## **GERMAN MASSES** SUFFER WITH COLD

Socialist Writer Prophesies Present Conditions May Lead Any Day to Catastrophe.

POOR UNABLE TO GET FUEL

Berlin Citizens, Given Coal Cards Have No Guarantee That They Can Get Anywhere a Single Lump of Coal.

Coal Production at Maximum.

It can be calculated on as a certainty that with each succeeding war Winter Germany's coal shortage will grow more critical; an investigation into the STOCKHOLM. Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Coal shortage, particularly coupled with food shortage, is undenlably an important factor in helping to depress the morale of the German masses. There is a reign of excitement, marked by outbursets of loud complaints among large circles of Berlin's populace who have been suffering under the heart year of the first time, positively state that a limit have been suffering under the heart year of the first time, positively state that a limit have been suffering under the heart year of the first time, positively state that a limit have been suffering under the heart year of the first time, positively state that a limit have been suffering under the heart of the war germany can at most maintain ker present pace of call the following more than a suffering the coal production, which approximates that coal a Socialist writer prophe of incalculable consequences, and gives the following vivid picture:

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Germany is Overorganized.

The social problem, too, affords a spe eific illustration of how highly organ-ized and, in the opinion of many econo-mists, how overorganized Germany is after nearly four years of war. For a burgher of Berlin to get a bag of coal in this time of shortage entails the combined co-operation of the Imperial Coal Commissioner, the management of the coal kartell, the general management of the Prussian state railways and the director of the central traffic bureau, the Wholesule Coal Dealers' Assuciation, the municipal authorities and frequently the military authorities as

tion of the mines on the one hand the needs of the war industries on the other, has the hopeless task of jug-gling the small balance and apportionit where must needed. Greater in's coal ration is consigned to the If where most needed. Greater to the fendants in a damage action brought by the Brunawick-Baike-Collender Combution to the retailers. Berlin's coal matter to the retailers. Berlin's coal will arrive only after state railroad management and central traffic director find they can squeeze it somewhere between the preferred military and war industries traffic.

Trouble in Getting Coal Serious.

Of Police Charles L. Beckingham, defendants in a damage action brought by the Brunawick-Baike-Collender Combution for the smashing of pool tables in the Baden poolsoom at First and Fine streets on September 28, 1216, by the dry squad.

The company appeared in the suit on the ground that the tables were purchased under a conditional bill of sale by Louis Hitchcock, and that title had not been transferred to the purchaser.

Once the coal cars have reached Berlin's freight stations the real trouble has only begun, however. The difficulties besetting the rail-roads can be gathered from the fact that there are over 3,500,000 tons of coal waiting to be distributed to retailers. There is an acute shortage of delivery wagons for hauling the coal from the freight stations and distributing it among the small consumers. There is also a shortage of sacks. There is also a shortage of labor for unloading the coal care, loading the coal in cellar. The military authorities have to be called on to supply military vehicles and milion to supply military vehicles and mili-tary labor, but the military authorities are unable to comply in full with the demand. The Berliner, meanwhile, has his coal card in his hand but not a

scrap of guarantee that he will get a single lump of coal. Overorganization leads to disorgani-nation. Holders of coal cards have no way of knowing what particular retatler in his section of Berlin is likely to get coal first. None of the retailers has any stock on hand left. All sell out within a few hours after their particular consignment reaches the freight ticular consignment reaches the freight station. Coal lines are one result. Berliners standing patiently in the cold for many hours in the hope of obtaining 18 or 18 pounds of coke, or brick-ettes. Other and wiser Berliners swarm to the freight stations with hand pushcarts or lags in the hope of getting betr coal ration more surely and heir coal ration more surely and quicker direct from the coal cars. Wordy quarrels and fights, frequently stimulating small riots, are consequently frequent occurrences, par-ticipated in by populace, small coal dealers, police and railroad officials.

Apartment-Houses Affected.

Perhaps the most unpleasant war novelty of the Winter was the official rationing of the steam heat and hot; water supply in Berlin's apariment-buses, and necessitated by the tight rationing of coal and coke, further stirring up one of war's little hornets' stirring up one of war's little hornets' nests. Tenants whose leases called for an unlimited supply of steam heat and hot water were quick to take advantage of the possibility of sning their landlerits, forced to how under the effluind rationing yoke, for breach of centract. So numerous were the filed and threatened lawsuits over steam heat and het water that special heating courts of arbitration and arbitration sureams between tenants and landlords

bureaus between tenants and landlords were established. As a busis for settlement of heating disputes between landlords and tenants the supreme heating arbitration body of Herin, the Coal Association, has decreed that if landlords are physically unable to live up to their contract ten-ants are entitled to a rebate of 2 per cent on the rent for October, Novem-ber and December, for the missing steam heat and 4 per cent is knocked off the rent for the months of January, February and March. Further, 1 per cent is knocked off for failure to supply hot water in apartment-houses. The newest ordinance, however, requires landioris to maintain a minimum temperature of \$2.5 degrees Pahrenbert in apartments between 3 A. M. and 5 P. M.

Lights Are Limited.

The roal shortage and the consequent increasing use of gas and electricity by the public both have resulted in a serious deficit in gas and electric current. The gas and electric works of Berlin were unable to produce enough to keep up with the abnormal demand.

in fact, coal shortage forced them to throttle down their normal production. Berlin's gas works had at one time only five days' coal supply on hand. The power plants of the surface, elevated and underground rallways of Greater Berlin were in a similar plight, running from hand to mouth. The giant organism of Germany's metropolis has been and still is running on the smallest thinkable coal margin, with the alightest hitch in omergency deliveries spelling catastrophe.

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It has been necessary for the municipal authorities to call on the populace voluntarily to limit the use of gas, and particularly to leave unused gas, and particularly to leave unused the very popular gas heaters for hot bath water. The masses of Greater Berlin had an unprecedented opportunity for earning the title of "the Great Unwashed," for the coal shortage

Great Unwashed," for the coal shortage likewise forced the closing of Berlin's public baths.

Sharper measures were resorted to in order to save electrical current and consequently coal. In 1918 consumers of electricity must not exceed 80 percent of their consumption in the corresponding quarter of 1916. A sharp police control has been exercised over restaurants having stores etc. to see restaurants, hotels, stores, etc., to see that the 20 per cent saving of electric-ity is carried out.

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It can be calculated on as a certainty

many's war economy can it be author-itatively and honestly said that the limit has been reached.

Affairs of Alameda Consoli-

COURT RULES DAMAGES CANNOT BE COLLECTED BY PUBLIC.

Decision Rendered in Action at Scattle to Which Illram C. Gill Is Party.

SEATTLE, Wash, March 27 .- (Speial)-The Mayor of a city cannot be held responsible under his official bond This cumbersome apparatus functions for damage suffered by private indisas follows: The Imperial Coal Commissioner, kept posted as to the productions perfor Judge Archibald W. Frater. perior Judge Archibald W. Frater. This ruling was made in the grant

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1900, when a company was organized with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 by five incorporators, who turned over to the company eight mining prospects or claims which they asserted to be worth the face value of the stock issued to

\$500,000,000 IN CERTIFICATES OF- turned back to the company an equal turned back to the company an equal amount of stock.

In 1905 a receiver was appointed by Circuit Judge Calkins, of Josephine County. In 1913 the property was sold to a committee of creditors for about the value of their claims.

Simons is disputing the legality of proceedings in the Josephine County Court. Judge Stapleton disclaims jurisdiction, but announces that should the Supreme Court say his court has juris-PERED TO PUBLIC.

Total of \$2,400,000,000 in Treasury Notes Offered in Advance of Third Liberty Loan Drive.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Continuing his preparation for the third diction, he will rule that the proceed-liberty loan, Secretary McAdoo tonight ings in Josephine County were entirely loan, but the proceed-liberty loan, Secretary McAdoo tonight ings in Josephine County were entirely loan, but the model them. announced the issuance of another block of \$500,000.000 certificates of indebtedness, bearing \$\frac{4}{2}\$ per cent interest, payable July \$\frac{7}{2}\$, and dated April 10, when subscription books will close. These certificates carry the same terms as others issued in anticipation of liberty loan collections.

This is the 10th block of certificates at Country Home.

This is the fifth block of certificates offered in advance of the liberty loan making a total of \$2,400,000,000.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Appearing today before Senate and House con-ferees considering the administration ferees considering the administration hill to establish a war finance corperation, Secretary McAdoo urged that the corperation be given power to issue \$\$4,000,000,000 in bonds, as provided in the Senate bill, instead of only half that sum, proposed in the House measure.

The Secretary emphasized the need the aged mother of the decamed, Mrs. Suman Purcell, survives him; also five brothers for the Grant of Adm. and the Grant of Grant of Adm. and the Grant of Grant of Adm. and the Grant of Gra

for more capital than \$2,000,000,000 in brothers, Bert and Grant, of Adna, and bonds and \$500,000,000 capital stock John, of Randle; Ben, of Bacramento, given under the House bill, Cal., and Ralph, of Bastern Washing-

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then \$6 monthly.

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ing for Stock Alleged Plaintiff

Sold for Company; Legality of

Receiver's Sale Questioned.

L. B. M. Simons recovered a judg-

ent before Circuit Judge Stapleto

resterday afternoon for \$764.80 from the Almeda Consolidated Mining

pany, and his obtaining of this sum

according to the judgment of the cour

County, has been estimated variously from nothing to \$100,030,000. The capi-tal stock of the corporation is \$15,-

The history of the project began in

the incorporators.

The value of the property, in the opinion of the court, was and is purely speculative. Three hundred thousand dollars of the stock was retained as treasury stock, and a small portion of

t was sold for development purposes Simons was authorized, as the selling agent, to dispose of it. He sold 27,225 shares, so the testimony showed, for \$35,162.50. Simons kept the money and

at Country Home.

CHEHALIS, Wash, March 27 .- (Spe-

(al.)-Elwood Purcell, a Lewis County

resident, who came to this section with

his parents in 1863, died at his New-

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INSURANCE MEN ORGANIZE

Move Against Non-Partisan League Started in Washington.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 27 .- (Spe cial.)-State insurance men, 6 strong, are being organized down ounty units to resist the spread of the on-Partisan League in the state of Vashington. Idaho agents are ready take the same action.

o take the same action.

King, Pierce and Spokane counties are already been organized, according to President H. W. Newton, of the tate Insurance Federation. T. K. Binnie has been named to organize all counties in Eastern Washington and is now at Walla Walla. The county fed-erations include all lines of insurance.

BIG TREE CRUSHES HOUSE

One part of the building was practi-cally demolished. Had Mr. and Mrs. Grandberg at the time had not been in another part of the building they prob-ably would have been killed.

# MINE VALUE VARIES ton. A sister Miss Emma Purcell, lives DEATH COMES ON TRAIN

PULLMAN BERTH.

Difficulty Found in Locating Relatives or Friends of Man En Route From Portland to Kansas City.

BOISE, Idaho, March 27.—(Special.)
—Difficulty is being encountered in locating relatives or friends of J. P. Devanna, believed to have been a resident of Portland, who died some time Tuesday night while on Number 4, an eastbound train on the Oregon Short Line. He was discovered dead in his Line. He was discovered dead in his Line. He was discovered dead in his berth while the train was between Gooding and Shoshone, and was removed at the latter place, where the body is now being held at the O. J. Brennen undertaking parlors. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause. Devanna carried a ticket routing him from Portland to Kansas City. There was also found on his person a \$2500 accident insurance policy, \$15 in money, a watch and a deposit book. He was CHEHALIS, Wash. March 27.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Nels Grandberg, of Ethel, 16 miles southeast of Chehalis, narrowly escaped death at the home of William Carlson last night, when a large tree near the house became uprooted by a storm and fell.

One part of the building was recally demolished.

WASHINGTON, March 27 .- As the

J. P. DEVANNA FOUND LIFELESS IN

New Haven Gets Federal Loan.

Forty-five per cent of American income is apent for food and 20 per cent or rent.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—As the Washington, March 22.—As the first big expenditure from the \$500,-000,000 Railroad Administration revolving fund, Director-General McAdoo to rent.

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AMSTERDAM, March 27.—A Berlin 1952 for Herr Breltacherds, the minority Socialist candidate.

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TITH the Food Administration calling upon producers to raise more foods and upon consumers to eat less, it is in keeping that Armour should aid growers to increase their outputs and educate users to employ the supply most advantageously.

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