

WILL SEIZE INDUSTRIES ON THE RUHR

DECREE BEING PREPARED

Death Penalty for Those Who are Found Hindering the Work.

Duesseldorf, June 20—A decree providing for confiscation of all Ruhr Valley industries, the products of which are applicable to the reparations account, and forced operation of the plants by the Germans is being prepared by General Degoutte, commander of the occupation forces, it was announced today.

Arrangements for promulgation of the decree are going forward as rapidly as possible, but owing to the wide scope of its measures and the extensive character of the industries affected, it was said the French and Belgian authorities would require several days more in which to work out the details before putting the plan into operation.

The decree will give the military authorities absolute power over all metal workers, iron and steel plants, mines, coke ovens and virtually all other private industries in the Ruhr.

In the event of the Germans refusing to operate the plants after the requisition, the decree provides for jail sentences up to fifteen years, and in addition heavy fines for the directors of the companies or others responsible for the resistance.

In case of sabotage to hinder the work of any of the plants after requisition, those responsible will be tried before court martial, and, upon conviction, will be subject to the death penalty.

The decree will be most sweeping, giving military authorities, in collaboration with the French civil commission, the right to exploit the industries themselves or to lease the plants to concession accounts if this is deemed better in the interests of the occupation authorities in their plan to obtain reparations.

SAFETY PIN EMPTIED A SAFETY BANK

New York, June 21—Mrs. Harry White of 5000 Broadway, mother of Marjorie and Thelma, twin 16-year-old dancing girls who were with Fred Stone in his "Tip Top" company, intended to buy her daughters a new set of stage dresses today and therefore didn't deposit in a bank the \$2,400 she had saved during their tour.

Just as the twins and their mother reached the Riverside Theatre for the evening performance Saturday Mrs. White felt a pin sticking in her leg, just below the knee. It was a safety pin with which she had attached the money, in large bills, to her garter. The safety catch had opened and the money slipped out.

LI IS STILL PRESIDENT

Peking, June 21—Li Yuan-hung, who fled to Tien Tsin under threats of military occupation of the capital, apparently considers himself still the president of China. Though he resigned when his train was surrounded by opposing troops, he is said to have announced that he took this action under military duress and intended to continue as chief executive. It is also reported that Li has withdrawn his resignation, which he submitted to parliament more than two months ago and which was never acted on.

FLIER FAINTS, RECOVERS, SAVES PLANE AND LIFE

Paris, June 21—Attempting to establish a world's altitude record Lieut. Bury ascended today in an airplane to a height of 9,000 meters. At that point his oxygen tank broke and the airman fainted. His plane started tumbling. Bury recovered consciousness in time to regain control, straighten out and make a safe landing.

ROTARIANS MEETING AT ST. LOUIS

Ninety Thousand Delegates are in Attendance at World Convention.

St. Louis, June 21—Delegates representing 1,450 clubs located in 26 countries of the world with memberships totalling approximately 90,000 are gathering here today to attend the opening of the fourteenth annual convention of International Rotary.

This shows the growth of the organization for it was in 1905 that four men met in Chicago and formed the first club. These were a coal dealer, a mining operator, a merchant tailor and an attorney. They called the club Rotary because the members met in rotation at their places of business. It was not until 1908 that the second Rotary Club was formed in San Francisco. Then the movement began to spread until there were 16 clubs in the United States in 1910, when the first convention was held in Chicago.

Since 1912 the organization has grown more rapidly than during the first seven years. Although the greater number of clubs are in the United States and the British Isles and Canada—there are now Rotary Clubs in Newfoundland, Porto Rico, Mexico, Cuba, Republic of Panama, Uruguay, Argentine Republic, China, Norway, British India, Spain, France, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Philippine Islands, Peru, South Africa, Japan, Holland and Brazil. Each Rotary Club is a complete working unit independent of every other club and is supposed to make itself a part of the community in which it is established. During the last few years a model constitution has been provided that all new clubs are required to adopt.

A system of arbitrary grouping of clubs in what are called districts has been adopted. There are 41 Rotary districts in the world. Each district has a governor who is elected by the annual convention from nominations made by clubs of the district and the governor is an international officer and the accredited representative of the international board to the clubs.

BARE LEGS BANISHED

Atlantic City, June 21—One-piece bathing suits and bare limbs went under the ban along the beach yesterday. Ten censors, of both sexes, aided by uniformed police, were scattered among the crowd along the Strand.

Sea nymphs were ordered to "roll 'em up" or leave the beach. A half hundred were "shooed" from the sands when they demurred. There was little difficulty about the one-piece apparel, only two girl bathers being chased during the day from the thousands of visitors who enjoyed the combbers. The temperature of the ocean registered 73 degrees, the season's record. The surf was unusually smooth, not a single rescue being made by the hundred beach men on duty.

THE BRITISH SEIZE ARMS

Constantinople, June 21—The British destroyer Splendid has seized in the Sea of Marmora a Turkish transport, which was carrying a cargo of guns from Thrace.

The capture is the result of plans of the British authorities, who had received information that the Turks were endeavoring to remove from Thrace guns and troops clandestinely sent there in violation of the Mudanie armistice when the resumption of hostilities with Greece was threatened.

The Panicky Exodus From Pathway of Fiery Lava Still Continues

A Fiery Branch Shoots Out From the Main Stream at the Foothills of Mount Etna — Is Moving Like a Steamroller Towards the Hamlet of Lavinaro—The King Assisting in Relief Work.

(Special Cable to the Mail)

Catania, June 21—One hundred hours after the first great blasts from Mount Etna's cone started a panicky exodus of tens of thousands of Sicilians from the path of the fiery lava flows that followed the molten streams from the volcano, still advanced upon hapless towns and deserted hamlets today.

LIKE A STEAM ROLLER

One of the main streams of steaming withering lava moving with decreasing speed around Mount Etna's foothills suddenly shot out a fiery branch which now is advancing like a steam roller or a tank upon the hamlet of Lavinaro. Destruction of the little township seems imminent.

Relief work continues with the presence of King Victor Emmanuel, a powerful bracer for the thousands of peasants whose homes lie beneath the lava lakes that still spread as the eruption goes on with diminished intensity. Ashes and cinders still fall at great distances from Etna.

WILL LAST A FORTNIGHT

Naples, June 21—The eruption of Mount Etna will probably last a fortnight, according to Professor Otto Rinofiore, a lifelong student of vulcanology, who has visited the volcano. Before leaving Catania he declared that while the eruption beginning in 1614 lasted ten years that of 1911 only lasted ten days and that of 1918 eight hours.

SOME RAIN HAS FALLEN AND FIRE SITUATION IS IMPROVED; ALL TRAVEL PERMITS CANCELLED

Rain fell in some sections of the Province last night and this morning and was a great boon to fire-fighters and to those fearing outbreaks of forest fires. St. Leonard and many districts of Madawaska County had rain all night. On the North Shore Balmoral, Belledune and Jacquet River had heavy rain. There also was a shower at Caraquet and rain at Tabusintac.

Distant thunder was heard here early this morning but no rain fell in this section.

Cooperative Prevention

A most interesting instance of cooperative prevention is reported from York County where in certain sections the people arranged among themselves by telephone to have no fires in their dwellings during the daytime in order to reduce the risk of setting fire to the woods which are close to the houses and in a tinder-like condition. The residents of the districts all agreed and adopted the measure. Fear of fire is extreme in some parts.

Companies Stop Smoking

A number of lumber companies in the Province at the instance of the Department of Lands and Mines have issued orders forbidding their employees to smoke tobacco in the woods. This is a precautionary measure as some fires are known to have been started by smokers.

At Upsalquitch Station

At Upsalquitch Station on the International sub-division of the C. N. R. two of the gasoline fire-pumps of the Department were in use. Although the station and some dwellings were burned the highway and railway bridge were saved. Word is that the C. N. R. expects to make repairs in sufficient time to send a train over the line this afternoon.

The hope is that the scattered rains will develop into general rains and save the situation. Where rains did fall they were of great benefit.

Other Rains Reported.

Later reports today are that at Doaktown there was rain for one hour. At Bald Mountain lookout rain fell for three hours. A range of vision of six miles exists there. The fire on the Nepisiguit seem from that lookout to be burning less fiercely. Ashton Hill lookout reports a field of

vision of fifteen miles.

All Permits Cancelled

Wednesday afternoon on the instructions of the Minister of Lands and Mines, Hon. C. W. Robinson of Moncton, the Department of which he is head issued proclamation extending the cancellation and prohibition of forest travel permits to the entire Province of New Brunswick. The original proclamation referred only to the northern counties. The continued drought and the seriousness of the general situation in the matter of forest fires has caused this action to be taken. This action will prevent anglers and others bent on recreation from being in the woods in any part of the province except upon their own property.

New Fires

A new fire was reported Wednesday on Lake Brook a tributary of the Little South Branch of the Renous, Northumberland County. The point is six miles north of Fowler Lake. A crew organized at Boiestown will go to the scene. A crew also will work from the opposite side.

Another new fire was reported on Meadow Brook a branch of Sabbies River in the same county west of Rogersville. A crew also will fight that fire.

Had Narrow Escape.

What might have been a serious accident occurred on Brunswick st. last evening about nine o'clock. A number of small boys were sprinkling a lawn with a hose and having finished the lawn were turning the water on the road. A carriage containing two ladies passed by and the horse became frightened of the hose and started to run and swerved onto the sidewalk. The carriage narrowly escaped being overturned but the horse was stopped before any injury was done the occupants of the vehicle.

First Work on New Station

The first work on the new C. P. R. station was done today when the site east of the present structure was staked out. Work of construction will be rushed.

TAXIMEN WERE HELD UP BY BANDITS

Made Good Their Escape After Making a Haul of Over Three Thousand Dollars.

New York, June 21—Twelve bandits, all unmasked, but each carrying a revolver, held up fifty or more chauffeurs, washers and helpers in the City Service Taxi Corporation garage at 1113 Avenue A early yesterday and took \$3,000 from the cashier and the safe. They escaped in a fleet of automobiles, which were parked outside the place.

The corporation operates the Mogul Checker taxicabs. The bandits arrived at the hour when the chauffeurs turn in to the cashier the receipts of the night and appeared to be perfectly acquainted with the lay of the land in the place.

While two of the bandits went to the second floor where the cashier's office is located, the remainder rounded up the men in the garage and backed them into a corner. In order to squeeze the men into closer space the bandits ordered several of them to get into cabs which stood there.

While one of the holdup men pointed his revolver at several men who were in the office, the other forced the cashier, Dominic Santameli, to give up \$1,500 which he had in his desk. Santameli, who is said to be a trusted employee of the corporation, was then forced to open the safe, from which about the same amount was taken.

In their haste the bandits overlooked a considerable sum of money which was in one of the compartments.

The bandits backed out of the garage, their revolvers still in their hands and threatening the chauffeurs. No one followed them as they climbed into their automobiles and drove off in different directions.

It was believed at the garage that men knew the time when the chauffeurs turn in their money, and had based their plans on a knowledge of the place.

The police have descriptions of eight men who participated in the holdup. All the men were in their twenties, and all were dressed, some wearing caps, others straw hats and sport clothes.

The scene of the holdup is only half a block from Sutton place, the new home of the Vanderbilts.

MARRIED AT WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, June 20—In St. Luke's church, at high noon, today, the rector, Rev. H. F. Rigby, united in marriage Miss Elizabeth H., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. L. Ketchum to the Rev. Jas. E. Bennett, rector-elect of Gagetown. The church, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, was filled to seating capacity. Mrs. A. E. Raymond was matron of honor and the bridesmaids were Misses Rowena Ketchum and Charlotte Winslow. The groom was supported by the Rev. Mr. Trueman, Prince William. The ushers were George Filletter and Charles Comben. The bride, who is very popular, received many costly presents. The groom served and won his commission in France and was a member of the 26th Battalion.

ARE FACING INDICTMENTS

Buffalo, June 21—The Federal Grand Jury will be asked to indict several former officers of the bankrupt L. R. Steel companies, District Attorney Guy B. Moore declared today. Presentation of evidence to the Grand Jury covering the collection of alleged illegal stock commission was started this morning.

HALIFAX NURSE AT FOLKESTONE ATTEMPTS TO END HER LIFE

(Special to the Mail)

London, June 21—Winifred Stanislaus Neil, 39 years of age, of Halifax, N. S., a nurse, is detained at Folkestone following an attempt at suicide by jumping overboard in the channel. She told the constable who arrested her that she had spent \$6,000 having a good time with a view of committing suicide when penniless.

A SHAKEUP IS FORECASTED IN CABINET

CHAMBERLAIN TO JOIN IT

Succeeds Duke of Devonshire Who is Slated for Viceroy of India.

(Special to the Daily Mail) London, June 21—A shake-up of the British Cabinet was forecasted today The Duke of Devonshire, the Colonial Secretary, is said to be slated to succeed Lord Reading as Viceroy of India, whereupon Austen Chamberlain will come into the cabinet and fill the Colonial post.

When this shift is made it is understood Reginald McKenna also will enter the cabinet as Chancellor of the Exchequer received Stanley Baldwin of those duties he now fulfills together with the Premiership.

German Protest.

Berlin, June 21—Germany today sent a protest to the Allies against new and severe measures of repression instituted by the French in the Ruhr Valley. The German protest followed the announcement from Dusseldorf that General Degoutte and other French and Belgian authorities are working out a scheme whereby all industries of the occupied area turning over reparations materials will be confiscated and worked by forced labor. Iron and steel plants, metal works, mines, coke ovens and other private industries are to be seized under the scheme and Germans forced to work them or go to jail.

DEATHS FROM HEAT IN N. Y. AND BOSTON

New York, June 20—The hottest day so far this year brought death to three persons in Greater New York and caused eleven prostrations, most of them on the lower east side.

The high temperature—ninety-five at 6 p. m.—was ameliorated all day by comparatively low humidity.

It was the hottest June 20 since 1896, when the temperature was one degree higher.

Boston, June 20—Three deaths believed to be directly attributed to the excessive heat and a number of prostrations in various parts of Eastern Massachusetts resulted from the second day of the present heat wave. The mercury reached a maximum of 95.6 degrees compared to 96 for yesterday. Absence of a breeze coupled with the blazing sun made suffering general. It was the hottest June 20 on record here. Weather officials held out little hope for immediate relief unless a thunder shower should occur.

Took On A Spurt.

The hens in the New Brunswick egg laying contest at the Fredericton Experimental Station took on a spurt last week and produced 32 eggs, which is the best showing made so far. Eugene Monohan's Barred Rocks led with 57, and W. E. B. Tait's pen finished second with 56. The next in order were: D. Mercereau, Rusiagornish, 52; Harry Webb, 51; Mrs. George Danby, 50; Mrs. A. Crisp, 50; N. W. Eveleigh, 50; Alex. Stevens, 49; John Moore 45; William Moore 45; Harry Patterson, 44; C. M. Peart, 44. The total egg production for 33 weeks is 19877.

On Auto Trip

A party composed of Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Crockett and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gibson left last evening on an auto trip to Boston.