

SLIGHT GAIN IS SHOWN IN U. S. JOB SITUATION

Several States Announce That Fewer Men Are Unemployed.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Unemployment in the United States decreased slightly during January, according to a United Press survey today in thirty of the forty-eight states.

Almost without exception, state labor commissioners and officials predicted that with the coming of spring further decreases in the ranks of the idle, estimated by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, at 5,700,000, will be noted.

Upward of a half billion dollars is being spent on public and private improvements. State legislatures and congress are considering appropriations for additional millions, the survey revealed.

The survey states: INDIANA—Indiana State Federation of Labor reported unemployment had shown no increase or improvement during January. State Chamber of Commerce estimated conditions improved 5 to 6 per cent, with renewed production in several cities.

BETTER IN ALABAMA—Definite upturn in industry, with steel mills, cement, limestone and textile industries leading the way.

ARIZONA—Estimated 4,000 men unemployed Jan. 31, as against 3,000 in December. Mines have curtailed production and cotton picking dropping off.

CALIFORNIA—Increase of unemployed registration of 40 per cent in San Francisco, but state is spending \$5,500,000 on roads and public construction.

COLORADO—Estimated unemployment increased in January.

FLORIDA—Unemployed, "some what lessened in January."

ILLINOIS—Barney Cohen, director of the state department of labor, reports decrease in unemployment with conditions "better than at any time in last six months."

IOWA—Number of unemployed estimated at 45,000, but 20,000 will find work on paving projects in the summer.

IMPROVED IN LOUISIANA—Employment situation seems improved. State, city, public and private enterprises, with appropriations of \$300,000,000, expected to furnish work.

MAINE—Employment increased in the shoe industry and emergency municipal projects.

MASSACHUSETTS—Two thousand men hired by state for forestry improvements. Factory operations still are below normal. Trend upward in leather trades.

MICHIGAN—Increase in employment and average weekly pay rolls due to expected increase in automobile production, predicted Detroit estimated 1½ jobs per person to each family.

MINNESOTA—Unemployment greater than ever before. Employers have guaranteed not to discharge any men. The legislature has passed \$800,000 appropriation for state building.

BETTER IN MISSOURI—Employment conditions are slight improved, especially in rural districts. Highway department has 8,000 men at work on roads. Kansas City has \$35,000,000 building program.

MONTANA—No real unemployment problem here, but men in mines, mills, and smelters have been working on part-time basis.

NEBRASKA—Absolutely no unemployment aside from seasonal workers, say state officials.

NEVADA—Unemployment increased 1 per cent in January.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Improvement noted, especially in shoe and textile industries. A \$300,000 highway project giving work to many.

INCREASE IN NEW MEXICO—Labor union leaders estimate 4,000 unemployed in state, a slight increase over December. State is rushing public works program of \$2,000,000.

NEW YORK—Metropolitan Life Insurance Company estimates 1,649,446 persons out of work in New York City, almost 25 per cent of the total population.

NORTH CAROLINA—Slight increase in employment in January over December.

OHIO—Employment conditions are 1 per cent better than in December, 1930.

OKLAHOMA—Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce says 26,000 unemployed in state; state labor commissioner says 70,000 and number increasing. About \$75,000,000 construction program laid out for year.

RHODE ISLAND BETTER—Rhode Island—Employment in major industries below normal, but showing slight increase.

TENNESSEE—Conditions bad in Memphis and entire cotton belt.

TEXAS—Conditions improved. University of Texas research department says employment about 16 per cent less than year ago.

UTAH—Unemployment increasing rapidly because inclement weather is delaying construction and hampering mining.

VERMONT—General surplus of workers in all industries.

VIRGINIA—Increased employment in construction offset by slackening of activities in industries.

WISCONSIN—Slight decrease in employment, normal for month.

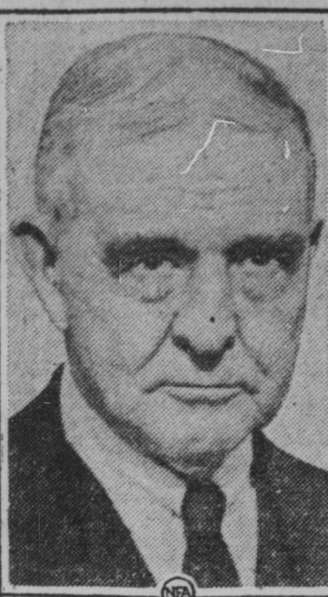
DRAFT NEW BILL FOR HANGARS AT AIRPORT

Measure Asks \$75,000 So Guard May Obtain More Planes.

A bill appropriating \$150,000 for Stout field, Mars Hill, having been rejected by the house ways and means committee, Representative Gerritt M. Bates (Dem., Marion), is preparing a new measure calling for only \$75,000 in the hope that the smaller measure will be approved.

The \$150,000 bill was for the purpose of building a new hangar and installing heating equipment in order that the One hundred-thirtieth observation squadron, Indiana national guard, might obtain new flying equipment from the government. The present hangars would be remodeled with the \$75,000 asked in the new bill.

Red Cross Head



Close to a million Americans will be getting help from the Red Cross by Feb. 1, according to John Barton Payne, above, national chairman of the organization.

Payne made this announcement in connection with the Red Cross' campaign for \$10,000,000 for drought sufferers in rural districts after examining new relief calls received at Red Cross headquarters.

ASKS DISTRICT BE PRESERVED

Ludlow Appeals to Heads of State Assembly.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Plea that the Seventh congressional district, which consists of Marion county alone, be preserved intact in the congressional reapportionment bill now in the state legislature, was presented to the Indiana house and senate today by Congressman Louis Ludlow.

In identical letters to Speaker Walter Myers and Lieutenant Governor Edgar D. Bush, the Seventh district congressman said that to break up the district as it now exists would be "a distinct disservice to the most populous county in the state."

Ludlow said his suggestion was motivated, not by partisan considerations, but by his regard for the "maintenance of the best possible service in the district."

CAPTAINS IN REALTY CONTEST WILL MEET

District Aids to Discuss Miniature Model House Event.

District captains who are assisting in the miniature model house contest sponsored by the Indianapolis Real Estate Board in connection with the annual Realtors' Home Show will meet Tuesday afternoon at the board office, 820 Lemcke building.

The show will be held from April 11 to 18 in the manufacturers' building at the state fairground.

J. Ray Monaghan, chairman of the model house committee, will hear reports on what progress is being made with the contest in the public and parochial schools of the city. The captains are Earl Hasler, W. T. Clifford, Jack Morrison, Wayne Temple and C. J. Corbin.

The home show committee met at noon today at the Columbia club. Walter M. Evans, chairman, heard reports on the committee activities.

BURLESQUE TOO MUCH FOR COPS; HOLD FIVE

Three Performers, Two Managers are Taken Into Custody.

After the curtain had dropped amid plaudits of patrons who urged the star dancer to remove her final item of apparel Saturday night police arrested three performers and managers of a local burlesque show.

The arrested are: Leo Burke, Lorraine hotel, manager of the theatrical company; Charles Curson, 815 Fairfield avenue, theater manager; Miss Nellie Essex, 24; Miss Opal Lane, 21, and Miss Carrie Due, 25.

Police alleged minors were permitted in the theater. The quintet will be tried in juvenile court.

Shot for "Road Hog" Slur

HUNTINGTON, L. I., Feb. 2.—Frank Morris, 21, is in the hospital with bullet wounds in the lung, abdomen and shoulder after calling Benjamin Hartough, taxi driver, a "road hog." The latter is under arrest.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police: Arnold Holtz, Columbus, Ind., and Ford coach, found at Noble and Washington streets.

Schuster Packing Company, 316 West Washington street, Ford coupe, found at New York and Toledo streets.

William Rink, 102 North Traub avenue, Hudson coach, found at 135 South Meridian street.

Charles Emery, 1425 North Grant street, Chevrolet coach, 36-341 (1931), from Vermont and Pennsylvania.

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One of the organizers and a vice-president of the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company, Mr. Metzger was prominent in financial circles in the city. He was a founder of the Citizens Gas Company and of the old Commercial Club.

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The financier attended and was graduated from Shortridge high school and Cornell university. He was married in 1892 to Miss Frances Mueller of New Ulm, Minn., and was first supervisor of physical education in Indianapolis schools.

Mr. Metzger was a member of the Columbia Club, the Woodstock Club, the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company Club, and the Cornell Club of Indiana.

Sons Are Pallbearers

Dr. Frank S. C. Wicks, pastor of the All Souls Unitarian church, will conduct funeral services.

Pallbearers will be Mr. Metzger's two sons and two sons-in-law, Alex Metzger, Norman Metzger, George A. Kuhn and Frederick D. Norris and Harry A. Metzger and William L. Thompson, all of the Indianapolis.

Survivors, in addition to the two sons, are the widow, two daughters, Mrs. George A. Kuhn and Mrs. Frederick D. Norris; a sister, Mrs. Joseph H. Spillmire of Los Angeles; five brothers, Otto Metzger of Jersey City, N. J.; Frank and Harry Metzger of Los Angeles; Louis J. Metzger, Miami Beach, Fla.; and George H. Metzger of Indianapolis.

LARGE BANK CLOSED

Hammond Institution Listed as \$9,000,000 Firm.

Closing of the largest bank in the history of the state banking department was announced today when the First Trust and Savings Company, Hammond, failed to open.

The bank was known as a \$9,000,000 institution, Thomas Barr, deputy bank examiner said. He will take personal charge of the situation.

P. W. Meyer is president; H. M. Turner, chairman of directors, and C. H. Wolters, secretary-treasurer. The bank was capitalized at \$500,000; surplus, \$300,000; loans, \$4,500,000; deposits, \$7,500,000, and undivided profits, \$215,000. The bank had an allotment of \$50,000 in state funds, with \$30,000 on deposit.

Barr said the reason for closing was excessive real estate loans.

DOG PHONES FOR COPS

By United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—When a phone operator got a signal from Walker 5-0631, she cut in and heard a dog barking. She called police.

Police ran to the address, ran a ladder to the second floor of the address and rescued a police dog from a deserted loft.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen below:

Louis J. Krause, 717 Linwood street, Oakland, sedan, 739-942 (1930), from in front of Odd Fellows building.

Earl C. Jones, 648 South Cole street, Ford 1928, 199-814 (1930), from New York street and Capitol avenue.

Assa Howe, 1101 Central avenue, Buick roadster, from 1101 Central avenue.

Arthur E. Moore, 2001 Roosevelt avenue, Essex coach, from New Jersey and Court streets.

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Stars Double



Dr. Eric T. Bell, above, is professor of higher mathematics at the California Institute of Technology, and a widely known scientist; however, he is also a novelist of repute, specializing in fantastic thrillers after the manner of Jules Verne.

Writing during his vacation periods under the nom de plume of John Taine, Dr. Bell has achieved wide renown.

FIRING SQUADS EXECUTE PAIR

Leader of Argentina Gang Is Shot Down.

BY A. W. FOLGER

United Press Staff Correspondent

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 2.—The Argentine government continued its stern campaign against anarchy and terrorism when Paulino Scarfo, gunman and anarchist, was executed by a firing squad at dawn today.

It was the second execution within twenty-four hours.

Scarfo followed his confederate, Severino Di Giovanni, to death.

Di Giovanni, described as the most dangerous gangster and terrorist in the Argentine, was executed for the killing of a young girl here during a gun battle in the streets with detectives who recognized him.

He was dead within seventy-two hours of the crime, impressive evidence of the Argentine way of punishing gangsters.

Provisional President Jose P. Uriburu signed both death warrants. The government maintained the anarchists should be dealt with by court-martial, and the proceedings were brief.

Di Giovanni played the role of the hardened gangster and terrorist to the last. On the advice of his sweetheart, America Scarfo, he refused absolutely. He faced the firing squad without a mask. The murderer met death with a final, defiant yell.

"Long live anarchy!"

Relative of Belgian King Dies

By United Press

CANNES, Feb. 2.—The duke of Vendome, brother-in-law of the king of the Belgians, died here Sunday.

Wales and George Fail to Leave Ship in Havana Stop.

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HAVANA, Feb. 2.—The prince of Wales and Prince George were en route to Jamaica on the steamer Oropesa today after Havana had failed to catch even a glimpse of the royal brothers.

They remained aboard ship, where they were greeted by British Minister Thomas Morris and Francisco Fernandez, secretary of state.

FATHER, INFANT KILLED; 5 HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Car of Glenn's Valley Man Is Hurling Into Ditch; Driver Is Held.

A father and his baby daughter were killed Sunday and five others were hurt when two automobiles crashed at the Center and Bottom roads, southwest of the city.

The dead are Paul Vawter, 28, R. R. 2, Glen's Valley, and Marsha Ruth Vawter, 11 months.

The injured are: Mrs. Blanche Vawter, 25, widow of Mr. Vawter; Mrs. Ida Lanier, Glen's Valley, mother of Mrs. Vawter; Edmund Dehoney, 1148 Somerset avenue; Mrs. Enna Dehoney, his wife, and Mrs. May McCandless, 917 Albany street.

Mrs. Vawter suffered a fractured skull and is in critical condition at city hospital. The others, also taken to the hospital, suffered cuts and bruises.

Auto Struck by Train

Mr. Vawter's auto overturned when the cars crashed. It was hurled into a ditch and the occupants thrown through the top.

Ray McCandless, driver of the other car, was arrested on an involuntary manslaughter charge.

Mr. Vawter was a carpenter, employed by his brother, Ralph Vawter of Glen's Valley, a contractor. He had lived in Glen's Valley his entire life.

Two women were injured Sunday afternoon when the car in which they were riding was struck by a Monon train at the railroad crossing at Thirtieth street.

Wife of Driver Hurt

Mrs. Dorothy Wurster, 3530 Balsam avenue, wife of Dr. H. C. Wurster, driver of the car, suffered a fractured pelvis, cuts and bruises, and Miss Martha Todd, 18 West Thirty-fourth street, Apt. C, sustained head cuts.

Witnesses said the crossing signal bells were ringing as the auto approached the tracks. Others injured in accidents reported to police:

Miss Irma Seifert, 26, of 3022 North Capitol avenue, head injuries; Cecil Underhill, 34, of 2228 North Sherman drive, face cuts; John Wright, 88, of 1414 Craft street, head and hand bruises; Dudley Hedges, 72, of 1090 South Tenth street, leg and head injury; Miss Mamie McKay, 3540 Forest Lane, cut and probable internal injuries; Henry Kline, 33, Muncie, bruised; Mary Lewis, 8, of 314 Minkner street, cut and bruised; John Gandoif, 50, of 383 Terrace avenue, internal injuries; Leonidas Ruter, 3442 Garden avenue, face cuts, and David Gynn, 20, of 265 North Belle View avenue, cuts.

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