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(Illinois Chamber of Commerce)  
 Surprises come thick and fast when you start to take an inventory of Illinois. How many of the 6,500,000 residents of Illinois know, for example, that at Savanna, a city of 7,500 persons, in Carroll county, on the Mississippi river, the federal government has stored 150,000,000 in nitrate salts?

How many know that Uncle Sam has, north of Savanna, a thirteen-mile long heavy gun range where he can go out and shoot his cannon, try out his high explosives and test his dynamite? How many know that Uncle Sam's Savanna Proving Ground, as it is called, covers an area of 13,172 acres and that the plant cost \$6,000,000?

When the world war came on one of the lessons learned was that no nation, in this highly complex day, can go to war successfully against any other large nation unless it has a huge supply of sodium nitrate. Times have changed since David beamed Goliath on the frontal bone with a rock.

So Uncle Sam has built on his land north of Savanna the greatest storage pit for sodium nitrate in the world. It is 1600 feet long, 200 feet wide and 9 feet deep. Built of reinforced concrete it will hold about \$12,000,000 worth of nitrate at peace-time prices.

Here are the measurements of just a few of Uncle Sam's buildings at Savanna—forty warehouses, 99x400 feet; forty-seven magazines, 50x200 feet; thirty high explosive magazines, 28x60 feet.

Major George F. Lemon, in command, maintains on the reservation fifty soldiers and sixty civilian employees. In time of war this would be augmented to 5,000 men almost overnight. The purpose of this mighty development, started in 1917, is threefold: 1—A proving ground for guns and ammunition. 2—A depot for supplies. 3—A shell loading plant.

**Railroad Crossing Point**  
 Savanna is a crossing point for railroads at the Mississippi. It is a division point and an icing point for transcontinental fruit and meat trains. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad has yards big enough to handle 4,000 freight cars at a time; the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, 2,000 cars.

Statistics show that the St. Paul line handles through Savanna more than 1,000,000 freight cars a year and

the Burlington something like half that number. These yards are used as a gathering point for freight cars east and west. Here they are collected and rerouted to take the shortest line to destination.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul terminal handles approximately 175,000 tons of less-than-carlot shipments of freight yearly. Being a river town it has boat service on the Mississippi. A deep water channel enables river freight boats to land downtown.

**In Game Region**  
 Savanna lies in the proposed bird and fish sanctuary district, fathered by the Isaac Walton league and other friends of the nation's wild life. It is an amazingly picturesque district.

Starting just north of Savanna are those high rock cliffs known as the Palisades. Here one finds some rock formations which, were they in districts widely advertised, would be famous. But, beautiful as this district is, such rocks as the Twin Sisters, Indian Head and the Open Bible, are little known except among their neighbors to whom they have become commonplace.

The district can not be reached from the east on concrete. Route 80, soon to be built from Rock Island to Galena, will pass directly through Savanna and the Palisades district skirting for some distance the Mississippi river which in these upper reaches is blue water and filled with islands upon which are thick tree growths. These are known as the "Thousand Islands" of the Mississippi.

**Origin of Name**  
 Savanna gets its name from a level plain of prairie grass which the first settlers found to the south. A part of this area has given a site for the city's extensive railroad terminals. On others of these level fields, deposits of silt and sand, a great melon culture has sprung up.

Here we find 2,000 acres of finest watermelon land and fields of muskmelons. A pickle factory was started last spring and the first summer saw 20 carloads go out. This industry is believed to have an excellent future here.

On both sides of the Mississippi, to the south, are long stretches of low lands where the verdure grows thick and there is good shooting. Gun clubs where ducks are the prize thrive.

The Gengary Country club, midway between Savanna and Mt. Carroll, is made up of persons from all over Carroll county who seek a bit of that thing known as better living.

**Founded in 1835**  
 History says that the first settler arrived in what is Savanna today in 1828 and that the town was laid out in 1835. The business district is on the lower land along the river front. Homes rise in rows on the terraced hillsides and some of them perch on

the hilltops 200 feet above the Mississippi.

Anxious for industrial development, the Savanna Commerce association has acquired title to eighty acres of land. The purpose of this is to supply sites for new factories which may need nursing to bring them along. Other good factory sites are also available.

Savanna plans, starting next spring, to do more to tell touring motorists of the scenic wonders of the district. It lies at almost the tip-end of that vast unglaciated area which has resulted in a wonderful island of scenic beauty surrounded by the rather level plains of the Central West.

Here the landscape stands out in all that ruggedness and sharp outlines which must have been common in pre-glacial times before the northern states were leveled off by crawling ice and melting floods.

**WIFE OF EVANSTON  
DENTIST FOUND DEAD**

Gas Fumes Believed Cause When Stove Burners Discovers Open Near Body

Mrs. Helen Price, 35 years old, 1145 Maple avenue, Evanston, wife of Ernest Price, a dentist, and the mother of a 7-year-old boy, was found dead in her home Sunday night, sitting over a gas stove with five burners open while a heavy blanket, folded funnel-shape over her head covered the stove.

Ralph Lowen, 1918 Oakton street, a repair man for the Public Service company, who came to the house on the complaint of neighbors that they smelled escaping gas, found the body, after forcing an entrance through a kitchen window.

Lowen, who carried the body to the porch and administered first aid, told the police that when he arrived the woman's father-in-law, and her son, were on the front porch, unable to enter the house. The husband, according to neighbors, was attending a banquet in Chicago.

**ADJUDICATION NOTICE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Subscriber Administrator of the Estate of Mary G. Mockler, deceased, will attend the Probate Court of Lake County, at a term thereof, to be holden at the Court House in Waukegan, in said County, on the first Monday of March next, 1926, when and where all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to present the same to said Court for adjudication.

**WILLIAM MOCKLER,**  
 Administrator of Estate of  
 Mary G. Mockler, deceased.  
 Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 17, 1925.  
 E. S. Gail, Atty.  
 43-45pd

**GAS INDUSTRY IN  
STABLE CONDITION**

A healthy and stable condition of the manufactured gas industry is indicated by Fred H. Scheel, vice-president of the Utility Securities company, in a report recently made public by the American Gas association.

Mr. Scheel asserts that out of the ten million meters connected to the mains of the manufactured gas companies today, only 1,015 are involved in receivership. The meters so involved belong to two small companies with a combined capitalization of about \$255,000 as compared with \$4,000,000,000 invested in the manufactured gas industry as a whole.

"Nothing could demonstrate better the inherent soundness of this century-old public utility," Mr. Scheel declared. "Gas company securities," he said, "are daily growing in popularity as the investing public comes to realize that the remarkable expansion of the industry in the past few years has been accompanied by very conservative financing."

"In the past decade the output of the manufactured gas industry has doubled, and the demand for industrial gas has multiplied tenfold."

**EVANSTON PLANNING  
FINE WAR MEMORIAL**

Monument to Cost \$200,000 Is Being Considered; At Davis Street and Lake

Preliminary plans for a \$200,000 war memorial for Evanston at Davis street and the lake have been drawn by Tallmadge & Watson, according to officials of the Evanston War Memorial association, of which Wallace R. Lane is chairman.

The city of Evanston has granted the site to the association and a drive for enough small subscriptions to cover the cost of the proposed sculptured group will be started sometime in January. Ernest Palmer is to be in charge of the drive, but, owing to his illness, the meeting of the association scheduled for Dec. 18 was postponed and definite plans have not yet been made.

Several plans have been suggested in the past, but the present one is the only one that has so far received the serious consideration of the memorial association.

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