

FLAYS GERMANY'S POLICY IN RUHR

General Degoutte Declares Enough Money Was Spent on Passive Resistance to Pay Reparations.

Dusseldorf, Sept. 24.—Germany has spent enough money in bolstering up passive resistance in the Ruhr valley since the French troops entered last January to have made her regular reparations payments to the Allies for two years, declared General Degoutte today to the correspondent of The Associated Press. Moreover, he said this reckless expenditure should be calculated entirely apart from the incalculable loss caused by the economic stagnation of this once thriving industrial center, the direct result of the refusal of Germany to cooperate with the occupation forces.

"More than 1,000,000 workers," said the commander of the French forces, "have now had a nice long eight months' vacation with pay, and naturally they are rather keen to have the occupation continue; but it is not difficult to see that this economic fallacy cannot continue indefinitely."

Judging from the general attitude of the German population toward the occupying troops, General Degoutte said he was fully convinced that if it had not been for the interference from Berlin the problem of making the occupation pay, as well as of keeping the economic fabric of the Ruhr intact, would have solved itself long before now.

"Some day," he said, "Berlin will see, as many sensible people in the Ruhr already see, that the German government made a grave economic mistake in agreeing to pay thousands of workers for doing nothing. Leaving aside the ultimate failure of this method to frustrate the effects of the occupation, as it is bound to fail, the idea of pouring out money to workers for doing nothing is very bad psychology. It will have many disastrous ramifications. Already other workers, such as miners, have caught the idea of passive resistance to their own employers. These workers, encouraged by the fact that their fellow workers, who have been affected by the occupation, have been able to leave their jobs and still receive full pay, have now adopted the method of going to their work and spending the day discussing the problems of life or playing cards. The natural consequence has been that most of them were locked out. The same thing should have been applied to all the workers who refused to work under the occupation authorities. If it had been, passive resistance would have melted away and there would have been no interruption in the normal economic life of the occupied area."

When asked what his impression was of the general attitude of the German population toward the presence of French troops, General Degoutte replied:

"It's too good. It's bad for military discipline."

When further asked if the seizures of increasing amounts of marks, which have been prominently published during the past few days in the German press, represented a departure from methods hitherto practiced by the occupation army, he answered:

"Not at all. We have been seizing money for the expenses of the army ever since we entered the Ruhr. The seizures now seem much greater than at first because the mark now represents only a fraction of what it did when we came, thanks to Berlin's policy of paying vast sums for non-production."

"Let me explain about these seizures of money," the general continued. "As you know the Treaty of Versailles provides that Germany shall pay the expenses of whatever occupation forces may be considered necessary. When we first came I wrote a requisition on the Reichsbank for the army's expenses for the first week. The Reichsbank refused honor it, as Germany decided the occupation was illegal. I thereupon said, 'All right, we'll just take what is necessary for our expenses.' But don't forget that for every paper mark we seized we gave a receipt to the person from whom it was seized, and I am reliably informed that all holders of receipts have been reimbursed by the Reichsbank."

"The same thing is true of everything else we have requisitioned for the army, including automobiles. You may be surprised to know that several Germans have come to us requesting that we requisition their automobiles, so that they might cash their receipts with the Reichsbank at a profit."

Miss Lynn Mason and her sister, Mrs. H. L. Jones have returned from Stumpy Point and Manns Harbor where they have been visiting friends and relatives. They are now the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Twiford on Burgess street.

Princess Petrolia Crowned at Tulsa

Oil Interests Gather in Oklahoma City for Meeting on October 8

Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 26.—Plans for a gathering here of oil interests to be known as the International Petroleum exposition and congress, at which discussion of every phase of the petroleum industry will be interspersed with exhibits of educational value and recreational features, are being rapidly concluded by committees of local oil men. The exposition and congress will open October 8 for one week.

Governors of 18 oil producing states, cabinet members and heads of government departments at Washington have been invited. Oil men from every state in the union and a number of foreign countries have indicated they will be here. The exposition will bring together ten associations, eight of which are definitely engaged in various branches of the oil business. Each association will hold a convention.

Three full-sized drill rigs, one cable tool, one rotary and one diamond core will be in operation during the week. The plans call also for a complete miniature refinery, a working model of an absorption gasoline plant, and a model tube and tank cracker unit. Model tank steamers, tank cars and air tight steel tanks have been promised.

Entertainment will include parades and pageants in the court of King Petroleum, concluding with the coronation of "Princess Petrolia" at the end of the exposition.

Educational and historical phases of the industry will be emphasized in the display. Equipment used in the world's first oil well, drilled in 1859 by Col. E. L. Drake, will be sent from Bradford, Penn. Thomas Galey of Independence, Kans., plans to

send tools used in the Mid-Continent field's first wildcat well near Neodesha, Kans.

PARIS BISHOP WILL SPEAK AT DES MOINES

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 24.—Bishop Edgar T. Blake, resident bishop of Paris, France, will address the annual general executive meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary society, to be held here October 18 to 23, according to an announcement made by Mrs. Evelyn Riley Nicholson, president.

The society has a total membership of 618,732 which includes auxiliaries 377,169; Young People and Standard Bearers 83,498; King's Heralds 63,006, and Little Light Bearers 75,119.

Bishop Blake will give some of his experiences while attending the Living Church Conference at Moscow, Russia. Other prominent speakers on the program include Miss Anna Gordon, president of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union; Bishop Thomas Nicholson, president of the Anti-Saloon League of America; Prof.

O. H. Smith, Nanking, China, and Dr. Y. Y. Tsou, secretary of the Chinese Christian association.

DOCTORS TO ERECT OFFICE STRUCTURE

Asheville, Sept. 26.—A group of local physicians have been authorized a building site here and are considering the erection in the near future of a large office structure for the use of members of the medical profession.

ASHEVILLE ISSUES BUILDING PERMITS

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