

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 doubtful proposition, even though the commission asserts, in a letter to The Dispatch, that it assigned twenty-seven car loads to Kokomo retail dealers between the dates of Nov. 3 and Nov. 20.

The Dispatch carried a story on Dec. 4 in which local coal dealers declare they have received little 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 car loads, and the Sanitary Milk and Ice Cream Company say two cars have been received by them.

ESCHBACH WRITES KOKOMO PAPER.
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:

Kokomo Dispatch, Kokomo, Indiana.
Gentlemen—The 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 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 assigned to retail 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 1,224 tons consigned to Kokomo in the same period. The deduction is that the special coal and food commission furnished more than 50 per cent of the entire receipts of Indiana coal at Kokomo during the period of the gravest emergency.

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 special commission, and here is what each had to say:

I. M. Leach Manufacturing Company.—We have never received a pound of coal 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 to our letter. We have never been benefited 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 car loads which were sent here by the commission.

Ellis Coal Company.—At the time we gave 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.

Finch 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. I saw some of the coal which was shipped here by the commission and it was a poor grade.

Atlas 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.
Piercy 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 secure coal through the commission, but I do not believe it has ever helped us get any.

With the exception of three coal companies—Basch's, Hurst's, and Iron, Sam Panbaker & Son, the above are all that are listed in the classified section of the Kokomo telephone directory. These three were not when the telephone investigation was made.

It has been stated before through news stories that the coal situation in Kokomo has never been serious this fall and general talk from dealers hereabouts is that it has been unnecessary to rely upon the special coal and food commission for emergency orders because shipments have been coming from other sources in sufficient quantities to accommodate immediate demands.

Edinburg Priest Hurt When Auto Hits Car

Special to The Times.
COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 16.—The Rev. Father Baron, priest in charge of the Edinburg and Franklin parishes, was severely injured Wednesday afternoon when he drove an automobile into an Indianapolis, Columbus & Southern railroad car at first 44, one mile south of Edinburg. At that time it was thought that the priest had been killed and a call was sent to this city for the Bartholomew County coroner. Today Father Baron was reported out of danger at his home in Edinburg.

Goodrich Offers to Buy McCray New Office Chair

Special to The Times.
GREENSBURG, Ind., Dec. 16.—"While you are in Indianapolis this time, better buy you a chair," said Governor Goodrich to Governor-elect McCray at McCray's Tuesday afternoon when he dined at the lunch served the gubernatorial party at the Southern Hotel.

"Buy a chair?" queried the next Governor. "What do I want with a chair?"

"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 pick one 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."

John F. Russell of this city, a trustee at the hospital, sat between the two "Governors" and heard this interesting bit of conversation.

Smacks Tabooed



Another result of the war and the subsequent impressions obtained by Europe as a result of America's part in the conflict? Perhaps. At least President Millerand of France has made it plain that he has dropped the traditional French custom of exchanging kisses at formal ceremonies and will substitute the U. S. handshake.

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 room.

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 Summation.

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

It has been agreed that each side shall have six hours for summation. Max D. Steuer, attorney for Kaufmann and Lindholm, follows Mr. Harper. Stephen Baldwin, counsel for Dr. Rumely, will argue tomorrow morning and Hugh Attern, assistant attorney general, will close summation at noon. Judge Grubb, it 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. Edouard Dubois, who served as a major in the late war, gave an interesting talk on "Les 110 Jours" before the Alliance Francaise, at the meeting last night.

These days composed the period of active participation of the American troops in France, from the Champagne attacks, 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 acting in conjunction with the French troops, and the remaining days which made up a real American campaign, beginning with the attack 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 facing of the greatest military disaster of all times."

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 he has already cured six bachelors of baldness.

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 Royal Dutch 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. "You will find upon investigation that 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 oil-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 compete in the exploitation of the rich petroleum fields in that quarter of the world.

SPAIN ACTS AS SPOKESMAN FOR MANY NATIONS

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not bring him to the speaker's tribune. In committee meetings De Leon was a hard worker and a forceful speaker. His suite of rooms was a sort of unofficial headquarters for delegates of the Spanish speaking States at night after the committee sessions were over and it was there that many important decisions were taken.

The debate on making Spanish one of the three official languages of the league with French and English, gave Dr. Arias of Panama an opportunity of paying tribute to the "mother country" of all the Central and South American nations that long ago shook off Spanish rule.

"There was a time," said Dr. Arias, "when we fought to liberate ourselves from Spain and shed our blood. We find her reconquering in the friendly and peaceful pursuit of commerce."

How far Spain will go at future meetings in obtaining control of the powerful Spanish-speaking block is a question that is interesting all league delegates.

Chamber to Draft City Manager Bill

The Indiana State Chamber of Commerce was authorized at the conference of representatives of chambers of commerce, Rotary clubs and Kiwanis clubs from various cities of the State, in the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce building yesterday afternoon to appoint a special committee to investigate the matter of suitable legislation for optional commission or commission manager form of city government for Indiana cities that may wish such form of city government and to draft a suitable bill to be presented to the State Legislature.

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.

MARION, Ind., Dec. 16.—The establishment of a commission-manager form of government in Marion to replace the political system was urged by the Rev. Martin Lee Grant, pastor of the Temple Congregational Church, in an address to members of the Kiwanis Club.

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MUSICAL GIVES XMAS PROGRAM

Processional of Student Carolers Features Presentation.

Christmas greens, an immense holly wreath and two tinsel festooned Christmas trees gleaming under the soft light from red tapers set in cathedral candelabra, made the stage of the Masonic temple an attractive setting for the delightful Christmas program presented by the Matinee Musicals yesterday, under the direction of Mrs. Frank Edenharter and Miss Emma Doepfer.

The most striking feature of the program was the processional of carolers, members of the student section, in white surplices, led by the cellist, Rae Williams, cornetist, in red robe, who sang a number of carols and Thomas Adams' beautiful cantata, "The Holy Child." The several solo numbers were well sung and the choral work was decidedly commendable.

A dainty number was the "Merry Christmas Dance" by two petite girls, Susan Gray Shadd and Mary Jo Cobb, who were attractively gowned in green with silver tinsel trimmings, to represent Christmas trees. The numbers were so enthusiastically enjoyed that a repetition of the dance was necessary.

Mrs. Marie Dawson Morrell, who made her debut as a violinist in New York recently, played the "Ave Maria" (Bach-Gounod) in a most exquisite fashion.

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

An interesting number, "In a Manger Lowly" (Mabel W. Dangle), with a violin obligato played by Mrs. Morrell, was sung by Miss Charlotte Lieber, who possesses a full flexible soprano voice.

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

Quick Tire Service to Carry Gifts to Poor

Persons having Christmas gifts to distribute to the poor need not be at a loss for a method of delivering them.

In accordance with the custom of the organization, Quick Tire Service, Inc., Meridian at North streets, distributors of United States tires, is offering to the public use of its service cars on Christmas Eve, Christmas day and Christmas evening to bring Christmas cheer to the needy. No charge will be made, and service will be rendered to all persons alike, whether they are car owners or not. The only condition is that the commodity to be carried be a charitable contribution to the poor.

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NEGROES LICK LIPS AS COUNTY PLUMS TUMBLE

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

The question of the janitorship appointments for next year at the courthouse might cause a split in the ranks 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.

WHY 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. Furness has carried his appeal directly to Commissioners Shank 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 attempt that is made to keep the courthouse clean. Each court has its own janitor and the work is not heavy. Probably the best kept room is that of the Criminal Court and lately the rooms of Judge Linn Hay have been brightened up. The other offices and courtrooms are conspicuous for the dirt and dust.

Since County Auditor Leo K. Fester has made up his mind to be "mayor" regardless of what the Jewett-Lemcke crowd has to say, there has been much uneasiness among the negro political workers that Commissioners George and Shank will listen to the advice of Fester in handing out the fat little janitor jobs. Knowledge of this situation has brought no peace of mind to Dr. Furness.

Another influence at work is that of

the Harding Club of Indianapolis, which never has received the approval of Mayor Jewett. During the last campaign, Richard Lowther, who is a candidate for the Indianapolis postmaster, is opposed to Mayor Jewett's favorite, Robert Bryson, succeeded in building up a powerful political organization, opposed "teeth and toe nail" to the Jewett crowd. This organization has its quota of negro political workers.

The Harding Club faction apparently has decided to have its candidate in the city primary for mayor and at the present time, former State Senator Arthur R. Robinson is mentioned as the favorite.

The Republican State Central Committee is expected to meet soon to make arrangements for the election of city chairman. Such city organizations must be made sixty days before the primary. A stiff fight between the Jewett-Lemcke faction and the anti-group is expected in organizing Indianapolis.

In the meantime pressure is being brought to bear to hand out the courthouse janitorship appointments to the best interests of the Jewett-Lemcke crowd.

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DENVER, Dec. 16.—Gaetano Rosano's reputation as a hoddier has been shattered and he wants \$1,000 damages from Angelina and Salvador Dono-

frío, who, he alleges, did the shattering. In a slander suit brought by Rosano against his countryfolk, the plaintiff declares that he had an "excellent reputation as a hoddier and citizen" when Angelina and Salvador spread the libelous information that he was a "blackhand" and a "bum."

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