

**General Business Conditions**

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The German financial crisis has had a restraining effect upon hopes that autumn business expansion might be more rapid or greater than usual, the monthly review of business published by The National City Bank of New York declares. The review points out that Germany is the third largest buyer of American goods, and that the effects of her difficulties in varying ways and degrees extend over the world.

"There is no reason to fear that business revival will be compelled to wait for complete removal of all the obstacles opposed to it, for necessities must be supplied and trade goes on despite handicaps and over barriers, and the millenium of a perfectly organized world whose people always behave rationally is not within reach. Nevertheless, the month's foreign news offers disappointing evidence of the seriousness of the difficulties which remain to be dealt with, after nearly two years, of depression and of the problems to be solved in restoring world trade and international capital movements to normal.

"Under this sobering view of world conditions the stimulus given to the markets by the moratorium proposal has been largely lost during July and business has been generally dull. The filling of necessary needs for articles of everyday use enables the industries which supply those wants to make a good showing. On shoes, woolens, silks, rayons, cotton goods and tires, production has come a long

ways from the bottom and has been running larger than a year ago. Among the major industries these are the chief support of business both as to volume and profit, at the present time. The heavy industries, however, are down and the amount of their contribution to the business total is so great that the composite seasonally adjusted indexes which measure activity have declined, after due allowance for the usual summer recession. Some have found a new statistical bottom for the depression, below even their December-January level."

The review adds that the seasonal decline in retail trade is evident this year as usual, but that the volume of goods sold by the only stores for which figures are available—department and chain stores—has continued to run ahead of last year, though dollar sales have been smaller.

Based on its compilations, the bank reports that aggregate net profits, after all charges but before dividends, of 325 industrial and merchandising corporations for the first half of the current year, amounted to approximately \$353,000,000, against \$639,000,000 for the same period of last year, a decline of 45 per cent. Compared with the same period two years ago, the decline amounted to 62 per cent.

The review notes that the stability of the domestic money market was not disturbed during July and that little of an eventful nature occurred despite the critical developments which brought sharp advances in rates in many foreign countries.

"The foreign section of the bond market during July reflected the

shock to investment confidence caused by the European financial crisis and by such unfavorable news as the deferment of payments on Chilean bonds, which is significant of the problems created in the debtor nations of Latin America by shrinking government revenues and the difficulty of obtaining foreign exchange," the review continues.

After reviewing completely the German financial situation, the review calls attention to the resolution of the London conference to create an inquiry committee to study the possibilities of converting a portion of the short term credits into long-term credits. On this subject the review says:

"Under existing conditions the German problem clearly is that of maintaining short-term credits rather than of obtaining conversion into long-term obligations. In view of the prices now prevailing for German bonds in all markets the suggestion of long-term credits must be regarded as impracticable until the credit status of Germany is more definitely established. It is hardly to be supposed that new long-term credits can be negotiated which will be subordinate to the obligation to make reparations payments. When the first German loan was floated under the Dawes Plan, for the purpose of providing funds for establishing the new Reichsbank and currency system, the bonds were made a specific first charge on all payments provided for under the plan of the Dawes committee to or for the account of the Agent-General for Reparation Payments, such charges being prior to reparation and other treaty payments."

**D. A. R. Better Films Committee Review**

As this column goes to press our local theatre is closed and there will have to be some readjustment of programs. We are much concerned over the possibility of missing "Daddy Long Legs" but should we be deprived of the showing on Wednesday and Thursday as expected, we are promised it will be shown both Friday and Saturday. A very satisfactory picture for a junior matinee. Other features engaged for the week to come are "Lawyer's Secret," an outstanding film with an interesting cast of screen personalities, Clive Brook, Richard Arlen, Charles Rogers, and Fay Wray. Concentration is centered on the story itself and the direction most excellent. Mature for the very young, but thought-producing for youths. "Annabelle's Affairs" a hilariously funny comedy with an unconvincing plot, and fraught with intoxication. Has an unwholesome influence and not recommended. "Vice Squad" is an expose of police systems whereby a man is forced to act as stool-pigeon for the illegally operated vice squad.

We have saved the best for the last "Donovan's Kid" will bring delight to the entire family. It is from the story "Big Brother" by Rex Beach. Jackie Cooper is again the capable little actor and lovable kid. The racketeering element is present but only incidental, and there are tears and laughter a plenty. Richard Dix is the father. A treat for the family is "Donovan's Kid."

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