

THYSSEN ARRESTED; BANKS CLOSED

Foch Goes To Ruhr Sector; Germans Still Defiant As French Plan Action

On the other hand, Herren Krupp and Thyssen, although not officially announcing that they had no money to meet the payroll, gave the workers to understand that today's envelopes would probably be thin.

Five thousand workmen in the state mines and ovens in the Becklinghausen district protested last evening against the confiscation of the properties there and the imprisonment of Herr Rochstein, the director. They framed an ultimatum to the French military authorities demanding the withdrawal of the soldiers and the release of Herr Rochstein within twenty-four hours. The latter request was refused point-blank, whereupon the workers adopted a resolution which said:

"We will not work under French bayonets."

The resolution threatened a strike on Monday unless the troops were withdrawn and the director set free.

Banks Fail to Open
DUESSELDORF, Jan. 20 (By The Associated Press).—A point blank refusal from the directors of the Reichsbank branch here to reopen the bank's doors was delivered today to General Degoutte, the French commander-in-chief in the Ruhr. In declining to obey General Degoutte's orders that the bank resume its activities immediately, the directors declared:

"The bank will remain closed so long as there is a single French soldier in or around the premises."

General Degoutte, in replying, held the directors personally responsible and informed them that the military guard would be removed only after the bank had reopened for business.

It was expected that penalties would be imposed upon the directors before the day was over.

DUESSELDORF, Jan. 26 (By The Associated Press).—The Reichsbank failed to open its doors for business at 10 o'clock this morning, whereupon General Degoutte ordered it to resume its activities immediately. The order did not state whether penalties might be forthcoming in the event of failure to comply. Herr Lieneweber, the director, promised yesterday to be obedient.

A majority of the private banks, which were also closed yesterday, were doing business this morning. Their managers said they would continue to do so until the supply of marks was exhausted.

Strike by Workers
ELBERFELD, Jan. 20 (By The Associated Press).—The railroad workers in this zone decided today no longer to transport outside of the Ruhr coal requisitioned by the French. This decision was reached after an all night session here, in which many of the delegates favored continuance of work.

Foch Coming to Ruhr
ESSEN, Jan. 20 (By The Associated Press)—It was reported here this morning that Marshal Foch the French generalissimo, would arrive in the Ruhr Valley during the day.

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