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French Decide Not to Seize Mines in Germany

Instead of Taking Over the Operation of Mines They Decide to Take All Coal Ready for Delivery.

COURT MARTIAL FOR COAL OPERATORS

Men Who Disobeyed French Orders Face Court Martial Instead of Actual Arrest Under New Ruling.

Essen, Jan. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—Ruhr valley coal operators who thought for a time last night that the French were to take over the mines this morning found themselves still in possession of their properties today, and learned that only coal mined and above ground came under the revised questioning order of the French.

The magnates also learned that they face court martial instead of actual arrest as a result of their refusal to deliver coal to France.

The economic commission in reaching its final decision on the policy to be followed concluded that because of the shortage of technical experts, it would be better to requisition only coal ready for delivery, and to re-route to France all shipments intended for German domestic consumption.

It was also said that certain nations, notably the United States and Great Britain, looked with disfavor upon the term "confiscations" as it had been applied to the French Ruhr policy by the Paris press.

What attitude labor would take in the event the mines were seized also received the commission's serious consideration for it is realized that the French would be under a heavy handicap should the German engineers refuse to do their work.

The mission also faced the task of working the German forests on the left bank of the Rhine, as ordered by the French, Italian and Belgian governments. This step is a penalty for Germany's default in deliveries of wood.

Whether a third power, perhaps the United States, will come to the rescue of France and Germany, inducing the former to withdraw her troops and the latter to resume payment of her obligations, is subject of earnest discussion in German circles. It is pointed out, however, that the time for such discussion does not seem to be at hand.

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BIG BUILDING BOOM ON FOR THE SPRING

Indications Point to a Continuation of the Spree of Building Activity.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Indications point to a continuation of the building boom throughout the country this spring. Sales of fabricated structural steel took an upward swing in December, the census bureau announces carrying the year's estimated sales to 1,929,400 tons, or 64.3 per cent of the shop production capacity. The sales exceeded those of 1921 by almost a million tons and were the highest in the last 10 years, being almost 290,000 tons more than in 1916 which shows the second largest sales in the 10 years since 1913.

December's estimated total bookings aggregated 145,800 tons. That was 20 per cent more than November bookings and marked the turning point from a series of sensational declines in fabricated steel orders.

The upward swing occurred a month earlier than last winter when December was the month of minimum orders. December sales amounted to 58.3 per cent of shop capacity compared with 48.4 per cent in November.

MORE THAN 700 LABORERS HAVE SHOVELERS' CRAMP

City of Boston and Street Railway Lose Services Due to Storms.

Boston, Jan. 17.—Shovelers' cramp has cost the city and the street railway company the services of 725 men, as a result of almost constant labors with the recurring snows of the past fortnight.

Public Works Commissioner Joseph A. Rourke said today that 400 laborers were on the city's sick list laid up with cramps and colds.

General Manager Edward Dana said 325 of the Boston Elevated Railway's gangs were at home, unable to work for a time, after days spent fighting the snows. The aggregate cost in money to the city and company for snow removal was placed at nearly \$500,000 in the officials' statement.

Says Gray Was in Hooded Party.

Bastrop, La., Jan. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—Newt Gray was a member of the masked party which on August 24, held up Watt Daniel, T. F. Richards and several others on the highway between Bastrop and Mer Rouge, according to Fred Eubanks, testifying today at the open hearing here into the kidnapping and murder of Daniel and Richards.

CALCIUM ARSENATE MUST BE IMPORTED

Americans Cannot Produce All That Will Be Needed in Fight Against Boll Weevil, Says a Report.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Imports will be necessary to furnish Southern cotton planters sufficient supplies of calcium arsenate, used in fighting the cotton boll weevil, according to a joint report of agriculture and interior departments, transmitted to the Senate today in response to a resolution by Senator Smith, democrat, South Carolina. Domestic producers of calcium arsenate, it was said, could not supply the product fast enough to meet early requirements this year. In 1924, the report said, domestic producers probably would be able to meet the demand.

GIRL TELLS OF THE DEATH OF YOUNG SMITH

Mary Collins Laughingly Tells of How Uray Smith Attempted to Assault Her.

Morganton, Jan. 17.—The mysterious murder of Uray Smith, who was found dead in his uncle's house several miles from this city last September 6 came to light this afternoon, when his 15-year-old cousin, Mary Collins, told officers of the part she had in the affair. The child is now in the county jail, and just before dark her mother, Mrs. Rosalie Smith, was placed in jail also charged with being connected with the killing.

Since the time of the murder the entire community has been guessing but scarcely any suspected this girl of the crime. Her story was told this afternoon in a cheerful manner, many times smiling as she related the horrible events. She declared that she had not told any member of her family that she was the guilty one and that she had been keeping her secret all this time. Shortly after the murder the girl was sent to Mountain Island, Gaston county, to stay with relatives there. Investigations by Solicitor R. L. Huffman, of this district, led to the belief that she was the last person seen with the dead man, and a warrant was sworn out for her.

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CAPT. GEORGE CATHEY IS DEAD IN RALEIGH

Deceased Was Noted School Teacher and Was 100 Years Old.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 18.—Capt. George Cathey, 100 years old last November, who taught in the schools in the mountains of North Carolina and Georgia for 75 years, died early today of influenza at the North Carolina Soldiers' Home here, after a brief illness. Capt. Cathey was a native of Macon County and had been an inmate of the home since he gave up his duties as a teacher about three years ago.

Captain Cathey was born near Danville, Va., but his parents moved to Lee county when he was a boy. Later they went to Georgia, where he enlisted in the Confederate army as Senior Captain of Company C, Georgia Legion, Col. Lusk's brigade.

He is survived by a son who lives in Charlotte and three daughters in Atlanta.

GASTONIA PRESBYTERIAN THIRD, LARGEST CHURCH.

Gaston, Jan. 16.—Ten years ago Sunday, Dr. J. H. Hendlerine was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here. The Sunday morning services at the church were given over to a brief summary and review of the record of the church during that time. The local church is now the third largest Presbyterian Church in North Carolina, being exceeded in membership only by the First Church of Greensboro and the Second Church, Charlotte. The total membership is around 1,350. The Gastonia Church also ranks high in membership when considered among Presbyterian Churches in the Southern general assembly.

The local church last year was 13th in membership among the southern Presbyterian congregations.

Russia Would Send Troops to Germany.

London, Jan. 17.—The Riga correspondent of the Times says he learns from reliable sources that the Russian Soviet government has decided to mobilize the five year conscripts, with a view to assisting Germany, should Germany decide to resist the French action.

Lew Tender and Pal Moran.

New York, January 18.—Local followers of the boxing game are displaying a lively interest in the show to be brought off at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night, for which the management has prepared an unusually attractive card of bouts.

It was said at the White House that the day of rest was decided on merely as a precautionary measure, and the President's condition showed no serious development.

Steamer *Newa* Is at Bermuda.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Danish steamer *Newa*, reported five days late at Wilmington, N. C., has been located at Bermuda, the Navy Department was advised today. The Danish legation has been notified that the ship is safe.

Because of the high winds prevailing in the Alaskan petroleum fields it has been found advisable to build the derricks of steel instead of wood.

WANT TO DISCOURSE "BAD CHECK" PASSING

State Legislature Will Be Asked to Pass on Two Bills Along This Line.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 18.—Legislation to discourage the issuing of "bad checks" will be urged for passage in the general assembly, supported by the organized merchants of the state with the probable endorsement of the North Carolina Bankers Association, it was learned from authoritative sources here today.

Two bills directed against the practice of giving worthless checks already have been introduced in the assembly, one by Senator W. A. Graham, Lincoln County, and the other by Representative W. R. Matthews, of Mecklenburg.

The former measure is general in its terms, making the issuance of a check known to be an overdrawn draft a misdemeanor; while the Matthews bill would set a limit of seven days in which a worthless check could be made good to avoid penalty.

Whether a third bill embodying the ideas of the agencies which will urge the legislation will be introduced, or their advocacy placed behind those already on the calendars will be determined at an early conference of those interested.

At present the law prohibits the issuance of a worthless check to secure merchandise, but it is claimed by those favoring more rigid regulation that conviction under this statute against fraud is difficult, and they wish the law to go further to provide a measure of relief from what they term a great volume of overdraws.

The carelessness of the man who overdraws it is contended, would be discouraged along with wilful violations.

REWARD OFFERED FOR ZIMMERMAN ASSAILANTS

High Point Citizens Voluntarily Contribute to Fund of Five Hundred Dollars.

(High Point, Jan. 17.—High Point citizens have offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and information leading to the conviction of five masked men who attacked R. E. Zimmerman, High Point automobile truck dealer, at Thomasville, last Wednesday night. It was learned today.

Names of persons offering the reward were not given out for publication, but it was explained that the money has been provided by citizens who wish to see the perpetrators of the crime brought into court and punished.

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