Dentist Held In Connection With Death of Secret Bride Reiterates Innocence

DR. JOHNSON SAYS HE DID NOT JOURNEY TO NORFOLK

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as I said the ceremony. It was a beautiful sight. As I pronounced the benediction—a short prayer at the close, as is my custom—you placed your arm about your bride and she turned her face and kissed you.

"After you had gone on your way my wife remarked that of the many young people I had married, never had she seen two who seemed so devoted, so enamored one with the other. We have often spoken of it since.

"The news of your wife's death was naturally a shock to us both, and the charge later against you has pained us."

The young dentist was moved by the minister's statement. After the first interruption he offered no further word until the minister asked if he wished for him to pray with him. He said, "Yes," and a prayer for the soul of the young man was uttered.

Former Landlady Comforts.

Another visitor was Mrs. F. C. Coswell, of 407 North Eleventh street, with whom Johnson boarded during his last year at the Virginia Medical College in this city, from which he graduated last June.

"I think it is absolutely out of the question that anyone should accuse you of any crime," said Mrs. Coswell. "Of the large number of young men that have made their home at my house while attending college here, I have never known a more perfect gentleman. I want to assure you that I have the utmost confidence in you and will do everything in my power to get you out of this trouble. I feel certain that everything will work out for the best."

Mrs. Coswell promised to send the young dentist some home cooked food, for, she said, "this jail fare is not good enough for you."

When Johnson told Mrs. Coswell that his dead bride's family were still his friends, and that the mother, Mrs. George E. Knight, had already visited him at the jail and expressed her belief in his innocence, she replied, "Why certainly she trusts you, and should stand by you."

Other friends of Johnson and his dead bride brought books and magazines, fruit, cake, and small gifts.

Prisoner More Rational.

Since the effects of the poison he swallowed at Wilson have passed off, Johnson is more rational, and at the city jail he discussed the death of his bride and his attempt at suicide at length.

"I thoroughly understand just what a predicament I am in," said Johnson to The Times representative. "Summed up, this is the situation that confronts me:

"I am a doctor and know something about poisons, particularly cyanide, because that is a substance used by dentists—my profession—in cleaning dental instruments. I know its deadly effects. In college we were prohibited from handling it because it is so deadly.

"Then, granting that the newspaper stories are true, I was in love with and engaged to another girl. In that case, it would be easy to find a motive for giving my wife the poison.

"It is true that I was with my wife in Richmond on Monday before her death. I left on that date and it is claimed that a few hours later she took a capsule that made her sick; that she took another of the same kind on the following Saturday, causing her death.

Excitement Was Natural.

"When I returned to Richmond to the funeral, the newspapers report that I was excited, upset, and that my mind was wrong. Was it not natural for a man to be upset when his wife had died just a few days before he was to take her to his home and start life together?

"The report is that I kept my marriage a secret; that I never intended making it known back home in North Carolina.

"The police produce letters showing that I wrote to Ollie White, a music teacher near Middlesex, in which I used endearing terms. She was the girl, they say, that I really loved.

"Then comes the report that I sought to purchase cyanide of potassium in Wilson.

"Yes, I can understand how some people would conclude that I was guilty, but in the face of it all, I can positively swear that I am innocent of any crime whatever.

Denies He Was Engaged.

"In the first place, I was not engaged to Ollie White. I did give her a diamond ring two years ago. I was at one time keeping company with her, but after I married Alice Knight I did not court her. On one or two occasions I was thrown with her with others in a merely casual way. She knew all the time that I was keeping company with Alice Knight, but I never told her that I was married. I did not consider it necessary.

"As to my wife taking a capsule on Monday, I know nothing. Her mother, who came to see me here at the jail, said that she did not know of it until after her daughter's death, and then only from hearsay. How she got the capsula that she took on Saturday night I do not know.

"In my opinion, there was nothing on earth to prompt suicide, for Alice was as happy as I over the coming of Christmas, when we planned to set up housekeeping together at Middlesex. I was doing well with my dental work, and during the last week I was there, I did $124.30 worth of business, and had dates booked for fifteen days ahead.

Told Police of Fears.

"Immediately after my wife's death I called at police headquarters and asked if there was anything I could do to clear up what appeared to be a mystery. I told the chief that I did not want it to appear that I was in any way responsible for her death, for it would hurt me with my friends, and would ruin my chances forever of making a mark for myself.

"I fear that there is little hope for me to ever get back into the good graces of my friends after all this trouble I have become involved in, although I feel certain I will be cleared of this crime.

"The police said I could do nothing at that time, and I promised to come back and assist them later if needed.

"After I got to Wilson, N. C., on my way home, I don't know what I did. I may have written those letters that the detectives have. They were in my room at the hotel. They bear my signature, and all that.

"Is it possible that a man in the possession of his senses would swallow iconitine poison in sufficient quantity to kill a hundred men?" he asked. "Well, I don't think so," he continued.

Dose-Taking Puzzles Him.

"How I got hold of it and why I took it, I don't know. I must have been out of my head because of the loss of my wife. I had not fully recovered from the strain of my college course and the extra reviewing I did before taking the state board examination. I had been taking some medicine to make me sleep and to quiet my nerves.

"The police have the letters; they cling to certain statements of a contradictory nature that they claim I made to various persons in Wilson. I swear that I remember one thing, and that only during the time I was in Wilson on that fateful Thursday—I remember being very ill. I do not even remember whether I rode a day coach or pullman in going there from Richmond.

"If a man loves his wife as he should, is it not right that he should try and grant her wishes? That is what I did when I aided her in keeping our marriage a secret, both in Richmond and in Middlesex.

Wife Feared Jesters.

"Alice told me that she did not want to give up her work at the medical college where she was employed as a stenographer until I had established myself at Middlesex. Her associates at the college, she said, would jest with her if they knew she was married, so to spare her, I agreed to keep the secret. Only her family and a few friends knew of the marriage here.

"It has been said that my marriage was kept a secret from my family in Middlesex; that I intended to surprise them, by taking my wife home on Christmas. That is not true.

"My mother, my father, my brother and a sister knew from the first that I was married to Alice. They also agreed to keep it a secret for Alice's sake. addressed the letter to her as 'Miss' at her own suggestion. It also prevented the postmaster at Middlesex from finding out.

"Alice did not have an enemy in the world in so far as I know. It seems impossible to think of any one who would have a motive for giving her poison. That is the eyes of some will place me at a disadvantage.

"There was no one who could have given her the poison because of jealousy. I have tried to figure out in my own mind whether such could be the case. It does not appear possible.

Predicts Vindication.

"I know that I shall be vindicated in the end, but my greatest concern is—living it down, afterward. I hope my friends here and in North Carolina will withhold their judgment, although I realize that appearances are against me right now.

"I am as innocent as Alice was good and pure, and the world will sooner or later know it."

The young dentist has complained of the food given prisoners and said that it was enough to "take the heart out of a man" to be forced to remain day and night in quarters with "criminals made up of negroes, Chinese, common whites, and a sprinkling of crooks of all creeds and colors."

Johnson smiled as he remarked that "the novelty of studying human nature in a jail soon wears off."

It will probably be determined today whether or not to exhume the body of the dead bride for a formal inquest, Coroner J. M. Whitfield said. No inquest was held before interment, he explained, because the theory of suicide appeared to be so conclusive.

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British, in Reprisal Raid, Bomb City of Mannheim

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Monday's British air raid on the German city of Mannheim was the first instance of an actual reprisal policy for German aerial murder over England, according to announcement today.

The raid was the first carried out by British flyers which did not aim at purely military objectives.

All London newspapers expressed satisfaction at the actual carrying out of the policy of "eye for an eye" and "tooth for a tooth" reprisal announced by Premier Lloyd-George in October, and on Decemer 14 reiterated by Lord Rothermere, British minister, in his Grays Inn speech.

GERMANS SEEKING POSTPONEMENT OF PEACE PARLEYS

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is believed, an accurate account of the strength of the Bolsheviki and also give an idea of just how much help may be expected from Russia in the world war.

Brings Ambassador's Statement.

Recent advices from Petrograd were to the effect that the leaders of the Bolsheviki were bitter because of the alleged activities of Ambassador Francis against their cause. The documents brought by Williams, it is believed, tell just what Francis has done.

An indication of the importance of the dispatches was furnished by the fact that Williams carried them in a mail pouch chained to his wrist, and that he slept with the mail pouch under his pillow throughout the night.

Mr. Williams started for Roumania in July. Twenty days were consumed in making the trip, and the train was frequently attacked by armed bands representing various factions. Williams stated that Russia's internal affairs were in a state of chaos, and that conditions have steadily grown worse since.

Moscow Wrecked by Mobs.

Former Premier Kerensky, Williams said, has not been heard from since the report was circulated several weeks ago that he was leading an army against Petrograd. Regarding the alleged escape of ex-Czar Nicholas, Williams declared he believed the report unfounded, as the former ruler is being guarded with the utmost care.

At Moscow, Williams said they found armed bands of marauders roaming the streets. Hardly a pane of glass remains unbroken in the entire city. The once magnificent Hotel Metropole was wantonly riddled with bullets, but no one was in the hotel at the time.

AUSTRIANS BATTERING INCESSANTLY ON ITALIAN LINE WEST OF BRENTA

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN ITALY, Dec. 26.—The Teutons are making their last supreme effort to reach the Venetian plains before winter irrevocably checks all operations.

Since Saturday General Conrads Austrians have been battering unceasingly against the Italians. The assault west of the Brenta will be followed quickly by new assaults by Generals Kraus and Below east of the same river—particularly around Monte Grappa, where the Austro-Germans are now freshly concentrating.

The battle as thus developed will decide whether the Italians will be able to maintain their present positions until spring. Snow and ice are already checking offensive possibilities through all the mountain region. The winter, nevertheless, continues unseasonably open. As yet there is no sign of heavy snow having fallen in the mountains. Yet the passes are being covered with a mantle sufficient within a week or ten days more to check the enemy's operations.

Snow Hampers Supplies.

Already the snowfall has curtailed the bringing up of food to such an extent that the enemy has been forced to substitute for massed attacks the drive of special troops carrying emergency rations. These forces fight until relieved by others like themselves, carrying equipment for four days' service.

The fighting today is the culminating decisive stroke of the past two months' operations. The credit to date is with the Italians in the struggle.

Enemy prisoners unanimously declare the vigorous Italian resistance has already forced the Teutonic staffs to abandon their original plan to establish a military and political front from Trent to Venice. They are contenting themselves now with the mere hope of reaching Venetian plains before a defeat—and by defeat they mean the necessity of a winter campaign in the ice and snow covered summits of the Alps.

The allies are determined not to permit the Austro-Germans even to reach the dominating summits of Asiago and Grappa. The Austro-German decision to accept their present front for the whole winter has been further indicated by their feverish fortification of the Piave into a permanent front while all offensive efforts are concentrated against Grappa, to improve permanent positions there.

UKRANIAN PARLEYS ENDED BY BOLSHEVIKI

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Negotiations between the Bolsheviki government and the Ukrainian government for a settlement of their differences have been broken off and both sides are preparing for a decisive military campaign, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Jewish Daily Forward today.

In addition to the Red Guard of Petrograd and Moscow, the Bolsheviki are bringing up a big army from the Caucasus to fight the Ukrainians and Cossacks.

Mutinous soldiers have pillaged and burned the city of Irbit, in the province of Perm.

The food shortage in Petrograd has become acute, due to the looting of food trains on their way to Petrograd, the dispatch added.

PAGES ARE MADE HAPPY BY SENATORS' PRESENTS

Senate pages fared well so far as Christmas presents are concerned. Not only did the Vice President give them a dinner, but several Senators presented gifts.

Senator Saulsbury of Delaware, and Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, gave the boys money.

Senator Phelan of California gave books.

BEATS GIRL WITH BRICK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Barbara Grable, sixteen, attacked by a jealous admirer, was beaten on the face with a brick and scarred for life.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Fighting in the Asiago plateau section of northern Italy has again reached a stage of extreme violence. Both sides are claiming new gains. Rome announces the recapture of most of the ground lost to the invaders on Sunday, while Berlin reports the seizure of Col del Rosso, between the Asiago and the Brenta, and of adjacent heights to the west and east. The latest dispatches indicate that the battle is still raging fiercely on both sides of the Brenta river and in the mountains.

Some idea of the sanguinary nature of the conflict is furnished by the Italian war office statement which makes mention of the "vicissitudes of the fierce struggle," "heavy hand-to-hand fighting" under the summit of Col del Rosso, the destruction of a whole enemy column advancing on the heights to the west of Malgo Costalunga, and the "great stubbornness" of the Teutons in meeting counter attacks. The heavy artillery of both sides is in constant action all along the line.

Bitterly cold weather is adding to the rigors of the warfare in this important theater of action. From one to seven feet of snow covers the ground in various places in the Venetian Alps, and the temperatures are unusually low. Austrian prisoners report a shortage of provisions by the invaders due in the main to the heavy snowfall which has interrupted transport service.

On the western front raiding activities continue together with isolated cannonades of more or less violence from the North Sea to the Swiss Alps. The British war office reports the capture of "a few prisoners" in patrol encounters south of Cambrai, the repulse of a hostile raid southeast of Ypres, and lively artillery fire west of La Basse, Poelcapelle. The French announce intermittent cannonading "at various points along the front," a raid on German positions south of Juvincourt, and the repulse of an enemy raid at Caurierres wood in the Verdun region.

Russia's civil war has extended to the interior of Siberia, "heavy fighting" between Bolshevist forces and supporters of the original revolutionary party being reported from many sections of that desolate region. Detachments of Bolsheviki have cut the trans-Siberian railway near Irkutsk in eastern Siberia and destroyed locomotive sheds and workshops. A dispatch emanating from sources favorable to the Lenine-Trotzky government "announces" the defeat of 6,000 troops of General Korniloff's command near Bielgorod and an attack by Bolsheviki on Kharkov about 400 miles south of Moscow.

British airmen have raided the city of Mannheim on the Rhine, raining a ton of bombs on "the large main station, in the works, and also in the town, where fires were started." Seven German aeroplanes have been brought down since Sunday in fighting along the British front.

Vital Records of the District.

Births.

The following births and deaths have been reported to the Health Department during the last twenty-four hours:

Morgan Lewis and Minnie Kane, girl.
Clarence and Mary E. Jarboe, boy.
Dan J. and Katherine C. Bradley, girl.
Samuel C. and Rose B. Shuey, boy.
Edward R. and Katherine R. Finch, boy.
Albert G. and Helen M. Russell, boy.
Thomas A. and Florence E. Hanrahan, girl.
James P. and Carrie R. Madigan, boy.
Charles R. and Mary R. Schroth, girl.
Charles and Beulah N. Satterfield, girl.

Marriage Licenses.

J. H. Pritchett, 21, and Alice Lee E. Zell, 20, both of Petersburg, Va. The Rev. C. C. Clarke.
John H. Sommerville, 24, and Carmel L. Potter, 20, both of Washington, D. C. The Rev. Eugene L. McDonnell.
Conger Reynolds, 26, of Iowa City, Ia., and Daphne Goodenough, 25, of Nevada, Mo. The Rev. James S. Montgomery.
George W. Jones, 28, and Violet Hutchison, 26, both of Richmond, Va. The Rev. T. E. Davis.
John Valentine Morgan, jr., 26, of Richmond, Va., and Mary T. Gilliam, 18, of Lynchburg, Va. The Rev. J. Henning Nelms.
Louis J. Samiels, 21, and Sarah Agranovitz, 19, both of Baltimore, Md. The Rev. John H. Jeffries.
Harrison M. Evans, 21, of Braddock, Pa., and Lucie E. Hollingsworth, 20, of Edinburg, Va. The Rev. A. Bielaski.
Harry Austin Lenning, 22, of Newport News, Va., and Pearle Evelyn Gibson, 23, of Huntington, W. Va. The Rev. Harry D. Mitchell.
Theodore Walter Aldrich, 29, and Caroline Frances Brightman, 29, both of New Haven, Conn. The Rev. T. E. Davis.
Fontaine Beckham Hooff, G., of Charles Town, W. Va., and Charlotte Lorilie Smith, 27, of Manassas, Va. The Rev. Samuel H. Greene.
Theodore H. Sauer, 28, of Washington, D. C., and Mabel Beuter, 28, of Evansville, Ind. The Rev. H. Schroeder.
Henry Parson, 26, and Beulah Able, 23, both of Dumfries, Va. The Rev. John E. Briggs.
John J. Quinn, 20, and Viola Kiehl, 23, both of Washington, D. C. The Rev. Harry D. Mitchell.
William H. Rosengood, 23, and Annie B. Cole, 19, both of Washington, D. C. The Rev. F. Kervin.
John Frederick Schlitinger, 27, and Anna M. Strapp, 29, both of Washington, D. C. The Rev. John E. A. Doermann.
Leslie Leroy Mullineaux, 21, and Julia Pauline Stanley, 18, both of Damascus, Md. The Rev. John E. Fort.
Frank P. Keeper, 36, of Baltimore, Md., and Jane Elizabeth Bowles, 36, of Altoona, Pa. The Rev. Walter E. Burnett.
Louis Horwitz, 28, of Baltimore, Md., and Bertha R. Becker, 23, of Washington, D. C. The Rev. M. Becker.
Ernest L. Guyer, 21, of Newcastle, Ind., and Edna E. Ford, 21, of Fairfield, Conn. The Rev. E. H. Ladew.
Charles W. Travers, 22, and Lydia C. Krouse, 21, both of Washington, D. C. The Rev. H. Isenhaut.
Joseph H. Bartenstein, 22, of Warrenton, Va., and Helen M. Neily, 19, of Washinton, D. C. The Rev. Forrest J. Prettyman.
Paul Brewett, 25, and Annie M. Wesley, 22, both of Colbrook, Md. The Rev. Harry D. Mitchell.
Fred Leslie Showalter, 24, of Camp Meade, Md., and Mattie Dixon Ould, 24, of Lynchburg, Va. The Rev. J. B. Clark.
Walter Lee Duncan, 24, of Camp Meade, Md., and Mary Elizabeth Fisher, 22, of Baltimore, Md. The Rev. John H. Jeffries.
Charles D. Parker, 23, of Greenville, S. C., and Annie Ruth Ganette, 21, of Washington, D. C. The Rev. John E. Briggs.
C. B. Hathaway, 22, and Martha H. White, 25, both of Washington, D. C. The Rev. J. E. Briggs.
J. Lee Burke, 27, of Front Royal, Va., and Sarah E. Clark, 24, of Washington, D. C. The Rev. J. C. Ball.
Merle F. Huycke, 23, of Quantico, Va., and Annie E. Armentrout, 24, of Washington, D. C. The Rev. E. H. Lamar.
Maximilian Pierre Bergeron, 20, of Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., and Mary Constance O'Brien, 24, of Washington, D. C. The Rev. P. C. Gavan.
John Wade Lynch, 23, and Kathryn May Zeller, 22, both of Washington, D. C. The Rev. J. C. Palmer.
Charles H. Schreyer, 27, and Ann Diamondson, 23, both of Washington, D. C. The Rev. John E. Briggs.
John B. Diest, 26, and Jesse B. Brush, 27, both of Washington, D. C. The Rev. James D. Buhrer.
Vern Fields Squier, 26, and Gretchen Evelyn Hanchett, 21, both of Jamestown, N. Y. The Rev. Harry D. Mitchell.
Frank J. Bateman, 24, and Edna Lois Carson, 21, both of Washington, D. C. The Rev. G. W. Van Fossen.
Harry Ervin Oliver, 24, and Nettie Evelyn McWilliams, 29, of Sharptown, Md. The Rev. J. F. Bryan.
James D. Bligh, 22, and C. Louise Sweeney, 18, both of Washington, D. C. The Rev. J. Thomas.
Wm. J. Henstein, 27, and Ada E. Bateman, 24, both of Washington, D. C. The Rev. John T. Huddle.
Many Tayloe, 21, of Ipo, Va., and Ida Sue Holland, 24, of Laura county, Va. The Rev. Harry D. Mitchell.
Ira R. Nicely, 23, of Clifton Forge, Va., and Lillian Bell Kennedy, 22, of Waynesboro, Va. The Rev. Howard F. Downs.
L. Whittaker, 23, and Mabel Waters, 22. The Rev. William J. Howard.
N. Carroll, 27, and Charlotte Smith, 22. The Rev. W. H. Dean.
H. B. Matthews, 21, and Marie Margaret Armstrong, 20. The Rev. W. H. Dean.
J. L. Fowler, 45, and Mary Hopkins, 34. The Rev. J. Richard.
J. Dudley, 19, and Margaret Mack, 20. The Rev. L. A. Carter.
H. A. Armstead, 25, and Corinne Alexander, 21. The Rev. U. B. Johnson.
W. H. Hodges, 31, and Lillian Stepney, 29. The Rev. J. Richard.
A. Green, 22, and Mary Smith, 28. The Rev. J. H. Burke.
E. Holland, 19, and Margaret Williams, 27. The Rev. B. Brown.
W. H. Osborn, 27, and Ella Dorsey, 22. The Rev. D. D. Turpeau.
C. Williams, 25, and Beulah Brock, 22. The Rev. J. E. Willis.
J. T. Harris, 24, and Carrie L. Moore, 23. The Rev. M. L. Breeding.
J. E. Curtis, 53, and Annie Chew, 25. The Rev. R. H. Hawkins.
F. Neal, 22, and Louisa Thomas, 15. The Rev. Paul Griffith.
F. Jenifer, 30, and Emma Matthews, 26. The Rev. D. C. Keenan.
J. W. Williams, 29, and A. Marilla Hill, 29. The Rev. F. W. Dixon.
J. Newman, 20, and Lillie Ware, 20. The Rev. A. Sayles.
L. E. Woods, 23, and Lillian D. Greene, 20. The Rev. M. W. D. Norman.
J. I. Minor, 36, and Elizabeth B. Tancil, 28. The Rev. W. J. Brooks.
H. R. Crawford, 26, and Bessie I. Scott, 24. The Rev. F. J. Grimke.
R. A. Rudd, 23, and Lucy Tate, 22. The Rev. William J. Howard.
A. J. Banks, 28, and Blanche E. Butler, 29. The Rev. W. Westray.

Deaths.

Julius A. Krentzlin, 64 yrs., The Congressional Aparts.
William H. Hodges, 18 yrs., 2218 13th st. nw.
Susana Dyer, 76 yrs., Masonic Eastern Star Home, Takoma, D. C.
Rose Sullivan, 65 yrs., St. Elizabeth's Hos.
William Bayard Gibson, 22 yrs., Casualty Hos.
Fred Colgan, 41 yrs., St. Elizabeth's Hos.
Thomas Henry, 25 yrs., Casualty Hos.
Ella Cahill Sillers, 72 yrs., 313 H st. nw.
Ethel Ada Graham, 41 yrs., Sibley Hos.
Richard Willis, 18 yrs., 1314 Newark st. nw.
Infant of Clarence and Evangliesta Hughes, 18 hrs., Casualty Hos.
Maurice Roberts, 2 mos., 418 6½ st. sw.
Infant of Frank and Emma Dorsey, 12 hrs., 916 1st st. se.
Cornelius H. Kermer, 25 yrs., 769 Girard st. nw.
Hattie Wayne, 50 yrs., Wash. Asy. Hos.

GERMAN PAPER TALKS OF ANNEXING AFRICAN TERRITORY

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 26.—The German government is apparently more determined than ever to annex African territory at the expense of Belgium, Portugal, and England, said the Leipziger Volks Zeitung today in a commenting upon a recent speech of the German minister of colonies.

FRENCH PATROLS BREAK THROUGH GERMAN LINES ON ALSATIAN FRONT

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Strong French patrols penetrated German trenches near St. Quentin and in upper Alsace, capturing some prisoners, the war office announced today.

At Besonvaux, on the Verdun front, the Germans began a heavy bombardment of the French position, but French artillery silenced the German batteries.

BULGARIA PROTESTS NO ANNEXATION PLAN OF BOLSHEVIKI PEACE

GENEVA, Dec. 26.—Bulgaria has balked at the peace terms of the Russian Bolsheviki, protesting especially against the clause calling for no annexation of occupied territory, said a telegram from the German frontier today.

A cablegram to the International News Service yesterday reported that the central powers were replying to the Russian peace terms, asking for a "modification" of them.

BOWERY BREAD LINE GOES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Employment conditions in New York are so satisfactory that one of the city's most famous winter institutions—the Bowery bread line—has been abolished.

GARFIELD BLAMES FUEL SHORTAGE TO DEMANDS OF WAR

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without the increased price," he explained.

"I suppose you have placed the Government's interests first?" said Kenyon.

"In this severe weather, I have considered the consumer first, for with a dissatisfied people the Government can accomplish nothing," was Garfield's reply.

Prices are much higher this year than last, Garfield admitted, but said they are more stabilized now.

"Do you think you have the situation well in hand now?" asked Kenyon.

"I can't guarantee that there will be no more suffering," said the fuel head.

Blames Railroads.

Garfield placed much of the blame for the coal famine on the railroads, and said the recent blizzards have accentuated the rail tie-up. The greatest coal congestions, Garfield said, were at the "bottleneck" points of Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Toledo, and Albany.

"Coal constitutes one-half of the freight," he said, "and when we increase production we increase railroads difficulties. The transportation system is what it is now, because of our policy of preserving competition so our railroads cannot easily be put together."

Asks of Profits.

Senator Kenyon asked for a statement of the profits of all large coal producers.

"It is not on hand now," Dr. Garfield said, but W. B. Colver, of the Federal Trade Commission, will be called to furnish this information.

"I have a little interest as a coal operator myself," Dr. Garfield said, "and speaking from my own experience I can say that the cost of production has mounted rapidly since 1916. The coal operator knows the Government has stopped the price of coal, but has done nothing to stop the cost.

"I believe there have been high profits, but I hardly believe it is possible to stop it without interfering with the production of coal."

The committee today summoned Attorney General McGhee, of Ohio, and James B. Dugan, of the Ohio Public Utilities Commission as witnesses.

L. J. COHEN, MILLIONAIRE RAIL MAGNATE, KILLED

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—L. J. Cohen, fifty, millionaire steel rail magnate, is dead, and William Lewin, his business partner, is critically ill today, the result of an automobile accident here late last night.

A Big Four freight train struck and demolished the car.

GEN. HALE IN FRANCE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—Maj. Gen. Harry C. Hale, commander of the Eighty-fourth division at Camp Zachary Taylor, has arrived in France, according to word received here today. He will make a tour of the battle fronts.

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