

U.S. Army on Rhine Costing Germany \$250,000 a Month

War Department Estimates Total Amount Due for Occupation at Approximately \$256,250,000.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Keeping the remnant of American troops on the Rhine is now adding to the maintenance bill which Germany must eventually pay to the United States at the rate of \$250,000 a month, or \$3,000,000 a year.

This additional burden upon Germany, many American officials and senators insist, is a useless expense, particularly in view of the serious economic situation in Europe, to say nothing of the constant menace to the interests of this country, occasioned by keeping the American soldiers abroad.

The total cost of the American army of occupation to date, War department officials estimated today, to be approximately \$256,250,000. The last official total which has been reported to the War department as of July 31, 1922, was \$255,000,000.

Negotiations with the allied governments for the United States to share in approximately \$200,000,000 turned over to the allies by Germany for payment of troops on the Rhine remain at a standstill, State department officials said. The allied governments asked the United States to appoint a commission to discuss the matter with them. Accordingly, Elliott Wadsworth, assistant secretary of the treasury was named, but so far nothing has been heard from the allies regarding a time set for the conference which probably will be held in Paris.

Senators are still determined to force early action on the question of bringing the American troops back from the Rhine.

Millionaire Freed of Murder Charge

White Plains, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Walter S. Ward, millionaire baker, and former police commissioner of New Rochelle, was freed yesterday of the charge of murder that has been hanging over him since last spring when he confessed shooting in self-defense an alleged blackmailer, Clarence Peters.

Supreme Court Justice Seeger dismissed the indictment against Ward. He also criticized the prosecution for failure to bring the case to trial. "It is simply a naked fact that the prosecution is not ready," said the justice, adding that the prosecutors "are afraid to place the case on trial because, if it went before a jury, there would be an acquittal."

Union Men Fined for Leaving Trains in Desert

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.—Eight union men, convicted December 29 of conspiracy to obstruct justice, were fined in connection with the abandonment of Santa Fe passenger trains on the desert east of here last August, yesterday were fined a total of \$9,800 in United States District Judge Benjamin F. Bledsoe's court. The court characterized the actions of the defendants as "inexcusable and unjustifiable."

Judge Bledsoe said he did not believe the cause of the strike of "big four" brotherhood men, which tied up passenger and mail trains for several days at Needles, Cal., and points in Arizona, was the presence of guards or asserted inefficiency of mechanical equipment, but rather a desire to help the shopcrafts strikers and harass the railroad company.

"In favor of the defendants," added the court, "it must be said there were no acts of violence in connection with the abandonment of trains; but they had no right to leave passengers on the desert or violate obligations they had assumed with the railroad company."

Explorer Discovers Rare Treasures



These are the first photographs to reach America of the earl of Carnarvon's great discovery of the 3,000-year-old treasure tomb of King Tutankhamen, in the Valley of the Kings, Egypt. The party is shown standing at the steps to the tomb, while a general view of the spot is also shown. In the chambers of the tomb more than \$15,000,000 worth of art treasures, gold and precious stones have been discovered.

Supply Measures Passed by House

Bills Totalling Nearly Billion Dollars Put Through With Little Debate.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Annual supply measures totalling nearly a billion dollars, were passed today by the house when it reassembled after the new year's holiday. They were the postoffice appropriation bill, carrying \$584,614,000; the agricultural bill, carrying \$69,068,000, and the interior bill, carrying \$294,347,000. No record votes were taken of any of the measures.

Consideration of the agricultural bill was completed before the Christmas recess, and the other measures were made ready for a vote last week, but under an agreement between the republican and the democratic leaders, the final votes were held up until members absent for the holidays, had returned.

Few changes were made in the measures as they came from the committees, the postoffice bill going through virtually as written, and the agricultural and interior bill being modified only in minor details.

Former American Consul Charged With Embezzlement

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 3.—Randolph Robertson, former United States consul at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Tex., was arrested at Laredo, Tex., on the charge of embezzlement of funds from the United States government while in office, probably will be afforded opportunity to furnish bond in the sum of \$15,000 today.

The complaint was sworn to by Gus T. Jones, a special agent of the Department of Justice. Mr. Jones said he knew no details of the charge against Robertson, he having been instructed by superiors at Washington to file it. Robertson was placed in the Webb county jail.

Huge Press Falls; 4 Killed

Youngstown, O., Jan. 3.—Four men are dead and eight injured, none seriously, as the result of a 165-ton hydraulic press falling 100 feet at the plant of the Petroleum Iron works at Petroleum yesterday.

James M. Snyder, 35, of Hubbard, O., and George Gioski of Farrell, Pa., were killed instantly. John Salarie, 26, of Sharon, Pa., died while being taken to a hospital, and Peter Vannetti, 35, died of injuries in the hospital. The accident occurred as the men were lowering the press to its foundation this morning after repairs had been made. The piston sprang a leak as the men removed the top timbers of the temporary foundation, the machine plunging downward and scattering timbers in all directions.

Gioski was caught under the press. The others were hit by the timbers.

Farmers Face New Year With Quiet Confidence

(Continued From Page One.) given without thorough investigation may or may not wreck. No one can be sure.

Over in the annual convention of the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation, W. Y. Thompson, the president, warned the farmers against self pity.

"If farming has been prostrate, who is to blame?" he asked. "What has the farmer done to prevent it? It is all very well to complain of special privilege, but if agriculture is ever to come into its own, the same methods as are used in other industries must be adopted."

He was followed by Dan Relley of Chadron, president of the Nebraska Bankers' association, whose message was that if the farmers were to have an adequate supply of credit, they must conduct their affairs in a strictly businesslike way.

Self Help Urged. This spirit of self-help was made evident in the meetings of the state horticultural society and the Nebraska Dairyman's association. Arthur J. Weaver, who maintains a large orchard near Falls City, urged fruit growers to build up a co-operative marketing system. He also called for a general reduction of freight charges and increased road building.

J. E. Palm, secretary of the dairy men, advocated better marketing methods and an advertising campaign to increase the demand for dairy products.

"The farmers' condition is distinctly improved," Dean E. A. Burnett of the agricultural college summed it up. "The cost of production has gone to the bottom, and if anything may be on the upgrade, the farmer feels that conditions will not be satisfactory until he can exchange the product of an acre of ground for as much as before the war. The balance between the prices of farm products and manufactured goods is approaching."

The establishment of new credit facilities will help orderly marketing. It will also aid the farmer whose loans otherwise would be called and those that are not greatly in debt. However, farmers are careful now not to increase their obligations.

Production Increased. He quoted reports which show that the farm production last year increased 8 per cent over the previous year, while prices went up 24 per cent and the total crop value was 34 per cent larger.

Professor W. W. Burr said that the increased prices for wheat, corn and stock had been a great benefit to Nebraska. The fall, he stated, had been unprecedentedly dry and wheat now in the ground was very weak, making the prospects for a bumper crop very poor.

"It looks on the whole, however, as if the encouragement felt by the farmers is justified," he said. "The next year, while not as good as some business men expected, was better than most farmers had dared hope for."

Bandit Queen Admits Crimes

Girl, 21, Tells Chicago Police Downfall Came Because Her Gang "Yellow."

Chicago, Jan. 3.—A new kind of bandit queen, one who ruled the band and directed the "work" for the facilitation of perfect technique rather than for gain, was introduced to the public today by the police of Evanston.

"You'd never think I was a bandit queen to look at these rags, would you?" she asked, as she tried to smooth out her rumpled clothing and glanced at her cheap jewelry.

She is Elizabeth Sullivan, bobbed-haired and 21, whose mother operates a confectionary store.

"My gang didn't have the nerve, that was the trouble," she said. "My sheik, Glen, was O. K., but I had to steer him, but that Tommy Gust was yellow. One night we were waiting to pull a stick-up and he got cold feet. I stuck my gun to his head and said 'I'll blow your brains out if you try to quit now'."

"That brought him across all right. 'Glen started me on this stuff. I'd go out with him and wait in the car while he pulled stick-ups, but he didn't know how to work them, so I took charge. Then we annexed the rest of the gang and put over some swell jobs.'"

Robberies of a theater and a grocery and numerous holdups were confessed, the police said. Thomas Gust and Thomas Gust were arrested and the police are seeking Glen Kenty and two other men.

Father of Film Star Robbed of \$2,700 and \$1,000 Pin

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Charles Appel, father of Lita Lee, motion picture star, was relieved of \$2,700 in cash and a \$1,000 diamond pin by three robbers yesterday, who wished him a happy new year as they frisked him in Turner hall and was about to start for a bank with Monday's receipts.

He entered his living room when three men slipped in behind him, closed the door and backed him against the wall. Holding pistols against his head and stomach, they took the valuables and then ran downstairs to a waiting taxicab, first warning Appel to remain quietly in the room for five minutes under pain of death.

Miss Carolyn V. Plattner, an energetic American girl, has called for Rio de Janeiro, where she will establish a billiard academy for women.

3 Children in Fire May Die

Students in Alabama School Badly Trampled in Rush After Alarm.

Lanett, Ala., Jan. 3.—Three children were near death, doctors said, and five more were in serious condition when school authorities started an investigation today to determine the cause of the fire which destroyed the Lanett school here late yesterday afternoon, resulting in a general stampede among the students.

Mary Hammock, 6 years old, Essie May Weldon, 6, and Kate Pearl Peppers, 12, were so badly trampled in the rush following the fire alarm that their recovery is doubtful.

All of the children injured and those in the stampede were assigned to class rooms located on the second floor of the building. When the fire alarm was rung, children on the lower floor marched in order, out of the building. The teachers in charge of those upstairs experienced greater difficulties, where the children ranged from 6 to 12 years of age.

Children Break Ranks. The teachers lined the pupils up in the rooms, but when they saw the smoke in the hall, they broke ranks. The teachers failed in their efforts to check them and at the foot of the steps, the children became clogged in a mass.

The teachers and older students rushed into the burning structure and dragged them to a place of safety. School officials announced today that there were 1,200 students attending the school yesterday. They say a complete check of the student body has been made and no child had been reported missing.

Orphans' Home Burns. Dallas, Tex., Jan. 3.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a three-story brick dormitory at Buckner's Orphans' home, eight miles east of Dallas, shortly before midnight last night, entailing a loss estimated at \$70,000.

The 250 boy inmates sleeping in the building were rescued safely and no injuries occurred. The destruction of the building by the fire was completed early this morning on the 90th anniversary of the birth of Dr. R. C. Buckner, founder of the institution, who died four years ago. A celebration in honor of his birthday had been planned for today.

Subcommittee to Begin Hearings on Child Labor. Washington, Jan. 3.—Hearings on several pending resolutions for submission of a child labor constitutional amendment will begin Wednesday before a senate judiciary subcommittee. Resolutions have been introduced by Senators Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader; Walsh, democrat; McCormick, republican; Illinois; Johnson, republican; California; and others, and the substance of the legislation as well as its form is assured considerable opposition as well as support.

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200 dozen white Turkish towels, size 17 by 32 inches, - - - 19c

200 dozen white, size 17 by 37, 25c

100 dozen white, size 22 by 45, 42c

100 dozen white, size 24 by 46, 50c

100 dozen blue bordered, size 24 by 48, - - - - - 59c

100 dozen very fine white, size 26 by 50, - - - - - 79c

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200 dozen hemmed linen huck, reduced to - - - - - 39c

400 dozen of a finer grade will sell Thursday for - - - - - 50c

100 dozen very fine hemmed huck, reduced to - - - - - 59c

50 dozen hemstitched linen huck towels for - - - - - \$1.00

50 dozen hemstitched with damask borders, - - - - - \$1.25

All Linen Crash Toweling

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100 doz. Turkish Cloths, 15 c

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