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## RUHR WORKERS FACING VERY HARD CONDITION

Thousands of Metal Workers Out of Work and Are Without Resources.

Duesseldorf, Germany, Oct. 11. Demonstrations by the unemployed, some of a very threatening character, have already begun in the Ruhr, in consequence of the discharges of thousands of workers by the metal industries. The occupation authorities here predict rioting and plundering unless something is done immediately to relieve the plight of the workless.

One of the most serious manifestations thus far occurred late today in Duesseldorf, when more than 3,000 persons gathered around the town hall and became so menacing that the French cavalry and armored cars, which have been on duty since the separatist riot of September 30, resulted in bloodshed, were summoned hastily.

The use of force, however, was unnecessary. A French officer, speaking German addressed the crowd from the steps of the building and told them to disperse quietly. The French he said, would do what they could to aid them.

Demonstrations of a similar character, were reported today from nearly every large town in the Ruhr.

It is feared the situation of the workmen and their families will become desperate before the month is over. The German state authorities are powerless to offer relief, as the Berlin government has decided that beginning October 17, all responsibility for unemployment in the Ruhr will be transferred to the local municipal authorities in the occupied area.

The purchasing value of the unemployment doles from Berlin has been severely curtailed already by the devaluation of the mark. The 2,000,000,000 which is the weekly dole to the head of the family, is barely sufficient to buy bread for one adult for seven days.

The municipal authorities can do nothing because the cities have no income and the metallurgical plants which are laying off their workers refuse to be responsible while they have no orders for their products. As for organized charity, it is practically nonexistent, because there are no funds for the support of the charitable institutions.

The situation is made all the more serious by the belief prevalent among the workers that their employers conditions are not so serious as the latter claim and that the industrialists are simply maneuvering to increase working hours and to clear the way for sweat shop methods throughout the entire district.

## \$500,000 Legal Fee Is Asked By Lawyer

Winston-Salem, Oct. 10.—J. W. Hollingsworth, an attorney of this city, is plaintiff in a suit which has been instituted against P. P. McLean, a wealthy citizen of Whittier, owning extensive real estate and other property in North Carolina and New Mexico, in which judgment in the sum of \$500,000 is asked for legal service and for specific performance.

This is perhaps the largest legal fee ever claimed for service rendered. The plaintiff alleges he had a contract with the defendant in connection with about 20,000 acres of mineral land in New Mexico, owned by McLean. The complaint alleges that under an agreement that he was to receive a large interest in the property. Attorney Hollingsworth conducted extensive investigations and negotiated deals in behalf of the property, which is said to be worth over \$2,000,000.

The complaint also alleges that when negotiations were completed under their agreement the defendant defaulted, the plaintiff being denied both fees and profits from the property. The services, it is alleged, carried Hollingsworth over many of the western states and New Mexico.

## Henry Ford Lends City of Detroit \$2,000,000

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 11.—The financial aid was given the city of Detroit in round numbers \$2,000,000, as yesterday by the Ford Motor company in the form of an advance of \$2,000,000. The money will be used to take care of street railway extensions and to enable the city to meet payments on sewer work contracted.

The new loan brings the city's debt to the Ford Motor company to \$5,000,000.

## SOUTHERN POWER IS SEEKING RATE LIFT

Announcement is Made That Company is Through With Development Unless Got the Increase

Charlotte, Oct. 11.—Announcement that Southern Power company is "through" its development of hydro-electric projects in this state unless the state corporation commission allows an increase in the wholesale price of power to 1.40 as against \$1.25 it now allows us," was made here today by J. B. Duke, president of the power company and millionaire New York financier.

Mr. Duke added that "I have put approximately \$60,000,000 of my own money into the Southern Power company so far. I have never taken one cent out of it and never expect to."

The average annual return from the great developments in this state and South Carolina has been "not more than four per cent," said Mr. Duke, and "these small earnings have always been put back and many millions more."

In his announcement Mr. Duke, who expects to leave within a few days to inspect great hydro-electric projects another of his companies is building in Canada, said "I am ready to proceed to spend more money, to build more plants to create more power for further development of the Carolinas, but I am not willing to spend it on the basis of the returns the Southern Power company is now allowed," he said the records of the company would be laid before the state corporation commission but that his company did not expect to send a representative to Raleigh nor "to engage in a controversy with that official body nor any other about rate increase."

## Dry Officer's House Blown Up in Ohio

Stuebenville, Ohio, Oct. 12.—The home of Charles Pearce, thirty-six, prohibition enforcement officer at Smithfield, Ohio, west of here, was blown up today by dynamite. Pearce, his wife and baby escaped serious injury.

The blast partially wrecked the city hall opposite the Pearce home, the Spragg restaurant, the home of Mrs. Mary Merryman and broke windows in three-score residences.

The dynamite, placed under the front of Pearce's house, wrecked the structure and it collapsed inward, the walls and roof falling into the basement. Pearce, his wife, and seventeen-months-old baby were thrown into the cellar.

Pearce extricated himself, rescued his baby, and then with the aid of neighbors dug his wife from the ruins after an hour's hard work. The baby was cut and bruised. Mrs. Pearce had her back injured and suffered greatly from shock.

Mrs. Merryman's home adjoining was so badly wrecked that the aged lady, who had been seriously ill, had to be removed from the tottering structure with ladders to the second floor. The damage caused by the explosion is estimated in excess of \$20,000.

Miners en route to work claim to have seen four strangers standing on a corner near the Pearce home, and others report that they saw an automobile with several men passengers leaving the town at a high rate of speed shortly before the blast.

## Unless Help is Forthcoming Many Will Perish in Greece

Washington, Oct. 14.—A cablegram from Queen Elizabeth, of Greece, announcing that unless relief is forthcoming thousands of destitute refugees from Asia Minor will die this winter in Greece, was read today before the American Friends of Greece meeting here. Professor Edward Capps, of Princeton university, former United States minister to Athens, declared that Greece's stand with the allies during the war entitled her to the right of appeal for relief in her hour of need.

"Despite valuable assistance until recently given by American Red Cross and near east relief to the destitute refugees and their families so cruelly expelled from Asia Minor," said Queen Elizabeth's telegram, "thousands will die this winter for lack of food, shelter, clothing and medicines, unless there is relief. Knowing philanthropic feeling of American people I would be personally grateful and so would the Greek people for any help you may be able to give us in this tragic hour of our history."

## BOLL WEEVIL MENACE THREATENING AMERICA

Cotton Exchange President Sounds Warning, U. S. May Lose Cotton Supremacy.

New York, Oct. 11.—The supremacy of America as the leading cotton producing nation of the world is threatened by the ravages of the boll weevil, which has been largely responsible for the destruction of between 20 and 25 per cent of the cotton crop this year, Edward E. Bartlette, Jr., president of the New York cotton exchange, declared in a statement issued tonight.

"The extermination of the boll weevil in my opinion," he said, "is one of the greatest problems that America has to solve. I believe that with an appropriation of a few million dollars, the government might organize a fight upon the weevil which in two or three years would exterminate the pest. Compared with the economic loss destruction by the weevil each year entails, the money which the government has appropriated so far to fight it is infinitesimal."

"The statement by Lord Derby," he continued, "that, 'in time Great Britain would no longer depend upon the United States for its cotton, but would get all its supply from within the empire,' emphasizes a situation to which I have repeatedly called attention. It is a matter of regret that foreign nations should be quicker to appreciate this situation and take advantage of it than our own government."

"This year, approximately 20 to 25 per cent of the American cotton crop has been destroyed by boll weevil. Drought also has been a contributing figure, but the greatest damage has been done by the weevil. As a result of the short crop, prices have risen to the 30 cent level, and there is a danger of the world being without any cotton reserve in 1924. The high prices for cotton, due to the restriction of so large a part of the crop, places a burden on everyone."

"On one hand millions of dollars are wasted in the planting and cultivation of acreage which the weevil destroys; and on the other hand the resulting high prices for cotton products due to the short crop take millions of dollars out of the pockets of the consumers of cotton. Millions of dollars that might be saved are expended annually by the public due to higher prices of cotton as a result of the ravages of the boll weevil."

"The annual destruction of so large a part of the cotton crop is disheartening to the farmers of the south, many of whom have their entire crops wiped out by the deadly weevil. The fact that other farmers who, due to the location of their acreage, escape the pest and secure higher prices for their cotton than they would otherwise is no consolation to the farmer who sees his entire investment in cotton wiped out by the weevil."

## Masons to Protest Oglethorpe Removal

Savannah, Oct. 15.—A mass meeting in protest against the removal of the body of Oglethorpe has been called for tomorrow night by Past Grand Master Robert L. Colding of Masons in Georgia. Every Mason in Savannah is invited to attend and to take whatever action they may decide to be necessary. The general public is also invited to listen to the proceedings.

Thursday night Solomon's lodge which was founded by Oglethorpe he having brought their charter with him to this country, will also protest against what is termed the desecration of Oglethorpe's tomb. Solomon's lodge is the oldest Masonic lodge in America now in existence. Oglethorpe was master of this lodge and its first past master.

Tonight Oglethorpe lodge of Odd Fellows met and passed resolutions directing its officers to take immediate steps to acquit the authorities in England with the propriety of the removal. This lodge is the oldest in Georgia, having been founded in 1843.

## Danville Averages \$18.96

Danville, Oct. 13.—Sales on the auction floors in Danville since the season opened and up until Thursday evening total 1,073,589 pounds sold for \$197,035.03 or at an average price of \$18.35. Sales for the week ending Thursday totalled 615,221 pounds sold for \$115,672.23 at an average of 18.96 according to an official statement issued by the Danville Tobacco association. An improvement in the quality of the offerings brought here was noted towards the end of the week.

## CO-OP IDEA TO SWEEP COUNTRY WITHIN NEXT THREE YEARS, HE SAYS

Senator Smith, of South Carolina, Optimistic Over Farmers' Prospects.

Washington, Oct. 15.—In the next three years, 95 per cent of the cotton and tobacco growers of the south will be enthusiastic members of co-operative marketing associations, Senator Smith, Democrat, of South Carolina, predicted in a statement issued today.

"For the last three months I have been among the cotton and tobacco planters of the Carolinas and Virginia," he said, "and they are aware to the soundness of the fundamental principles of co-operative marketing. Manufacture and all industry, except agriculture, is now well organized on co-operative basis. That includes labor. The stockholders in corporations are like farmers in co-operative marketing associations. When deflation came, the farmer alone was hurt. He was not organized. All other industry was."

"Because of organization all production except agriculture control the price of their products. The farmer has come to realize that he also must be able to control the price of his products through organization. We generally recognize now that competition is the death of profits. We therefore no longer have competition among the railroads nor among the manufacturers nor even among labor. What we have been calling co-operations are in fact nothing more in principle than co-operative organizations."

"Prices have become uniform for everything except the raw materials produced by the farmers and they have at last awakened in the states I have recently covered to a full realization that they must put into operation on their own behalf the co-operative principals which have proven so sound in other lines of business."

## Oglethorpe Lived to be 102 Years Old

London, Oct. 13.—Gen. James Oglethorpe, who planted the banner of freedom, prohibition and anti-slavery in Georgia, found America a pleasant and healthful place in which to live, according to the records in the old parish church at Cranham where he was interred.

But it is clear from these same records that the general believed England a better place to die in, for it is recorded on the walls of the church in which Dr. Thornwell Jacobs has just dug up the general's bones for removal to Georgia, that Oglethorpe sought to spend the latter half of his life in England, dying at the age of 102.

Local historians attribute his longevity to the abstemious habits he acquired in America and to his frugal, quiet life in the most sequestered part of England. At the age of 62, after his return from America, it is recorded that the general took to himself a wife who supported him throughout his life and outlived him two years. A modest tablet on the wall of the church in which he was married and buried relates in quaint English how "he lived until the first of July, 1775, a venerable instance to what a fullness of duration and of continued usefulness, a life of temperance and virtuous labor is capable of being protracted."

After narrating how his "disconsolate widow" died in her 79th year, the tablet recalls that Oglethorpe, as chairman of the British parliamentary committee in 1732, "found a truly suitable employment for his talents by visiting with his colleagues the dark and pestilential dungeons of the London prison which at that time dishonored the metropolis, detecting the most enormous oppression, obtaining exemplary punishment of those who had been guilty of such an outrage against humanity and justice, and restoring multitudes from the extremes of misery to light and freedom."

Of these prison inmates who were thus liberated, the tablet says: "About 700, rendered by long confinement for debts, strangers and helpless in the country of their birth and desirous of seeking an asylum in the wilds of America, were by Oglethorpe conducted thither in 1733 and there encountered in their behalf a variety of fatigues and danger and thus became founder of the colony, which founded on the ardent wish for liberty, set an example of prohibiting the importation of slaves."

## BODY OF OGLETHORPE DEFINITELY LOCATED

Remains of General and of His Wife Found in Well-Preserved Coffins—Buried 138 Years

Cranham, England, Oct. 11.—Resting in a lead-lined elm wood coffin, almost as well preserved as if it had been deposited yesterday, the body of Gen. James F. Oglethorpe, was found late yesterday afternoon in a brick vault under the floor of the parish church here, where it was interred 138 years ago. The body of Lady Oglethorpe, who died two years later, rests beside that of her husband in a similar coffin. Large bronze name plates give unmistakable evidence of the identity of the bodies.

Time and the elements have apparently placed only a light hand on the venerated Briton who laid the foundations of the present American states of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, for the only sign of decay on the coffins is a slight break in a seam at the head of the general's coffin which exposes to view the inner wooden casket and lead lining.

The Associated Press correspondent was the only correspondent admitted to the church. He was allowed to descend by means of a ladder. With a flickering candle, it was possible to make out the following inscription on General Oglethorpe's coffin: "The Honorable General Oglethorpe. Died First July, 1785."

The vault is built of large heavy red bricks; it is about 10 feet long, six feet wide and four feet high, and in massiveness is not unlike in appearance some of the mortuary chambers in the valley of the kings of Egypt.

## Walton Will Resign if Bill is Enacted

Oklahoma City, Oct. 9.—Governor J. C. Walton tonight offered to resign to prove his good faith in his fight against the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma, if the legislature at its forthcoming special session, will enact an anti-klan law which he will submit to the lawmakers.

Challenging opponents of his administration, whose battle cry has been "we want neither klan nor king," the executive issued a statement addressed to the people of Oklahoma, declaring: "When this bill becomes law, it will rid the state of the klan and I will resign the office of governor immediately thereupon. In this way the people will be protected from the klan and peace and harmony can be restored to the state."

Briefly, the governor's bill prohibits the use of the mask by secret organizations in Oklahoma and provides that all such orders shall file complete membership lists with the regularly appointed civil authorities.

If his proposition is not accepted Governor Walton declared, he will decide further how "we must proceed to protect ourselves from this organization of masked marauders who have practical control of the judicial and police powers in the principal cities of the state."

## Impeachment First Thing in Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 8.—Members of the lower house of the legislature, summoned by Governor J. C. Walton to meet in extraordinary session Thursday will hold a caucus Wednesday to perfect an organization with a view toward launching an investigation of impeachment charges against the governor immediately the assembly is called to order.

Coinciding with this announcement from temporary legislative headquarters here tonight, Murray Gibbons, speaker during the last legislature, issued a statement declaring he would not be a candidate because of his connection with the Walton administration.

Gibbons heretofore had been considered a possible stumbling block in any legislative move to consider the executive's official acts.

Despite the fact the governor called the special session solely for an investigation into Ku Klux Klan, the legislators declare this matter will be passed until a "general house cleaning" is made. Attention first will be directed toward the records of several state officials and legislators who have been accused of impeachable offenses, it was said.

## POSTAL DEPARTMENT SPENDS 556 MILLIONS

This is Apparently About 24 Millions More Than Revenue

Washington, Oct. 10.—Postoffice department expenditures during the last fiscal year were \$556,893,000 with revenues of \$532,828,000, showing an apparent deficit of \$24,065,000, it is announced by Postmaster General New.

There was an increase of 10 per cent over the previous year in the volume of business which was handled at an increased cost of 2.3 per cent. The deficit for the year ending June 30, 1922, was about \$60,000,000.

The figures were compiled by Comptroller General J. R. McClure. Mr. New in a statement accompanying them, however, said that while they conformed to the method of stating the deficit which has been followed in the past, they give a misleading impression of the business of the postal service, including more than \$15,000,000 in undischarged obligations carried over from previous fiscal years, and failing to take into account nearly \$21,000,000 of such obligations incurred last year which will be paid later.

In order, he said to show the volume of business more accurately, Mr. New gave out tables compared on an entirely new basis, in which expenditures and obligations for each fiscal year were contrasted directly with the revenue for the same year.

"Stated on the new basis," he said, "the expenses for the service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923 were, in round numbers \$570,435,000 compared with \$552,435,000 for the year ending June 30, 1922, making an increase of \$18,000,000. The excess of expenses over revenues is \$27,953,000. The operating deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, figured in the same way, was \$27,581,000, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, \$89,003,000."

## OVERSEAS TOBACCO SHIPMENT NOW ON

The Lion's Share of the Crop Will Go to Europe, Asia and Australia.

Kinston, Oct. 8.—Many million pounds of tobacco produced in the country around Kinston this year are beginning to reach the ports for shipment abroad. The lion's share of the local crop will go to Europe, Asia and Australia, it is believed, with Canada and possibly South America as purchasers in a nominal way. If cotton is a king in this part of the country, tobacco is an imperial crop. Kinston's markets will handle nearly six times as much tobacco as cotton this year, it is estimated. It is roughly guessed that two-thirds of the former will find its way to London, Hamburg, Shanghai and other places abroad. The Lenoir county cotton crop may reach 5,500,000 pounds. Tobacco sold here before the holidays may total 30,000,000 pounds. More than 10,000,000 pounds have been sold here and the season is only old enough to list.

Helmeted Britishers in Hong-Kong and Calcutta, Australian sheep-ranchers, Chinese merchants, German officials and army officers, men around town in London and desecrating smokers everywhere are demanding the Eastern Carolina product. The bright leaf tobacco grown on the plantations of Lenoir, Pitt, Green and a dozen or so other counties goes into the most used in British dominions. It is claimed by agents of British manufacturers here. The London companies maintain large establishments on the markets in this belt. Study young Englishmen are here, as in most seasons, to study the first stages of the tobacco business. These serve their apprenticeship under buyers and factory men.

The sum to be paid out by buyers here this fall will total some figure between \$6,000,000 and \$9,000,000, it is estimated. Several million dollars of this will come from English sources. It will not be the most valuable crop ever made in the belt, though one of the largest. In one of the war years \$15,000,000 or more was paid for the local crop.

## Twin City Tobacco Has Averaged \$18.96

Winston-Salem, Oct. 11.—The Winston auction tobacco market handled 1,094,000 pounds of tobacco this week for which the farmers received \$20,545,000, the average price per hundred being \$18.96.