

POISONED CAKE KILL COUNTY HOME INMATES

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 18.—After examination of William Baker, head cook at the Kalamazoo county infirmary, coroner R. G. Cook, today decided an inquest into the death of four inmates was unnecessary.

HERD HUNTER FATALLY SHOT BY A COMPANION

Asheville, Dec. 18.—In what is believed by the officers to be an accident, Eugene Gregg this afternoon shot and killed Fred Cordell, his hunting companion, about two miles north of Swannanoa.

FIFTY BELOW ZERO IN BLIZZARD IN MONTANA

Butte, Mont., Dec. 12.—The past 24 hours have been the coldest and brought more suffering in Butte than any similar period since 1880, when official records of weather were first tabulated in the community.

DEATH SENTENCES FOR MILITARY OFFENSES

Washington, D. C.—In no case was a sentence of death imposed on a soldier in the American Army during the war for a purely military offense, according to the annual report of the Judge Advocate General of the army.

DETZER'S SERGEANT SPEAKS AGAINST HIM

New York, Dec. 12.—The court martial which is trying Captain Karl W. Detzer on charges of cruelty to prisoners while commanding the 308th Military Police company in France adjourned after today's session until Monday.

Samuel G. Roth, a Chicago salesman, who once served as Detzer's desk sergeant, when recalled today testified that he had frequently seen Detzer come into the room where men who had been "beat up" were seated and ask "what brick wall fell against you?"

He said that Detzer often would beckon prisoners to come with him and that when they returned they showed signs of abuse. He added that sometimes it was four days before medical attention was furnishing men.

Asked by the court if he had not had trouble with Sgt. Hoyt Roth said he had been cussed out by the sergeant who "abused men in the company with words as he did prisoners with his fists" and that although he had complained to Detzer no action had been taken.

"Indirectly, yes." He denied that he was "anxious to see a conviction in Detzer's case but volunteered the information that he would travel from coast to coast and even to Europe to testify against Hoyt.

FLOOD-STRIKEN CITY HAS NO WATER OR GAS

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 12.—Public utility plants, not already owned by the city of Montgomery, were commandeered late this afternoon, when the commission adopted an ordinance which had been accepted by the officials of the electric lighting companies.

The city has been without water all day, but early tonight relief was obtained. Late tonight the gas mains were closed with hopes of restoring this service Saturday. An effort will be made to resume street car service tomorrow.

The Alabama river showed a stage of 55 5-10 feet at 3 p. m., a drop of one and six-tenths feet here, but it will be 48 hours before it is out of the manufacturing district, sufficiently for an estimate of damages to be made.

Hogs, Cattle and Horses Go Down Ocmulgee All Day Long

Macon, Ga., Dec. 12.—The Ocmulgee river is rapidly falling at this point, the river gauge showing 22.7 feet at 6 o'clock tonight. The highest was 25.3 feet Thursday night, which is more than a foot above the highest water ever known here.

Hogs and cattle and houses have been floating downstream all day, along with logs and lumber. All bridges were saved.

The Southern railroad began to operate trains over its line north of here this afternoon, but the line south of here is flooded with water and service cannot be resumed there before tomorrow morning at 3 o'clock.

AMERICAN ORNAMENTS FOR AMERICA'S CHRISTMAS



An interesting photograph showing American girls in an American factory making American Christmas tree ornaments from American material colored with American dyes. Experiments for the past three years have shown that the United States can make these trinkets as successfully as Germany.

TRAIN SERVICE RESTORED AND INDUSTRY'S WHEELS AGAIN SET IN MOTION

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 12.—Suspension of all restrictions on the use of fuel and reinstatement of train service curtailed during the nation-wide strike of bituminous coal miners was announced here tonight by the Southern Regional Coal Committee acting on authority received from Washington.

South Worked for Loyalty

The railroads, too, will be put in a position to take care of the holiday travel. In issuing its announcement of suspension of fuel restrictions, the committee thanked the "people of the South who have observed so loyally" the regulations and at the same time asked that coal still be conserved as much as possible.

Many Industries Released

The order means that thousands of industries throughout the South which have been shut down because of the lack of coal will be in operation again in a short time and that stores which had to observe short hours where their heat, light or power came from coal, wood or gas may return to normal hours in time to take care of the Christmas shopping.

To Our Friends An Appreciation IT is the season of Christmas cheer in all the homes where subscribers to this paper dwell. Christmas also in the minds and hearts of you good friends of ours. Christmas, with all that term implies as to universal fellowship, bounteous unselfishness and renewed recognition of the fact that to give is actually better than to receive. As you have put into anything, that much will you get out of it. Out of the interest you have taken in this paper during the past year we hope you have derived an equal personal pleasure. Your appreciation has made this paper's issuance a congenial work to us of the staff. And likewise in that same spirit which makes Christmastime what it is, we take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to the business men of this community, and of the territory within which this paper circulates, for their cordial co-operation in practical ways which has made it possible for us regularly to present our best editorial efforts to the community in a creditable manner. May the kindly glow of this holiday season color life for you and yours throughout the coming year.

NEWBERRY DEFENDANTS STAND MUTE TO QUASH

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 4.—With arrival here today of the vanguard of the army of attorneys expected to take part in the proceedings, there were indications of probable turns the legal battle may take when the 185 men indicted in connection with the alleged illegal nomination and election of Truman H. Newberry to the United States senate are brought to trial.

That a motion for a separate trial would be made on behalf of Christian A. Beck, of Muskegon, county prosecuting attorney and one of the defendants, was announced by his attorney, Colon P. Campbell. His client's case should occupy only a few hours, Mr. Campbell declared, but unless a separate trial is granted he would be forced to spend a number of weeks in court.

Another move by the defense was hinted at by State Senator Leonard Verdier, counsel for former State Treasurer O'Dell and State Senators Deland and Ryan. Mr. Verdier, in explaining the motive of so many respondents standing mute when arraigned, pointed out that by doing so the defendants waive no rights and leaves the way open for a motion to quash the indictments.

Standing mute at arraignment is not a common practice in federal courts, but it is generally believed government attorneys have made plans to meet a motion to quash. It is pointed out that the fact that various individuals were indicted on different counts may have a bearing on disposal of a general demurrer.

Senator Newberry was today advised that he will be admitted to \$10,000 bail. The senator, it is believed, will not come to Grand Rapids for arraignment until next Monday, the date set for the hearing. His brother, John S. Newberry, Paul H. King, Allan A. Templeton and B. Frank Emery, all of Detroit, will also be asked to give \$10,000 bond, it was announced. Bail for the other defendants ranges from \$5,000 down to \$1,000.

Twenty-five of those indicted appeared in federal court for arraignment today and pleaded not guilty or stood mute.

Newberry to Enter Plea of Not Guilty of Indictment

Washington, Dec. 4.—Senator Newberry, of Michigan, plans to leave here Saturday for Grand Rapids to enter a personal plea of "not guilty" to a federal indictment charging election frauds.

Senator Newberry conferred today with former Representative Martin W. Littleton, of New York, his attorney, and several prominent Republican senators. The investigation authorized by the senate into the Ford-Newberry election contest before the privileges and election committee was understood to have been discussed. According to present plans the committee inquiry will be started in January but probably confined at first to a recount of the Michigan ballot, which will be brought here in the original boxes, with poll books, clerks' tally sheets and other documents. Examination of witnesses will not begin until Mr. Newberry's trial in Michigan has been closed.

GERMAN CAPITAL BURNED THE FLAG, SAYS PAPER

Berlin, Nov. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—"German capital has deserted the flag," says the Vorwarts, in a bitter comment on the decline in value of the German mark.

INDIANAPOLIS IS NEAR NORMAL AFTER STRIKE

Indianapolis, Dec. 18.—Early return to normal activities by business and transportation was forecast today with receipt of orders from the railroad administration restoring normal operation of railroad and interurban trains and permitting retail business houses to resume their usual hours.

Restrictions for furnishing light and power to industrial plants were partially withdrawn and practically normal operation of Indianapolis plants is expected.

Reports from the Indiana coal fields showed that most of the miners who have been on strike have resumed work and some mines reported almost capacity outputs today.

Department of justice officials here today practically completed their plans for presenting to a special federal grand jury next week their charges of violation of the Lever fuel control act and anti-trust laws by coal mine operators and miners. The investigation will start next Wednesday.

Charges of contempt of court against officials of the United Mine Workers of America for alleged violation of the federal court injunction against the miners' strike, it is believed, will be dropped.

Want to Swap German Potash For American Coal

Berlin, Nov. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—The German potash syndicate is negotiating with America again, says the North German Gazette, which believes it will be able to reach an agreement in regard to the exchange of potash for American coal.

Negotiations took place between the Germans and Americans last spring but failed, says the paper, because America thought it could rely on its own substitute for potash and refused the German offer, whereupon Germany sold her output, which was intended for the United States, to Sweden.

Negotiations, says the Berlin paper, have now been resumed to enable the German potash mines, of which 120 are crippled through lack of coal, while others have only 25 per cent enough fuel, to buy American coal with dollars and recoup by selling potash to America at dollar rates.

Other negotiations are also underway between Germany and Holland for milk and dairy products in exchange for potash.

Capitalists who find tax evasion profitable refer to the German economic crisis with a shrug of the shoulders and lay the blame to the government and financial politics.

The Vorwarts states that German leather especially has been sold abroad at prices less than in Germany and with no other object than to transfer the producer's fortune to a place where it will not be taxed.

"For their own sake several thousand illegal traders and capitalists are robbing their country and committing a theft of food by driving prices upward," the paper charges.

"Through pressure on the rate of exchange German war loans can be bought in Switzerland at ten marks and the loan is bought up in quantities by those who realize that Germany will not be able to give help and the mark will rise.