

CONTROL OF THE COAL INDUSTRY IS ASSUMED BY THE GOVERNMENT

PRESIDENT WILSON MAKES SWEEPING REDUCTIONS IN PRICES OF COAL IN U. S.

Fixes Prices to Be Charged at Every Mine In the United States, at Figures Considerably Under the Maximum Prices Recently Agreed Upon at Conference of Coal Operators and Government Officials

MIDDLEMEN'S CHARGES NEXT TO BE REGULATED

Estimates Furnished By Federal Trade Commission Furnish Basis For Reductions Made—Coal Administrator to Be Named

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Bituminous coal prices were fixed by President Wilson tonight for every mine in the United States.

Prices were set on cost of production estimates furnished by the federal trade commission after months of exhaustive investigation.

The president named no agency to carry out the provisions of his order, but is expected to appoint soon a coal administrator who will be given entire control of the coal industry.

The prices fixed for run-of-mine coal in the large producing districts average slightly more than \$2.

President's Statement.

The president's statement said: "The following scale of prices is prescribed for bituminous coal at the mine in the several producing districts. It is provisional only.

"The prices provisionally fixed here are fixed by me under the provisions of the recent act of congress regarding administering the food supply of the country, which also conferred upon the executive control of the fuel supply.

The prices, f. o. b., mines, are as follows:

Table with columns: STATE, MINE, SIZES, SCR'NGS, and prices for various coal types across different states like Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, etc.

Under Maximum Prices.

The prices fixed range from twenty to thirty-five per cent.

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NATIONAL SURVEY OF FOODSTUFFS IS TO START AT ONCE

Information Gathered by the Census Will Be Turned Over to Board.

WILL INCLUDE ALL AVAILABLE FOODS

Even the Estates in the Family Pantries Will Be Listed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—A nationwide food survey, authorized under the first of the food laws recently enacted by congress, will be started immediately by the department of agriculture.

Plans for the census, announced tonight, show that it will cover nearly 100 items of food and will include supplies on the farms, in warehouses and stores, and even the stocks in the family pantry.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF AMERICAN ACTIVITIES IN WAR WILL BE ISSUED

First Will Be Issued Soon With Others to Follow Weekly.

MAY BE FORECASTS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The first official summary of the war activities of the United States will be issued in a few days by Secretary Baker.

The exact nature of the statements has not been made known. In announcing his intention to begin the practice, however, Secretary Baker said he would go just as far as the military advisers of the government deemed it wise toward informing the public of what was in progress.

When American troops get into action in France, daily statements probably will be issued, founded upon the reports from General Pershing.

The extent to which naval happenings can be made public is a different matter. Secretary Daniels has promised that news of disasters will be given out with as little delay as possible.

Troubles of His Own



HARD SMASHES AT GERMAN LINES IN FRANCE AGAIN PRODUCE GAINS FOR ALLIES WHILE COUNTER-ATTACKS FAIL

German Attempts to Retake Terrain Captured By French and Canadians Are Ill-starred, Resulting Mostly in Heavy Losses to the Teutons—Austrian Lines Beginning to Crack Under Terrific Drive of the Italian Forces

Hard smashes at the German lines in France again have been productive of important gains for the entente allies.

West of Lens, aided by a heavy artillery fire the Canadians also advanced, pushing the Germans farther into the environs of the town.

Counter Attacks Ill-Starred. All the counter-attacks by the German crown prince's forces against General Petain's men on the newly captured ground in the Verdun sector have been ill-starred.

Under a canopy of mist the Canadians and Germans met at daylight in the open of "No Man's Land" northwest of Lens.

they captured on the Verdun front. It adds that the German troops and their leaders anticipated a favorable conclusion of the Verdun battle.

Austrian Line Cracks. In the Austro-Italian theatre the terrific drive of the Italians is causing the Austrian line to crack at numerous points.

The Russians in Galicia and Bukovina are apparently holding their own against the Austrians and Germans, but in Roumania the Russians and Roumanians have been compelled to cede further ground near the village of Oena and east of the Fokshani-Narocna-Ajui railway.

The intensive aerial fighting between the allies and the Germans in France continues. Numerous German machines have been brought down in aerial battles but the entente allies also have lost a considerable number of machines.

In addition to more than 5,000 prisoners taken by the French in Monday's advance, additional captures resulted from the attacks of Tuesday.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS ARE BROKEN AT RALEIGH

More Than 600 Boys and Girls Are Taking Short Farming Course.

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 21.—Breaking all the state records, and national too, so far as known, for attendance upon agricultural short courses, more than 600 boys and girls, members of the agricultural clubs of the state today are housed in the North Carolina state college of agriculture and engineering for instruction in practical and scientific farming.

Conservation will be the keynote of the short course for the boy and girl club members, and whereas the work netted more than \$50,000 to the individual members last year, it is expected that the money returns this year from the activities of the agricultural clubs will be several times this amount.

The plan of the course of instructions calls for lectures during the morning, demonstrations during the afternoon, leaving suitable time for recreation. Each evening motion pictures of educational and recreational value are to be shown in a large hall at the college.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

CUBAN PRESIDENT GIVES SHIPS TO UNITED STATES

Signs Decree Turning Over Seized German Ships to This Country.

HAVANA, Aug. 21.—At the presidential palace today, in the presence of General Marti, secretary of war and navy, and William E. Consales, United States minister to Cuba, President Menocal signed a decree transferring to the United States government four large German steamships, the Bavaria, Civant, Adelheid and Consantia, of an aggregate tonnage of approximately 10,900 tons, which were seized as prizes of war by the Cuban government on the day this country declared war against Germany.

The first three named ships are in Havana harbor, where they have been undergoing repairs for several months. The Constantia is at Cienfuegos. The Kadonia, the fifth and smallest of the ships seized by the Cuban government, is retained as a transport for army supplies.

It is announced that Minister Consales, acting as the representative of the United States shipping board, will take possession of the ships tomorrow.

GERMANY NOT BEHIND POPE'S PEACE PROPOSAL

German Chancellor Says That Pope's Proposal Was Issued Spontaneously.

COPENHAGEN, August 21.—Dr. Michaelis, the imperial German chancellor, at the convening of the reichstag main committee today in Berlin, said the recent peace proposal of Pope Benedict had been issued spontaneously, and not at the wish of the central powers.

The committee was informed by the chancellor that the pope's note would be answered only after the closest consideration with the reichstag.

The preliminary reports of the session of the reichstag committee indicate that the parties are divided regarding the pope's note on the same lines as on the reichstag's peace resolution.

INCREASE IN THE TOTAL LEVIES OF TAX BILL CERTAIN

Antagonism Between Factions on Increases on War Profits.

LA FOLLETTE AND WEEKS ARE HEARD

La Follette Demands Drastic Advances on War Profits and Incomes.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Increase in the total levy of the \$2,906,000,000 war tax bill was regarded certain tonight following another day of senate debate and informal conferences among leaders.

Senators LaFollette and Weeks made the only addresses today. The former spoke for nearly three hours in favor of radically higher levies on war profits and incomes of the wealthy, while the latter defended the bill as drafted.

Income Tax Section. After a speech tomorrow by Senator Borah in favor of higher taxation and fewer bonds, consideration of the income tax section is expected to begin.

Leaders of the finance committee now are considering presentation of amendments proposing higher surtaxes on big incomes. Those advocates (Continued on Page Two.)

MACHINISTS AND OTHER IRON WORKERS ORDERED TO STRIKE AT NEW YORK

Men Engaged on Government Work Will Strike With Rest.

MANY INVOLVED.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—A general strike of machinists, boiler makers and blacksmiths engaged in marine work in the part of New York and vicinity and including the navy yard in Brooklyn, was ordered here today at a mass meeting of representatives of marine metal workers.

The resolution passed unanimously called out not only workers in plants which have not yet agreed to the demands of the men but also those which have already done so, it being desired as one of the speakers asserted, "to show employers that we are united in our demands."

The date for the strike was not fixed but it is reported the men had been instructed to go out immediately.

That the federal government has already taken notice of the situation, was announced at the meeting with the statement that conciliators from the department of labor are here.

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