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. The next step in coal control, a white house announcement said, will be to fix the prices to be charged by middlemen and retailers.

Prices were set on cost of production estimates furnished by the federal trade commission after months of Even the Eatables in the exhaustive investigation. The country is divided into twenty-nine districts and every producer in a district will market his output at the same price.

No Agency Named.

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. Rumor tonight indicated President H. A. Garfield, of Williams college, as the man. Mr. Garfield now heads a committee named by the president to fix a government price for wheat. His work will end before Sep- 100 items of food and will include tember 1, when the wheat committee probably will be dis- supplies on the farms, in warehouses

The prices fixed for run-of-mine coal in the large producing districts average slightly more than \$2. In a few districts they are below that figure and in the western territory they are higher. Washington state is highest with \$3.25.

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. It is subject to re-consideration when the whole method of administering the fuel supplies of the country shall have been satisfactorily organized and put into operation. Subsequent measures will have as their objects fair and equitable control of the distribution of the supply and of the prices not only at the mines but also in the hands of the middlemen and the re-

"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. They are based upon the actual cost of production and are deemed to be not only fair and just but liberal as well.

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TO START AT ONCE Information Gathered by the Census Will Be Turned Over to Board.

NATIONAL SURVEY

WILL INCLUDE ALL AVAILABLE FOODS

Family Pantries Will Be Listed.

enacted by congress, will be started immediately by the department of agriculture.

Plans for the census, announced to night, show that it will cover nearly family pantry. A quick survey will be taken first of the supplies of Counter Attacks Ill-Starred.

MAY BE FORECASTS.

The exact nature of the statements has not been made known. In an-nouncing his intention to begin the practice, however, Secretary Baker practice, nowever, 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. Information of every sort reaching the department will be scrutinized for publishable matter and the impression was given that the statements would not be confined exclusively to past action but would probably contain forcecasts wherever permissible.

BUT-DANTERMAL DISTURBANCE

Troubles of His Own

KEPT OUT OF

THE WAR

MARTIAL LAW

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 III-starred, Resulting Mostly in Heavy Losses to the Teutons--Austrian Lines Beginning to Crack Under Terrific Drive of the Italian Forces

tive of important gains for the entente allies. North of Verdun the French have captured additional points of vantage while the Canadians have fought their way forward nearer to the heart of the town of Lens, aided by a heavy artillery fire the Canadians also advanced, pushing the Germans farther into the environs of the town. To both the captured positions, the Canadians are holding tenaciously, already having put down with heavy losses three strong counter-attacks.

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Austrian Line Cracks.

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In the Austro-Italian theatre the terrific drive of the Italians is causing the Austrian line to crack at numerous points. The Austrians are resisting vigorously. Although the battle is proceeding without interruption

ATTENDANCE RECORDS ARE BROKEN AT RALEIGH

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

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. Conzales, United States minister to Cuba, President Menocal signed a decree transferring to the United States government four large German steamships, the Pavaria, Clivant, Adelheid and Constantia, of an aggregate tonnage of approximately 10.900 tons, which were seized as prizes of war by the Cuban

The first three named ships are in Havana harbor, where they have been undergoing repairs for several be reserved in their opinion, while months. The Constantia is at Cien-the socialists, radicals and centrists 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 Gonmiles, acting as the representative of
the United States shipping board, will
take possession of the ships to-

That Pope's Proposal Was Issued Spontaneously.

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

central powers.

The committee was informed by the the statement that conciliators from the committee was informed by the department of labor are here. 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 regovernment or, the day this country garding the pope's note on the same declared war against Germany.

The deat three parted shire are in resolution. The conservatives, national liberals

and Germanic groups are declared to are said to approve of the pope's

MAJORITY SHAVED DOWN. mies, acting as the representative of the United States shipping loard. will take possession of the ships to-naorrow.

Minister Gonzales when asked the amount the United States government was paying Cuba for these ships replied. "absolutely nothing."

"President Menocal," he continued, "would not sell them but he has tended by a turbulent scene.

INGREASE 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 .- Incres in the total levy of the \$2,006,000,006 war tax bill was regarded certain to night following another day of senate debate and informal confer among leaders. The extent of the conference was still in Moubt, with antagonism growing between factions advocating and opposing a drastic advance in rates on war profits and in-

Senators LaFollette and Weeks nade 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 come tax section is expected to

CUBAN PRESIDENT GIVES

GERMANY NOT BEHIND

SHIPS TO UNITED STATES

POPE'S PEACE PROPOSAL

Bigns Decree Turning Over

German Chancellor Says

make the strike nation-wide, the apparently unanimous sentiment expressed by the men indicated that such was their desire, provided the issue was not quickly adjusted.

The meeting was called by the marine trades council of the port of New York and was attended by men representing 30,000 union workers, it was announced, and involved directly all shipbuilding plants in this vicinity, the majority of which now are engaged almost exclusively on government ed almost exclusively on government

work.

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."

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

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