

TRADE PICKS UP.

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are gradually improving and while there is no call for men here, improvement is reflected in fuller time for those now at work and the re-employment of those who have been idle.

JACKSONVILLE DEPENDS ON FARMS.

JACKSONVILLE: Agricultural conditions in Morgan county are better than a year ago. For two years they have been subnormal. Army worm, drouth, and hog cholera have been a severe hindrance. Business is heavily dependent upon the success of the farmer. Wheat acreage is the largest ever planted and farmers are counting on high prices under European war conditions. In foodstuff lines jobbers report the volume of business normal with collections affected by subnormal conditions in other lines. Resources have been heavily drawn upon by adverse agricultural conditions. Manufacturing plants of Jacksonville have been running with from 20 per cent. to 30 per cent. reduction in labor employed. The future looks good locally if crops are a success.

BUSINESS PICKING UP.

CAIRO: Business conditions in Cairo are looking much brighter than for some time. Yesterday the Chicago Mill & Lumber Company, one of the largest factories, received orders for work that will keep it busy to utmost capacity for several weeks. Orders received by this company were local. Several factories here manufacture goods that go entirely to foreign countries and these have been closed since the war started. General business is showing activity.

MORE WORK AT FREEPORT.

FREEPORT: A large number of men have been laid off by the factories here, but more orders are being received and the prospects are that many of the men will soon return to work. The Henney Buggy Company, a subsidiary of the Moline Plow Co., was running at only 40 per cent. of capacity a few weeks ago. It is now running at 70 per cent. and the indications are that within thirty days the production of the factory will be at normal. General manager M. A. Steel says other factories also have taken back a few men while the managers of others say they can see no signs of improvement.

SEES PICKUP AT KEWANEE.

KEWANEE: E. E. Baker, president of the Kewanee Boiler Company, employing 1,000 men, is optimistic. He believes conditions are improving, but the betterment has not yet shown on the order books. Frank M. Lay, secretary and treasurer of the Boss Manufacturing Company, said that since colder weather began their business had been good and the outlook is improving. Plants of the company in several States have been operating with reduced force, but plants are now being made to resume operations in all its factories. The company manufactures gloves and mittens. The Kewanee Private Utilities company announced that recent orders indicate the company's business would run ahead of last year.

LA SALLE CONDITIONS GOOD.

LA SALLE: Business depression has not been experienced in local factories. The men have worked full time except in the mines. The plants have spent thousands of dollars in improvements and their business has been little affected.

BIG WOOLEN ORDER AT ROCKFORD.

ROCKFORD: The Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Company has a contract with the Brette Company, of London, for 100,000 dozen pairs of extra heavy woolen socks, to be furnished as soon as possible. The plant is operating with a full force and making weekly shipments.

INCREASES FORCES AT CANTON.

CANTON: At the rate of 100 a week the Parlin & Orendorff Company, canton's largest factory, is cutting down the number of unemployed in Canton. Foreign orders are nil, but

forecasts from field men through the country point to an early resumption of heavy sales. The P. & O. factory is the only large one in Canton. Heavy resumption of mining work is in progress in five large mines in the district.

FAIRLY BUSY AT CENTRALIA.

CENTRALIA: Conditions in Centralia have been about normal all through the depression. The Centralia Envelope factory has been steadily increasing its output. Coal mines have been running less than full time and continue about the same. Railroad business is not pressing, but encouraging. The shoe heel factory is employing a normal force, and small industries generally are fairly busy.

BLOOMINGTON HOLDING ITS OWN.

BLOOMINGTON: Bloomington, being a large agricultural center, has not been affected seriously by the business depression, the only exception being the Chicago & Alton railroad. The local shops were forced to reduce their forces, but more recently the forces in both the shops and road department have been greatly increased. Aside from coal carrying the railroad business is up to normal. Other industries of the city are about on a par with former years.

INDIANA.

SOUTH BEND: South Bend is in a fair way of witnessing a good revival of business, following six months of depression. Within the last few weeks the large manufacturing institutions have been figuring on orders from Great Britain and Russia. Already the Studebaker Corporation has received orders from England for automobiles, wagons, sleds, and harness to the extent of \$15,000,000. Of this amount \$6,500,000 is for harness. The Davies Shirt Company has been asked to take as large a portion of an order for 600,000 dozen army shirts as it can make and the South Bend Woolen Company has been requested to accept an order for 25,000 blankets at a cost of \$125,000. The supplies are for the British armies. All the big factories have been increasing their forces and it is expected that by January 1 all of South Bend's thousands of factory employes will have returned to work.

OPTIMISM AT HAMMOND.

HAMMOND: Aside from the railroad equipment industries, Hammond plants are running normal—in some instances better. A growing feeling of optimism is felt. Among the larger plants the W. B. Conkey Printing Company is running full time with day and night shifts, while the F. S. Betz surgical instrument factory and the Reid-Murdoch canning plants are operating full handed and full time. The war has added its share in toning up activity. More men are being employed at the Calumet Stock Yards, a big horse shipping center for the British government. The Goshen Shirt Company is expecting to sign a contract for 25,000 shirts for the British army.

RUSH ORDERS AT AUBURN.

AUBURN: Automobile factories and equipment plants here are rushed with orders. The same conditions generally are reported by other lines of factories. The only plant that is shut down is that of the Champion division of the International Harvester Co., which will resume operations January 1. Merchants say trade is opening up and the bank clearings are showing steady gains.

WAR HELPS OUT AT ELKHART.

ELKHART: Elkhart manufacturers generally are optimistic, and some report increased orders during the last two weeks. Up to the present only a few men have been added, but the prospects are regarded as improving. Factories that make material needed in Europe in the war zone are in the best condition. The Elkhart Carriage and Harness Company reports many signs of reviving prosperity, and last week started a consignment of automobiles to New Zealand. The Elkhart Brass Manufacturing Company worked overtime last week filling rush orders for equipment for American

warships. G. A. Briggs, of the Chicago Telephone Supply Company, and the Briggs Magneto Company, said telephone orders have been increasing remarkably of late. The Sidway Mercantile Company, the largest makers of go-carts in the world, said the turning point has been evident for the last ten days. The Buescher Band Instrument Co., and C. G. Corn Company report steadily increasing business.

PREDICT BOOM AT EVANSVILLE.

EVANSVILLE: Manufacturers here think the industrial conditions of the country are going to improve from this time on. F. R. Wilson, of the Hercules Buggy Company, says future orders are now coming in, and that after the first of the year he thinks the plant will be running under normal conditions. The Indiana Tie Company, one of the largest industries here, has announced that winter work will be started at once with an increased force of employes, and that half enough orders have been received to run the plant full capacity until Spring. Flour manufacturers here, who do a big business in the Southern States, predict a revival of trade. They are optimistic about the export trade outlook.

RUSH ON AT HUNTINGTON.

HUNTINGTON: Not in the history of Huntington have manufacturing industries been so rushed with orders. The sudden business revival has caused many factories to run overtime in order to meet the demands. Foreign orders have had little to do with the business awakening here, practically every order being confined to the United States. The Schacht Rubber Co., had the largest business the last month since its organization. The Schaff Brothers Piano Company for the first time in its history was compelled to run on Thanksgiving day. The Majestic Furnace Company's gross business for the year is far in excess of that of one year ago. J. W. Caswell, of the Cedar Chest Co.,

is optimistic concerning the outlook and declares new orders coming in will soon cause full capacity runs. The Barker-Brown Shoe Co., likewise is encouraged as is the Hunting Machine & Foundry Co. The United States Needle Co., has its full product sold at this time. This is the first time for more than a year that every manufacturer in the city expresses satisfaction at present conditions.

OVERTIME WORK AT KOKOMO.

KOKOMO: Two thousand men have returned to work in this city within the last two weeks. With the reopening of the Kokomo Steel & Wire Co., last Monday 1,200 men resumed work. Other factories which report business are the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Globe Stave & Range Co., and the two Opalescent Glass factories. The Pittsburgh Glass Company has contracted for a new addition to cost \$200,000. The working force will be increased from 750 to 900 men as soon as the new building is completed. Owing to the closing of the Belgian Opalescent Glass factories by the war, the two local factories are working overtime to meet the demand. An effort is being made to secure Belgian workmen, war refugees to work in the factories. Local automobile companies, the Haynes and Apperson, report a good outlook.

IOWA.

CLINTON: The war is expected to bring over \$300,000 in business to Clinton. The saddlery company already has orders for artillery harness aggregating approximately that amount, with others in sight. The factory is working overtime and employing all men available. Conditions in other

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