

## KOKOMO COAL DEALERS FAIL TO SEE BENEFIT

Say State Commission of Little Help in Obtaining Mine Product.

Special to The Times.  
KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 16.—That the special State Coal and Food Commission has been of assistance to Kokomo coal dealers seems to be a doubt, say local companies, even though the commission asserts, in a letter to The Dispatch, that it consigned twenty-seven car loads to Kokomo retail dealers between the dates of Nov. 3 and Nov. 20.

The Dispatch carried a story on Dec. 1 in which local coal dealers declare that they received no assistance from the State Coal Commission, and to this date The Dispatch has found only two dealers who say they have received shipments through the State organization. The Bruner Coal Company has had four or five cars, they say, and the Sanitary Milk and Ice Cream Company say two cars have been received by them.

ESCHBACH WRITES  
KOKOMO TAPE

In reply to the Dispatch story of Dec. 4, the special coal and food commission, Indianapolis, writes the following letter under date of Dec. 13:

Dec. 13, 1920.

Kokomo Dispatch,  
Kokomo, Indiana.  
General attention of the special coal and food commission has just been called to a statement found on the first page of the Kokomo Dispatch under date of Dec. 4, to the effect that the special coal and food commission had had no part in relieving the fuel emergency in Kokomo.

The records in the department of the special coal and food commission show that from Nov. 3 to Nov. 20, on emergency orders alone, the special coal and food commission had consigned to local dealers in Kokomo twenty-seven (27) cars of coal, a total of 685 tons.

The tonnage reports for the various coal operators in Indiana show a total of 1,242 tons consigned to Kokomo in the same period. The records of the special coal and food commission furnished are more than 50 per cent of the entire receipts of Indiana coal at Kokomo during the period of the gravest emergency. Very truly yours,

JESSE E. ESCHBACH,  
Chairman.

REPORTS FROM  
KOKOMO DEALERS.

In telephone communications last night the Dispatch obtained reports from nine dealers in Kokomo in regard to receiving coal through, or by the assistance of, the State commission, and here is what each had to say:

I. M. Leach Manufacturing Company—We have received no word from the commission. They told us we could order through the Zimmerman Coal Company at Terre Haute. But there is where our regular supplies had been coming from, and the Terre Haute company could not fill our orders.

Consumers Coal Company—We wrote to the State Commission at one time for five car loads, but never even received an answer, we were told. We have never been assisted by the commission.

Hansel Coal Company—The State Coal Commission has never sent us any coal. We have never tried to order any through them.

Bruner Coal Company—Between the dates of Nov. 4 and Nov. 20 we had four or five carloads which were sent here by the commission.

Ellis Coal Company—At the time we got the State Commission an order for coal but never got a reply. We have been getting our supply from other sources and have not been very dependent upon outside assistance.

Flinch Coal Company—The commission replied to our request and said we might get coal through the Vigo Mining Company, Terre Haute, but we were never able to do so, as some of the coal which we received was from the commission and it was a poor grade.

Atkins Coal Company—We have never had any coal shipped to us through or by the assistance of the State commission.

The Sanitary Milk and Ice Cream Company—We got two carloads. We had to pay for it in advance. Sent a certified check.

NOT HELPED BY  
COMMISSION.

Plato Coal Company—I do not believe the commission has helped us to get any coal. Since the law became effective we have bought only six carloads of Indiana coal, and I believe this was sent on our order, because it was billed to us and charged to us direct. We never paid for it in advance, as I understand is required by the commission. This company has tried to get coal through the commission, but I do not believe it has ever helped us get any.

With the exception of three coal companies—Bassett, Hurwick Iron & Coal, Sam Panabaker & Son, the above are all that are listed in the classified section of the Kokomo telephone directory. These three were not open when the telephone was checked.

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"To sit in," rejoined Goodrich; "to sit in while you are Governor. Ralston took his and bought me a new one, and I will take mine when I go, and if you will please, out I'll pay for it." You know, Warren, this has been the custom, from away back. Governor Ralston said he would not take his, but Mrs. Ralston wanted it—and I wanted her to have it."

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## U. S.-BRITISH OIL INTERESTS BREAK

Mexican Petroleum Concessions Cause Fight.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—An open break has occurred between American and British oil interests in Mexico over petroleum concessions, and there is evidence that Mexico may be the seat of a gigantic struggle between the Yankee and English producers. The fight is between the Association of Oil Producers in Mexico, made up of Americans, and the Mexican Eagle Oil Company, which is controlled by the British-Duvelin Shell combine, a powerful British group.

In response to reports from New York that the Association of Oil Producers in Mexico was expelling and consequently "outlawing" the British company, the following statement was made by E. W. Delacour, director of the Anglo-Mexican Oil Company, which is affiliated with the Mexican Eagle Oil Company: "The Mexican Eagle Oil Company was not expelled, but voluntarily withdrew from the association as the result of a dispute."

The Mexican dispute is an incident in the world struggle of American and British oil interests for supremacy. The American Government has already protested against a British oil monopoly in Mesopotamia, demanding that American oil interests be given an opportunity to assist in the exploitation of the rich petroleum fields in that quarter of the world.

## BUTTS IN ON QUIZ AND IS EJECTED

Counsel for Erectors Is Called as Graft Witness.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Walter Drew, counsel for the Iron League and the National Erectors Association, was ejected today from the chamber in which the legislative committee was conducting its investigation of building graft.

The attorney, who had been subpoenaed as a witness, intervened when Samuel Untermyer, chief counsel for the committee, was examining a witness. At Untermyer's request a sergeant-at-arms was called and Drew was taken from the chamber.

Several minutes were required to restore order among the spectators, some of whom were applauding and others hissing.

## RUMELY CASE IS NEARING CLOSE

Each Side to Use Six Hours in Summons.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Harold Harper, special assistant to the district attorney in the prosecution of the trial of Edward A. Rumely, began the summation for the prosecution today. Dr. Lummel, with S. Walter Kaufman and Norvin Lindholm, are charged with conspiring to withhold knowledge of the reputed German ownership of the Evershield Mail from the alien property custodian.

It has been agreed that each side shall have six hours for summation. Max D. Baldwin, attorney for Kaufman and Lindholm, follows Mr. Harper. Steven Baldwin, counsel for Dr. Rumely, will argue tomorrow morning and Hugh A. Conorn, assistant attorney general, will close summation at noon. Judge Grubb is thought, probably will charge the jury tomorrow night.

The trial began seven weeks ago, both sides having called 150 witnesses, who came from all parts of the country and Europe. The possible penalty in case of conviction is two years' imprisonment or \$10,000 fine, or both.

## Alliance Francaise Hears Edouard Dubois

Dr. Edward Dubois, who served as a medical officer in the late war, gave an interesting talk on "Les 110 Jours," before the Alliance Francaise, at the Hotel Terre Haute.

These days composed the period of active participation of the American troops in France, from the Champagne affair, July 18, until Sedan and the armistice. Dr. Dubois said the history of this period was divided into two parts: the first fifty days, when the American troops were training in conjunction with the French troops, and the remaining sixty days which made up a real American campaign, beginning with the affair at St. Mihiel.

"It was this final campaign," said the doctor, "that cut the German lines of communication in the Ardennes and compelled either the signing of the armistice or the taking of the greatest military disaster of the war."

Dr. Dubois, who actively participated in the war during this period, told many thrilling and interesting incidents personally witnessed by him during the period.

The next meeting of the Alliance will be held Jan. 5, under the direction of Mrs. Kate M. Collins.

HAIR FOR THE BALD.

A French surgeon claims to have discovered a process by which he can graft hair to the scalp and so make the heads of the bald to blossom like the Seven Sutherland Sisters. He declares that he has already cured six bachelors of baldness.

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## MUSICALE GIVES XMAS PROGRAM

Processional of Student Carolers Features Presentation.

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## NEGROES LICK LIPS AS COUNTY PLUMS TUMBLE

(Continued From Page One.)

ridor so crowded, that it is almost impossible for a taxpayer to pass through the basement.

The question of the janitorship appears for next year at the expense of the Republican city organization. The present janitors are demanding that they be retained in return for "faithful services" rendered to Lemcke at the last election.

### WARY OTHERS WISH EASY JOBS

Then there is a group of negro G. O. P. political workers who demand that they be given the easy courthouse jobs for the work they will do for the Jewett-Lemcke crowd at the coming city primary. Dr. Furniss has carried his speech directly to Commissioners Shaw and George as it is these two who will hand out the greatly desired janitor jobs.

These places, under the present system of conducting the courthouse, are considered snags because two women janitors do the real work in any event.

What is made to keep the courthouse clean is made to keep the own janitor and the work is not heavy.

Another influence at work is that of Mrs. Mary L. Shadd and Mary Jo Cobb, who were attractively gowned in green with silver tinsel trimmings, to represent Christmas trees. The numbers were so enthusiastically encored that a repetition of the dance was necessary.

Miss Jean Stewart gave a delightful reading of "The Little Lad of Bethlehem Town" by Emily Huntington Miller.

An interesting number, "In Manger Lowly" (Mabel W. Daniels), with a violin obligate played by Mrs. Marcelle, who possesses a full flexible soprano voice.

Of special note was the quartette work of Miss Esther Thornton, Mrs. Marie El-Hott, Miss Emma Doepner and Miss Lieber, who gave two numbers, including "Merry Yuletide" (Rimsky Korsakoff), and "In the Carpenter Shop" (Fay Foster), which were beautifully sung with a pleasing smoothness and delicate ex-

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