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Continued cool with rain tonight followed by fair Tuesday; somewhat warmer Tuesday night.

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## FORD PLANT REOPENS; 200 MEN ON JOBS

800 Expected to Be Given Employment by End of Next Week.

### MACHINERY IS CHANGED

Fifty Cars Daily Output at Start: Old Workers Get Preference.

The Ford Motor Company branch assembly plant, 1315 E. Washington St., one of Indianapolis' weather-vane industries, was reopened today, after a shutdown of one week less than a year. The plant was closed June 10, 1927, when the old Model T was discontinued.

Two hundred old employees went back on the job today. Manager Steinmetz said the normal personnel of approximately 800 will be employed by the end of next week, as production gradually is increased.

Old employees are being taken back before new men are hired. Most of the employees stuck to Indianapolis during the shutdown.

#### Machinery Is Changed

Workmen have been preparing the plant for assembly of the new models for two months. Complete change of machinery was necessary.

It also is necessary to train both the old and new employees in the assembly of the new model, so many changes have been made, Steinmetz said.

The plant will put out fifty cars a day in the first few days, increasing within a few months to the capacity of 300 cars a day. Closed models only will be produced the first few days, since the open bodies put on chassis here are manufactured in the local plant.

Closed bodies are shipped from other factories. About 150 closed bodies were on hand for the opening.

#### Delay New Division

Installation of a division to manufacture closed bodies here was contemplated this spring but was delayed until fall because of the rush in reorganizing the plant.

Actual opening of the plant apparently ended the long-felt fear of those working for the industrial advancement of the city that Henry Ford might carry out his threat to move the plant elsewhere.

Ford made this threat when the previous city administration insisted upon keeping open Oriental St., which runs north and south on the east side of the plant, when the Pennsylvania tracks are elevated.

If Oriental St. were open, Ford could not run a switch from the elevated tracks back of the factory to the ground floor level, where the assembly chain is located.

#### Street to Be Closed

Ford declared that it would be cheaper to move the factory elsewhere than to change the whole layout by moving the assembly chain to the second floor.

The Slack administration has declared for the closing of Oriental St. when the tracks are elevated and has gone so far as to have plans prepared. These are before the board of works for adoption.

### FIGHT BANK CHARGES

J. F. Wild and Associates Argue Plea of Abatement.

A plea of abatement in behalf of John F. Wild, Otto P. Kern, W. F. McNairy and John C. Fisher, officials of the defunct J. F. Wild & Co. State bank, was argued in Criminal Court today.

The four officials were indicted on bank embezzlement charges.

Attorney James W. Noel argued for the defendants that the indictment was faulty because jury commissioners did not include women's names in the list from which the grand jury was drawn.

Collins took the matter under advisement until 9 a. m. Saturday.

### QUEEN MARIE TO U. S.

Plans Return Soon to America to Visit Friends.

By United Press  
BUCHAREST, Rumania, June 4.—Queen Marie will revisit the United States within a few months to see friends, she announced today while receiving Leon Fischer, president of the Association of Rumanian Jews in the United States.

### Hear It All

Radio listeners Wednesday will hear from Cadle Tabernacle the blare of bands, the oratory, shouting and balloting of the State Democratic convention just as clearly as if they had a seat on the platform.

From 10:30 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. The Times will broadcast over station WFRM, Indianapolis Power and Light Co., the proceedings of the convention. Into microphones on the rostrum announcers will describe every feature of the convention, climaxing their report with a county-by-county report of the voting for the nominations for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, secretary of State and other State offices.

## Goes Gunning VOTERS LIST VACANT LOTS AS DWELLINGS

Hallways, Empty Houses Also Given as Homes in Seventh Ward.

### POLL BOOKS CHECKED

Many Discrepancies Found by Prosecutor's Agents in Probe.

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