

GERMANS AND FRENCH MAY CLASH IN RUHR

French Preparing Now To Seize Another City

And This Action May Bring Men in Conflict With 25,000 Men of the German Reichswehr, Who Are Reported to Be Concentrated South of Muenster, less than 20 Miles From City of Dortmund, to Which French Are Moving.

OUTPOSTS OF TWO FORCES ARE ABOUT 10 MILES APART NOW

Reports From Bochum State That Revolts Against the French Have Been Put Down, and Everything is Quiet Again.—French May Arrest Coal Directors Who Have Ordered no Coal Deliveries For French and Belgians.

Dortmund, Jan. 16 (By the Associated Press).—French general headquarters has information that 25,000 men of the German Reichswehr are concentrated south of Muenster, less than 20 miles north of Luensen, to the north of Dortmund. The French have advanced to both Dortmund and Luensen, and the outposts of the French and German forces at some points are only from 8 to 10 miles apart.

Dortmund, Jan. 16 (By the Associated Press).—French cavalry appeared on the outskirts of this city at noon today. It is expected that the occupation of this city will be completed by 4 p. m. today.

May Arrest Coal Directors. London, Jan. 16 (By the Associated Press).—French threat to arrest German coal directors in the Ruhr valley has caused a panic in Berlin, says Central News dispatch from the German capital this afternoon. On the Berlin exchange this morning the dollar rate was around 18.600 marks.

Quiet Again at Bochum. Paris, Jan. 16 (By the Associated Press).—Order has been restored at Bochum in the newly occupied Ruhr district, where a clash occurred between German demonstrators and the French troops of occupation last night. It was officially announced here this morning.

OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED

Government Knows Nothing of Reparations Plan Mr. Boyden Has Suggested.

Washington, Jan. 16 (By the Associated Press).—Administration officials continued to insist today that the American government considers itself separated from the reparations plan which has been placed before the reparations committee by Roland W. Boyden, the American observer, who is representing the United States unofficially on the commission.

Officials at the White House, even went so far as to say that they did not believe Mr. Boyden ever presented a plan to the commission as reported in news dispatches from Paris.

In the fact of dispatches giving details of how the plan was laid before Secretary Hughes weeks ago, it was declared at the State Department that the Department knew nothing of the plan and desired not to be in any way associated with it.

EVERETT TAKES OATH OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Richmond County Man Sworn In, Judge W. T. Stacy Administering Oath.

Raleigh, Jan. 16 (By the Associated Press).—W. N. Everett, of Richmond County, who was appointed by Governor Morrison to fill the unexpired term of the late J. Bryan Grimes, today was sworn in as Secretary of State, Judge W. T. Stacy administering the oath.

Mr. Everett was showered with congratulations from both the House and Senate and from hundreds of friends throughout the State.

Paris-Bank Store to Be Closed Tomorrow. The Paris-Bank Store here will be closed tomorrow, while final preparations are being made for the big Remora Sale which starts at the store on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

The sale will be held for the purpose of reducing the present large stock of the company, so that the store will not have to be moved when the new quarters of the company are completed. The new addition probably will be ready for occupancy in about four weeks, and will make the home of the company one of the largest in North Carolina. Four pages of ads, telling about the sale will appear in this paper tomorrow.

Dental Clinic to Be Continued. Dr. S. E. Buchanan, county health officer, has received a letter from the State Board of Health advising that Dr. H. B. Foster, who was sent here to conduct a free dental clinic for two months, will be kept here three months by the State, provided the citizens of the county will raise \$300 to keep him here the fourth month. More than half of this sum has been raised. If you have a contribution to make send it in at once. Dr. Foster is doing a great work among the school children of the city and county.

For so little as \$40 one can hire a special train on any of the English railways, with engine and crew complete, and travel by it in solitary state for about twelve miles. Forty dollars is the lowest figure, and twelve miles the least distance, for which the company will make the necessary arrangements.

A new textile fibre discovered by Sir Henry Weekham, the pioneer of the plantation-rubber industry, is claimed to possess qualities unsurpassed by any other textile, being as strong as steel, but soft and pliable.

COMMISSION RULES GERMANY IN DEFAULT

Has Not Made Certain Deliveries That Were Due For Year 1923 Members of Reparations Commission Find.

Paris, Jan. 16 (By the Associated Press).—The reparations commission in a session lasting less than half an hour today reached a decision declaring Germany in default in certain deliveries in kind for the year 1923.

The reparations bloc—France, Belgium and Italy—voted in favor of declaring Germany in default, and Kambal Cool, the British delegate, acting in place of Sir John Bradbury, who was indisposed, abstained from voting.

The hurried decision follows Germany's refusal to make any more deliveries in kind, including coal, wood, cattle, dyes and building materials, so long as the French remained in the Ruhr.

President Barthou said Germany's refusal was "an open defiance of the allies" which must be met with instant action.

The American representatives, Roland W. Boyden and Col. James A. Logan, were present, but had nothing to say.

ICE CREAM MEN OF STATE TO MEET

Annual Meeting of State Association Will Be Held in Winston-Salem During Last of Month.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 16.—An address by Mrs. Josephine Daniels, wife of the former secretary of the navy, will be the single departure from the ranks of members of the trade in the program of the 15th annual convention of the North Carolina Ice Cream Manufacturers' Association, which is to be held here January 22-24, after the convention is welcomed by Governor Cameron.

The program announced tonight for the convention follows: Tuesday, January 23, 9:30 a. m.—Registration of members and guests. 10:30 a. m.—Address of welcome by Governor Cameron Morrison.

Response—H. E. Cartland, of the Arctic Ice Cream Company, Greensboro. Report of secretary-treasurer—A. E. Dixon.

Address of President—L. A. Corning. "The Man Behind the Gun," address by G. S. Jordan, president of the National Association of Ice Cream Supply Men.

"The Growth and Development of the Ice Cream Industry in North Carolina," address by H. E. Cartland, of Greensboro.

"My Competitor and I," address by H. P. Olsen, president and manager of the Ice Cream Review, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"How I View the Associate Member from a Manufacturer's Viewpoint," address by Charles E. Landreth, of the Forsyth Dairy Company, Winston-Salem.

"Refrigeration," address by George Braunhart, of the York Manufacturing Company, York, Pa. 1:30 p. m. Opossum and "taters" dinner.

8:30 p. m. Theater party. Wednesday, January 24, 9:30 a. m. Meeting of the board of directors. 10:30 a. m. "Retinings" by S. S. Tinning Company, Johnson City, Tenn.

"Are You Selling the Dealer or the Consumer?" by R. G. Ribben, editor of the Ice Cream Journal, New York. "Keep Cool," address by Mrs. Josephine Daniels, of Raleigh.

"The Dairying Industry in North Carolina," by W. J. Shuford, of the Catawba Creamery Company, of Hickory.

"Ice Cream Sales in Winter," by W. B. Savell, editor of the Ice Cream Field, of Atlanta, Ga. "Inter-Change of Credit Information," by J. C. Baldwin, of the Durham Ice Cream Company. 2:15 p. m. automobile ride. 4:00 p. m. business meeting for active members only. 4:30 p. m. annual dinner and entertainment.

High Point School Gets Recognition

High Point, N. C., Jan. 16.—The High Point school again has been accredited a class A institution by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It has been named by W. W. Marr, superintendent.

This classification entitles any graduate of the high school here to enter the freshman class of any A standard college in the south.

Dr. Peacock Declared Sane in Arradia, Florida.

Lakeland, Fla., Jan. 15.—Court records show that Dr. J. W. Peacock, who escaped last year from the criminally insane department of the North Carolina state penitentiary, was declared sane at Arradia, Fla., last Thursday before Judge George W. Whitehurst after an examination by Dr. H. M. Richards and Dr. R. B. Sullivan of Lakeland.

WORK OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TODAY

Neal Resolution, Calling For Investigation of the State Printing, Passes Its Third Reading in the House.

FOUR COMMITTEES NAMED IN HOUSE

Most of Measures Sent to the House Were of Local Nature—Wants Marriage Notices Posted 15 Days.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 16 (By the Associated Press).—One amendment was tacked on to the Neal resolution in the House here today by Representative Coward, of Jackson County, and the amendment was accepted by Representative Neal, of McDowell, author of the measure which provides for an investigation of state printing. The resolution passed its third reading without further opposition and was sent to the Senate for that body's concurrence. The Senate could do no better than introduce a local bill in a session which consumed but a few minutes.

Mr. Coward's amendment struck out two sections of the preamble of Mr. Neal's resolution. These sections referred to the fact that the usefulness of the state Department of Labor & Printing had been impaired by the publicity which resulted from charges of unfairness and discrimination brought by state printers, and that the department be placed on a sound business basis "and that it be conducted fairly, impartially, and free from favoritism and discrimination."

After the reading Coward read the bill Mr. Coward offered his amendment. After this was read Mr. Neal took the floor and announced that he would accept Mr. Coward's amendment. The bill went through the third reading unopposed. It provides for a commission of nine members of the House to be appointed by the speaker, and five members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate President to conduct the investigation, call for witnesses, send for papers, books and documents, and administer oaths.

Representative Everett, of Durham County, introduced a bill to authorize North Carolina to cooperate with other cotton producing states in a commission with the cotton commission. Most of the other House measures were of a local nature.

A Speaker Dawson announced four House committees. These and their chairmen are: Revision of laws: V. S. Bryant, of Durham; privileges and election, D. T. McKinnon, of Robeson; fish and fisheries, M. L. Davis, of Carteret; public service corporations, L. J. Polsson, of New Hanover.

A resolution adopted by the "big four" brotherhoods of the state which endorsed the program and accomplishments of the last General Assembly, and which also endorsed the propositions contained in the Governor's biennial message to the present Assembly was spread upon the minutes up on motion of Representative Walter Murphy, of Rowan.

Representative Van B. Martin, of Washington county, introduced a measure which would provide that fifteen days' notice of intention to file be presented to the Register of Deeds by the contracting parties before license could be issued, and would attach a penalty to any infraction of this law by the Register.

PRESIDENT ILL

Has Been Suffering With Cold for a Week—Condition Not Serious.

Washington, Jan. 16.—President Harding for the past week has been suffering from a severe cold, and soon after today's cabinet meeting he went to the white house proper to lie down and rest.

The President met the newspaper correspondents as usual for his after-cabinet meeting, but indicated he felt indisposed, and did not desire to answer any other than most important questions. It was said there was nothing at all alarming in his condition.

"When called upon these men must be well grounded in the rudiments of military and the medium for acquiring this knowledge is the drills which are held in the armories during the year under a program of instruction which is prescribed and administered by the war department. The government considers this training so necessary that it pays a minimum of \$1 per drill.

"The bill also makes provision for paying company commanders \$200 per annum, instead of \$100, as at present; lieutenants of companies \$100 per annum, instead of \$50, and supply sergeants \$100 in lieu of \$50 now allowed.

"The reasons for asking for this small increase for company officers is obvious—they have the hardest jobs in the National Guard and there is no end to their responsibilities.

"No increase is asked for field officers, but company officers deserve this small increase for work which takes an average of two or three hours a day. Similarly in the case of supply sergeants, they and the company commanders have to keep up with property amounting in money value from \$15,000 to \$75,000 per organization which has been issued them by the national government," he said.

"The indigo industry is one of the oldest of the early chemical industries in the Southern States. It is mentioned in Louisiana as early as 1720.

BODY OF RAILROAD STRIKER IS FOUND

Body Was Found Hanging From Railroad Bridge Near Harrison, Arkansas, Where He Had Been Employed.

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Fisher's is showing new hat modes for spring. All winter hats at half and less.

Piedmont Today. Neva Gerber and Jimmy Morrison. "A Yankee Go-Getter". The Haunted House.