

INDIANAPOLIS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1930

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at Postoffice at Indianapolis, Ind.BUILDING GAIN  
MADE IN ONLY  
THREE CITIES16 Others in State Show  
Less Than September  
Total Last Year.

## COAL INDUSTRY BETTER

Pike County Strip Mines  
Operate Steadily With  
Larger Forces.

BY CHARLES C. STONE

Continued depression in building and a few instances of betterment in industry was noted in a business survey of Indiana for the week ended today.

Building in the state during September reached a total of \$1,958,000, compared to \$4,900,000 for the same month in 1929 and \$2,544,000 for August of this year. During September only three cities of eighteen covered in the survey showed gains over the month last year. They are Logansport, Terre Haute and Vincennes. However, eight had more building during the month than in August, these being Anderson, Elkhart, Ft. Wayne, Hammond, Indianapolis, Logansport, Muncie and Terre Haute.

## Coal Company Spends \$75,000

In the industrial field, improvement was noted in Pike county coal fields. Practically stripping plants are operating and deep mines are providing work three to five days a week. A \$75,000 tipple is being completed for the Ingle Coal Company near Littleton. The company is endeavoring to reduce the cost of deep mining to a point where it can compete with stripping method.

Officials of Serrel, Inc., Evansville, announce that \$1,000,000 will be spent in advertising a new type of electric refrigerator, production of which will be started Dec. 1.

In the Calumet region, the oil refining industry is operating steadily, the general business depression affecting it little. The industry is providing employment for 7,000 persons.

Business conditions in various cities are shown in the following summary:

**Kokomo**—Expansion of the Reis Manufacturing Company plant here, recently merged with the Master Electric Company of Dayton, O., is contemplated, according to Bert H. Weichel, newly appointed superintendent. About seventy-five persons now are employed and it is expected the force will be increased after Jan. 1.

## Bedford Plant to Open

Bedford—Operations will be resumed Nov. 3 in the plant of the Reliance Manufacturing Company, which has been idle three months, Earl V. Tolen, production manager, announces.

**Bluffton**—The plant of the Niemann Furniture Company is operating again after an idleness of a few days with indications that it will provide steady employment until at least Jan. 1. The force is 20 per cent below normal, but is expected to be restored by early persons will be employed soon.**Alexandria**—Two mineral wool plants here are enjoying a steadily increasing volume of business. One day's shipment reached a total of eight carloads.**Huntington**—Purity Creamery Products, Inc., New York, has opened a modern cheese factory here. It is planned to concentrate manufacture here. Closing some plants in the eastern section of the country.

## Near Full Production

**Peru**—A survey of industries here shows the Ariel Cabinet Company near full production, and with the Redman basket factory and Wash-mouth-Goodrich plant increasing forces. The Cotton Specialties Company plant is operating on a twenty-four-hour a day basis. The Stevens Heating Specialty Company is a new concern here, the fourth heating equipment manufacturing enterprise in Peru. It is operating on an overtime schedule.**Ft. Wayne**—The Wayne hotel is being remodeled at a cost of \$25,000. It will be ready for use late in December.**Terre Haute**—One of the city's new industries, the American Can Company, is planning to start operations by Jan. 1, in a plant which is under construction. Employment will be given 500 persons.**La Porte**—Branch offices of the Advance-Rumely Company at Battle Creek, Mich., and Indianapolis will be moved here and consolidated about Nov. 1.U. S. HOSPITAL SITE  
APPRAISERS NAMEDRasmussen, Uhl, Wheldon Selected  
to Set Price for Park Land.

Three real estate men have been named by Circuit Judge Harry O. Chamberlain as appraisers to fix a price on the site for a federal veterans' hospital to be constructed here.

They are: William J. Rasmussen, Albert Uhl and George T. Wheldon. The site includes a part of Coffin golf course and land adjacent to the links.

The park board will sell the tract to Indianapolis citizens for a price not less than the appraised value. The citizens' committee then will turn the land over to the government.

## Charter Granted for Banks

Charters were granted for the First State Bank of Decatur and the Commercial State Bank of Hammond at a meeting of the state charter board Friday. Petition for charter of the Western State Bank of South Bend was taken under advisement.

News of  
World at  
a Glance

Margaret M. Ryan

**SHERIDAN, Wyo., Oct. 24.**—Thomas Fortune Ryan, grandson of the late New York capitalist, was granted a divorce from Margaret M. Ryan in district court here Thursday. He charged desertion. The suit was instituted about a week ago.

## Revolt Chief Red Policy

**WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.**—Dr. Edmund Walsh, regent of Georgetown university's foreign service school and a recognized authority on Russia, said today world revolution is still the cardinal policy of Soviet Russia and that "the five-year plan is an important part of the offensive of the proletariat against capitalism."

## Joan Lowell Divorced

**ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 24.**—Declaring "since people are sure to find out about it sooner or later anyway, I might as well tell it now," Joan Lowell, writer, announced here that she recently obtained a divorce from her playwright husband, Thomas Buchanan, in Mexico.

## Rubio's Son to Be Boxer

**ATLANTON, Kan., Oct. 24.**—Fernando Ortiz Rubio, whose sport was bull fighting when he was in Mexico, where his father is president, will enter actively into American sports Oct. 28, when he boxes Gus Glazer of St. Louis in an amateur fight on a Benedict college program.

## National Birth Rate Low

**WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.**—The national birth rate last year was 18.9 to every 100,000 of population, the lowest since the commerce department established its birth registration area in 1915. Oregon had the lowest mortality rate of infants, with 48 to every 100,000.

## Mine Death Toll Reaches 258

**ALSDORF, Germany, Oct. 24.**—The bodies of 258 miners killed in the Wilhelm pit of the Anna Mine, which was wrecked by an explosion, had been recovered today and eight others were believed still missing.

## Ex-Film Star Divorced

**LOS ANGELES, Oct. 24.**—Eileen Percy, former film star, was granted a divorce from Ulrich B. Bush, motion picture location manager, in superior court Thursday. Miss Percy charged her husband deserted her several months ago. She was awarded custody of their 3-year-old child and \$50 monthly for its support.

## Rescues Two, Then Rescued

**ST. LOUIS, Oct. 24.**—Mrs. Ernest Stevens rushed into a burning building and carried out her 9-year-old son. Then she rescued her invalid mother. Next she went back after her canary. That time the fire department had to rescue her.

## Spy on Road Petters

**NEW YORK, Oct. 24.**—The members of the Westbridge Taxpayers' Association have organized into a group of undercover agents to spy on automobile petters who, they claim, bring disrepute to the community.NEW EMPEROR  
CALLED KIN OF  
KING SOLOMONAbyssinian Ruler, to Take  
Throne Soon, Traces His  
Line to Bible Times.

## OUTWITS BIG POWERS

East African Nation, Rich  
in Resources, Coveted  
by Europeans.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

**WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.**—About 3,000 years ago the queen of Sheba left her mountain home in Ethiopia to pay a visit to the renowned King Solomon, in Jerusalem.

Of that visit, it appears, a son was born and Sunday week, Nov. 2, just as the equatorial sun begins to peer over the hills, a lineal descendant of this regal pair will be crowned emperor of Abyssinia, in the presence of a brilliant gathering of special ambassadors from America, Britain, France, Italy and the other great powers.

And thereby hangs a tale, as the saying goes, which goes to prove that at least some of King Solomon's wisdom was endured. For Ras Tafari, king of kings and conquering lion of Judah, is playing a game worthy of Solomon himself.

## Huge, Unexploited Area

Abyssinia commonly is regarded as the greatest unexploited area left in the world. It is about the size of the New England states, New York, and the rest of the Atlantic seaboard down to and including Florida.

Its climate ranges from somewhere around the boiling point in the deep valleys to temperate in the uplands. It can grow most anything, is believed to hold many minerals, and certainly it has water power enough to set Africa ablaze. Situated in East Africa, it is just a few miles back from the Red sea and Gulf of Aden, Britain's water route to India. To the west lies the Sudan, key to Egypt. Together, the Sudan and Abyssinia furnish the waters which make the Nile, without which Egypt would be just another part of the Sahara desert where not a sprig of grass would grow.

It happens that Britain, France and Italy would give most anything to have Abyssinia, and nobody knows this better than Ras Tafari, highly educated by French tutors brought out for that purpose, he knows his history and geography.

## Surrounded by Greed

To the north, east, south and west of his kingdom are strips of territory—French Somaliland, Italian Somaliland, British Somaliland, Eritrea, Uganda, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, and so on—outposts of land-greedy empires.

Ordinarily a rich country like Abyssinia could not endure twelve months under the avid eyes of such powerful neighbors. But in Ras Tafari's veins surges the blood of Menelek, son of the lovely Sheba and Solomon the Wise.

Every now and then one of three powers—Britain, Italy and France—tries to put something over on this many-times great grandson of Solomon, but he proves too clever for them.

His plan is simple, but effective. He plays one against the other. When too closely pressed, he appeals to the League of Nations and turns on the great white light of worldwide publicity and so wins his point.

Of late this gifted person has decided to add another weapon to his battery. He is playing up to the United States. American technicians, engineers, and other experts have been invited to help westernize Abyssinia and soon millions of dollars of American gold will be invested over there.

## Americans Get Advantage

To the amazement of the more strategically placed British, French and Italians, Americans of late have seemed to be getting the breaks.

The answer is not so hard to guess. Of course the fame of Yankee ingenuity has spread even to Ethiopia, but this scion of Solomon has yet another reason for calling in American brains and capital.

He knows perfectly well that the United States hasn't the faintest intention to swallow his country and, as was the case with China about 1900, it would oppose any other power doing so.

He is 37 years old, handsome, and dignified.

## Prosperity Parade Visioned by Schwab

**NEW YORK, Oct. 24.**—The American steel industry, a corner stone of the nation's business, is preparing to meet a greater future demand for its products than ever realized in the past and "will lead the march to prosperity," President Charles M. Schwab of the American Iron and Steel Institute, declared today at the semi-annual meeting of the institute.

The steel industry, Schwab asserted, has held true to its pledge

of six months ago that it would not cut wages and "substantially" has avoided the traditional practice of wholesale lay-offs of employees.

"The far-sighted and sound handling of our workers' interests

during these months of these trying conditions," he said, "will stand out in bold relief as the major accomplishment of American management today."

OTHER leaders, while more restrained in their optimism than Schwab, also found signs of better times ahead.

E. G. Grace, president of Bethlehem Steel, said the industry was on an even keel and should find improvement after the turn of the year.

L. E. Block, chairman of Inland Steel, pointed out that inventories now are low and prices stabilized.

There are a great many signs that things are getting better in many directions," Thomas Grider, president of Republic Steel, said.

WILE while sounding a warning that unreasonable expansion would result in overproduction, Schwab pointed out that new uses for steel, especially alloys, were being developed every day.

Aviation, improved railroad and automobile transportation, shipbuilding and building construction all are demanding greater volumes of steel.

Ingot production this year will be around 40,000,000 tons, or within 5 per cent of the average for the last ten years, Schwab said.

Ingots are being produced at a rate of 100,000 tons a day.

Public debts are being looked upon with deep concern. Obligations are incurred with great circumspection.

## Would Act Cautiously

"With the state of mind existing now, there would be no danger that a constitutional convention would weaken any of the safeguards against incurring debts. Those limitations even might be made more strict. There would be no possibility of relaxation."

The most scholarly and thoughtful citizens of the state are attracted as candidates by a constitutional convention, Stump said, adding "there is no reason for the designing politician to want a place in a constitutional convention, for there are no appropriations to be made, no contracts to be let, no patronage."

There is only the study of the fundamental problems of government, and that is thrilling only to the studious and scholarly citizen.

"Constitutional conventions have attracted in other states the brightest and best of the business men and of the professions of the state in which they were being held. The same thing would be the case in Indiana."

## Unnecessary, Says Elrod

In reply to Stump's arguments favoring a constitutional convention, Elrod termed the convention "unnecessary."

"The changes desired in the Constitution are meritorious, but it is not necessary to secure them by calling a convention," he asserted.

"The proper procedure for securing the changes is through amendment of the Constitution or by legislative enactment."

Elrod cited the income tax and changes in the judicial system as the only constitutional changes necessary.

"It is dangerous to change the Constitution," he warned, "for constitutions are built for permanency and a convention of the type to be called would bring out the agitators, political theorists, and persons seeking special privileges," he said.

Elrod declared the cost of revising the Constitution, estimated at \$200,000, coupled with the fact that its revision would become a political battleground, were other factors against it.

Elrod is acting director of the Back-to-Constitution League with headquarters at 329 Circle Tower building.

DRIVER LICENSES OF  
TWO MEN SUSPENDED\$20 Fines, Month in Jail Penalty  
for Pair Involved in Crashes.

Two men were sentenced thirty days each and their driver's licenses suspended a year after conviction on charges of operating autos while under the influence of liquor Thursday by Municipal Judge Paul C. Wetter. Fines of \$10 each were added to the penalty and \$10 fines also were assessed for drunkenness.

The men were Carl Snodgrass, 2820 Washington boulevard, arrested after an auto crash at Clifton and Thirtieth streets, and Wesley Meister, 1630 Applegate street, whose car was in a collision at New York and Delaware streets.

## Daily to Map Convention

Wilson Daily, secretary of the Sigma Chi alumni chapter here, will be assisted by Louis Fletcher and Harold L. Ross in making arrangements for the tri-province convention of the fraternity here Dec. 12 and 13.

## Goliath Made One Error



The error a bandit made in pocketing his gun to use both hands rifling the cash drawer at the White River Coal Company office, 320 South West street, Thursday, evening, the fifty-pound weight disadvantage that Lane Sipes, 28 of 315 North West street, office manager, had suffered when he raised his hands at the bandit's command. Sipes' fist crumpled the bandit to the floor where he held him until assistance came.

Standing, left to right, are Ralph Ping, 25, of Butler avenue, the bandit; Patrolman Robert Murnan and Sergeant Charles Lodges with the gun Ping flashed in the holdup.

Confessing, police said, to five other holdups, Ping was bound over to the grand jury today on charges of grand larceny and robbery. His wife and two children were in court when he was led back to jail.

American Jail Curse on  
Civilization, Expert Says

Wright's 'Human Engineering' May Be Adopted in City Schools.

BY SHELTON KEY  
Prison riots and jailbreaks are result of one thing—repression—the one element in our modern system of justice that wrecks more human lives than any other.

This opinion of J. Franklin Wright, humanitarian, who is the only man listed in "Who's Who" as holding a degree conferred by prisoners, was uttered while he visited Indianapolis today.

It's not mere preaching when Wright decries our present way of dealing with criminals by declaring: "The American jail is the greatest curse on civilization." He has spent sixteen years introducing a character building program into prisons and public schools.

This purpose brought him here to confer with Indianapolis school authorities who may adopt his character engineering plan.

Women in jail have asked that their children may come and hear his philosophy and others who have served terms have returned to jail to hear his instructions. Wright founded the Pathfinders of America, which teaches 75,000 school children and thousands of criminals how to "read the price tags on life."

"While working on a railroad years ago, Wright was struck with the old Greek wisdom of Aristotle that character is of the mind. Since then he has been advancing a program, based on the essence of all psychology, that habits are matters of thinking—actions follow thoughts."

His degree "D. C. S." (doctor of common sense), was conferred by prisoners of Walla Walla penitentiary, Washington. When the system worked in prison, Wright decided it might work, too, on children in public schools.

His philosophy developed in a series of lessons, called "Human Engineering," applies the self-discipline feature to school and prison reform.

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TICKET LIKELY  
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Seven Congressional  
Districts Probable.

## REPUBLICANS IN GLOOM

Leaders Agree With Op-  
ponents in Many Fore-  
casts of Nov. 4 Ballot.

BY BEN STERN

As Indiana's great biennial guessing contest draws to a close the consensus of prediction is: Indiana will go Democratic this year.

Prophets qualify this by saying, however, that several districts will return Republican representatives to congress, but that the party's state ticket is doomed.

Not only are the partisan Democrats predicting victory, but Republicans are shaking their heads in gloomy assent.

"Things look too good for us," is the comment of Democratic executive members, who met here Thursday, while Republican leaders say: "It's a fight, but we will win, although not by a big majority."

## Forecast of 50,000 Majority

Money for betting purposes has made an appearance with confident Democrats willing to wager that the state ticket will win by not less than 50,000 votes.

And there have, so far been no takers.

Walter Chambers, Newcastle editor and Democratic candidate for state senator from Henry, Hancock and Madison counties today declared he was "confident Democrats would carry at least nine districts and possibly eleven."

Other Democratic leaders join in this prediction, but let us look at the other side of the picture.

The one man connected with the Republican state organization, who is considered its cleverest analyst and best politician today confidently declared that he was positive Republicans would carry the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Twelfth districts.

This would give the Democrats seven instead of nine districts, as has been asserted.

## Seven Appear Lost to G. O. P.

With Republicans refraining from claiming the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Seventh, Eleventh or Thirteenth districts, Democrats may feel sure that, except for the unexpected, they have seven districts in the sack.

Claims of additional victories are based primarily on industrial discontent, business depression and farmer unrest.

The same condition prevailed in 1893 and in the 1894 election the Republicans carried every district and swept into power with a plurality of 46,000 votes.

Democratic leaders base their claims for winning the Fifth district on the fact that in the off-year elections of 1918 and 1922 they lost the district by but 1,058 and 1,011 votes respectively. Present conditions warrant, in their estimation, the assumption of a victory.

Industrial centers in the Sixth district have suffered severely from the depression. Democrats believe the 3,511 Republican plurality of 1918 and the 2,463 plurality of 1922 will be wiped out. And they may win the district by 1,000 votes. The reverse is probable in this writer's estimation.

Albert Vestal, Republican whip in the house of representatives, is putting up a bitter battle for election in the Eighth district. In two off-year elections the Republican plurality was less than 5,000, only topping that figure in 1926. If public interest is aroused by present conditions Vestal may be beaten, but—and it is a big but—he may be re-elected by 2,000 votes.

The representative from the Ninth district, Fred Purnell, of Attica, is ranking member of the house agricultural committee and has for a long time posed as a farmer's champion. It is true that Harry Matlock, self-styled "dirt farmer," is his opponent but the Ninth in ten years has returned a Republican by not less than 4,294 votes. Some Democrats, however, are predicting victory by 2,500 votes.

Wood Victory Assured

There need be little consideration given the possibility of a Democrat being elected to the house of representatives from the Tenth district. Will R. Wood, Republican incumbent is firmly in the saddle and only a Democratic landslide will result in his defeat by Charles J. Murphy of Brookston. In event of a landslide all calculations may be cast aside and the Democrats assured all districts.

A bitter battle is being waged in the Eleventh, and the incumbent, Albert R. Hall, Republican, Marion, may be unhorsed by Glenn Griswold, Peru, legionnaire and union card holder. Precedent for a Democratic victory is seen in the results of the 1922 election, when Samuel E. Cook, Democrat, was elected by a plurality of 6,104 votes. He was defeated two years later by Hall.

T. P. Riddle, Democratic contender for representative from the Twelfth district is showing sufficient strength to seriously worry the incumbent, David N. Hogg, but Riddle's wet stand, it is believed, will give him sufficient strength to

WALTON LEAGUE  
TO SLAP LIEBERMove, However, Will Ignore  
G. O. P. Fund Charges.

By Times Special

**GARY, Ind., Oct. 24.**—That Director Richard Lieber of the state conservation department is not using "strong arm" methods to solicit Republican campaign funds from game wardens, but that too much conservation department money is going for state parks and not enough for propagation of fish and game, is expected to be the substance of a committee report for adoption at the Izaak Walton League convention here today.

The committee conducted a probe of Lieber's department when charges were made against the director by H. H. Evans, Newcastle, member of the house of representatives and vice-president of the league.

Evans is expected to fight for a report, containing a greater indictment of Lieber, from the convention floor. He is said to be backing former Senator A. G. Bradford for Lieber's job. A boom for Bradford was launched at the convention.

Criticism also will be leveled at the conservation commission for not taking a more active part in departmental affairs, it was said.

Lieber was scheduled for an address before the convention, but it was reported here that he will not appear.

PASTORS WILL  
NAME OFFICERSUniversalist Meetings Will  
Close Sunday.

Election of officers this afternoon was to be the highlight of the eighty-third annual session of the Universalist convention of Indiana in the Central Universalist church, Fifteenth and New Jersey streets.

The Rev. Effie McCullom Jones of Iowa and the Rev. A. Gertrude Earle of Boston spoke at today's meetings.

At Thursday's meeting the Rev. Clinton Scott of Peoria, Ill., urged pastors to send their congregation home on Sundays in depressed state instead of uplifted.

"Let them hear of the oppressed, the hungry and the unemployed. The minister shouldn't pamper the tired business man. He should make him aware of the misery about him," the pastor asserted.

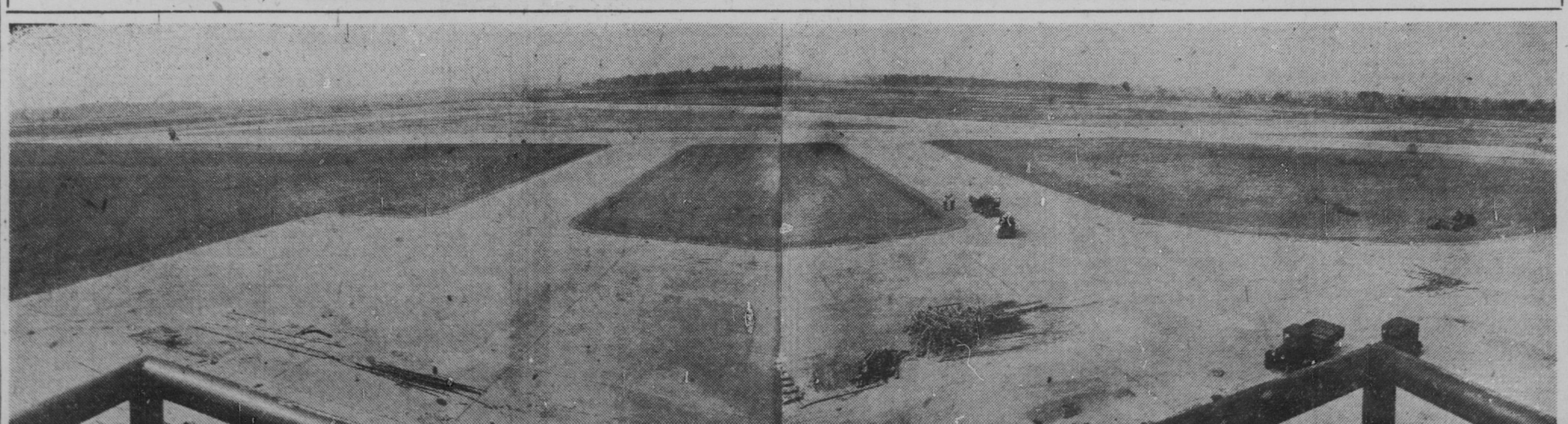
The meetings will continue until Sunday.

## In the Air

Weather conditions in the air at 9 a. m.

Northwest wind, seven miles an hour; barometric pressure, 30.12 at sea level; ceiling, unlimited; visibility, two miles; field good.

## FIRST MAIL PLANE TO LAND AT CITY'S NEW AIRPORT SATURDAY



The great expanse of concrete runways and taxiways at the new Municipal airport, south of Ben Davis (shown in the above photo), are in perfect condition for the arrival of the first mail plane of the Transcontinental &amp; Western Air, Inc., at the new port at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. The photo was taken from the control tower of the administration-hangar building, from which traffic and lighting on the field will be handled. In front of the field side of the structure is the long, wide concrete apron shown in the foreground. Planes will come from the runways along the two taxiways shown to the left and right of the grass plot in the foreground for service. Gas and oil supplies and repair service will be available to the planes from the apron and passengers will board the planes directly in front of the building. City officials, business men and aviation leaders will participate in ceremonies at the field Saturday, with the landing of the T. and W. A. New York to Los Angeles plane. After a survey of the nation's airports, city and air officers have pronounced the new local port of 947 acres one of the best in the country.