

Situation in Occupied Territory More Critical

Bomb Throwing and Serious Cases of Sabotage in Ruhr Valley Claiming Attention of the French.

Another Strike in Krupp Pits

And Transportation Difficulty Appears More Acute.—Bomb Thrown at Hotel Housing French Officers.

HOME BUILDING INCREASED IN 1922

Chicago Building Permits Were Issued to Value of \$225,742,000.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS SHORT SESSION

Passage of Local Bills Featured in Session of Senate—House Passes State-Wide Bills.

Raleigh, Feb. 17 (By the Associated Press).—Passage of local bills constituted the principal business of the short session of the Senate today, and adjournment was taken until Monday night.

House Business.

Raleigh, Feb. 17 (By the Associated Press).—Passage of several public measures with little debate, the holding over of others, and the introduction of a bill which would provide for printing of the records of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and another public bill to provide for a board of trustees for cemeteries, featured the long and listless session of the House here today.

Field Day for Near East.

Sunday, February 25th, has been designated as Field Day for the Near East Relief in Cabarrus County.

Highway Construction in Sixth District.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 16.—More than \$5,500,000 has been expended or authorized for highway construction in the thirteen counties of the sixth district in North Carolina, according to J. B. Priddy, district engineer.

Nebraska Favors Ford Proposal.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 17.—The lower house of the Nebraska legislature adopted a resolution yesterday endorsing Henry Ford's proposal to take over the Muscle Shoals project.

Another Liquor Drive in National Capital is Made

Washington, Feb. 17.—Police and prohibition enforcement officers today launched their second city-wide liquor cleanup since the beginning of February.

Issues Warning Against Fakirs Promoting Stock

Stacy W. Wade, State Insurance Commissioner, Says We Complain of Taxes and the Light and Yet Invest Millions With Strangers Representing Strange Company.

DR. LEWIS JACOBS IS BEING HELD

By California Officers on a Charge of Having Murdered Fritzie Mann.

THE COTTON MARKET

Shown Renewed Firmness During Early Today's Opening Advance.

Albert Bailin Charged With Criminal Libel

As Result of His Sworn Testimony Given in Deposition in Chicago.

Gen. Cronkhite Promises Sensational Evidence.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Revelations which "will shock the conscience of the country" were promised tonight by Major General Adelbert Cronkhite, commander of the Eightieth division, in his first public statement regarding the circumstances surrounding the recent enforced retirement from the active service of a lieutenant.

Plays Will Be Given.

The Fine Arts Department of the Woman's Club is arranging to give two of the Carolina Folk plays, "Nag's Head" and "The Last of the Lowries."

Anti-Freeze Boozes.

Cincinnati, Feb. 16.—Cincinnati city officials, hard pressed in financial matters, are utilizing the moonshine whisky seized by police in raids as an anti-freeze aid for radiators of city automobiles.

Search for Nunn's Kidnappers by Officers Ends in Failure.

Frederick, Md., Feb. 16.—State's Attorney Anders and Sheriff Jones, who are investigating the alleged kidnaping of Slater Cecilia from the Notre Dame convent here last Monday, returned to this city tonight from Baltimore.

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HEAVY DEATH TOLL TAKEN IN MIDDLE WEST BY BLIZZARD.

It is Known Definitely That at Least Seventeen Persons Lost Lives in Various Points in Minnesota.

COLD WAVE WILL COVER THE SOUTH

Washington Report Says Cold Snap Will Take With in Its Grasp Southernmost Tip of This Country.

BLIZZARD CAUSED SEVENTEEN DEATHS

St. Paul, Feb. 17.—At least seventeen persons lost their lives in the Northwest as a result of Tuesday's blizzard and the resulting cold spell, according to figures compiled here today.

Letters Signed "Leah C" and Sent From Fichmond, Va., Introduced During the Day by the State.

Salisbury, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Robert Lowe, of Nashville, Tenn., testifying today in the trial of O. G. Thomas, of Charlotte, charged with the murder of Arthur J. Allen, of Concord, gave practically the same version of the shooting as that told the jury yesterday by the defendant.

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MRS. ROBERT LOWE TAKES STAND FOR DEFENSE OF THOMAS

Says Allen Approached Car in Which She Was Riding With Thomas and Gave Command "Hands Up."

STORY FOLLOWED THAT OF THOMAS

Various other witnesses who described the shooting and the introduction by the State of letters from Richmond, Virginia, written on print paper, and signed "Leah C" marked the trial. Although the state claimed the missives were addressed to Thomas, he denied knowing about them.

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