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Building Trades Hardest Hit by **Business Slump**

Investigation Shows Large Majority of Craftsmen in Chicago Out of Work-East Most Affected.

By ARTHUR M. EVANS. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire Chicago, Dec. 26 .- Here's an ob-

servation or two on unemployment, drawn from two days' talks with representative manufacturers, labor experts, builders, contractors, bank-ers and politicans who have been touring their wards.

"During December unemployment has kept growing, but Chicago has not been nearly so hard hit as have the industrial centers of the east, particularly the textile and auto-motive centers, which for months have been in the doldrums. It is illustrated by a report from one of the leading eastern railroads on its present traffic in Chicago for less than carload lot shipments.

Outbound shipments from Chicago to the east were 30 per cent less than in December a year ago. Inbound shipments from the east to Chicago were 70 per cent less than for the same period in 1919.

Slowing Down in East.

The figures cover a two-weeks' period. They are significant as in-dicating how much greater the slow-

ing down has been in the cast than in the midwest. Some of Chicago's largest indus-tries are running almost with as large a force as during the autumn. The agricultural implement industry, for agricultural implement industry, for instance, with approximately 25,000 workers, since November 1 has had a lay off of about 7 per cent, mean-ing 1,750 out of employment. Some of the big steel mills are running at the old 80 per cent capacity, which measured their output last Septem-ber and October. Others are operat-ing at only 35 to 40 per cent capacity. The independents are hardest hit, but in the Calumet-Indiana section they in the Calumet-Indiana section they are apparently in much better shape than in the mill centers of Ohio and l'ennsylvania.

Some plants in the metal indus-tries have closed down entirely until aiter New Year's "for repairs." One employment agency estimates that in the Calumet-Indiana territory about 20,000 men are either out of work or are on part time. Another estimates it at 15,000.

Building Hard Hit.

The building trades in Chicago are hardest hit. Next come the clothing workers. Leading builders say activities are now reduced by 75 per cent. Most of this, of course, is seasonable, but the estimate is that 25,000 to 30,000 building craftsmen in Chicago are out of work. What

in Chicago are out of work. What work is progressing is finishing-up ers. The steamlitters and plumbers are all busy, but the carpenters and bricklayers are jobless and the dull season is duller than usual. Contractors are without jobs to figure on, and so far preparations for resumption of work in the spring are being held up by building costs, which are still accounted too high.



Two Inside and Gives Chase to Second Pair.

Four youthful bandits were de-tected in the act of breaking into the pawn shop of Jake Kyte, 211 South proprietor's young daughter, Mary Twelfth street, Saturday night by the proprietor's young daughter, Mary Kyte court

Mary was alone in the rear of the

from the part used as their home and before the boys effected an en-trance telephoned to police. Locks Pair Insides

Patrolman D. J. Phillips, who was on the bcat in the vicinity, appeared on the scene before the squad of police arrived from the station. Two of the boy-bandits had entered the store when he arrived. He locked the door from the outside and then gave chase to the other two. Two shots fired directly at the youths as in the annals of American surgery. Although completely paralyzed at the time, Bjorkman had so nearly he was able to resume his work.

someone close to the latter-will appear before the legislative committee which will investigate the industrial court question upon the submission, by Representative Kime of Fort recovered within three months that He was to receive his final na-Dodge, of an industrial court bill. turalization papers on September 12, Governor Allen and Mr. Gompers but the only action taken at that time was the official endorsement across the top of the certificate: "Back broken September 8." On lature meet in committee of the

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Government reports show that building materials, despite the fall in lumper and recent cuts in some other lines, are still higher as compared with prewar prices, than any other group of commodities, with the one

exception of house furnishings. Prices Must Drop.

Builders declare that materials must come down to a stabilized basis before the interest of the building public can be revived. In this connection, too, there is some talk of wage reductions from the \$1.25 an hour basis to \$1 an hour, and the idea is being circulated that the unions might suggest a reduction provided cost of living makes a real descent by spring. The unions, however, have not got to that point and, in fact, some builders declare that Fourteenth and Douglas.

the present scale would not worry them a bit, provided labor costs could be chopped down by the elimnation of jurisdictional disputes and an honest-to-goodness understanding that when building starts up again a real day's work will be given for a day's pay. The building situation is basic; it concerns everybody and developments are being closely watched.

As to general industry, a questionnaire sent out to 30 representative concerns in Chicago got the following returns, as of December 1: Fifteen reported layoffs; 15, no change. stallation of the plant.

Twenty-nine reported no reduction in wage rates.

Eight said they were hiring new help at lower rates. Twenty-two reported no change. Six reported that average weekly carnings of workers were more than 90 days; six, that they were less and 8 said they were unchanged.

Condition of Ex-Empress Disturbs Celebration

Doorn, Holland, Dec. 26 .- The Christmas celebration at the House of Doorn last night, was interrupted by the serious condition of former German empress, who suffered a new attack, and the emperor had to excuse himself to go to her

bedside. On Christmas morning there was distribution of gifts to the staff and to a few of the country gentry, who were guests at the house. One of the gifts was a painting said to represent the "Fraternity of Nations," which was presented to Count von Bentinck. Excrown Prince Frederick Wil-

liam was expected to arrive here sometime today.

Life of Sardine Before

It Reaches Can Stage Eugene, Ore., Dec. 26 .- An exhaustive study of the life and habits of the sardine will be the subject of research work at the University of Oregon here by one of the leading zoological students, Harlan Holmes. The study will be made by Holmes under commission from the California state fish and game commission.

Dachshund Back Again

London, Dec. 26 .- The war is over period, is now returning into public lavor again.

At a recent dog show there were at least 12 of these black and tan degrad the Grove's LAXATIVE BROMO QUI-dogs with their curious bowed legs. The genuine bears the signature of E. W. Grove, 30c.

prisoned pair, Harry Shamelen, 16, 408 North Sixteenth street, and George Snyder, 18, Twentieth and N streets, South Side, to the station.

Other Two Captured.

A half hour later, Patrolmen A. the clerk's office of the district court W. Ingersoll and Gus S. Wright left the next day for a visit to Kanreturned to the station with the two sas and was able to resume his work boys who made their escape. They were caught at Tenth and Dodge on December 1. His recovery was

streets and were identified by their due to the remarkable surgical treatassociates as the ones who "almost ment of Dr. Fred P. Bellinger, Coungot away." They are Clifford Hill, 16, 2502 South Fourteenth street, and Buster Upah, 2315 Monroe street. cil Bluffs surgeon. Will Ask Promotion Hill was carrying a book contain-ing more than a dozen large-sized For Every Officer phonograph records, which he told police, he found in the rear of the Who Kills Burglar dd Schmoller and Mueller store at

Chicago, Dec. 26. - Announce-ment that he would introduce a Clay Products Firm plan at Wednesday's city council Wins \$5,000 Damage meeting to make immediate promotion the reward for every patrol-man or sergeant who kills a burglar Suit From Promoter or holdup man in the act of com-

mitting a crime, was made by Alderman J. O. Kostner. "I believe it is what the force needs," he said, "although it may seem a little cold-blooded. Chief Audubon, Ia., Dec. 26.—(Special.) —Judgment for \$5,000 has been awarded the Audubon Clay Products company against A. G. Brenneck, Fitzmorris has given it his apwho promoted the concern. The

claim was for damages alleged to proval.' have been sustained by failure of "That some incentive is needed to quicken the trigger fingers of the Brenneck properly to oversee the in-

police force is proved by events of the last few weeks," he said. "Three Brenneck originally sued the company for \$5,000 worth of stock, alpolicemen have been shot and killed in that period." leged due him. The case was sent Only a few isolated holdups oc-curred Christmas eve, according to the state supreme court, which held the stock selling plan followed by Brenneck was invalid. He therethe police.

upon sued the company for \$20,000 for services as promoter. Later this claim was reduced to \$4,000. The judgment awarded the company was on a counter claim filed by the county to the latter suit of Brenneck.

Massachusetts Town

Called "Dance Crazy" Grafton, Mass., Dec. 26.—This town is "dance crazy." Rev. Joseph A. Jacques, rector of St. Philip church, and Rev. Philip King, pastor

West Evangelical Congregaof the tional church, unite in the statement. Rev. Father Jacques has told his parishioners there should not be more than one public dance a week in Grafton. He said the dances were requented by "thugs and drunks" from Worcester, not fit to dance with the young women of the town. Rev. Mr. King corroborated his statements, and said he would back

him in his demand that the dances be fewer in number and higher in tone.

Ouarantine On Fruit

importation into Japan from Amer-ica, Canada, New Zealand, Africa and Peru of apples, pears, quinces, peach es, plums, apricots and walnuts. This is to prevent the introduction of the

coddling moth into Japan. This moth is said to cause \$20,000,000

To Cure a Cold in One Day

November 15 Bjorkman walked into whole to listen to these two men. Soldiers' Bonus Bill.

Other important matters upon which the general assembly will be called to take action will be the revision of the corporation and "blue sky" laws and the settlement of some sort of soldiers' bonus bill. The latter issue is complicated bythe fact that the state will be asked to raise by taxation the sum neces-sary to provide the "deferred compensation" to its ex-service men. There is considerable doubt by even those best informed on the coming session as to precisely how the state primary election laws will be amended. That they will be amended is

thought certain. Friday and Saturday, January and 8, will see things pretty well under way. There will be committee meetings, board meetings, conferences, and the general stir of anticipation. There will be a caucus of the senate to act on the recommendations of its committee on appointments, and the city will bustle with the arrival of congressmen and visitors

Real Rickenbacher Is Mistaken for Man Wanted as Embezzler

Columbus, O., Dec. 26. - Eddie Rickenbacher, premier American ace, came "within an ace" of spending

Christmas in a Chicago jail, instead shop and the old fashioned fire de-Star of "The Poor Little Rich. of with his mother in this city, he Girl" Weds Baltimore Man told friends here. Enroute east from California, New York Dec. 26 .- Slipping

of "The Poor Little Rich Girl." and Edgar Dudley James of Baltimore and New York, were married in the Fla., early this week and who was municipal chapel.

The bride, who is a titian haired beauty, is one of the youngest stars on the stage. She will not be 20 until March 20, when she will share her birthday anniversary with her husband, who will celebrate his

Falling Off Shown in Mail

Employes of Columbus Previous to Christmas

fore the explosion.

Newspapers Get Bonus Chicago, Dec., 26-More than 11-Columbus, Dec. 26 .- Salary bouses amoning to more than \$100 .-000 were given as Christmas presents to employes of the Columbus Dispatch and the Ohio State year, postoffice officials announced.

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Journal and other employes of Rob-ert F, and Harry P. Wolfe, of this Falling off in mail order business and the general business situation were named by the officials as prin-

Tokio, Dec. 26.—A regulation ublished recently by the imperial lant quarantine station protition protition are the second granted this y1, and

Atlantic Youth Killed

thirty-seventh birthday on

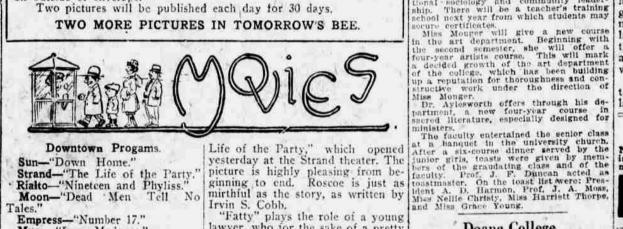
date.

By Auto While Coasting Atlantic Ia., Dec. 26.—(Special.)— Robert Jacobs, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jacobs, was instantly killed when run over by an autoand the dachshund, who discreetly worth of damage to the United mobile while coasting on one of the the farm home of Jake Kissler near retired into private life during that Spees apple crop alone. streets here. The wheel of the auto- here, badly damaging the house and mobile passed over the boy's head, wrecking the stove and heating plant.

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accident.

TWO MORE PICTURES IN TOMORROW'S BEE.



Downtown Progams. Sun-"Down Home." Strand-"The Life of the Party Rialto-"Ninetcen and Phyliss."

Moon-"Dead Men Tell No Empress-"Number 17." Muse-"Love Madness." Neighborhood Houses. Grand-"The Idol Dancer,"

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dishonest judge, who is secretly in Griffith production. league with the milk folks. The Hamilton-Constance Talmadge judge seeks all manner and means "Two Weeks."

to "frame up" Roscoe, but is foiled in the end. And, of course, the ro-All the delightful old landmarks tund lawyer wins the girl. of rural life from the blacksmith

The excitement and suspense of partment to the village store are inthe novel, "Dead Men Tell No

"Fatty" plays the role of a young

lawyer, who for the sake of a pretty

pair of eyes, undertakes to break the

milk trust. His rival in love is a

told friends here.
Enroute east from California, Rickenbacher registered at a Chicago hotel. The clerk, believing him to be the fake "Eddie Rickenbacher" who was married in Jacksonville, Fla., early this week and who was alleged to have disappeared later after having embezzled several thousand dollars, called the house detective to arrest him.
After much explaining, Rickenbacher and he finally was released.
Falling Off Shown in Mail corporated in effective fashion in "Down Home," chief cinema attrac-

of Eva. in the semi-Spanish costumes affected by that lady. Guslong ignored will long be rememtay von Seyffertitz acquits himself with honors in the role of the vilbered for his extraordinary insight

Charles Ray has registered another triumph in the role of a town dandy, Andrew Jackson - Cavanaugh, in "Nineteen and Phyliss," playing this cipal reasons for this year's shortage. In the first-class mail departweek at the Rialto theater. The proment, however, more letters were sent than in any previous Christmas. fuction is a refreshing entertainment.

> ed on the boyish romance of a 19year-old youngster. The picture is somewhat of a de-

Lewis, Ia., Dec. 26.-(Special.)-Fire started in a cook stove caused a frozen heating tank to explode at Horton, who in the role of Phyliss, Empress Review Follows crushing it. The car was driven by A. E. Goold, taxi driver. He is absolved of all responsibility for the Kissler having left but a moment be-

Steel, rather than glass retainers, were recommended for the filling machines, and need for rules prohibiting automobile drivers from keeping their autos running while the tanks are being filled was expressed, according to Mr. Tracy.

Cotner College.

anta Claus."

Cotner College.
Perhafts the sciencest change is the relation of the colloge high school out of the Cotner academy. In the future the high school will exist separately from the college and be under a separate and distinct faculty.
Mrs. Elmer Strain is to be at the head of the high school will exist separately from the courses of the high school will be so arranged as to conform with the entrance requirements of all college. A commercial department will be created, where students may learn typewriting, short in the college for the second school of the college for the second formerce. Psychology will be transferred form Professor McRao's department, and will be taught by Prof. J. F. Duncan, secial principles of education and a class in mental measurement will be taught by Mr. Duncan next semester.
In the high school, Mrs. Strain will tend the school of the aught be a tancher's training school part will be a tancher's training school part will be a tencher's training and community leader-ship. There will be a tencher's training school part will give a new course. Iowa at present has no rules deal-ing specifically with the control of gasoline filling stations nor with the control and operation of moving picture theaters. These things are controlled at present by a construed meaning in the fire marshal's law relating to fire hazards. Mr. Tracy is preparing to submit to the general assembly this winter

laws which deal specifically with the gasoline filling stations and the moving picture theaters. On the latter question, the bill will prohibit

the showing of moving pictures in any building that is not equipped with a fire-proof booth. tempt, he declares, to have the arson

laws strengthened.

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Mr. Tracy will also make an at-

tions occupied a great part of the

discussion at the recent meeting of the North America Fire Marshals association held in New York, which Mr. There attended

which Mr. Tracy attended.

Doane College. Tuosday morning, instead of the usual class chapel, a mass meeting of the stu-dents was held in the chapel, in which a drivo was made to raise funds to relieve ship. There will be a teachers' training More than 3230 was subscribed. Tuosday night the annual Christmap party was held in the parlor of Gaylord Hall. Instead of presents this year, an envelope from the Christmap tree was distributed to each person. These en-velopes contained appropriate poetry and the motey which was to be deposited in the mite box to add to the fund for the starving students of colleges across thu near

Midland College.

Dr. Carl G. Aue, pastor of a larg-Lutheran church in Lousville, has ac cepted the call of the Satem Lutheran church of Fremont, The installation will take place on the third Sunday in Jan The Commercial club of Fremont ha

Tyler 3032,

Tom Terriss, the producer, has handled the picture in masterly fashion. **Simpson College.** Dr. W. C. Hilmer of Sioux City, former president of the Charles City college and former vice president of Morningside col-fees, will become head of the ancient mediately following the Christmas holf-mediately following the Christmas holf-tridistedt. Dr. Hilmer is an alumus of Baldwin-Walace college, Berge, J. and a posi-forme becoming president of the Charles for becoming president of the Charles the company. Dr. Hilmer is an alumus of Baldwin-Walace college, Berge, J. and a posi-for becoming president of the Charles for becoming president of the Charles for becoming president of the Charles for becoming president that the fur college be was bead of the German department of Ohio Wesiyan university. The School of Music of Midland college, en-bethol of Morningside, retaining that port for hor nanumber of great. He has re-tor for a number of great. He has re-tor for a number of great. He has re-struction for a number of great. He has re-stond the student a working for he we sched of the program department of Morningside, retaining that port for hor solution the beame vice president that the structure and the direction of Prot. E. R. Market and the students and fremonter with a musical recitat selections. Volton and subdents and the genual to working to the various spattments of the school. The Excelsiof society will present "The cast has been selected and is working fear is safe for anyone to drive. Sprague Tire Company.

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Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle made a successful debut into comedy-ica-tures in his latest production, "The Canada, where he will take a vacation.

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the church scenes where he mani-fest his love for the being he has so Chicago, Dec., 26—More than 11-000 tons of letters and packages passed through the Chicago post-office during the 11 days preceding Christmas, although this year's volume of mail was less than last very type of "home spun" photo-type of "home spun" photo-type of the vil-lain, Santos. Percy Narmont is a likable hero. Tom Terriss, the producer, has handled the picture in masterly fashion.

plays.

It is replete with humor and found-Farm Home Wrecked When

Frozen Water Tank Bursts parture of Ray's type of character. Opposite Ray in the leading feminine part is pretty little Clara

gives a delightful characterization.