

ALL BERLIN HOTELS CLOSED

"Strike" Leader Admits Cruelty, but Says Government Must Yield Berlin, Dec. 19.—(By A. P.)—Every restaurant, cafe, bar and eating house, even the kosher kitchens in the poorer north and east ends of Berlin, closed yesterday in retaliation against the food ministry's new regulations...

than any law of the old militarist regime. Herr Kretschman, one of the promoters of the strike, after an automobile inspection of the city, returned to headquarters with the verdict that the "strike" was "the sublimity of cruelty, but absolutely necessary," and that it would be repeated in every city, town and hamlet in Germany in January if the government fails to annul the food ministry's decree.

RIVER DREDGING BEGINS SOON The work of dredging the river to a depth of thirty-five feet will be begun in the vicinity of Pier No. 13, in the near future. The United States Engineers' Department has asked for bids for the work. The sum to be expended will amount to over \$400,000.

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Who Won the Coal Strike?

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The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST for this week—December 20th—has been prepared so as to give the public an all-sided knowledge of just what the strike settlement contemplates. It quotes facts, opinions and predictions from all sources, and the article is illustrated with half-tone illustrations and cartoons.

Other articles of almost equal importance and interest in this number of the "Digest" are:

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