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Entered as Second Class Matter  
at Post Office Indianapolis, Ind.**BUILDING GAIN  
MADE IN ONLY  
THREE CITIES**16 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  
State Editor, The Times

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 striping plants are operating and deep mines are providing work three to five days a week. A \$75,000 tipple was completed for the Ingalls Coal Company near Littles. The company is endeavoring to reduce the cost of deep mining to a point where it is competitive with striping method.

Officials of Servel, Inc., Evansville, announced 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 Reiss Manufacturing Company plant here, recently merged here with the Master Electric Company of Dayton, O., is contemplated, according to Bert H. Welch, 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, announced.

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 twenty-five or thirty 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 others were believed still missing.

**News of  
World at  
a Glance**

Margaret M. Ryan

By United Press

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**

By United Press

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 proletarian against capitalism."

**Joan Lowell Divorced**

By United Press

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**

By United Press

ATCHISON, 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**

By United Press

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**

By United Press

ALSNDORF, Germany, Oct. 24.—The bodies of 258 miners killed in the Wilhelms mine 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**

By United Press

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**

By United Press

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

**Spy on Road Petters**

By United Press

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.

**U. S. HOSPITAL SITE APPRAISERS NAMED**

Rasmussen, Uhl, Wheldon Selected to Set Price for Park Land.

Three real estate men have been named by Circuit Judge Harry O. Chamberlin 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.

**NEW EMPEROR  
CALLED KIN OF  
KING SOLOMON**

Abyssinian 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 SIMMES  
Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor

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, son was born and Sunday week, Nov. 2, just as the equatorial sun begins to peep over the hills, a lineage descendant of this royal 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 enduring. For Ras Taffari, 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 United 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 almost anything, is believed to hold many minerals, and certainly it has water power enough to set Africa abaze.

Situated in East Africa, it is just a few miles back from the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. Britain's war 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 no 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 Taffari. Highly educated by French tutors brought out for that purpose, he knows his history and geography.

**Surrounded by Great**

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 Taffari's veins surges the blood of Menelik, 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.

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 western 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 seem 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.

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**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 prosper-

ity," 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 as-

serted, 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 In-

land 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 Grid-

ler, president of Republic Steel,

said.

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 are demanding greater volumes of steel.

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**Stump Urges  
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