglect of heat patients.

BRYAN AT MOUNT EAGLE.

Mount Eagle, Tenn., July 4.—Hon. W. J. Bryan, who spoke here this afternoon, declared the constitution and the declaration of independence inseparable and said the constitution without it would be dead. Mr. Bryan said the nation will never outgrow the declaration until it forsakes the doctrine of the consent of the governed.

The abolition of the declaration, he said, would cause us to lose the respect of all nations and the adoption of a brute force policy would ultimately lead to the downfall of the republic. Imperialism, he said, is the logical outcome of the commercial spirit of the country. The tendency of the times, he said, is toward the creation of an aristocracy of wealth and the relinquishment of those virtues that are essential to the well being of a free and respectable constitutional constituency.

And Now--Oil Main Street.

We are informed that in consequence of the apparent success of the oil sprinkling experiment on one block of Blanding street an adjoining block of macadam roadway will soon be treated with petroleum. It is easy to foresee the extension of the improvement to other blocks and streets.

One of the Blanding street experimenters, a business man having a stand on Main street, suggested to us yesterday that if the city authorities should still continue to ignore the dust nuisance and thereby leave the Main street merchants to the mercies of "private monopoly" watering carts, the people doing business on that thoroughfare would soon find it expedient to adopt the plan of oil sprinkling. He maintained that it would be a great economy for them to do so, besides enabling them to attain the object for which they have spent money vainly for many years. As the case stands now, he said, the street watering does not lay the dust effectively. The sprinkling makes mud for several hours, and then, as the moisture evaporates, the mud is converted again into dust. Instead of relief, those who contribute to street watering now get but the alternative of two nuisances—mud and dust. The roadway once soaked with oil, however, would remain free from both dust and mud for a long time, and even repeated applications during the season would not cost as much to each merchant as he now pays for watering.

Let us figure this out. According to the statement of our informant, ten barrels of road oil, costing \$55, is sufficient for the first and heaviest application to a block of macadam. The street watering service costs each merchant contributing to it \$12 per annum. A count of the store fronts on the blocks where our informant does business showed 30 of them. The annual contribution, therefore, toward watering this block, providing all the business establishments joined in it, would be thirty times \$12 or \$360. Now, even if we allow that four applications of petroleum would be necessary each year, each application costing as much as the first—and this is a very liberal estimate—the annual cost of the oil would be \$220 against \$360 for watering, a saving of \$140 annually. Moreover, the dust would be entirely suppressed, and so would the mud. Both in winter and in summer the relief would be felt.—The State.

THE PLAGUE IN MISSISSIPPI.

Horses and Mules Dying of Charbon by Hundreds.

Jacksonville, Miss., July 5.—Dr. William Sutherland, health officer of Bolivar county, today made the following report on Charbon which has appeared among cattle in that part of this State:

"Anthrax appeared in this community about three weeks ago in virulent form and is causing wholesale destruction of mules, horses and swine. I have heard of only one case in man, but fear its effects on the people before it runs its course. The atmosphere is full of the stench from dead animals. They die so fast they cannot be buried or burnt, and it is exceedingly difficult to get men to undertake the job. The infected district is from above Gannison, near Dason on the north to Bolivar and Benot on the south and east to Bogue Phalia. I never knew horse flies so numerous and they are the cause of the rapid dissemination of the disease. House flies and mosquitoes are also supposed to aid its spread. Dr. Roberts of the experiment station came here at my call, but can offer no remedy except the injection of the serum. I have without authority put this section in quarantine as to animals."

Senator Moore of Bolivar confirms the stories sent out about Charbon and says 90 per cent. of the stock in the infected district is dead.

A Chapter of Misfortunes.

About the only person who cannot appreciate the humor in the following situation described by the Charlotte Observer in an account of a suit for damages at Raleigh is the plaintiff in the original suit.

The vestibule train from Atlanta was bowling along toward Raleigh, on a down grade at the rate of fifty miles per hour at 1 o'clock in the morning. Mr. William Watlington was on his way to a wild-turkey blind which he had baited and had his double-barreled, breech-loading gun on his shoulder, two cartridges in the chambers. On reaching the railroad track, which was on an embankment about ten feet high at this place, Mr. Watlington heard the train in the distance, and stopped on the side of the track about fifty feet away to view the train as it passed by. He could not see over the embankment to the other side of the track. Along beside the embankment on both sides of the track are the usual ditches, which were filled with water.

Mr. Watlington was standing on the north side of the track with his gun on his shoulder. On the other side of the track were a number of cattle nipping grass, which Mr. Watlington could not see. Just a few seconds before the train swept by these cattle commenced to straggle across the track to the side on which Mr. Watlington was standing. The bovines all got safely across except one Jersey bull. He was caught on the cowcatcher and hurled away with terrible velocity, and, as misfortune and luck would have it, he struck Mr. Watlington about midships and knocked him down into the ditch and plante himself on top of him. The bull was stunned.

He struggled, but could not get up, and the water was drowning both man and beast. Mr. Honeycutt, the engineer, who was watching the cattle, had not seen Mr. Watlington, and when the fireman told him what had happened he stopped the train and hurried back and got there in time to get Mr. Watlington and the bull out of the ditch before they were drowned. Striking Mr. Watlington and knocking him into the water saved the life of the bull, and the water saved the blow by the bull from killing Watlington.

Further examination showed that when the bull struck Mr. Watlington the shock knocked the gun some distance, and when it struck the ground it was discharged and killed one of the cows and wounded another so badly that it had to be killed. The gun was not injured. On these facts Judge Brown held that the railroad company was not liable in damage to Mr. Watlington. Since the trial the owner of the two cows has sued Mr. Watlington and recovered \$100 in full of damages for their killing.

Mr. Watlington was knocked down by a Jersey bull, which was hurled at him by the train, and nearly drowned, and his gun was discharged and killed two cows, and he gets no damages and is compelled to pay \$100 for the luxury of being principal in the most celebrated case in the history of accidents to animals and man by railroad trains. But since all this happened Mr. Watlington has had a great piece of good luck befall him. He has been working for Mr. H. N. Snow at High Point in the furniture business for many years. Snow is getting old, and, being rich and tired of business, he retired and gave the whole plant and business, worth \$20,000, to Mr. Watlington, who was of no kin to him, but simply a faithful employe. So Mr. Watlington had some recompense for his experience with the bull and the train.

NEW YORK AT CHARLESTON.


Albany, N. Y., July 5.—The New York State commission to represent the State at the South Carolina Interstate and West India Exposition, to be held at Charleston, S. C., met at the executive chamber today and organized. S. Christy Mead was elected president, and Jas. B. Townsend secretary.

The commission has \$15,000 with which to properly represent the State at the exposition. It decided to erect a building at the exposition and entertainment of New York State visitors. As the exposition opens in December, it was determined not to attempt to prepare any State exhibit, the time being too brief, but to procure, if possible, a part of the State educational exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition for the Charleston Exposition.

A white boy eleven years old was drowned at a Fourth of July picnic near McCormick. He was a son of Mrs. C. F. Creighton. His nine year old brother was rescued as he was sinking for the last time.

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