

German Bankers Openly Defy French Commander

Directors of the Bank at Dusseldorf Tell General de Goutte That the Doors of the Bank Will Not Be Opened.

PRIVATE BANKS DOING BUSINESS

Reports From Essen State That General Fosh is Expected to Visit Ruhr During Next Few Days.

Further drastic steps were taken by the French today in their efforts to enforce the reparations payments by their occupation of the Ruhr valley.

The French have announced that they would try Herr Thyssen and his associates by court martial for refusing to obey the orders of the occupational authorities.

The directors of the Reichsbank refused to reopen that institution while French soldiers were on the premises.

Gen. de Goutte, in replying held the directors personally responsible and informed them the military guard would be removed only after the bank had reopened its doors for business.

A majority of the private banks which were closed yesterday, were doing business today.

SAWYER SENTENCED TO THE STATE PENITENTIARY

Was Convicted on Charge of Arson—Chatman Gets 3 Years Sentence.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 20.—J. M. Sawyer, former merchant of this city, who was convicted on a charge of arson was today sentenced by Judge T. J. Shaw to the state prison for a term of eight years.

Notice of appeal was given by Sawyer's attorneys and appeal bond was fixed at \$25,000. It is said the bond will be arranged.

FIVE HUNDRED SPECIAL VENIEMEN FOR DALLAS CASE

Dallas is Charged With Killing Joseph Southwell, During the Rail Strike Last Year.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 20.—Five hundred special veniemen were under summons here today for the opening of the trial of Herbert E. Dallas, charged with the killing of Joseph Southwell, an Atlantic Coast Line engineer during the rail strike last summer.

JOHN P. PARKER, JR., DIED FROM WOUNDS

Received Friday Night When He Was Shot Near Bastrop by Carey Calhoun.

Monroe, La., Jan. 20.—John P. Parker, Jr., former sheriff of Ouachita parish, who was shot on the Bastrop road 15 miles from Bastrop last night by Carey Calhoun, died at a local sanitarium here early today without having regained consciousness.

Redford Proctor, the new governor of Vermont, is the third member of his family to be honored with the gubernatorial chair, his father, the late Senator Proctor, and his brother, Fletcher D. Proctor, having held the office.

NO ACTION YET ON ROBINSON PROPOSAL

Secretary Hughes is Preparing More Data for the Senate Concerning the Senator's Plan.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Additional information on the subject of American representation on the reparations commission and a meeting with that body through the services of Roland W. Bordun, is being prepared by Secretary Hughes for submission to the Senate foreign relations committee.

The secretary's willingness to make a further report became known today after a conference between him and Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, which decided yesterday to await additional information before taking any action on the resolution of Senator Robinson, democrat, of Arkansas, to authorize full American representation on the commission.

REPLY OF REV. PERCY GRANT IS AWAITED

Has Been Told to Retract Statement or Send in His Resignation at Once.

New York, Jan. 20.—The reply of the Rev. Percy Shekney Grant, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension to the letter addressed to him yesterday by Bishop Wm. T. Manning, directing that Dr. Grant either retract the remarks he made in a sermon last Sunday or resign, probably will not be made until tomorrow morning when he enters his pulpit for the forenoon sermon.

Friends of Dr. Grant are said to hold the view that he would refuse either to retract his statement that "very few clergymen today who have been educated in the large universities accept the idea that Jesus had the power of God," or to resign, but that he would seek vindication of his expressed belief through trial, if charges of heresy are made against him.

Bishop Manning's letter called upon Dr. Grant "to correct unmistakably the impression which you have publicly given of your disbelief in our Lord Jesus Christ, as God and Savior, or if it is not possible for you to do so, then to withdraw from the ministry of this church."

Legion Establishes Home For Soldiers' Children.

Detroit, Jan. 19.—(By the Associated Press).—Maintaining the slogan of "doing something different every year," the Michigan department of the American Legion is about to establish on a six-acre tract about 20 miles northeast of Flint a home for the children of former service men of the state who either died in the war or who, through war injuries, are unable to provide for the youngsters.

When the Michigan department was organized about three years ago the leaders resolved that each year the organization in this state should do something that would set it apart from similar Legion groups in other parts of the country.

The first year saw creation of a welfare department that is regarded by National Legion chiefs as unique. The second year saw establishment at Camp Custer, near Battle Creek, of the Roosevelt Memorial Hospital, where tubercular former service men receive care. The institution is operated entirely by the Legion for former service men.

Veterans at Banquet With Their Brides.

Wilmington, Jan. 19.—Two brides of 16 and 65, respectively, at beside their husbands at the annual Confederate veterans' banquet held here today as a memorial to General Robert E. Lee.

Maniac With Gun Attacks 8 Women.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 19.—The search for a run-crazed gunman, who for three days has caused a reign of terror in the vicinity of Woodland avenue and East 55th street, ended tonight with the arrest of the maniac after he had shot and probably fatally wounded Mrs. Carmela Coco.

ELEVEN PERSONS DIE IN IRELAND

The Eleven Executions Bring Total Since Last November to 45.

Dublin, Jan. 20.—Eleven executions were carried out in Ireland today. Four persons were put to death at Tralee, five at Athlone, and two at Limerick.

MRS. COLLINS SATISFIED MARY KILLED TRAY SMITH

Daughter in One End of Burke Jail and Mother in Other Accused of the Crime.

Morgan, Jan. 19.—On the eve of the hearing in the Uray Smith murder case there is still a conflict of stories. In a cell on the first floor of the Burke county jail Mary Collins sticks to her story she told yesterday that her mother came back after she started to Glen Alpine on the afternoon of the tragedy and fired the shot which caused young Smith's death.

It appears now that the mother will continue to hold her position of absolute innocence and to break this down will be the daughter's testimony that as she was struggling with her cousin to keep clean her honor Mrs. Collins returned, they heard her kicking and calling at the door and that she ran away as Uray opened to admit her. She did not see the shooting but heard the shot, she still contends, and saw her mother running toward the barn.

In letters which she wrote today to relatives with whom she expects to find a home after her release for which she confidently hopes, she says that she would never have told the first story but for her mother. To them she told that when Mrs. Collins visited her on Wednesday she was almost forced to make the confession that "they" wanted me to do so, then to withdraw from the ministry of this church."

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION WRECKS TWO BUILDINGS

Fifteen Men Buried by Explosion, Two Being Seriously Injured.

Corbin, Ky., Jan. 20.—An explosion apparently due to dynamite wrecked a two-story boarding house here today and buried 15 men in the debris. M. M. Ellis, of Paducah, Tenn., and V. B. Keltner, of Louisville, were seriously hurt. The others escaped with scratches and bruises.

TWO NEW HOODED MEN HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED

H. E. Blankenship Says He Recognized Oliver Shipwath and Smith Stevenson.

Bastrop, La., Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press).—H. E. Blankenship testified today he had identified a Ford truck bearing Louisiana license tag No. 74 657 as the truck he saw on August 24 in which Watt Daniel was a prisoner of hooded men.

PRESIDENT EXPECTS TO BE OUT ON MONDAY

He Continues to Show Improvement Following Severe Attack of Grippe.

Washington, Jan. 20.—President Harding had so far recovered today from an attack of grippe that he hoped to be at his desk Monday. No engagements will be made for that day, however, as he has an accumulation of official papers awaiting his return to the executive office.

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.

REID'S BODY READY FOR FINAL LOCATION

Body Lay in State Until Funeral Hour—Entire Colony Mourns Death of Noted Mourn Star.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 20.—The body of Wallace Reid, motion picture star, was ready to go on its final "location" today.

That was the word used to explain his absence by his small son, Billy, and that was the word used generally throughout Hollywood, but it has a different meaning in each case.

The body was to lie in state today until the funeral at the First Congregational Church where joint services were to be held by the Episcopal clergy, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which Reid was a member.

NORTHERN MILL INTERESTS SEEK SOUTHERN LOCATIONS

Ready to Invest Hundred Million Dollars if Southern Mill Owners Will Co-operate.

Marion, Jan. 19.—Northern cotton mill interests are ready to place in the south from 500,000 to 1,000,000 spindles, which at a conservative estimate would represent investments of at least \$100,000,000, if southern mill owners will agree to take over and operate the plants, according to Hugh Little, of the Marion Manufacturing company and "Chinfield" mills, who has recently returned from New York, where southern mill owners were in touch with the northern interests.

The liberal laws of North Carolina, which have a tendency to eliminate the radical labor element, is a decided boost for this state, he asserted, but continued by saying that the mills interested in coming south are considering locations in all sections.

When asked as to the Appleton mills, Mr. Little said that it has been definitely decided to duplicate the Massachusetts plant in the south, and while Marion business men are making a strong bid for the \$8,000,000 plant, sites have been considered in numerous sections, and engineers are at present engaged in making surveys of the sites under consideration.

Employing from 5,000 to 10,000 employees, the Appleton mills, should Marion be chosen as the southern location, would triple the population of the city.

Stem will be used by the Appleton mills, Mr. Little continued, on account of the type plant and bleachery, as steam is required to operate these plants.

Marion business men are confident that on account of the nearby Virginia and West Virginia coal mines, with the railroad facilities running straight into the coal field from this territory, the vast industry will naturally consider this section as a logical site.

THE COTTON MARKET

After Opening Steady Market Sold Some 10 to 15 Points Net Lower.

New York, Jan. 20.—The cotton market showed a reactionary tendency at the opening today. After opening steady at an advance of two points to decline 10 to 15 points, the market sold some 10 to 15 points net lower.

Cotton futures opened steady: Jan. 28-95; March 28-20; July 28-15; Oct. 28-63.

Closed Steady. New York, Jan. 20.—Cotton futures closed steady. Jan. 28-15; March 28-20; May 28-24; July 28-25; Oct. 28-50.

Big Meetings of Wool Growers.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 20.—The attitude of American wool growers in regard to various public problems in which they are especially interested is expected to be made clear at meetings of their associations to be held in the Northwest during the coming week.

PEACOCK PAPERS NOW IN FLORIDA

Requisition Papers Carried to Florida by D. O. France for Governor.

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 20.—D. O. France, a representative of the Governor of North Carolina, arrived here today with requisition papers for Dr. J. W. Peacock, who recently escaped from a sanitarium in that state and fled to Florida.

DECEMBER FIRE RECORD HIGHEST IN HISTORY

Loss From Fire in State During Last Month Was \$3,116,703.

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press).—North Carolina in December suffered a fire loss of \$3,116,703, breaking all records of the state, according to the monthly report of the insurance department made public tonight.

The New Bern conflagration caused a loss of \$2,000,000, it was stated. Of this amount, \$750,000 was covered by insurance. One thousand and fifty dwellings, 105 stores, 10 warehouses, 7 factories, 4 churches and 2 motion picture theaters were destroyed in the city.

The summary of official reports of fires in the state for December, it was said, "shows that aside from the abnormal loss of \$2,000,000 by the New Bern conflagration of December 1, there was a further loss at other points of \$1,116,703, from a total of 173 fires, with property at risk of \$5,492,233, on which insurance was carried to the extent of \$2,836,271.

The main loss came from fifteen fires, since the entire loss from the other 158 fires amounted to but little over \$400,000.

Aside from New Bern, Charlotte heads the list with two fires, totalling \$300,000; the next largest being Gatesville and Spray with another \$100,000.

"Dwellings, as usual, headed the list of property destroyed or damaged, the total outside the New Bern fire being 109, of which 97 were in towns and 12 in the country. The combined damage, however, was but \$54,000, while the value of the same was \$473,000 and the insurance \$225,000.

"Sixty-four of the fires were caused by sparks on shingle roofs and defective flues; forty were of unknown origin and fifteen were caused by exploding oil stoves, the largest number for any month.

"The figures given out as the December fire loss for the United States and Canada also are unprecedented, aggregating \$47,420,000 as compared with \$28,907,550 in December, 1921.

"The North Carolina December fire loss, excluding the New Bern conflagration, of \$1,116,703 exceeds but little that of December, 1921, which was \$1,025,000, but its full loss of \$3,116,703, of course, breaks all records in the state and helps to swell the enormous total of the United States and Canada's great increase."

Winterville, according to the report, has its credit a "No. 1 Fire Record" for the entire year 1922.

FREED OF ONE CHARGE, FIVE MEN FACE ANOTHER

Second Case Growing Out of Herrin Riot Will Start Withing Several Weeks.

Marion, Ill., Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press).—Freed of one charge of murder in connection with the Herrin coal mine riots, the five men who underwent six weeks trial for the alleged slaying of Howard Hoffman, one of twenty-one "massacre" victims, today faced a new trial within a few weeks on a charge of murder growing out of the killing of Antonia Mukovick. Prosecutors announced they would oppose release of the five on bond, and they were returned to jail after yesterday's acquittal.

WORK OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TODAY

Bill to Increase the Judicial Districts in the State to 27 Presented by a Number of Senators Today.

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press).—Increase of the judicial districts of North Carolina to 27, in the purpose of a bill introduced today in the Senate by Senators Delaney, Stokes, Grady, Squires, Varner and Sams. Favorable committee report on the bill which would establish a pardons board and take the pardoning power out of the hands of the Governor was made at today's session.

THREE CIRCUITS TO BE REQUESTED ALSO

Joint Meeting to Consider Investigation of Labor and Printing to Be Held Tuesday.

The judicial redistricting bill provides for 27 districts instead of the 20 of the present, and the preparation of two supplementary measures waits upon the passage of this bill, according to the sponsors of it. Proposed redistricting is in the interest of speeding up court trials and clearing up congested dockets and calendars of the state.

If the General Assembly enacts the bill introduced today, Senators stated that the body then would be asked to divide the state into three circuits—western, central and eastern—instead of two circuits as now constituted. Nine districts would be allotted to each circuit. No bondsmen are sought to be established in the bill now before the Senate. This part of the plan to redistrict also will be incorporated in the supplementary measures.

The session of the Senate today was short and with little accomplishment. Announcement was made today that the joint committee on investigation of the department of labor and printing and its handling of contracts for state printing will have its first meeting Tuesday night of next week at 8 o'clock.

Public examination of witnesses on proposed legislation to be conducted next week includes the hearing before the Senate railroad committee next Wednesday afternoon on the Mendenhall bill to expedite the movement of intra-state freight, and that of next Thursday afternoon on the bill which would revoke the franchise of the Carolina-Tennessee water company.

Representative Doughton of Alleghany County introduced the budget report in the House. It went to the appropriations committee. Three bills came before the House. One by Everett, of Durham, would extend the present law regarding secret political organizations to organizations which tried to control persons not members.

Representative Turlington, of Iredell, in a statement to the House concerning his constitutional amendment bill yesterday, said he wanted to put the matter of garnishment of wages before the people. He was opposed to such practices, he said, but he intimated the constant pressure of the Merchants Association and other bodies kept the matter an open question and he wanted the people of the state to show the proponents of such legislation what they thought of it, and he ventured it would be overwhelmingly defeated. He himself, he said, would vote against it.

HUNDREDS DIE DAILY

Epidemics Among Near East Refugees Collecting Heavy Death Penalties.

Athens, Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press).—The death list, as a result of the epidemics among the Near East refugees in Greece now approaches 1,000 a day, according to Dr. Mabel Elliott, head of the American Women's Hospitals, and medical director of relief work.

"There are now refugees in 800 different localities, and their number exceeds one-fifth of the total population," she said.

"Messages show that there is typhus in 36 places, while smallpox has broken out in 64."

Fifty per cent. of all the refugees are suffering severely from malnutrition, exposure and inadequate food, she said, and added that 1,000,000 refugees must be provided with shelter, clothing and food.

Bishop Kileo's Chapel Talks Come From the Publishers.

Durham, Jan. 19.—Those who loved and those who hated the late Bishop Kileo will recognize anew his personality in the book of chapel talks which have been issued by D. W. Newsom, treasurer of Trinity college, and received from the publishers today. The book contains 60 of the most famous of the talks delivered by the late bishop while he was president of Trinity college.