

RADIO RALF



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Birch

The singing given at the home of O. C. Payne Saturday night was enjoyed by all present.

Prof. J. P. Decker of Suit attended the singing at O. C. Payne's Saturday night and tried out some new books, which the class finds to have some good songs in them.

Rev. W. D. Hogsd filled his regular appointment at Pleasant Grove Sunday.

Mr. Virgel McClure, of Murphy, visited his grandmother, Mrs. E. M. McClure, Saturday night.

Mr. Stanley Green, of Murphy, visited his father a Saturday night.

Mr. Alfred Green has a very sick child at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Payne were called to Haigwood Sunday on account of the illness of their grand-son, Ralph Dockery.

Mr. A. C. Barton, who has been in taking treatment at Murphy, is reported to be no better.

Mr. Brodas Campbell is all smiles over his new baby.

J. J. Calway was out trying on his saddle horse Sunday.

Green made etoin shrdlu etoin Mr. J. P. Crow, of Ogeeta, passed through our section Sunday.

Mr. W. A. Green purchased a fine fox hound at Blairsville, Ga., last week.

Mrs. Carrie Beavers made a business trip to Murphy last Saturday.

O. P. McClure is making some very fine improvements on his farm these days.

J. M. McTaggart has his new car in operation.

Mr. Deaconton Hickory had a very serious fire while on his way to Murphy last week by having a rock in his wagon. Leaving his wagon near Payne's Mill for a short while, returning later he found the wagon was in flames. The damage is estimated at about \$10.

Mrs. Ghlea Barton is at Murphy attending school.

Mrs. Carrie Beavers has returned home after a few days' visit in Tennessee.

Mr. G. A. Stiles has moved his family to Gastonia.

Mr. Manuel McClure has been hauling crossties and gone to England.

Martin's Creek

Most Everybody is getting well the flu.

We will soon have plenty of music as Miss Willa Mae Rogers is taking lessons.

We are very sorry to have Durvil Martin and Mr. Carl Cunningham leave for Ohio.

Misses Grace Elliott, Viola Elliott and Nettie Dockery, and Messrs. Williamson and Clinton Cook Herman Logan enjoyed a bird dinner at the home of Miss Dockery Sunday.

Mrs. Margie Stalcup is spending a few days at Mr. Cunningham's.

Miss Nettie Dockery spent her week-end with Miss Grace Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin are all smiles. It's a boy.

Mr. Ernest Ashe and Miss Elliott were happily married February 11, 1923.

It's a case of genuine live keeps his eyes on the girl in the taxi-meter—Duluth B.

CASTORIA NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

General Strike Begins in the Ruhr on Orders From the German Government.

FRENCH RETALIATE QUICKLY

Isolate Occupied Region From Rest of Germany—American Troops Leave for Home—Britain and Turkey Can't Agree About Mosul—Douglas in Congress

By EDWARD W. PICKARD
SENATOR LAFOLLETTE and the other "progressives" in congress are preparing for a campaign against special privilege in the federal law. In a letter to LaFollette, Former Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, speaking for "conservatives," demands a showdown on the special privileges to combine and restrain trade granted by congress to farmers and organized labor and denied to manufacturers, employers and other elements. What do you think about this issue?

FRANCE'S operations in the Ruhr continue to monopolize most of the attention of the world. Developments followed one another fast last week, but it is yet too early to predict the success or failure of the maneuver. Having occupied the entire Ruhr basin.

The French announced their military movement would go no further at present and turned their attention to the difficult task of persuading or compelling the Germans to continue the mining of coal and other normal activities. At first the coal magnates said they would produce the coal if paid for it by the French, but their own government ordered them to cease, and this order they at once obeyed. A number of them, including Fritz Thyssen, son of the second richest man in Germany, were arrested and tried by court-martial. The French prosecutor admitted there were extenuating circumstances in that the prisoners had obeyed their own government and asked only that they be fined. All were found guilty and fines totalling about \$20,000 were imposed. Appeal was taken to a higher French court in the Rhineland.

The immediate effect of this procedure was a general strike of all workers in the Ruhr, which had been threatened for several days. To this the French responded with orders for the complete isolation of the district from the rest of Germany. It thus will become a buffer state economically attached to France and Belgium. The French would have liked to include the entire Rhineland in this buffer state, but refrained because that would complete the situation. In Berlin it was believed they planned to include not only the Rhineland but also the Saar and the Palatinate. If the Germans do not evict, not only the official duties in the Ruhr but also all of the work will have to be done by the French. They were planning to import a large number of Polish miners, for whom all France must have coal from the mines there. General Weizsacker was made French high commissioner in the region and established himself in Essen, being accompanied by Yves Le Troquer, the French minister of public works, and experts from that department who have been put in charge of the exploitation of the mines.

All German rail workers in the Ruhr quit on orders from Berlin and the tie-up was almost complete for the time being. However, several thousand railway men were sent from France to the occupied region. A dispatch from Warsaw said that the Polish war ministry has ordered men of the Polish and former German armies whose service time has expired and who are familiar with the operation of railways.

THE naval litigation treaty and the pact relating to submarines and gas in warfare and to China and the Chinese tariff, negotiated in the Washington conference, were ratified on Wednesday by the Italian chamber of deputies. Premier Mussolini and his government had declared in favor of the treaties, so the opposition was negligible.

From Paris comes word that the navy treaty will soon be presented to the French parliament, with a recommendation for its adoption but with the understanding that the limitations on French armament shall not be accepted as establishing a principle.

Say there, black man, can't you play honest? Ah knows what cards Ah done dealt yo.—Voo Doo.

POLAND has assured the German foreign office that it is preserving the strictest neutrality regarding the Ruhr occupation, that it has no bellicose intentions and that a recent movement of troops from the Lithuanian frontier has no significance. Great Britain seems somewhat at a loss on what attitude to take. She has no intention of abandoning her ally, but is skeptical of France's success. Some public men and some newspapers there are demanding that the British army of occupation be withdrawn, and it was decided that a cabinet meeting should be held to discuss this question. Italy is still hoping that the whole affair can be settled by mediation and it was reported in Rome that Premier Mussolini would ask the United States to issue a call for a world conference. Premier Branting of Sweden notified France that he would suggest to the League of Nations that it intervene, at the meeting of the league council on January 29. So far Germany has consistently refused to take part in any mediation party so long as French troops are in the Ruhr.

COL. WILLIAM HASKELL, former head of the American relief work in Russia, has added himself to the growing number of those who do not believe the Turks are as bad as they have been painted for many years. After visiting Lausanne and Constantinople he went to Moscow, and there told American correspondents he believes American should feed the 500,000 Turks at Smyrna and its hinterland whose homes were demolished willfully by the retreating Greeks, instead of aiding the Greeks and Armenians, who, he says, are sitting around waiting for America to give them their next meal. Colonel Haskell gave the lie to stories of Turkish atrocities circulated in American churches. On the contrary, he believes that the Greeks acted like "barbarians."

GERMAN opposition to the French in the Ruhr was considerably strengthened by a visit which Chancellor Cuno made to Essen at the call of the labor unions. The food situation had grown acute and the union leaders made it plain that the government control of foodstuffs from the producers to the workers was the only way to save the Ruhr from a communist uprising. Cuno consented to try the plan and appointed Burzomaster Schmidt of Dusseldorf as Ruhr dictator, with power to ration food and fix prices. Cuno and his cabinet then decided not to break off diplomatic relations with France entirely. It was said they feared further French seizures, but the French went right on with the seizing. Across the Rhine from Strasbourg they occupied two junction points on the Transalpine railway; in Hesse they advanced to Godeslau, apparently on their way to Frankfurt; and in the Wupper valley they seized several towns between the English zone of occupation and Elberfeld, which city they surrounded with troops, preventing the export of any coal to southern Germany. The Germans have been notified that persons found damaging railway property will be sentenced to death, and in other respects the French regulations are growing more and more stringent. Still public opinion in France is that Premier Poincare is too "gentle to the Germans."

forces in western Thrace, has called to the colors all the Turkish reserve classes, 25 in number, according to dispatches from Smyrna. A large delegation of East Indians is at Angora proclaiming its object to be the solidification of the Islamic world; and an Egyptian delegation also is there, asking Kemalist support for the struggle for Egyptian independence.

ILLINOIS is still blushing for the verdict in the Herrin mine massacre trial. But the state senate has made what amends it could by voting an ample sum to enable the attorney general to continue the prosecutions. The verdict at Marion might be considered as based on either the alibis offered or the defense presented that the killings were justifiable under provocation. Unfortunately for itself, organized labor has chosen to accept the latter interpretation. The murders were not committed in the heat of conflict; the men were massacred in cold blood after they had surrendered.

PEACE in the bituminous coal field for this year and probably longer is assured by the new agreement signed by the operators and officials of the United Mine Workers of America in New York. The agreement covers the tristate competitive field of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and will be used as a standard in the rest of the bituminous territory. The terms are not vitally different from those of the existing agreement.

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