

Coolidge Has Passed Buck In Coal Strike

And Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania Is the Man Who Finds Himself Saddled With Responsibility of Seeing That Anthracite Mining Operations Go On

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Washington, August 25.—The Federal Government is trying again to pass the responsibility for getting coal to the several states. Feeling that authority is lacking to seize mines and operate them, the administration here will attempt to put into operation a plan that was discussed and approved a year ago when the soft coal strike was in effect.

Secretary Hoover is believed to be the author of the plan. It is that the states which have plenty of law and authority shall take the initiative and seize the mines if necessary in order to get fuel, the Federal Government lending a hand wherever possible.

The fact that the anthracite strike centers in Pennsylvania and that Governor Pinchot is the kind of a state executive who can be relied upon to act courageously makes the field for the experiment much more favorable than it was a year ago when many a governor of various political faiths and economic beliefs had to be taken into consultation. In short, the Federal Government did not feel that it had the persuasive influence then which it now has with the state of Pennsylvania, but should the experiment succeed it is hoped other states would be inclined to follow the example of Governor Pinchot.

The formal description of the situation which one obtains at the White House is as follows:

There is one word that will indicate the situation in Pennsylvania and that word is "co-operation" between the governor of Pennsylvania and the United States authorities. The United States Coal Commission will furnish Governor Pinchot all the information that he may desire and he will co-operate with the Federal Government in undertaking to further negotiations and help in trying to reach a settlement. He has a jurisdiction that is more intimate and complete over the property and the persons that are engaged in the mining of anthracite coal than that which is held by the United States authorities.

The foregoing gives enough of a hint of what is expected by the Federal Government of the state executives to show what's coming. The states will exert pressure either by actually seizing the mines and making new wage contracts with the men or by threatening to do so. It was revealed at the White House also that the distribution of coal would be handled by the states after it reached them and that the Federal Government through the Interstate Commerce Commission would issue the necessary priority orders so that coal could be expedited over the interstate railroads to the centers of distribution.

Naturally there is an unwillingness at the White House to concede that the new plan means an abandonment by the Federal Government of its vital interest in the problem. The executive offices here issued the comment that it would not be fair for the Federal Government to undertake to turn this problem over to the Government of each state and it was insisted that Governor Pinchot, for instance, volunteered to come in and help. In fact, the President would like to have the impression conveyed that the Federal Government isn't abandoning anything to the states and the states are not abandoning anything to the Federal Government.

But the truth is members of Congress and constitutional authorities who were consulted a year ago came to the conclusion that the Federal Government was without sufficient law to act in a coal emergency and that only the states could do what the American people had come to believe the Federal Government could do. The President hopes for peace by agreement rather than by any form of coercion or force, but he stands ready to co-operate with any state that takes drastic measures.

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The best is none too good for the State Fair, Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt declares, and two racing circuits for the State will each include the State Fair. This is the first time in North Carolina that there has been more than one circuit and the first time that purses ran more than \$300 to \$350 each.

But it's a different story this year. There's the grand circuit with eight members, each offering \$6,400 or a total of \$51,200 in purses. Each member has the same races with four \$1,000 early closing events, in which

that Governor Pinchot may win national prestige out of the coal situation so as to become the candidate for Vice President on the Coolidge ticket. A strike situation gave Mr. Coolidge himself the fame that prompted the Republican convention of 1920 to select him for the vice presidency and it may do the same for Pinchot.

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Fairs included in the grand circuit besides the State Fair are Mount Airy, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Wilson, Tarboro, Greenville and Williamston.

The grand circuit will provide a sizable lot of events for the State Fair, but this isn't all. The State Fair is also one of six fairs in on the short-ship circuit which includes Rocky Mount, Kinston, Fayetteville, Goldsboro and Clinton fairs.

Each member of the short-ship circuit, except the State Fair, will offer eight purses of \$400 each. The State Fair will have the four \$1,000 purses and six \$400 purses. Being a member of both the grand and short-ship circuits should bring practically all horses to Raleigh during fair week.

The aggregate purses of \$67,200 are attracting horsemen throughout the United States. Twenty-two states and Canada are represented in the early entries, some of the best horses in the country included in the number.

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