

WHAT MANNER OF
MAN IS THIS ONE
NAMED GARFIELD?

Mr. A. W. McAlister, Fuel Administrator For North Carolina, Tells Something of What He Has and Has Not Done

IN MANY CASES HE
IS THE SCAPE-GOAT

Many Have Charged Him
With Many Things he Did
Not Do and Forgot the
Many Things he Has
Done for People

(By The Associated Press.)
Greensboro, Jan. 19.—Mr. A. W. McAlister, State Fuel Administrator, today gave out the following statement in defense of Fuel Administrator Garfield:
"The scape-goat is one of the most ancient of institutions, for frail human nature can't get along without

Hum. When America goes over the top shoulder to shoulder with allied civilization and the Huns turn Old Man Gass on the Western front Old Man Lindenburg will be the scapegoat upon which they will ride into Berlin and they will dig him in the ribs as hard for the victories that he has failed to continue to win. The public had to have somebody upon whom to vent its displeasure at thus enforced industrial holiday that we are having, and Mr. Garfield was their victim.

How many people have stopped to

he knows about him is that he is a college president. There have been others. Before he was a college president he was a personal friend of Woodrow Wilson, and a few years ago he was an attorney for large coal companies, and a little later was at the head of a concern which operated in the coal industry on a very large scale. Mr. Wilson needed for the position of United States Fuel Administrator a man who knew the law of the coal industry, a man who had had broad practical experience in that

business industry, a man who had nothing to do with politics and above all, a man who needed a man, and he selected as his personal friend, Mr. Garfield, because he possessed all these qualifications.

"Now let us answer the question—'What has Mr. Garfield done?' There are things that he has not done that have been charged up to him would fill a volume. Early in the year 1917 some body said that coal was going to be cheaper and advised the public not to

to make contracts as usual, but to wait. This had to be charged up to somebody, so it was charged up to Mr. Garfield. The fact is that it was not until late in the summer, at a time subsequent to the period during which practically all the coal contracts are usually placed, that the Federal Fuel Administration was created and Mr. Garfield asked to take charge of it. This is one of the things that he did not do.

There are two things that he did do that every American should remember. He stabilized the price of coal. If the price of coal had not been fixed everybody who has eyes to see and ears to hear knows that the price of coal today, a necessity of life which is short and which nobody can get as much of as they want, would be any price which anybody who has the coal might choose to charge. Consider what the price of sugar has become with the price of flour.

Some with the price fixed, and could wonder where it would have gone if it hadn't been fixed, and then you can harm some idea as to where the price of coal would have gone if it hadn't been fixed. An advance in the price of coal of \$1.00 a ton means a tax of \$1,500,000.00 upon the people of North Carolina. Suppose the price of coal had been left to itself and had advanced \$10.00 a ton, which is not only probable, but certain, that would have represented a tax upon the con-

What is the other great thing that the miners of North Carolina are doing? The miners of coal had been fixed the trouble broke loose in the coal fields all over the country. Most of them shut down their pretext or another, in a very short time Mr. Garfield brought order operating all this chaos; the mines were operating again to their fullest capacity; the miners of the entire country went to work and stayed at work and the whole coal business and all the labor and capital that was engaged in it were back to their normal basis again which they will continue to work upon which interruption to the work.

"This is war! Whatever the cost."

approach that we held back from doing our full share. Those ships laden with our supplies of food for men and food for guns must have coal and put to sea."

This statement of Mr. Garfield is compelled to appeal to the reason and to the sense of fairness of every unbiased mind that considers it. My observation is that the average man, if let alone and allowed to reach his own conclusions, will usually arrive at the same conclusion as the abiding confidence that after all the shouting is over the people of North Carolina are going to settle down to the conviction that Mr. Garfield knew what he was

"This is in brief, Mr. Garfield's rec-

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