

AUTO TRADE IN STEADY GAIN, REPORTS SHOW

Large Plants Have Increased
Sales During Month of
August.

FALL OUTLOOK IS GOOD

DETROIT, Sept. 9.—Some of the more important automobile manufacturing plants in this State are steadily increasing their activities, while others are still awaiting the opportunity to do so.

When the industry is taken as a whole there is no doubt there is an improvement, which, in a number of cases, is very material.

Take, for instance, the Packard Motor Car Company. Official data shows during the first half of August its truck sales gained 50 per cent over those for the first half of July.

That is decidedly a good indication as to business picking up, because the truck purchasers would not be spending money now were it not that their business has been and continues to be better.

Passenger car sales of the company show an increase of 75 per cent over July, first half, on one model, and 60 per cent increase on the other model, or a total general average of nearly 60 per cent on all Packard sales.

Production of one of the two passenger car models was one month behind ten days ago. Generally speaking, the 325 Packard dealers and distributors in the country all reported better business for the first half of the month.

In Pontiac, the production at the Oakland Motorcar Company and at the General Motors Truck Company has been increasing and sales are reported to be much better.

The Oakland is planning to make about 125 cars a day of one of their models within a short time. The truck company is averaging fifteen to twenty trucks a day now.

From Lansing comes the report that by the end of September the Olds Motor Works expect to be operating at 50 per cent of capacity. At present the basis is 60 per cent of capacity.

**MANUFACTURERS
WATCH BUSIER.**
Business with the Motor Wheel Corporation, also Lansing, could hardly be much better, said an official, for the reason that the operations are at about 90 per cent of capacity.

"All things considered," he said, "a good many manufacturing concerns are much nearer normal now than they expected to be. The average man thinks a little too much of the peak days of the last year, but if he were to think more of the conditions which prevailed during the non-peak but more normal days, he would realize that the industry is in a very fair position and that the comeback has been a very satisfactory one."

The labor situation in Detroit for the week ended Aug. 23, is another good barometer that business here is in a very satisfactory stage. The Employers' Association of Detroit reports that 1,633 men were added to the forces of

Japanese Officers Quit Commissions to Become Bandits; Aim to Expand

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By FREDERIC WILLIAM WILE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Remarkable and authenticated stories have just reached Washington, telling of plans of high Japanese army officers to promote Japanese expansion on the main land of Asia by becoming bandit chieftains. Their avowed purpose, according to their own statements, is to carry on a more aggressive "continental" policy on behalf of Japan, i. e., in China—than the Japanese government is ready to promote and sponsor.

The information which has come to the United States sets forth that in the early days of last month Lieut. Col. Ichi Inouye, a member of one of the most aristocratic military and diplomatic families in Japan, applied to be placed on the retired list of the army. His declared object was to assume the leadership of a band of moted bandits in Manchuria. He caused it to be known that he was to be supported in his romantic enterprise by a number of younger Japanese officers. After being retired, Colonel Inouye paid his respects to General Yamashita, the Minister of War, and General Tohara, chief of the general staff, and then left Tokyo for the mainland. He is understood to have been accompanied by a member of the Japanese parliament named Eitaro Otashi, and two other

The Inouye "bandit" scheme, its investigators allowed their friends in Japanese official life to understand, is conceived of as a free-lancing enterprise designed to advance Japanese interests on the continental mainland, as the Japanese militarists conceive them. It is not known whether the scheme contains a considerable element, especially among the young officers, who think the Tokyo government's policy lacks the proper aggressiveness in and toward

China and other Asiatic countries. Dissatisfaction on that score is driving many youthful Hotspurs of commissioned rank into "Jameson raid" enterprises, such as that now projected by Colonel Inouye. The latter is an eminent soldier. He commanded a detachment of Japanese troops sent to the Chinese-Korean border last fall to carry out stern punitive measures in retaliation for the massacre of Japanese subjects in the Chien-Tao district. Colonel Inouye is said to have made the acquaintance of a famous bandit leader on that occasion and to have become so enamored of the possibilities of exceptional service for Japan by the practice of banditry that he decided to leave the army and become a free lance. The Tokyo newspaper Nichi-Tichi, which was the first to reveal Colonel Inouye's plans, states that he was to have an interview with General Oba, commanding the Japanese garrison before entering upon his career as a bandit chief. The impression would seem thus to be created that the Japanese militarists are passively favorable to the Colonel's amazing scheme.

In the same connection it is stated the military cadets' training school recently launched an organization called the "Continental Society," which has the support of several radical army leaders. The society was suppressed by the government. There was another futile attempt of the same sort, instigated by a Major Katsuji Yasui, who undertook to become manager of a sugar factory in the Philippines, the employees of which were all to be Japanese ex-service men. Major Yasui openly advertised for "employees" and many noncommissioned officers offered their services, much to the chagrin of the war office, which is suffering from a shortage of noncommissioned men. The army authorities are said promptly to have checkmated Major Yasui's Philippine enterprise.—Copyright, 1921, by Public Ledger Co.

the seventy-nine members of its association and that the total employed was 117,429.

**LABOR SITUATION
SHOWS IMPROVEMENT.**

The preceding week showed a decrease of 3,922 on the payrolls of the same concerns, and it was generally believed that it was the beginning of a steady decrease. And it is the reverse that happened, for most of the men taken back were recalled by plants who had laid off some of their force the previous week.

About the only unfavorable feature of the employment record is the rather large increase in the number of men working only part time. The number was 18,025, or 6,315 more than during the week of Aug. 16. They were distributed among thirty plants, or five more than the previous week.

Nor is the labor situation any too bad in some of the smaller cities. The Chamber of Commerce of Benton Harbor recently issued the following bulletin on that subject:

**OPERATING
AT CAPACITY.**

"With comparatively few shut-downs and wages pretty close to the old standard, we will go through the summer in fine shape." Pittsburgh, Pa., reported the first of the week that common labor was

down to twenty cents with plenty of applications.

"Benton Harbor will not reach that basis for some time, but labor must look for a general reduction from time to time, if industry succeeds in keeping its wheels turning. It is up to every man to give an honest day's work if we are to succeed in pulling through until spring without a setback."

At the county fair in Ionia officials claim there were 2,500 automobiles parked on one day of the week. And there were some 20,000 visitors at the fair that day. These officials agreed "it couldn't be done" if business conditions in general had not been improving.

The Hugh Lyons Company, Lansing, is operating at 100 per cent capacity. "The demand for window and showcase fixtures is keeping up to very good," said an official.

**PARTS MAKER
GETS ORDERS.**

The Ireland & Matthews Manufacturing Company, Detroit, which makes automobile parts, plumbers' supplies, stove trimmings, nuts, bolts, etc., reports increased activities among its customers.

Wyandotte, near Detroit, secured a truck and a body-making plant recently, and is reported to be negotiating with

several other concerns to make their home in the town.

The Nash-Lansing Sales Company of Lansing, which distributes the Nash passenger cars and trucks, says through its sales manager: "The demand for automobiles at this time of the year is unusual. We look for even greater sales during September."

The Equitable Life Insurance Com-

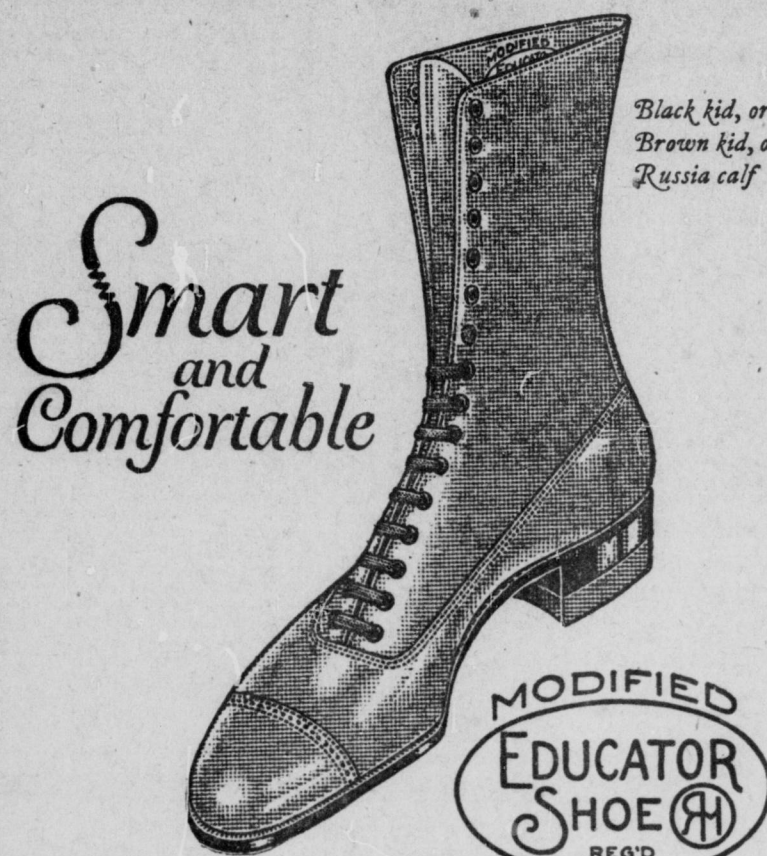
pany of New York has just opened a home-purchase department in Kalamazoo. A new industry for the city is reported to be the Brindle Fuel Equipment Company, in which Chicago people are especially interested.

The National Portland Cement Company is reported to have arranged for the construction of a cement plant at Coldwater Lake, about twenty miles

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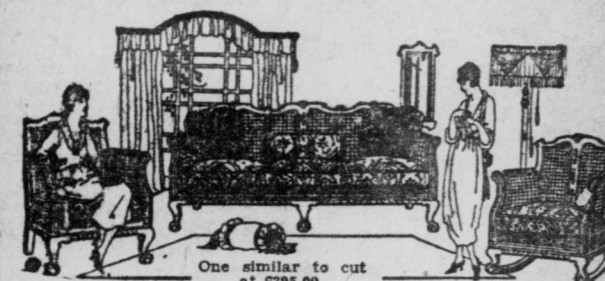
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