

CORNER IS TURNED
AND COUNTRY FACES
ERA OF PROSPERITY

Dr. Pratt, Chief of U. S. Commerce Bureau, Tells Bankers "World Markets" Are Replacing the "Home Market."

REAL TRADE BALANCE
FOR THE UNITED STATES

Period of Export Capitalism Has Come, Says Dr. Pratt, and We Are at Point of Expanding Into World Markets.

Chicago, January 20.—Rather than face the penitentiary as a confessed forger, Charles Ledowsky, 21 years old, president of the Fox River Distilling Company, for which a receiver appointed him, was found and killed himself in a trash can just as it reached Chicago today. The Continental and Commercial Bank, which was the heaviest loser of a dozen banks that have handled Ledowsky's papers, after receiving the news, paid him \$10,000. Most of the receipts and money were recovered.

Ledowsky confessed his forgeries to his attorney ten days ago, according to Dr. W. E. Pratt, a note broker, who helped to expose the scheme referred to in bankruptcy.

"I do not know what he thought to do when he got to the penitentiary," said Dr. Pratt.

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Foreign Investment in the United States has tripled in the last four years, from \$60,000,000, with an annual interest of \$350,000,000, constituting a fixed charge on our foreign debts. The United States can invest abroad produced a revenue yearly of only \$76,000,000, reducing the balance of trade with the United States on this count to \$276,000,000. American tourist traffic also poured millions into Europe, and foreign visitors were added to the 1914 figure of approximately \$184,000,000. Foreign investment in the United States at least \$160,000,000, and foreign shipping companies collected freight from American foreign commerce amounting to \$220,000,000.

The result of all these invisible factors during the fiscal year of 1914, Dr. Pratt said, was a net annual actual excess of remittances over re-

ceipts of \$55,000,000.

Trade with Europe.

The change began on July 1, 1914, he said, and by December 31, 1914, the foreign trade balance was \$182,000,000, due to the fact that the United States found merchandise, gold and silver. At the same time came "a period of intense demand for capital for reconstruction purposes, and the result was that the capital available for investment failed to meet other forgeries.

WOMAN WHO OWNED
CHICAGO FIRE COW
GOES INTO BEYOND

Eastman, Mich., January 21.—Mrs. Mary L. Ladd, who for 15 years owned a little farm house near here, is dead. Her neighbors declare she was the woman whose cow was credited with having caused the great Chi-

go fire.

Texas Tenant Farmers

Are But Little Better
Than Peons in Mexico

Austin, Texas, January 20.—"Tenant farmers in Texas, under present conditions, are little better than peons in Mexico," declared Governor James E. Ferguson, in his first message to the Legislature yesterday. He urged that land rents be limited to one-fourth the value of crops, and that one-third of the value of grain, with certain exceptions.

The message did not mention prohibition.

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"ATLANTA FOR CHRIST" TO BE REVIVAL SLOGAN

Religious Census of the Entire
City Will Be Taken on
January 30.

Dr. Marion McH. Hull, chairman of the executive committee in charge of the Chapman-Alexander evangelistic meetings, which will be held in Atlanta during the four weeks beginning February 14, announced Wednesday that on the afternoon of January 30 there will be taken a religious census of the entire city. The census is planned to complete the census in two hours and it will be the first of its kind ever made in this city.

Arrangements have been arranged by the committee to make this census the most complete count of its sort ever taken in an American city. Every home in Atlanta will be visited by a corps of trained evangelists who will make a complete census of the religious affiliations of each household that is expected to help materially in making the meetings the one of the most successful ever held in the south. The slogan of the gatherings will be "Atlanta for Christ."

On the afternoon of the day set for census, M. A. Hale will be in command of the work. Chapman and Alexander will divide the entire city into wards and at the head of each will be a captain. The wards will be further divided, one of which will suffice a lieutenant. There will be sufficient census-takers scattered over the division to make it possible for each city block. Through this systematic arrangement it is hoped to cover the entire city.

It was announced also by Dr. Hull that Brigadier Andrew Crawford, commanding the 10th Cavalry, will be in Atlanta, had been named an additional member of the executive committee to take charge of the street meetings, which will be held in connection with the campaign.

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Hotel Manager Held
On Girl's Testimony;
Informant Is Freed

As a reward for "spinning" on the Edgewood hotel, 104 Edgewood avenue, Mrs. Jane Mashburn, the West Point girl, well-known for her devotion of a week to the Atlanta stage, was given a vaudeville stage, one year ago, and later forsoaking the "sey footlights" to make a home in Atlanta, was given a room in the Forsyth theater, was allowed to go free by Recorder George E. Johnson yesterday afternoon.

W. C. Kassner, hotel manager of the Edgewood hotel, was bound over to the superior court under the charge of a grand jury, directed to his house. His bond was assessed at \$200.

The manager's young wife, Mrs. Hilda Kassner, who was in trial for her husband's failing the same charge was allowed to go free by Recorder John Johnson.

The investigation of the Edgewood hotel was precipitated Monday afternoon when Kassner, called to the hotel and asked to come out of the hotel by Mashburn, whom she said was drunk and disorderly.

THAW AGENTS ARE HERE.
Working for New Law, Which
Would Free Prisoner.

Agents stating that they are in the employ of lawyers representing Harry K. Tamm, Atlanta, are asking signatures to a petition to congress asking for the enactment of a law directing all states to prohibit the sale of any crime in one state to return to his own state. They state that already 200 signatures have been obtained on the back of the petition are reproduced news articles and editorials proving the clemency of the alleged prisoner of Thaw.

FORMER ATLANTIAN HERE
AT BOTTLES' MEETING

A prominent member of the South Carolina delegation attending the Coca-Cola Bottlers' convention at the Piedmont hotel is J. W. Allen, a well-known Atlanta attorney, born in Sparta, S.C., who was a resident in Atlanta for 10 years.

Mr. Allen declares he was surprised at Atlanta's wonderful growth. At the time he left the city the city had less than 35,000 inhabitants.

INDIANA SOCIETY WILL
GIVE BIG DINNER-DANCE

The Indiana society, one of the strongest state organizations in Atlanta, will give a big dinner-dance on Tuesday night in the Hotel Andley.

Manager William R. Secker is a native of Indiana and has been a member of the society for 10 years.

Other features besides the dancing will be a cabaret entertain-

ment.

\$15,000 MONEY ORDERS
RECEIVED IN ATLANTA

Checks for \$15,000 were sent to Atlanta banks Wednesday by Postmaster General Frank L. Steiner. The orders received from out-of-town points. The money orders making this record figure were sent to Atlanta by the department stores of Atlanta and then deposited with the banks.

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ATLANTA PHYSICIAN TO SERVE AMERICAN RED CROSS HOSPITAL

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the city.

He will be in Atlanta January 30.

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