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JOBLESS MENState Commission Paid  
\$75,000 in Wages Dur-  
ing Three Months.

## ACTIVITY TO CONTINUE

Most Employment Provided  
in Drought-Stricken  
Counties.

More than 600 men and 193 teams were provided work in January, February and March by the state highway commission as its contribution to drought-stricken farmers. Many men are still employed and will continue working until more profitable employment is obtained or the projects completed.

Working in co-operation with the state drought relief committee, the maintenance division of the road department, employed men and teams whenever and wherever grading and dragging work could be done. Due to the open winter, this made-work program was of material financial aid to the heads of hundreds of families in southern Indiana.

These figures were made public today by John J. Brown, state highway director, on receipt of a report from A. H. Hinkle, maintenance superintendent. This work was in addition to regular forces employed by the highway commission, Brown said, and in each case of relief employment, the commission engaged only men actually in need of work as certified by the relief committee.

## Counties Benefited

Highway relief work was prosecuted more vigorously in Harrison, Washington, Ripley, Dearborn, Sullivan, Greene, Warren and Spencer counties, where opportunities were greatest for grading and conditioning unimproved roads with hand labor.

Speaking of the relief program in the Seymour district, C. W. McClain, district maintenance engineer, said he employs approximately 250 men and 75 teams. This is divided into several projects. On Road 64, east of Milltown in Harrison county, a grading project uses 60 men and 25 teams. They work two weeks, a new grade comes on for two weeks, then men and teams again alternate. By this plan work is divided among nearly all the needy in the immediate vicinity.

"We experienced some trouble at first in procuring teams with sufficient strength for this hard work," McClain said, "because the horses were underfed. It is remarkable how the animals improved with the extra food given them after owners lost their first money."

On Road 56, east of Salem, and on Road 35, south of the same place, 75 men and 40 teams are employed; all from Washington county. Projects on Roads 129 and 29 use 50 men and 10 teams, and in the same vicinity south of Versailles, Ripley county, the commission opened a stone quarry, providing employment for 25 men. Road 86 in the same maintenance district gives employment to 20 men, and Road 59, same locality, provides 20 men with work on a grading project.

## 315 Men at Work

Reporting on relief work in the Vincennes territory, H. C. Offert, maintenance engineer, has 315 men and 118 teams employed in addition to regular forces. In this drought-affected territory the program of grading and constructing new fills is confined to Road 68 near Selvin, Dale and Cynthiana; on Road 48, constructing a new entrance to Shabazz State park, and grading Road 68 near Grandview.

The demand for employment is lessening in these farm areas, and with the approach of the season when farmers must get busy in the fields, the unemployment situation will become steadily better, officials predict.

Director Brown says that maintenance work is starting on state roads all over Indiana, and in March the highway department had 1,752 men on the maintenance division pay roll. This number will be increased gradually until a maximum of about 3,200 used in the summer rush is attained. Regular employees will be augmented this year through a plan of holding to an eight-hour day schedule instead of a nine-hour day as customary. By this method 300 or more men can be added for regular employment without additional cost to the department.

Drought relief work inaugurated by the commission aided those employed to the aggregate of \$75,000 to date, officials said.

## APPEAL IN HORSE CASE

Buyer Alleges Animal Bought at  
Farm Sale Was Wind Broken.

PORTLAND, Ind., April 8.—Thomas Carey, dissatisfied with a judgment for \$50 rendered in justice of the peace court following a deal for a horse in which he said he was the loser, plans an appeal to Jay circuit court.

The suit was against Clarence Ankrom, former owner of the animal, and Lew Ware, who negotiated its disposition at a farm sale. Carey says the horse was represented to him as sound, but in fact was wind broken. The defense contended the condition was caused by the animal being led back of an automobile, but Carey declares at no time did it move faster than a walk.

## Sign of Spring Noted

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., April 8.—S. L. Wilson, bird lover, has seen what he believes is authentic proof of spring. He reports that in going through one of his fields March 15 he found a horned lark's nest containing five eggs. They were hatched the latter part of March, and the birds are growing rapidly, Wilson says. Eggs of this species of birds usually do not hatch until the latter part of May or early in June.

## Blanket Made by Hand 114 Years Ago



Mrs. Sam Layman of Terre Haute and a blanket which has been in the possession of her family for 114 years. The blanket is made from wool and cotton picked, carded and spun by Betty Raulh, one of Mrs. Layman's ancestors.

LATTA CASES  
AGAIN IN COURT

Insurance Company Says  
Attorney Was Suicide.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., April 8.—Among cases on the docket of the Montgomery circuit court for the April term are three against the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation of London, England, in which plaintiffs seek to recover insurance on the life of Will Latta, late Indianapolis lawyer.

The lawyer was killed at Carmel when his automobile was struck by a train. The insurance company has refused payment on the ground that he committed suicide. Plaintiffs in the cases are Amanda E. Hunt, Alice L. Latta, and Fletcher American National bank of Indianapolis, executor of the will. The cases are set for trial the week of June 25 and are expected to require several days. They were brought here on a change of venue from Hendricks circuit court at Danville.

Elinor 'Safe'  
as High Flier

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Elinor Smith, New York girl flier, has officially been declared "safe" for high altitude flying.

She took the navy department's "re-breather" test to determine whether it was advisable for her to continue attempts to break Ruth Nichols' record. Last week Miss Smith's oxygen tube broke while she was flying at a high altitude, and she lost consciousness. It was only when she was about 1,500 feet from the ground that she came to in time to prevent a serious accident. The plane was smashed, but she escaped unhurt.

Lieutenant-Commander Joel J. White, navy flight surgeon, gave Miss Smith the test.

## LESLIE AT SOUTH BEND

Governor Accompanies Frank Mayr to  
Scottish Rite Reunion.

Governor Harry G. Leslie accompanied Secretary of State Frank Mayr Jr. to South Bend to attend the spring reunion of the Scottish Rite Masons of the valley of South Bend. South Bend is Mayr's home city and he is prominent in Masonic circles there.

Democrats to Meet

ANDERSON, Ind., April 8.—Three hundred reservations have been made for the annual Jefferson day banquet to be held under auspices of the Madison County Jefferson Club here next Monday night. The principal speech will be made by Paul V. McNutt, dean of the Indiana university school of law. A large number of Indianapolis Democrats will attend.

Big Rush Started for  
Times Marble Tourney

Well, the rush already has started. First entries in the Times city-wide marble tournament, to pick an Indianapolis boy or girl as an entrant in the national tournament in Ocean City, N. J., in June, were received bright and early this morning.

Hundreds of marble shooters will be in the competition when the first elimination tournaments are held on city playgrounds in May. After these eliminations will come the games for the playground titles, and then these champs will compete for the city crown in June. The winner will go to Ocean City the week of June 21 for the national meet, with all expenses paid, a chaperon in attendance, and a gay week of entertainment ahead of him (or maybe it'll be her).

Every child in the city who is more than 6 years old and won't be 15 before July 1, 1931, is eligible, and you'll find the entry blank and complete rules of the tourney today on Page 13.

Don't forget to look these rules over carefully, for there's a lot to this championship marble competition. You'll have to know all about it if you're going to be a champ.

And then a series of lessons, starting Thursday, will be a big help to you. You'll get a real college course in the gentle art of marble shooting before you've finished these instructions.

Now watch The Times every day for tournament news and rush in that entry blank.

## Last Dollar

By Times Special  
PORTLAND, Ind., April 8.—Henry Hutchens, former grocer of this city, owns a \$100 bill, upon which is written "The last of a \$10,000 inheritance." Hutchens received the bill about eighteen years ago while he was in business here. He does not know from whom it was received, nor to what inheritance reference is made, but the information contained on the bill was so unusual that he has kept it in his possession.

LIFE TERM TO  
SECOND BANDIT

Guilt Admitted in Murder  
and Holdup.

By Times Special  
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., April 8.—The second life imprisonment sentence imposed as a result of the murder of Owen Crickmore, filling station attendant killed in a hold-up Sept. 30, is on court records here today.

Robert Ingersoll, Indianapolis, confessed the holdup and murder and was sentenced by Judge Fred E. Hines in Hamilton circuit court, Floyd Street, Indianapolis, pleaded guilty to similar charges Monday and also received a life sentence.

Charles McCammon, Indianapolis, implicated in the same murder, is in jail here and has confessed, authorities say.

## TAX VALUES SHRINK

Taxable Property Lowest  
Since 1920 Peak.

Net value of Indiana's taxable property has shrunk from its peak in 1920 on an average of more than \$65,000,000 annually, report of L. S. Bowman, secretary of the state tax board, showed today.

It receded from \$5,838,717,040 a decade ago, to \$5,179,598,278 in 1930, Bowman said.

Mortgage exemptions of \$200,660, 016 in 1930 brought the gross value of property in the state to \$5,380, 258,294. They were 3.73 per cent of the net valuation.

In 1920, when mortgage exemptions first went into effect, they represented 2.23 per cent of the net valuation, and in 1929 they were 3.66 per cent of the corresponding figure.

Net gain in valuation in 1930 over 1929 was \$12,701,803.

## WINS CONVENTION TRIP

Gar Davis Will Attend 1932 Demo-  
cratic Convention.

With fifty-six members to his credit, Gar Davis of the city building department has won a trip to the 1932 Democratic convention, the guest of the Indiana Democratic Club, Henry O. Goett, president, said today.

The city hall group, headed by William Hurd, brought in 106 members in the drive, and John Royle, a deputy sheriff, was second high in the individual contest. In all 352 new members were gained.

## PHONE VALUE IS SET

Tax Board Places Illinois Bell Fig-  
ure at \$5,223.694.

The state tax board today set 1931 valuation of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company property, in northern Indiana, at \$5,223,694, an increase over 1930 of \$32,157.

The board also fixed the 1931 value of twenty-nine companies of the United Corporation of Abilene, Kan., at \$870,617, a decrease of \$661 from 1930. Hearing will be held on Indiana Bell Telephone Company holdings Thursday.

## Prisoner Attempts Suicide

ATTICA, Ind., April 8.—A. T. Fleener is in a critical condition as a result of an attempt at suicide by slashing his throat with a razor while in the city jail awaiting transfer to the penal farm to serve a thirty-day term for being drunk.

CITY TO STUDY  
GAS PROPOSAL

Piping Project to Be Taken  
Up at Conference.

City officials will meet with Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan this afternoon to discuss proposal of the Kentucky Natural Gas Company for piping natural gas to Indianapolis.

The proposal was submitted at a meeting Tuesday afternoon attended by Sullivan, works board members, Citizens Gas Company trustees and representatives of the city legal and engineering departments.

Company officials suggested that natural gas could be piped here at rates lower than those now in effect.

No definite action was decided on Tuesday because of pending litigation over acquisition of the Citizens Gas Company by the city under the gas company's public trust charter. Decision of the United States circuit court of appeals at Chicago sustaining the city's right to acquire the company by paying outstanding obligations, may be appealed to the United States supreme court.

Enters Race  
for Presidency

By Times Special  
BALTIMORE, April 8.—The first formal candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination announced today was that of Dr. Joseph I. France, former senator from Maryland, is the candidate, openly opposing President Herbert Hoover.

France, a storm center at all times while a member of the senate, intends his candidacy to be taken seriously. He will file his papers with the secretary of state at Annapolis today. He is a violent League of Nations foe.

France's announced platform repudiates all the President's principles, his plans including repeal of the eighteenth amendment, opposition to all forms of government ownership, opposition to the federal farm board, "hothouse," under which is listed the "lack of candor and courage" of President Hoover toward the prohibition issue, and recognition of the Russian government.

LEUSSE IS DISMISSED  
ON VAGRANCY COUNT

Communist Organizer Tells Court  
He Is Paid \$15 a Week.

Vagrancy charges against Theodore Leusse, 933 South Senate avenue, today when Leusse told Judge Frank P. Baker he received \$15 weekly to advance the interests of Communism.

Leusse was in criminal court on appeal from a \$50 fine assessed by Municipal Judge Paul C. Welter several weeks ago. Ray, his arrest by Captain Otto Ray.

The Trade Union Unity League pays his salary, Leusse told the judge.

## Mr. Fixit

Write your troubles to Mr. Fixit. He is The Times representative at the city hall and will be glad to present your case to the proper city officials. Write him in care of The Times. Name will not be published.

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## POLL VIOLENCE FLARES

Incumbent Wins Over Business  
Man for Kansas City (Kan.) Mayor.

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McComb defeated Robert E. Crowley, young business man, by a margin of approximately 3,000 votes. Balloting was heavy in all sections of the city.

BANDIT SHOOT  
3; CAUGHT BY  
WOMAN CLERK

Gunman Laid Low After  
Hot Chase Through Aisles  
of Marshall Field's.

FLORIST IS SHOT DOWN

Infuriated Shoppers Beat  
Holdup Man Before  
Cops Reach Scene.

By Times Special  
CHICAGO, April 8.—A 32-year-old saleswoman was acclaimed today for her bravery in stopping the flight of a mad bandit who killed one and injured four in a desperate attempt to shoot his way through crowds which trapped him in the Marshall Field department store.

The clerk, Mrs. Sarah Heatherly, was one of those hurt. The bandit, having used up all his ammunition in shooting down three men as he ran, battered her head with the revolver butt when she tackled him as he dashed past her counter.

The robber, captured then by other employees and infuriated women customers who beat and scratched him, told police his name was Fred Smith, that he was 47, and that he "must have been crazy."

In his flight after stealing \$1,067 in a holdup, Smith shot and fatally wounded Casimir Krazinski, critically wounded Paul Townsend, and seriously wounded James Dewey, a somewhat notorious bystander who lost to Smith in a gun duel.

On Way to Bank

Victims of the holdup were John Gallaga, manager, and Miss Dorothy Woodburn, cashier of a loop restaurant. They were waiting for an elevated train at a station adjoining the store and were on their way to deposit the \$1,067 in a bank.

Krazinski has a floral station on the station platform. He saw Smith suddenly appear behind Krazinski and the florist started toward Smith. Dewey and Smith began shooting. Krazinski, caught in the cross-fire, dropped with five bullets through his body. He died a few hours later.

Dewey went down with bullets through the abdomen. Physicians said he would die. Smith, desperate, with women shrieking all about him, darted into the glassware department of the store.

Leaps on His Back

Townsend, an employee, jumped upon Smith's back as the bandit raced past him. They went down together. Smith worked the pistol around his own side, pressed the trigger with his thumb, and Townsend went limp. He was shot through the abdomen. Physicians said he would die. Smith scrambled to his feet as hundreds of women customers dived under the counters, fainted in the aisles or ran shrieking into other departments.

The bandit stood for a moment, not knowing which way to run. Customers and clerks, sensing that his gun was empty, began closing in upon him. He dropped the money-sack and ran down a circular staircase into the basement.

Gain on Pursuers

Henry Miller, Hugo Buck and other employees were after him. Smith raced twice around an elevator shaft, then darted down an aisle.

He was gaining on his pursuers as he looked for his next escape, but suddenly Mrs. Heatherly swung in his path. He rushed at her, swinging the revolver, but she tackled him as she went down under a shower of blows.

She did not stop Smith completely, but the chase was enough and Miller and Hugo were upon him. He was knocked down. Customers pounced upon him. One woman dug her sharp heel deep into his arm. Others scratched and beat him. He was painfully, but not seriously hurt before police arrived.

## 'MINE BOY' MAYOR

Cermak Fought His Way to Top



Anton J. Cermak

This is the first of a series of articles on the rise and triumph of Anton J. Cermak, who defeated William Hale Thompson for mayor of Chicago.

By MERTON T. AKERS  
United Press Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, April 8.—Forty-two years ago, Anton J. Cermak—always "Tony" to his friends—was "fired" from a dollar-a-day job in a Braidwood (Ill.) coal mine because he asked for a raise.

Today he stands at the pinnacle of political success in Chicago. He has defeated William Hale Thompson, a feat heretofore considered almost impossible.

Besides political honors, Cermak has a fortune, a town home, a country estate—a far cry from the barren home in Bohemia where he was born in 1873.

Between the sunny day in Braidwood when Tony rode the cage up from the gloomy depths of a coal mine and set out for Chicago, with all his possessions wrapped in a bandana handkerchief, and today when hosts of friends congratulated him on defeating Thompson, lay the story of boy and man who knew what he wanted, and got it.

Cermak was earning his own living at 11; in business (and in love) at 19; married and owner of a home at 21; a state legislator at 29; an alderman at 36; president of the Cook county board at 49 and mayor of Chicago at 58.

See Him as Governor

Plenty of his friends say Tony hasn't stopped rising yet. They visualize him as Governor of Illinois and perhaps even senator.

As for Cermak, he says, "there's plenty of time to think of those things later. There's work to be done now."

There was only one touch of sadness about Cermak today. The girl he met in a Lawndale restaurant when he was struggling upward and who in a few months became Mrs. Cermak, was missing. She died about a year ago. It was the first time she hadn't shared his glory.

Cermak's father and grandfather were miners in Bohemia so it seemed inevitable that Tony's first job would be digging coal.

It wasn't much of a job as jobs ran in those days, but it made him independent, a quality that has characterized his life. He drove mules through passage of the Braidwood mine, hauling cars of coal. The hours were long and the pay 85 cents a day.

There wasn't much time for school so he studied at night. In the summer time, when work was slack in the mines, he hired out to farmers or worked on the small farm his father owned.

Leader of Miners

By the time he reached 16 he was a full-fledged mule driver, \$1 a day and leader of the miners. They considered themselves downtrodden. One day in 1893 they struck.

"What the hell's the matter?" John Cherry, mine superintendent, shouted at the strike leaders.

"We want a raise," Cermak told him, speaking for the miners.

"You'll get it. Come on."

Cherry led Cermak to the cage, put him on it and waved it up.

"There's your raise," shouted the foreman as the cage rose.

And it was for Cermak rolled his few belongings into a bandana handkerchief and started for Chicago, the city he had dreamed of.

He trudged along the canal, for he had no money for train fare. He arrived in Lawndale, on West Twenty-sixth street.

The prospect for a job looked good, as there were many men working here then. Cermak stopped, and the history of Cermak and Lawndale are closely interwoven from then on.

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DEMOCRATS OF  
INDIANA DODGE  
LIQUOR ISSUE

Greathouse Hits at Evasion,  
but Refuses to Commit  
Party in State.

## RASKOB STAND LAUDED

National Committeeman Is  
Profuse in Praise of  
Chairman's Action.

Refusal to commit the Democratic party in Indiana to any attitude upon prohibition is contained in a letter sent today by Charles A. Greathouse, Indiana national committeeman, in answer to the questionnaire sent members of the national committee by John J. Raskob, national Democratic chairman.

Greathouse's letter, to which much importance is attached because he is secretary of the national committee, compliments Raskob "upon the most unusual but frank and fearless manner in which you are approaching the national campaign."

"The procedure which you have adopted clearly indicates that you have a thorough understanding of the true responsibilities and functions of the political party," declared Greathouse.

## Tired of Evasion

"The voters of the nation, in my opinion, have sickened and tired of evasive political platforms. Your procedure will be welcomed by the voters as a distinct relief from platform expedients."

Declaring that he is sensible that "anything which I may say may be construed to be an expression of the Democratic party in Indiana," the veteran national committeeman says:

"I say to you frankly that I do not consider that I am able at this time to voice the sentiments of my party upon any of the queries propounded to me in your recent letter, nor do I consider that I have the authority to do so, preferring to leave the declaration of policies and issues to the Democratic state and national conventions."

## Effect Is Wholesome

Greathouse went on to declare that he believed Raskob's letter to the national committeemen would "create a widespread interest in the affairs of the party, and that the effect will be of the wholesome in awakening a militant democracy in this locality."

His letter ended with the statement that the results will "act not only toward the honor and credit of the party, but will be productive of harmony and complete understanding when assembled in national convention."

BELLED BUZZARD DIES,  
VICTIM OF AUTOMOBILE

Bird Known in Indiana and Many  
Other States Killed Near Gosport.

SPENCER, Ind., April 8.—The belled buzzard of fact, fiction and superstition is dead—the victim of an automobile.

Rufus Turner of Spencer ended the career of the bird, whose fame has spread through Indiana and half a dozen states to the south, when he drove into a flock of buzzards near Gosport.

The bell attached to the neck of the buzzard apparently impeded its rise from the ground and the bird struck the windshield of Turner's machine.

For several years the buzzard has been reported in widely separated sections of the middle west and south. To the superstitious it was a bird of ill omen.

This year the first report of the belled buzzard came from Kentucky, and a few days later it was seen in southwestern Indiana. It apparently had been progressing leisurely northward.

## TWENTY BID ON ROAD

Indianapolis Contractor Successful  
at Price of \$109,000.

ANDERSON, Ind., April 8.—Competition was keen for the contract to construct the Dale J. Noland paved road from Anderson to Frankton. There were twenty bids submitted, some by firms from other states. The contract was awarded to W. C. Halstead, Indianapolis, subject to approval by