

FURNACES AWAITING TRY OUT

Giant Machinery of the Indiana Steel Mills at Gary May Be Set in Motion at Almost Any Time Now—May Start This Week.

STORE INGREDIENTS FOR MAKING STEEL

Gas Blowers Are Most Complicated In the Plant—Must Take It From the Furnaces and Supply Engines, Which Run Electric Motors Which In Turn Furnish Power.

The ingredients for the manufacture of steel, such as limestone, have begun to be shipped into the Indiana Steel mills at Gary and up to yesterday there were nearly a hundred car-loads which had already been delivered. The material for the manufacture of iron and steel, with the exception of iron ore itself, is being brought by rail, owing to the fact that navigation has closed.

With the shipment of the remainder of the materials for making iron and steel the company is now prepared to blow one of the furnaces at almost any time. It is thought likely that the first furnace will be started this week and that the remainder in the unit of four will be started just as soon as they consider it necessary. There are two of the furnaces which are already completed and two more which can be finished in the course of a few weeks.

Times Prediction Looks Good.
With the arrival of the other raw materials it looks as if the Times prophecy that the mills would be making steel by the first of the year would prove correct. This material can be secured at any time and there is no special rush to get it in unless there are about to begin making steel and iron.

The limestone, etc., that is now being brought in is being stored in the small bins, which are about the pit from which the materials are carried into the furnace and oxidized. The bins are run on a track directly over the bins from the railroad and dumped into the pit. The bin for these minor products is not so very large because of the fact that only a small percentage of the raw product outside of iron ore is used.

Will Test Machinery.
When the furnace is tried out in a few days the main purpose will be to test the machinery and particularly the blowing engine machines. The latter have already been tested by compressed air but have never been tried out with gas. The gas blowers are the most complicated of all the machines of that department of the plant and their condition and stage of preparation is essential to the starting of all of the plant. The gas blowers force the gas from the furnaces into the gas engines in the power house which in turn operate the motors which make the electric power for the entire plant.

Now that two of the furnaces are nearly ready to start, it will mean that a few more men will be employed in the mills and that from this time forward the force will be steadily increased. It is not thought that it will take over four hundred men in the operation of the two blast furnaces but that is not an inconsiderate number.

HAD A FILTHY BAKERY

Mrs. Anna Druson, a Roumanian woman, who has been conducting a bakery shop at Jefferson street and Fifteenth avenue, in Gary, was arrested by Officer August Newman on the charge of keeping an unsanitary bakery. She was found guilty and fined \$10 which, including the costs, amounted to \$21.50.

The condition in which she bake shop was found was revolting and abhorrent. It seems impossible that people with any sense of decency would dare to put goods on the market which are produced in such dirty, filthy and unsanitary surroundings as were found in the place of Mrs. Druson.

Old and stale flour formed a cushion on the door, while the flour itself was surrounded by rubbish. The kneading board simply bristled with dirt.

It was expected this morning that other arrests would follow.

MRS. FRD KLEMM OF ROBERTSDALE PASSES AWAY.

(Special to THE TIMES.)
Whiting, Ind., Dec. 10.—Whiting people were shocked yesterday to hear of the death of Mrs. Fred Klemm of Robertsdale, but who formerly lived in Whiting. Funeral arrangements have not been made, but will be in charge of Undertaker C. A. Hellwig. Mrs. Klemm is the mother of six small children, and the deepest sympathy is felt for the family.

CATHOLIC PRIEST OBJECTS TO OATH

Pastor of Harbor Roumanian Church Decides to Acquiesce

JUDGE FREES DEFENDANT

Rules of Law Make Any Witness

Amenable Who Does Not Swear.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Indiana Harbor, Dec. 10.—"No man can testify in my court unless he either takes an oath or makes affirmation that he is telling the truth," was the edict issued by Judge W. A. Reiland yesterday afternoon. The statement was followed by his positive declaration that unless Rev. Simeon Mihaltan would conform with the laws of the country regarding the admission of testimony, he would be compelled to leave the court room and make room for other witnesses.

The case on trial was one in which Mike Branian was charged with having maliciously damaged some records belonging to the local Roumanian church. The damage consisted of several small water spots, decided by the defendant to have dropped on the papers while he was engaged in cleaning the church windows. The action was brought by Emanuel Lonescu, secretary of the Roumanian church, who believed that the papers should be spotless upon presentation to his bishop. Ten dollars was the amount set as the extent of the damage, but Judge Reiland failed to find any malicious trespass and discharged the defendant.

Court is Surprised.
Rev. Mihaltan was introduced as a witness by the complainant. "Lift up your hand," started the judge, when the Rev. Mihaltan interrupted: "Just a moment, your honor," he began. "I do not wish to swear to my statements." The court looked askance at the reverend gentleman and waited for further explanations. The pastor then explained that according to the rules of his church his word is the truth, his obligations to the vestry demand his absolute cleanliness from any falsehood. "I see no reason why I should make t swear or affirm," he concluded.

"I cannot allow your church regulations to interfere with the laws of the United States," then declared Judge Reiland. "Whether a man be a king or pope, under American laws he is compelled to take an oath, or affirmation, even as does the humblest servant of the Commonwealth. I cannot make any allowance for your personal church rites."

The Rev. Mihaltan then asked for a continuance of his case until after dinner and was on hand shortly after one o'clock, ready to make the usual affirmation that his statements were true and correct, "so help me God." It was afterward learned that he had called into conference several of the leading members of his church, asking for advice on the subject, and their instructions were to conform with the laws of the United States code of justice.

Operated First Cable Engine.

For the past twenty years Mr. Hinds was stationary engineer for the Chicago Union Traction company, and it was while working for this corporation that he received the stroke that later scored as Death's emissary. Mr. Hinds had the honor of installing and operating the first cable engine ever used on the North Clark street system, Chicago, almost twenty years.

In addition to being a member of the G. A. R., the deceased was a Knight of Pythias, and is well known in Royal League circles as a charter member, organizer and past archon of Engineers' Council, R. L. Although definite arrangements have not yet been made for the funeral services, these will likely be held tomorrow afternoon from the Lewis residence on Magoun avenue.

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Toledo, Ind., Dec. 10.—Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, this morning at 5 o'clock destroyed the story and a half frame residence belonging to August Brown, on Brownmire boulevard. The loss is estimated at \$2,300, but \$2,000 of this amount is covered by insurance held by the First State bank of Toledo.

The building was a new one, having been only recently completed. It was not occupied by the owner, however, as he built it with a view of renting it. Until two days ago it was occupied by renters, but they moved, owing to a disagreement between them and the landlord.

Officer Newman of Gary came over with the chemical wagon but could do nothing toward saving the building. All efforts of the fire fighters were centered on saving the surrounding buildings, for which they had put up a hard fight. The neighboring building, belonging to August Ruke, was slightly damaged.

The fire started somewhere upstairs in the attic. All indications are that it was of incendiary origin. Frank Kurth, one of the first on the scene, says that he entered the house downstairs from the rear, through a window to get out a small stove that belonged to him and had been put in the building before to dry some paint. In attempting to get out of the front door and trying to unlock the same he found it open. Mrs. Brown, however, says that she had locked all doors securely the evening before.

This is proof that Toledo is in great need of some sort of protection in case of fire. If there had been some kind of aromatic chemical for instance, this fire could have been gotten under control before devouring the whole building.

Clergymen's Salaries.

The archbishop of Canterbury receives \$75,000 a year, and the curate of East Kennett \$200. It is said that the archbishop and the curate find it difficult to make both ends meet at the end of the year.—Newark News.

DIES AFTER MANY MONTHS OF ILLNESS

George E. Hinds, War Veteran, Dies at Home of Daughter.

VISITED IN EAST CHICAGO

Father-in-Law of George Lewis Had

the Honor of Installing First

Cable Engine in Chicago.

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East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 10.—George H. Hinds yesterday found the peace which a tired body sought, when he fell asleep, with the awakening in a fair land. The Master's coming was welcome. Enfeebled by an illness of several months duration, there was naught in the dawn of morning, nor in the ever beautiful twilight of evening that brought the whisper of hope to his mind, and he welcomed the hour when the Divine Ruler called him to the land where they never weep.

Mr. Hinds is well known here, having made his home since last May with his daughter, Mrs. George W. Lewis, of Magoun avenue. He was brought to East Chicago while suffering from a paralytic stroke. While the tender ministrations of his family assisted in dispelling the gloom caused by his helplessness, there had been times when Mr. Hinds was not expected to survive, but constant rallies in health, and an ever-present sense of gratitude for their services, gave him new grasps on the tender threads of life, adding a few days and weeks to his existence.

Born in New England.

George E. Hinds was born in Portland, Me., on May 29, 1842, and at the time of his death was nearing his sixtieth birthday. At the age of 9 years his parents moved to Peoria, Ill., where his boyhood days were passed.

At an early age he began railroad work as a brakeman and held positions on passenger and freight trains throughout the states of Illinois and Iowa. It was while living in the latter state that the civil war alarm was given, and George E. Hinds was one of those who declared himself ready to sacrifice his life for his country's sake. He served throughout the war with the Seventeenth Iowa infantry.

He was a member of George H. Thomas Post, G. A. R., Chicago, for a number of years.

The deceased was married on Sept. 5, 1884, his wife still surviving him.

Their wedded life was a pleasant one, and from their union three children were born, but one of whom, Mrs. George W. Lewis of this city, survives.

The deceased is also survived by two sister, Mrs. S. E. Prince of Marion City, Iowa, and Mrs. M. E. Turner of Williamson, Mass.

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Grubach is at St. Margaret's hospital in a precarious condition, as the result of having several gashes inserted in his body by two jack knives which Branch had used as weapons. Grubach has been unconscious for two days.

Sergeant Collins and Officer Mullany are receiving no small amount of credit for the capture of Branch. He is certainly a desperate character, which is shown not only by the way he cut up the young man who is now at the point of death, but also by the fight he put up when the officers went into his boarding house to place him under arrest. Upon seeing the bluecoats enter the door he crawled under the bed. When the flashlight was thrown upon him Branch had a knife in each hand and only at the point of revolvers in the officers hands were they able to bring him to bay.

Had the police lost many moments in running down their man he would in all probability now be a fugitive from justice, for he was just preparing to take his departure when captured. He wore several suits of clothes and having obtained fifteen dollars from his boarding boss was fixing up for a long trip.

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**CROWN POINT REALTY
MARKET IS ACTIVE.**

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Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 10.—Several important real estate transfers have taken place in Center township property during the past few days. Besides the sale of the Reitman property to Anton Husemen for \$3,000, the Sander tract, consisting of eight acres on Court street, has been sold to Mr. Rickard, a Nebraska man, for \$5,750. Fred Kappelman, living two miles south of Crown Point, has bought ten acres there for \$600.

300 HEAR THE ORIOLE CONCERT COMPANY

Entertainment Given Under Auspices of Gary Masonic Club Enjoyed.

ANNUAL DINNER IS SERVED

Rev. A. J. Sullens of Gary Delivers

the Address of the Evening—

Plenty of Entertainment.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Whiting, Ind., Dec. 10.—The annual dinner and election of officers of the Congregational church was held in the church parlor on Tuesday evening.

The dinner was served promptly at 6 o'clock and was enjoyed by about ninety who had gathered around the festal board.

After the dinner Miss Margaret Langmyer rendered an instrumental solo, and Mrs. A. B. Canfield gave the beautiful vocal solo, "Roses by Summer Forseen."

The roll call was next given by Miss N. E. Wycoff, to which each member responded with a verse of scripture.

The reports of officers and societies were then given as follows:

Trustees—B. F. Parks.

Missionary society—Mrs. C. M. Helm-

man.

Men's clubs—H. E. Beaubien.

Deacon's report—H. S. Davidson.

Plymouth club—Miss Lila Schoene-

man.

Ladies' aid—Mrs. C. M. Heiman.

Sunday school—B. S. Place.

Clerk—Miss N. E. Wycoff.

Treasurer—A. M. Hamilton.

Pastor—F. M. Webster.

After the reports were read they were filed with the clerk, Miss Wycoff.

The address of the evening was given by Rev. A. J. Sullens, pastor of the Gary Congregational church, in which he proved himself to be an able orator.

Rev. Sullen Speaks.

This part of the program was concluded by a vocal solo by Miss Wycoff, after which they proceeded to elect officers.

The former officers were all re-elected with the exception of Treasurer A. M. Hamilton, who declined to re-accept.

Those to serve during the ensuing year are as follows:

Trustee—F. W. Daegling.

Deacons—A. M. Hamilton, H. S. Da-

vidson.

Deaconesses—Mrs. G. T. Gray and

Mrs. J. M. Porter.

Treasurer—Hoyt E. Wright.

Organist—Mrs. A. M. Hamilton.

Assistant organist—Miss Bernice Al-

len.

Sunday school superintendent—B. S.

Place.

This being decided, all joined in the

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