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EAST CHICAGO—INDIANA HARBOR

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INLAND CO. HAS TWO FINE BOATS

(Special to THE TIMES.)
Indiana Harbor, Ind., Sept. 1.—The Inland Steel company is now the proud possessor of two of the finest ore boats on the lakes. A deal whereby the two monster steamships, the Hogwood and Weldner, passed into the hands of the Inland Harbor concern, was closed last week, approximately \$300,000 being paid for the craft. The boats were purchased from the Hogwood Transportation company of Cleveland.

While it has been rumored for some time that the Inland company proposed purchasing a fleet, the officials would not confirm the report, and it is declared that the present deal came up suddenly and was closed with scarcely any parley on either side. The boats are 10,000 tons burden, of strongest construction and elegant finish. One of them, the Weldner, has been laid up all summer, but the Hogwood is in commission this season, being at present loaded with coal. Both boats are in Milwaukee now. It is not known whether they will be operated by the Inland Steel company until spring, or before.

Of the two boats, the Hogwood is a trifle the larger, being 576 feet long, 56 foot beam and containing 24 hatches. The Weldner is 561 long, 56-foot beam and has 22 hatches. With two such steamships at their command the Inland will be able to haul practically all of its ore. This year's receipts of ore will approximate a half million tons when the navigation season closes, but as the new blast furnace will be in operation by the first of the year it is estimated that between 700,000 and 750,000 tons will be required next year to see the mill through.

The purchase of the ore boats represents only one item in the tremendous progress that is being made by this enterprising company.

WHY ARE YOU NOT A TIMES READER?

WANT DIRECT ROUTE TO HARBOR

North Siders Association
Want to Bring Cities
Closer Together.

At the meeting of the North Side Improvement Association of Hammond recently the campaign for direct connection between Hammond and Indiana Harbor on the South Shore Line was reopened.

The association summed up what data it had and advanced the argument that the population of Hammond would be materially increased if direct interurban connection between the two communities were established. In support of this argument which will be laid before the traffic manager of the South Shore line, the officials of the association show letters from the heads of various industries east of Hammond, asking that the association do something to afford better transportation, and thus encourage the employees of the plants to locate in Hammond.

Another project which the association tackled in earnest was the proposed opening of Calumet avenue without further delay. A committee was appointed to work up all necessary data on this question, to learn where the opposition lies and to confer with the board of public works. The meeting was held in Wojcinski's hall, and was fairly well attended.

UNFILLED STEEL ORDERS GAINING

Plants Operating to 78 Per Cent of Capacity.

New York, Sept. 1.—Unfilled orders on the books of the United States Steel corporation on Aug. 1 aggregated \$3,554,000 tons, a gain over June of 225,000 tons. It was announced today, at the conclusion of the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors. This does not include an inter-company business of \$50,000 tons.

Steel producing plants of the corporation are operating to approximately 78

per cent of capacity, while a number of the finishing departments of the various companies are operating to 85 per cent of capacity and the outlook is all that can be desired, the announcement states.

Since Aug. 1 new business has been freely offered, and, notwithstanding shipments in August have been large, the bookings up to the 20th inst. show a fair increase. Daily bookings of the corporation from Jan. 1 to August 20 show an average increase of 7,750 tons, compared with the same period in 1910. Specifications for prompt shipment in August are larger than for any previous month this year.

VIADUCT OVER C. I. & S. TRACKS DONE

Important Construction
Work at Inland Plant
Is Completed.

(Special to THE TIMES.)
Indiana Harbor, Sept. 1.—The viaduct which has been in process of construction for some months at the Inland Steel company's plant, over the C. I. & S. tracks, has been completed and will be put in use today. The structure, which is several hundred feet in length is built entirely of iron and is a great improvement to the mill property. It will entirely do away with the danger to the men who have heretofore been obliged to cross the tracks at grade. A peculiar feature is that there has never been an accident from this source, but the mill preferred to "lock the barn before the horse was stolen," unlike most "soulless corporations."

The check office will occupy a building at the foot of the viaduct, which is at Block avenue. The building will contain the time clocks, sufficient to accommodate 5,500 men. Entrance will be on the east side and the exit will be on the west side. The office will be fitted up in the most modern way.

On the south side there will be a room from which the paymaster will pay off the men. He will do this from a window facing the outside, the men passing in line before this window and receiving their checks from the inside. The building will be built of iron made in the mill, the iron being designed in ornate fashion. Black earth will be placed about the structure and lawns and gardens planted.

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