

French Ultimatum is Ignored by Coal Men

German Magnates Failed to Appear Before the Central Commission, as They Had Been Ordered to Do. NEXT MOVE IS UP TO FRANCE

French Had Warned Magnates That Coal Deliveries Had to Be Made, or Heavy Penalties Would Follow.

Dusseldorf, Jan. 17. (By the Associated Press.)—Representatives of the German magnates failed to appear this morning before the central commission, sending word they had decided to obey the instructions of the Berlin government instead of the French orders as to coal deliveries, thus placing the next move squarely up to the French occupying authorities.

The ultimatum, delivered to the industrial leaders yesterday, directing them to resume coal deliveries under heavy penalties for failure, expires at 4 p. m. No action will be taken by the French, it is stated, until the full 24 hours from the delivery of the ultimatum yesterday afternoon has elapsed.

Clashes in Dortmund. Dortmund, Jan. 17. (By the Associated Press.)—Lynchings by nationalist in the streets of Dortmund late last evening caused clashes with communist labor elements, but intervention by the French forces was not resorted to.

French Will Operate Mines. Essen, Jan. 17. (By the Associated Press.)—The French occupational authorities announced this afternoon that they will begin operating the mines of the Ruhr district tomorrow, requisitioning German labor if necessary.

Occupation of Ruhr Completed. Dusseldorf, 5:30 p. m., Jan. 17. (By the Associated Press.)—It was officially announced by General de Goutte this afternoon that the military operations of the Ruhr occupation are now completed.

The French will take possession of the mines throughout the district tomorrow morning placing military guards at the mouths of every pit. The Ruhr magnates were informed late this afternoon that their property will be confiscated and will be worked under French management for the benefit of the republican account.

DEBT COMMISSION MUST HAVE ASSENT OF CONGRESS. American Commission Cannot Agree to Any Plan Unless Congress Gives Its Approval.

Washington, Jan. 17. (By the Associated Press.)—The American debt commission has frankly told the British mission, according to information today at the Treasury, that it could not assent to any plan of settlement of Great Britain's war debt which could not be expected to receive the approval of Congress at this session.

In view of the determination of President Harding not to call an extra session of the new congress the whole question of a settlement of the British debt would have to be held in abeyance until next year if Congress failed to ratify any arrangement which could be expected to require the negotiation of a new settlement.

The American commissioners also were reported to feel that a failure to obtain ratification would hold up the refunding negotiations with the other debtor nations. It has been their hope to make the settlement with Great Britain a guide for the refunding of all of the other war debts.

While both the British and Americans still were hopeful today that an agreement in principle would come out of the present negotiations, they plainly were not as optimistic on this point as they had been.

AGREEMENT IN COTTON DIFFERENTIAL IS REACHED. Cotton Can Be Shipped From South at the Same Rate as From Eastern Ports.

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 17. (By the Associated Press.)—An agreement on cotton differential was reached here today by American shipping men who have been conferring here for three days under the auspices of the United States Shipping Board.

Under the agreement the shipping freight rates on cotton will be increased from 17 cents to 20 cents. This makes it possible for Southern shippers to ship cotton direct to Liverpool and other European cities at the same rate as would be charged if the cotton were shipped from New York City.

The new arrangements, shipping officials said, will cut down cotton shipments from New York and will increase from Southern cities, principally New Orleans and Galveston.

Meeting in Raleigh. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 17. (By the Associated Press.)—A conference of negro supervisors and teachers of home economics in North Carolina to meet in Raleigh February 1-3 has been called by Miss Katherine Moran, acting head of the home economics department. It was announced tonight.

The work for the year will be outlined at the meeting.

DR. PEACOCK FOUND IN ST. PETERSBURG

Arrived There Tuesday Night and Is Not Trying to Hide, According to Reports From That City.

(By the Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Fla., Jan. 17.—Dr. J. W. Peacock, who escaped from the North Carolina asylum for the insane, arrived in St. Petersburg last night. He came from Clearwater, where he spent yesterday.

He was recently adjudged sane after an investigation in Arcadia, and then he fled to a lumber camp where he had been working since August 21st.

Dr. Peacock escaped from the asylum August 29th and came to this state. He worked hard, he said, and exhibited hands covered with callous places. He said he expects to tour Florida and then choose a place in which to live. He is making no effort to hide, and many locate here, he said. He developed his callous hands in North Carolina and then not taken in custody. Dr. Peacock was committed to the North Carolina asylum after killing a policeman at his home in Thomsville.

Warrants for Peacock. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 17.—Warrants have been issued here charging Dr. J. W. Peacock, located at St. Petersburg, Fla., with having escaped from the state prison, which is made an offense under the laws of this state, according to Attorney General J. S. Manning.

GRAY DIRECTED TO CONTINUE TESTIMONY. Attorneys Did Not Want Him to Testify in the Hearing on a Bastrop, La. Case.

Bastrop, La., Jan. 17.—Judge Fred M. Olin today overruled objection of counsel for E. N. Gray, witness in the open hearing investigation into the kidnapping and slaying of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, hooded band victims, and directed that Gray should continue his testimony begun yesterday. Judge Olin repeated his ruling of yesterday, however, that Gray would not be required to answer questions that might involve statements of a possible incriminating nature.

STEALS DEALER'S BILLS. THEN REALIZES ON THEM. Yonkers Man Accused of New and Novel Form of Crime.

Yonkers, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Perhaps Anthony Manuel has hit upon an untried way of petty crime. At any rate, the following was his custom. He was charged by Max Klein, a produce vendor, upon whose complaint Manuel was arraigned in city court today.

Klein, calling at an early hour, slipped bills for goods beneath the doors of customers. Manuel, dogging his steps, retrieved them. Later, Klein said Manuel presented the bills and got the money.

Manuel was remanded to jail pending further investigation.

Removal and White Goods Sale at Parks-Belt Company. The Big Removal and White Goods Sale at the Parks-Belt Company will begin Thursday morning, January 18, at 9 o'clock, and continue for 12 days.

The outstanding feature of the session was the announcement that the house committee on water commerce would meet in a joint session with the Senate on Thursday afternoon to consider the anti-trust ship line bill.

It has been announced in the administration circles that the delegation from many eastern points interested in the shipping bill will leave for Raleigh late today and tonight to be heard at the meeting.

State Library Commission Has Important Books For Reference. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 16.—The state library commission today announced it had a number of books on personal and national economy available to readers of North Carolina. These books are on thrift, investments, budgets and household accounting and economics and are selected from the American Library Association reading list.

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WORK OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TODAY

Largest Number of Bills Yet Introduced to the Senate Made Appearance During the Morning Session.

LOCAL BILLS ONLY SENT TO HOUSE. Several of the Bills Presented to Senate Were of Unusual Interest—Solons May Hear Crissinger.

Raleigh, Jan. 17. (By the Associated Press.)—Bills which would authorize surgical operations on inmates of state penal and charitable institutions, demand social insurance to enable families to establish and maintain orphanages, and that would permit the admission of persons more than 30 years old to Casswell Training School for the feeble minded, introduced in the Senate today among the largest batch of measures yet offered in a single session.

In the House today was devoted to introduction of bills of local importance only, and the committee reports already scheduled.

J. R. Crissinger, the President's appointee to be Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, will be invited to address the General Assembly in joint session here at any time that may suit his convenience, according to a resolution introduced in the Senate by E. Mendenhall, of Guilford, and passed under suspension of the rules.

Two bills introduced today by Senator W. L. Long, of Halifax county, for statewide effect would amend the present law relating to the trial of a civil issue immediately following the joining of the issue instead of waiting 30 days thereafter, and would limit the resale of real estate under foreclosure or judicial order to a single time under a raised bid.

Senator W. A. Graham, of Lincoln, introduced in the Senate the bill already before the House to authorize North Carolina to cooperate in the movement of the cotton commission organized at New Orleans, for operation throughout the cotton belt in marketing and in the night on the boll weevil when six states shall have entered the movement.

The bill which proposes surgical operations in certain cases on inmates of state institutions introduced by Senator J. R. Baggett, would leave decision in such cases to the Superintendent, the trustees and the physicians of the institution concerned.

Authority for the punishment of advance sheets of the supreme courts which now await book publication proposed by Senator L. R. Vasey, and amendment of the law governing the sale of property under mortgage or deed of trust proposed by Senator A. E. Sams, are incorporated in the bills offered in the senate today.

Some informal discussions among members prior to the opening of the meeting was held on the Milkken secret order bill, and some members wanted to hold the measure up until the after action on the Baggett anti-masking bill.

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ALCOHOL DEALINGS WILL BE CURTAILED

Officers Will Take Action in Effort to Combat the Illicit Liquor Traffic, Under the Present Plans.

Washington, Jan. 17. (By the Associated Press.)—Drastic curtailment of dealings in denatured and industrial alcohol has been decided upon by federal prohibition authorities as the next step in their campaign to combat the illicit liquor traffic. Dealers have been issued for revocation of licenses of dealers' permits, among those being issued to one of the largest alcohol producing plants in the country.

The decision to withdraw license of this plant and to refuse to reissue licenses for which applications were pending, was reached at a conference of prohibition enforcement officials attended by Acting Commissioner Joseph Acting Director Volowley of New York, and heads of the principal bureaus at headquarters here. It is understood that reports submitted by Mr. Volowley of his investigation into the sources of Christmas beverages had much to do with the order.

Negotiations Halted. Washington, Jan. 17.—The British and American debt commissions have reached a point in their negotiations where it virtually is agreed no further progress can be made until the British commissioners have returned to London and conferred with their government.

FIFTEEN SMALL HOUSES DESTROYED BY BLAZE. High Winds Threatened Industrial Plants in Statesville During the Fire.

Statesville, Jan. 17.—Fifteen small houses were destroyed here early today by fire which, fanned by high winds, threatened for a time to spread to valuable manufacturing establishments and the Southern Railway station.

The structures consumed, however, were small ones on the west side of South Center Street, and the total loss was estimated at not more than \$20,000 to \$40,000, of which about one-third was covered by insurance. No one was injured in the flames which gave the fire department a desperate battle.

The fire was believed to have started in a negro pressing club, and the buildings burned included 8 negro houses, four white residences, and three small business structures.

PRESIDENT CANCELED ALL HIS ENGAGEMENTS. Wanted to Remain in Bed, as Day of Rest Was Deemed Advisable by His Physicians.

Washington, Jan. 17.—President Harding cancelled all of his engagements today in order to remain in bed on account of an attack of grippe. 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 developments.

Secretary Christian after a visit to the President's room said his chief "felt a very little worse" than he did yesterday, when he attended the cabinet meeting, but he spent the remainder of the day lying down. He has been suffering from a heavy cold for several days.

TRAINS DELAYED BY WRECK IN VIRGINIA. Twenty-Five Freight Cars Piled Up on Main Line of Southern Railway System.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 17.—Six passenger trains, bound in both directions between Washington and Atlanta were considerably delayed by a wreck of 25 freight cars which blocked both tracks of the Southern Railway near Sevenmore early today. The trains finally were detoured over the Norfolk and Western Railway. The wreck occurred shortly after midnight, and it was hoped to have the tracks cleared late this afternoon. The accident was said to be due to a broken car wheel.

Will Speak Before Forestry Meeting. Asheville, N. C., Jan. 16.—E. H. Frothingham, director of the Southern Appalachian Forest Experiment Station, will deliver an address at the Southern Forestry Conference in Montgomery, Ala., January 29-30-31. G. T. Backus, district forest inspector, also of this city, will attend the meeting.

The congress was organized in Asheville in 1916. A number of men prominent in forestry work will be present at the Montgomery meeting.

R. E. Cline Bank President. Mr. Ralph B. Cline, a former Concordian, was elected president of the Citizens Bank of Blacksburg, South Carolina at a recent meeting of the stockholders of that institution.

The Citizens Bank is the younger of the two banks in that town, having been established about three years ago. Mr. Cline, who is secretary of the Broad River Mills, of Blacksburg, was one of the organizers of the new bank, and has been one of its directors since its beginning.

Batons College, for the first time in 20 years of intercollegiate debating, has voted to allow women students to participate.

Miss Henriette Hoegh is first secretary of the Norwegian legation in the City of Mexico.

THOMASVILLE VIEW OF THE PEACOCK INCIDENT

J. E. Newton Gives Impression—Gathered in Home Town (State Library Plan).

J. E. Newton in Charlotte Observer. Thomasville, Jan. 16.—It was said by several citizens here at the time of the killing of Chief J. E. Taylor by Dr. J. W. Peacock, on April 16, 1921, that the act of the killing itself was only the executive work of a secret conspiracy, a well-laid plan on the part of a considerable number of men who had it in mind for Taylor on account of his activities in apprehending the bootleggers and other violators of the laws of the state and nation.

Dr. M. L. Kester, general manager of the Thomasville Baptist orphanage, stated at the grave of the deceased in Winston-Salem during the funeral services that the murder was a "premeditated murder."

It is known now that the activities here in behalf of Dr. Peacock have never for one moment ceased, but a direct campaign has been waged for him from the day the crime was committed only at certain periods the speed has been increased.

There are parties here who do not hesitate to say that they have been doing their best from the time he was committed to the criminal insane department at the penitentiary to get him liberated. They are willing to say they have written letters of recommendation to Florida, insisting that Dr. Peacock is as "sane as any man," and they say the fact that they were only doing their duty.

"The crowd that cried the loudest, 'Insane, Insane,' during the trial, are the loud proclaimers of the doctor's sanity now. Those who did not believe the doctor insane during the trial accepted in good faith the testimony of the alienists and submitted quietly to the judge's sentence to the criminal insane department at Raleigh, saying at the time, 'We must have been mistaken and the able doctors must have been right.'"

"But what seems to be the sentiment today in the community?" is the question which is constantly coming in over the wires.

"How it is in a nutshell. 'Our laws may be all right, but our courts in too many instances are a farce.'"

"One says, 'If the state does not do the clean thing in the Peacock matter and bring the criminal back behind the bars, the strength of the state authorities will be discounted for years to come.'"

Friends of Peacock say: "The authorities of the penitentiary did not want him, for they say he is as sane as anybody. They further say, 'Suppose, just suppose, the state brings him back, he will not stay there next time, for the simple reason he's not insane and they don't want him confined there.'"

Chief George B. Wimberly says: "Thomasville is now a good town."

A minister says: "The blood of Taylor has been sprinkled on the lintels of the doorposts of Thomasville, and while these marks remain the destroying angel will pass over and do no hurt to its inhabitants."

It is stated that in a letter Dr. Peacock wrote to a friend at High Point last spring, during his confinement in the Raleigh prison, he said: "I hope to get out of this hell hole some time this year." In another letter since he obtained his liberty, written to some people here, he spoke of how he walked ten miles the first night of his liberation, hopped a freight train going toward Florida for some time and next day walked 27 miles at a rapid pace. In another letter still he spoke of making a pleasant visit to some friends in Arkansas during the fall season, but it seems that most of his energies have been given to his case in court in Florida, where he was adjudged to be sane and free from the judgments of the North Carolina court.

Mrs. J. W. Peacock, wife of Dr. Peacock, is living at her home here, and while these marks remain the destroying angel will pass over and do no hurt to its inhabitants.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Jan. 16.—Police said tonight that an all-day search for Dr. J. W. Peacock, who escaped last year from the criminally insane department of the North Carolina penitentiary and who was reported coming here to practice medicine, had been without avail.

Liner's Captain Tells of Deep Sea Annual Never Before Reported. New York, Jan. 16.—Captain John Roberts brought the liner Baltic in today with the story of a new deep sea animal whose like no mariner has ever reported before.

The best, Captain Roberts averred, had ears and nose like a pig; was fully nine feet in girth at the thickest discal section and was about 12 feet long above the water line—with an unknown number of feet submerged. Chief officer Williams, Second Officer Greenfield, and Fourth Officer Sals also saw the monster Captain Roberts say, and they are going to write the American Museum of Natural History a letter describing it in detail. They searched countless volumes of deep-sea life lore without finding anything that resembled it.

Attaches of the Natural Museum confessed themselves at a loss to catalogue the queer creature. Captain Roberts explained his inability to provide a more accurate description as due to the fact that the monster, on sighting the Baltic, displayed every evidence of fear, and rushed away, swimming alternately on the surface and below it. Black and dusky brown were its colors, he said.

The present Nevada legislature has four women members.

HARRISON ASSUMES NORMAL ATMOSPHERE

After Two Days of Intense Excitement Arkansas Town is Quiet—Many Are Driven From the Town.

ONE MAN WAS LYNCHED BY MOB. Another Alleged Striker Was Wounded, and Man Who Furnished Bond for Many Was Given a Whipping.

(By the Associated Press.) Harrison, Ark., Jan. 17.—Harrison today assumed its normal atmosphere after two days of intense excitement, the result of "armed action" by citizens gathered here from a radius of 150 miles in which one man was lynched and another wounded during a "roundup" alleged strikers and more than 200 persons were forced to leave the community by a "committee of 1,000." Further trouble was not expected to follow the "clean-up" of persons believed to be guilty of, or to have had knowledge of the bridge burnings and other depredations along the line of the Missouri-Arkansas Railroad which precipitated the demonstration.

The body of E. C. Gregor, alleged striking shop worker, was found hanging from a railway trestle yesterday. Gregor is said to have resisted the "committee of 1,000"—an investigating body of citizens—when they sought on Monday night to question him regarding the identity of persons suspected of carrying on a campaign of sabotage. Gregor is said to have opened fire when called on to surrender. Later he was captured by a mob and hanged.

A brickman named Green, an employe of the Missouri & North Arkansas, was shot in the arm. His injury is not serious.

Geo. W. O'Neal, local hotel owner, and capitalist, who is said to have furnished bond for many strikers charged with sabotage, was taken from his home and whipped. Night Marshal R. S. W. was arrested by the committee of 1,000, and a strike organizer, was fogged and ordered to leave town. E. D. Stephens, a former engineer, wanted by the committee was not found.

JOBS SECURED FOR 567 PERSONS IN WEEK. Weekly Report Submitted by the State Department of Labor and Printing.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 17.—Five hundred and sixty-seven persons were placed in positions in North Carolina during the week ending January 13, according to the weekly report of M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and printing, made public tonight. The Wilmington bureau led all others in the state, securing employment for 126 applicants.

The report follows:

Table with 3 columns: Male, Female, Total. Rows include Registrations, Requests for help, Placed, Skilled, Unskilled, Clerical, Domestic, Industrial, and Total.

THE COTTON MARKET. Some Further Scattering Liquidation in Market at the Opening.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 17.—There was some further scattering liquidation in the cotton market at the opening today owing to continued nervousness of the European situation, weakness in the foreign exchange rates, and the easier showing of Liverpool. First prices were one to eight points lower with March contracts selling off to 27.20 and May to 27.41, but brokers with Liverpool and domestic connections were buyers and there were rallies of several points from the start during the early trading.

Cotton futures opened steady; January 27.00; March 27.22; May 27.43; July 27.15; October 25.90.

Bleed to be the youngest grandmother in New England, Mrs. Robert J. Rawlins, of Pittfield, Mass., is a grandmother at the age of 98.

Piedmont Today and Tomorrow

WILLIAM FARNUM. "WITHOUT COMPROMISE". A red-blooded story of the frontier, where men lived fast and died faster.

Also a Rolin Comedy.

Noted Speaker Coming Here For S. S. Institute

Sunday School workers of Concord Township will have the opportunity of hearing three noted Sunday School experts at the Concord Sunday School Institute in St. James Lutheran Church, February 7, 8 and 9, 1923. The leaders in charge of the movement feel that they have been very fortunate in having secured these speakers for the program.

Mr. E. T. Albertson, Indianapolis, Indiana, who is General Secretary of Indiana Sunday School Council of Religious Education, and a well known lecturer.

Mr. D. W. Sims, who is widely and favorably known as General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, will deliver a series of lectures at the institute. Having attended a previous institute in Concord about a year ago, Mr. Sims needs no introduction to the Sunday School workers in and around Con-

cord. Miss Daisy Mazzeo is a specialist in the work with children in the Sunday School. Her addresses at the institute will deal in a practical way with the religious education of children and young people. By special training and years of practical experience Miss Mazzeo is well qualified for the work she is to do.

This is one of a series of similar institutes being held under the auspices of different county Sunday School Associations, and the North Carolina Sunday School Association. The North Carolina Sunday School Association is a co-operative effort of Sunday School workers from different denominations to extend and improve Sunday School work in this State. All plans and methods suggested are those that are common to all workers of all denominations.