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Coal Dictator To Be Named

Officials Say That President Wilson Will Make Known Appointment In Next Twenty Four Hours.

(By United Press)
Washington, Aug. 20.—A coal dictator will be named for the United States by President Wilson within 24 hours, officials say.
The President favors a dictator with the sole responsibility to the committee to execute the Pomerene Coal Amendment to the food control law.
The President's choice for this tremendous power is not known. Robert S. Lovett, head of the War Industries Board and Chairman of the Union Pacific Railroad directorate is favored by the coal operators.
Commissioner W. B. Colver of the Federal Trade Commission is favored by the miners.
Under the law the dictator will fix prices from mine to consumer's bin and regulate all intermediate steps in distribution.

EDISON VISITS WHITE HOUSE

NEWS OF THE WIZARD'S COMING SETS WASHINGTON AGOG WITH QUESTION "HAS EDISON GOT SOMETHING?"

Washington, Aug. 20.—Thomas A. Edison will see President Wilson at four p. m. today. This news was given out from the White House at noon today and launched again the query "Has Edison got something?"
For weeks the famous inventor has been closeted with his secrets at his new Jersey plant.
The object of his visit to the White House today has not been made known.

DOUBLE NUMBER OF DESTROYERS

Washington, Aug. 20.—To double the number of the United States fleet of destroyers, the War Department has authorized representatives of 25 firms to study means of more than doubling destroyer contracts.
If the plan succeeds the United States will have more destroyers than any nation, including Great Britain.

CLAIMS TO BE YOUNG DANIELS

Washington, Aug. 20.—The secret service is trailing a youth representing himself as Secretary Daniel's eldest son, who obtained \$250 from Dr. Hutchinson and \$30 from Superintendent of the Edison plant there. The impostor is described as five feet and seven inches tall, weighing about 137 pounds, with blue eyes and wavy hair.

WILL CONFER BEFORE ANSWERING POPE

London, Aug. 20.—The Allies will confer before replying to the Vatican message, Lord Cecil, Minister of Blockade, announced in the House of Commons today.

SHE HAS ARRIVED

Madame Petrova in "The Waiting Soul" has arrived and will positively be shown at the Akrama tonight. No extra charges in the price of admission.

HOOVER URGES LARGER HERDS

URGES FARMERS TO MAKE MORE MEAT AS PATRIOTIC DUTY AS WELL AS FOR GOOD BUSINESS REASONS

(By GEORGE MARTIN)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, Aug. 20.—Herbert C. Hoover warns America that the world faces a meat famine.
A high range of prices for meat and animal products for many years to come confronts the country, declares Hoover, citing figures to prove that the nation's cattle, sheep and hogs are dwindling rapidly under the demands of war and in Allied Europe conditions threaten to wipe out altogether the supply of meats and animal products. The fabulously high prices of Europe and America will extend to lard, butter, cheese, leather, fats, oils and wools.
Mr. Hoover advocates government control of the country's meat exports and calls on America's livestock breeders at once to lay plans for enormously increased herds and flocks. He pleads for all the rich, well to do, middle class, and other non-manual laborers of the United States to greatly reduce their meat consumption, leaving more for the fighting men, and male and female workers of Allied lands.
The Food Administration today issued the following statement:
A total decrease of 115,000,000 in the world's meat producing animals is shown in a comparison of present with pre-war conditions. While the increase of cattle in the United States was 7,990,000 during this period, the total world decrease was 28,980,000. Sheep decreased 3,000,000 in the United States, and 54,500,000 in the world. Hogs increased 6,275,000 in the United States, but decreased 32,425,000 in the world supply.
The demands made by war on the American meat supply is further shown in the growth of our meat exports for the year ending June 30, 1916, which were 1,339,193,000 pounds as compared with 493,848,000 pounds for a 3-year pre-war average. These exports have chiefly gone to our Allies, whose capital stock of animals has decreased by 33,000,000 heads.
Although the European countries have drastically reduced meat consumption among non-war workers, this saving has been overcome by the greatly increased demands to supply men in the armies and ships, and the women who have taken up physical labor. This demand has been so great that Europe has been cutting into its herds at an alarming rate, and this condition will continue to grow worse each day as the war progresses. This is a problem that America must meet, not only during the war, but after it has ended.
Owing to the ascending standard of living, the world was already strained to supply enough animal products to meet the demand before the war began. The war has injected into an already difficult situation a number of vicious conditions which are jeopardizing the ultimate animal products supply of the world. The production of fodder in Europe has been diminished by the diversion of productive labor to war, and its import has been curtailed by shortage in shipping and by the isolation of markets by belligerent lines. From these causes not only are the actual numbers of animals decreasing in Europe, but the average weight and the annual output of dairy products per animal are decreasing.
The men in the armies, the men engaged in the shops, and the millions of women forced to physical labor, have required a greatly increased supply of animal products. To these individuals to whom fresh meat twice a week was a luxury, are now, by necessity of their extreme physical labor, eating it twice daily. The supply of wool and leather has decreased in a period when there are additional demands for the extra amount of normal clothing required for the soldiers must be met. All European countries have drastically reduced the consumption of meat and clothing among the non-war workers to a point that would seem impossible to the American people, but despite this, the actual meat, fat, wool, and leather consumption in the

RESIGNS POSITION TO GO TO FRONT

Mr. A. M. Pope who has been with the Standard Pharmacy for some time has resigned his position to go to the front. He will spend the remainder of his time at his home in Halifax County.

Mr. Pope was one of the Standard's most popular clerks and his readiness to do his best at whatever came his way was likewise expressed in the fact that he was one of the few who made no claims for exemption when drafted into Uncle Sam's big army. Although a native of Halifax County, he registered in Elizabeth City and will go from here as one of Betsy's Braves.

ARM BROKEN IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

The Ford car belonging to H. M. Ballance skidded and turned over, while driven by his daughter, Miss Lula Ballance, near Black Head Sign Post late Sunday afternoon.

The car turned over and the occupants were caught beneath it. Miss Ballance broke an arm and her head was bruised slightly. The windshield was broken out and the top was smashed up. The working condition of the car was not injured and it was driven to the city on its own power by Lloyd Perry.

Mr. Roy Chesson was also in the car but was not injured.

ADVANCE IN YPRES SECTOR

(By United Press)
London, Aug. 20.—Further advance in the Ypres sector southeast of St. Janshoek. Vigorous fighting is in progress reports Haig.

ACCEPTS POSITION AT STANDARD PHARMACY

Mr. Garland Atwater, formerly with the Albemarle Pharmacy, at the corner of Road and Main Streets, has accepted a position with the Standard Pharmacy on the corner of Main and Poldexter.

RUSSELL-STRATTON

Mr. Elmer H. Russell of Newport News, Va., and Miss Lillie P. Stratton of Lovington, Va., were married Sunday morning by Justice of the Peace, J. W. Menden, at his residence on Selden Street.

PLANES DROP TONS OF BOMBS

(By United Press)
London, Aug. 20.—Many tons of bombs were dropped on the Ghent railway station and Bruges docks by British seaplanes today according to admiralty reports.

Allied countries has increased as a result of the war. Under the pressure of these forces, Europe has been eating into its herds and flocks, and thus is burning the candle at both ends.
These vicious forces accumulate impetus as the war goes on, for with a diminished herd and thus a diminished production and a continuous demand, the inroads on the herds grow in volume.
The problem facing the American people is not only one of supplying the immediate demand of the Allies, but one which is more far-reaching in its future significance. As the war goes on there will be a constant lessening of the capital stock of food animals of the world. Among our Western Allies, the demand outruns further every day the decreasing production, and as shipping becomes further curtailed by continued submarine destruction, less tonnage can be devoted to fodder, and further reduction of the herds must ensue. These destructive forces have given rise to reactions in many directions. The world's supply of meat and dairy products

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Italy Wages Big Offensive

Simultaneously Launches Blow Against Three Fronts, Making One Gigantic Thrust At Austrian Lines.

(By United Press)
Rome, August 20.—Italy is waging a determined offensive against the Austrian lines from the Adriatic to the Alps. Fighting of great magnitude is in progress. The blow is probably the hardest the Italians have yet struck. Early reports tell of the initial successes of General Cadorna's troops. Assaults were simultaneously launched against Carso, Isonzo and Julian fronts, welding the three into one gigantic offensive.

FIRE DESTROYS TWO STEAMERS

(By United Press)
New York, Aug. 20.—Two steamers and two smaller vessels were seriously damaged by fire while docked at the foot of Congress street, Brooklyn today.
The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.
The damage is estimated at upwards of \$1,000,000. The fire followed two explosions.

MANY ATTEND DAVIS FUNERAL

The funeral of Mr. Fred Davis was conducted Monday afternoon at half past four o'clock from City Road Methodist church by the pastor Rev. C. B. Culbreth. Interment followed in Hollywood cemetery.

The pall bearers were: C. R. Pugh, J. W. Modlin, P. H. Hill, G. P. Anderson, James Ferebee, G. F. Seyfert, Miles Jennings, and W. S. White.

Mr. Davis' death occurred Saturday afternoon after a brief illness. He was sixty years of age and is survived by his wife and two children, Weymouth and Margaret, by two sisters, Mrs. L. Fearing and Miss Lou Davis, by one brother, William Davis, who was a member of City Road Methodist church and of the Royal Arcanum and one of the city's most excellent citizens.

DR. SELIG RETURNS FROM COLUMBIA UNIV.

Dr. Julian W. Selig has returned from New York City where he has been attending special lectures on the eye at Columbia University.

RETURNS FROM NORTHERN MARKETS

T. T. Turner has returned from a business trip to northern cities where he has been purchasing goods for T. T. Turner and Company.

MR. SHEEP AWAY BUYING FALL GOODS

Mr. M. Leigh Sheep, proprietor of the Woman's Wear Store is in New York this week buying his big fall stock of goods for the M. Leigh Sheep Company.

Mr. Sheep's store is known throughout this section as the style leader and is now fall goods which will be on display now within a few weeks a White of special interest to shoppers.

At the meantime the store is rapidly clearing out summer goods at bargain prices to make room for the beautiful fall display which is to come.

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STAGE STRIKE IN FOUR STATES

DEMAND RELEASE OF WAR PRISONERS WHICH INCLUDES LARGE NUMBER OF INTERNED GERMANS AND SLACKERS

(By United Press)
Spokane, Wash., Aug. 20.—The Industrial Worker's of the World of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana have staged a general strike as a result of the governors of these four states refusing to release the men made military prisoners Sunday afternoon by Idaho guardsmen.
Early reports state that the strike will probably run over 20,000 men out. The I. W. W.'s demand an eight hour day, better sanitary conditions and the release of the war prisoners, which includes a large number of interned German and slackers.

BIG BATTLE NEAR VERDUN

(By United Press)
Paris, Aug. 20.—A new and terrific battle has been reaching its climax today around the bloody ground near Verdun. The official statement said "Fighting developed in our advantage on a front of 12 miles from Avoncourt Wood to Bazenville."

Berlin, via London, Aug. 20.—The occupation of Taton Ridge by French troops without fighting is made in the official statement today. A violent attack is progressing on a front of 14 miles.

POLICEMEN FIREMEN NOT EXEMPTED

(By United Press)
Washington, Aug. 20.—Secretary Baker ruled today that the draft law cannot be construed to permit the general exemption of policemen and firemen.

POPE BENEDICT IS EARLY RISER

(By United Press)
Rome, Aug. 20.—Pope Benedict is so interested in the world's attitude toward his peace proposals that he has completely overturned the Vatican's routine and arises an hour earlier each morning to read the press comment from all the capitals.

KAISER EXPRESSES THANKS TO NAVY

(By United Press)
Amsterdam, Aug. 20.—The Kaiser expressed his formal thanks to the German navy today for "preventing the enemy from breaking through the Flanders front," during his recent inspection of the German base at Heligoland, according to dispatches received here.

WEATHER

Probably showers tonight and Tuesday. Moderate east to southeast winds.