

SURVEY SHOWS BUSINESS TREND UPWARD IN U. S.

Decrease Is Seen in Number of Unemployed Within Few Months.

This is the first of a series of four articles which will appear in The Times on unemployment, its cause and cure.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—There is a very large volume of unemployment in the United States at present. Except for the jobless, this is not an evidence of hard times. Although there are not boom days and some industries are in bad shape, the economic condition of the country is good and promises to become much better during the coming months.

If it is true that the country is in good shape economically, what accounts for the large army of unemployed? And what can be done about it?

These questions, giving serious concern to communities in virtually all parts of the country, will be discussed in this and following articles.

Just how many people are unemployed in the United States at present no one knows and there is no machinery for finding out exactly. Various estimates recently made range from 2,000,000 to 4,000,000.

Estimates Vary

The Labor Bureau of New York, which does economic research for labor unions, places the total at 4,000,000, but concedes that this is little more than a careful guess. At American Federation of Labor headquarters the number of idle wage workers is placed at 2,000,000, with somewhere near an equal number working only part time.

Various State industrial commissions have partial figures, which indicate that a reasonable guess of the number of people unemployed in the United States at present is about 3,000,000.

It is estimated that there are always about a million working people temporarily unemployed, moving from job to job, taking time off or striking. That leaves about 2,000,000 people—about 5 per cent of the working population of the country—who would like to be working and cannot get jobs.

Conditions Improving

In spite of this very large volume of unemployment, the economic condition of the country is good and improving.

There was a sharp slump in manufacturing and trade activity during the last few months of 1927, but industrial production for January of this year showed an increase of about 6 per cent over December and is decidedly on the up-grade.

In 1927, the year so widely heralded as one of "profitless prosperity," it is estimated by David Friday, well known economist, that business profits aggregated about \$6,000,000,000, only slightly less than those of 1926, a record-breaking year of industrial activity. And the department of labor estimates that the hourly wages of union laborers in 1927 were about 2.5 per cent higher than in 1926.

Wages, Sales Optimistic

With no two experts agreed on what constitutes prosperity, there is no possible way of proving that the country is or is not prosperous. Certainly for the 2,000,000, more or less, who are beating the streets looking for jobs, talk of prosperity is a mockery.

But if such things as volume of production, wages and profits and sales are any guide, the country is not suffering from any severe economic depression.

Conditions could be very much better. They always can, but for those who are lucky enough to have jobs there are far from "hard times."

If it is true that the economic condition of the country is good, how is it possible for the fact that an army, comparable in size to the American Expeditionary Force in France, is beating the streets of cities and towns looking for jobs?

That question will be considered in the next article.

Miner Fatally Crushed

PETERSBURG, Ind., Feb. 27.—Eight tons of slate crushed the life from J. E. Johnson, 50, while working in Ingle Mine No. 8. Two years ago his son, Verner, was killed at Atlas Mine No. 1 here in a similar

Candidate



Deputy Prosecutor John L. Niblack, who will announce his candidacy for State Senator tonight.

NIBLACK SEEKS SENATE BERTH

Will Enter Race Tonight for G. O. P. Nomination.

John L. Niblack, deputy prosecutor, will announce his candidacy for the Republican nomination for State Senator from Marion County at a meeting of the Irvington Republican Club tonight in Irvington.

Niblack, 30, is a native of Wheatland, Ind., Knox County, where he taught a country school for a year prior to entering Purdue in 1917. In the spring of 1918 he enlisted in the Navy. After the World War he graduated from Indiana University and entered law school in 1922. He is a member of Sigma Nu, Sigma Delta Chi and Phi Beta Kappa.

From July, 1922, until Jan. 1, 1926, Niblack was reporter for The Times. Two years of this time he attended night sessions of the Benjamin Harrison Law School. He was graduated in 1925 and admitted to county, State and Federal bars. As reporter, Niblack covered the 1925 State Senate.

On Jan. 1, 1926, he was appointed deputy by Prosecutor William H. Remy and has worked with grand juries and in Criminal Court prosecutions since that time.

The candidate is unmarried, resides at 22 W. Sixteenth St., and is a member of Irvington Masonic Lodge, Columbia Club, Central Ave. M. E. Church, the John Holliday, the American Legion Post and the Seventh District Legion executive committee.

BLIND PREACHER GUILTY OF ATTACK ON WOMAN

Asks for Death Sentence in Circuit Court at Lawrenceburg.

LAWRENBURG, Ind., Feb. 27.—James Iles, 65, a blind preacher, is under a five-year sentence to the Indiana State prison for criminally attacking a feeble-minded woman, 35. His home is in Harrison, Ohio.

The defendant asked for a death sentence. Tried and convicted by Judge William D. Ricketts in Dearborn Circuit Court here, Iles told the court after the guilty finding: "I am as innocent as you are, and if you are going to take five years out of my life for a crime of which I am not guilty, then I ask you to sentence me to the electric chair and let me die."

Prosperity!

By Times Special

SHOALS, Ind., Feb. 27.—Here's a prosperity note. The Martin County commissioners have decided to sell the present poor farm of 417 acres and buy one of only sixteen acres because there are not enough inmates to warrant a large place.

MOTOR MISHAPS KILL 1, HURT 14 OVER WEEK-END

Youthful Drivers Figure in Accidents; Eight Persons Are Arrested.

Four youthful motorists, all 18 or under, figured in local week-end traffic accidents in which one man was killed, three persons injured seriously and eleven hurt. Eight drivers were arrested.

Oscar Barker, 46, of 856 College Ave., died at City hospital late Saturday of injuries suffered when a trailer broke loose from a truck driven by Purdy Chisley, Negro, 1232 E. Seventeenth St., and struck him at Massachusetts and College Aves. Police decided the accident was unavoidable after hearing testimony of several eye-witnesses, while Coroner C. H. Keever ordered Chisley arrested on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

The body was taken to Summer-set, Ind., where funeral services were held today.

Plainfield Youth Hurt

George Hamblin, 19, Plainfield, is in a critical condition at Indiana Christian Hospital after an automobile in which he was riding collided with a truck driven by Hugh Flayers, 5050 W. Washington St., and was overturned at Washington and Morris Sts., early today. Chester Storms, 16, of 1229 E. Thirty-Second St., at Thirtieth and Annetta Sts.

Mrs. Donnie Gamble, 71, of 811 N. New Jersey St., suffered a fractured skull Sunday night when struck by an automobile driven by Norman Glover, 16, of 1229 E. Thirty-Second St., at Thirtieth and Annetta Sts. She was taken to city hospital. Glover was arrested on charges of assault and battery and vagrancy.

Negro Boy Run Down

Carl Bradford, 13, Negro, 2338 Sheldon St., is in a serious condition at city hospital today following an accident Sunday night at Twenty-third St. and Martindale Ave. The boy was injured when he ran in front of an automobile driven by Perla Phillips, 37, Negro, 2826 Hillside Ave. Phillips was charged with assault and battery.

An automobile driven by Earl Mabre, Negro, Rushville, Ind., plunged across the front lawn and demolished the front porch of the home of E. H. Gunion, 1002 Cornell Ave., late Sunday when it collided with a car driven by Myron Koehe, 18, of 846 N. East St.

Babre told police that a third automobile, which drove away, sideswiped his car, hurling him into Koehe's car and then into the porch.

Seek Hit-Skip Driver

Miss June Anderson, 22, of 1205 Sturm Ave., was injured Sunday when struck by a hit-and-run motorist at Illinois and Ohio Sts. Miss Anderson, who was crossing Ohio St. with Miss Anna Adellen, 401 N. Illinois St., was taken home by police.

Other week-end traffic victims included: Mrs. Matilda Clemons, 47, of 605 E. Sixteenth St.; the Rev. and Mrs. William Burrows, 1535 Central Ave.; Nate Curl, 34, of 1434 W. Maryland St.; Clarence Walker, 21, Negro, 2080 Boulevard Pl.; Robert Wilson, 25, of 2102 N. Meridian St.; Miss Helen Martin, 18, of 414 N. Walcott St.; Mark Langfritz, 35, of 3360 N. Meridian St.; W. C. Stafford, 22, of 504 Davidson St.; Miss Mabel Bishop, 19, of 914 Marion St.

CANDIDATE RAPS G. O. P.

Abraham Lincoln, Alive Today, Would Spurn Party, Says Murray.

"Abraham Lincoln, if living in Indiana today, would vote the Democratic ticket as a rebuke to the Republican leaders because of their betrayal of the people," declared Raymond F. Murray, candidate for the Democratic nomination for prosecuting attorney, Saturday night. Murray addressed a meeting in the Columbia Theater at Twenty-Second St. and Martindale Ave. William Benaud presided.

Unrequited Love Causes Suicide

RICHMOND, Ind., Feb. 27.—Walter Jarrett, 20, farmer, is dead, a suicide, because a 17-year-old girl would not return his love. His body, with a bullet wound in the head, was found in his automobile Sunday on a road near the girl's home.

Gets City Post



F. W. Biemer, newly appointed superintendent municipal garage.

Is Thirty the Love Deadline?

There's No Age Limit, in View of Dorsey, Who Cites Proof.

By GEORGE A. DORSEY, PH. D., L.L.D.

"No man over thirty can fall in love." Isn't that just like a philosopher? But perhaps Dr. Durant never said it. Or perhaps he was merely trying to establish an alibi. I don't know the facts in his case, but I can see how a man married at thirty-one and cooed off at thirty-two might counter his wife's "You don't love me any more" with "I try, but I just can't; I never did love you, I only thought I did. No man over thirty can fall in love."

Why is there no fool like an old fool? Because he was a fool to fall at all, but the older he is the harder he falls.

Five years ago I met an old friend on the fast St. Louis-New York train. I had known him all my life, but never had I seen him so radiant in countenance or so resplendent in new clothes and shiny shoes.

My random "you must be on your way to your wedding" made his old pink cheeks (he was only sixty-five) crimson, and, caught in the act as it were, he could only stammer: "How did you know?"

"I didn't know, but all that I know of human nature and of the significance of being born human led me to believe that this nice old widower hadn't blossomed out for nothing. I could think of nothing but love that could drive him out of his rut and rusty routine into fine raiment, and an excess rare train to New York."

A FEW weeks later I met the bride. She could not have been more than sixty, but she was as radiant as had been her lover on his way to claim her. Today, after five years, they are as much in love with each other as ever, and—note this point—his devotion is such as would tickle the vanity of the most exacting girl of eighteen married to a youth of twenty.

I said "note." It is bad enough to say that no man over thirty can fall in love, but to add that he cannot become devoted to a woman is to say the worst of what man can do.

More is known about what man can do than about what he can't. In fact, to put an arbitrary limit on man's capacity is to disclose the limits of one's understanding of human nature. An ordinary man of thirty can grow no taller; the pituitary gland normally sets limits on increase in stature after twenty-five. The exceptional man can grow taller after he is thirty; his pituitary has not yet limited his growth.

Normally, and speaking biologically, man can fall in love till they are fifty or sixty, a few till they are sixty or seventy, but some reach senility before they turn thirty. There is no arbitrary or fixed limit to the functioning of the love impulse—certainly no arbitrary limit at thirty years of age.

The depth of a man's love for a woman could well be believed to be greater at forty than at thirty, or at fifty than at twenty. The usual flare-ups of youth have been well styled "puppy love"—playful, fleeting, hesitating, ephemeral, and too often deaf, dumb and blind.

Even savages recognize the fact, and some do not consider a man fit for enduring love and whole-hearted devotion until he is thirty years of age. They think, and not without reason, that love cannot ripen until the man has matured.

CANNOT fall in love? Speak for yourself, Dr. Durant. Some can. I know. How do I know? I am reminded of the man who called up a lawyer to explain his trouble with the officers of the law. "But they can't put you in jail for that," replied the lawyer. "Maybe they can't; but I'm in!"

I'm in—for life, committed at the age of fifty-five. And as for "true devotion," perhaps I'm not the one to speak; but if forced to answer, would ask first: Just what do you mean by "devotion," Dr. Durant—if you really said it? Conjugal fidelity?

Or such constancy for the welfare and happiness of a loved one as amounts to a zeal only to be surpassed, if at all, by devoting to a helpless child? If the former, age has nothing to do with it; if the latter, I don't know how old a man would have to be not to be able to become truly devoted to a woman.

Why don't I know? By the same token that prompted the old colored woman who, when asked how old a woman had to be before she could no longer fall in love, replied: "I dunno, honey; you'll have to ask somebody older 'n I is."

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FINANCIAL AND AIR PROBLEMS FACE LEAGUE

Committee Considers Projects for Greece, Bulgaria and Portugal.

GENEVA, Feb. 27.—The financial reconstruction of three European countries was on the agenda of the League of Nations permanent financial committee when it convened here today.

The committee is in charge of Monsieur Pospisil, governor of the National Bank of Czechoslovakia, and is composed of eight of the leading bank and financial authorities of Switzerland, Italy, England, Spain, Belgium, Germany, France and Holland.

The committee at the meeting which began today will pass principally upon projects in behalf of Greece, Bulgaria and Portugal. As regards the Greek project, the latter already is being carried out, an international loan of \$30,000,000 having been floated under the auspices of the league. The committee will therefore deal principally with the details of the execution of the project.

Bulgaria and Portugal also are asking funds.

The problem of co-ordinating the ever-increasing aerial navigation of the world was the principle item on the agenda of the League of Nations transit and communications committee when it convened.

The committee will endeavor to solve the problem of organizing on the most rational basis and with the collaboration of the greatest number of States possible international co-operation on air navigation.

The committee also will establish the details for the equipping of the League of Nations itself with a wireless station and with an aerial port for use in all international emergencies and threats of war.

Action also must be taken by the committee on a large number of problems relative to increasing press facilities, referred to it by the league's international press conference of last year.

Celebrate Red Army's Birthday

MOSCOW, Feb. 27.—With airplanes soaring overhead, and the Kremlin cannon booming salutes below, the tenth anniversary of the army as a communist institution was celebrated Sunday.

COLDS THAT DEVELOP INTO PNEUMONIA

Persistent coughs and colds lead to serious trouble. You can nip them now with Creomulsion, and unadvisedly creosote that is pleasant to take. Creomulsion is a new medical discovery with two-fold action: It soothes and heals the inflamed membranes and inhibits germ growth.

Of all known drugs, creosote is recognized by high medical authorities as one of the greatest healing agencies for persistent coughs and colds and other forms of throat troubles. Creomulsion contains, in addition to creosote, other healing elements which soothe and heal the infected membranes and stop the irritation and inflammation, while the creosote goes on to the stomach, is absorbed into the blood, attacks the seat of the trouble and checks the growth of the germs. Creomulsion is guaranteed satisfactory in the treatment of persistent coughs and colds, bronchial asthma, bronchitis and other forms of respiratory diseases, and is excellent for building up the system after colds or flu. Money refunded if any cough or cold is not relieved after taking according to directions. Ask your druggist.—Advertisement.

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Club Gets New Home



Officers of the Hoosier Motor Club will be moved to this residence, 1840 N. Meridian St., as soon as it is remodeled. The club just has completed purchase of the property.

GIVES UP IN KILLING

Conscience Brings Negro Out of Hiding Place.

Clarence Meadows, Negro, 439 Minerva St., sought by police for a week as the slayer of Robert Boyd, 50, Negro, 622 N. California St., gave himself up to Lieut. Otto Pettit at police headquarters today.

"I tried to hide, but during the week my conscience bothered me so that I couldn't stand it. So here I am; lock me up," he told Pettit.

Boyd was killed the afternoon of Feb. 21 after an argument with Meadows in a cleaning shop at 752 Indiana Ave., police said.

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