

### OCTOBER WAS SLACK FOR THE JOB-HUNTER

Improvement in Employment Situation Shown in August and September Not Evident in October, Says Report.

Springfield, Ill.—The material improvement in the employment situation that occurred during August and September did not continue in October, according to the November employment bulletin of the Illinois State Federation of Labor.

Reports from 659 firms with a capacity of 320,000 persons, including every important industrial center and every important industry in the state, show that on October 31 employment was reduced 14 per cent from the September 30 figures.

#### Shows Employes Cut

However, the reports include the figures from one large firm which alone made a reduction of 8,205 employes. If this firm's figures are excluded from the totals, the remaining firms record an improvement of 2.4 per cent which compares with an increase of 5.84 per cent during the month of September and of 6 per cent between May 31 and August 31.

The Bulletin explains that the slowing down in the improvement in Illinois industries is probably a season's adjustment, due to the end of seasons in various industries notably canning, and the manufacture of wearing apparel, etc. Attention is drawn in the Bulletin to the similar fluctuation in New York during the summer when employment in the industries of that state declined following a spring rise. The early fall saw improvement again in New York.

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#### Arnold Article Feature

A feature of this month's Bulletin is an article by George B. Arnold, director of the State Department of Labor, describing the work of the various divisions of the department. According to Mr. Arnold, 13,281 persons secured jobs through the free employment offices during the year ending June 30. He reports that although in nonhazardous industries, the Workmen's Compensation Act is optional with the employers, nevertheless, practically every industry in the state with the exception of farming has elected to come under the act and the Industrial Commission which is a division of the Department of Labor, made awards in 51,182 cases during the year.

#### PEACE-TIME PATRIOTISM IS POSTMASTER GENERAL'S PLEA

In an address before the twenty-third annual convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers in St. Louis, Postmaster General Will H. Hays said:

"To you all, as fellow citizens of our common country, I plead for a patriotism in peace as well as in war. I insist that we have not merely that patriotism born of extremities, which burns in the souls of men only when their country is in danger, not the patriotism which is stirred only by martial music, but a patriotism which moves men to make their country's welfare their own business and every day to realize that we owe to the country in which we live and which moves us to discharge that debt by aiding in every way we can to make and keep conditions right in this country."

The Postmaster General has on several occasions urged the American people to support the Government's peace time savings program

by putting their savings in Treasury Savings Securities as an investment and depositing their surplus funds in Postal Savings.

#### SUSPEND CO-EDS WHO 'BUMMED' WAY TO GAME

Columbus, Ohio—"No woman student shall conduct herself as to draw public attention and reflect upon the standards of our university."

This is the rule posted by officials of the Ohio State University.

It was announced after a number of co-eds, who bummed their way to another city to witness the Ohio State University eleven play another university football team, were suspended.

Other regulations announced provide that all women at Ohio State University must register with Dean of Women Conrad at least twenty-four hours before leaving Columbus to attend any out-of-town football games; also, that any co-ed who plans to go to an out-of-town game by automobile must give Dean Conrad the names of all those who compose the party, and her chaperon must be approved by the dean.

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