

CITY INDUSTRY PLEDGES HELP TO ROOSEVELT

C. of C. Head Declares All Business Leaders Will Aid Recovery Plan.

Declarations of willingness to co-operate in the industrial recovery program announced Thursday night by President Roosevelt were made by officials of leading Indianapolis business Friday.

"We will give fullest co-operation," declared Louis J. Borinstein, Chamber of Commerce president. "We propose to get into the spirit of this thing, as the President appeals to us, and follow the administration's program."

He declared he believed it would be the policy of Indianapolis business leaders to follow the administration's suggestions as to wages and working hours, "cheerfully and wholeheartedly."

Working on Codes

Borinstein has attended several trade association meetings where employers have been working on codes. "I have found," he said, "a very favorable reaction at such meetings, a strong desire to co-operate with the federal government."

If all business men do wholeheartedly what is asked of them, it undoubtedly will bring results.

Officials of Kingan & Co., packers, explained Friday that they had not yet received official notification regarding the plan, but would co-operate with the administration.

"It is very hopeful, but it's ultimate working out is more or less problematical. At least, it promises the best chance of bringing about quick and permanent results," C. H. King, vice-president of the company, declared, regarding the action.

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"We never have cut wages," Wolfe said. "Our wage scale now is above the minimum set forth in the code, and we do not feel that it will be necessary to make other changes. However, we will abide by the code, of course."

Radical changes in all stores were anticipated by M. S. Block of the William H. Block Company, although he feels that the extent of these will not be known until the code is received.

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Enquiries directed to several other companies brought the response that more time would be needed for study of the program before any announcement of detailed plans could be made.

In the field of public works, James Adams, state highway commission chairman, stated that the code would effect only road maintenance workers. He pointed out that short hours and a minimum wage already are in effect on roads built in Indiana with federal aid. The work week is thirty hours, with a minimum wage of 35 cents an hour.

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Rutan, 2839 North Denny street, is believed to have attempted suicide by swallowing poison following a quarrel with his wife, Mrs. Mabel Rutan. First aid was administered by police and Rutan was removed to city hospital.

Relatives are said to have told police Rutan has voiced suicide threats on two or three occasions. The couple has one child.

CITY POLICEMAN DEAD

John McBurney Is Taken at Home After Long Illness.

After an illness of several months John McBurney, 46, of 310 North Glenwood avenue, city policeman, died at his home Friday.

Mr. McBurney was retired last May from the police department because of physical disability. He has been ill at his home ever since. He was appointed a police in September, 1921.

PROSPERITY REALLY AROUND A FEW CORNERS IN TOWN



ARM IN ROLLER, BOY GRINS AS RESCUERS TOIL

Smiles Cheerfully While Men Work 45 Minutes to Free Him.

Alfred Miller, 16, of 1813 Lambert street, grinned just cheerfully at fellow employees who called on him at home today as he smiled stoically Thursday when rescuers worked for forty-five minutes to release his arm, caught in a roller.

When police and firemen were called to the Dady bakery at 1704 West Morris street, Thursday, they found Miller, with his left arm caught in the steel grip of one of the baking machine rollers. His hand and arm were crushed and finger bones broken.

The machine had nipped his finger tips and before his right hand could reach a switch to stop the machine, his left hand had been drawn through the rollers almost to the elbow.

Miller grinned—a set, determined smile—as rescuers led by Sergeant Frank Owen worked frantically to release his arm. While officers of the police accident prevention bureau attempted to reverse the machine others armed with crowbars worked to lessen the pressure of the rollers.

The boy still grinned when rescuers came in freeing his arm after forty-five minutes. His stoical smile changed to one of joy when he was told by doctors today that it would not be necessary to amputate the arm.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Alice Stewart, Mrs. Mamie Carlyle and Mrs. Viola Campbell, and three sons, John Spry, Robert S. Staten and William A. Staten.

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HANNA NAMED ENVOY

By United Press

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