

## AKRON EXPECTS TIRE INDUSTRY TO RESUME AT FIRST OF YEAR

(By Associated Press) AKRON, O., Dec. 17.—Partial resumption in the automobile tire industry shortly after the first of the year is forecast by activity in the labor departments of the big rubber companies in the Akron district.

Although silent as to what definite plans have been made, officials of the various tire factories make no secret that they are keeping in touch with former employees so that experienced labor will be available when needed.

Rumors that companies have sent letters to men asking them to report after the first of the year have been officially denied. Officials of these companies explain that the first step in the resumption of tire manufacture will be to give men now in those departments full time work instead of the 15 to 30 hours weekly schedules now in force.

### Surplus Disappearing.

Sales departments of the companies apparently are well pleased with the volume of tire orders being received. Surplus stocks of tires have been greatly depleted during the last four months and the incoming orders give promise of resumption in plant activity.

An official of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company has expressed the opinion that spring will find an actual shortage in supplies of tires throughout the country.

Most conservative observers on business conditions name March as the month when the tire industry will briskly, and work in plants resume.

At present nearly 20,000 workers in rubber and allied factories are idle in Akron and about twice that number have left the city.

### To Refinance Company.

The future of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company will depend to a great extent upon the reorganization plan, it is said. A refinancing plan undoubtedly will be adopted by the directors soon, and it is proposed to borrow \$50,000,000 from eastern bankers, which practically will be a mortgage on the companies' properties.

Many of the smaller rubber companies operating in Akron have been better able to weather the depression than their big competitors.

Another development which has tended to throw optimism over the present situation is the request of big industrial concerns for a list of the vacant properties in Akron. Real estate men are assisting the rubber companies in securing a list of local properties for rent or sale, it is said.

## Ohio News Flashes

CAMP SHERMAN—Private Leon Denton, who with a companion left the camp several days ago, has returned. He wrote a note before leaving, saying "Count the days 'till we get back. Arriving back at the camp he said, 'you only had to count three.' Each time he caught a freight train out of Chillicothe he was thrown off. He took a train back. His companion is still at large.

YOUNGSTOWN—Lack of orders will keep independent steel mills here idle until the first of the year, according to officials. About 20,000 workers will be effected by the layoff. United States Steel Corporation mills in this district, however, will continue at about 90 per cent production.

MIDDLETON—Four cases of whisky were broken into the Miami river here by Frank Byrd, Chief of Police, and John Kunz, City Clerk, while onlookers lined the banks for two blocks. The destruction of the whisky is said to have been the first in Ohio under the new Crabb act.

DAYTON—Postoffice officials here announced the finding of a package containing \$16,700 of stolen Liberty bonds and war savings stamps, which had been deposited in a mail box at Fifth and Jefferson streets, presumably by members of a gang of bank bandits operating out of Toledo.

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## Indiana Brevities

EVANSVILLE—Hundreds of complaints were registered against the poor gas service provided by the Public Utility Company of this city, when the hearing for increased gas rates was reopened. Gas consumers packed the city hall to protest to Glenn Van Auken, of the Indiana public service commission.

LAFAYETTE—H. C. May, general manager of the Monon railroad, has resigned after about eight years service with the company. He began his duties in 1910 as superintendent of motive power, but was with the Chesapeake & Ohio, and Louisville & Nashville railroads from 1915 to 1917.

LAPORTE—A life sentence was given Frank Wright who was found guilty of second degree murder. The jury was out 24 hours.

He was charged with complicity in the murder of Henry Muessel, a South Bend brewer, and Frank Chrobret, who tried to defend Muessel during an attempt at robbery.

FRANKLIN—A first prize of \$50 was won by Harold Denman, speaking on "The New America," in the oratorical contest of Franklin college. He will represent the college in the state oratorical contest, to be held at Notre Dame university in February.

FORT WAYNE—Mistaking poison for medicine he had been taking, Waldon Miller, 29 years old, contracting tinsmith, swallowed poison and died soon after.

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pected that as a result of the market slump and no demand for pelts, thousands of animals which otherwise would have fallen victims to hunters and trappers will escape this season.

The nine major departments composing the university are the college of liberal arts, school of education, graduate school, school of law, school of medicine, school of commerce and finance, extension department, and work in the biological station during the summer months at Winona Lake. These schools are similar to the ones included in state universities in surrounding states.

To maintain these schools effectively and keep step with the forward movement in high education Indiana university is joining with Purdue, the other state university in Indiana, and the state normal, in asking for a levy sufficient to operate these schools.

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## 500 STOLEN CARS IN MONTH, CHICAGO MARK

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CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—More than 500 stolen automobiles a month in Chicago's record up to date this year, according to Detective Sergeant George O'Conner, head of the automobile detail. Of the 5,547 cars stolen during the year, however, 4,022 have been re-

covered and a thorough search is being carried on for all missing cars. An ordinance requiring all motorists to carry identification cards recently passed by city council will be of great assistance in reducing the number of cars which disappear daily, according to Sergeant O'Conner.

"Suspicious persons driving automobiles can be questioned and if they are not able to produce a card showing that they are the owner of the car, it will be easy to find out if they are thieves or driving with the owner's consent," the detective sergeant declared. The owner's record, which is

to be entered on the back of each card, will also be of assistance to an arresting officer, O'Conner said.

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