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BIG INCREASE IN GAS PRODUCTION SHOWN IN REPORT

Washington, Sept. 27.—More than half a trillion cubic feet of gas was sucked from the earth and used in blast furnaces, illuminating systems, for home and other uses in the United States during 1915, according to a Geological Survey bulletin announced today.

The value of the natural gas produced reached the unprecedented total of \$101,212,321. The production was nearly six per cent more than the record amount of 1914. The 1915 figures are 622,578,542,000 cubic feet.

West Virginia led all other states in output with 244,004,159,000 cubic feet. Pennsylvania was second with 113,691,690,000; Oklahoma was third with 87,518,753,000; and Ohio fourth with 79,519,032,000 cubic feet.

Credit for the high increase belongs to Ohio, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kansas and California, which together produced \$9,000,000,000 more cubic feet of natural gas in 1915 than they did in 1914.

It is estimated 2,195,081 domestic consumers used 217,203,543,000 cubic feet of the total output at an average price of 28.32 cents per thousand feet, or a total of \$62,164,593. Industrial consumers paid a much lower rate of 9.7 cents per cubic foot, or a total of \$29,147,688 for the remaining 65 per cent of the total output.

President Wilson recommended that arbitration judgments be made records of a court of law. In order that their interpretation and enforcement may not lie with the parties to the dispute, but with an impartial and authoritative tribunal. It was his purpose in this recommendation to provide against future emergencies, to prevent the recurrence of such dangers as then confronted him and the country.

ADVICE TO RAILROADS.
The people of the United States are not going to be put off with the misinformation as to what the President did to avert a strike and to prevent the threat of future strikes. We have reason to believe that the full revelation of what he did, what he tried to do, and what he nearly succeeded in doing in the White House conferences would put such a face upon the matter that Republican efforts to make an issue of it would fail entirely flat.

"But the people do know, for it was before them in the President's address to Congress, that he proposed, not a single emergency act, but a broad program of legislation to meet a public need and permanently remove a public danger. It was a program which we are convinced the railroads would be very wise to accept in its entirety.

"Certainly it seems to us that they are ill advised to pray for the election of Mr. Hughes, who, if we take him at his word, would have brought on the strike, with all its irreparable injuries to the country's business and peril for the country's peace."

PRaises Wilson's Stand IN BEHALF OF SUFFRAGE

The action of the National Suffrage Association at Atlantic City, N. J., in rejecting by an overwhelming vote the proposal to make the suffrage movement a partisan annex of the Republican campaign, was further emphasized by Dr. Ann Howard Shaw, "the sage of suffrage," in an interview published in the Philadelphia Press, a staunch Republican organ.

"The President, in his speech to the convention, promised all he could carry out," said Dr. Shaw. "If he had promised more we would have known that he could not carry it out.

"Not the Republicans alone, nor the Democrats alone, can bring suffrage. If it could be done that way I would favor it. But it can't. We must get enough Democrats and Republicans together to do it."

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HUGHES DODGES ISSUE ON EIGHT HOUR LAW

Attacks Wilson's Plan but Won't Tell Public What He Would Have Done.

ONLY WAY TO AVERT STRIKE

Republican Nominee is Asked to Declare if He Would Have Vetoed the Bill With Certain Assurance of Industrial Clearer.

So busy has been Charles E. Hughes criticizing the deeds of the Wilson Administration that he has had little time, or has purposely evaded, telling the public what he would have done had he been President under similar circumstances.

Lately Mr. Hughes has turned his attacks upon President Wilson's successful settlement of the crisis in the railroad world by causing to be passed by Congress the Adamson eight-hour bill. Mr. Hughes has characterized this action as a "surrender to force"; he is "opposed to being dictated to by any power on earth before the facts are known"; and he would not act until he had had a "fair investigation and candid treatment."

Taking issue with the Republican candidate's attitude the New York Times, in an editorial, asks:

"WHAT WOULD MR. HUGHES HAVE DONE?"

"Well, what way would Mr. Hughes have taken?" continues the Times. "What would he have done? Here was Mr. Wilson's position: The brotherhood refused arbitration, the railroad presidents would not accept the settlement Mr. Wilson proposed, granting the eight-hour standard day with provision for an impartial inquiry into its working. There was no law on the statute books to enforce arbitration.

"The President knew, knew with certainty and beyond question, that he could not get such a law from the Congress now in session. The sure and inevitable alternative to his acceptance of the eight-hour standard day measure was a strike, the suspension of railway service, freight and passenger, all over the country, beginning on the morning of Sept. 4th, would HUGHES HAVE DONE IT?"

"Mr. Hughes would not surrender to anybody in the country. Then he would have surrendered the country to the disturbance, immeasurable loss, and peril of a strike. Would he, in fact, have done that? Had he been President, confronted by that situation would Mr. Hughes have brought on a strike by refusing to sign the bill granting a wage increase? There was the strike in plain sight, a few hours away, sure to come. Would Mr. Hughes have vetoed the bill? On the contrary, would he not have done just what Mr. Wilson did, sign it?"

"The Republican candidate stands for two things: 'First, for the principle of fair, impartial, thorough, candid, arbitration; and second, for legislation on facts according to the necessities of the case.' Mr. Wilson stands for those two things and, much more, has pledged himself to use all his influence to secure them.

"What more could Mr. Hughes do? Would it be too much to ask the Republican candidate to put a little common fairness into his speeches? Is he afraid to tell his audiences what the President actually did upon Congress?"

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AN ANTI-CAMPAIGN?
As a candidate Mr. Hughes has not yet come up to expectations. The trouble is that he has not yet told the American people positively and concretely just what he proposes to do if elected President. The American people want to know what constructive program Mr. Hughes has to offer them. They demand of a leader a demonstration of leadership. There is a serious danger that the Republican candidate may become an "anti." And it never pays in this world to be an anti-anything.—The Independent.

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R. S. Morris, who has been ill for the last two days, and who has been confined to his home, is able to be out again.

A New Arrival.
Mr. and Mrs. Heber Winfield are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy, who came to their home, night before last.

Charles Payne Ill.
Charles Payne, of the Savings & Trust Co., is confined to his home with illness. He expects to be out in a day or two.

Demonstrate New Light.
Superintendent Charles of the electric light and water system, has arranged for a demonstration of the new "perfect day light," which is to take place at Bowers Brothers store tonight. Mr. Charles claims that the light enables the distinguishing of colors with as much accuracy as sunlight.

Left for Connecticut.
Seth Baughman left this morning for Connecticut, where he will be one of the instructors at Loomis Academy this year.

Here from Kingston.
W. C. Davison, of Kingston, who is well known locally, was a Washington visitor today. He left this afternoon for Belhaven.

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6 German Aeroplanes Brought Down
Paris, Sept. 27.—On the Somme front yesterday there were forty-seven aerial engagements. The war office announced today that five German aeroplanes were brought down and others were badly damaged.

TO DISCUSS TRADE CRISIS

(By United Press)
Washington, Sept. 27.—A comprehensive discussion of ways and means for meeting the "foreign trade crisis," that is expected after the war, was decided upon as a feature of the Southern Commercial Congress convention, which will meet in Norfolk next December.

"THE MOMENT BEFORE" AT NEW THEATRE TONIGHT

One of the best and most thrilling Paramount features seen in Washington in some time will be on the screen at the New Theatre tonight, "The Moment Before," with Miss Pauline Frederick as the stellar actress. Miss Frederick is too well known to the theatre-goers here to need comment. Her reputation in this city speaks for itself. The photography will be seen in five acts of thrill and excitement. Don't fail to witness it.

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