

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S TRADE.

Bradstreet's Annual Review of Business Conditions Declares 1901 a Record Breaker.

New York, Dec. 27.—The annual review of American trade, finance and industry prepared by Bradstreet's...

Briefly summarized, the year has seen transacted an aggregate of general business, as reflected in bank clearings, far in excess of any preceding period...

From the standpoint of present estimates clearings this year will exceed the highest records of preceding years by one-fourth. Gross railway earnings have increased 12 per cent...

The bank clearings were estimated at \$118,000,000, a gain of 38 per cent. over last year and 26 per cent. over the record year of 1899.

This is a gain of 8.6 per cent. in number over 1900 and of nearly 12 per cent over 1899, but back of that year comparisons favor the current one.

As to prices The Review said: "Wheat has reached the highest point since 1898: corn and oats are higher than for almost a decade."

As to imports the review declared: "Imports have gained slightly—they will aggregate at least \$875,000,000, a gain of 5.5 per cent. over 1900."

T McIntyre, St Paul, Minn., who has been troubled with a disordered stomach "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Remedy" does me more good than anything I ever taken.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT STARTLES HIS FRIENDS.

Disrupts His Cabinet--Alleged to Have Assumed Airs of Dictator.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—The Chronicle prints the following telegram from its Washington correspondent:

President Roosevelt has introduced the strenuous life into his administration in a manner that is causing even his friends and admirers to gasp with astonishment.

He has completely disrupted his Cabinet. He has antagonized and defied two-thirds of the members of Congress with whom he has come in contact in an official way.

He has issued a dictum to the Republican majority in regard to Cuban reciprocity that is more distasteful to the high tariff leaders than any other paper which has come out of the White House since Grover Cleveland wrote his celebrated tariff message.

He has offended certain influential members by promising to make certain appointments and then reversing his decisions without notifying the Senators. He has broken promises which were regarded as specific and permanent.

He has assailed the Republican National Committee for the purpose of building up a political machine of his own. He has set out to destroy Senator Hanna by appointing Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, Postmaster General.

He has broken down every tradition of the White House that has been held sacred. He has made favorites of some of his Cabinet advisers and openly exhibited his dislike and contempt for the others.

He caused the Attorney General to issue an order commanding United States Marshals and District Attorneys to keep out of active politics, but is making no effort to enforce it.

He has annulled very soon after he came to Washington that Federal officials who violated civil service laws would lose their places. He reappointed United States District Attorney Vaughn, of Alabama, who was clearly proved to be guilty of violating the civil service laws, and afterward caused "announcement to be made that Vaughn would not be appointed."

He constituted Secretary of War Elihu Root keeper of his official conscience and for a time made Mr. Root the most conspicuous man connected with his administration. Then, without reason or explanation, he suddenly transferred his favor to Attorney General Knox. When he became President he was in favor of a change in the State Department because, his friends said, he did not like the quality of Americanism exhibited by Secretary Hay. Now he is trying to keep Hay. He has repeatedly exhibited those human qualities which most Presidents of the past have successfully hidden by snubbing or otherwise ill treating men in public life who were understood to be candidates for President.

These are a few of the causes of complaint against the President which one hears in Washington. There are many others that are being publicly discussed. They will be heard from, however, before Congress ends its present session. Senators who occupy high places in the Republican party, and who have had disagreeable experiences at the White House are not saying much about their troubles. They think it is too early in the new administration to make issues of the incidents which have caused them humiliation and annoyance, but soon or later endurance will cease to be a virtue and President Roosevelt will be made to feel the power which has destroyed so many of his predecessors.

It cannot be said of the President that he is unconscious of the peril which is threatening him, for, if his public acts can be taken as a criterion, he is inviting it. Men who hailed his advent to the White House with rejoicing and who predicted for him a successful administration are now either secretly or openly arrayed against him. They are charging that he does everything upon impulse and not after consideration of the consequences of his acts. They charge, moreover, that the last person who gets the President's ear is usually the successful one, regardless of promises he may have previously made. There seems to be a certain amount of justice in this charge.

Comparison of his attitude toward Admiral Schley at the present time with that of two months ago is a fair sample of the way he changes his mind. After the evidence adduced before the Court of Inquiry was nearly all in and the merits of the case against the Admiral had been disclosed, it is known that he believed Admiral Schley was the victim of a conspiracy and that he said he held Crowninshield, Chadwick and some others responsible for it. Since then his close confidants have been men identified with the navy clique and his views have undergone a change. His order to the commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard to secure the resignation of Historian Maclay, intended to be a step to public opinion, has lost much of its effect on account of his brutal and unprecedented assault upon Gen. Miles. There is a singular unanimity of opinion among public men in Washington since the publication of the correspondence between the Secretary of War and Gen. Miles in the newspapers this morning that the President transcended all bounds of reason and dignity in his treatment of the General of the army. His treatment of the General at the White House within hearing, and practically in the presence of fifty others, is without parallel, while his letter of reprimand (the President wrote the letter which was signed by Secretary Root) is acknowledged to be much more severe than the facts warranted.

A Texas woman has just given birth to five babies. Her husband is probably standing pat on "a full house." Atlanta Constitution.

NELL CROSEY MYSTERY SOLVED.

The Body Found Floating in the Pasquotank River.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 27.—Five weeks of mystery and speculation as to the fate of Miss Nellie Crosey terminated today at 10 o'clock when the body of the missing girl was found in the river opposite her father's home. The body was discovered by J. D. Stillman, a fisherman, who was returning from his night's fishing trip. Upon discovering that the floating object was the body of a young girl he immediately notified the committee and Coroner Fearing had the body brought to the shore. When found the body was floating face downward. All the wearing apparel was intact with the exception of the rubber which Nell wore on the night of her disappearance, and that was missing.

With the exception of some slight discoloration of the face the body was in a state of good preservation and little decomposed. The body was easily identified as that of Nell Crosey by all who had known her in life. The spot where the body was found had been dragged several times since her disappearance, but with no result.

Coroner Fearing summoned a jury of prominent men from among the crowd that had assembled on the spot where body had been brought ashore and called in three of the best physicians of the city to make a thorough and exhaustive autopsy to learn if there were any signs of violence on the body, but up to this time nothing official can be learned from the physicians as to their opinion, they refusing absolutely to give out any information until after they make their report to the coroner's jury, which convened at 9 o'clock tonight after an adjournment at 6 o'clock without reaching any verdict.

The jury has been in almost continuous secret session since the finding of the body and holding of the autopsy and very much depends on the construction of their verdict as to what will be the fate of young Wilcox.

Great crowds are assembled in front of the academy of music building where the jury is in session and groups can be seen on almost every street corner discussing the affair but making no manifestations, simply waiting for the verdict of the jury as to whether the girl met with foul play or committed suicide.

Anticipating that trouble may be brewing for young Wilcox, the naval reserves have been ordered out to maintain order and peace and to see that no violence is offered Wilcox. By order of the mayor all the barrooms in the city have been closed. Wilcox has been removed from the mayor's office, where he has been since his arrest this afternoon, to the county jail for his own protection, and a strong guard has been placed around the jail.

The family of the dead girl refuses to express an opinion as to the cause of the death of Nell Crosey, but an uncle of the girl is reported as having said: "I never have yet heard of a drowned person floating face downward."

The mother of the girl is completely prostrated and little can be done on the part of relatives and friends to comfort her. She has watched daily, hoping for the return of her daughter alive, and the sad ending of the disappearance has completely broken her down.

Wilcox apparently maintains the same indifferent attitude that has characterized his actions all the way through this case, and feeling is running to some extent against him tonight.

Hester's Cotton Statement.

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—Secretary Hester's weekly statement issued today shows for the 27 days of December a decrease under last year of 21,000, and an increase over the same period year before last 35,000. In the 118 days of the season that have elapsed, the aggregate is behind the 118 days of last year 55,000 and ahead of the same days year before last 574,000.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 376,553 bales against 357,697 for the seven days last year, 253,357 year before last. The movement since Sept. 1 shows receipts at all United States ports 4,426,287 against 4,431,497 last year; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to northern mills and Canada 531,816 against 684,205; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 536,115 against 724,523; southern mill takings 369,000 against 568,442 last year.

The total movements since Sept. 1 is 6,361,218 against 6,416,592 last year and 5,786,990 year before last.

Foreign exports for the week have been 242,688 against 201,810 last year, making the total thus far for the season 3,430,848 against 3,124,391 last year.

The total takings of American mills, north and south, and Canada thus far for the season have been 1,608,968 against 1,649,067 last year.

Stocks at the seaboard and 29 leading southern centres have increased during the week 14,947 bales against an increase during the corresponding period last season of 32,085.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop the supply to date is 6,720,905 against 6,539,126 for the same period last year.

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D S Mitchell, Fulford, Md: "During a long illness I was troubled with bed sores, was advised to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve and did so with wonderful results. I was perfectly cured. It is the best salve on the market." Sure cure for piles, sores, burns. Beware of counterfeits. J S Hughson & Co

C. S. Hurter, Dominion government metallurgist of Vancouver, is responsible for the statement that among the millions of dollars of Yukon gold brought to him this season was an abundance of platinum, unknown to the miners. Mr. Hurter's opinion is that the miners were throwing away thousands of dollars worth of platinum daily. The Dominion government is sending an expert to the Klondike to investigate.

A Lesson From Texas.

The New York Evening Post recently printed two interesting items of news from Texas. One is from Austin and says that although the State treasury has profited materially, by the penalties enacted, from the brewing companies for violation of the anti-trust law, it will lose naturally a considerable sum in another way. It is understood that the three foreign breweries which forfeited their permits to do business in Texas will not seek a renewal of their permits, but will hereafter do only an interstate business in Texas. The State will therefore lose the revenue from the franchise tax hitherto paid by these companies. We are further told that of the seven domestic brewing companies whose charters were forfeited, only two have filed new charters.

The other item is from Galveston and says that this has been a notable year for corporate growth in Texas. The number of domestic charters and amendments thereto filed is 1,343, the aggregate capital represented being \$277,088,000. In 1899 and in 1900 the number of charters filed averaged about 550 and the capital represented in each was about \$28,000,000. The excess is largely due to the exploitation of the oil fields, but there was an increase in almost all lines of industry.

This significant statement, however, is added: "An interesting fact disclosed by the exhibit of charters filed monthly is that the bulk of them were presented before the fever of trust hunting grew intense. After July, the number fell off about one-half."

Here is an effect of hostile legislation to corporations which we commend to the attention of the members of the Constitutional Convention of Virginia. Capital will not naturally seek investment in communities where such legislation exists. As Major James H. Dooley pointed out in his admirable speech before the Corporation Committee the other day, it is the spirit of such legislation that scares investors. Outsiders naturally suppose that the laws of any community are fairly representative of the sentiment of the community and capital is not apt to go where it is unwelcome and where it is apt to find antagonism rather than encouragement.

Let us keep constantly in mind the fact that the States of the Union are now in competition with one another and if the corporation laws of some States are liberal and the laws of other States are harsh and exacting it is not hard to determine which States will get the greatest amount of outside capital seeking investment.

We think that one of the most serious blows that could be struck at the progress and industrial development of Virginia would be to engraft upon our organic law any provision which would indicate a disposition on the part of the people of Virginia to fight corporations. It was pointed out by all the gentlemen who addressed the Corporation Committee last Thursday that practically all the development in their several communities had been through corporations.

The corporation is the embodiment of the idea of organization, and organization is the handmaiden of civilization. When we fight the corporate idea we fight civilization and progress and it is to be hoped that Virginia will not take any such stand as this in an age in which organization is the predominant characteristic.—Richmond Times.

Hurrah For Nelson A. Miles.

Of course Gen. Nelson A. Miles had not the right, from the military point of view, to "dip in" the Schley-Sampson controversy.

But he said this—and he said it well—and down in this region of the republic we tip our hats to him that he did say it when he was under fire, as it were:

"In order that there may be no misunderstanding, I desire to say that for several years a distinguished and gallant officer has been assailed by parties who have endeavored to write him and other high officials down, until finally, he appealed against such assaults to a co-ordinate branch of the government. That co-ordinate branch of the government granted him a court of inquiry, and, as I understand it, they unanimously exonerated him from such epithets as coward, poltroon, etc., and their opinions were given to the public for the information of all citizens. When I said I had no sympathy with those who had endeavored to destroy the reputation of a high officer, who, like all other officers, regards his honor more sacred than life, I had in mind and referred to those assaults against which the admiral had appealed for protection and justification, and certainly not to a co-ordinate branch of the government."

The people of the South will never forgive Gen. Miles for putting shackles on the president of the Confederate States, but we cheerfully give him credit for having made a manly statement when a court of inquiry and public dismissal were hanging over his head.—Angusta Chronicle.

An Evangelist's Story.

"I suffered for years with a bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. Jas. Kirkman, evangelist of Belle River, Ill. "I have no hesitation in recommending it to all sufferers from maladies of this kind." One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all kinds of throat and lung troubles. For cough it is unequalled. Absolutely safe. Very pleasant to take, never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it.—J S Hughson & Co.

Exposition Races Outlawed.

New York, Dec. 27.—The statement that the Jockey club stewards have decided to "outlaw" all the owners, trainers and jockeys who continue to participate in the running races at Charleston industrial fair was officially affirmed at the office of the Jockey club today. It has been said that the decision of the governing turf body in the matter was not reached until after the horsemen had applied for an opinion as to their standing if they should race at Charleston. One of the officials of the Jockey club said today that the horsemen were warned before they ever went to Charleston, and were informed what the consequence would be if they raced there.

If a Woman wants to put out a fire she doesn't heap on oil and wood. She throws on water. Knowing that water quenches fire. When a woman wants to get well from diseases peculiar to her sex, she should not add fuel to the fire, already burning her life away. She should not take worthless drugs and potions composed of harmful narcotics and opiates. They do not cure the disease—they do not cure—they simply add fuel to the fire. Bradford's Female Regulator should be taken by every woman or girl who has the slightest suspicion of any of the ailments which afflict women. They will simply be wasting time until they take it. The Regulator is a purifying, strengthening tonic, which gets at the roots of the disease and cures the cause. It does not drug the pain, it eradicates it. It stops falling of the womb, leucorrhoea, inflammation, and periodical suffering, irregular, scanty or painful menstruation; and by doing all this drives away the hundred and one aches and pains which drain health and beauty, happiness and good temper from many a woman's life. It is the one remedy above all others which every woman should know about and use. \$1.00 per bottle at any drug store. Send for our free illustrated book. The Bradford Regulator Co. Atlanta, Ga.

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For State purposes, 5 mills. For County purposes, 3 mills. For School purposes, 3 mills.

Total levy, 11

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