

# Buying Power Near 1929 Level as Emp

## Index at 9.37

### Auto Trend Higher Wages

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sources came evidence ficial effects of the de- automobile industry to two months the intro- ew models, so as to-regular employment and ed purchasing power. e was the industrial de- the Detroit Board of Oliver Baker, statisti- department, reported the employment index stood 15, against 82.7 Sept. a year ago.

### AVERAGE WAGES

1934 witnessed one of the year in automobile pro- employment. This year en no such acute "low." point of employment was when the Board of index reached 110.7, a 29 high.

omobile Manufacturers' was the source of fur- ce of the new trend in ry—the trend toward age wages, greater sta- ployment, and employ- es seasonal nature. One disclosures was that payroll during the 10- tuction period of 1935 sent higher than in the ear's production period. g costs showing an in- dily 6 per cent, it was at in actual purchasing wage-earner was near k.

to Cram's Reports, the r sustained high levels le production are good. ot have stocks of 1935 the production sched- manufacturing com- reported by Cram's to y high for the start of del manufacturing sea-

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### MINUS SIGN

f the first nine months pared by the Board of Industrial department, in comparison to the of 1934, the value of rmits in Detroit in- per cent. The number provided for by new Detroit increased 272

## Young Quilt Show Visitor Prefers Afghans



GAIL CRAGO

MRS. IRVIN CRAGO

It was the colorful afghans that caught the eye of little Gail, when she visited The News quilt show at the Naval Armory Saturday, so she induced her mother to drape one of the exhibits about her. This particular afghan was made by Mrs. Anna Steiber, 8750 Chamberlain avenue and is 50 years old.

## News' Annual Quilt Show Comes to a Close Tonight

by a nine-year-old child from thread made at home from flax.

### UNUSUAL EXHIBIT

And as for unusual quilts, probably none is more outstanding than that entered by Mrs. Ada B. Ohl-

## Fitzgerald Seeks Help

### Asks Public to Back Him on Civil Service

By DONALD MCGOWAN

From the Lansing Bureau of THE DETROIT NEWS.

LANSING, Mich., Oct. 19.—Public support of his drive for State civil service was asked by Gov. Fitzgerald today.

"When this bill is introduced in the Legislature," said a statement by the Governor, referring to a civil service bill to be prepared by a special commission now in process of formation, "I believe it will be important enough to justify the people of the State in putting all candidates on record as being either for or against the bill.

"We are launching this movement in good faith. It should be treated in good faith when it comes before the Legislature. If the people have confidence in the commission—and I am confident they will—perhaps it would not be too much to ask prospective legislators whether they will support the bill submitted by the commission. That would obviate back-sliding and political maneuvering when the Legislature meets."

### ACTION IN 1937

The reference to prospective legislators indicates that the bill will not be submitted until the regular session of 1937. In announcing appointment of some of the commission members a few days ago, the Governor said that while he would not call the Legislature into special session for the purpose of considering civil service, he might submit a civil service bill in a special session called for some other primary purpose.

Cognizance of the raised eyebrows of political foes was taken by the Governor as follows:

"A handicap imposed upon every holder of high public office is the disposition of political enemies to cast doubt upon his motives. Let him hang a doll on a Christmas tree for an orphan and there still will be someone on hand to question the sincerity of his action.

"The scoffers have not come out in the open yet, but I venture the prediction that we will hear, in due time, the suggestion that civil service is being advocated at this time to perpetuate in office the present force of workers, for the benefit of the controlling political party.

"I can meet this criticism beforehand. I need only point to the caliber of the members of the commission already appointed. Prof. Pollock, Dr. Upson and Mrs. Judd are known as sincere students of and workers for civil service. I do not know how they vote. I know Rep. Haskell Nichols is a Republican, yet he is better known as a legislator who made a determined effort to push a civil service bill through the last session of the Legislature.

### 2 TO BE NAMED

"Ed Shields is a Democrat. I know that, as does almost everybody else in Michigan. However, we know