

HIGHWAY BUILDING AIDS UNEMPLOYMENT

Illinois to Have 30,000 Men at Working on Roads During Present Year

Relief of unemployment is one the main objectives of the pushing of Illinois' greatest road building program that was ever attempted. Chief Highway Engineer Frank Sheets announced today.

Although the state does not directly hire the labor, the contracting companies that are handling the work are instructed to give preference in local people in hiring workers. In submitting bids on bridges and roads, the construction firms are expected to compute costs on a fair and reasonable wage scale and to pay on that basis.

Employ Over 30,000

A computation of the season's road employment situation that has just been completed in the highway division office, shows that more than 30,000 men will be employed directly and indirectly at road work this year. Including the men who are not engaged in the actual building of the road, the employment figure is boosted to 30,314 men. This means that a force equivalent to the adult male population of a city somewhat bigger than Peoria, or more populous than any Illinois city with the exception of Chicago, will earn a livelihood by working on state road projects.

The Highway Division's classification shows that 26,887 men will be employed directly on road work. Of this number, 21,132 will be working on state bond issue work and 5,755 on the county or secondary road system, financed from motor fuel allotments of taxes and other funds available to Illinois counties.

Of the men that will be employed indirectly it is calculated that 1,828 men will make the cement; 617 will provide the sand, gravel and stone and 832 will make the steel that will go into the road and bridge construction. Conveying this material to the jobs will require the labor of 150 railroad men, it was computed.

These figures place road building and the production of the necessary material among the leading industries of the state at a time that a market for labor is needed.

The Republicans made heavy gains in the Spanish elections and Mr. Ras-kob is hoping that it won't spread to the United States.

National Guard Units Training at Camp Logan Make Trip by N. S. Line

The annual trek of Illinois National Guard units from the Chicago area for week-end encampments and target practice started Saturday afternoon, when over 700 guardsmen from various units made the trip to Camp Logan. The troops went from Chicago to Zion aboard North Shore line specials, thence proceeding to Camp Logan by Metropolitan motor coaches.

The units going to camp Saturday included the 131st Infantry, the 132nd Infantry, the 8th Infantry, engineers, artillery and special troops. A party of 100 from various organizations also joined the troops at Camp Logan Sunday. All will return to Chicago Sunday evening by the same route.

The 202nd Coast Artillery arrived at Fort Sheridan aboard two North Shore line specials Sunday to fire on the newly-established anti-aircraft range, which is being used for heavy firing this summer. They returned to Chicago Sunday evening.

Burglars Raid Three Places in Waukegan

Burglars struck three times in Waukegan in one night, last week, robbing two places and attempting to rob a third.

At the Parvin Service station, 223 South Sheridan road, they entered through a transom, and stole a small amount of cash and the station pay telephone, which was ripped from the wall. The coin box on the telephone was carried away by the thieves.

The Maytag Sales company, 202 South Genesee street, one block to the west, was entered through a forced rear door. Although the repair room was looted of tools and some merchandise, the office door was not opened, and nothing was taken from the front office. M. W. Costley, manager, reported the theft to police.

The burglars were unable to enter a fruit store at 102 South Genesee street, although they broke through one of two rear doors. Patrolman True Whittier found the smashed rear door at 2:25 o'clock in the morning.

Calvin Coolidge intimates that he will not become a candidate for Speaker of the House of Representatives at Washington. Once again demonstrating that he retains his good political judgment.

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