

MIDDLE WEST

**LABOR BETTER
OFF THAN EAST**

Chicago Federal Reserve Survey Shows Conditions
Not Abnormal.

PAY GENERALLY SAME

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Unemployment has increased steadily in the Middle West during the last month while the volume of business has declined. The Seventh Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago re-

Michigan, Missouri and portions

While men are more plentiful than last year, the report stated that the amount of idleness is not greater at the present time than at this period in the winter of 1914.

90 per cent of the men employed in the steel plants have been thrown out of idleness, the report found.

"The labor scarcity in the steel districts of a few months ago has vanished," the report said, "and men are everywhere seeking employment every morning."

Those engaged in building lines estimated that 90 per cent of the men are out of work.

**FARM SITUATION
REMAINS SAME.**

"Workmen who were attracted to the in-

homes," the report stated, "but

The survey finds that in some basic industries little complaint is heard of unemployment. The United Fruit company, for example, was operating with normal forces. "Speaking generally," the statement said, "wages have not been changed many terms of years." The statement also was made in order that total unemployment may be avoided.

Railroad shop forces were being cut rapidly, it was mentioned, and this is manifesting itself more particularly among larger trunk lines leading to the eastward.

The survey also emphasized that the letdown in business activity in the Middle West appeared to be less than is being

west appeared to be less than experienced in the East.

Distinctly uneven declines in industrial prices are factors in retarding business recovery.

"The recession in prices, which has not readily manifested itself in foodstuffs and textiles, is reported extending to other commodities," says a recent survey found, "but there are industries which have experienced little if any reduction in prices."

Other findings were:

- Few people are buying automobiles.
- And with the exception of some of the large firms, the automobile industry is either closed or operating on a small scale with the result that the production is less than 20 per cent normal.

Rollerblades are buying little rollerblades, although the purchasing of rollerblades continues. The car loadings have

eased up since the middle of Oct.

In nearly every section stores are attempting to liquidate their stock through special sales and the buying is from the north.

Cancellation of orders has been large in all lines of merchandise. Merchant reports liquidation of debts "very slow." The household business shows considerable decrease.

Farmers are withholding their grain from the market, due to the readjustment of market values. Forty per cent of the wheat crop is still in the farmers' hands.

Chattel loan companies are facing the problem of financing the winter needs of the poor. The winter business is carrying some of last winter's advances as shrinkages in market values have

wiped out a great many equities

SAME FINDINGS IN ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 30.—Further price declines, a tendency of business to slow down and an increase in unemployment marked the last thirty days in the St. Louis Federal Reserve district, for the States of Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee, according to the report of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis today.

4, Struck by Autos, Reported Injured

Ed Bender was cut by broken glass while riding in an automobile driven

while riding in an automobile of

James W. Kelly, 245 S. Michigan street, was injured when his automobile was struck by a cattle truck at Washington street and White River last night. The truck did not stop after the accident.

John J. Schneider, 1445 Union street, was injured when struck by an automobile at Meridian and Georgia streets. She was taken home in a taxicab. J. Schneider said her knee was dislocated.

John Flaherty, 1445 Union street, was hit by an automobile driven by O. H. Hansen, 220 Beville avenue. The accident occurred at Washington and Meridian streets. Flaherty was taken to the City Hospital but his injuries are not serious.

Clinton, Mott, 24, negro, 312 West Virginia street, was injured when his automobile was struck by a cattle truck while crossing Michigan street and Canal. Mott suffered a severe scalp wound.

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Richmond Scene of Federal Agents Work

tions that the scope of the investigation should include the sale and

to be made from cane and straw and other inferior liquors, the sale of which is prohibited by law. The medicine containing more than the legal amount of alcohol.

A number of stills in the county have been seized by Federal agents within the last two days.

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Couple End Lives

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—After packing their trunks and dressing in their bedroom in Guest 87, an inventor, and his wife, Augusta, 80, opening a gas jet and died in a Brooklyn rooming house.

Police believe the aged couple became desecrated because royalties on the inventor's patents had been stopped and they faced poverty.

PHOTO BY AP.

Negro Swing to

NEGRO SWUNG TO TREE
MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 30.—J. B. Harris, negro, was lynched by a mob today near Princeton, following an attack on a white woman. He was identified by his victim and led into a nearby forest, where, it was reported, the body was left hanging to a tree.