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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT 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, and given publicity today, declared 1901 to be a "record breaker" among the five succeeding years of commercial expanison enjoyed by the United States. Its preeminence, the review stated, was all the more notable, because it suffered from a combination of happenings that in a normal year would have proved depressing Cabinet. if not disastrous. Enumerated in the He has latter were the machinists and steel strikes, the stock panic of May the failure of several imprudenty managed combinations, the efforts of some combinations, including that in copper, to fix prices, the shortage in corn, cotton and oats, and the assassination of President McKinley.

Summarizing the general situation The review said :

Briefly summarized, the year has seen transacted an aggregate of gener-al business, as reflected in bank clearings, far in excess of any preceding period; has winessed stock speculation, rampant beyond the dreams of old time brokers, checked and curtailed by one of the sharpest stock companies in history and yet, with a remarkable minimum of disturbance of general financial operations has watched general industry and production grow steadily until new and larger figures were needed to express the outputs of coal and ore and iron and steel and leather and lumber and a multitdue of other branches; has seen the freight transportation facilities of the country, strained to the breaking point, prove insufficient to handle the volume of business offered; and finally has witnessed a volume of holiday business passing all previous bounds both of quantity and quality, all of which are evidence of the vastly increased purchasing power of the general public of late years.

"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. a and net returns have gained 16 per cent. over the best preceding year. Pig iron production will be not far from one-seventh larger than the heaviest ever before recorded. Shoe produc-tion and shipments and therefore presumably leather production, show almost as large again. Iron ore production and shipments were never before equaled; certainly lake shipments were never so large; anthracite coal production will be fully 10 per cent. larger than last year and 5 per cent. heavier than the record. The bituminous production promises as heavy a gain over past records. Woolen manufacturing has been helped by low cost of material and good demand for clothing. All the returns are not so favorable. There has been less money in cotton for the south this year, and the margin of profit in manufacture has occasioned complaint there and in new and old England. The agricultural interest has been favored by heavy advances in farm products, which have done much to counterbalance reductions in yield. Export trade has shown signs of hesitation after years of steady advance, and imports have increased, but mainly in materials intended for domestic manufacture, and the margin in favor of exports is still enormously heavy." The bank clearings were estimated at ing The Review said: the past 13 years, in fact, were liabili- many of his predecessors. ties smaller than they were this year. business each year, and this alone furare now 172,000 more people in busiage and 52 per cent. in 1899 and 1898." As to prices The Review said : "Wheat has reached the highest point since 1898; corn and oats are higher than for almost a decade. and other produce has sympathized. Food products as a whole are higher than in the general price boom of 1900, while this respect being leather, textiles, coal and coke, naval stores, building whole are 8 per cent. lower than Feb-Hawaii as American territory.

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

He has antagonized and defied twothirds 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 Wisconsn, Postmaster General.

He has broken down every tradition of the Whte 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 announced very soon after he came to Washington that Federal officials who violated civil service laws would lose 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 Sec-retary Hay. Now he is trying to keep Hay. He has repeatedly exhibited those human qualities which most Presidents the jail. ast have successfully hidden or the by snubbing or otherwise ill treating men in public life who were understood to be candidates for President. The case of Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, is one in point. He persuad- drowned person floating face downed the members of the McKinley Cabinet to accept reappointments at his hands with the understanding that they were to remain during the full term of his administration. He has sedulously devoted himself to the task of freezing out those members of the alive, and the sad ending of the disap-Cabinet whom he does not happen to pearan like by treating them as high-priced down. clerks. \$118,000,000,000, a gain of 38 per cent. over last year and 26 per cent. over the record year of 1899. The middle hears in Washington. There are many States showed the greatest increases others that are being publicly discuss-in clearings. The failures for the ed. They will be heard from, howyear were placed at 10,775 with aggre- ever, before Congress ends its present gate liabilities of \$130,000,000 and session. Senators who occupy high assets of \$60,300,000. As to this show- places in the Republican party, and who have had disagreeable experiences "This is a gain of 8.6 per cent. in at the White House are not saying number over 1900 and of nearly 12 much about their troubles. They think per cent over 1899, but back of that it is too early in the new administrayear comparisons favor the current tion to make issues of the incidents year comparisons favor the current tion to make issues of the incidents one. Liabilities have not gained rela-which have caused them humiliation and an increase over the same period year before last 35,000. In the 118 days tively so heavily as shown by the fact and annoyance, but soon or later endurthat they are only 2.4 per cent. larger this year than last and 8.6 per cent. larger than in 1899. In only three of the power which has destroyed so year 55,000 and ahead of the same It cannot be said of the President A point often lost sight of is that that he is unconscious of the peril ing the past week has been 376,558 there is a constant accession of new which is threatening him, for, if his bales against 357,697 for the seven individuals, firms and corporations in public acts can be taken as a criterion, he is inviting it. Men who hailnishes a basis for the recording of ed his advent to the White House with numerous unsuccessful ventures. There rejoicing and who predicted for him a successful administration are now nesss than there were a decade ago, either secretly or openly arrayed and Potomac rivers to northern mills an increase of 16 per cent., but fail- against him. They are charging that ures have only increased 5 per cent. he does everything upon impulse and in number during that period and not after consideration of the conse-liabilities are only 20 per cent. larger. quences of his acts. They charge, A continuing unfavorable feature is the small percentage of assest to lia-bilities. It is only 46.4 per cent. this successful one, regardless of promises year, as gainst 47.2 per cent. a year 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 manufacturers are lower, notable in all in and the merits of the case against the Admiral had been disclosed, it is known that he believed Admimaterials, chemicals and drugs and ral Schley was the victim of a conmiscellaneous products. Prices as a spiracy and that he said he held whole are 8 per cent. lower than Feb- Crowninshield, Chadwick and some ruary, 1900, and December, 1898, but others responsible for it. Since then are higher than in any year from 1893 others responsible for it. Since then his close confidants have been men identified with the navy clique and his In summarizing the foreign trade views have undergone a change. His the review declared that there had order to the commandant of the Brookbeen a falling off in the demand lyn navy vard to secure the resignation abroad for American iron, steel and of Historian Maclay, intended to be copper, a loss in profits in cotton ex- a stop to public opinion, has lost ports owing to the decline in prices, much of its effect on account of his a reduction in the exports of corn and brutal and unprecedented assault upon oats, phenomenal wheat shipments, Gen. Miles There is a singular and larger shipments of animals and unanimity of opinion among public provisions. Exports were estimated men in Washington since the publicaat \$1,435,000,000 or 1 per cent. less tion of the correspondence between than the record of last year. This the Secretary of War and Gen. Miles calculation treated Puerto Rico and in the newspapers this morning that the President transcended all bounds of reason and dignity in his treat-"Imports have gained slightly-they ment of the General of the army. His will aggregate at least \$875,000,000, a treatment of the General at the White

NELL CROPSEY MYSTERY SOLVED. The Body Found Floating in the ly printed two interesting items of Pasquotank River.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 27 .-Five weeks of mystery and speculation companies for vioaltion of the anti-as to the fate of Miss Nellie Cropsey trust law, it will lose naturally a conterminated 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 seek a renewal of their permits, but 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 franchise tax hitherto paid by these and Coroner Fearing had the body companies. We are further told that brought to the shore. When found of the seven domestic brewing compathe body was floating face downward. nies whose charters were forfeited, All the wearing apparel was intact only two have filed new charters. 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 amendments thereto filed is 1,343, the in a state of good preservation and aggregate capital represented being little decomposed. The body was \$277,088,000. In 1899 and in 1900 the easily identified as that of Nell number of charters filed averaged Cropsey by all who had known her in about 550 and the capital represented life. The spot where the body was in each was about \$28,000,000. The found had been dragged several times excess is largely due to the exploitasince 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 mend to the attention of the members absolutely to give out any information until after they make their report to the coroner's jury, which convened at

verdict. The jury has been in almost continuous secret session since the finding the spirit of such legislation that 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 their places. He reappointed United States District Attorney Vaughn, of Alabama, who was clearly proved to where the jury is in session and The states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building where the jury is in session and the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building where the jury is in session and the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building and where it is apt to find antagonism the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building and where it is apt to find antagonism the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states District Attorney Vaughn, of the academy of music building the states D 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 sucide.

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 gentlemen who addressed the Corpora-

A Lesson From Texas.

The New York Evening Post recentnews from Texas. One is from Austin and says that although the State treasury has profited materially, by the penalties enacted, from the brewing siderable sum in another way. It is understood that the three foreign breweries which forfeited their perwill hereafter do only an interstate business in Texas. The State will therefore lose the revenue from the

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 in each was about \$28,000,000. The tion of the oil fields, but there was an increase in almost all lines of indus-

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 legisla-

tion to corporations which we comof the Constitutional Convention of Virginia. Capital will not naturally seek investment in communities where 9 o'colck tonight after an adjournment at 6 o'clock without reaching any verdict. tion Committee the other day, it is scares investors. Outsiders naturally suppose that the laws of any community are fairly representive of the sentiment of the community and capital is not apt to go where it is unwelcome

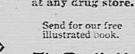
Let us keep constantly in mind the fact that the States of the Union are now in competition with one another and if the corporation laws of some Published in the United States for Demo-States are liberal and the laws of other States are harsh and exacting it is not hard to determine which States will 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 Virignia to fight corpora-tions. It was pointed out by all the tion Committee last Thursday that tion Committee last Thursday that practically all the development in their several communities had been A liberal commission to agents. Sample The family of the dead girl refnses practically all the development in

If a Woman

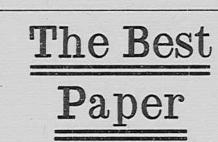
wants to put out a fire she coesn't i heap on cil and wood. She throws on water.knowing that water quenches fire. When a woman wants to get well from diseases peculiar to her sex, she should not add fuel to the fire already burning her life away. She should not take worthless drugs and potions composed of harmful narcotics and opiates. They do not check 6 the disease-they do not cure it-they simply add fuel to the fire.

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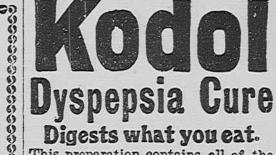
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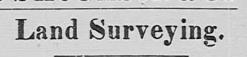
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The mother of the girl is completely prostrated and little can be done on the part of relatives and friennds to comfort her. She has watched daily, hoping for the return of her daughter pearance has completely broken her

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

| Hester's | Cotton | Statement. |
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New Orleans, Dec. 27.-Secretary Hester's weekly statement issued to-day shows for the 27 days of December a decrease under last year of 21,000. days year before last 574,0000.

The amount brought into sight dur-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 Canada 531,816 against 684,305: 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 566,442 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 and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the new crop the supply to date is 6,720,905 against 6,539,126 for the same period last year.

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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 grarted 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 officrs, regards his honor more sacred than life, I had in mind and referred to those asaults 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.-Augusta Chronicle.

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as follows: For State purposes, 5 mills. 3 mills. For County purposes, For School purposes, 3 mills.

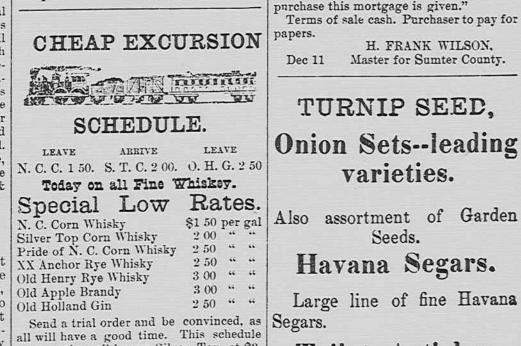
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"Situate, lying and being in the city and county of Sumter, in the State of South Carolina, bounded north by lot No. 30, measuring thereon one hundred and two and one-half feet, east by Brand street of said city, measuring thereon fifty feet; south by lot of J. D. Blanding, measuring thereon one hundred and two and one-half feet, being the lot purchased from J. D. Blanding, deed recorded in Book N. N. N. 443, for which balance of purchase this mortgage is given."

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