

## Industrial Paralysis is a Silent Ally of Germans in Resistance to France

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Dusseldorf, Feb. 27.—Mile upon mile of rusted railways, roundhouses filling with rusted locomotives, cars with rusting wheels on silent sidings. That's the most striking evidence of the success or failure of the occupation of the Ruhr.

On an auto ride through a dozen or more Ruhr towns, I observed the extension of the red rust which marks the creeping paralysis overcoming the nervous system of the great industrial organism.

One by one the tall smokestacks are ceasing to smoke as the paralysis reaches them. Already 50,000 are idle in the Ruhr Valley and the number is increasing. Hundreds of thousands are engaged in non-productive work. Raw materials are fast diminishing, meaning that factories must soon shut down.

From one viewpoint the paralysis shows the success of Franco-Belgian aims. Owing to the resistance of German industrialists, the French and Belgians feel that they must paralyze the occupied area to force capitulation.

But the glare of red rust reflects failure of the invaders to procure reparations in coal, one of the avowed objects of the occupation. Officials now admit the impossibility of obtaining an appreciable amount of coal unless the miners decide to work under orders of the French and Belgians.

### WANTS U. S. TO HELP

Council of Churches Asks That Government Aid Europe.

(By the United Press.)  
Washington, Feb. 27.—Believing that the world is drifting to a war of proportions that may cause the eclipse of civilization for centuries, the Federal Council of Church today made an urgent call for the American government to save the world from chaos by helping Europe to straighten out its tangled affairs.

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### Got His Goat With a Letter That Didn't Give Writer's Name

T. W. Mewborn Tuesday told The Free Press he had received a letter which he regarded as exhibiting a "Ku Klux spirit." He said he would not attempt to answer the letter, considering the sender "cowardly" for hiding behind a veil of anonymity.

### TO SELL BONDS

School Board Prepares to Dispose of \$200,000 of New Issue.

The Kinston School Board is preparing to market bonds in the sum of \$200,000, it was stated by William Hayes, chairman of the board, today following a session of the board on Monday night.

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### Forget Offices and Get Results, Advice of Reno to Farmers

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Fargo, N. D., Feb. 27.—Farmers' marketing organizations should avoid politics, in the opinion of Milo Reno, Des Moines, Ia., president of the Iowa branch of the Farmers' Union, representing 50,000 members in that State alone.

## First Trials Alleged Auto Thiefs Held at Rocky Mount Tuesday

Police Chief Everington and other officers were at Rocky Mount Tuesday in connection with the trials of Blaney Bryant, Noah Crain, Joseph Hill and others on charges of larceny of automobiles.

Nine or more arrests have been made here and elsewhere in the section as the result of the unearthing of a big auto theft syndicate, according to official accounts. The gang is alleged to have stolen more than 22 cars, several of them having been recovered here.

### PARKER SAYS 'BIG STICK' SHOULD BE USED TO FLAY KLAN

Unless States Exert Themselves Local Governments Will Be "Submerged by Rule of Hooded Mobs," Declares Governor

(By the United Press.)  
Chicago, Feb. 27.—Use of the "big stick" methods of Theodore Roosevelt to unmask the Ku Klux Klan were urged by Governor John M. Parker of Louisiana here last night.

### DELIVERS SHIPS

Stinnes Sends 10 New Scout Cruisers to Argentina.

(By the United Press.)  
Buenos Aires, Feb. 27.—Naval limitations have not affected the purchase of auxiliary naval craft by the Argentine government to any appreciable extent.

### AYDEN TO MAKE WAR ON RATS AND MICE

(Special to The Free Press.)  
Ayden, Feb. 27.—Ayden will stage an anti-rat campaign in conjunction with a countywide drive in Pitt.

### SECRETARIES NAMED

Washington, Feb. 27.—President Harding today named Postmaster General Work to be secretary of the interior succeeding Albert B. Fall, whose resignation is effective March 4.

### WARREN TO RESIGN

Washington, Feb. 27.—Charles B. Warren, American ambassador to Japan, will submit his resignation formally within a day or two, he announced today after a conference with Harding.

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## Southern Regional Child Welfare Meet Atlanta March 13-14

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Atlanta, Feb. 27.—To foregather in the interest of the South's children, champions of child welfare from all over Dixie are planning to attend the Southern Regional Child Welfare Conference to be staged here March 13-14.

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(By the United Press.)  
Knoxville, Feb. 27.—Glenn B. Mayes, coal operator supposed to have been murdered by moonshiners and his body burned in a mountain cabin near Titus, Tennessee, 18 months ago, is in jail charged with forgeries aggregating thousands.

### Colored Residents in Request for School in Accord on Location!

William Hayes, chairman of the School Board, Tuesday declared that colored residents after a school in the Lincoln City-South Kinston section, would get the building. The cost had not been estimated.

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### NOT BADLY HURT

Young "Bill" Allen's Guardian Angel Was on the Job.

"Bill" Allen, son of William A. Allen and grandson of Judge Oliver H. Allen, is suffering from a badly bruised face as a result of a "drive" from an automobile at Milledgeville and Bright streets.

### STATE NEWS

(Special to The Free Press.)  
New Bern, Feb. 27.—The Norfolk-New Bern steamer service in operation the past few weeks will be extended from Norfolk to Baltimore shortly, according to announcement by L. G. Hogshire, president of the line.

### Judge Orders Wreck of Dixie Flyer Probed by Grand Jury; Two Dead

Calhoun, Ga., Feb. 27.—An investigation into the wreck of the "Dixie Flyer" of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway late yesterday, in which two were killed and 15 injured, will be made by the grand jury here on orders of Superior Court Judge Tarver.

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### DIDN'T KNOW IT ALL

Ancients Not Only One Who Could Keep Corpses.

The embalming process by which the Egyptian mummies 3,000 years ago preserved old King Tutankhamen for the edification of twentieth century, A. D., museum fans, has been heralded far and wide as a "lost art."

It may be lost, but nobody will miss it from a practical point of view. Eugene Wood, coroner of Lenoir County, who has embalmed all sorts and conditions of persons and during the past few years has attracted much attention among professional taxidermists by administering the preservative to numerous animal carcasses, with "highly successful results," has advanced the claim that the modern embalming process is superior to that of the ancients.

Old "Twin-Cylinder," reposing in a hand-painted case in a dr. tomb in a hot, dry climate, has not retained any more of his physical charm than would have been the case had modern methods been used by the ancient undertakers, according to Wood.

The 20th century process causes the subject to become as "hard as rock." "Two-tank" couldn't have been "harder," before or after, according to Wood. Corpses embalmed and properly laid away now will be found 5,500 years hence, he believes.

### BOWLERS' TOURNEY

Of Knights of Columbus Be Held at Milwaukee.

(By the United Press.)  
Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 27.—Starting March 10, Milwaukee will be host to two national bowling tournaments—the American Bowling Congress tournament and the National Knights of Columbus tournament.

With reports that all records in joint entries will be broken by the A. B. C. this year, those in charge of the Knights of Columbus tourney report the entry list in the first national tournament of their organization will run well over the 600-team mark.

Chicago, with an entry list of over 100 teams, leads the list in out-of-town entries in the K. of C. tourney.

### GOLD HUNTERS WILL SEARCH FOR VIRGIN METAL AT YARBLEY

(By the United Press.)  
Yardley, Pa., Feb. 27.—The periodical "gold rush" is again under way here. Fifteen men have formed a company to dig for the precious metal.

Rumors have been circulating through Bucks County for 25 years that there is gold in paying quantities in the vicinity of Yardley. Now searchers believe they will soon reach the vein.

Efforts of the gold hunters have been centered on what is known as "the Decoursey farm," two miles from Yardley, a town of 1,300. Fifteen men have formed the "Lower Makefield Prospecting Company," each investing \$100, to lease 30 farms in the vicinity of Yardley.

A dollar a year and 10 per cent. of the profits from the gold mines has been promised to the farm owners. The company will begin mining operations in the spring, attacking gravel beds with modern washing machinery.

Gold actually exists on the Decoursey farm, but whether it exists in such quantities as to make it profitable to take out has not been determined.

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Coroner Wood began an immediate investigation. Mill told the coroner that the girl set fire to the boat house and committed suicide. He said he attempted to end his life for fear he would be accused of the murder.