

LOCAL PLANTS ALL RUNNING; LABOR SCARCE

Shortage of Skilled Workers
Exists Here, U. S. De-
partment Reports.

Times Washington Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Em-
ployment conditions in Indiana are
growing better steadily, according
to the employment bulletin of the
Department of Labor, out today.

Increases are noted in the iron,
steel, auto, mining and building in-
dustries. The surplus of common
labor almost entirely has dis-
appeared, it was said.

All plants are running in In-
dianapolis, and a shortage of skilled
workers faces employers in many
industries, the report says. In other
industries there still is a small sur-
plus, which is being rapidly absorbed.
Considerable building is being done
and building workers are scarce.

At Evansville furniture factories
are operating full time and the em-
ployment outlook is better than for
many months. There is still a
small surplus of common labor,
however.

At Terre Haute a surplus of coal
miners still exists, although the
mines are operating on increased
schedules and many miners have left
the district. At Clinton about 1,500
miners are on part time.

At Terre Haute about 90 per cent
of the plants are operating 75 per
cent full time, the report says. Op-
timistic reports were received from
virtually all other large Indiana em-
ployment centers.

RIVERSIDE NOW TAGGART PARK

Board Votes to Honor Ex-
Mayor.

Riverside Park is no more.
The name is Tom Taggart Park.
Park board members Thursday
voted to change the name, in honor
of former Senator Thomas Taggart,
who was mayor of Indianapolis when
the city acquired the ground for the
park.

Suitable markers at park en-
trances will designate the new name.
A board committee is considering
a proposal of women to use part of
the Garfield Park shelter house for
a children's museum.

ROAD BONDS SOLD

By Times Special
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 18.—
The county treasurer sold a road
bond issue for \$10,500 Thursday af-
ternoon to the First National Bank
here for par, accrued interest and
a premium of \$60. Several Indian-
apolis firms competed.

Winter Will No Longer Handicap His Trade



William Nelson

Winter will not handicap William
Nelson, blind newspaper merchant
at Meridian and Ohio Sts. For
four winters he has had to combat
the elements, but this year, J. E.
Tulley, his brother-in-law, 846 Ed-
son St., built him a shelter.

Nelson lives at the Graystone
hotel and has been selling papers in
Indianapolis for four years. He has
been at the one corner more than
two years.

He plans to place an electric
heater on the inside of his shanty to
insure further warmth. He sells
The Indianapolis Times and other
local newspapers and a few out-
town publications.

The shanty is more than six feet
high and is constructed of wood.
There are two hinged windows on
the front side. The other two sides
are glass enclosed and a full length
door opens from the rear of the
structure into Ohio St.

"People are mighty fine to me,"
Nelson said. "They always have
some cheery word when they stop
to get their papers. I never hear
a grumble from any of them. They
always inquire about my health and
make some joking remark."
"Since I have my little place here
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ager, said today. The reduction was
voluntarily voted by directors. Con-
sumers will save about \$168,000
yearly.

Kirk said he hoped to continue
reduction of operating expenses of
the company and improvement of
equipment.

Stockholders will receive one-half
of all deferred dividends which ac-
crued during 1921 to 1923. A fur-
ther 1 per cent dividend for 1925
was declared.

MILLERS HOLD ELECTION

H. C. Scarce of Mooresville to-
day is the new president of the In-
diana Millers' Association, suc-
ceeding John A. Shields of Seymour.
Frank C. Hutchinson of Lawrence-
burg was named vice president and
Charles B. Riley, Indianapolis, was
re-elected secretary-treasurer.

THIEVES LOOT MOVING TRAIN

Merchandise Thrown From
Express Cars.

By United Press
JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 18.—
Merchandise carried in two freight
cars of an Erie Railroad train op-
erated by an express company from
Jersey City to Chicago was thrown
from the cars last night by thieves
who apparently had secreted them-
selves in the train before it got un-
der way.

Railway detectives, after the ro-
bbery had been discovered, found
scores of packages strewn along the
right-of-way. The robbers were be-
lieved to have had confederates in
motor trucks who were following
the train.

Total value of the loot is reported
to be \$100,000.

YOUNGER MEN FOR MITCHELL

Ft. Harrison Officer Says
Opinion Is Divided.

Younger officers of the Regular
Army favor Colonel Mitchell, dis-
missed from the service for insubor-
dination, a captain at Ft. Benjamin
Harrison said today.

The name of the officer is not

given, because he has no desire to

follow Colonel Mitchell to civil life.

"The opinion is pretty well di-
vided," the captain said. "Older of-
ficers bitterly oppose Mitchell's tac-
tics as detrimental to the standards
of discipline and spirit of the serv-
ice, but the officers of shorter period
of service believe he is in the right."
The captain, however, said many
officers believed Mitchell should have
resigned before exposing the short-
comings of the national air service.

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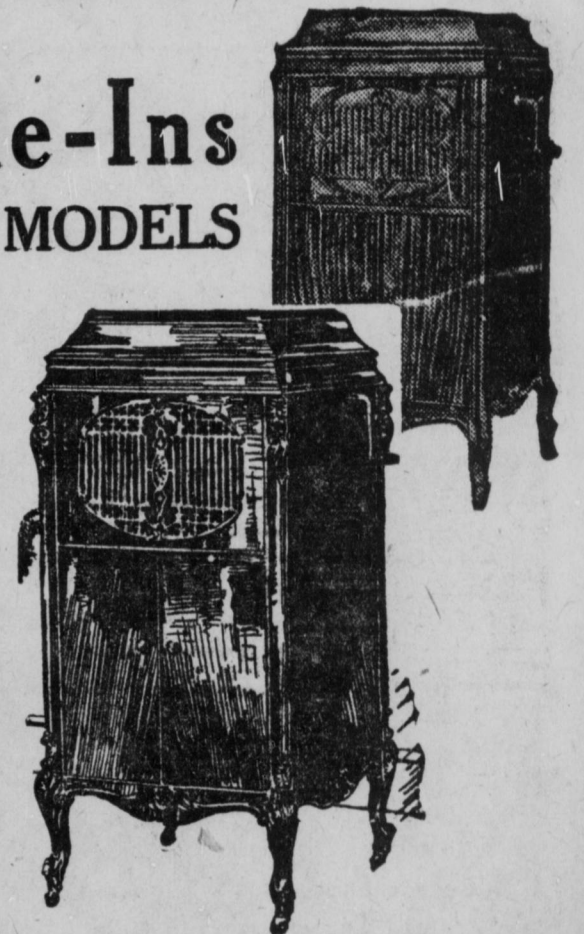
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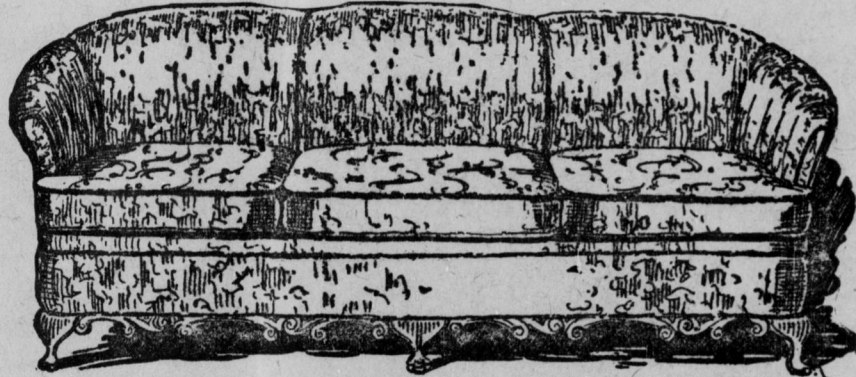
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