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## 'NO COMPROMISE,' EBERT TELLS BERLIN

### PUT MILLION IN HOME BUILDING FOR WORKERS

Officials of LaFayette Motors Company Aim to Relieve House Famine.

### WIDE EFFECT LIKELY

Articles of incorporation for a million dollar housing corporation to erect homes for workers at the new LaFayette motors factory were filed with the secretary of state this afternoon.

The company is to be known as the LaFayette Building Company. Elmer W. Stout, M. J. Moore and L. C. Huesman signed the incorporation papers.

This is the first definite step toward reviving the housing situation in Indianapolis and the men behind the project expect it to have a far-reaching effect on the future of the city.

When the LaFayette Motors Company savings into full production the plant will bring in 2,000 skilled workers to the city. They must have homes.

Actuated by civic impulse as well as for the welfare of the factory, the LaFayette company, after a survey of housing conditions, decided on the home building project.

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### PAYMENT PLAN FOR HOUSES

It is expected that upon the construction of the houses the company will be liquidated within seven years by the completion of all installments on sales of houses to members of the LaFayette organization.

Upon completing a house the company proposes to sell it on the basis of a substantial down payment and a monthly payment equal to 1 per cent of the unpaid balance. In this way the purchaser will have the house half paid for within four years, and then can make a straight mortgage and pay off the company if he wishes; or, if he prefers to continue the payment, the entire debt will be liquidated in approximately seven years. This is virtually the plan followed by successful building and loan associations throughout the country.

There are already approximately fifty homes in the neighborhood of the plant, but the new homes to be built will be of modern type, embodying all of the latest in the art of building, appreciated by the skilled type of men which the LaFayette company will attract.

"Knowing that men who appreciate fine work also appreciate fine homes," said E. C. Howard, vice president of the LaFayette company, "it is our hope and intention that the community center to be developed in the vicinity of our plant shall be better than the majority of the divisions, in attractiveness of layout and architecture and wholesome living conditions. In no sense of the word will it be what is commonly known as an 'industrial community.' It is the intention of our leaders in the company and division heads ultimately to make their homes in this section."

We have many applications from men in the cities in the million population less who are anxious to come to Indianapolis. (Continued on Page Five.)

Find \$100,000 Bonds in Chicago Pig Sty

CHICAGO, March 16.—A water-soaked sack containing approximately \$100,000 in Liberty and other bonds was dug up in a pig sty on the farm of Guy Wadsworth by detectives. It was believed the lost was the result of ten Indiana robberies.

### DENIES MURDER



### BOY TREMBLES AS HE HEARS MURDER CHARGE

Francis White, 17, Nervously Pleads Not Guilty to Killing Grocer.

### INSANITY IS DEFENSE

Francis Marion White, 17-year-old alleged slayer of John P. Aughinbaugh, aged grocer, stood before Judge James A. Collins in criminal court today and pleaded not guilty to murder.

He was nervous while his attorney, John J. James, spoke to the judge that the boy would stand trial by judge.

Dressed in coarse brown clothes, the boy was pale from weeks spent in jail. His face twitched as he told his age. The crime was committed on the morning of Jan. 28, and he was 17 on March 10. He said he had lived three years in Indianapolis, coming from the city and aldey by the new German community. He declared he was a model prisoner. He never complains and talks but little—never about the crime, they said.

### INSANITY PLEA TO BE DEFENSE

It was reported that an insanity plea would be made in his defense by Judge Collins.

Aughinbaugh, known in the neighborhood as "Uncle Charlie," and was especially idolized by children who lived near his little grocery store at 1102 South Sheffield avenue.

White, according to his purported confession to the detectives two days after the murder, went to "Uncle Charlie's" grocery for a present ham on the morning of Jan. 28, 1920.

At first the aged grocer is said to have refused the boy credit, because of an unpaid bill. The kind heart of the old man softened after an argument with the lad and he consented to give the boy the meat of credit.

White claims that while Aughinbaugh was weighing out the meat, the grocer taunted him about his father not paying his bill. White asserts that this so angered him that he lost his self-control, picked up an iron bar on the counter and struck the grocer over the head.

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