

## INDIANA'S 'GRIST MILL' FOR TEACHERS IS CURTAILED BY HARSHIPS OF DEPRESSION

Cry of Columbia Expert to Reduce Staffs of Schools Finds an Echo Here; Reduction Not Planned.

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Curtailment of "grist mill production" of teachers is under way in Indiana, although the decrease apparently is self-motivated and not due to an intentional educational program mapped by the state's normal schools.

This was the statement today of Floyd L. McMurray, state superintendent of public instruction, in commenting on the demand of Professor E. S. Evenden of Columbia university, for a 20 per cent reduction in teacher "production" all over the country.

The Columbia educational expert voiced his opinion in making public a three-year survey of the federal education bureau on teacher training facilities throughout the country.

Professor Evenden recommended that institutions for educating teachers immediately reduce "capacity" to 80 per cent.

"There is an oversupply of teachers in such numbers as to be professionally demoralizing alike to employed and unemployed," Professor Evenden asserted.

The condition referred to by the Columbia educator is typical of the overproduction that has occurred in many professions and his thought is consistent with the ideas heard in many educational and other professional meetings, Mr. McMurray believes.

### Mere License Holders

"Remember, however," Mr. McMurray said, "that there is a great turnover of teacher annually and many listed as teachers merely hold a license. Many have not taught for years nor contemplate teaching again."

"There has been no recent study made in Indiana to determine the number of eligible unemployed teachers who not only hold a license but also are well qualified."

Mr. McMurray said there have been decreases in enrollment at the state normal schools, but, he believes, this has been due principally to the depression and not to a program to curtail enrollment.

The low point in teacher activity was reached in 1931-32 when the number of employed teachers dropped 1,668 from 24,497 in the previous year to 22,829.

A gradual picking up in teacher

employment has been due to the better financial condition in which most state school corporations find themselves, Mr. Murray said.

"Everywhere, school superintendents report their finances in greatly improved circumstances," he asserted. "I talked to one man the other day whose county seat school corporation closed its books last year with \$100. This year, that same corporation will have a balance of more than \$30,000."

**Normal School Suffers Cut**

At least one state normal school has gone the Columbia university expert 3 per cent better on his lowered "production" estimate.

President Ralph Tirey of Indiana State Teachers' college, Terre Haute, said enrollment there has decreased 23 per cent over that of the previous year.

Mr. Tirey asserted there is a feeling among the more progressive educators of Indiana that some technique should be developed whereby the normal schools could have a better control over their "production" as Professor Evenden has termed it.

**Schools Are Helpless**

Such methods followed thus far, according to Mr. Tirey, consist of encouragement to the most promising of potential teacher material and discouragement to those apparently less fitted.

The schools are helpless at present, Mr. Tirey explained, in rejecting teacher candidates and thereby in handling the "production" problem. Such rejections, he pointed out, can be made only for cause, such as health or morals, if the candidate has the required educational preparation.

The technique which should be developed, according to Mr. Tirey, should take cognizance of the personal characteristics of the potential candidate who is unfitted temperamentally to teach.

## The Tragic Anniversaries

JULY 23, 1914

Austria Gives Little Serbia a 48-Hour Ultimatum Meant to Be Unacceptable



The Kaiser cruised . . . as Europe seethed.

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JULY 23, 1914

**BELGRADE, 6 p. m.**—The Austrian ambassador to Serbia, Giesl, hands an ultimatum from his government to the royal Serbian government.

The ultimatum is intended for rejection. No sovereign state could accept it. It demands that Serbia accept Austrian collaboration in suppressing the "subversive (i. e., anti-Austrian) movement" in Serbia, and in the investigation of the crime of Sarajevo. "The document stupifies all the European chancelleries." For

thirty-eight hours are given for reply.

**ST. PETERSBURG**—Raymond Poincaré, president of France, is finishing a three days' official visit to Czar Nicholas II. The president's speech on board the cruiser France at dinner that night, in the presence of Grand Duke Nich-

**SCOUT CARNIVAL HELD**

More than 4,000 Attend Annual Utley Hut Benefit.

More than 4,000 persons attended the twelfth annual carnival of Boy Scout Troop 58 held last night at Thirty-eighth and Meridian streets. Musical entertainment was provided by the City Boy Scout band under direction of Raymond G. Oster. Proceeds of the carnival will be used to defray operating expenses of the troop's headquarters, Utley Hut, 3729 Boulevard place.



In black, nations comprising the "Triple Alliance" dotted, the "Triple Entente."

olias, Russian generalissimo, is "highly appreciated" by the Russian war party.

France is linked with Russia and Britain in the famous "Triple Entente," a diplomatic device aimed at preserving the "balance of power" in Europe against the German-Austrian-Italian "Triple Alliance." Poincaré seems to indicate that France, in this crisis, is prepared to accept its full obligations under the entente.

**Somewhere in the Baltic**—Kaiser William II of Germany is cruising aboard his yacht, the

Hindenburg, in the Baltic. The watchman said he had no intention of firing upon Hendrixson's companion. Hendrixson, a married man, has three children. He was still held today under \$10,000 bond.

The watchman said he went on a fishing trip yesterday and did not know he had shot any until he read it in the newspaper. He said he then threw his gun away.

Police searched for the gun today at Garfield park and the Pennsylvania tracks.

**Companion Also Held**

Heuser was arrested last night at the Garfield park greenhouse.

John Bush, 1119 Finley avenue, was the companion of the watchman on the rounds of the park. He also was held by police.

"I did not tell police because I did not think that I had hit anybody," Heuser told detectives.

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