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A BIG DROP IN PRICE OF COAL PRICES AT BALTIMORE TUMBLE

Department of Justice Plans Sweeping Campaign Against Alleged Profiteers

PUBLIC IS SIMPLY BEING ROBBED

Washington, D. C. Aug. 27.—Forecast of a tumble in coal prices was made by Department of Justice officials today coincident with the announcement of "renewed activity" in the campaign against coal profiteers. With production on the increase, prediction was made that the coal market would follow sugar prices in a break in the near future.

Prices have already dropped in Baltimore where the Federal agents started yesterday to gather evidence against an alleged combination of dealers who were declared to be profiteers through reports today that a large attack on the Eastern seaboard. Complaints have come frequently from there and from Baltimore it was said.

Although interior points have reported exorbitant coal prices in many instances, it was stated that the "flagrant violations" of the Lever law were confined largely to the Atlantic coast. The department will press its investigations at all points, however, as a part of the program outlined Monday when the Attorney General instructed all United States attorneys to delve into the basis of information that pyramiding of prices had been accomplished through intertrade sales.

The department's hands are tied at Philadelphia by a court order restraining the United States Attorney from prosecuting profiteers under the Lever law, which was held to be unconstitutional by the Court there. But the Court will not stay the gathering of evidence, according to H. S. Mitchell special assistant to the Attorney General, who is directing the campaign.

Mr. Mitchell believed public sentiment had begun to react against coal profiteers to the extent that it would force a lowering of prices. The break in quotations at Baltimore, together with expected reductions at other points, was expected to mean a real benefit to the consumer.

ARMENIA HAS EIGHT MONTHS GRAIN SUPPLY

Paris, Aug. 27.—The Armenian republic now have sufficient grain supplies for eight months, according to a telegram to the United States Grain Corporation executives here from Colonel William N. Haskell, Allied High Commissioner to Armenia, who left that country to come to Paris with his staff of American officers. The telegram says that the grain supplies will come largely from the harvest, there being a small amount remaining of 40,000 tons of flour sent from America.

THE LATEST TELEGRAPH DESPACHES

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

JP UNTIL FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

New York, Aug. 27.—Prominent financiers assembled in New York today to celebrate the formal ratification of the nineteenth amendment. Governor Smith greeted Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt at the station then the suffrage delegation from Tennessee arrived.

Warsaw, Aug. 27.—The Russians who took refuge in East Prussia, fighting the Poles along the frontier an official statement says that two soviet batteries opened fire from German soil, but the Poles were cautioned not to fire into Prussia. A lull in the fighting on various sectors, although the Poles report advances in several places.

Marion, Aug. 27.—Several important conferences this afternoon an automobile trip to address railway employes at Gallion, and a night reception in celebration of suffrage on Harding's crowded desk today.

London, Aug. 27.—Mayor MacSweeney of Cork began his 15th day of a hunger strike. He was conscious and able to speak and it was said might live a week if tongue was good.

Strassburg, Aug. 27.—Dr. Marcel Knecht denied on behalf of Marshall Foch, that Foch plans to visit the United States in April as was published in some newspapers.

Mexico City, Aug. 27.—The Mexican consul, Laredo here is seeking to arrange for the emigration of ten thousand Mexicans to the Southern cotton fields.

Mexico City, Aug. 27.—Villa has written Pedro Zamora, the bandit who carried off American subjects advising him to surrender and "sacrifice his pride".

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Confessions to shooting Charles Comisky and robbing the American League ball park box on September 16, when Babe Ruth expected to draw a capacity crowd made here by 3 boy bandits who were captured in an attempt at robbery of Wilson and Co. of a \$40,000 payroll.

Charlotte, Aug. 27.—Six inches of rain fell from three o'clock today flooded the streams in upper S. C., and the Catawba river was showing seven feet rise. Small

THIRD CENTURY TOMBS FOUND

In Them Were Golden Objects, Urns, Glass Work Etc.

IN DUTCH LIMBURG

Rotterdam, Aug. 27.—Four Roman tombs, built in the third century and containing golden objects, urns, glass work, pottery and bones have been found in a gravel pit near Heerlen in Dutch Limburg. Many of the things are of great scientific value and further excavations are being made.

TROTSKY COMMANDS THE RUSSIAN TROOPS

Warsaw, Aug. 27.—General Tschatschevski known as the soviet Napoleon has been relieved as the Commander-in-Chief of the Bolshevik army on the Polish front because of his failure to capture Warsaw, according to newspapers and Leon Trotsky has personally taken command. The Bolshevik prisoners gave out the reports.

streams in the Aragon Mill settlement at Rock Hill entered residences to such an extent that occupants moved into boats. The rain continues.

New York, Aug. 27.—Republican Chairman Hays said Cox failed to prove the charges because they were false. He said Gov. Cox had such an intimate knowledge of the wasting of millions in aircraft production during the war that he dreamed in millions.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—The republican treasurer Upham said that no schedule quotas in 51 cities is a phony list which I never heard of before.

Washington, Aug. 27.—The U. S. has requested Serbia to appoint representatives to the Allied commission to investigate the conflict in Albania and Jugo Slavia. Request made simultaneously to Britain, France and Italy.

Constantinople, Aug. 27.—Sultan Modammad must personally lead the Turkish troops against the nationalist the cabinet has decided, to prevent the dissolution of the empire. The allies apparently are willing to permit the organization of a Turkish force.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Nine million eight hundred and nineteen thousand were killed in the ten European nations engaged in the war and the potential loss of population over 35,320,000, the society for studying the social consequences of war announced through the Red Cross today.

Aboard Cox Special, Aug. 27.—Cox today carried the democratic offensive centered for president on the republican finances into the east. A repetition in a part of the evidence presented at Pittsburgh was planned at New Haven today and at New York tomorrow. Gov. Cox and advisers expressed satisfaction with information given to back up the declarations of a "conspiracy to buy the presidency". It was indicated that he would make further "exposes" within a week.

ALCOHOLICS HAVE NOT TURNED TO CANDY

Prohibition Has Promoted Many Industries Very Perceptibly

CONFECTIONARY 5th

Washington, D. C., August 27.—The theory that men addicted to the use of alcohol have become candy eaters since the advent of prohibition is not based on facts, said Walter C. Hughes, Secretary of the National Confectioners' Association.

The statement is made in a letter to Thomas Quinn Beesley, Assistant to the American Executive Committee of the 15th International Congress Against Alcoholism. The Congress is a scientific body and Mr. Hughes' statement is in reply to a request for advance information to present to the Congress during the convention on September 21-26.

"While I believe that Prohibition has been a benefit to the Confectionery Industry, I do not believe that the industry has been benefited proportionately any more than a number of industries have been benefited.

"In point of benefits the industry has received, we believe Confectionery ranks about fifth. The industries who have received greater benefits than our industry on account of Prohibition are the following:

- 1st - Savings Banks.
- 2nd - Soft Drink Industry.
- 3rd - Ice Cream Industry.
- 4th - Moving Picture Theatres.
- 5th - Confectionery Industry.

"I think it is an unanswerable argument that some industries have been benefited, but the theory advanced that men addicted to the use of alcohol have become candy eaters since the advent of Prohibition is based entirely upon the wrong premises and is not logical. More candy is being consumed because the people have more money to spend, not alone for candy but for everything else they want that adds to their comfort or pleasure.

BEHIND THE ADS. ARE MANY FARMS

I do not believe it would be an overstatement of the fact to say that the products of the farm, raw or manufactured, make a larger contribution to advertising space than all other industries and institutions. I am perfectly well aware that this is far from the popular conception of farm advertising. When most people think of what the farm contributes to advertising, they make a mental picture of a man with a few bushels of apples to sell, or a load of hay, or a cow and calf, and they see, as the result of it, a five-line local in some little weekly paper.

Take the one item of cereals—breakfast foods and the like. Rolled oats, puffed wheat, corn flakes, puffed rice, macaroni, and fifty others I cannot remember just now, but which furnish copy for advertising men every day in the year. If it were not for agriculture there would be no wheat to puff, no corn to flake, no oats to roll.

Magazines carry a great deal of copy and a lot of pretty pictures

51 NORTHERN BAPTIST SCHOOLS GET PART OF \$1,000,000 FUND

\$159,440 Have Paid Out \$30,000,000 of The \$100,000,000 Go to Colleges and Schools

SECOND PAYMENT BEFORE LONG

\$25,000,000 WHISKEY RING IN CLEVELAND

Lawyer-Politician to Head Greatest Rum-Running Conspiracy Since Prohibition Ever Dawned

BRIBE OF \$10,000 OF.

Cleveland, Aug. 27.—A \$25,000,000 whiskey ring, with ramifications extending from Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Ohio to New York and other Atlantic coast cities, has been uncovered by Federal officers here. The government authorities promise to expose a great blockade-running combine, involving several prominent Ohioans.

The names of these men, including that of a candidate for a State office in the last Ohio elections, are to be made public when a special Grand Jury is called next month. The case is to centre about a Cleveland lawyer-politician, declared to have offered a \$10,000 bribe to an enforcement officer for permission to ship whiskey through Cleveland to New York and other coast cities.

"Cleveland money and brains are the backbone of the most gigantic whiskey conspiracy since prohibition became effective," John H. Person, special internal revenue inspector, declared.

It is estimated by government officials that since January 16, when the 18 amendment went into effect, more than \$25,000,000 worth of whiskey has been taken from bonded warehouses in Kentucky, Pennsylvania and elsewhere by means of fake permits and by theft. Much of this has been disposed of through the Cleveland clique. Blockade-runners and their backers in Pittsburgh and other cities are involved.

The most important link in the Government's chain of evidence against the whiskey ring is reported to be the lawyer-politician who is said to have offered Prohibition Agent Counts \$10,000 for safe passage of large quantities of whiskey through his district.

of streaked bacon—superior break fast bacons from almost as many plants as are engaged in the meat-packing business. And there are sugar-cured hams, chipped beef, sausages, and all sorts of meat products. There are pickles and preserves, jellies and jams and baked beans, catsups and sauces, oranges, cotton and wool clothing, leather, sugar, candies. What's the use—to go further would leave you with the impression that there is nothing advertised except the products which come from the farm.—E. T. Meredith, Secretary of Agriculture.

New York, Aug. 27.—Fifty-one Baptist schools and colleges of the Northern Baptist Convention have received a portion of the \$100,000,000 fund being collected to cover a five year extension program, Dr. Frank W. Padelford, executive secretary of the denomination's Board of Education, announced here today.

Money thus far paid out, amounting to \$159,440, represents first payments which will be followed by others until approximately \$30,000,000 has been distributed for educational purposes. Dr. Padelford said that second payments would be made before the end of the vacation period, furnishing the beneficiary institutions with funds for immediate employment.

First payments, in amounts ranging in size from \$500 to \$10,000 have been made to the following institutions:

Theological Seminaries: Berkeley, Cal.; Chicago; Crozer, Chester, Pa.; Kansas City; Newton, Mass.; Northern, Chicago, Ill.; Rochester, N. Y.

Training Schools: Chicago, Philadelphia, Norwegian Baptist Divinity House, Chicago, Ill.; Bethel Academy, St. Paul, Minn.; Union College of Iowa Des Moines Iowa.

Colleges: Bates, Me.; Brown, R. I.; Bucknell, Pa.; Carleton, Minn.; Colby, Me.; Colgate, N. Y.; Denison, Grand Island, Neb.; Hillsdale, Mich.; Kalamazoo, Mich.; McMinville, Ore.; Ottawa Kan.; Dedlands, Cal.; Shurtleff, Ill.; Sioux Falls, S. D.; Des Moines Iowa, William Jewell, Liberty, Mo.

Junior Colleges: Broadus, Clarksburg, W. Va.; Cedar Valley, Osage, Iowa.; Colorado Women's College, Denver, Colo.; Francis Shimer, Mt. Carroll, Ill.; Hardin, Mexico, Miss.; Keuka, Keuka Park, N. Y.; Rio Grand, Rio Grande, O.; Stephens, Columbia, Mo.

MRS. JENNIE PARKER GETS VERDICT OF \$45,000

In the court at Halifax this week Judge C. C. Lyon, presiding in the case of Mrs. Jennie Parker, of New Jersey, against the S. A. L. Railway Company in which Mrs. Parker was suing for \$50,000 for the loss of both legs last February at Weldon, when one of the Seaboard trains cut off both her legs, first by backing on her and then by pulling back over her, a verdict of \$45,000 was rendered. This is the largest personal injury verdict ever rendered in the state. Attys. Walter Daniel, Ed Travis and Ashby Dunn appeared for Mrs. Parker. At the time of the accident, Mrs. Parker was visiting her sister at Roanoke and they were out in an automobile with her sister driving and the auto was struck by the train. Her sister escaped injury.