

### NO MOVE BY U. S. IN RUHR CRISIS WOULD BEAR FRUIT

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### WASHINGTON HAS HAD NO CAUSE TO HELP

Belgium Could Not Call Brussels Conference; Neither Could Any Other Nation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—American efforts to be helpful to Europe in the preparations for a crisis can be predicted only on a reasonable anticipation of success, it was reiterated today by an authorized spokesman for the Washington government. Whatever the future may hold, there is no present ground for anticipating that any move the United States could make as a benevolent bystander would bear fruit. Words, it was said, whether of protest or in any other form, would be worse than useless.

A clear-cut picture of the course of events was drawn to show that there has been no moment since the failure of the allied premiers last August to agree on a reparations program, when the Washington government might have moved directly with any hope of success. Through all the discussion that followed, it was said, up to actual military occupation of the Ruhr, by France, there ran the thought that an economic conference in Brussels might be called. The whole field of possibilities for such a conference was explored by Belgium, it was said, without revealing conditions that warranted an assumption that it might not be merely another abortive effort fraught with more possible harm than probable good. And for that reason it was added, Belgium did not call the Brussels conference, nor could any other power have done so.

Yet, it was recalled that the possibility of ultimate failure of the premiers to reach an agreement had not been lost sight of in Washington, and that Secretary Hughes had taken the only course administration officials could see when he suggested that international financiers be called in to advise with the allied statesmen. And it was pointed out that when the premiers assembled in Paris this month, only to agree or disagree, it was not until the French plan of occupation of the Ruhr was handed to the Germans that it was known to the United States that French troops were to be sent in force into the region to be occupied. Even Italy, it was added, very evidently agreed to the French program on the understanding that no more than civil supervision was to be attempted.

### Individuals Pay Small Percentage of State Income Tax in 1922

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Individuals paid less than one-fourth of the state income tax last year, according to figures given out today by the Revenue Commission. The report shows that for 1922, the total tax paid by individuals was \$45,182,900, or 22.5 percent of the total state income tax of \$200,370,000. The tax from corporations and other sources was \$155,187,100. The tax from individuals was \$45,182,900. The tax from corporations and other sources was \$155,187,100.

### Carey J. Hunter Dies at Home in Raleigh

RALEIGH, Jan. 23.—After an illness of more than two months, Carey J. Hunter, widely known business man and prominent Baptist layman, died at his home here this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will not take place until Thursday. The hour has not been selected.

### MANY THOUSAND STEEL WORKERS OUT; MINERS CONTINUE TO CARRY-ON

Strike in Protest of Arrest of Fritz Thyssen, Head of Big German Industrial Establishments

### MINERS INCREASE PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY

Railway Service is Reported to be Almost Normal; Future Action of Labor is Thought to Depend on Outcome of Trials of German Industrialists at Mayence Today; Custom Officials Quit and French Are Preparing to Fill Their Places; Isolation of Ruhr Region Not Anticipated

(By The Associated Press.) Many thousands of steel workers in the Ruhr district have put their strike threat into operation in protest against the arrest of Fritz Thyssen. The mine workers, however, have failed to carry on the orders of the German government, and not only are digging and sending it to the surface, but are increasing their productive activities. Meanwhile, the railway service is reported to be almost normal. The future action of labor, however, is believed to depend on the outcome of the trials of the German industrialists, which is fixed for Wednesday at Mayence.

The German customs official at several places are on strike, and the French are making arrangements to fill their places. The French officials report a considerable movement in German troops in German non-occupied territory. The meaning of this is not indicated.

The Italian premier, Mussolini, is reported to have declared that Italy has no intention of intervening in the Ruhr situation, but has merely advised moderation on the part of France and warned Germany of the dangers of reaction. Isolation of the Ruhr region, threatened by France in case of a general strike, is considered not likely to become effective because the Germans must continue to operate the trains in order to bring in food supplies for the population.

ERLIN, Jan. 23.—Sixty-five thousand employees of the Thyssen plants in this city and Mulheim went on strike today, owing to the French refusal to release Fritz Thyssen, who is held at Mayence awaiting court martial for refusing to co-operate with the occupational authorities. No disorders have been reported among the strikers, but the French are reinforcing their outposts in the Ruhr district. General Goutt, commander in chief of the occupational military forces, has refused to receive a delegation of the Thyssen workers.

### FORECAST BY STATES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Virginia: Rain on the coast; rain and snow in the interior; somewhat warmer Wednesday; Thursday rain; Friday fair. North Carolina: Rain Wednesday; somewhat warmer in interior; Thursday clearing. South Carolina: Rain Wednesday; slightly warmer in interior; Thursday fair. Georgia: Rain Wednesday; cooler in extreme south portion; Thursday fair. Tennessee: Rain Wednesday; Thursday cloudy, no change in temperature.

### Measure Aimed at Unmasking Klan Reported Unfavorably

RALEIGH, Jan. 23.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Baggett unmasking bill, which the author declared was directed against all members of the Ku Klux Klan in any or any other exercise of the purposes of a fraternal order, was reported unfavorably by the committee late today for passage. The bill, which was introduced by Senator J. A. Campbell, principal of the Ku Klux Klan spoke in its favor. Senator Baggett stated tonight that minority report would be made on the floor of the senate.

### Turks' Attitude on Mosul May Cause War

LAUSANNE, Jan. 23.—(By The Associated Press.)—Marquis Curzon, British foreign secretary, told the near east conference this evening that the attitude of Turkey toward Mosul is a cause for concern. He said that the league of nations had created a situation of extreme gravity. It was so grave, he added, as to involve the possibility of a renewal of war.

### KIDNAPING HEARING IN MOREHOUSE ENDS TODAY, COCO SAYS

Announcement Officially Made by Attorney General at Bastrop Last Night

### SKIPWITH AGAIN FIGURES IN PROSECUTION

Telephone Operator Says Exalted Cyclops Asked Her Not to Handle Calls

BASTROP, La., Jan. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—It was officially announced tonight by Attorney General A. V. Cocco, who has personally conducted the state's open hearing here into masked band activities in Morehouse parish, that the hearing would be concluded tomorrow.

### HOUSE JUDICIARY BODY DISPOSED OF STATE WIDE BILLS

Measure Authorizing Juries to Recommend Mercy Reported "Without Prejudice"

### MARRIAGE LICENSE BILL GOES SAME WAY

Spirited Debate Results Over Consideration of These Two Measures

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 23.—(By The Associated Press.)—Legislation which would provide that juries may, in cases where the evidence justifies, recommend mercy when charges against a defendant carry the death penalty, and a bill to provide that fifteen days notice be posted with the register of deeds before the issuance of a marriage license, came in for heated legislative debate and compromise late today when house judiciary committee No. 2 took these matters under discussion.

### BRITISH TO HONOR WALTER HINES PAGE

LONDON, Jan. 23.—(By The Associated Press.)—An appeal for funds for a permanent memorial to the late Walter Hines Page, former American ambassador to Great Britain, will be issued within a few days under the signatures of Prime Minister Bonar Law, the Earl of Balfour, Herbert Asquith, David Lloyd George and Lord Grey, the British ministers with whom the ambassador was brought into closest contact. The form the memorial is to take will depend upon the amount of the contributions.

### SHADOW OF WOODEN OVERCOAT BULWARK BEHIND WHICH ACCUSED BUILDS HIS DEFENSE

Shadow of Threats and Insults From Slain Engineer Recited on Stand by the Defendant

### HOLLEMAN'S CHARACTER TARGET OF HOT ATTACK

Character Attacked

### OPPOSITION LAUNCHES ATTACK ON SHIP LINE

Opponents Plan Bitter Assault When Water Commerce Committee Resumes Joint Open Hearing Today; Senator Giles Joins Forces Opposing Governor's Plans

RALEIGH, Jan. 23.—The opponents of the state administration shipping measure will launch their attack on the bill tomorrow afternoon when the joint open hearing of the house and senate water commerce committees resume hearings on the Governor's proposals providing for state owned and operated boat lines.

Many other committee hearings have been staged for this week, including a number for tomorrow but some of these were sidetracked when the attention of legislators were called to the ship line hearing scheduled for tomorrow afternoon. The opposition is preparing to launch a bitter attack on the plan before the committee, and it is expected that the opposition's side will take up as much of the committee's time as did the proponent's argument last week.

### DALLAS TELLS JURY HE SHOT JOE SOUTHWELL BY ACCIDENT; DEFENSE HAS DAY AT SCORING

Story of Threats and Insults From Slain Engineer Recited on Stand by the Defendant

HOLLEMAN'S CHARACTER TARGET OF HOT ATTACK

Shadow of Wooden Overcoat Bulwark Behind Which Accused Builds His Defense

Character witnesses for the accused yardmaster were placed on the stand in this rapid succession that it became monotonous. Included in the list were lawyers, doctors, businessmen and public officials from the defendant's former homes in Spartanburg and Laurens, S. C., and acquaintances who reside in the South. But while the defense played its biggest card against the condemning words of the slain man's dying statement, the prosecution was by no means idle.

### GRISSOM'S PARTNER BELIEVES DRUGGIST MET WITH FOUL PLAY

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 23.—L. W. Jenkins, of Greensboro, N. C., arrived here today to assist in the investigation of the disappearance of H. A. Grissom, with whom he was associated in the drug business, and the finding of Grissom's automobile submerged in Thomas Creek near here Friday morning.

### IN THE LEGISLATURE

(By The Associated Press.) The senate judiciary committee, in a hearing which consumed a greater part of the afternoon, finally reported unfavorably the Baggett bill which aimed at appearing one's promises in disguise.

### PRESIDENT ROBERT'S ADDRESS FEATURES FORESTRY MEETING

Asheville Mayor Wants Chair of Forestry Established at the State University

### PINEHURST, Jan. 23.—Featured by the address of the president, Gallatin Roberts, of Asheville, the twelfth annual convention of the North Carolina Forestry Association opened here today.

The visitors were warmly welcomed to Pinehurst by Leonard Tufts, president of Pinehurst Incorporated. Mr. Roberts outlined the accomplishments of the association during the past year.

More adequate forestry protection and development, establishment of a chair of forestry at the state university, employment of a landscape architect to supervise the planting of trees along the highway system, a state-wide game law were urged by Mr. Roberts in his address.

"There is great need for forestry in the development of North Carolina," he asserted. "The state is today one of the most prosperous in the union. It is developing with amazing rapidity, industrially, commercially and agriculturally, and the legislature now in session should take a stand by making an appropriation that would show the world what we mean to protect and conserve our great natural resources.

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