

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

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 registrations is 40 per cent in San Francisco, but state is spending \$6,500,000 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

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 1 1/2 jobless persons 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

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

NEW MEXICO—Labor union leaders estimate 4,000 unemployed in state, a slight increase over December. State is pushing public works program of \$6,000,000.

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.

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.

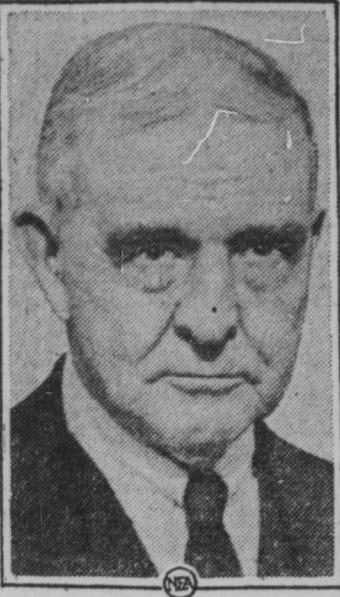
DRAFT NEW BILL FOR HANGARS AT AIRPORT

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-thirteenth 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



DEATH CLAIMS PIONEER BANK HEAD AT HOME

Albert E. Metzger Succumbs After Long Illness, Funeral Tuesday.

Funeral services will be held at 2 Tuesday afternoon at the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary, 25 West Fall creek boulevard, for Albert E. Metzger, pioneer banker and financier, who died Saturday at his home, 3120 North Meridian street, after a long illness. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery and will be private.

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.

Born in Indianapolis

Born in Indianapolis, March 20, 1865, Mr. Metzger was the son of Alexander and Wilhelmina Elbracht Metzger. His parents were natives of Germany. They came to America in 1848 because of an impending German revolution.

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., who 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. Joseph H. Spelman of Los Angeles; five brothers, Otto Metzger of Jersey City, N. J.; Frank and Harry Metzger of Los Angeles; Louis J. Metzger of Miami Beach, Fla., and George H. Metzger of Indianapolis.

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CAPTAINS IN REALTY CONTEST WILL MEET

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, closed to open.

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

Di Giovanni played the role of the hardened gangster and terrorist to the last. On the advice of his sweetheart, America Scarfo, he refused to submit. 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.

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 belong to J. Krause, 717 Linwood street, Oakland 2-6211, from in front of Odd Fellows building.

Earl G. Jones, 648 South Cole street, Pittsburgh 2-7538, from in front of York street and Capitol avenue.

Asa Howe, 1101 Central avenue, Buick 2-5200, from in front of Arthur E. Monroe, 2001 Roosevelt avenue, Essex, coach from the New York and Court.

Charles Emery, 1424 North Grant street, Greyhound Lines, 25-2411, from in front of Greyhound Lines, 915 Daily street, Greyhound bus, license 311, from 915 Daily street.

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Shot for "Road Hog" Slur

By United Press

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.

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 apparel Saturday night police arrested three performers and managers of a local burlesque show.

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

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