

Blockade in Ruhr is Completed
By the Occupational Troops;
No Coal is Shipped to Germans

FRENCH CARRY OUT
DRASTIC MEASURES

French Claim That Not a Single Ton of Coal Has Gone Into Germany During Past 36 Hours.

FRENCH GUNS
GUARD RAILS

Tobacco Dealers Told to Pay Tax Direct to French Unless They Want to Pay the Tax Twice.

Duesseldorf, Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press).—The blockade of the Ruhr Valley from within was absolutely complete today.

The Germans show no disposition to contradict the French as to the general effectiveness of the blockade.

The French had 75 commanding every line into Germany, and the directors of the railroad have been informed that any locomotive attempting to escape will be fired upon.

As a matter of fact, the striking railway workers were showing an inclination today to resume their duties on many of the interior lines in the occupied area of the Ruhr.

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The strike at Cologne also seems to be petering out.

The Duesseldorf station was open today for the first time since January 25, but only a small percentage of scheduled trains were running.

Tobacco manufacturers in the valley have been instructed by the French that they must pay the tax on tobacco at Essen or Duesseldorf.

Cologne, Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press).—Major General Henry T. Allen, who commanded the American forces in occupied Germany recently withdrawn, has been directed by the State department to discontinue immediately his unofficial connection with the Rhineland high commission.

This Is Mr. Ground Hog's Day. New York, Feb. 2.—A great responsibility rests upon the shoulders of the weather man today, and he doubtless got up early this morning with fear and trembling.

For, to these many days, and then some—he has been dealing out a succession of straight flushes of snowy, stormy days, while the public has been begging him for some real nice, honest-to-goodness sunny weather.

But today Father Knickerbocker would not have a sunny day under any consideration.

It is known that each individual craves change in sex at different periods, but the authorities do not yet agree as to the sex with which the year starts its life.

ADMIRAL SIMS
SPEAKING AGAIN

Denounces Both the Ku Klux and Sinn Fein in Speech in Boston.

Boston, Feb. 2.—The Ku Klux Klan and Sinn Fein sympathizers were quickly condemned by Rear Admiral W. S. Sims, retired, in an address to the Loyal Coalition last night.

He advocated that the wearing of masks should be a criminal offense, suggesting an open season against masked men and urging that a bounty be paid for their ears, as was paid for the ears of wolves.

WALTER KLUTZ WOUNDED
ON NECK BY STRAY BULLET

Was Accidentally Struck While Walking in Front of the Office of Dr. J. F. Keld.

Walter Klutz, employe of the South-eastern Express Company, was accidentally wounded Thursday afternoon when a stray bullet fired in the laundry of Henry Der Yen struck him in the neck, as he was walking in front of the office of Dr. J. F. Keld.

FARM RELIEF PROGRAM
IS ABOUT COMPLETE

Passage of the Leuroot-Anderson Farm Bill Will Complete Senate Farm Program.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Passage by the Senate today of the Leuroot-Anderson farm bill, regarded as certain when it is taken under an agreement on Wednesday, will complete action by that body on its farm relief program.

ELK RESOLUTION IS
GIVEN TO PRESIDENT

President Asked to Call Meet to Limit Production of Habit Forming Drugs.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Resolutions passed by several hundred Elk lodges asking President Harding to call a conference of nations to limit the production of habit forming drugs were presented to the President today by a delegation of Chicago Elks.

BELGIAN DEPUTY PREDICTS
WAR IN NEXT TEN YEARS

Urges Six Months Military Service in Army Reorganization.

Brussels, Feb. 1.—"I am convinced, if things go on as they are going, that within five years, or at the latest 10 years, we shall have war," said Emile Vandervelde, Socialist leader in the Chamber of Deputies, in the course of a debate today on plans to reorganize the Belgian army.

Six thousand letters were recently written by prominent Japanese women, and sent out to 400 women's organizations, these being asked to interview their special member of parliament on the subject of legislation for the protection of Japanese girls.

WANT AMERICAN AID
TO SETTLE TROUBLE

Many Trades Unions in Germany Send Appeal to the Senate and House of the United States.

THINK AMERICA
CAN BE OF AID

The Message Says American Honor Asserted Now Can Save World From "Inevitable Disaster."

Berlin, Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press).—The "traditional American honor and appreciation of fair play" are appealed to in a message forwarded by leading trades unions executives to the Senate and House of Representatives in Washington.

The appeal which gives expression to the "feeling of alarm" with which 12,000,000 German workers view the Ruhr voices the confidence that the United States did not enter the war for "the purpose of annihilating the German people" and declares that "American honor asserted at this time can save Europe and the world from inevitable disaster."

The chairman of the executive boards of the unions who signed the message, say the step has been taken without the knowledge of official circles.

Demonstration Takes Place. Berlin, Feb. 2.—A demonstration in front of the hotel at Frankfurt on Main, in which inter-alleied commissioners are living occurred yesterday. The crowd attempted to enter the hotel, but the police intervened.

FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE
ALDERMANIC BOARD HELD

Most Important Matters Continued Until March—Several Matters Acted Upon.

The board of aldermen held its regular February meeting at the city hall Thursday night. Quite a large number of matters were presented to the board, but the majority of them were continued until the March meeting, or until the meeting to be held next Thursday night.

Widening of West Depot Street was one subject that brought out much talk at the meeting. This subject was discussed at length, and finally the board decided to continue the discussion at the meeting next week.

Joe Robertson, representing the North Carolina Public Service Company, appeared before the board, and asked for more time in making some payments due the city. His company had been asked to be ready to make a report at the meeting. Illness in the families of several officials made it impossible to get the reports ready Thursday, the board was told.

The city engineer was asked to confer with proper officials relative to making the State and Federal highways which run through Concord, one highway.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay \$300 to the local military company for 1923.

The matter of placing insurance on the city firemen was continued until the March meeting.

The board endorsed the petition of the police department asking the water and light board to place more electric lights in the back lots of the city.

Sixty-Eight Alumni Meetings to Be Held. Durham, Feb. 2.—At Troy in Montgomery tonight R. E. Thigpen, assistant secretary of Trinity College, will launch the most intensive campaign among alumni ever mapped out by an educational institution in North Carolina.

Senate Votes Against Senator Hedlin. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 2.—Dividing on party lines the Senate today sustained 40 to 28, Vice President Coolidge's ruling that Senator Hedlin, democrat of Alabama, in yesterday's discussion of the British debt funding had reflected improperly upon Senator Wadsworth, republican, New York, by declaring that he (Mr. Hedlin) did not "represent the bond sharks and big financiers of Wall Street."

CANCER AND ITS CURE
DISCUSSED BY SURGEON

Dr. J. W. Long Says Operation is the Most Successful Method by Which Cancer is Fought.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press).—Describing cancer as the "most fatal disease" in the knowledge of the medical profession, Dr. J. W. Long, of Greenville, N. C., in addressing the North and South Carolina Division of the American College of Surgeons, tonight declared that "if we could educate the public, and some doctors as well, to the full significance of operating before the cancer actually begins we might cut our cancer statistics half in two."

The surgeon stated "we may go further and state with all confidence that even after the cancer has developed, but is yet local, operation will cure 25 per cent. of the cases, and I firmly believe more than that." Thermocautery, X-rays and radium were named by him as chief remedies in addition to the knife.

"In the list of remedies," he continued, "the thermocautery runs the knife a close second. We should tell the people that the thermocautery simply means a hot iron. The probe heated in the fire and applied to a local lesion will cure many a case of potential cancer and some actual cancers as well. And how simple it is, but to be effective it must be used before the lymphatics have carried the cancer cells into the blood stream."

"X-rays and radium are double first cousins. They have much in common. Neither one is a 'cure-all,' though either will destroy the majority of the cancer cells. Thermocautery is usually those that are deeply seated. They nearly always effect them favorably. In radium, I feel that we have the most powerful remedy ever discovered, and I apply it with considerable confidence, but we must temper our enthusiasm with common sense and results."

"There are certain facts regarding cancer which stand out with such startling clearness that he who reads may run: '1. Cancer is strictly an individual disease being neither contagious nor hereditary.' '2. Cancer is the most fatal disease we know, 99 per cent. of the cases proving fatal if allowed to run its course.' '3. Cancer is a disease of adult life. 85 per cent. of those who die from it being 45 years old or more. Of those reaching 40 years, one man in every 12 and one woman in every 8 die of cancer.' '4. While the death rate from typhoid fever, tuberculosis, malaria, pneumonia and even old-age is constantly on the decline, that from cancer is increasing at the rate of about 2.5 per cent. annually. For instance, in five of the larger European countries, the death rate in 1881 was 44.8 to the 100,000 population, and in 1911 it was 60.4. To come nearer home the death rate in Massachusetts in 1871 was 39.9 and in 1911 it was 62.9 in the United States as a whole the death rate from cancer is 78.9, which means that 90,000 people die of cancer in the United States every year, or one for every six minutes. Cancer claims as many people each year as died from wounds and disease during two years of the World War.' '5. Fifty thousand lives might be saved every year by an intelligent cooperation between the profession and the laity.' 'I submit that while it is efficient for physicians to read scientific papers before learned medical bodies, yet it is not sufficient to have them reach those who suffer. We must get down upon the level of the average man and speak to him in his own language.' 'The responsibility for the health of the community naturally falls upon the physician and the educated classes. Now in order to do the greatest good to the greatest number we must teach the people the truth about diseases and their cure.' 'The primary cause of cancer is as yet one of the unsolved problems. Of course the followers of Mary Todd and the chiropractors know, but nobody else. The cause of many of the most common diseases has not yet been discovered. Measles is a good illustration, yet any housewife can take her hot herb teas and cure the measles. Fortunately there are large endowed research laboratories, both in this country and abroad, devoting their whole energies to the study of cancer. Some day they will discover its cause and its cure as well.' 'The most important thing for us to remember about cancer is that it is always a local disease in the beginning. Upon this one fact hinges the cure. I might say it is the 'law and gospel' of the treatment of cancer. I cannot stress this truth too much. No matter in what part of the body cancer starts, it is there and nowhere else. The idea that cancer is in the blood from the very first is erroneous. Let us tell the people that it is as false as the righteousness of burning witches. Let us get this fact firmly fixed in our minds. Regardless of what we have heard people say, cancer is always a local disease when it first develops.' 'The second fact of supreme importance is that later cancer does get into the blood, and becomes disseminated throughout the whole body. Cancer gets into the blood through the lymphatics. The lymphatics are tiny vessels, smaller than the finest sewing thread, which ramify throughout every portion of the body. Their function is to absorb or suck up like a vacuum cleaner any material deposited wherever found. In like manner, they pick up cancer cells and pour them into the large veins at the root of the neck. Once these cancer cells get into the blood stream, they are carried wherever a blood vessel goes. As the cells float along in the blood, they are able to lodge at any point, and like the tares in the parable, they spring up, and develop secondary cancers. These are the cases that

FOUR MURDERERS PAY
FOR ACTS WITH LIVES

Duncan Richardson, Ben Richardson, E. G. Bullen and Will Debord Electrocutted in Arkansas.

ALL WENT TO
DEATH CALMLY

Men Were Convicted of the Murders of Ira Culp, Farmer, and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Silsby, of Arkansas.

(By the Associated Press.) Little Rock, Feb. 2.—Four men convicted of murder died by electrocution at the Arkansas penitentiary early today. All faced death calmly.

The men went to the electric chair in the following order: Duncan Richardson, Ben Richardson, E. G. Bullen, all convicted of the murder of Ira Culp, farmer, near Wilmot, Ark., and Will Debord convicted of the murder of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Silsby in Stone county Arkansas.

Duncan Richardson, aged 29, was brought into the death chamber several minutes before the apparatus was ready.

"Good morning, gentlemen," he smiled to the witnesses and attendants. He displayed no nervousness, but walked to the chair looking at it, and started toward the switchboard where the executioner was at work.

"Don't be afraid of me," Richardson, who was not handcuffed, said, "I would as soon have you do it as anyone."

When the apparatus was ready he entered the chair voluntarily. He was pronounced dead in three minutes. Ben Richardson, aged 19, was pale, but calm. He said nothing.

Bullen, after being in the chair five minutes, was removed and placed in a casket. The undertaker noticed he appeared to be breathing slightly and refused to take the body. The body was removed, replaced in the chair, and the current re-applied. Ben Debord was being strapped into the chair he shouted angrily to an attendant: "Look out there, fellow, you're mashing my hand."

THE COTTON MARKET

There Were Rallies in the Market Today During Early Trading. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 2.—There were rallies in the cotton market during today's early trading. The Liverpool was relatively easy but the opening here was steady at a decline of 1 to 13 points and further scattered liquidation appeared to be absorbed by covering. Some trade buying was also reported and after selling at 27.47 for May the market advanced to 27.74 for that position. October sold up to 25.00 with the more active position showing net advances of about 10 to 22 points shortly after the call.

Cotton futures opened steady. March 27.15; May 27.47; July 27.07; Oct. 24.88; Dec. 24.57.

FIRST CONVICTION
UNDER NETTLE'S BILL

Speeder in Buncombe County Is Fined \$50 Under New Law. (By the Associated Press.) Asheville, Feb. 2.—The first conviction under the Nettles bill enacted at the present General Assembly for Buncombe County, following a bitter fight as to the right of a county to be governed by laws other than those applying to the state as a whole, resulted in the imposition of a fine of \$50 and the costs on Jack Glass, motorcyclist, by Judge Willis in police court this morning. The charge was speeding.

Rev. Mr. Grant to Remain as Rector. New York, Feb. 1.—Rev. Dr. Percy Stieckney Grant will not be tried for heresy because of recent sermons before his pastorate in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension, he was informed tonight in a letter from Bishop Wm. T. Manning.

The Bishop, who had requested Rev. Dr. Grant to "resign or resign" because of his professed doubt of the deity of Christ, said he would let the matter rest for the present, because the pastor, replying to the request, had not made clear whether he really doubted Christ's deity or not.

are absolutely incurable. "This brings us to the third item we would have the people know about cancer; namely that cancer almost always has a pre-cancerous stage. In other words, it is something else before it is a cancer. In the Mayo clinic, a large percentage of the cancers of the stomach operated upon are found to be growing upon the site of an old ulcer. Before the cancer started, there had been a chronic ulcer which has existed for months, perhaps years. These things being true, you can readily understand why physicians regard every abnormal growth as being a potential cancer, which means that it is something that is liable to turn into a cancer."

"Another observation worthy of our consideration is that cancer is closely associated with chronic irritation. The irritation may be produced mechanically as by means of friction; or chemically, as from the acids of the stomach, or from thermal influences, which may be either heat or cold," he said.

MANY LIVES LOST IN
OIL SHIP DISASTER

Tale of Horror Telling How Sailors on San Leonardo Were Burned on Ship or in Water Told in Report.

RIVER COVERED
WITH THE FIRE

Thirty Thousand Barrels of Oil Were Burned and Only the Steel Frame of the Vessel Was Left.

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, Feb. 2.—A tale of horror recounting how ten sailors of the Algula Petroleum Company's tanker San Leonardo, plying between Gulf ports, were cremated on the deck of the vessel in view of thousands of persons on the shore, or tossed to their death in a river of flames is contained in a detailed report received by Arturo M. Elias, consul general for Mexico of the million dollar oil fire in Tampoco Harbor on the night of January 25th.

Thirty-five of the crew escaped by diving into the Tamayo River, which forms the harbor, and swimming beneath the blazing surface of oil to the shore, but all were severely burned.

The San Leonardo, carrying 30,000 barrels of mineral oil, had just arrived at a reeving station at a free port section of the harbor and was at the discharging harbor when the fire broke out amidships.

Within a few minutes the vessel was an immense column with all flames mounting 400 feet in the air. Sweeping over the wharf the fire attacked the walls of the Freeport zone, and destroyed a large section.

The San Leonardo is a total loss, only the steel hull remaining, and it is not worth salvaging, say the dispatches.

HARDING AND COOLIDGE
URGE BETTER POLITICS

Council of Citizenship Created by President—Vice President Urges Voting.

Washington, Feb. 2.—(Capital News Service).—By executive order a new body has come into being, the Federal Council of Citizenship Training.

All government departments as well as the Board of Vocational Training and the Veterans Bureau are represented in the new body. "The duties of the council," the order sets forth, "are to make constructive suggestions as to how the Federal offices may operate to secure more effective citizenship training, both in their own work and in cooperation with all other public and private agencies throughout the country. The facilities of all Federal offices shall be available so far as is practicable to further the work of the council."

Vice President Coolidge, in a public speech, urges a greater attention to the duties of citizenship, and especially more attention to the importance of voting. He said in part: "The government needs the active, energetic, and concerted action of an aroused and earnest citizenship. They can not leave their elections to the dictation of the few. They can not leave the holding of office merely to self-seekers. They must be prepared to make the sacrifices, to endure the discomforts and the misrepresentation, the loss of business opportunity required by being a candidate for and holding public office."

With statistics at hand showing that more than half of the electorate (almost twenty-eight million) did not vote in the last election, the highest officers in the government are urging a better and more conscientious effort to discharge the first duty of citizenship. It is well realized that a people deserve the kind of government they get, and that only through a program of education as to the patriotic duty of voting intelligently can the government adequately reflect the popular will. It is emphasized that while this government is one erected by the consent of the governed, it was never intended that such consent should be passive only, but that the government should be literally not only of the people and for the people, but by all the people entitled to a vote.

REPEAL OF INTERSTATE
COMMERCE ACT ASKED

Representative Would Also Wipe Out 1920 Transportation Act. Washington, Feb. 1.—Repeal of the interstate commerce act with all its amendments and the wiping out of the statute books of the Transportation act of 1920 were proposed in bills introduced today by Representative McLaughlin, republican, of Nebraska.

Will Make Investigation. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press).—The North Carolina General Assembly today passed and ratified a resolution introduced in the Senate by Senator Harris, of Wake County, which calls for investigation of the state's finances by a joint committee of House and Senate on finance and appropriation. The resolution empowers the committee to call witnesses, examine books, administer oaths and report back to the General Assembly.

The 60-year custom of the Japanese of sitting down on their folded legs on a cushion or mat is going out of fashion. All the schools and public gathering places now have chairs and benches of the western style.

FINANCIAL CHECK IS
BY GOVERNOR

In Address Before Joint Session of General Assembly Governor Morrison Asks for Investigation.

MAXWELL ARTICLE
WAS DENOUNCED

Characterized as "Untrue" by Governor, Who Says He Wants "Slander" Exposed to the State.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 2.—Vigorously denouncing Corporation Commissioner A. J. Maxwell for publication of a treatise on the financial condition of the state, which he characterized as "untrue," and asserting that its publication was motivated by a vindictive attitude toward the administration and its "constructive program," Governor Morrison in a half hour address to the joint session of the General Assembly called to hear him at noon today, demanded a complete investigation of the actual condition of the state's finances.

"A situation has arisen concerning the fiscal affairs of the state, which in my opinion, makes it my duty to come to you and submit the remarks and information I am about to address to you," the Governor began, and after discussing the figures that were incorporated in the Maxwell article to which he referred, and dealing with the source of his authority for the statement he made in his biennial address in regard to the condition of the state's finances, he closed by declaring that the Maxwell allegations are "not the truth."

"It isn't true. It isn't the truth," the Governor declared in his impassioned conclusion, "and I demand of this General Assembly that this matter be investigated and this man exposed in that slander of the state whose bread he eats."

Opening his remarks upon Mr. Maxwell's treatise Governor Morrison said "an officer of the state of North Carolina holding a very high and honorable position which he has held for a long time, has made an assault on the fiscal financial condition of the state and the financial condition of the Treasury which must be given attention." He continued saying that "that part of the press so hostile to the present administration that fairness could not be expected of it," had sought to have the general Assembly believe that "I have given false and misleading information about the state's financial affairs, and this he had ignored, he stated adding that "the statements coming from Mr. Maxwell, an officer of the state, must receive from those in authority prompt and fearless consideration."

"If Mr. Maxwell's statements are true," the Governor said, "the Treasury of the state has made an untrue report. If the report of the Treasury is the truth this officer eating the bread of the state has made an untrue statement affecting importantly, if not vitally, the credit of the state at a critical point in a great construction program."

"Make a prompt and fearless investigation, and wherever the wrong lies place it," Governor Morrison urged, and "recede to discuss the figures involved, telling the General Assembly that Treasurer Lacy had reported a deficit in the state's operating fund of \$1,953,856.41 and stating that the report was made as of June 30, 1922, the closing date of the state's fiscal year."

That is the only deficit the Treasury reported, the Governor stated, and he added that Mr. Moody, of the Treasurer's office had resserted the accuracy of the figures today. "Mr. Maxwell said there are other deficits," Governor continued, "stating there is one lack of that deficit. Of what character would be the Treasurer's report which gives the actual condition at the end of the fiscal year, if lack of that period was a deficit not brought forward? It would be a false report."

"We deal with the fiscal year," the Governor asserted, "this is a serious matter because every recommendation I have made to you, all of the recommendations made by the budget commission, were founded on faith in the absolute verity of that report." He added that there are those "inspired by malice and venom, seeking to injure the Governor of this State, who have undertaken to show I have made statements that are untrue, and in an effort to substantiate them they omit to mention facts" in the treasurer's statement.

"Maxwell alone I dignify with complaint," he continued, and he called attention to the fact that the budget commission was a legislative committee and not an administrative one, composed of men whom he characterized highly in some detail to repeated applause, and asserted that this body had found the figures as to the state's financial condition upon which the statement of an ultimate fiscal surplus was based sufficiently satisfactory for the commission to make them the basis of its recommendations.

Paris feminine hairdressers announce that the fashionable color for women's hair in the coming year will be white.

A bill to make women eligible to jury service has been introduced in the Connecticut legislature.