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PRICE: FIVE CENTS

TRADE COMMISSION TO FIX MAXIMUM PRICES FOR COAL

Coal Operators Give Consent Suggest Reasonable Coal Prices F. O. B. Mines

PLANS MADE TO FIX FAIR PRICES JULY 1ST

Secretary of Interior, Federal Trade Commission and Council of National Coal Production Committee Authorized to Suggest Maximum Prices F. O. B. Cars at Mines.

Washington, June 28.—An immediate general reduction in the price of coal at the mine was agreed upon here today by representatives of the coal operators.

This is expected to be followed by still further decreases in price after investigation into the cost of mining coal and it is probable that the government will be given a still lower price than to the general public. Hundreds of millions of dollars will be saved to the American people through this decision.

Washington, June 28.—A conference of 400 operators representing all coal production states took quick action today toward lowering prices by adopting resolutions authorizing the commission to give consent to suggest maximum prices for coal free on board cars at mines in various districts as may be named by the Secretary of the Interior and Federal Trade Commission and the Council of the National Coal Production Committee.

Plans were immediately agreed upon for announcement later today of tentative "fair and reasonable" prices based on suggestions from the operators to be effective July 1.

MILITARY RELIEF MEETING TOMORROW

The chairman of the Military Relief Department of the Red Cross work requests a meeting of the members of that department tomorrow, Friday morning at 10 o'clock, at the banquet hall in the Masonic opera house.

The object of this meeting is to begin the preparation of bandages and other necessities of a military nature for the use of the armies to be sent to the field by the United States, as well as our Allies.

This is a very important work, second only to the actual fighting in the trenches and the medical attention given on the field. This meeting should be attended by every lady in the city, whether member of the Red Cross or not, who is interested or can aid in this noble work, especially should this work appeal to the young ladies of the city, as on them the burden of the work must, and should fall.

GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL WHEAT

Chicago, June 28.—Government plans for food control, according to a statement given out here by President Griffin of the Board of Trade include absolute control of the wheat trade in all its commercial aspects. There can be no speculation in it. Buying and selling of other grain for present or future delivery will be restricted.

COTTON MARKET

New York, June 28.—Cotton futures opened firm. July 26.90; October 26.65; December 26.90; January 26.99; March 27.10.

STOCK MARKET

New York, June 28.—With the exception of the metal group and a few high priced specialties firmness ruled in the outset of today's dealings. United States Steel advanced a large fraction, afflicting issues recording smaller or greater gains. Equipment and some of the metal and oil shared in the rise which was attended by considerable activity. General Motors, Studebaker and Texas Company were reactionary with declines of 1 to 2 points. Rails were dull and irregular.

COUNT HERTLING TO SUCCEED HOLLWEG?



Count Hertling.

According to a Reuter's dispatch from Amsterdam, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, official spokesman for the kaiser, is to resign and will be succeeded by Count Hertling, present premier of Bavaria. Although Hollweg has displeased many Germans who want him to state Germany's terms of peace, he is known to be satisfactory to the kaiser. Hence the Amsterdam dispatch is taken with a grain of salt.

STOPS DELIVERY OF JEFFERSONIAN

Postmaster at Savannah Refuses Delivery of Tom Watson's Weekly Through Mails. Violated Espionage Act Contention.

Savannah, Ga., June 28.—Marion Lu was, postmaster at Savannah, today declined to permit the delivery through his office of the Jeffersonian, Tom Watson's weekly paper, published at Thomas, Ga.

News dealers were notified that the packages which should have been delivered today would not be sent out. The postmaster acted under the provisions of the recently passed espionage act. Watson has been attacking the government's conscription act.

STANDARD DRESS FOR ENGLAND'S WOMEN

London, June 27.—(Correspondence.)—There has never been a time when women were more willing to accept standard dress or uniforms than they are at present.

This is the most marked effect of the war upon women's dress. All uniforms have acquired dignity in women's eyes. The standard does not object to the cap, an apron badge of service, the worker in the bank dons an overall cheerfully, women in various organizations wear their khaki, the Red Cross and volunteer aid workers are proud of their uniforms.

An expert French designer, discussing these changes, says: "There always will be the woman who want propriety, the woman who try to insist upon something quite different from the style of the moment but nowadays their number is greatly diminished. The uniform idea has arrived. It may mean the total extinction of dress-making as a creative art, but there will be developments on other lines."

There has never been a great war which has not influenced fashion in a picturesque or even gruesome fashion, and this world war has done its share. We had a fashion adapted as a compliment to each ally, the Russian caps and tunics, the Bersagliere hats of the Italian soldiers, and the Serbian colors. Scotch plaids have given the Parisiennes great joy.

Khaki shades are in vogue for spring and summer costumes, and the blue-gray, with touches of crimson, of the French uniforms is soon here and there.

NO EXCITEMENT IN POLICE COURT

There was two of each this morning in the police court and all of them got a little fine to help contribute to the enrichment of the city's coffers.

X. C. Vicentini, a white man, was charged with violating the traffic ordinance, and was fined \$1.

Oliver Battens, also white, was charged with an assault and was released of a half a score of dollars.

NEW ENTERPRISE FOR TARBORO

Nathanson-Morris Company Capitalized at \$50,000, Chartered Today. Other New Concerns Chartered in State.

Raleigh, N. C., June 28.—Four new business enterprises with a total capitalization of nearly one half million dollars were chartered today by the Secretary of State.

The largest of the four is the A. Blanton Grocery Company of Marion, capital totaled at \$250,000 of which amount \$100,000 already has been paid in. The concern will conduct a general merchandise business.

The Asheville Hosiery Mills, Inc., of Asheville, Randolph county, is capitalized at \$125,000.

Tarboro will have a new business concern in the Nathanson-Morris Company, capitalized at \$50,000. This corporation will operate one or more stores and conduct a general merchandise business.

Statesville will have a canning factory in the Fredell Canning Co., capitalized at \$25,000.

The Nathanson-Morris Company, of Tarboro, is an up-to-date established and one of the best in this section of the State. Mr. Lawrence B. Morris, who formerly resided in Rocky Mount, and who was assistant time keeper of the Atlantic Coast Line here, applies the latter end of the firm's name and is a young man that has made a record for himself. Mr. Morris has a host of friends here and they wish him great success in his new enterprise. Mr. Morris was recently married to Miss Lovell Jarman, of this city.

NEW COMMERCE BODY FOR AYDEN

Ayden, June 27.—Rousing mass meeting was held here Monday night for the reorganization of the Chamber of Commerce. Speeches were made by a number of local men and also by H. B. Hardy, of the News and Observer. J. R. Tarriage was elected president of the trade body and a board of five directors was chosen. The directors will look around for a suitable man as secretary.

At the meeting last night emphatic protests were uttered against the proposed curtailment of train facilities. A delegation of fourteen, among them Mayor K. A. Pittman, was appointed to go to Raleigh and appear before the Corporation Commission in opposition to the proposal of the Atlantic Coast Line to take off two trains, the loss of which would be a hard blow to Ayden and other places in this section.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS MAILED

Raleigh, June 28.—Instructions to exemption boards in the State which will serve through the draft period were mailed from the adjutant general's office here today with a letter from Provost Marshal Crowder and Governor Bickett. General Crowder urged all possible speed in the part of the boards to make ready for the work expected of them and Governor Bickett reminded the members of the responsibility placed upon them.

The instructions sent today deal entirely with the method of handling registration cards and lists and do not contain rules to be applied in dealing with applicants for exemption.

MILITANT SUFFS PUT BEHIND BARS

Washington, June 28.—Behind jail bars last night, six women suffragists, convicted in police court yesterday of obstructing the sidewalk by displaying propaganda banners before the white houses, held a song service and suffrage meeting for the other forty women inmates of the prison.

The suffragists were given their choice of 25 fines or three days in jail and decided to go to jail. They did not attempt a hunger strike, and will be released Friday morning, part of today and a few hours of Friday being counted as full days.

CURIOUS MALADY KILLS SIXTEEN

Mysterious Sickness Rages in Missouri Town, Sixteen Children Having Died and 25 Are Still Ill.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., June 28.—Sixteen children have died within the last few days and more than 25 are ill from a mysterious malady which has afflicted the town of Oran in Scott county.

Doctors are said to be puzzled as to the nature of the disease. The symptoms of the disease resemble those of enterocolitis but in other respects is different from that ailment. Enterocolitis, according to specialists in children's diseases is an inflammation of the intestines and is prevalent among small children.

CAVALRY PATROL STOPS MEXICANS

Thirty Mexicans Carrying Ammunition Across Rio Grande Stopped by Cavalrymen. Two Caught, Other Escape.

El Paso, Texas, June 28.—A cavalry patrol intercepted a band of thirty Mexicans engaged in carrying ammunition across the Rio Grande at Rocky Ford seven miles east of here early today. Two of the Mexicans were caught but the others escaped into Mexico. The ammunition was dropped by the smugglers, some of it in the middle of the river.

AERIAL VISITOR FLEW OVER CITY

Some Say it Was an Airplane, Others a Balloon, But Negroes Insist It Was a Zeppelin.

It was just about the time Old Sol was making his exit from the Western Hemisphere and was preparing to beam in all his glory upon the Orient, when a number of people in the city saw a little object floating at a rapid rate in the cool afternoon ozone. Some say it resembled an airplane, others a balloon and the consensus of opinion of the negro commentators was that it was a type of aircraft which made Count Von Zeppelin famous. Anyhow, the object which created so much excitement was moving in a northerly direction and carried with it a little light, leaving in its wake a little dark streak, which some say was the exhaust of the motor of an airplane.

The would-be destroyer of women and children continued on its course and finally reached that section of the city which is generally regarded by the Whittierians as "the city."

There was a general panic right off the reel, for the opinion prevailed that the Germans done come across the Atlantic and were raiding Rocky Mount. Anti-aircraft guns were not available and a shot gun wouldn't reach it, so they couldn't do anything but let the grim destroyer break havoc among their dwellings. They waited in awful suspense for the first bomb to explode; when their houses would be shattered to atoms and they would take the quickest route to the cemetery at the hands of these Teutonic barbarians. But they waited in vain, for the bombs did not materialize and the houses remained intact. The grim engine of destruction passed over without even noticing anything in this great municipality and the city of Rocky Mount was spared by the Germans—according to the opinion prevailing among certain of the negro race at the time the "Zeppelin" passed over. The chief floated lightly and rapidly away and finally disappeared.

In a field not far from the city limits was later found the carcass of a little toy balloon.

DEWEY'S FLAGSHIP RUNS AGROUND

Block Island, R. I., June 28.—The United States cruiser Olympia, Admiral Dewey's flagship at the battle of Manila, ran aground in the fog off Block Island early Tuesday. The cruiser was reported in a bad position, with considerable water in her hold.

Chief Machinist's Mate William M. Babbs lost his life when he was struck on the head by a falling hatch. No other fatalities were reported.

Warships and working vessels were standing by the ship Tuesday night. The sea remained calm, but it was reported that, as a precautionary measure, a part of the crew had been taken off.

The Olympia put out Tuesday for target practice, and it is supposed she struck during the thick fog which stretched far out from shore. Details of her exact position could not be learned here.

The Olympia was recently assigned as the flagship of the coast patrol fleet of the second naval district. Immediately after she flashed out word of her mishap members of the patrol fleet went to her assistance, but it was found that the famous old warship was in no immediate danger of breaking up.

Chief Machinist's Mate Babbs was killed as he was coming up on deck. His next of kin is his mother, Mrs. Sarah Babbs, who lives at Reading, Pa.

HIGH PRICES HIT GERMAN PAPERS

Amsterdam, Netherlands, June 28.—Fifteen hundred German newspapers and periodicals have been compelled to suspend publication owing to the increased cost of materials and labor, says the Warburg Landeszeitung in its last issue before suspending for the period of the war. According to this journal, newspaper paper has reached a price which is ruinous to any but the wealthiest papers, while grease and oil for lubricating machines are only obtainable at usurious prices.

ANARCHISTS ON TRIAL TODAY

Precautions Taken to Prevent Trouble at New York Because of Threatening Letters.

New York, June 28.—When the trials of Alexander Berkman, editor of the Blast, and Emma Goldman, another anarchist, charged with conspiracy to obstruct the operation of the selective draft law, were resumed here today, no one was permitted in the courtroom who did not hold a pass from the United States marshal's office. These precautions were being taken because of the number of threatening letters which have been received by Judge Mayer who is hearing the case. The court room was closely guarded again today by detectives and secret service men.

Berkman announced today that he would continue to act as his attorney. Seven juries had been accepted when the trial was resumed.

THREE GERMANS UP FOR SPYING

Copenhagen, June 28.—The arrest of three men and three women all Germans, for espionage is reported in the press.

WHEAT HARVESTING WELL UNDER WAY

Washington, June 28.—Harvesting of the winter wheat crop is well under way in all Southern states and good progress is being made in central districts with cuts and winter wheat. The winter wheat harvest is about ten days late in Kansas, eight or more in Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia, and about two weeks late in Southern Illinois and Indiana.

OTHERS IN MAIL SERVICE IN FRANCE

Washington, June 28.—Announcement was made today that Marcus H. Bunn, of the office of the second assistant postmaster general, who has been sent to France as United States army postal agent in connection with the preparation for landing the mail to the American expeditionary force is accompanied by Major Clinton Wright, assistant postmaster at Norfolk and George Leake, of Houston, Texas.

Major Wright, who is an officer of the Virginia National guard has been designated by the War Department as superintendent while Mr. Leake who was a chief clerk in the railway mail service was designated as superintendent of transportation because of his experience on the Mexican border.

SENATE DISCUSSING FOOD CONTROL BILL

Washington, June 28.—The amended food control bill containing a new "bone dry" prohibition section was up for action in the Senate for the first time today. It will be pushed for early passage but it is probable final action cannot be taken by July 1, because of the prohibition feature. This would forbid manufacture of liquor during the war but would authorize the President to permit wine-making and to command existing stocks of distilled spirits.

MAN ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

New Bern, N. C., June 28.—Henry Connor, one of New Bern's most notorious characters, is now in the Craven county jail awaiting trial on a charge which, if proven, may send him to the penitentiary for a term of many years.

Connor, who conducts a restaurant and store on South Front street, was placed under arrest at an early hour yesterday morning on a warrant charging him with criminally assaulting Mary Jones, the eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Octavius Jones, who reside at No. 3 Sutton's alley.

COMMISSION MUST NOW TELL SENATE

Washington, June 28.—The resolution of Senator Reed calling upon the Federal Trade Commission to inform the Senate why it had not ordered news-print manufacturers to desist from "illegal practices and exorbitant charges" was passed today by the Senate.

PLAN MARINE NEWS SERVICE IN GERMANY

Copenhagen, Denmark, June 28.—A German shipping news service on the lines of the British "Lloyd's" was planned at a recent meeting at Hamburg, Germany, of 400 representatives of shipping and commerce. Wireless telegraph will be used, new signalling stations are to be established and eight hundred agents will be appointed to gather shipping news.

CANADIANS TAKE FRONT POSITIONS

Canadian Army Headquarters in France, June 2.—Under a protecting concentration of artillery fire Canadian troops early today stormed and captured the German front line before Avion a suburb of Lens.

NAMED CONTROLLER OF BRITISH NAVY



Major Gen. Sir Eric Geddes.

Major Gen. Sir Eric Geddes, who passed from the British ministry of munitions to service with the army and has done splendid work in each capacity, will fill the post of controller of the navy, with temporary rank of vice admiral. Before taking his new rank Sir Eric was traffic manager of an Indian railway, a lumber and railway expert in Ohio, a maker of munitions, a director-general of military railways and a major general.

N. C. PRESS ASS'N ELECTS OFFICERS

Santford Martin, Formerly Editor of Winston-Salem Journal, Named President. Other Officers for Ensuing Year.

Morfehead City, N. C., June 28.—Santford Martin, formerly editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, but now secretary to Governor Bickett, was elected president of the North Carolina Press Association at the annual convention of that organization here today. Other officers elected were: J. A. Sharp, of Lumberton, first vice president.

Lee W. Whitehead, of Wilmington, second vice president.

H. T. Wade, of Morfehead City, third vice president.

John B. Sherrill, of Concord, re-elected secretary.

M. L. Shipman, state commissioner of Labor and Printing, historian.

W. Thomas Best, of Raleigh, orator.

LITTLE GIRL IS SERIOUSLY HURT

New Bern, N. C., June 28.—As the result of being struck by an automobile owned and driven by Mr. A. L. Cook, little Elva Ewing, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ewing, of No. 352 National avenue, was seriously injured Tuesday night.

The little girl was attempting to cross the street at the time of the accident and slipped and fell behind one of the automobiles right in front of the car driven by Mr. Cook.

It was reported that Mr. Cook had stopped his machine before striking the child and the front of the car struck her a heavy blow.

The little one was picked up and carried to her home where medical attention was rendered and she is said to be getting along very nicely, considering the circumstances.

Spectators who witnessed the accident say that it was only by a miracle that the child was not killed instantly.

FORTS TO BE HUGE BASE HOSPITALS

Fort McPherson and Possibly Oglethorpe to Be Base Hospitals

PLANS MADE PUBLIC

War Department Instructs That Big Hospitals Be Ready by September 1. Cantonment Camp Cases to be Treated First. Will Not Affect Officers Training.

Atlanta, Ga., June 28.—Fort McPherson and possibly Fort Oglethorpe are to be converted into large base hospitals, according to War Department plans made public here today by Lieutenant Colonel T. S. Bratton, in charge of the present post hospital.

The plans will not affect the officers' training camp work, but it is stated that the seven-week infantry probably will not remain.

Colonel Bratton stated that instructions had been received from the War Department to have the huge hospitals ready by September 1. At first cases from the cantonment camps will be cared for at Fort McPherson, but what other plans if any have not been definitely announced.

WATCH IMMIGRATION OF JAPANESE

Tokio, June 28.—Viscount Ichiro Motono, the foreign minister, in a speech before the Japan emigration association said the government is always paying keen and close attention to the emigration of Japanese people to foreign countries.

"Viewed from the progress of politics, national economy, scientific advancement and in other directions, Japan, in her absolute position in the world cannot be called a first class power yet," he added; "but there is not the least doubt as to the future progress and development of the Japanese nation. The character of the emigrants has an important bearing upon the nation and state they belong to. Hence it is a matter of great importance to promote the education of emigrants and to take measures to elevate their character and make them awake to the conception that they are the subjects of Japan and in a way represent the Japanese nation."

MEN AND WOMEN EQUAL IN RUSSIA

Below Are Some Instances of the Fact That Women and Men are Now Equals in New Russia.

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Petrograd, May 15.—(By Mail.)—Sitting at an office table in the great dome building, surrounded by bulking soldiers today sat a fascinating bobbed haired girl who might have come from Washington Square, New York. She was eating a red-bell soup, in which she dipped black bread.

I was directed to her with my request for a pass to the Soldiers' and Workmen's council. When she had finished her soup, she called a soldier, who carried a rifle, and directed him to take me to the proper office for passes. As I left, she was ordering another soldier to remove soup plates.

This soldier led me to another office and there presented me to a woman who as to appearance might have been Emma Goldman herself. This woman looked at my passport, said something in Russian to another soldier, who led me to another office and got me the paper I required.

It must be remembered that it was two women who had the say as to my admittance to this gathering of the people of Russia. My final experience seemed to me like asking Emma Goldman for a pass to the national democratic convention.

I have simply cited these instances to show that the women are equals of the men in the New Russia.

Today that equality was even more strikingly illustrated by the celebration May Day. The workers of Russia, following the long established custom of all Europeans (which they themselves, in the days of the Czar never dared to observe) remained absent from work and paralyzed Russia into an enforced holiday.

And there were as many women as there were men in the parade. Many marched arm in arm with men comrades, and the voices of hundreds of thousands of women mingled with those of as many men in the chant of the International Socialist's union.

It's true that women rank with men in the New Russia. It doesn't seem to have occurred to anybody that there might be any question about it.