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COAL RATIONING STARTED IN MANY PARTS OF COUNTRY

Government Agencies Await Developments In Coal Strike Situation Now

PRODUCTION DROPS TO LITTLE BELOW AVERAGE

Congress Gives Situation General Attention, Starting With Resolution Asking For Prof- its Figures; St. Louis Dis- trict Adopts Early Closing For Stores

Washington, Dec. 2.—Government agencies today awaited developments in the coal strike situation, though action was taken in widely separated communities to make effective coal rationing ordered by the fuel administrator. So far as reports were available, production in the bituminous fields dropped yesterday and today to a little below the daily totals of the previous week, but this was expected. Operators and others watching results were told that the government intended to stand pat for the rest of the week, taking no other steps than those outlined by the rationing order until it was fully determined whether public demand would induce mine workers to resume work.

In carrying out Dr. Garfield's program for the maximum use of local production in rationing coal to meet emergencies and constantly changing conditions, the St. Louis regional coal committee ordered late opening and early closing of retail stores. In New York the Tide Water coal exchange ordered the cessation of banker coal supply for foreign vessels. Elsewhere state and municipal authorities took similar steps to conserve the diminishing coal supplies.

In Congress the situation was given general attention. Senator Johnson, Democrat, of South Dakota, introduced a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury to report the actual profits made by coal operators between 1916 and 1919, a subject much mooted since the Fuel Administration ordered miners' wages increased 14 per cent without allowing any increase on the price of coal. Its immediate consideration was opposed by Senator Smoot, Republican, of Utah, who suggested that it go over for a day or two as he believed emergency action by the House would be necessary to justify publication of the figures.

Senator Thomas, Democrat, of Colorado, put into the record an open letter sent by him to President Goetsch, of the Labor Federation, criticizing the miners in strong terms for their walk-out. "If this strike is not a conspiracy in restraint of trade," the letter said, "words have no meaning. It is a strike in name only. It is a vast upheaval, threatening alike the people and their institutions."

The letter was intended by the Colorado Senator as a response to speeches of Mr. Goetsch, defending the strike. Senator Phipps, Republican, of Colorado, added a statement by Colorado operators to the effect that 1919 coal production had resulted in a net loss for the first six months of the year of four cents per ton.

SWEEPING CONSERVATION MEASURES IN ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, Dec. 2.—Sweeping coal conservation measures were issued by the Southwest Regional Coal Committee today. They include restricting the hours of all retail stores except drug stores and resident district grocery stores to between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. daily.

NEW PRIORITY LIST FOR CHICAGO PUT INTO EFFECT

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2.—A new priority list for the control of retail coal dealers, issued today by T. W. Proctor, Regional Fuel Director, limits the delivery of coal to the following: Army, Navy, and other branches of the Federal Government.

State, County and Municipal institutions and private hospitals.

CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS TO BE STARTED AT ONCE.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 2.—Orders were issued tonight to the various federal managers by regional director L. W. Baldwin, cancelling all Sunday excursion trains on the several railroads throughout the Allegheny region. The order is effective next Sunday.

AFTER PUTTING ON THE LID AGAINST THE USE OF COAL

With the exception of an occasional light in a drug store, cafes and hotels Raleigh was in darkness last night for the first time since the Fuel Administration's closing order went into effect. Only the regular corner lights burned on the streets.

But few places included in the regulations failed to comply with the closing order. Elevators were operated in practically all the office buildings, but it is expected these will be discontinued today at 4 o'clock.

WOOD ENDORSED BY STATE CONVENTION

South Dakota Republicans Back Military Leader; Dem- ocrats For Wilson

ILLINOIS GOVERNOR RUNS SECOND IN RACE

Neither Senator Miles Poin- dexter Nor Senator Hiram Johnson Mentioned On Floor; Vice-President Marshall En- dorsed By Democrats For Place, If He Wants It

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 2.—Major General Leonard Wood was endorsed for president of the United States tonight by the Republican State convention, after a spirited struggle in which Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, came out second best. While the Republicans were meeting in one legislative chamber at the State Capitol, the Democratic state convention in the opposite chamber endorsed President Wilson for a third term by a unanimous vote, and Vice-President Marshall for a third term, if he is a candidate.

Under the Richards state primary law, the country delegations cast their votes on the basis of their voting strength at the last state election and a majority was necessary to endorse or nominate. Wood received 28,599 votes and Lowden got 15,442. The necessary majority was 25,558.

The Republicans convention was turned into a turbulent session late today, when one faction halted a roll call on presidential endorsement and argued that the county delegations withhold their vote on that question.

PROPOSE TWO MILLION DOLLAR COTTON BANK

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 2.—Meeting in Columbia this afternoon, the South Carolina cotton association voted to establish a cotton bank and export corporation with a proposed capital stock of \$2,000,000. The object of the organization as announced is not only to finance the farmers and enable them to withhold distress cotton from the market but also to establish foreign correspondents and to take care of the foreign shipments of the staple, so as to enable buyers from abroad to deal directly with the producers.

AWAIT WORD FROM MEXICO IN REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE

State Department Not Advised of Delivery of Last Word To Carranza

MEXICAN PRESIDENT IN HURRY ABOUT ENGLAND

When Great Britain Demands Release of English Citizen, Machinery, Including Mil- itary, Quickly Put To Work To Find Man; Cabrera Talks About Jenkins' Arrest

Washington, Dec. 2.—With much impatience the State Department today awaited word from Mexico City of the release of Consular Agent Jenkins from the penitentiary at Puebla in response to this government's second sharp note to Carranza.

The department tonight had not been advised of the note's delivery but officials said it probably was presented during the day and that they expected prompt action by the Carranza administration in according to the "request" of the United States. The note was forwarded early Sunday and a delayed despatch from the Mexican capital said the Mexican foreign office announced late last night that it had not been received. Errors in cable transmission were said to have delayed its presentation.

A new sidelight on the general Mexican kidnapping situation was given today in a report of the recent capture of Norman Rowe, a British subject by rebels at Zatecas, who held him for ransom but who quickly released him at the instance of the Carranza administration.

WOOD ALCOHOL IN BOTTLE FROM WOMAN HAD DRINK

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 2.—Wood alcohol, water and enough genuine liquor to make it palatable is what the chemical analysis shows in the bottle from which Miss Lucille Sharp, Winston-Salem, N. C., and Mrs. Catherine Bristol, of Philadelphia, drank supposing it to be brandy, in the apartments of John Kelley, a former manufacturer of cereals, here about two weeks ago. Miss Sharp died soon afterward. Mrs. Bristol may recover, it was said today but her physicians fear she will be permanently blind.

IMPORTANT!

Advertising in considerable quantity is being crowded out of The News and Observer daily, and a similar condition has been experienced for some time past.

BUTLER-MOREHEAD COMBINE WORRIES G. O. P. OF STATE

Tar Heel Republicans Ask Na- tional Committee "To Call Off Its Dogs"

VISIT OF DUNCAN TO CAPITAL STARTS TALK

Generally Understood That Ra- leigh Man Goes To Wash- ington To Deliver Message To Party Leaders; Realizes Danger To Future From Turn of Things Just Now

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. By R. E. POWELL.
(By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—Republicans in North Carolina who are trying to save the party from the Morehead-Butler combine are exhausting every known means to get the National committee to "call off its dogs" and let the Ninth North Carolina district take care of itself.

They didn't send, but E. Carl Duncan came and it is generally understood around the Senate and House office buildings today that he brought the S. O. S. with him and delivered it with a few adjectives to the level heads of the Republican party.

WOEY PLANS INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN IN THE NINTH

Congressman Tom Heflin Speaks in Charlotte In Be- half of Shelby Man

Shelby, Dec. 2.—Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, Democratic nominee for Congress in the Ninth district in the election to be held December 16th., returned today from Charlotte where he had a conference with the Democratic leaders and found everything in a splendid shape. Indications are for a sweeping victory over his opponent J. M. Morehead, of Mecklenburg.

PRESIDENT OUTLINES DIVERSIFIED PROGRAM FOR RESTORING COUNTRY TO PEACE-TIME BUSINESS STATUS

CONGRESS BEGINS ON LEGISLATION

Body Gets Into Full Swing With Receipt of President's Annual Message

SENATE STARTS WORK ON RAILROAD PROBLEM

House Adopts Bill Authorizing Foreign Trade Corporations; No Formal Move Toward Final Disposition of German Peace Treaty; May Probe Ford-Newberry Contest

Washington, Dec. 2.—Congress got into full swing today with receipt of the President's annual message and inauguration of actual legislation in both the Senate and House. The message was read separately to each body with floors and galleries crowded. When it was concluded both Senate and House began on the months of work ahead.

The Senate took up the Cummins railroad bill, hoping of its passage before the Christmas holidays. House leaders arranged for immediate attack on the annual appropriation bills carrying almost five billions as submitted by the department.

The House adopted during the day the conference report on the Edge bill, authorizing foreign trade financing corporations and the measure now goes to the President for approval.

DECLARES CLYDE HOEY WILL BE ELECTED TO CONGRESS BY HANDSOME MAJORITY; MEM- BERS OF N. C. CORPORATION COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON ON RAILROAD RATE CASE

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OMISSION OF REFERENCE TO TREATY SATISFACTORY.

WILSON SUGGESTS NEEDED REMEDIES

Urges Legislation To Revise Tax System, Curb Unrest and Reduce H. C. L.

NECESSITY OF HAVING NEW TARIFF LAWS SHOWN

Railroad Problem Reserved For Future Message and Wilson Makes No Statement of Intentions Regarding Peace Treaty or Mexico In Annual Message To Congress

SENATORS PRAISE LATEST DOCUMENT

Tar Heel Legislators Declare President's Message Typi- cal Wilson Paper

OVERMAN RETURNS FROM STAY IN NINTH DISTRICT

Declares Clyde Hoey Will Be Elected To Congress By Handsome Majority; Mem- bers of N. C. Corporation Commission in Washington On Railroad Rate Case

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Members of the North Carolina Corporation Commission and representatives of the State Traffic Association arrived here tonight for the argument tomorrow before the Interstate Commerce Commission involving the relief

Washington, Dec. 2.—Omission of any direct reference to the peace treaty from President Wilson's message to Congress met with general satisfaction among both, Republican and Democratic Senate leaders, who are quite willing to leave the treaty in its pigeon hole until important legislation has been passed, or a compromise effected.

The possibility that the President might renew his request for ratification had been regarded as the only element in the situation which might revive the issue in the immediate future. It now is the expectation of the leaders that the whole question will be permitted to remain as pending a compromise or at least until the legislative work of the session is well under way.

Likelihood that the concurrent resolution declaring a state of peace may also be subjected to long delay increased today when the Senate Republicans canvassed the chances of early action in either Senate or House. It had been decided to ask the House to adopt the measure first, but today some of the leaders of the lower branch predicted that such a course might arouse considerable opposition.

The railroad problem he reserved for a future message and he made no statement of his intentions regarding the peace treaty or Mexico. Many of his recommendations were the same as those submitted to the special session last spring and several of them are embraced in legislation already being formulated in the two houses.

To meet the cost of living the President asked extension of the war-time food control bill, Federal regulation of gold storage, readjustment of food transportation and establishment of a system of Federal licensing for all corporations engaged in interstate commerce.

He declared the causes of unrest to be superficial and temporary, and made his only reference to the Senate's failure to ratify the peace treaty in saying that restlessness was due largely to the Nation's hesitation in determining its peace policy. The Federal government, he declared, should be armed with full authority to deal in the criminal courts with those who promote violence.

In an extended discussion of labor conditions he declared the workers had just cause for complaint in many matters and that there should be a "full recognition of the right of those who work, in whatever rank, to participate in some organic way in every decision that directly affects their welfare."

He asserted that the right of individuals to strike must be held inviolate but added that there must be a firm stand against "the attempt by any class to usurp a power that only government itself has a right to exercise as a protection to all."

Suggests Industrial Arbitration.

Finally, he suggested the establishment of a tribunal for peaceful decision of industrial disputes.

He renewed his recommendation of a budget system of national finances, asked for special protection to promote the dye stuffs and chemical industries and declared the administration bill providing farms for soldiers should be passed without delay.

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