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CITY BUSINESS REPORTS GAINS ON ALL FRONTS

\$2,000,000 Increase for 1936 Shown in Building Permits Issued.

WAGES REFLECT UPTURN

50 Manufacturing Firms Here Add 5000 Employees; WPA Rolls Drop.

BY NOBLE REED

Substantial increase in every phase of business activity in Indianapolis were shown today in a general compilation of trade statistics. Building activity volume increased by nearly \$2,000,000 during the first seven months of 1936 as compared to the same period a year ago, George Popp, building commissioner, reported.

Permits for the year up to Aug. 1 were \$210, amounting to \$3,890,053, as compared to 478 permits at \$1,891,908 a year ago. July building showed a gain of \$627,284 over the same month last year. The week ending Aug. 1 increased \$61,386 over the same week in 1935.

Pay Rolls Up 21.6 Per Cent

Pay rolls of Indianapolis' 477 establishments, reporting to the State Employment Service, totaled more than \$1,700,000 during July, an increase of 21.6 per cent over the same month in 1935. The number of persons employed by the 477 firms increased 14.4 per cent in July over a year ago.

A boost of nearly 5000 in employment of 50 manufacturing companies in city during June was shown in a report issued today by Myron R. Green, head of the industrial division of the Chamber of Commerce. "Every preceding month of 1936 showed a gain over similar months of 1935," he said.

Reports compiled by Mr. Green from 481 firms here showed a gain of 4.6 per cent in employment during May this year over June last year, he said.

Other increases for May, 1936, over June a year ago include: 18.2 per cent in pay rolls, 15 per cent in man hours, 12.9 per cent in per capita earnings for each person employed, and 2.2 per cent gain in average hourly rates of pay.

WPA Workers Get Jobs

The boost in industrial activities was further indicated by the absorption of many thousands of workers from Works Progress Administration projects by private enterprise.

Wayne Coy, state WPA director, reported today that 19,546 persons had left relief projects in the state since March 4, apparently for jobs in private industry. The peak WPA employment was 85,611 March 4, and on July 29 the number of persons on the pay roll was reduced to 66,065, Mr. Coy reported.

Reports indicated that both passenger and freight business of railroads serving Indianapolis also reflected a general upturn in all phases of city commerce.

J. J. Liddy, Indianapolis Union Railway superintendent, today reported that passenger business at the Union Station here during July increased 76.8 per cent over July, 1935. Revenue, he said, went up to \$102,582, an increase of 42.8 per cent over July last year.

Freight Revenues Gain

Freight business of the Indianapolis Union Railway Co. during July increased 32.9 per cent over the same month a year ago and was 5.6 per cent over June, Mr. Liddy said.

The Pennsylvania Railroad reported a gain of \$4,337,284 in operating revenues during June over the same month a year ago and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad reported an increase of \$2,306,388 for the same period.

The Indianapolis Water Co. reported an increase of more than 1,000,000,000 gallons of water used during the first six months of 1936, as compared to the same period a year ago. This reflects an increase in industrial activities because residential consumption remains nearly (Turn to Page Three)

STOCKS IRREGULAR IN DULL TRADING

Light Selling Hits Motor Shares; Steel Nervous.

BY UNITED PRESS

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—Another dull trading session brought irregularity to the stock market today, motor shares undergoing some light selling.

Chrysler at 118% was off 1/4 and General Motors at 69 was off 1/4. Both were up slightly from the lows. Steel shares were nervous. Rails were irregular. Utilities were quiet. Aircraft shares were irregularly lower.

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No. 1 Traffic Enemy Caught! And Are the Police Happy!

INDIANAPOLIS traffic policemen are pleased to announce that Public Enemy No. 1—at least as far as they're concerned—is just another apprehended motorist today.

And you can't blame them, what with the snooping around they've been forced to do lately. They've looked at more license plates in recent weeks than a confirmed auto license tag poker game did in a year.

They blame Delbert Wakeman, 25-year-old Mooresville youth, for all the trouble. Wakeman, they say, spent a lot of time figuring out a way to beat the "fixproof" stickers—and for a while it looked like he might get away with it.

Wakeman, they claim, would park his car illegally, without dropping a stitch. When he had finished his chores in town, he'd come back, "pooh-pooh" the sticker which the tireless traffic officer had placed on his windshield with great care, and drive away post haste.

On his way to Mooresville, Wakeman would just laugh and laugh, because he knew the Indianapolis policemen wouldn't come out there to get him.

After six times, the city policemen "caught on," however, and Wakeman's license number became a marked one. If you saw a policeman eying your license plates, rest easy—he probably was looking for Wakeman's number.

Yesterday, a great roar of glee rent the air at Pennsylvania and Georgia sts. Eureka! Wakeman's car had been found, and parked illegally again, the eagle-eyed policeman said.

He ordered the car towed in and then sat back to await developments.

Within a few hours Wakeman provided the developments. He dashed breathlessly into headquarters to report that "my automobile has been stolen."

Instead of the customary questions, Wakeman was greeted with six warrants, each of which carried a \$25 bond.

A \$5 fine this morning took care of everything. Municipal Judge Dewey Myers decided.

Spanish Revolt Incidents Endanger European Peace

Ugly Charges Hailed Among Nations as Revolution Nears Climax; German Gunboat Criticized.

THE SPANISH REVOLT AT A GLANCE

By United Press

Latest developments in the Spanish revolt:

MADRID—Bold rebels to capture Valencia foiled.

HENDAYE—Loyalists captured Albiacé, southwest of Valencia, after 24-hour fight.

BARBASTRO—Eighty rebels killed when church stronghold at Sietamo was destroyed by loyal artillery.

TOLDO—Spain's most beautiful city being reduced to ruins by artillery fire.

PARIS—International tension over possibility of European aid to rebels increases.

(Pictures, Page 2; book review, Page 13.)

BY RALPH HEINZEN

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PARIS, Aug. 4.—International complications of potential danger to European peace multiplied today as the Spanish revolt neared its climax.

Ugly charges were exchanged among the capitals of the continent, by sources often used by governments themselves as sounding boards.

There were increasingly frequent references to Agadir—the port on the Moroccan coast to which Germany sent a "token" gunboat in 1911 as a warning to France against encroachment—an incident that might have advanced the date of the World War three years.

Battlefield in Way

Leaving aside the ambitions and fears of statesmen on the Fascist and anti-Fascist side as Spanish Fascists and anti-Fascists fight for power, the danger of the situation may be shown by the following summary of today's developments:

1. In Paris the newspaper Echo De Paris charged that the German pocket battleship Deutschland, accompanied by a destroyer, prevented a Loyalist warship bombardment of rebel ports by steaming into Ceuta Harbor, Morocco, as the royal ships were about to open fire. (German spokesmen denied intent of the gunboat to get in the way.)

The United Press correspondent at Gibraltar reported that the Deutschland, anchored off the port, seemed "considerably to protect" Ceuta, thus probably inadvertently, as the Loyalist ships seemed not to want to fire for fear they

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THE LINE FUDGER

IF looks could kill, the familiar bird who stops out over the crossing would be the victim of a slight case of mob murder. He can't understand why the folks are looking so despicible this

morning for it never occurs to him that he is making them play around and that he's it.

The gang route are telephoning their punches and it's lucky for this prize Goat-Getter that he's just a bit of a bumbler and a fool. And in his sweet innocence he lets it pass with the comforting thought that it "must have been something this

morning for it never occurs to him that he is making them play around and that he's it.

The petition charges that Mr. Gadd killed Mrs. Gadd's son, whom he had apparently been threatening with each blow of his fist.

The suit also asked for a restraining order to prevent Gadd from selling farm property and household goods, valued at \$1500, that are jointly owned.

Gadd today was held in the city jail in default of \$20,000 bond on assault and battery and vagrancy charges.

CHURCH COMMITTEES ARE TO MEET HERE

Sessions Are to Precede Six-Day

Lutheran Conference.

Two committees meetings are to be held here tomorrow preliminary to the opening Thursday of the six-day convention of the Lutheran Church Synodical conference.

Members of the resolutions committee are to meet in the Parish Hall auditorium of St. Paul Lutheran Church in the afternoon. Members of the Board of Missionaries are to meet at night.

Alighting from a street car at 56th-st and College-av during the rain last night, Mrs. Sarah Casey, 47, of 1807 College-av, Apt. 2, was struck by an auto driven by Francis Griffin, 31, of 1614 E. Vermont-st. She was sent to Methodist Hospital suffering from chest injuries.

Arthur Pordison, 23, a soldier from Sheridan, Ill., was injured last (Turn to Page Three)

TWO CONTRACTS LET BY HIGHWAY BOARD

Short Paving Project and Garage Improvement Included.

James D. Adams, State Highway Commission chairman, today announced letting of two contracts, one for improvement of a state highway and another for enlarging a highway subdistrict garage in Indianapolis.

Low bidder on improving 1.4 miles of State Road 9 on N. Broadway-st., Anderson, was Royer-Douglas, Indianapolis. His bid was \$37,564.75. Mr. Adams said.

J. Mansford Colglazier, Salem, was low bidder on the highway improvement at \$9495.51. Improvement includes additions to the present garage, a new heating system and remodeling of the front of the building.

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Woman Killed, 2 Injured as Car Skids Into Truck

Tom Evans, 52, Negro, 2018 Boulevard-av, was injured seriously early today when he was struck by a taxi at 20th and Meridian-sts. He was taken to City Hospital.

His husband, Frank Hale, 68, and 12-year-old son, Robert, are being treated for serious injuries at the hospital.

Deputy sheriffs reported that Mr. Hale lost control of the car, which skidded to the side of the road and struck a truck driven by George Wiggam, Pioneer, O. The Hale family was returning home after a two weeks' vacation.

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COUNCIL BALKS AT OUSTER OF LEWIS FACTION

Serious Division of Opinion on Executive Board

Bared by Tobin.

FEAR EFFECT ON LABOR

Teamsters' Union Leader Does Not Expect Action Until Tomorrow.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Executive council members of the American Federation of Labor today revealed a serious conflict of opinion over advisability of suspending 12 federal union groups led by John L. Lewis, on charges of heresy to the trade union movement.

The division was revealed by Daniel J. Tobin, Teamsters' Union head, as members began the second session of the momentous trial of the Lewis Committee for Industrial Organization group.

The report raised hopes that the council will not proceed with the drastic procedure of suspending the rebel group. This action, it was conceded, would be tantamount to splitting the whole American trade union movement.

Mr. Tobin has been a leader within the council in attempting to conciliate the bitter dispute.

Meantime, John P. Frey, acting as prosecutor of the 12 union leaders, none of whom have appeared for the trial, continued his recital of the organization of the CIO and its activities which he charged constituted insurrection and dual unionism.

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