

Business in 1922 Discussion of Conditions by the National Bank of Commerce, New York

Conditions in the United States today indicate that the year 1922 as a whole will be more satisfactory to business than the year just ended. Our forecast is that profits will depend more on economy of operation than on expansion of volume. With the many favorable factors now operating, business men should not fear to make plans for the new year, but they should plan with care and conservatism, and with constant effort toward reduction of costs.

Financial improvement continues. Progress has been made in reduction of excess stocks of manufactured goods. Accumulations of raw materials have been reduced. The rate of production in the major industries has shown little change during the closing weeks of the year. Losses in some lines have been offset by gains in others, the net result being that the gains over the low level of the earlier months of 1921 have been held.

Cats and Dogs. Swift is said to have originated the saying, "Raining cats and dogs," in an old verse at least, so some say. But there is also another version.

Birmingham Lawyer Whipped by Mob. Birmingham, Dec. 29.—The police authorities are unable to find any clue of the masked mob who lured W. E. Tulin, a lawyer, to Red Mountain and flogged him because he refused to remarry his divorced wife.

Riddled With Bullets. Man Taken From Jail by Key West Mob. Key West, Fla., Dec. 26.—Manuel Head, who barricaded in the cupola of a house last night stood off a mob of armed Key West citizens after he had shot and killed William Decker, was taken from the county jail this morning by another crowd and riddled with bullets.

Make Changes in Greenville. Greenville, Dec. 28.—Business changes affecting men widely known in textile circles were announced here today. On January 1, the Mill Stocks and Bonds Brokerage firm of Mills & Manning will be dissolved and will be succeeded by the firm of Mills & Lewis.

Estimate Food Supply Weekly. New Bulletin Shows How to Adapt Food Needs of Ideal Family to Any Household and How to Buy Economically. Housekeepers often feel the need of some simple plan by which the foods used in their families can be compared in kind and in amount with those really needed. This calls for a standard or model that may be used as a guide in the selection of foods for any family at any season of the year and under any market conditions.

Lenine's Return to Russia. Riga, Latvia, Dec. 5.—Karl Radek, the Bolshevik writer and propagandist, has published an article in the Moscow Pravda's edition celebrating the fourth anniversary of the Lenin revolution in which Radek denies the widely-circulated story that the Bolshevik revolution in Russia was financed by German gold.

Banking Position.

The last twelve months have witnessed great progress toward stable financial conditions in business. Combined gold reserves of the twelve federal reserve banks have increased by more than 40 per cent.

Major Barwald Deplores Narrow-minded Critics.

The antagonistic attitude and criticism offered by New York and Chicago physicians to the work of Dr. Adolf Lorenz, the eminent Austrian surgeon, in behalf of the children of America, is not only regrettable, but deplorable.

Wage Reduction Proposed.

Peru, Ind., Dec. 29.—Joseph Flintercraft has confessed to killing his wife and burying her body beneath his house, the police state. He said he was angered because his wife did not return home Saturday night.

Hughes Confer With Harding.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Secretary of State Hughes today held a long conference with President Harding, presumably over the recent developments in the arms conference.

Brutal Murder in Indiana.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 29.—A general wage reduction for all employees of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway is proposed in a letter from President Cole to the employees.

Drunkenness in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The annual report of the municipal courts of Chicago showed that drunkenness increased last year. Fifty thousand, three hundred persons were arrested for intoxication during 1921, against thirty-two thousand, three hundred and five in 1920.

Improved Farm Machinery Needed.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Wayne Dinsmore, secretary of the horse association of America, told the American Society of Engineers that farm experts failed to increase the efficiency of farm motive power and that it should be popularized.

Christian Ideals.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Miss Madeline Southard told the International Purity Conference that adequate sex instruction should be given the youth of the country, but said that knowledge alone failed to supply the motive to insure people taking the right road.

The Lowly Corn cob.

The corn cob is coming into its own. Once upon a day it was good for fuel, and some of the finest examples of it were used to make corn cob pipes.

Flower Turns Night Into Day.

One of the strangest flowers, and one that is not often seen, because it only blossoms after night has fallen, and then withers before dawn comes, is the ceruus.

Barber Invented the First Organ.

More than two thousand years ago a barber in Alexandria discovered that in moving his mirror air was forced through the tubes which were common in mirrors at that time.

Reduced Passenger Rates.

On January 1, 1922, passengers and shippers will realize a very substantial reduction in the amount paid for freight and passenger transportation on account of the removal of the tax on transportation effective on that date.

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