

THE RUHR NOW FACES STARVATION

FOOD BLOCKADE IS WORKING

The Distribution of Supplies Impossible and Famine is at Hand.

Cologne, July 27—Slow starvation, the nightmare of the Ruhr since the French gave a formal promise not to interfere with the food supply. Technically they have kept that promise, except in isolated instances, where apparently subordinates exceeded their authority. Practically however in the last six weeks the food supply has been continuously though indirectly hampered by French measures.

The seizures of all the main railway lines and blocking of many of the secondary lines has made food distribution precarious.

Food trains and barges enter the Ruhr area without interference chiefly from Ruhrort and Dortmund but the problem of distributing the food from these points among a population of 4,000,000 is extremely difficult.

Step by Step.

A month ago the French seized the railway at Essen and Dortmund which has been the backbone of the food distribution. Then the Germans used the trolley lines but the French ordered the trolley service to be reduced to the pre-occupation scale. Then automobiles became the sole means of distributing food for many a Ruhr city. The complete blockade of the Ruhr area from unoccupied Germany multiplied the difficulties.

The situation in many localities is precarious. Essen is receiving only a third of its normal supply of meat at the municipal slaughter house. Gelsenkirchen has had no fresh meat for three weeks and the supply of milk has soured before its arrival at points of distribution. Some cities are frequently entirely without milk supply. There is chronic shortage of potatoes—one of the chief articles of German diet. Some cities have ample supplies of flour while others have very little. All cities in the interior of the Ruhr region are suffering from a shortage of one or more food staples.

Shortage of Everything.

Virtually all the difficulties of industries in the Ruhr area are due to the occupation. For instance there is a shortage of gasoline for motor trucks. Frequently gasoline is hampered by the French and manufacturing is further hampered. Frequently there is a shortage of money for banks are sometimes closed for days. The slowness of the transportation makes it possible for much food to rot before it can be delivered. Bands of robbers in the policeless towns plunder the food wagons in transit. Merchants are unable to go into unoccupied Germany to place orders. The mails are delayed because the French hold the mail tags and search them for money.

Rains Have Been Scattered.

Reports received by provincial departments indicate that recent rains reached many sections of province but some did not get any.

Covered Three Acres.

The forest fire at Loch Alva, King's County near Westfield, was extinguished by Coun. Howard Lingley and a crew of twenty-five men after covering three acres. The fire was first reported Wednesday afternoon.

LABOR MADE GAINS IN BRITISH BY ELECTION IN LEEDS, ENGLAND

(Special Cable to the Mail)

Leeds, Eng., July 27—British labor showed tremendous gains in polling for the by-election here but the Conservatives held the seat, Sir C. Wilson (Con) being elected to succeed A. Willey (Con) by a majority of 1721. It was announced today the Labor vote increased 3,460 over that of the last election.

Germany is Now on the Verge of Collapse; Might Involve Eastern Europe

REJECTED U. S. MOVE FOR 12 MILE LIMIT Government Committee Adverse to Harding Treaty Plan.

London, July 26—The Interdepartmental Committee of the British Government has completed a partial report, in which it turns down the proposal of President Harding that a reciprocal treaty be drafted in which the empire consents to search and seizure within a twelve mile limit in exchange for the right to bring liquor into American ports under seal.

The committee now is seeking other means to comply with the American Government's request to suppress run-running by vessels of British registry.

When confronted with the Washington news reports today that negotiation had been in progress over the proposed twelve mile limit, British officials admitted there had been such activity, several weeks without distinct progress.

The question of controlling clearance papers has been examined, but the committee fears the present opposition of the liquor trade and others would be so great as to make it impossible and it is pursuing discreet inquiries to see if any progress could be made along these lines.

British officials were very mystified regarding the report from Washington that the committee decision favored the twelve mile limit. It was intended a dispatch should be sent in reply to President Harding's proposal some time ago, after the inter-departmental committee, sitting here, had found it impossible to accede, but the reply was delayed, owing to Premier Baldwin's desire to see if some measure could not be designed to help suppress the sum traffic.

THE ROCK PILE IS PROVING EFFECTIVE

Boston, July 27—The stone quarry at Deer Island has been reopened for the purpose of providing employment for prisoners convicted of the offense of non-support of their wives and families. Institutions Commissioner David I. Johnson said today that the new plan is a great success, as, after a few days at the rock pile the non-supporters usually file written guarantees to share their earnings with their wives.

While working in the quarry the 50 cents a day earned is turned over for the support of the prisoners' families. In the last few weeks twenty-one men who have elected to serve time rather than share their pay envelopes have repented after a few days of hammer swinging, according to the commissioner.

IMMUNE FROM FLY BITES

Montreal, July 26—Three hundred laborers, who are immune to attacks by black flies, have been recruited in New Brunswick and arrived here today. They have been specially engaged in work on the Kipawa extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway which is to reach Ville Marie and Des Quinze this season. It has been found difficult so far to get men for work in this district owing to the ravages of the insect hordes there. The men left for their destination tonight.

Advices Received by Great Britain State That Disaster Can Only be Staved Off by a Settlement of the Reparations Problem—Replies to the German Note are Expected in England During the Week-end.

(Special Cable to the Mail)

London, July 27—Germany is given three to six months longer before complete collapse, financially and economically as well as politically ensues, according to official and semi-official advices reaching the British Government today. Settlement of the reparations problem is held vital to stave off the disaster.

The British advices do not stress particularly the events of the past week, the terrific slump of the mark to unimagined low levels and the mutterings of royalist revolt. British observers intimate the situation in Germany may drag out for several months.

MIGHT INVOLVE EUROPE

Reaction to these reports of impending collapse is the governments desire to start immediately upon negotiations to effect a settlement of the reparations question and save Germany from a crash which might involve the East of Europe. The Government understands replies to its note and covering memoranda sent the Allies a week ago will reach London this week end. France and Belgium are sending separate replies, as is Italy, it is understood, as little time as possible will be lost by the government in considering these documents, before dispatching the note to Germany.

RUMORS OF MONARCHIST COUP

Antwerp, July 27—Belgium and Holland, heard further rumors of an impending monarchist coup in Germany today when it was reported Hugo Stinnes had been seen at Doorn, visiting Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm Hohenzollern. Dr. Helffrich, a noted Pan-German was among those who visited the former monarch early in July and Prince Eitel Frederick, who keeps in close touch with the junkers has been several times to see his father. The visitations are foundations for rumors that what is believed to be an impending coup d'etat in Germany will have as its object restoration of the former Kaiser to the throne. An attempt is made to explain the report that Stinnes has been seen at Doorn by saying it was another visitor greatly resembling the industrial baron.

BANDITS MADE A BIG HAUL

Toronto, July 26—At least \$84,000 in bills of the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Sterling Bank of Canada in denominations ranging from \$5 to \$100 without about \$84,000 in checks drafts, etc. was the booty obtained by the six gunmen who held up several messengers at 945 Tuesday morning and made their escape in a seven-passenger touring car after seriously wounding three of the messengers.

This information is contained in a description of the bandits and the automobile in which they made their escape forwarded by Chief of Police Dixon today to all places in Ontario and along the United States border.

According to the statement those of the gang who first accosted the messengers spoke English without a trace of foreign accent. The belief is expressed that the gang was composed of Americans. Warrants have been issued for "six unknown men" and are on file in the headquarters of the Toronto police force.

DONATED A RADIO OUTFIT

New York, July 27—A radio set will be installed in the death house at Sing Sing.

The idea originated with the chief electrician at the prison and was sponsored by Capt. Stanley J. Sheppard, of the Salvation Army. Warden Lawes endorsed the idea and today Capt. Sheppard announced that an outfit had been presented to the death house by David Saronoff, general manager of the Radio Corporation of America.

Unfortunately, the joy-riding cars usually kill the wrong people while the joy riders go on riding.

EX-WIVES TO CONTEST WILL

Chicago, July 27—Three former wives and four children of Walter E. Flanders, automobile manufacturer, will contest his will probated yesterday, which left almost his entire estate valued at \$1,500,000 to his fifth wife. Bequests of \$150 monthly were made in the will to the daughter to Flanders' first wife and to his aged mother. His second wife is dead.

Flanders was an associate of Henry Ford when the latter was in the first stages of the automobile business. Later with his own company his advertising enterprises included the first coast to coast trip.

Contestant of the will claim Flanders was unduly influenced by his fifth wife. He died June 16 in an automobile accident at Newport News, Va.

CHANGES IN BALL CLUB

Blanchard and Callinan Released—Executive in Session Friday Night.

The executive of the Fredericton Baseball Club of the Two-I League was in session Friday night and also this morning. The executive decided that Blanchard and Callinan players who joined the club late in the season were to be released. McBeth who played with the club for a time and then went to the St. Croix League, is expected to join the Fredericton team here next Wednesday. Charles K. Palmer was elected president of the executive and Dr. A. L. Gerow Secretary-treasurer.

Union Picnic

The Sunday Schools of the Methodist, Olivet Baptist and Main Street Baptist Churches at Marysville are combining to hold their picnic Saturday.

BACK IN LIFERS CELL AFTER TEN YEARS' FREEDOM

Ex-Convict Was Betrayed by Man who Court-ed His Daughter.

Valdosta, Ga., July 27—After 10 years of freedom, during which he has lived under an assumed name and become a substantial citizen of Florida, near Leesburg, T. B. Hall alias J. R. Forrester who escaped from a convict gang in Georgia after serving part of a life sentence for murder, is now in prison again as the result of trusting to the honor of a man who had become engaged to his daughter. Nearly 10 years ago T. B. Hall a respectable citizen of Tifton was charged with killing Dennis Hall. In the trial that followed Hall was convicted and sentenced to be hanged. His wife stood by him in the trial. His case was carried to Gov. Slaton who commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

Hall went to the chain gang and after serving several months was picked up by the roadside one day and whisked away in an automobile. It was suspected his wife was his accomplice in the escape.

Hall located in Florida his wife and children joined him there. He changed his name and no one suspected him to being a fugitive from justice. His daughter had grown to young womanhood and was wooed by a young man. They became engaged to marry. Hall or Forrester took the young man into his confidence. He told him he did not want him to marry his daughter without knowing the truth. But the young man not only broke off the engagement but notified the officers that Forrester was Hall a fugitive from justice in Georgia and thus caused his arrest and return to a Georgia convict camp.

Hall is philosophical about the matter. "I would rather spend 20 years on the gang" he said than to have had my daughter marry a man who betrayed me."

DELORME MAY BE INSANE

Montreal, July 26—A petition to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council for a commission of alienists to inquire into the mental condition of the Rev. Adelard Delorme is believed to be the next step in the tangled situation that exists in this case. While definite and official information was not available today, it was stated on good authority that this would be the procedure to be followed, says the Montreal Gazette. Should a commission of experts be named and should they find that Father Delorme is insane, it would mean his removal from Bordeaux jail, where he is at present confined to an asylum, and would probably be the last chapter in this long cause celebre.

To Represent Province

The New Brunswick representatives with the Empire Forestry Conference party which will reach Matapedia, Que., on Monday will be Hon. P. J. Veniot, Premier, Hon. C. W. Robinson, Minister of Lands and Mines, Col. T. G. Loggie, Deputy Minister and G. H. Prince, Chief Forester. The province also is to be represented at the conference but it is not yet decided by whom.

GERMANY'S INCOME IN JULY ONLY TWO P.C. OF EXPENSES

(Special Cable to the Mail)

Berlin, July 27—Germany's income in July was only two per cent of her expenses The Tageblatt declares today, ironically advocating abandonment of taxation in favor of the printing press. Papers denied that Baptists relief supplies had been confiscated by the Soviet government.

THE BAPTISTS WANT TOTAL ABSTINENCE

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The Next World's Congress May be in Washington or Toronto.

(Special to the Daily Mail) Stockholm, July 27—Urging the spreading of "the truth concerning alcoholic beverages and their disastrous effects" a resolution was adopted by the third world Baptist Congress here approving the efforts of Baptists throughout the world to secure total abstinence by governmental action.

The resolution commended nations already prohibiting or drastically restricting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks the Baptists were asked to carefully consider the problem so as to discredit the propaganda liquor defense organizations are alleged to be circulating.

Washington and Toronto organizations have invited the next world baptists congress to meet in these cities. The executive committee which meets in special session late today may decide the next meeting place at that time.

DRINKS GALLON OF BOOZE A DAY

Tokyo, July 26—A man fifty-seven years old who for thirty years has consumed alcoholic drink instead of the customary rice diet has offered his body, when he dies, to the Chiba Medical College. He believes that the result of a post-mortem examination will be a revelation to the medical world.

The man says that he started to drink when he was nineteen years old, and when he was in his early twenties he consumed a gallon and a half of rice wine every day.

Latterly he has contented himself with a little less than a gallon each day. He says he never eats rice, but has a strong constitution and weighs 170 pounds.

OPPOSED TO FEDERATION

Halifax, July 26—The Alumni Association of King's College, after nearly four hours' debate here tonight, rejected the proposed scheme of federation with Dalhousie University by a vote of 15 to 9.

One of the main reasons presented for rejection by several of the speakers was that they did not consider the present state of business was such as to justify a drive for \$400,000, which, they said, King's would be required to raise during the next two years under the scheme proposed.

Dr. Judd, principal of King's Collegiate School and one of the governors of King's College, said rejection of the scheme meant the death of college federation.

Sidewalk Construction

The wet weather Thursday held up city work but steady progress in construction is being made. The big fill required in Grey street before the sidewalk can be completed is well underway. Church street from Union to Charlotte on the easterly side is to be done. A walk also is to be laid in front of the Charlotte street school connecting with the street. Charlotte street on the northeasterly side from Church to Regent street is to receive a sidewalk. Other streets are the westerly side of St. John from Scully to Union and parts of George street. Some sixteen blocks of concrete sidewalk have been constructed.