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RUHR QUESTION IS REVIEWED AS VITAL TO WORLD

Interests of All Nations Lie
in Settlement of the Situation
in Europe, Says the
National City Bank of
New York.

The outcome of the latest phase of the European situation, as embodied by French occupation of the Ruhr, will depend, in the opinion of the National City Bank of New York, upon the degree of moderation with which France presses her claims. Remarkable that the Ruhr differs vital to Germany, and that even if France gets little from it its occupation is desperately serious to Germany, the bank in its monthly circular issued last week declares that the interests of both countries and of all countries call for a settlement.

Anything May Happen.
"If France overruns Germany's ability to pay the results will be disastrous to both," says the bank. "The wisdom of her move will depend upon a quick settlement that gives her tangible benefits, and in order to accomplish these the terms must be such as to restore sound finance in Germany and stimulate all the productive forces of the country. The reparations can be paid only with the proceeds of the industries."

"The situation is one of great strain and is everywhere recognized as involving the gravest possibilities in the way of further disorder, and yet so need to be avoided because the disturbance in the markets is comparatively small. The feeling is that anything may happen, but that the authorities of Germany and leaders in industry, including the leaders of the labor organizations, will endeavor to restrict German opposition to non-compliance with French demands, which will mean a test of endurance."

Domestic Trade Good.
In reviewing the domestic situation the bank says in part:
"The trend of business in the first month of 1923 has been very satisfactory. There is no slackening of industry, and all domestic conditions give promise for a good year. Industry is about as active as it was ever known to be or can be with the present labor supply. The steel industry has its capacity pretty well sold up to the middle of the year, which is significant as to the outlook in the various lines of construction. The railroads are taking a great deal of steel, likewise the building and automobile and implement manufacturers. House building is headed toward another big year and office building construction now promises to go ahead of last year. Road building will continue on the same scale, and larger scale, and manufacturers of cement, plaster, lumber and all building materials, furniture and furnishings are looking for a second year."

"Railroad traffic is heavy and the roads are expected to have the best year yet experienced since they were taken back from government operation. The companies are cultivating friendly relations with their men and endeavoring to adjust wages satisfactorily by direct negotiations."
"The textile industries are active under the pressure created by an upward tendency of prices. This upward tendency thus far is wholly the result of advances in raw materials."

"The prices of grains have been unfavorably affected by the strained situation in Europe. The position of the farmers is to some extent prejudiced."

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DEATH LAID TO SUICIDE OR SLIP

Chicago University Freshman Dies After Father Shifts Girl's Heart in Operation.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—A letter in a woman's handwriting was the only clue to the mystery surrounding the death of John Minahan, twenty-one years old, a University of Chicago freshman, who was found dead seated in a chair and leaning over a shotgun in his room at Alpha Tau Omega fraternity house.

GIVES UP SECOND OFFENCE CHARGES

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 7.—(By Canadian Press).—Because, he alleges, the authorities released as fast as they can put in jail, Temperance Inspector Amos Martin has informed the Sydney City Council that he has abandoned the laying of second offence charges under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act.

WOMAN GETS 10 YEARS.

Philadelphia, Feb. 7.—A sentence of 10 years and a fine of \$4,000 has been pronounced upon Lillian Fox, convicted in the county court of peddling habit-forming drugs. She refused to tell where she obtained the drugs, declaring she feared for her life.

EVIDENCE ON THE MER ROUGE CRIME

Summary of Testimony Involving Clansmen in Kidnapping and Murder at Hearing.

(Special to The New York Times).
Bastrop, La., Feb. 2.—A summary of the evidence adduced by witnesses for the State at the open hearing here which ended last Wednesday after two weeks, brings out the following salient features which will be submitted to a Morehouse Parish Grand Jury in March, when Attorney General Cooze asks for the indictment of the alleged torturers and slayers of W. D. Daniel and Thomas C. Richards.

Klan Members Identified.

T. J. Burnett, E. N. Gray, Smith Stephens and a blacksmith named Smith were identified as members of the hooded mob that kidnapped the two men.

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one who pointed out Daniel and Richards to visiting Klansmen on the Court House grounds in Bastrop on the same day, and as the man who ordered the woman telephone operator at Bastrop not to send or receive any messages from Mer Rouge on the night of the murder.

Evidence revealed that the keys found on the banks of Lake La Fourche following the dynamite explosion that brought the bodies to the surface fitted locks of buildings at the plant of the Southern Carbon Company, where Jeff Burnett, charged with Dr. McKoin with being one of the slayers, and Harold Teegestrom, hunchback, were employed. Teegestrom disappeared after a midnight visit from two men in an automobile, and an officer of the company later testified that the books had been tampered with, apparently in an effort to support Burnett's assertion that he was working at the plant on the night of the killings.

Klan Raids Conducted by Skipwith.

Kelly Hays refused to testify about any of the Klan secrets unless authorized to do so by Captain Skipwith. A. L. Smith, president of the Ouachita Parish School Board, said any evidence against the Klan would have to be "dragged out of him."

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STORM BARRED MEDICAL AID.

Transfer of Doctor at Sea to Save Captain Simpson Prevented.

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The Verania arrived here with the captain's body. He was taken sick from a recurrence of illness, traced to his service as commander of British troops in the Mediterranean during the World War. A radio message was sent to the Tyrannia, bound from Liverpool to New York, on Jan. 30, and five days later the vessel met.

After waiting a day for the storm to abate, the Tyrannia was forced to proceed. Captain Simpson died last Monday.

BOYS' COUNCIL.

The Boys' Council of the Y. M. C. A. held a council meeting yesterday afternoon. Some important matters were discussed and the dates for the assembling of the council determined.

The committees for the different commissions were submitted as follows: Physical, C. Barbary, W. Hart, K. Plunkton, E. McCar, educational, Roy Smith, Stanley Ellis, G. Meynell, F. Shannon, social, B. Beattie, W. Stewart, E. Huettel, K. Grass; Sunday morning meetings, G. Murray, McAndrew, L. Sparling, J. Gordon.

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