

POLICE USE RIOT GUNS AND ONE MAN IS KILLED

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SEVERAL WORKERS KNOCKED TO STREET

Guns Were Used Only After the Patrolmen Had Been Knocked Down After Arrest of 3 Sympathizers.

(By the Associated Press.) Fayetteville, R. I., Feb. 21.—One man was killed, two seriously wounded, and two persons hurt when the police used riot guns today on a crowd of 1,000 persons gathered at the Jencks Spinning Co., where a strike is in progress.

Mayor Robert A. Kenyon witnessed the shooting. He had arrived at the gates of the plant early in the morning to observe the crowd that has customarily gathered to watch the working operatives enter the mill. The Mayor, believing there was danger in the crowd, read the riot act. He then told the patrolmen to be careful and calm, but to do their duty and to "shoot if necessary."

Meanwhile women were pulling and mauling at the girls attempting to enter the mill and several of the workers were knocked to the pavement. The police put their shoulders to the crowd and were countered with hat and club blows. Three patrolmen were knocked down and the arrests followed.

TREASURER LACY IS SLOWLY RECOVERING

From a Breakdown Suffered While on a Trip to New York. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 21.—B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer of North Carolina, was reported slowly recovering at the Hotel Pennsylvania today from a breakdown suffered a week ago. Mrs. Lacy said that while physicians had not declared her husband out of danger, they had given her strong hope for his recovery.

Services at Reformed Church Sunday Night

Rev. Dr. A. D. Wolfinger, President of Catawba College, and a male quartet of the college, were in charge of the program at Trinity Reformed Church Sunday night. The quartet rendered three selections. Dr. Wolfinger gave a brief sketch of the history of the college, showing that the college had contributed to the life of the Reformed Church in North Carolina and also to the citizenship of this State and South Carolina. He also gave a synopsis of the effort to give rating to the colleges and high schools in the State. Catawba College has rating in the Academy for Standard High Schools. The college is expecting to receive the rating in Colleges this next year by the state when the last year of the work will be brought up to the standard requirement.

George Washington Birthday Social. The Mission Band of Trinity Reformed Church will have a George Washington Birthday Social at the Parsonage Thursday night. Those who come are asked to bring 15 cents if under 15 years of age, and for those above that age a penny for each year of age. Provision is made for those who do not know and who do not care to tell by payment of one dollar. A program will be given illustrating the character of George Washington. Refreshments suitable will be served free to all. The proceeds will be given to the Mission Band of the Orphan Home at Crescent. The parents of the children, members of the church and Sunday school and the public are cordially invited to attend. The time is Thursday evening 7:30 to 9:30. The place is the parsonage of the Reformed Church. Look up your age so you will know how old you are. Come.

Mrs. W. M. Linker to Entertain. Irritations as follows have been issued: Mrs. Will M. Linker At Home Wednesday afternoon, February twenty-second three o'clock

Bridge R. S. V. P. One ton of wheat straw will produce the equivalent of forty gallons of gasoline, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

INTENSIVE MILITARY TRAINING THIS SUMMER

To Be Given More Than a Quarter of a Million Men.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—More than a quarter of a million men are expected by War Department officials to be under canvas or in barracks this summer for intensive military training for the first time since Congress willed the regular army, the national guard and the organized reserves into a composite body constituting the Army of the United States. Plans for the instruction of 227,000 men, representing the three components of the united land forces, were announced today by the Department.

Ample funds for the program are expected by officials of the department to be made available by Congress by that time and while the plans are made contingent upon the amount of money appropriated, officials confident the necessary sum will be allowed for their full development. In addition to the regular army personnel required to supervise the training work under commanders of the nine corps areas, there will be approximately 100,000 members of the national guard in the field, about 30,000 reserve officers and specialists, 10,000 student members of the reserve officers training corps and 27,000 civilians.

The plans provide for the training of national guardsmen preferably in their own states or at the nearest suitable federal or state encampment. Wherever federal encampments are available they will be offered to the states under revocable contracts. Most of the training of the organized reserves and members of the citizen military training camps will be at Fort Ethan Allen, Va., Camp Devens, Mass., Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y., Camp Dix, N. J., Camp Meade, Md., Camp Bragg, N. C., Camp Benning, Ga., Camp McClellan, Ala., Camp Knox, Ky., Camp Uster, Mich., Camp Grant, Ill., Fort Snelling, Minn., Camp Funston Kan., Camp Travis, Tex., Fort Logan, Colo., Camp Lewis, Wash., Presidio of San Francisco and the Presidio of Monterey, Cal. Other camps and stations of the regular army will be utilized to a lesser extent.

The courses for organized reserve personnel will be limited according to law to two weeks. Demonstrations by small units of the regular army will be staged at each training encampment to illustrate standards of proficiency in drills and tactical methods in force and maneuver problems. The department announced that applications for attendance at the citizens' training camp will be accepted after April 1 at the corps headquarters at Boston; Governors Island, N. Y.; Fort Howard, Md.; Fort Meade, Md.; Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Crook, Neb.; Fort Sam Houston, Tex. and the Presidio at San Francisco.

THE CHIEF TAKES A BATH

First Time This Ceremony Has Been Performed in 40 Days—at Least. (By the Associated Press.) Newark, N. J., Feb. 21.—Fourteen Gipsy families who have their homes in the Belleville district near here, are making a holiday today for their chief, Ben Mott, who has taken a bath and changed his linen. This is the first time this ceremony has occurred in at least 40 days for the chief was forbidden by traditional laws of his tribe to touch his body with water, shave or even change his clothing until that time had elapsed after the death of his wife. This is the day and the chief's followers are giving every evidence of happiness.

With Our Advertisers.

The Dove-Bost Co. specializes in good service, it states in a new ad. in today's paper. French dry cleaning is a feature of the work of Henry Der Yen. The prices are right, as you can tell by reading new ad. The Kidd-Frix Co. offers many "musical hits" in sheet music, player rolls and records in a new ad. in this paper today. The Gilson Drug Store in a new ad. today tells you that it offers garden seed cheaper than you can order them. The new ad. will interest you. Hoover's announcements in a new ad. today that J. H. Rosenberg, of the school representative, will be at the store here to take measures February 23rd, 24th and 25th. Through its liberal credit system the Bell & Harris Furniture Co. enables you to beautify your home without financial embarrassment. Beds and other furniture is offered by this company cheap, as a new ad. today tells you.

Business Conditions Improved. Charlotte, Feb. 19.—Steadily improving business conditions in the north are indicated in the opinion of Walter C. Johnston, of Chattanooga, Tenn., secretary-treasurer of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' association, in the replies to a recent questionnaire which he sent to the 250 odd members of the association.

District Attorney Removed From Office

(By the Associated Press.) Boston, Feb. 21.—District Attorney Joseph C. Peffer, of Suffolk county, was removed by the Supreme Court today. The court found him guilty in several counts under charges of malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance in office.

Death of Col. R. G. Cholmley Jones.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 21.—Col. R. G. Cholmley Jones, formerly director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, died at the Presbyterian Hospital early today. He had been ill at the hospital since October 30, last.

When the great liner Olympia burned coal she required the services of 229 men in her stoves, with oil-burning engines 60 men do the work.

WILL HEAR THE NEW PROPOSAL NEXT WEEK

Investigation of the Offer From Henry Ford For Purchase an Lease of Muscle Shoals Finished This Week

CHAIRMAN KAHN ANNOUNCES TODAY

It is Intended That House Committee May Continue Its Investigation Without Interruption.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—Investigation of the offer from Henry Ford for the purchase and lease of the government power and nitrate projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., will be concluded this week by the House military committee, Chairman Kahn announced today; and hearings on the Alabama Power Company proposals on the properties involving the purchase of the Warrior Steam plant and lease for 50 years of the other units will be initiated at once.

Secretary Weeks has promised Mr. Kahn to send the Alabama company's offer to Congress before the week-end, probably tomorrow if not today, so the committee could continue its study of the question of Muscle Shoals without interruption. Only witnesses representing the Alabama Power Company, the American Farm Bureau Federation, and the National Fertilizer Association remained to be heard on the Ford offer when the committee met today to conclude the hearings begun yesterday by Mr. J. O. Hammit, vice-president of the Air Nitrate Corporation, a subsidiary of the American Cyanamid Company of Maine.

DEATH RATE DECREASES

According to Figures Announced by the Census Bureau. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The death rate in the United States decreased to 1,306 per 100,000 population in 1920 from 1,496 per 100,000 in 1919, according to figures announced today by the census bureau. All age groups showed a decline in death rates, but the most pronounced decrease was recorded in figures covering infant mortality under one year of age, the 1920 rate being 9,650 per 100,000, compared with 13,083 per 100,000 in 1919, a decline of about 26 per cent. The rate for the group above 75 years of age decreased from 14,390 to 13,490 per 100,000, approximately 6 per cent; while that for the 45-75 age group decreased from 2,581 to 2,280 per 100,000, or about 12 per cent.

MOTHER AND HER THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Father Also Was Badly Burned—Negro Held for Investigation. Aiken, S. C., Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mrs. M. E. Monts and her three children were burned to death early today when their home here was destroyed by fire. Mr. Mont was severely burned and is in an Aiken hospital. Bodies of the mother and two of the children have been recovered. A negro named Sumter is being held by the authorities for investigation, officers believing the fire might have been of incendiary origin.

Ask Pardon Before Sentence is Made.

Salisbury, Feb. 20.—A formal application for the pardon of Capt. R. E. Crawford, of Asheville, Southern Railway conductor, was forwarded to Governor Morrison tonight. Crawford was convicted of manslaughter in Rowan Superior Court last week in connection with the slaying of Engineer Sam Hinton at Spencer in December because of alleged remarks derogatory to Crawford's wife. The remarkable fact is it is said that the application for pardon goes to the Governor before sentence has been passed by Judge J. Bis Bay. The application is endorsed by the trial judge, the solicitor, every member of the jury and many others.

More Praise For Company "E"

In a letter to Capt. Kenneth Caldwell, Major B. F. Ristine regular army officer stationed with the N. C. guard, had the following to say: "I hear that Colonel Scott was pleased with the result of his inspection of your command. It is my feeling that there is no company that does better and more consistent work than yours and has things running more smoothly. Credit is due your lieutenants for full willingness to do their part but in this you are entitled to first place. Have no doubt you will be able to make a good showing for Colonel Day."

100 Horses Burned to Death; Three Horsemen Also Injured.

Indianapolis, Feb. 19.—The large brick horse barn at the Indiana state fair ground here and about 100 valuable horses were burned early today, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000. Three horsemen also were burned, two of them serious, in attempting to rescue the animals.

Postmaster For 49 Years is Believed.

(By the Associated Press.) Columbia, S. C., Feb. 18.—James A. Cannon was relieved as postmaster at Fountain Inn after serving in that capacity for 49 years. He was appointed by President Grant in 1873 and has served continuously since. He was succeeded by E. L. Marlar.

CONCORD LEGION MEN START MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Harry Caldwell Leading Membership Squad in Whitewind Drive For the Local Post.

No. 10's not the snappy gravel of the old tok Kick. It's just the call of the local Legionaries for Concord's hasty members of the American Legion to do their bit in the Legion's membership drive that now is in progress. A whole squad of local Legionaries, under command of Harry Caldwell, chairman of the Cabarrus County membership campaign, started activities this afternoon and will push the campaign in whitewind style this week.

If the membership drive is successful, and every indication points to the fact that it will be, the local Post will be in a position to open new club rooms and start activities that will cause "something doing among service men" all the year. Most desirable club rooms may be secured and the men are determined to make every effort to place the Concord Post in the front rank of Legion Posts in the State.

The Raleigh and Greensboro Posts are racing for a membership of 1,000. Concord's aim is not quite so high but it is the ambition of the Chairman Caldwell to raise the membership far above that of last year. Tennessee and North Carolina are running neck and neck in the race for the leadership of the Southern States. Watch Concord Post do its bit in keeping North Carolina in the lead.

OFFICIAL WASHINGTON SEES PROSPERITY SOON

Government Facts and Figures Marshaled to Show Lead Times Ahead. Washington, Feb. 21.—Predictions made by the Department of Commerce give the United States \$5,000,000,000 worth of foreign trade this year, roughly one-fourth of the export trade of the world. The rapid rise in foreign exchange is stimulating foreign buying in America, with the inevitable result that good times will replace the business depression of the last two years.

Economic experts in Washington point out that the reduction of taxes will materially lighten the load of the manufacturer here, permitting him to expand and equip new plants to meet the growing foreign demand. With \$2,000,000,000 cut from the public debt and \$750,000,000 eliminated from the tax list, American industry begins to feel that the brakes are off. President Harding has just said "the general industrial and business situation now is such as to justify confidence that we are well passed the worst phase of the agricultural crisis." The Department of Labor finds ground for optimism in the trend of the great stock markets, always a barometer of employment, and the number of reports of the reduction of unemployment, the marked increase in automobile and steel fabrication work, lead concrete evidence to the general feeling of optimism which pervades the senate and house of representatives.

BELIEVE SANDS KILLED TAYLOR.

Police Hold to Their Theory, But Fail to Find Man. Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 20.—The interrogation of Daniels McShea, a taxicab driver, for whom police had been searching, and further question of Henry Peavey, following reports that he had made statements expressing the opinion that a motion picture actress shot and killed William Desmond Taylor, film director, were phases of the inquiry into Taylor's slaying here today.

McShea disappeared on the day Taylor's body was found, according to the police. His wife reported that he was missing. He surrendered himself to Captain of Detectives Adams, who took him to the office of District Attorney Woolwine for investigation.

McShea was later released, according to the officers, but a statement was made as to what the investigation had disclosed. Henry Peavey, Taylor's negro houseman, has been interrogated frequently by investigators. Peavey had not named in previous official statements the actress said to have been mentioned by him in recent conversations, according to the officers.

Rocky River Community Club Meeting.

The Rocky River Community Club met Thursday night at 7:30, February 23. The program will be of a miscellaneous nature. The public is invited: Miss Estelle Stallings, a student at Mont Amocna Seminary, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stallings. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrison spent the week-end with Mrs. Morrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Reed. Miss Helen Spence entertained a number of the young people at the manse last Friday night. Considerable interest is being manifested in the new telephone system promoted by Mr. Ralph Morrison.

Honor Roll Rocky River School.

First grade—Glen Furr. Second grade—Homer Furr, Kenneth Furr, Charlie Furr, John Linker, Melissa Linker, Clifford Starnes. Sixth grade—Roy Kiser. Seventh grade—Bith Kiser. Eighth grade—Joe Pharr, Glimmer Reed. Ninth grade—Bessie Flowe, Pearl Abernethy.

Tri-State Medical Society.

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Feb. 21.—Prominent physicians from the two Carolinas and Virginia are arriving in Norfolk today to attend the convention of the Tri-State Medical Society to be held tomorrow and Thursday. Besides the physicians several eminent scientists from other states will be guests of the Society and read papers.

SPLIT OF SINN FEINN PARTY IS INEVITABLE

Eamon de Valera Openly Advocates Such a Decision in Addressing the Sinn Fein Convention.

THE SPEAKER WON HEARTY APPLAUSE

De Valera Says It is Better For Ireland to Have Two Armies Than One Army Divided Against Itself.

Dublin, Feb. 21. (By the Associated Press.)—Eamon de Valera, apparently regarding a split of the Sinn Fein party as inevitable, openly advocated such a division in addressing the Ard Fheis, the national Sinn Fein convention today, saying it would be better for Ireland to have two armies each ready to assist the other if the country is imperiled, rather than one army divided in itself.

Mr. de Valera's speech was the outstanding feature of the morning session of the Ard Fheis, which had only begun discussion of the party's future policy for or against the Anglo-Irish treaty when the luncheon adjournment was taken at 1:30 p. m. until 3 o'clock. Speaking to his resolution urging the Sinn Fein party to continue its fight for a republic, Mr. de Valera won hearty applause at numerous points he made in his address.

TO INVESTIGATE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Resolution Introduced by Representative Underhill, of Massachusetts. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—Investigation of the George Washington Memorial Association, in charge of the erection in Washington of the Victory Memorial Building, a structure in memory of those who have served in the nation's wars, is proposed in a resolution introduced by Representative Underhill, of Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts member, accompanied his resolution of inquiry with the statement "we don't know what this George Washington Memorial Building will cost, or who will pay for it." The investigation would be conducted by the House public buildings and grounds committee, and would be designed under the resolution to find the amount of funds in possession of the Association and the methods used in raising money to erect the proposed building. The cornerstone was laid several weeks ago by President Harding.

WANTS TO GIVE COXEY ANOTHER CHANCE

A Bill Introduced in Congress by Representative Cahn, of Ohio. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—Congress was asked today to give Gen. Jacob S. Coxey, who once led his army of unemployed to Washington, another chance to help the jobless.

In a bill introduced by Representative Cahn, Republican, Ohio, the Secretary of the Treasury would be authorized to issue \$30,000,000 in new currency for use in buying 112 shipping board vessels. Once bought they would be sold to Gen. Coxey and Theodore Wells, who in turn would give the government a mortgage lien on the fleet. The General and his partner would then cut loose, operate the ships where the operating was found to be good, and provide many jobs for the idle.

WILMINGTON GIRL IS MISSING FROM HOME

Statewide Search is Launched For 15-Year-Old Lizzie Mintz Who Disappeared Sunday. Wilmington, Feb. 20.—Police were today asked to start a statewide search for 15-year-old Lizzie Mintz, of 1214 South Fourth street, who disappeared from a Sunset Park car while returning to her home from church last night.

The girl, in company with her parents, had attended religious services in a downtown church when the girl requested that she be allowed to ride on a street car. The parents consented and placed her on board a Sunset Park car.

That was the last seen of the girl. Efforts to locate her were made last night but no trace could be found. Early today police were asked to job in the search, but so far their efforts have been futile.

MARY GARDEN INTENDS TO RESIGN AS DIRECTOR

Of the Chicago Opera Company at the Close of the Current Season. New York, Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mary Garden intends to resign her position as director of the Chicago Opera Company at the close of the current season if someone can be found to take her place, but she expects to continue with the company as an artist "where she belongs and knows she belongs," it was announced today by her secretary, Howard E. Potter.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Opened Barely Steady at a Decline of 17 to 33 Points. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 21.—The cotton market opened barely steady at a decline of 17 to 23 points, and sold 29 to 34 points net lower right after the call, with May casting off to 17.85 and July to 17.34.

Cotton futures opened barely steady. Mar. 18.28; May 17.95; July 17.45; Oct. 16.95; Dec. 16.72. Mr. John P. Allison will go to Davidson tomorrow to attend a meeting of the board of trustees of the College, which will be held to consider rebuilding plans of the recently burned building.

That's About All Wilmington Cops Now Need to Be Perfect Beauties.

Wilmington, Feb. 20.—All Wilmington traffic cops need to be perfect beauties are powder puffs and lip sticks. The latest order from the commissioner of public safety prescribes white gloves for summer wear. Harem veil ponchos were recently added to the wet weather equipment of the force. Mrs. Minnie Fagg Malloy, State War Mother, will arrive this afternoon and will be the guest of Mrs. Jno. K. Patterson during her visit in the city. Cotton on the local market is quoted at 17 1/2 cents per pound today; cotton seed at 45 cents per bushel.

RAM RUNNER RAN; RUSE RATHER ROTTEN

Sloan Sought Safety Since Seizure Seemed Sure.—Shoars Seized by William Sloan, negro, Monday afternoon by 151 Widemouse, for speeding, and his failure to produce a \$10 bond for his appearance at court led to further disclosures, which finally landed the negro in jail on a charge of transporting liquor.

Sloan selected South Union street as his race track, and when he speeded by Patrolman Widemouse, who had secreted himself in some bushes, the officer pursued him, and finally stopped the car in front of the home of Mr. C. F. Ritchie. Here Widemouse informed the driver that he must put up a \$10 bond or go to headquarters. The negro didn't have the money and the trip to the city hall was begun. Two of Sloan's companions left the car at this point, showing rare judgment.

Patrolman Widemouse stated that up to this point he had regarded Sloan only as a speeder. The negro was ebullient; apparently he had no worries, there was no reason to suspect disguise or fallation on his part. He did not break into objections when told that he was arrested, and started the drive to the city hall with a perfect innocence.

Widemouse followed the Dodge and soon noticed that an unusually large stream of liquid matter was oozing from the negro's car. His keen sense of smell soon informed him that the car ahead of him was spouting moonshine in generous portions, and he lashed the driver and again ordered him to stop. The negro this time showed some hesitancy in bringing his car to a stop. It was not until the home of Mr. George Means was reached that the negro complied with the officer's order. And then the whole scheme became apparent.

The entire floor of the front of the car was covered with liquor and a broken jug, and the moonshine was running without hindrance to the road. Sloan realized that if he drove up to the city hall with his liquor, he would probably be arrested, so he broke the jug in the hope that all the "evidence" would be gone before the city hall was reached. He was unfortunate, however, and quite a good bit of the liquor had not found access from the car when the drive was ended.

Sloan was lodged in jail until two other negroes furnished bond for him. The negro, according to police officers, claimed that he had but half a pint, which had been given to him by a friend for personal use, but Patrolman Widemouse is of the opinion that the jug contained close to a gallon.

IRRESPONSIBLE LAW CAUSE OF TROUBLE

Fanatical Legislation Blamed For Much of the Radicalism Now Prevalent in America. Washington, Feb. 21.—Commenting on the need to combat radical ideas in American civic life, prominent law-makers at the Capitol say that much respect for law can be traced to the enactment of foolish, unnecessary and hopeless out-of-date statutes.

In Kentucky a bill has been introduced in the legislature making it illegal to teach Darwinism in the public schools. In Massachusetts a cripple has been arrested and fined for playing a game of checkers outdoors on Sunday.

A Kansas City school official believes that jazz music has a sinful effect upon young people to strong drink and urges a jazz prohibition movement. Says the Philadelphia Public Ledger: "Such superstitious and hyperbolic poetry is calculated to distrust the average law-abiding morality, and does not tend to stabilize that government by the consent of the governed which makes for public decency and civic morality."

Mrs. Margot Asquith, famous English political leader, says "Americans are not free—you overdo your prohibitive laws and then do not enforce them." Legislation which attempts to foist upon a long-suffering majority the personal prejudice or the fanatical ideas of some isolated reformer invariably does more harm than good, brings the law-making body enacting such statutes into disrepute and, by making the source of law ridiculous, decreases respect for other laws well conceived and thoughtfully passed.

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MUNICIPAL FINANCE ACT IS NOT LEGAL?

New York Man Says the Bill Passed Only Two Readings, When State Constitution Requires Three.

MORRISON THINKS HE IS IN ERROR

Chester M. Masslich, To Whom Wilson Bonds Were Sent For Certification, Gives This Opinion. (By the Associated Press.)

Wilson, N. C., Feb. 21.—Chester M. Masslich, bond lawyer of New York, to whom \$125,000 Wilson street improvement bonds were sent for certification, is of the opinion that the Municipal Finance Act recently passed by a special session of the North Carolina Legislature, under which the bonds were issued, is not legal, according to a letter received from Mr. Masslich by city officials today.

Mr. Masslich's letter follows: "The bill passed four readings on four different days, and passed each different reading receding the vote by which it passed on the various readings. On December 12 and 13th the measure was reconsidered and set at naught. It then appears that the bill passed only two readings, when three are required by the constitution of North Carolina to make it legal."

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Nominations to Be Sent to Senate Today.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—The nominations of Secretary Mellon, Secretary Hughes, Secretary Hoover, Senator Smoot and representative Burton to be members of the \$125,000,000 debt funding commission will be sent to the Senate today, it was announced at the white house.

Lewis Invites Operators to Conference.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 21.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, today asked coal operators of the central compactive field comprising states of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and West Pennsylvania to meet with union officials at Cleveland March 2 for a wage conference which he said might avert the pending strike.

Alabama Company is Bitterly De-nounced.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 19.—At a mass meeting held this afternoon, president of the United Mine Workers of America, today asked coal operators of the central compactive field comprising states of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and West Pennsylvania to meet with union officials at Cleveland March 2 for a wage conference which he said might avert the pending strike.

Similar requests have been rejected by some operators who said they wished to discontinue collective bargaining with the miners.

Old Planters Warehouse Burned.

(By the Associated Press.) Wilson, Feb. 21.—A building known as the Old Planters Warehouse, but for the past several years used as a storage warehouse for farm implements by Tomlinson & Company, was destroyed, with its contents by fire of undetermined origin at an early hour this morning. The contents of the building, estimated to be worth \$75,000 were covered by insurance.

Bruce Has Chance For Recovery.

Physicians of the Concord Hospital who have been attending Milton Bruce, wounded Monday morning after he is alleged to have entered Lawrence store at Kannapolis, by Puell Lawing, state that he has a chance to recover.

Want Genes Conference Postponed.

(By the Associated Press.) Berlin, Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French government today informed Germany that it had requested Italy to postpone the Geneva economic conference for the reasons stated in Premier Poincare's recently memorandum.