

French Occupation Forces Seize Some German Mines; Miners Resent French Plans

SEIZURE OF STATE'S MINES IS ANNOUNCED

Two Pits in Ruhr District Are Taken Over by French Soldiers, Who Confiscate All Coal Mined.

FRENCH SEND FOR PROMINENT MAN

Believed Dr. Reiffessen, President of State's Mine Administration, Has Been Placed Under Arrest.

Essen, Jan. 19 (By the Associated Press).—Seizure of state mines in the Ruhr by the forces of occupation was begun today. Two pits near Buer were taken by the military and manager Ahrens was arrested for refusing to deliver coke. Troops appeared at the Moeller pits at the Gladbeck and at the Rheinbuden mines at Bottrop.

Dr. Reiffessen, president of the state's mine administration at Rockingham, responded to an invitation to appear before the military authorities and had not returned up till this afternoon. It is believed he was arrested.

It is reported that when the French representatives attempted to enter some of the mines that were seized the workers became greatly agitated, threatening that all the miners would come out of the pits if the French entered.

Refused to Send Coal Trains. Essen, Jan. 19. (By the Associated Press).—The president of the district railroad administration at Essen refused today to dispatch coal trains, rejecting the French demands for shipment.

WANT SPECIAL TERM OF GASTON SUPERIOR COURT

Want to Try Robert Grice and John Carswell at a Special Term. (By the Associated Press.)

Gastonia, N. C., Jan. 19.—Robert Grice and John Carswell, indicted recently on charges of murder in connection with the killing of John Ford, of Lincoln County, during an attack on an automobile party, will not be tried at the present term of court because of the large number of other cases pending. Solicitor Carpenter said today.

PRESIDENT'S CONDITION IS IMPROVED TODAY

But Under Direction of Physician He Will Remain at the White House. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—President Harding continued to improve today, but under the doctor's order will remain in seclusion at the White House until he entirely shakes off the attack of grippe from which he has been suffering for the past few days.

New Trial Granted R. F. Willingham

Macon, Ga., Jan. 19.—Richard F. Willingham, convicted last May in Bibb county superior court of larceny at a trial of \$168,475 from the Shippers' Compress Company, and sentenced to serve 12 months at the state prison farm, this afternoon was granted a new trial by Judge H. A. Matthews, who heard the case.

The list of British war cemeteries includes 13 in Italy, 10 in Macedonia, 35 in Gallipoli, 9 in Egypt, 8 in Palestine, 5 in Mesopotamia and 1 in East Africa.

COTTON GINNING

State Increased Its Cotton Total, the Increase Being 8 Per Cent. (By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 18.—With an estimate of 829,410 bales of cotton ginned in North Carolina prior to December 13, 1922, only 22,000 bales remain to be ginned, if the government's estimate of a crop of 852,000 bales for the state is correct. Frank Parker, of the North Carolina and United States departments of agriculture, stated tonight in announcing the ginnings by counties.

The six counties that ginned over 30,000 bales up to December 13 are Johnston, 57,525; Robeson, 44,750; Halifax, 37,210; Cleveland, 35,743; Nash, 34,124, and Edgecombe, 33,146.

Robeson county for many years has led the state in cotton production, but Johnston now takes the lead, according to the latest figures, gaining 18 per cent. over its last year's ginnings.

Upland increased its yield approximately 20 per cent. and advanced from fifth to third place.

Cleveland, however, shows an increase of 10,000 bales, or almost 40 per cent., in its ginnings, jumping from eighth to fourth place.

The ginnings of the state show an increase from 767,150 bales to 830,410, or eight per cent., for the same periods in 1921 and 1922.

HENS KNOCK PROPS OUT FROM UNDER EGG MARKET

Prices in Chicago Less Than in Any January in Five Years. (By the Associated Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 16.—An open western winter and the productive hen have knocked the props from under the egg market.

The drop has been 15 cents a dozen wholesale since January 1. Fresh eggs are now 34 cents. The storage article is 10 cents under this price. Speculators have been trapped and have lost huge sums. They are scrambling out from under as best they can.

The pickers report fresh eggs in abundance and 20 cents a dozen cheaper than in any January for five years. The hens are 45 to 60 days ahead of their schedule. The decline in price is 27 per cent. The pickers

"The new crop is sufficiently large and so generally produced that nothing about of severely cold weather or heavy snow will now interrupt production. The owners of the remaining storage eggs are now pressing their wares for sale at very moderate prices.

"The poultry crop is tremendous. This is a highly desirable situation because it promises a large supply of eggs for the coming season."

THE COTTON MARKET

All Old Crop Months Sold up to or About the 28 Cents Level Today. (By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 19.—Rising activity of the British textile industry was the dominating factor in the cotton market again at the opening today. The cables reported a continued increase in the Manchester turnover, with prospects for a good business with both India and China, and private advice said there had been further sales of spot cotton in the Liverpool market to Russia. The market here opened steady at unchanged prices to an advance of 12 points with all the old crop months selling up to or above the 28 cent level, in response to the higher cables.

Cotton futures opened firm: January 28.00; March 28.13; May 28.38; July 28.07; October 28.52.

Board of Optometry Meets. (By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 19.—The North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry was in session here Thursday examining applicants for license to practice optometry in this state. This is the regular semi-annual examination.

Members of the board are Dr. F. C. Roberts, Charlotte, president; Dr. A. P. Staley, High Point, secretary-treasurer; Fred N. Day, Winston-Salem; Sam Levy, Charlotte, and A. G. Spangler, Raleigh.

The veterinary science was not systematically studied until the eighteenth century, although it is said to have originated in 300 A. D. in Rome.

OCCUPATION FAILURE IS BERLIN ATTITUDE

Germans Point Out That the French Have Been Able to Get But Little Coal on Barges and Trains.

COAL TRAINS NOT AVAILABLE NOW

German Railway Managers Will Not Order Trains Out.—Miners Are Threatening to Leave Their Work.

Berlin, Jan. 19 (By the Associated Press).—France's economic grip in the Ruhr, it seemed here today, that M. Coste and Gen. de Gontaut had received little more than their trouble for their pains in their attempts to enforce reprisals.

A few pole barges intercepted here and there, and an occasional coal train reconsigned were the only fruits of the occupation apparent in the capital. Indeed, it was said that more coal was shipped yesterday to places outside of the occupied area than on Tuesday.

So far, one of the chief efforts noted here was the withdrawal of tubs from the pits in the Ruhr.

Freight Men Will Strike. Essen, Jan. 19 (By the Associated Press).—A general strike of freight railway men throughout the Ruhr is expected this afternoon. Orders for the strike were received from Berlin this morning by the railroad workers, and at noon the union leaders were in session with the orders before them.

The French expect them to repudiate their promise to continue work and obey the instructions of Berlin.

STATE AND WASHINGTON AND LEE BOOK GAME

Two Teams Will Meet in Football Every Thanksgiving. (By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—By virtue of an agreement just made between North Carolina State College and Washington and Lee University, sport followers of the State are assured of an opportunity to see in action one of the North Carolina sports events, Thanksgiving day a football game representing one of the two State institutions.

The Virginia-Carolina game, in all probability, will continue to alternate between Chapel Hill and Charlottesville, and now Graduate Manager J. W. Harrison of the local college announces that the Tachs and the Generals have signed contracts calling for a Thanksgiving game to alternate between Raleigh and Lexington, or some other Virginia city.

The first game of the new series will be staged next fall, the location, somewhere in Virginia, to be named by the Washington and Lee management, and the 1924 encounter will come to Raleigh.

Washington and Lee and N. C. State furnished the Thanksgiving day gridiron attraction in Norfolk from 1913 through 1915, the 1916 game was played here, and the series was then discontinued. In 1917 the Tachs journeyed to Morganton, West Virginia, to play West Virginia University, and in 1918, 1919 and 1920 Wake Forest was the Thanksgiving opponent, the games being played at Riddick Field.

Virginia Polytech and the Wolfpack hooked up annually in Norfolk on Thanksgiving day during the years 1908-1912, athletic relations between the two institutions being suspended then to be resumed in 1914. At that time, however, Washington and Lee and State had started a holiday series, while V. P. I. had entered into a long term contract with Virginia Military Institute.

In planning to bring Washington and Lee to Raleigh on alternate years when Carolina and Virginia play at Charlottesville, athletic authorities at State College are of the opinion that the public generally will welcome the opportunity of witnessing each season right here in North Carolina representatives teams of the Southern Conference.

Crime Correspondence School Found by Pittsburg Police.

Pittsburg, Jan. 18.—A correspondence school for training safe blowers has been brought to light here, the police say.

They arrested William T. Ribelndorfer, 25 years old, of the Wallace building, South Highland and Centre avenues, last night. In his home the police found a complete set of safe-blower's tools and instruction books showing how to open twenty-seven different makes of safes.

The police refused to give out the title of the books seized. Neither would they give the names of the publishers, saying that they had communicated with the police in the city where the books were printed with a view to having legal action taken against the publishers.

OLD CANNED BEEF SPECIMENS FOUND

Meat Found in Tomb of King Tutankhamin, and is 3,350 Years Old.

Luxor, Egypt, Jan. 19 (By the Associated Press).—What is believed to be the oldest specimens of canned beef in the world have been discovered by excavators in the tomb of King Tutankhamin. While it was not wholly palatable, being 3,350 years old, the meat is in an excellent state of preservation.

The meat had been embalmed and was contained in receptacles resembling huge oyster eggs, 40 of which were removed from the tomb. Still other meat found were hundreds of veal, trussed ducks, and joints of game. These were packed in wooden boxes shaped according to the contents. Noticeable among these was a giant duck.

The excavators also removed today four bronze candlesticks of great beauty. One of them contained a perfectly preserved candle.

BOYD SMITH KILLED BY UNKNOWN PARTIES

This Verdict Rendered by Coroner's Jury After Full Investigation of the Death of Young Man.

Cincinnati, Jan. 19.—Boyd Smith, former assistant cashier of a bank at Gibson, who was discovered shot to death in his home here January 9, near where his mother lay seriously wounded, was slain by some unknown person or persons, a coroner's jury decided today.

The inquest which had been continued from the day of the shooting in order that Mrs. Virginia Smith, the mother, might be able to testify, was resumed today, and her story was that at the breakfast table she had heard a noise at the back door, that her son went to investigate and the shooting followed. She did not know who shot her, she said, and added when she recovered she called the neighbors.

Other testimony indicated that the young man's sweater had been pulled up before the pistol bullet had been fired through his heart, while it also was declared that the weapon with which the killing apparently was done contained one empty cartridge, an un-discharged one, and another which appeared to have been snapped on and failed to fire. What became of the other empty cartridges, the jury could not find out.

Smith was not working at the time of the tragedy. He had complained of being ill the night before, and again at the breakfast table, his mother said.

COLLINS GIRL ADMITS MOTHER DID SHOOTING

First Story Desperate Effort to Shield Parent, She Says.—But Asks for Pardon.

Morganton, Jan. 18.—A night's meditation over her "confession" yesterday afternoon that she killed Uray Smith in defense of her mother, evidently caused Mary Collins to decide to tell the whole truth about the affair, and early this morning, having sent for Solicitor Huffman, she admitted to him that the first story was told in a desperate effort to shield her mother, Mrs. Rosalie Collins, who she now says shot her cousin.

Mrs. Collins, who is also in jail, has not been allowed to converse with her daughter, and although she knows of Mary's taking all the blame upon herself in the story she told yesterday, she does not know the truth of the affair has taken today, and still maintains her own innocence.

Mary Collins's story today is that when her mother, brother and uncle left for Gen. Alpine soon after dinner on the day of the tragedy, she and Irene had started to the field to continue fodder pulling. With "wait a few minutes," Uray Smith had detained her while his sister went on to the field. Possibly thinking all the other members of the family were safely out of the way, after closing and 'atching the door, he began making improper proposals to her, she says. When she refused to accede to his wishes he tried to force her. She declared that it was then that she drew her knife. Whether attracted by the girl's cries or possibly led back by a mother's intuition, Mrs. Collins returned. Mary says she saw her pass the window, and said, "there comes mama." By that time her mother was kicking on the door and Uray released her to go and unlatch the door. She ran away and did not see the killing. She heard the shot, and when she looked back as she was nearing the field she saw her mother running toward the straw stack where the gun was later found.

Accounting for the blood on the shirt, she says that when she cut Uray he grabbed the old shirt to staunch the blow of blood, and was holding it to his throat when her mother came back.

LANDMARK AT CHAPEL HILL TO BE DESTROYED

Tankersley's Store, Which Has Stood For 72 Years, Is to Be Torn Down. (By the Associated Press.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 19.—A landmark of Chapel Hill is to be destroyed. It is Tankersley's store, a little one-story wooden building that has been standing for seventy-two years next to the site of the present post-office.

Here, for the last twenty-eight years, citizens and University students have bought tobacco and candles and fruits and nuts from the proprietor, Will Tankersley. Before that, dating back as far as 1851, the place was a jewelry shop.

Now a brick building is going up on the plot. With a frontage on the main street of 42 feet, it will have two ground floor stores; and above will be twelve living rooms for students. Mr. Tankersley will continue his business in one of the stores.

The wooden structure has been moved a few feet westward. When the new building is completed, the old structure will be used for firewood.

"My grandfather, Sidney Barbee, built this little house," Mr. Tankersley said today, "ten or twelve years before the civil war. I added to it by building an extension in the rear, but it will not do any longer."

Both the Bricklayers and the Plasterers, of Chicago, have come to the front as contenders for the National soccer championship.

A half interest in the Yankees can be bought for \$1,250,000, and the same sum will buy the whole Red Sox outfit.

POWER NOTICE!

Electric power will be off Sunday, January 21st, owing to changes which are absolutely necessary on our main line to Southern Power Co. plant.

The current will not be off any longer than necessary.

L. A. FISHER, Supt.

UNION OF CHURCHES NOW BEING PLANNED

Reuniting of the Methodist Churches, After Separation of 79 Years, is Now Approaching Reality.

Cincinnati, Jan. 19.—Reuniting of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, separated 79 years ago upon the issue of slavery, approached realization today with the committee of ten appointed to consider statements of the two bodies and to lay down principles of a contract on which cooperation would be accomplished. This action followed a proposal by representatives of the northern body, and the answering statement of the Southern body presented at a joint session of the two late last night. The findings of the committee of ten will be presented to the joint commission this afternoon.

Members of the commission expressed the hope that the committee would agree upon the report a plan of union to be presented to the Methodist Episcopal Church conference, and to the Southern church at a special conference called before the general conference which does not meet until 1925. Such an agreement would result in the presentation of the third plan to the general conference, the first having been proposed 16 years ago and rejected. A second plan was rejected some three years ago.

WALTER WHEELER KILLED WHILE TRYING TO ENTER C. A. GARRISON'S STORE

Winston-Salem, Jan. 19.—Walter Wheeler, aged 28, was shot and killed last night as he attempted to enter C. A. Garrison's store at Wallburg, Davidson County. Mr. Garrison, who was sleeping in the store, was awakened by a noise, and as a man's form appeared in the doorway he fired a shot gun, the load taking effect in the intruder's head, tearing off the skull.

Sheriff Tolbert and Coroner Frank Muck of Davidson county were summoned and an inquest held. A verdict of the coroner's jury was "justifiable homicide."

Wheeler recently completed a term in the state penitentiary for larceny of articles in Pullman cars. He was sent up from Charlotte.

With Our Advertisers.

J. C. Willeford, the jeweler, will have a big auction sale at his store tomorrow, January 20th. More than \$15,000 worth of goods will be offered for sale during the auction and the prices will be made by the purchaser. Two sales daily. See new ad. for particulars.

Read carefully new ad. of B. L. Umberger in this paper today.

Don't forget the Clearance Sale which begins tomorrow at Fisher's. The sale will continue through the 27th. Success in life depends upon saving money. Let the Cabarrus Savings bank help you give part of your earnings.

Influenza Epidemic in Maryland. (By the Associated Press.) Baltimore, Jan. 19.—Influenza in a mild form is virtually epidemic in Maryland, reports to the State Board of Health disclose.

Five hundred and sixty-four cases were reported for the first 18 days of January, as compared with 143 cases for the entire month last year, and state health officials estimated that less than 10 per cent. of the actual cases were reported.

FILMDOM MOURNS DEATH OF REID

Famous Screen Star Thursday in Los Angeles Hospital. (By the Associated Press.)

Los Angeles, Jan. 19.—Filmdom today mourned the passing of Wallace Reid, motion picture star, whose death yesterday ended his long battle for health after abandoning the use of habit-forming drugs.

His death came as he lay in the arms of his wife, known in the screen world as Dorothy Davenport, and just after he had announced in semi-delirium "God—please."

Reid had been unconscious for many hours, but in his last talk with his wife when his mind was clear he seemed to be aware, relatives said, that death was almost upon him.

At that time he said "Tell them, ma'am, I have won my fight—that I have come back."

He had affectionately called his wife "ma'am" since the birth of their son, Billy, five years ago.

Reid was a member of the Order of Elks, and it was announced the Lodge would conduct public funeral services Saturday afternoon. His body will be cremated in accordance with Reid's wishes.

MAKING PLANS FOR CHARLOTTE AUTO SHOW

Plans Rapidly Taking Form and a Big Show is Promised. (By the Associated Press.)

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 19.—Rapid progress is being made in preparing for the third Carolina Automobile Show here, February 5-10. It was started today by Lane Etheridge, president of the Charlotte Automobile Trade Association, which is sponsoring the exhibition.

Forty exhibits are expected to be on display, including about thirty lines of motor cars and trucks, according to information furnished Mr. Etheridge by Osmond Barringer, chairman of the space committee.

Several manufacturers have advised Mr. Etheridge of their intention to have exhibits of their lines of motor cars or trucks at this show. He says, however, that manufacturers have not been represented among the exhibitors here.

"I accept the evidences of larger interests on the part of the manufacturers," said Mr. Etheridge, "as showing the importance the show here is attaining, the increasing value of the Carolina market and as a recognition of the return of sound business conditions in southeastern states."

The exposition building has 60,000 square feet of floor space on two floors, about 15,000 of which is included in the auditorium, where seating accommodations for more than 2,500 persons are provided.

J. P. Harris, chairman of the entertainment committee, is expected to close contracts in New York for the appearance of artists on the music programs of each day of the show.

MAJOR WILLIAM CAIN RECEIVES HIGH HONORS

At the Seventh Annual Meeting of American Engineers Received J. James R. Cross Medal. (By the Associated Press.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., January 18.—Major William Cain, for thirty years head of the mathematics department of the University of North Carolina, and now Kennan Professor Emeritus, has been honored by the American Society of Engineers. At the seventh annual meeting in New York Wednesday, he received the J. James R. Cross medal, as a reward for his paper on "The Circular Arch Under Normal Loads."

At the ceremony of presentation, Major Cain was introduced by Gus M. Branne, dean of the school of engineering of the University.

Many years ago Major Cain achieved fame among engineers, not only in America, but the world over, by his authoritative works on engineering problems, according to University officials. In his best known treatises he has discussed solid and braced elastic arches, steel-concrete arches and vaulted structures, bridges, retaining walls and dams.

Although nearly 76 years of age and retired from active teaching, Major Cain still is a busy worker in his field, studying and writing continually.

He was not quite fourteen when the civil war began. At the time, he was in a military school and when untrained volunteers were called together to fight for the Confederacy, he was called upon to be a drill master. He "out-growth the mass" many a man old enough to be his father and is said to have been a strict disciplinarian. His request to enter the war as an actual combatant, after several months of this work, was denied on account of his youth.

One Hundred Carloads of High Point Furniture Sold Thursday

High Point, Jan. 18.—The Southern Furniture exposition, which opened here Monday, got away with another flying start today when it was announced that orders had been placed for more than 100 carloads of furniture, involving a total expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars.

The attendance today was even better than yesterday, when all attendance records were broken. Buyers continue to arrive here tonight on every train, nearly 100 having reached the city during the day.

One manufacturer represented by an exhibit in the big building reported today that he had sold 50 carloads of furniture since the opening of the exposition. Another exhibitor said he sold 35 carloads, while many other sales of smaller quantities were announced. However, this is declared to be only the beginning of two weeks of good business for the southern furniture market, many of the buyers having delayed their visit until late in the week.

WORK OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TODAY

Bill to Restrict Sale of Drugs, Medicines and Poisons, and New Solicitors Salary Bill, Were Introduced.

SHIP LINE GETS MORE OPPOSITION

People of Washington Ask Solons to Defeat Bill.—Plan is Termed by Them as Impractical.

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—(By the Associated Press).—Measures to restrict the sale of drugs, medicines and poisons, and to prohibit the use of public garages as residences, and a new solicitor's salary bill were introduced in the Senate today. Other legislation put under way of statewide significance would regulate the storage and transportation of gasoline and oils where they are not controlled now, and provide for the erection of buildings now needed at the state prison farm.

A memorial from the Washington, North Carolina chamber of commerce addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives and read in both bodies declared it was the sense of that organization, expressed in a public meeting, that the ship line bill submitted to the General Assembly at the request of Governor Cameron Morrison, should be defeated. The memorial stated that the Washington Chamber of Commerce regarded the proposition as impracticable, a "violation of the American idea" of government in its approach to "paternalism," and that it stand the chamber of commerce understood that the senators of its district, Harry Stubbs and Johnston, and Representative L. C. Warren, were taking against the bill was commended.

The drug bill, introduced in the Senate by Senator DeLaney, of Mecklenburg County, is a measure emanating from the State Pharmaceutical Association. The Senator stated, and he described it as "less drastic" in its provisions than the first bill drawn. The measure would prohibit the sale of drugs by general stores.

The new solicitor's salary bill was presented by Senators Woodson and Vasser. It would fix the salary of a solicitor at \$4,000 a year, with allowances for actual hotel and traveling expenses while on duty with the criminal courts, and make the payment of the salaries out of the state treasury.

The bill goes to the committee for consideration along with that introduced yesterday fixing a salary minimum of \$3,000, with the allowance up to a maximum of \$5,000, and a further allowance of \$50 monthly for expenses.

By a resolution introduced in both houses, the General Assembly expressed appreciation for the life and character of General Robert E. Lee, and adjourned in honor of his memory.

The only new bill of importance introduced in the House was presented by Representative Turlington, of Iredell County. One would propose a constitutional amendment to provide that by vote of the people the General Assembly be empowered to enact laws which would permit garnishment of not more than 10 per cent. of the salary of workers for the payment of a debt.

Education Referendum Now Taking Place.

Washington, Jan. 19. (Capital News Service).—A special committee, appointed by the United States Chamber of Commerce to examine into the Federal Government's participation in education, has reported. A brief of the majority and minority reports has been mailed by the Washington office of the chamber as a referendum, with ballots, to individual and associate members of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, with the request that they place the question before their organizations, to ascertain their views on three questions: (1) Do you favor the creation of a Federal Department of Education with a Secretary in the President's Cabinet. (The proposal of the Tower-Sterling bill.) (2) Do you favor enlarging the present Bureau of Education? (3) Do you favor the principal of Federal aid to the education in the states on the basis of the states appropriating sums equal to those given by the Federal Government?

The special committee consisted of eight members. The majority report, of five, is opposed by a minority report, of two, and one member of the committee submitted a separate memorandum, signing neither majority or minority report.

Copies of the referendum with the briefs of the two reports are available for interested inquirers, from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Washington, D. C.

The final voting must be done by February 9th, after which the results will be mailed and made available to the public through a bulletin.

The opening of the Erie Canal, which cheapened transportation with the Great Lakes and the Western States, was responsible for starting railroads in Massachusetts. In order to protect itself commercially, commercial and industrial Massachusetts felt obliged to do something to offset the advantage New York gained by the completion of the Erie Canal, and for some time there was quite a sentiment for public ownership of railroads.

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