

STEADINESS CHARACTERIZES AMERICAN INDUSTRY, SAYS LAMONT IN ANNUAL REPORT

Secretary of Commerce Finds Record Production in Past Fiscal Year—Commodity Prices Remain Normal Despite Business Activity

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—American industry produced more goods during the last fiscal year than in any previous period, export trade reached a new high level, and prices remained normal despite intense business activity, Secretary of Commerce Lamont said in his annual report today.

Picturing America's economic life during the year ending June 30, Lamont said it was characterized by "steadiness." He noted the absence of both "sharp booms" and "sharp slumps." Building construction and its allied industries alone failed to achieve the prosperity of the preceding year.

Along with intense activity in industry, Lamont noted "some improvement in the agricultural situation." Gross income from farm products, \$12,527,000,000, exceeded that of any fiscal year since 1920-21 with the exception of 1925-26, he said. It was approximately one-third more than in 1921-22.

The index of manufactured commodities compiled by the Federal Reserve board, Lamont said, showed them at 117 during the last fiscal year, taking conditions in 1923-25 as a normal of 100.

Commodity Prices Stable
Commodity prices, he said, have been very stable in recent years. Because of this, he pointed out, the expanding sales volume of department stores, chain stores and mail-order houses, reveal not only a larger public expenditure for goods, but also an increase in the number of commodities bought.

Workers engaged in manufacturing necessities of life have decreased in proportion to those making non-essential goods and rendering services indicative of "a higher standard of living," Lamont said. Since 1920, he explained, there has been a trend of employment away from the factory toward service occupations. However, this has recently been checked and during the last fiscal year the number of factory employees increased over the previous one.

"The general increase in the production of farm, factory, and mineral commodities in the United States during recent years, in the face of a stationary or even slightly declining number of workers in these fields, is the effect of steady improvement in the efficiency of American industry," he said.

"This advance in efficiency, although possibly more marked since the war than before it, is nevertheless merely a continuation of a long historical process of economic advance."

Despite the high activity of business during the last fiscal year prices have not moved upward, Lamont said. Steadiness has obtained in both the wholesale and retail fields. After the necessary post-war adjustment from swollen prices, the cost of living has not varied more than five or six per cent in recent years, he added.

And Now, Dr. Park, Let Us See You Play Like Manero

"And the reason I watched the national Catalina open golf tournament Friday, Saturday and Sunday was so that I might bring back mental images of the big players in action and then come back to Vegas and emulate their example."

Dr. Wm. S. Park was speaking, and it was after his return from California, where he saw Tony Manero, "dark horse" from Boston, win first place in the tourney.

"I learned a great deal about the fine points of the game, and enjoyed myself thoroughly," said Dr. Park. He returned late Sunday.

There was \$7500 in prizes at stake in the meet.

First Woman Senator Takes Air Ride at 94

CARTERSVILLE, Ga., Dec. 16. (AP)—Mrs. Rebecca Latimer Felton, first woman to sit in the United States senate, has made her initial air trip at the age of 94.

Mrs. Felton was a passenger on the Goodyear dirigible Vigilant when it stopped here for a brief visit. At first she declined to make the trip but consented after she saw how gracefully the ship landed.

TEMPER WAS COSTLY
Discharged by a motor sales company of South Bend, Ind., Donald Clarke threw an inkwell through a plate glass window. That little display of temper cost him a court fine of only \$410.

Shock Absorbers on Ash Cans for Nerves

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 16. (AP)—To save wear and tear on your nerves, put shock absorbers on your ash cans, suggests Francis E. Fronczak, Buffalo's health commissioner.

The simplest method is to place rubber or hempen mats on the sidewalks where the ash collectors drop the cans. However, that might be a temptation to some economically-minded neighbor to procure his shoe absorbers when the owners fail to be on the look-out.

Therefore, Fronczak suggests that the mats be nailed, glued, tied or otherwise permanently fastened to the bottoms of the cans.

One of the fustak wagers of the football season was made by a Columbia, S. C., man at odds of one to ten and won in amazing fashion. This bold spirit bet that Clemson would score more touchdowns in its annual game with South Carolina than the number of first downs credited to the university team. He won the wager, although the score of the game was 21 to 14. Clemson scored three touchdowns, while South Carolina gained only two first downs, both touchdowns being made on long runs after intercepted forward passes.

Some free trader advances the theory that by putting a tariff on green vegetables we are going to deprive the American people of their vitamins and subject them to scurvy, and next we expect to read that the tariff on stockings has created an epidemic of housemaid's knee.

Moral: Don't Withdraw Funds 'Til Checks Paid

Charge Against T. E. Kirby Dismissed; Money Was In Bank When He Wrote Check in Question.

Because he ceased working in Las Vegas and withdrew his funds from a local bank before a six dollar check he had written had been cashed by the bank, T. E. Kirby was brought back to Las Vegas from Salt Lake City and arraigned before Justice of the Peace Roger Foley yesterday.

The misdemeanor charge which had been filed against him was dropped after the hearing had brought out the fact that there was sufficient money in the bank at the time the check was written. Kirby having withdrawn \$171 from the bank when he left town.

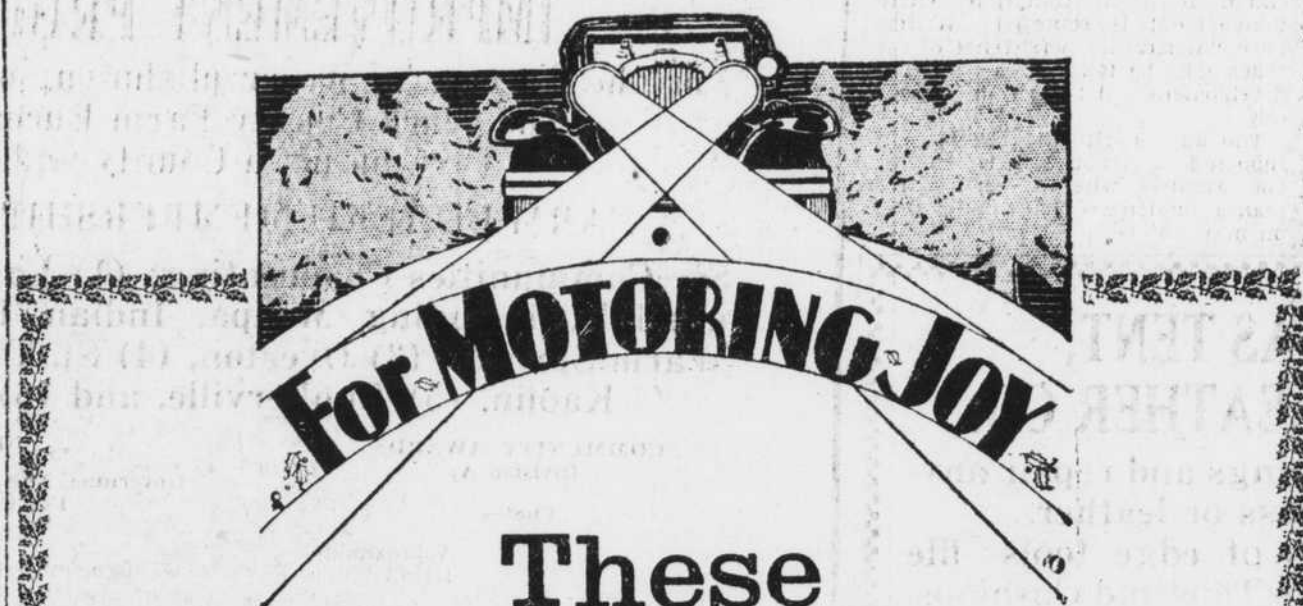
The check was written on Saturday, December 7, and at 2:30 p. m. Monday he withdrew the money. The six dollars due L. L. Arnette, of the Boulder Drug company, who filed the complaint, has been paid.

Kirby was honorably discharged from his employ with the Union Pacific because of slackness in the work, it was stated yesterday, and had gone to Salt Lake City.

A. W. Ham of the firm of Ham and Taylor represented Kirby.

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A new member of the Age staff is Walt Steele, former Oklahoma and Kansas newspaperman. Steele will devote his time exclusively to advertising.

Democrat mourns that "it has been a long time since our party found its way to the feed trough." Well, even that fact suggests compensation; it isn't likely to be troubled with indigestion.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Divorce in bolshevist Russia used to be free but now is costs twenty-five cents to get one. Here is another base surrender to capitalism.

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