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HIGH PRICES OF BITUMINOUS GOAL IS INEXCUSABLE

Dut of All Reason In Comparison With Rise In Price, Experts Assert.

(Special to The Star) Washington, April 17 .- Present high prices of bituminous coal were charactorized as inexcusable on any theory of supply and demand or on any economic principle in a formal statement issued today by Hervert N. Shenton, secretary of the United States bituminous coal commission, which adjudicated the dispute between the soft coal operators and miners. Neither the advice of the commission to buy and store coal early, the requirements of the export trade, the status of car service, the daily output of the mines, the weather conditions, nor supposed shortage of supply explain in any man-ner the rise in prices, which are out of all relation to the increase in the cost of production caused by higher wages granted by the commission. After reviewing the factors contributing to the sky-rocketing of prices. Mr. Shenton concludes that they will

Rise in Coul Prices "The present rise in the price of bituminous coal," says the statement, "can in no way be attributed to the campaign for early buying and storage recommended by the United States bituminous coal commission to be carried out by the council of national defense. The commission had theroughly in mind the fact that, owing to bad weathen conditions and various other reasons, the removal of fixed prices would doubtless cause a flurry in coal prices for several weeks even after the usual annual drop in consumption of coal.

scon decline.

"The recommendation for the campaign of early buying and storage wes that such buying and storage should be urged to commence on or about May 15 when, at the present rate of production, there was reason to be-Heve that production would be in excess of market demand. The plans for this campaign are, therefore, being rapidly developed, and the heartiest co-operation of the largest consumers in the country has been enlisted and pledged.

"There are various causes for the present, and probably very temporary, upward trend in the prices of bitumiheart-rending situation for stable and nous coal. Consideration must be given progressive Christian organization exto the fact that there was a re-arists in Germany at this moment, acant in the distribution of coal cording to trustworthy news being

NEGRO CONTRASTS BLOUSE IS CENTER OF FASHION STAGE SUBJECT OF STUDY BY FIELD AGENT

Colored People In South Range From Affluence To Extreme Poverty

THE MORNING STAR, WILMINGTON, N. C.

Hampton, Va., April 17 .- Prof. W. T. B. Williams of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., field agent of the Jeanes and Slater boards, spoke recently in Ogden Hall, Hampton Institute, on "Contrasts in Negro Life." He said:

"It is not difficult to find many good colored homes, in many cases wellappointed beautiful homes, in almost overy section of the lower south, both in the towns and in country places.

Many Poor Cabins "There are, however, thousands of wretched cabins. Not long ago I rods from Memphis one cold day right down the Delta to Vicksburg, Miss. You could scarcely see from the rallroad a single home occupied by colored people that was at all attractive. Very few, indeed, gave evidences of ordi-nary comfort. Yet I knew that in some towns through which we passed and in many of these country places there were people with good homes.

"Many colored people have had the advantages of school and have bene-fited by those advantages and have The garment which holds the center of the fashion stage today is the separate blouse. There is such a variety of styles, colors and ma-tesials that every woman can be suited. The overblouse or costume sent their children to school in large numbers. Many, however, have had little or no opportunity for schooling. Many are large landowners, but there are hundreds of thousands who own suited. The overhiouse of cost inte blouse is attracting more attention than any of the others just now. Here is one for very informal wear at home. It is a loose smock-like af-fair artistically trimened with satin flowers and embroidery. no land.

"Among all colored people today the desire for education is greater than ever before. Never before have I seen. the colored schools so well filled as, this year. Indeed, many of them are too full for the work they ought to be doing. Everywhere I find colored beople struggling for an education." Professor Williams, speaking directly to the Hampton students, said:

GROUND IN GERMANY "I have often wished I could make you understand and appreciate how much better off you are at Hampton than the students in so many places to Widespread Exodus Continues, which it would be very easy to take you. The world is going to expect of you larger service, greater return for what you receive, than it could reas-onably expect of those less fortunate than yourselves." Professor Williams New York, April 14 .- A critical and added:

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after April 1; that the first week in April happened to include the low production always associated with Easmines which have for past years been able to operate only because of the lieved. fixed price conditions are making a

last effort to obtain what they can. Feeling of Apprehension

"A widespread feeling has developed throughout the country that there is going to be a scarcity of coal for domestic consumption, owing to the foreign demand. Some persons point to Senator Frelinghuysen's statement of the foreign need for coal. Doubtless a great deal of coal is badly needed in Europe this year, and such as cannot be supplied from other sources will come from the United States, in so far as it can be shipped; but there are very real limitations to our ability to make foreign shipments, and the present large foreign demand is not likely/to be continuous enough to warrant the permanent enlargement of dock facilities and the diverting ber 30, there were recorded in the muinto the coal trade of a large portion nicipal courts of Cologne. 8,513 church of our merchant fleet.

"In spite of the fact that the fleet which was supplying the American Ex- there are in Cologne 100 to 150 daily peditionary Forces was one of the greatest that the United States has ever gotten together, the total numher of short tons conveyed by this exported overseas 7,198,000 long tons of coal. This record was better than Rev. Smith, "adopted the ruling by that of any other year with one ex-ception. During the first ten months the state, hundreds of Lutheran of 1919 we were exporting coal over- churches, with 25,000,000 constituents, seas at a greater rate than ever before. It is therefore safe to say on this basis that our coal exports overseas in 1920 cannot exceed 10,000,000 tons, which is only 2 per cent of our total production.

Regarding Production

"There seems also to be a misapprehension in regard to production. The weekly reports of the geological survey show that in the first quarter of the present year our production decidedly in excess of the production last year, and slightly in excess of the skyrocketing of prices.

to distribute this unusual production During my stay more and more accept of the past few months, on account of ed the view that the situation is hopecareful and energetic car distribution. less, why try." These cars and motive power are Eugene F. Fuessle, of the foreign practically all available, and, while survey department of the interchurch there is definite need for more of both world movement, according with both in order to stabilize the industry, there the Lutheran commissioners the Rev. is no immediate serious threatening Schuh and the Rev. Fandrey, in the of a car shortage such as has not ex- fact that this defection from the church isted during the winter, unless it is is chiefly an effect of the economic necessary, because of emergencies, to divert coal cars for other purposes. The more open weather conditions and the efforts to improve allocation of cars by the car service commission of tution declares that there is no state the American railway association gives church. Religious compulsion is done

Some Frenzied Bidding

"Frenzied bidding up of prices on

This crucial condition is alceived. most entirely due to the separation of church and state by the Ebert governter, and that high cost production ment, and the general discouragement mines which have for past years bees economically of the people, it is be-

CHURCH IS LOSING

With Economic Pressure

Viewed As Chief Reason

Dispatches received at the New York headquarters of the Interchurch world movement through their foreign survey department, indicates huge exoduses from the church organizations. And yet according to first-hand information, the churches are crowded for their services.

The Rev Henry Jacob Schuh, of New York, recently returned from Europe the churches, hearing doctrines of repentance preached to them when I was there." elucidation-it speaks for itself.

Church Renunciations.

Minutely, the interchurch world movement's dispatches go on to state that in 1919, from January 1 to Septem. renunciations, and that this movement has so increased in volume that today

renunciations. In Berlin, for the same period, exodus

records are running high. There they have reached 22,564, or 100 daily. In fleet to Europe was not in excess of Cologne it is estimated by some that seven and a half million tons of cargo from our entrance into the war through April, 1919. During 1919 we ulation by 23,000.

"When the E7bert government." said formly supported by government taxation, tottered."

was not the intention of the "It Ebert government to destroy the church. The real danger is the radical movement, the reds and sparticans. authorities are If they gain control of Germany the men themselves. children will grow up with no religious

influence."

Outlook Hopeless. Much of the situation is due to the as well as the mass of people, brought more than that amount, about so much by the economic situaproduction under high pressure in tion. This is known from the report 1918. There is, therefore, no reason, of the Rev. G. A. Fandrey, of Chicago, based on the past few months for the to the National Lutheran council on "The fear of immediate suffering from car shortage seems also to figure the leaders that there is no huin the reasons for the flurry. There man possibility to meet the national were sufficient cars and motive power needs and the terms of the peace treaty.

was supported by it. The new constipromise of a greatly improved car away with, the church is made self-situation in the near future. away with, the church is made selfupon established funds and contributions of members.

the part of coal buyers seems, there-fore, at this time to be entirely unjus-tified. There is no reason to believe that there will be a limited supply of coal for the domestic market or that there will be an increased shortege of The city back-yard or .vacant-lot The city back-yard or vacant-lot garden provides a supply of vegetables at home without transportation or handling costs. Vegetables from the home garden are fresher and more palatable than those bought from a dis-tance. Many persons who work in of-fices, stores, and factories have time mornings and evenings that may well be devoted to the cultivation of a more be devoted to the cultivation of a gar-

have not opened at all this year because they cannot get teachers. In some counties as high as 40 per cent of the public schools have not opened. "The war evidently emphasized the need of education among colored people as nothing else has ever done. Those thousands of young men who went out from the far south especially, many of whom had had no chance of education, came back with keener appreciation of its value than they ever had before. The idea of getting some education has been handed on to their people and everywhere they are striving to see to it that the boys as an American Lutheran commission- | and girls get a little chance at school. er in relief work, announced upon land- "The exodus of the colored people ing. "People in Germany are packing from the south has had something to ac with this increased effort on the part of the public authorities. Many Such a statement needs no of the people are understanding, as they never understood before, that the south cannot take its place alongside of other sections of this country and

hold that place, unless it has a hither average intelligence, unless the average intelligence of that section can be brought up to the other sections of this country. So, as never before, they are trying to see to it that every boy and girl gets at least a better chance at schooling.

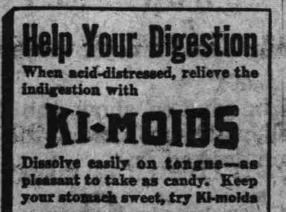
Report Better Conditions

"Only recently we had several of our Jeanes conferences, and in almost every case teachers reported better conditions than formerly, greater in-terest on the part of the public school authorities, and increased interest on the part of the colored people them-selves in the effort to extend school terms, in building better schoolhouses and in giving better supervision to the work of the teachers.

"School authorities in the south are interested in colored public schools as they have never been before, and especially is that true where the school authorities are young, well-trained

"Within the last five years the colored people have put into the building of Rosenwald schools-improved rural schools something over half a' mildisconsolate "why try" attitude mani- lion dollars, while the public authori-fest by a number of German leaders ties and Mr. Rosenwald have nut in ties and Mr. Rosenwald have put in

"The masses of our folks are to be educated and trained by young men and young women like yourselves. The two and a quarter millions of negroes in the south who cannot read and write must be educated by negroes. The burden of that work is upon those folks who have had such opportunities as you are receiving at Hampton."



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there will be an increased shortage of cars in the near future, save as it is a part of the general 'transportation difficulties of the present time. Ef-forts are being made to stabilize prices through regulations of the Interstate Commerce commission and by special legislation. The educational campaign for early buying and storage will also tend to stabilize the market."

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