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PRESIDENT NOT TO CALL MEETING OF LEAGUE COUNCIL

United States Will Take No Part in Meeting Because Of Treaty Status

ASSEMBLY WILL NOT MEET IN NEAR FUTURE

Peace Treaty Compromise Talk Reaches More Formal Stage With Senator McNary, Leader of Mild Reservation Republicans, In Conference With Senator Hitchcock.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Wilson has not been invited to call the first meeting of the council of the league nations after ratification of the treaty of Versailles has been completed, State Department officials said today.

There was a suggestion some time ago that the invitation to be extended to him, but the question was not determined at that time. Some administration officials believe he would acquiesce in the request from the allied powers, but the United States will have no part in the meeting of the council by reason of the fact that the treaty has not been ratified by the Senate.

The treaty provides that the first meeting of the assembly of the league shall be called by the President but the assembly is not expected to meet in the immediate future. The council, however, must assemble within a fortnight after ratification is completed at Paris as the carrying out of some provisions of the treaty are entrusted to it.

Peace treaty compromise talk reached a more formal stage today when Senator McNary, of Oregon, a leader of the mild reservation Republicans, discussed various compromise suggestions with Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, the acting Democratic leader.

It was said that although no agreement came out of the conference the conversation took a hopeful turn. Afterward both Senators seemed confident that a middle ground could be found that would insure ratification early in the year.

The reservation in the majority program dealing with Section 10, Shantung and voting power in the League of Nations, it was said, were discussed.

Senator Lodge, Senator Hitchcock, and a number of other Senators, and Senator Swanson, of Virginia, a Democrat of the Foreign Relations committee was present during a part of the talk with Senator McNary. Later Mr. McNary conferred with several on the Republican side.

BUILDING DURING YEAR SHOWS GAINS

Nearly Billion In Excess of 1918 Total, Says New York Authority

New York, N. Y., Dec. 29.—In the entire country the 1919 building projects will reach $2,600,000,000, says a New York authority, based on F. W. Dodge Company reports. This includes engineering operations and construction of all forms. It is nearly a billion dollars above 1918 total, which held the high record. Current projects are one-third residential, one-third industrial, 15 per cent for general business and 10 per cent for public works and utilities.

Builders in New York City district are rounding out a $550,000,000 year, more than one-third of the building being residential. While Manhattan's main activity has been in business projects, Brooklyn and Queens are hustling with home building, and suburban operators have put up small houses by the hundreds and vastly improved transportation facilities.

Capital for building seems to be most available in the Central West, where operators are running far past all previous volumes. Reports from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri and Kansas show outlays of $820,506,000 for eleven months of the year. All parts of the country score goods gains over their old high records. New England, in its rush to get abreast of the demand for homes, has called for outlays of $207,288,000 during the year and the Middle Eastern section has a record of nearly double the best volume of any preceding year.

Peace in the New York industrial field is tentatively assured for 1920 by the agreement now pending between the Building Trades Employers' Association and the Building Trades Council, the latter representing 41 unions in New York City and Long Island, and 150,000 employes. Negotiations have been in progress for a year and the agreement is considered by far the most important step ever taken toward amicable working arrangements between employers and employes. Strikes are made improbable during 1920 by this agreement and a clause is provided for the continuation of the plan into 1921.

The purpose of the measure is "to obtain continuity of employment and uninterrupted production" and it provides for a permanent Board of Arbitration. It would seem to herald a new industrial day.

MERCHANT CALLED FROM HIS STORE AND MURDERED.

Asheville, Dec. 30.—News received here tonight from Etowah in Henderson county is to the effect that Sheriff Case, with posses, is still searching the mountains in an effort to locate the murderers of William Erwin, a prominent merchant of that place, who was called out from his store and

SUDAN TEMPLE HAS GREAT CEREMONIAL

New Bern People Do Themselves Proud in Entertaining Visiting Shriners

GOLDSBORO WINS OVER RALEIGH FOR MEETING

Negro Capital Beats State Capital in Spirited Contest for Spring Ceremonial; Potentate W. A. French and Other Officers of Divan, Re-elected at Business Meeting.

New Bern, Dec. 31.—Attended by more than 500 visiting Shriners and candidates from all over the section under the dispensation of Sudan Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the midwinter ceremonial held in New Bern today is acclaimed by each and every one of the visitors as the most successful they have ever participated in. Special trains from Raleigh, Wilmington and Rocky Mount brought Shriners and candidates from these cities while on every other train coming into the city today there were scores of the wearers of the fez, and all during the day they have been in evidence about the city.

Two business sessions were held, the first convening at 10 o'clock. Goldsboro was selected as the place at which the Spring ceremonial session is to be held. Raleigh Shriners put up a hard fight for this session and but for the fact that Goldsboro had stepped aside on a previous occasion and allowed Wilson to entertain the Shriners it is believed that the Capital City would have landed the forthcoming gathering. The officers, who had presided during the past term, were re-elected as follows:

William D. French, illustrious potentate; A. W. Williams Smith, chief rabban; John A. Anderson, assistant rabban; Raymond C. Dunn, high priest and prophet; Jake T. Lassiter, oriental guide; Caleb D. Bradham, treasurer; Joseph F. Rhem, recorder.

At the close of the morning business session the Shriners were tendered a fish fry and barbecue at a local warehouse. The members of the Eastern Star had charge of this affair and it was a complete success in every detail and the ladies were warmly praised for their hospitality. Later in the afternoon and this evening the Eastern Star served a Dutch supper at the new home of Sudan on the river front and hundreds were entertained there.

The second and last business session this afternoon was followed by dinner and later the Shriners' ball at a local warehouse. The immense building had been decorated for this occasion, and when the dancing began there were a larger number of couples participating than ever before at a dance held in this city.

The visitors declared that they have immensely enjoyed their visit to New Bern, the hospitality of the people and will carry away with them the most pleasant recollections of the mid-winter ceremonial.

The Raleigh delegation which went down fully determined to secure the Spring ceremonial for the Capital City stood aside in the interest of harmony, as Goldsboro felt it was entitled to it on account of having stood aside for Wilson on a previous occasion.

Two hundred and twenty candidates traveled over the desert sands during the afternoon.

REPUBLICANS SAY WOOD LIKES HAYS

Western North Carolina G. O. P. Followers Told That Only Harmony Exists

Asheville, Dec. 29.—Dan W. Hill, chairman of the Republican county committee here, made public Saturday a letter he received from George Henry Payne, commissioner of taxes in New York city, in which the latter refutes the statement circulated some time ago that General Leonard Wood is opposed to Hill H. Hays, as national chairman. The letter to Mr. Hill follows in part:

"You can most emphatically deny that Mr. King or any friend of General Wood has any intention or thought of being disloyal to Chairman Hays, when I say that Mr. Hays has no greater admirer in this country than General Leonard Wood himself."

The Republicans are planning to reorganize their county committee here early next spring, and it is known that Mr. Hill will be a candidate for reelection as chairman, although some opposition is expected to develop. From present indications L. L. Jenkins, president of the American National Bank, has the inside track for the Republican congressional nomination at the convention to be held on February 7.

Republicans of western counties will attend the State executive committee meeting at Greensboro on January 6, and will lend their support to Greensboro for the State convention. There is much talk of instructing the North Carolina delegates to the national convention to voting for Judge J. C. Pritchard of Asheville for presidential nominee.

In the Democratic camp things are rather quiet, although some of the congressional aspirants are not idle. It is generally understood that Zebulon Weaver will be a candidate to succeed himself. J. Scroop Styles is busy building fences and only recently vigorously denied a report that he had withdrawn.

The William McAdoo club, organized here in December, 1918, is to be actively revived during the early part of January, according to the announcement of J. G. Stikeleather, president of the organization.

THE MOVEMENT FOR DRY WORLD

Its Origin, History and Purpose Outlined; The Work at Home

Soon after the armistice was signed about twelve months ago, when, with many prohibitionists, it was a foregone conclusion that national prohibition would come, friends of temperance began to theorize about what the Anti-Saloon League would do next. While men on this side were theorizing, cries were coming from other nations asking for help. Following these suggestions the Anti-League called a conference at Columbus, Ohio, which met November 21, 1918, the same day that the President signed the "war-time" prohibition measure. At this gathering were representatives of temperance organizations from at least thirty nations, and these delegates, with one accord, made their appeals to the Anti-Saloon League to "come over and help" them. These appeals were so emphatic that every "doubting Thomas" was convinced and the conference went on record unanimously as favoring the enlargement of the work of the Anti-Saloon League for world prohibition.

In June, 1919, at the Anti-Saloon League convention in Washington there came together again delegates from many nations. At least fifty of these addressed the convention, came, however, in broken English and after several joint sessions these delegates formulated the "World League Against Alcoholism," composed of twelve nations. Delegates from the other nations fully approved of this organization, but were not authorized to commit the temperance organizations of their nations. The world is looking to the Anti-Saloon League to lead in solving this world problem. Since last June the calls have been many and urgent and the fields are white unto the harvest. This 'Macedonian Call" is a command from the Master to go.

The other nations, cursed by rum, want to know America's story, how the Anti-Saloon League succeeded in lining up the captains of industry and the men of medical science with the leaders of education and the Church of God for the overthrow of the legalized liquor traffic. They want the data, statistics and information of how prohibition has worked or the results of prohibition, and it is the purpose of the Anti-Saloon League to answer these questions. The invitation is urgent and pressing How can they hear without a speaker, and how can he speak unless he be sent?

Therefore, the need of large contributions and much funds at this time. It is a fact that the church has seen the vision and answered with the Centenary Drive, the 75 Million Campaign, and other contributions. It is also a fact that the liquor traffic, driven out of America, is now seeking a location in other nations. It is colonizing in Mexico. The German brewers who formerly cursed our land with their breweries are now moving them to Japan, China and other lands. What will be the effect of this on the work of the missionary, the mission school, and the mission hospital? To protect these interests the Christian Patriot in America is aiding the World Prohibition Movement. Protection appeals to every level-headed man.

Already the Anti Saloon League has seven men working in other nations, among them Mexico, Japan, England, France and Sweden, and these have proven this work will be a marvelous success.

The purpose of the present campaign is to raise funds that literature with statistics and information may be printed in the various languages of those countries and others, that the people may read the facts in their mother tongue. Money is needed in order that witnesses may be sent over to tell the story of the marvelous results of prohibition here and refute the falsehoods that the liquor advocates are sure to carry. Money is needed to give assistance to temperance organizations in those lands.

Since the recent war, the American flag floats above all others. The eyes of the world are turned to America; the ears of the world are open to receive her advice and God is preparing the way for America to lead the world to a higher and better civilization.

Along with this responsibility God has given to America the ability to meet it. No other nation is so wealthy. The assets of America are three times those of England today. In fact, America could buy England, France, Italy, Spain—and Germany, too, if she would have it. Twenty-five millions for world prohibition from this nation, $700,000 of this from North Carolina. How small it seems when we consider that this State recently received more than $600,000 inheritance tax from the estate of one citizen, that the State recently sold one farm for nearly this much money, and that many citizens in the State are worth three or four times this amount. Surely every man and woman who loves the cause of righteousness and wants to help carry the blessings of prohibition to the ends of the earth will be delighted to do his part to make up this fund.

I have not mentioned law enforcement, but for twenty-seven years it has been a cardinal doctrine of the Anti-Saloon League. From its very inception it has contended that temperance reform must be brought about by agitation, legislation and law enforcement. The rebellious nature of the liquor traffic was proven several years ago as the Anti-Saloon League held it up for violation of the restrictive laws, Sunday sales, sales to minors, etc., and with added emphasis today the organization stands solidly for the law enforcement code and for executive officers doing their sworn duty. Half of all funds contributed in this campaign will be used for law enforcement and the other half will be used to carry the gospel of prohibition to the other nations now calling for it. Will you do your part.

SCORES REPORTED DEAD BECAUSE OF DRINKING ALCOHOL

Death List in Massachusetts and Connecticut Over 70—Mark Early in Night

DOZEN OR MORE BARRELS OF STUFF DISTRIBUTED

New York Detectives Seeking To Locate Maker of "Whiskey" Manufactured From Wood Alcohol and Predict Arrests Will be Made Soon; Four Die in Chicago

New York, Dec. 27.—Seventy-eight persons have died during the past forty-eight hours and scores of others are suffering from paralysis and blindness, due to drinking wood alcohol "whiskey," according to reports received tonight from seven eastern cities and Chicago.

The toll of poisonous liquor is the highest in New England, where sixty deaths and six reported in New York Chicopee, Falls, Mass., and one at Springfield, Mass., are included in this list.

In connection with the New England deaths and five reported in New York City, police, Internal revenue officers and agents of the Department of Justice, are seeking Adolph Paraneli, importer and commission merchant of this city, who, they assert, sold 12 barrels of poisonous liquor. The police charge that the "whiskey" was concocted in Paraneli's store in Bleecker street.

In Chicopee, Mass., thirty-four men and two women died, in Springfield three men and one woman; Holyoke six men and in Greenfield, Mass., one man. In Hartford, Conn., 13 persons died of the poison.

Chicago reported four deaths from the drinking of poisonous beverages, and Pittsburg two deaths.

Two deaths are announced at Newark, N. J., by the police.

Three deaths in Cleveland, Ohio, this week brought the total there to 14 for the month.

OUTSIDERS LINKED UP WITH LYNCHING AT FRANKLINTON

Witness Says Mob Was Headed by Men from New York Traveling Salesman

ALL FRANKLINTON THERE MAYOR ALSO TESTIFIES

No Violence Taken by Officers And Lone Man Cuts Off Switch Witness Testifies; Nobody Able to Identify Anybody. Attorney Solicitor Fails to Get Legal Assistance.

By IRVING CHEEK.

News and Observer.

Louisburg, Dec. 30.—Invading the domain of Franklin county territory for the second time in an effort to learn the identify of the men who lynched Powell Green, slayer of R H. Brown, at Franklinton last Saturday night, Solicitor Herbert E. Norris today secured the first real clue with which he expects to implicate members of the mob that figured in the crime.

As a result of the resumption of the coroner's inquest yesterday it developed that William Haynsworth, a New Yorker, who had been lingering in Franklinton several days is now wanted by the officials. A search for the stranger was immediately ordered by Solicitor Norris for his appearance before the coroner's jury. That Haynsworth was active in securing the rope used by the mob after the negro's dead body was cut from the tree and, it is believed can give more information on what took place on the road to Raleigh than has yet been divulged was brought to light in the examination of witnesses.

Haynsworth Not Located.

Besides being identified as the man who seized the rope and placed it in his automobile, Haynsworth was connected with Green's garage in Franklinton, located near the mayor's office where Chief Winston and his deputies made the start to Raleigh. Evidence also disclosed that the lynch ing rope was a tow line used generally by garages in pulling disabled autos into the shop for repairs. Investigation by Solicitor Norris revealed a new tow line in Green's garage.

Haynsworth was not to be found today, although Solicitor Norris made an effort to get in touch with the New Yorker. Information was to the effect that the man had not been seen since Sunday. He has an automobile now parked in Green's garage.

When the inquest was resumed this morning Solicitor Norris did not have the help promised by Governor Bickett. Messrs. Malone and Yarborough, whm the Governor requested to assist in the investigation, were unable to take part in the proceedings. After accepting the appointment Mr. Malone declined to serve as assistant because of illness in his family. He was released from his previous agreement. Mr. Yarborough was unable to attend the hearing because of business in Raleigh, but Solicitor Norris announced at the end of the hearing future investigation would be conducted by Mr Yarborough. The Louisburg attorney is to call the jury together again for the next hearing after he has had time to gather additional evidence.

Only about one person in ten savers, according to savings banks report.

GODLEY ADJUDGED SANE BY DOCTORS

Goes Through Test Until Wife Is Mentioned Then He Breaks Down and Weeps

Raleigh, Dec. 31.—Churchill L. Godley, whose electrocution is set for January 16 pending thorough testing of his sanity, will not be able to escape the chair on that account. He made a good score under the exhaustive examination of Dr. Louis E. Bisch of Asheville.

Godley appears almost as willing to be executed as to be called insane, albeit, his letters to the governor are the best evidence that anybody has been able to produce in his behalf. Testimony from Dr. Ira M. Hardy, first superintendent of the school for the feeble-minded, made Godley a low-grade of moron, moral pervert added to child-mind.

Dr. Bisch has been down to test him and Godley stood up in the examination. One of these features fit the stop-watch trial as many laymen call it, in which the alienist names some object and the patient associates instantly with it some idea. When Dr. Bisch would say "bird," Godley would immediately think of a tree. Dr. Bisch would say "flower" and Godley, "pretty;" the alienist would call rapidly and Godley was ready.

It is one of the objects of these experimentations to connect the crime and the criminal, the layman would guess; but when Dr. Bisch sought to suggest the plight of the prisoner by bringing him to contemplation of crime or penalty, Godley did not catch it. The alienist said "chair" and Godley replied "man." In another sentence "electricity" and to Godley it suggested "a means for making light." The doctor called out "girl" but it spelled no suggestion to Godley of his wrong against the 9-year-old child, and Godley answered "boy." And when the order was reversed Godley thought of "girl."

The fellow showed no more emotion than a pig until the alienist said "wife." The prisoner was silent. Again the trial and again the failure. When pressed for an answer he said: "I can't." He broke down and wept as a child himself.

The defense which did not represent the prisoner on the trial will press what it regards strong evidence of innocence as to the capital character of the crime. The prisoner is not making a good moron, even. His worthless record is against him. There are charges that he had attempted the same crime against other children.

But, all the witnesses are there who happen to have been the most important have joined in the request for commutation. Judge John H. Kerr who tried the case urges it; every juror joins in and writes his own reasons. And Governor Bickett is having about as disagreeable duty to perform as any executive ever has had. The feeling in Johnston is highly anti-Godley. Which probably accounts for the delay in the request of judge and jury for clemency. Made down there it might not have helped the situation.

FIRST OF CUBAN SUGAR WILL BRING 20 CENTS

Advance Shipments Sure To Be That High But Main Crop May Sell For Less

New York, Dec. 29.—The public probably will have to pay 20 cents a pound for the advance crop of 9,000,000 pounds of Cuban sugar now being delivered and distributed here, according to a statement today by Food Administrator Williams.

"This is due to the fact that dealers here are required to pay a higher price to the Cuban producers for the crop which is in advance of the regular output," said Mr. Williams. "We cannot control the prices charged by Cubans."

After one other shipment next month it is expected that the regular 1920 crop of Cuban sugar will commence coming into the United States, and with the delivery of the regular crop, Mr. Williams said, he and his aides would try to keep the price down to 14 or 15 cents a pound

SIR WILLIAM OSLER IS DEAD AT OXFORD, ENG.

Physician Ill Several Weeks—At Johns Hopkins From 1880 Until 1904

Oxford, England, Dec. 29.—Sir William Osler, noted physician, who has been ill for several weeks, died here this evening.

(Although Sir William Osler was known to be seriously ill at his home in Oxford, where he has been regius professor of medicine since 1904, recent advices had given hope for his recovery. Sir William, who passed his 70th birthday last July, was stricken with pneumonia in November, but about the middle of that month was reported convalescent. A fortnight ago, however, reports reached this country that he had taken a turn for the worse. Cabled advices shortly afterward announced that his condition was somewhat improved, while on Christmas day a message from him was received at the Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, in which the famous physician extended Christmas greetings to all his old friends and announced that he was "making a good fight" after an empyema operation. Dr. Osler was professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins university from 1880 to 1904. He was born in Canada in 1849.)

BSK KAISER'S EXTRADITION ON ROTIFICATION OF PEACE

Paris, Dec. 29.—Extradition of former Emperor William of Germany will be demanded from Holland as soon as the treaty of peace becomes effective according to a decision reached by the British and French governments, says the Echo de Paris.

COTTON DRIVE WILL CONTINUE IN 1920

Thirty Thousand People Already Canvassed in Campaign in State

MEETING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOON

Will Work Out Plans for New Year, Select Secretary and Treasurer, Who Will be Executive Officers of Organization and Name Delegates to National Convention.

The latter months of 1919 witnessed the organization of what its advocates believe will be the means of revolutionizing the marketing and handling of the State's cotton crop, for the aims and objects of the American Cotton Association are not merely the establishment of a fair price for cotton, but to put the production of this great crop on a sound economic basis. The American Cotton Association, as an all Southern organization, is about a year old. The North Carolina Association has existed as a part of the national organization since December 11, 1918, when the State convention formed the permanent organization.

Since the work of organizing the State was started three months ago a large number of the cotton counties have been canvassed and county as well as township organizations established. The immediate work of the permanent organization, under the leadership of President L. S. Tomlinson of Wilson, will be to more firmly entrench these organizations in those districts where the nucleus has been formed, and to set up organizations and secure members in the few cotton counties which were not reached in the preliminary campaign. During the campaign it is estimated that 30,000 people were canvassed, and a large membership was secured. All county organizations represented at the State meeting pleaded for more time in which to work, asserting that it was impossible to see the people in the rural districts during the three months the campaign was on.

Will Call Meeting.

Early in the new year President Tomlinson will call a meeting of the executive committee of the association for the purpose of working out the plans for the coming year. This committee is charged with the selection of a secretary-treasurer, who will be the executive officer of the organization. The committee will also name the delegates to the national convention in which North Carolina has three members. In addition to selecting these officers the first meeting of the committee will in all probability make plans for aggressively pushing the campaign in the cotton counties until the membership more nearly approaches the quota set for North Carolina.

WHITE WOMAN AND SOLDIER KILLED IN A RACE RUCUS

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 30.—A white woman was shot and killed and a white soldier was probably fatally wounded in a fight between negroes and soldiers on a street car near Camp Zachary Taylor tonight.

COAL OPERATORS WILL NOT ASSUME OVER 14 PER CENT.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Coal operators from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania, at a conference today, declared that they would assume no increase in miners' wages above the 14 per cent granted in the strike settlement.

DANIELS SAYS HE IS NOT CANDIDATE

Secretary of Navy Authorizes Denial That He is Running For Presidency

(By R. E. Powell, in News and Observer.)

Washington, Dec. 31—Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels is not and will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency of the United States to be made by the Democrats when they hold their convention next June.

Mr. Daniels authorized this statement today when informed that Maurice F. Lyons, campaign manager of Pomerene for President committee, had issued a statement saying that Senator Pomerene would make no contest for instructed delegates in those States in which "favorite sons" are expected to be in the running. North Carolina is in the list of eight and the Pomerene committee says "word has been received" that Secretary Daniels would be the Tar Heel choice.

The Lyons statement, sent to Washington correspondents from Covington, Ky., says:

"Information was given out today by Maurice F. Lyons, national campaign manager of the Pomerene for President committee, that should Senator Pomerene announce his candidacy there would be no contests in the States of Oregon, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Alabama, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Missouri and North Carolina, from which word has been received that Senators Chamberlain, Owen, Hitchcock, Underwood, Ambassador Davis, Attorney General Palmer, Speaker Clark and Secretary of the Navy Daniels would be "favorite sons."

"The good rules of racing would be used by this committee and the courtesy due these potential candidates would be extended."

In passing, Mr. Lyons predicts that if Senator Pomerene's name goes before the convention he will have 325 votes on the first to tenth ballots.

Smith—"I saw stocks took a drop."

Jones—"Took a drop? I should say they took the whole bottle."—New York Odd Lot Review.

COAL COMMISSION BEGINS ITS WORK OF INVESTIGATION

Initial Meeting of President Wilson's Commission To Settle Strike

OPEN HEADQUARTERS IN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Under Strike Settlement Plan Agreed To By Miners Body Has Power To Fix Wages and Working Conditions Director General Hines Removes Last of Restrictions.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Preliminary arrangements for the investigation of wage and prices in the bituminous coal industry, as provided in the coal strike settlement, were made at the initial meeting today of the commission of three appointed by President Wilson.

The members of the commission—Henry M. Robinson, of Pasadena, Cal., representing the public Rembrandt Peale for the operators, and John P. White for the miners—established temporary headquarters in the Department of Labor building and were understood to have discussed the matter of organization.

Removes Last Restrictions.

While commission was preparing to take up the questions of the strike, Director General of Railroad Hines, who has charge of coal rationing, modified the act of the restriction put into effect during the strike period prohibiting exportation of bituminous coal. The Director General issued an order under which the overseas movement of coal up to an amount equal to fifty per cent of the quantity exported in October may be shipped from the ports in Baltimore and Newport News. Similar arrangements are to be placed in effect at other ports as soon as the necessary detail can be worked out. Dumping of coal at ports will be regulated, however, through railroad embargoes on tide-water consigned coal.

The relaxation of restrictions against exportation was possible, Mr. Hines said, through steadily increased production resulting from the return of the miners to their jobs. The situation in the Eastern fields was described as especially good.

Powers of Commission.

Under the strike settlement plan agreed to by the miners and in which it is expected that the operators will participate in spite of objections made to it by the operators' association the President's coal commission has power to fix wages and working conditions in the mines and prices of coal to the public, if its decision is unanimous. The return of the miners to work has been with the understanding the commission is to have full powers to adjust scales further, if it finds further increase justified.

SOLDIERS IN OTEEN ENJOY CHRISTMAS

Mrs. Buckner Thanks People of Dunn for Gifts Sent to Men

Thanks to the people of Dunn who aided in financing the project to carry a bit of Christmas cheer to the soldiers quartered in the Oteen Hospital at Asheville is expressed in the following letter addressed to The Dispatch by Mrs. N. Buckner, general secretary of the Barracs-Philathea Union, through whose agency the gifts went were distributed to the men:

"The sick soldiers at the great U. S. Army Hospital at Oteen, six miles out of Asheville, were given a wonderful Christmas through the generosity of the people of North Carolina, including the various churches, Red Cross Chapters, Canteen workers Young People's societies, women's clubs, Baracs-Philathea Sunday School classes, and other organized classes and individuals.

"Seven great truck loads of gifts of almost every conceivable nature, including nuts, candies, fruits, toys, stationery, woolen sweaters, caps, gloves, victrolas, victrola records, comfort kits, safety razors, and other things were sent through North Carolina Baracs-Philathea Headquarters in Asheville and distributed by the general Oteen Red Cross Committee, assisted by 21 automobile loads of Asheville ladies and nearby places.

"The good people of Dunn have the sincere thanks of the boys at Oteen, the sick nurses, and every officer, for the donations sent from Dunn which went to make up a very happy Christmas for all at Oteen.

"If the people of Dunn could realize the joy, cheer, and diversion which gifts of this kind bring into the wards where they spend long daylight hours and often times sleepless nights, they would feel well repaid for the donations sent and continue to send various remembrances for personal distribution to the boys who need such acts of kindness and they all need them.

"As General Secretary of the North Carolina Baracs-Philathea Union I wish to express my thanks and deep appreciation for the fine cooperation which has made this very Christmas for the boys possible."

AS USUAL.

And after the differences between miners and operators are settled it will all seem so simple that no one will be able to understand why it required so much time.—Washington Evening Sun.

In the Jug.

Four gills one pint; two pints one quart; four quarts one gallon; one gallon one quarrel; one quarrel two fights four policemen; four policemen one magistrate one month.—London Tit-Bits.