

RIFLE RANGES FOR ILLINOIS MILITIA

Seven to Be Ready for Use by Next Spring; Work Nearly Completed

Rifle ranges for the National Guard have been established at several Illinois cities and will be completely equipped and ready for use at the

opening of the rifle season next spring, according to Adj. Gen. Carlos E. Black.

The ranges were leased by the federal government last May, and construction of backstops, telephone systems, firing mounds, butts and target houses already is nearly complete in some cases. Some of the ranges although not fully equipped, have been used at times this fall.

The ranges are located at Aurora, Decatur, Danville, Peoria, Salem, Quincy and Ottawa, with total of 36 sliding targets and 6 machine targets.

Ranges vary in size from three to seven acres, being used as a rule about 100 to 300 feet wide and about 1000 yards in length. Expenditures for equipment run from \$600 to \$15000 per ranges, while the range expense averages about \$125 a year.

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EMPLOYMENT RECORD FOR MONTH, OCTOBER

SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASE

Illinois Factories Are Reporting About Thirteen Per Cent Fewer Workers In Last Month

Illinois factories had fewer workers last month than they had in any October in the past four years, a review of the industrial situation made public today by the Illinois department of labor, showed. The state faces the beginning of winter, a time when out-of-door industries are generally closed, with a large number of people out of work, the review pointed out.

In Factories

Thirteen percent fewer persons were at work in factories of the state during October than were at work at the peak of operations of 1923 and 12 per cent fewer than one year ago. The precipitate declines of early 1924 with only slight swells in August and September and a renewed decline in October cause this situation, it was explained.

Although the number of workers was reduced, steadier work was the rule for those who were retained. For factory workers the average weekly earnings amounted to \$27.66 which was the largest since May but about two per cent less than last year. The average earnings of men workers in October was \$30.52 and for women \$17.01.

October Slackens

"The increases in factory employment of August and September did not continue into October," the review stated. Although there were some significant advances in the metal industries during October there were some what more than compensating declines in the other groups so that the total number of factory employes in Illinois in October was 1 per cent less than in September.

"Again the majority of the principal manufacturing industries of the state record gains but the margin was less than before. Thirty of the 56 principal industries expanded in October in contrast with 35 in September. Moreover, a substantial increase in the volume of employment was to be expected, for October in the absence of any cyclic trend, is the month of fall peak in employment and in many instances the peak of the entire year. Whatever the future may hold in store, the past has failed to bring the expected increase in the general level of operations in Illinois factories."

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