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Using Mails to Defraud Is Charged

Indictments Against 25 Guaranty Securities Officials Returned by Federal Grand Jury.

Hearing to Be Monday

Federal grand jury yesterday returned an indictment against 25 men, formerly associated in the business of the Guaranty Securities company and other affiliated companies, charging them with conspiracy to use the mails to defraud and also charging against them 10 separate acts, each an alleged act of using the mails to defraud.

The 25 men were indicted by the same jury several weeks ago on the charge of conspiracy alone.

"They are all at liberty under $5,000 bond and will not be required to give new bonds," said United States Attorney Kinsler. "They will be arraigned next Monday and their trial will start February 12. We are going to permit no further delay."

List of Indicted.

The 25 are Willard V. Mathews, Lucien B. Fuller, Alexander I. Mathews, Charles H. Rogers, Harris L. Fuller, Samuel G. Moore, LeRobert D. Eckelboom, Walter I. Stickel, Ralph E. Sunderland, Harold R. Cozier, Walter A. George, James B. Ellison, George L. Roach, Homer Molyneux, Thomas H. Matters, Vogel Gettier, Thomas M. Finney, Ed G. Smith, James G. Cloud, William H. Culver, Charles Rudolph, Alfred L. Steinert, H. W. Sewall, Howard A. Sharrick and John F. Hecox.

Each of the definite counts of the indictment refers to a letter sent through the mails. Most of the letters are to prospective stockholders, lauding the value of the stock of the Guaranty Securities company and of the Colonial Timber and Coal company.

One circular letter, dated February 1, 1921, sent to Mrs. Sarah Connor, Mt. Clare, Neb., is quoted. With it was sent a letter written on letterhead of the "Colonial Timber and Coal corporation, owners and operators of hardwood timber and coal lands," and signed by W. L. Stickel, president. It was directed to Willard Mathews, then president of the Guaranty Securities company, and congratulated him on the splendid manner in which the company's affairs were being handled.

Represented to Be Trustee.

A letter sent to Turner, Dennis & Lowry Lumber Co., Kansas City, stated that the Guaranty Securities company was trustee for a bond issue of the Colonial corporation "holding a deed to 148,000 acres of land in West Virginia appraised at $100 an acre and upward. This letter was dated April 16, 1921.

Another letter written to Mrs. Mary Corman, Bird City, Kan., refers to the corporation as "a $10,000,000 company."

The indictment recites various large sums received by various of the indicted men. A sum larger than $11,000 was paid to Thomas H. Matters "on a pretended contract by which Matters pretended to sell to Willard V. Mathews and W. L. Stickel stocks and bonds of the Colonial Timber & Coal corporation." Matters' son was his agent in this deal, the indictment says.

Dope Indictments.

The federal grand jury, after a session lasting only Thursday afternoon, returned indictments Friday morning also against Frank Brown, Tee Bettis, Joe Harden, Charles and Irene Johnson, Mark Seals, Fred Stampher, Georgia Thomas, Charles Thircles, George Volker and Arthur Williams, charging them with violation of the narcotics act.

Volker and Williams were Sedan Taxi company chauffeurs. They were found guilty by a jury last Tuesday on one case and are now indicted again on a charge on which they were arrested while they were out on bond on the first case.

Richard Schafer was indicted on two counts for "short-changing" the postmistress at Waterloo, Neb.

"Hammer Murderess" Reported in Juarez

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 2.—El Paso police officials today said they had searched Juarez for weeks for Clara Phillips, who escaped from Los Angeles county jail December 5, last, without finding any trace of her in Mexico.

The "tip" that she was in Juarez originated in El Paso, they said.

It also was announced that they had kept in touch with Chihuahua City on the case, but had no authentic information that the woman had ever been there.

Police officials in Juarez said they had no information indicating that Clara Phillips had been there, but they had assisted El Paso police who hunted in vain for traces of her.

Rail Shopmen Who Refused to Strike Will Get Bonus

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Four thousand employes who remained at work in the Southern Pacific shops during the strike of shopmen last summer will receive bonuses aggregating $500,000 from the company, it was announced today.

The list of employes slated for rewards includes subordinate officials in the terminals of the Pacific system of the lines and division officials who rendered service "of distinction" but general officers of the company will not participate. The smallest payment will be $50.

Kentucky Revenue Makes Washington Desert

Sixty Officers Under Direction of Southern Sleuth Sweep Through Capital—Ninety Persons Arrested and 300 Gallons Rum Seized—Find Many "Plants" in Queer Places.

Washington, Feb. 2.—J. L. Asher, a revenue agent from the Kentucky mountains, who came to Washington three weeks ago and has put in his time since in guises ranging from an ash cart driver to a Kentucky colonel at a fashionable ball, today directed more than 60 revenue agents and police in liquor raids on 60 places, netting the arrest of 90 persons, including 12 women, and the confiscation of more than 300 gallons of intoxicants.

Evidence for the raids which were begun in five police precincts at 11 this morning and were not completed until late in the day, the most inclusive campaign conducted in the city since the advent of prohibition, was obtained almost entirely by Asher.

The five precinct stations presented their busiest appearances in years as bondsmen hastened to gain the release of prisoners, practically all of whom were held for $1,500 bail, and police and revenue agents guarded prisoners and directed the storage of huge supplies of corn whisky, bonded goods and wine carried in from the raided homes in government trucks and automobiles. In only one instance were the raiders disappointed by failure to find the goods described by the Kentuckian.

From Iceman to Lawyer.

Asher first drove into the underworld in quest of the bootleggers' rendezvous aboard an ice wagon as a helper. He then switched to an ash cart and quickly caught the trail of victims as he picked up the "empties" in all corners of the city. Then as a coal wagon driver, he got into the homes again, assisting in storing away the coal and modestly accepting pint bottle rewards. He later appeared as a piano tuner and again as a lawyer.

Before long Asher had won the confidence of the principal bootleggers in various sections and by aiding to store away the goods in his capacity as a wagon driver and helper, gained knowledge of numerous and clever hiding places for the goods.

With this evidence in hand, the raiders went quickly to the secret cache, these including holes in the wall, baby cribs, pianos, phonographs and chicken coops. In one home more than 10 gallons of liquor was found tucked away behind the wall moldings in various rooms.

Liquor in Nursing Bottles.

One woman was reported by Asher to be selling liquor in baby milk nursing bottles and police confiscated more than a dozen such receptacles, well filled, from her home.

As a retired Kentucky colonel at a recent ball, Asher was introduced to several alleged bootleggers, who were arrested today, as an agent preparing to ship considerable whisky here from Kentucky.

So complete was the agent's disguise that while returning to police headquarters one day, dressed as a tramp with several quart bottles bulging from his pockets, he was arrested by his immediate superior before the officer discovered his identity.

The raids were conducted under the supervision of Lieutenant C. O. Davis of the police force and R. G. Ruby, Washington chief of revenue agents. In two instances the agents raided four homes simultaneously within one city block.

Man Drives Four Days With Dead Body of His Pal

Delivers Corpse at Youth's Home in Oklahoma City and Then Vanishes.

Oklahoma City, Okl., Feb. 2.—Floyd Felts, said to have driven an automobile four days, with his only companion, the corpse of a pal who had been shot, was being sought today by authorities in their endeavor to solve the slaying of Riviere Horner, 24, socially prominent here, but said by St. Joseph, Mo., authorities to have been a bootlegger, operating between Mexico and the Missouri city.

Members of the dead man's family, just before dawn yesterday, were awakened and summoned to the door by a man who dragged from an automobile, Horner's blood-soaked body wrapped in automobile robes and placed it with a suitcase on the lawn a few paces from the veranda.

"He's Dead."

The elder Horner identified Felts as the bearer of the body. Horner said he acknowledged the man's knock at the front door from an upper window and was told that "Reviere is here."

Upon being asked to send him in the house, the man replied, "he can't come. He's dead. He was killed in a battle with hijackers and I've had him since Sunday." Whereupon, the mysterious caller slipped his machine into gear and sped away.

Police, and deputy sheriffs investigating the case are proceeding on the theory that Horner was slain when he and Felts were attacked by agents searching for rum runners near the Missouri state line. Belief was expressed that the gun fight occurred either last Friday or Saturday and that Horner lived several hours after being wounded.

Anonymous Phone Call.

Officials are also attempting to trace an anonymous telephone call which Horner's brother in Okmulgee, Okl., received Wednesday night, during which he was informed that Horner's body would be in Oklahoma City, "by midnight."

Horner was last seen in St. Joseph about three weeks ago, according to advices from authorities there. At that time, he was said to have left in an automobile for Mexico with Felts.

His family here express belief that Horner was robbed, pointing to the fact that a diamond ring which he wore was missing.

Authorities said they discounted the robbery theory.

A coroner's inquest will not be held because of the desire of the family to avoid further publicity, County Attorney J. K. Wright said. Horner's body will be buried today.

Officers Accused of Aiding Rum Runners Suspended

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Lieut. D. H. Brasfield and Patrolmen Mark Willever and William Barion of the San Francisco police department were suspended from duty by the chief of police as a result of their arrest Thursday night for alleged participation in an attempt to smuggle ashore the cargo of a "rum runner." The liquor ship anchored off Point San Bruno, 12 miles south of here.

The accused men said they had trapped the smugglers and were about to place them under arrest when prohibition agents appeared on the scene and arrested everybody in sight.

According to the prohibition office a case of whisky was found in an automobile used by the policemen, and the three accused men were outside of their proper jurisdiction when arrested.

"Silent Boss" of Chicago Politics Released on Bond

Fred Lundin, Charged With $1,000,000 School Board Frauds, Placed Under $10,000 Bail.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Fred Lundin, one of the most spectacular figures in the history of Illinois politics, who was indicted recently in connection with alleged school board frauds totalling more than $1,000,000, appeared in criminal court today and was released on $10,000 bond.

Known for years as the silent power behind the political organization of Mayor William Hale Thompson, Lundin hurried directly to the court from the train on which he arrived from Indianapolis where he had stopped over, en route from Miami, Fla., for a conference with his attorneys.

Lundin refused to comment on his indictment, meeting all queries with a single word: "Nothing!"

In all the years of his political power, Lundin has refused to be interviewed.

"I'm just a poor Swede," and "I'm out of politics," he has told all seeking information on political issues.

In his early career the vender of a concoction known as "Juniper Juice" and declared to be good "for what ails your system," Lundin later entered politics and was elected to the national congress and then became the backer of Mayor Thompson and Governor Len Small.

Although he was seldom seen in public, he was reputed to have wielded an almost autocratic power in both city and state politics.

Lundin's indictment resulted from a grand jury investigation of the affairs of the school board under the Thompson administration. With 23 others he was accused of conspiracy involving more than $1,000,000 in public funds.

Minority Populations Considered by League

Paris, Feb. 2.—(By A. P.) — The troubles of the minority populations in Europe, particulary the German minorities in the territory attached to Poland by the treaty of Versailles, occupied the attention of the council of the league of nations at today's session.

The Polish representative, Prof. Simon Askenazy, appeared at the council's private morning meeting. He took the position that the relations of the Polish government with the people residing in its territory constituted an internal question over which the league had no jurisdiction.

The members of the council were of the opinion that all such minorities were under the juridiction of the league by virtue of the treaty of Versailles.

Jury in Oklahoma Murder Trial Still Deadlocked

Ardmore, Okl., Feb. 2.—(By A. P.) —Te jury deliberating the fate of Jeff Smith of Healdton, one of the 11 prominent Carter county men, charged with murder as the result of the slaying of Joe Carroll, an alleged bootlegger, by a party of masked men who made a night raid on Carroll's home at Wilson more than a year ago, still remained deadlocked tonight.

Indications were that a verdict would not be reached. The jurors have been out since Thursday morning. It was rumored that a majority stand for acquittal.

Four Men Executed in Arkansas

Body of One Shows Signs of Life in Casket and Is Placed Second Time in Electric Chair.

All Meet Death Calmly

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 2.—Four men convicted of murder were electrocuted at the Arkansas penitentiary early today. All faced death calmly. The men went to the electric chair in the following order: Duncan Richardson, Ben Richardson, F. G. Bullen, all convicted of the murder of Ira Culp, farmer near Wilmot, Ark., and Will Debord, convicted of the murder of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Silsby, in Stone county, Arkansas.

Duncan Richardson stepped into the chair at 7 o'clock. Debord was executed at 8:02. Duncan Richardson, 29, was taken into the death chamber several minutes before the apparatus was ready.

"Good morning gentlemen," he smiled to the witnesses and attendants.

No Nervousness.

He displayed no nervousness. He walked about the chair looking at it and started toward the switch board where the executioner was at work. The executioner moved quickly away.

"Don't be afraid of me," Richardson, who was not handcuffed, said.

"I would as soon have you do it as anyone."

When the apparatus was ready, he entered the chair voluntarily. He was pronounced dead in three minutes.

Ben Richardson, 19, was pale but calm. He said nothing.

The body of Bullen after being in the chair five minutes was removed and placed in a casket. The undertaker noticed he appeared to be breathing slightly and refused to take the body. The body was removed, replaced in the chair and the current reapplied.

Walk to Chair.

As Debord was being strapped in the chair he shouted to an attendant:

"Look out there, fellow, you're mashing my hand."

None of the men showed much emotion and all were able to walk unassisted to the chair.

The execution of the four marked the largest toll exacted by justice on a single day in Arkansas' history.

Executed at Columbia.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 2.—Thomas Johnson, who last month was taken from the Olar jail by a crowd of men and later was turned over to the sheriff and brought here for safe keeping, was electrocuted at the state penitentiary today for the murder of a woman near Govan, Bamburg county.

Bank of Gilead Robbed of Bonds

Loss Is Estimated at $10,000, Fully Covered by Insurance —Men Seen Leaving.

Fairbury, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The State bank of Gilead, 15 miles west of here, was robbed Friday of $100 in cash and about $10,000 in Liberty bonds. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Two men were seen leaving soon after the robbery in an auto, which had been parked in the east edge of the town. Entrance was gained by forcing the back door and the combination of the outside vault door was manipulated. The inside doors were caved in by force.

The safety boxes were filled of everything of value, but the inner depository was not molested. The cash taken was some small change not put in the inner depository. After the robbery the big safe door was swung shut and the combination turned on.

California Volcano Shows More Activity

Redding, Cal., Feb. 2.—Pronounced activity at the summit of Lassen peak, the only live volcano in continental United States, was seen from here early this morning. While not nearly so heavy as in past years, an outburst of steam larger than for many months, could be seen rising from the mountain.

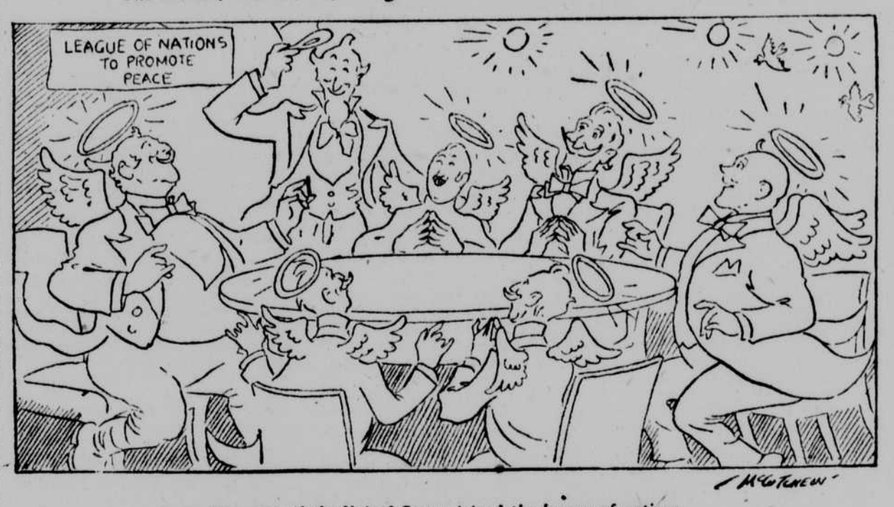
Sacramento, Feb. 2.—The latest heavy outburst of steam from Lassen peak was still continuing at noon, according to word received from points near the volcano. The difficulty in distinguishing the steam from the puffs of snow which continually are tossed around the peak of the mountains by heavy winds caused discrepancies in earlier reports. Advices from points nearer the mountain, however, indicated a minor eruption actually was in progress.

Estate of Wallace Reid Estimated About $50,000

Los Angeles, Feb. 2.—Letters of administration in the estate of Wallace Reid, motion picture actor, who died here January 18, were asked of the superior court by Mrs. Dorothy Davenport Reid, the widow. Property listed with the application was estimated to be worth approximately $50,000, the principal item being the Reid home in Hollywood, valued at $40,000.

Some People Have the Odd Notion That---

The hatreds, rivalries, suspicions, distrusts, and greeds of Europe would at once—



Disappear if the United States joined the league of nations.

Farm Credit Bill Passes Senate by Unanimous Vote

Norbeck Withdraws Lone Negative Ballot to "Be Good Fellow"—Measure Now Goes to the House.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Consideration of farm credits legislation was concluded by the senate tonight when it passed the Lenroot-Anderson bill. The measure now goes to the house where the Capper co-operative credits bill is under study.

The vote on passage was unanimous, the measure going through without material amendment. The vote, however, was not made unanimous until Senator Norbeck, republican, South Dakota, had withdrawn a lone negative vote, explaining that he would be "a good fellow."

The Lenroot-Anderson bill provides for a maximum credit of $1,320,000,000 for agricultural loans through the existing farm loan system by establishment of 12 agricultural credit departments in the 12 land bank districts. Each would have $5,000,000 capital from the government, with authority to double the entire capital of $60,000,000. Authority to issue $1,200,000,000 in tax free debentures to provide additional loaning capacity would be given, subject to approval of the farm loan board.

The new credit departments would make loans from six months to three years on agricultural paper to co-operative agricultural associations on staple products or livestock. Interest rates chargeable would not be in excess of 1½ per cent above the land banks' rediscount taxes. The debentures authorized would not bear over 6 per cent interest, under an amendment by Senator Fletcher, democrat, Florida, adopted today by the senate after acceptance by Senator Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, co-author of the bill.

An amendment by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, to have direct loans made to individual farmers was defeated.

Posse of Federal Raiders Fired Upon

Five shots from a .45 caliber pistol were fired at a posse of federal raiding officers during a raid at 1008 South Seventh street yesterday afternoon. None of the officers was hit.

The posse had seized half a dozen stills, 63 barrels of mash and 50 gallons of whisky, when the fusillade began.

The shots, according to the officers, were fired from outside the building, and apparently from up an alley. One of the bullets lodged in the frame of a door, and was dug out.

The officers were unable to find who fired the shots.

Two Men Instantly Killed When Plane Falls 500 Feet

Americus, Ga., Feb. 2.—Carroll J. Clark, jr., an Americus business man, and J. W. Morris of Pittsburgh, were instantly killed in an airplane wreck at the Souther field yesterday.

The accident occurred within a few minutes after Clark and Morris had taken off in the latter's airplane. The machine fell approximately 500 feet and was on fire when it struck the ground.

Poor Farm Inmate Killed by Bull

Geneva Man, 70, Gored and Trampled to Death in Pen —Inquest Ordered.

Geneva, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Race Walker, 70, an inmate of the Fillmore county poor farm, was gored and trampled to death by a bull. There were no witnesses to the tragedy. An inquest will be held Saturday.

According to officials, Walker had been warned to stay away from the pen where the animal was confined and no motive for his violating the order is known. He had been absent from the house several hours before a search was made for him. The body was terribly mutilated.

Walker had been an inmate of the farm for several years.

Day's Activities in Washington

In the best of health, Senator Nelson, republican, Minnesota, celebrated his 80th birthday.

The Lenroot-Anderson credits bill was passed by the senate, which hereby disposed of the last of such measures before it.

The Southern Pacific railroad was authorized by the Interstate Commerce commission to expand its steamship service between New England and Gulf ports.

Instructions to Major General Allen, who commanded American troops in Germany, to withdraw from the Rhineland high commission as American observer, were made public by the State department.

Reporting that customs receipts for January totalled $46,354,991, an increase of $7,000,000 over December collections, treasury officials predicted revenues for the current fiscal year would amount to $480,000,000.

At one of the stormiest sessions in recent years, Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama, was twice rebuked by the senate, which expunged from the record certain remarks made by him concerning Senators Wadsworth, New York, and Couzens, Michigan, republicans, as well as a statement by Senator Couzens regarding the Alabama senator.

An agreement was reached on details of the British debt funding program by the American funding commission, in conference with Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador. The commission's recommendations will be forwarded to the White House and President Harding, who has expressed approval of them, is expected to transmit the report to congress next week.

N. Y. Labor Urges U. S. to Act on Ruhr Invasion

New York, Feb. 2.—The Central Trades and Labor council, claiming 500,000 members, last night voted to urge the government "to use its good offices to secure the immediate withdrawal of all allied troops from the Rhineland." Settlement of the reparations question on a "more equitable basis in order that harmonious international relations may be established," also was advocated.

10 Sailors Lose Lives When Oil Tanker Burns

Vessel Bursts Into Caldron of Flames in View of Thousands on Shore.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 2.—A tale of horror, recounting how 10 sailors of the Aguila Petroleum company's tank San Leonardo, plying between gulf ports, were cremated on the deck of the vessel in view of thousands of persons on the shore or leaped to their death in a river of flames, is contained in the detailed report received by Arthuro M. Elias, consul general for Mexico, of the $1,000,000 oil fire in Tampico harbor on January 25.

Thirty-five of the crew escaped by diving into the Panuco river, which forms the harbor, and swimming beneath the blazing surface oil to the shore, but all were severely burned.

Fire Breaks Out.

The San Leonardo, carrying 30,000 barrels of mineral oil had just arrived at a receiving station at the free port section of the harbor and was discharging her cargo when fire broke out midships. Within a few minutes the vessel was an immense caldron with oil flames mounting 400 feet high. Explosion of the vessel's boilers followed quickly and great quantities of burning oil were thrown into the river, already covered with a thick coating of waste oil that instantly ignited. The Panuco became a great field of flame for half a mile up and down stream.

Sweeping over the wharf the fire attacked the walls of the free port zone and destroyed a large section.

The San Leonardo is a total loss, say the dispatches. She was recently changed from British to Mexican registry. Captain Jose Medina, commander of the tanker, was among those who reached shore in safety. One of the victims who perished was Manuel Azueta, wireless operator, a son of Commodore Manuel Azueta.

The conflagration was the most disastrous that has ever visited a Mexican port, it was said.

New Packer Workers' Union.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Organization of packing house employes here into a new union known as the United Stock Yards Packing House Workers, was reported in progress here today. Philip Denman, vice president of the union, said a demand would be made on the packers for higher wages and better working conditions.

Elks Ask Anti-Drug Meet.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Resolutions passed by several hundred Elk lodges asking President Harding to call a conference of nations to limit production of habit forming drugs, were presented to the president today by a delegation of Chicago Elks.

The Weather

Forecast.

Saturday fair and colder.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	18	1 p. m.	28
6 a. m.	18	2 p. m.	30
7 a. m.	19	3 p. m.	27
8 a. m.	20	4 p. m.	23
9 a. m.	21	5 p. m.	19
10 a. m.	23	6 p. m.	15
11 a. m.	25	7 p. m.	11
12 noon	28	8 p. m.	8

Ruhr Valley Situation Improving

Calling Off of Railway Strike Considered as Victory for French Occupational Forces.

Food Trains Taken Over

Berlin, Feb. 2.—(By A. P.)—It is reported from a German source at Essen that two Belgian soldiers, passengers on a tram car from Oberhausen to Essen, after having refused to pay their fares, taking the ground that they were entitled to travel on vouchers, drew their revolvers and fired, killing a passenger, and severely wounding the motorman. The report adds that Germans arrested both soldiers.

Dusseldorf, Feb. 2.—(By A. P.)—The calling off of the railroad strike by the German authorities and obedience by the railway men to a request of the authorities that they resume work on all lines where they would not come in contact with armed French soldiers were the outstanding developments today in the events of a day that was regarded by observers as having brought forth a great improvement in the French position in the Ruhr and the Rhineland. A majority of the railroad workers in both regions adopted the suggestion of the authorities that they resume their jobs.

Complete stoppage of all exports of coal and coke into the interior of Germany during the last 48 hours, together with the extension of similar restrictions on shipments of benzol, tar and all other mine byproducts, were other developments considered of advantage to the French.

Take Over Food Trains.

In addition, the French have taken over the handling of food trains consigned to the regions traversed by the railroads where strikes still are in effect and also directed the transportation by barges on the canals and the Rhine of sufficient coal for the needs of local populations and industries. The complete cessation of coal production at the mines, and the inability of the French to send by rail into France, any coal for the reparations account, were the developments in the situation favoring Germany in its policy of resistance.

In assuming charge of the feeding of the civil population in the Ruhr where the railroad strike persists, the French moved three trains into the region today, manned by French crews, consigned to Essen, Dortmund and Geisekirchen. French tugs began the hauling of coal through Ruhrort and down the Rhine to Dusseldorf to supply the needs of civilians and industries.

Strike on at Mayence.

The resumption of work on the railroads is complete at Cologne, Coblenz, Treves and Ludwigshafen and partially complete on the Ruhr lines, excepting those encircling the industrial basin. These lines the French are operating.

At Mayence the strike is in full swing, owing to the French refusal to obey an ultimatum of the railway men that they release strikers under arrest for sabotage.

The mining operations today reached the lowest level. In an endeavor to solve the situation created by a shortage in empty cars, instructions have been issued not to send out from the Ruhr more loaded cars daily than empties are returned.

It developed today that orders from Berlin for the strike of railway men were delivered by special agents personally to every station master in the Ruhr and the Rhineland. The order was accompanied by one month's pay in advance.

Coal Embargo Complete.

The French announced today that their embargo on coal and coke, inaugurated at midnight of Wednesday, had been a complete success. The French brand as false a story circulated from Germany that one train since the embargo ran the blockade. They declare that no attempt at such a maneuver was made. It was added that the French were permitting coal cars consigned to Switzerland, Holland, Sweden, Norway and other neutral countries to cross Germany on the way to their destination if their way bills were correct. Many of the French officials opposed this method of shipment to neutrals, declaring that in the next few months there is likely to be a large increase in cargoes, ostensibly for neutrals which will be diverted in unoccupied Germany.

General Payot told the Associated Press that his services were now sufficiently organized to insure the feeding of the civil population and that within a few days he would be able to undertake the transportation of reparations coal to France. He added that the lines he was operating were now 50 per cent normal.

Customs Collections for January Increase

Washington, Feb. 2.—Predictions by customs officials that tariff duties collected in January would exceed $46,000,000 have been borne out by final computation of collections for the month, made public at the treasury.

Collections for the month totaled $46,345,991, an increase over December of about $7,000,000.

The continued increase since the new tariff act went into operation last September, has been the basis for estimates by customs authorities and treasury officials that customs receipts during the fiscal year would amount to $480,000,000.

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