



# EDISON APPROVES RUHR OCCUPATION

Also Believes That America Should Modify British Debt Terms

Inventor Calls Harding a Bit Slow, but All Right—Says Navy Pigeon-holed His Inventions.

West Orange, N. J., Feb. 16.—Thomas A. Edison did not look his seventy-six years as he discussed wine, women, song and other things with more than a score of newspaper reporters in the office of

his laboratories here recently. His eyes sparkled as he repeated his annual defiance of Father Time by declaring he intends to live to be 100 years old. He was seated in a velvet chair when the reporters entered his office. Arising, he remained standing throughout the interview, which lasted more than an hour. He wore a gray suit, black bow tie, and a white shirt. The cut of the suit was old fashioned; his collar was of the now almost obsolete "gates ajar" type. "America, a sober nation, what a fine thing!" exclaimed the inventor in response to a question. "Yes, I think we are a sober nation. All this talk of trouble about prohibition enforcement comes from the cities. The country is law-abiding." "The American girl is all right," was his only comment upon modern girlhood. "The greatest voices are in American homes, and not on the operatic stage," Mr. Edison said. "But these voices remain in the home." "I am working on a number of experiments with a view to improving the business of the Edison enterprises," he said. "I am not yet prepared to make public the results of these experiments." Asked his opinion of Emile Cope and the auto-suggestion method of self-healing, Mr. Edison said: "There is something in that system. Many persons think they are sick when they are not. It is usually in their minds." Mr. Edison said he perfected forty-five inventions for use by this country during the war, but that each one of these was pigeonholed. "This showed me that the naval officers resented interference from civilians," he said. "You can't do anything about that. The navy is a close corporation." The inventor declared he believed the Ku Klux Klan should be put out of existence as it was a menace to law-abiding citizens. Asked what he thought of President Harding, Mr. Edison replied: "I think Harding is all right. He is a little bit slow, but the proposition he is up against regarding our foreign policy is a very perplexing thing. However, I prefer Harding to Wilson. Wilson was a man who was not sufficiently in touch with the world to be practical." Edison discussed the question of the method of employing help in his laboratories, and said he still believed this to be a good system. "College men as well as others have

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French, which he characterized as "a business call."

The inventor was then asked what movie stars he preferred and he named Alice Joyce, Mary Miles Minter, Douglas Fairbanks, and Tom Mix. "I am rather sentimental, and I like all movie stars," he said. "Newspapers of today publish entirely too much trash," Edison said. "They should cut out a lot of this and print more matter of scientific interest." He said he did not believe another war was imminent. "There is not enough money," he explained. Mr. Edison is to attend the birthday celebration dinner given by the Edison pioneers, a group of his old friends and associates who meet once a year, on the inventor's birthday. The dinner will be held in the dining room of the Edison laboratories restaurant in West Orange, N. J., this afternoon. It has been Mr. Edison's habit to spend the afternoon chatting with his old associates, many of whom helped him in perfecting some of his early inventions. The inventor celebrated at his home yesterday by having a number of members of his family and intimate friends at luncheon, when a large birthday cake with seventy-six candles occupied the centre of the table. After dinner Mr. Edison read, and retired early.

# TITLED WOMEN OF GERMANY MAKING CHRISTMAS TOYS

Potsdam, Jan. 2.—(By mail).—In a quiet, residential quarter of Potsdam a group of women, who have long been known to the aristocracy and the brilliant social circles of imperial days, are working daily from morning until night, making Christmas toys. Their place of employment is a branch of a toy factory at Dobbertin, Mecklenburg-Schwerin. The factory provides the felt "skins" and it remains only for the local plant to fill them with wool and to affix the necessary beads for eyes and

nose. The playthings produced are intended primarily for export and a heavy demand has been reported. Children in foreign countries are promised a new German creation for next year's Yuletide in a plaything called "fighting cocks." Already a few of them have been made here and large contracts have been closed abroad. 250 MEN YIELD TO ONE Soldier's Suicide Threat Causes Fascist To Abandon Raid. Florence, Feb. 16.—Two hundred and fifty Fascist who organized an expedition to Sigara to remove from the cemetery there the body of one of their members killed in last Thursday's crash, for the purpose of bringing it here to receive Fascist honors, have returned without success. The Fascist found the cemetery guarded by a non-commissioned officer of the carabinieri, with a detail of a few men, under instructions to refuse admittance to any one. He told the Fascist that while his force was in-

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