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For Regulating the Prices of Coal by a Commission to be Appointed.

#### MATTER SETTLED AT CONFERENCE

Held Between the Operators and Members of the Defense Council's Production Committee - This Course to Forestall Drastic Legislation.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 28.-Anthracite and bituminous coal operators at today's conference with the Defense Council's production committee con sidered resolutions proposing the fixing of coal prices during the war by a joint governmental commission, tinued today. erior, the Council's coal committee The resolution is designed as a posto both operators and consumers.

fixing of maximum prices was report- to him. ed by former Governor Fort, from a Early today it was said evidence of

ite industry, be appointed by the rep- ed. the Council of National Defense costs be gone into more fully today. of and conditions surrounding the protribution of coal in each district, and that these committees are authorized, in their discretion to give assent to such maximum prices for coal for cars at mines in the various districts, as may be named by the Secretary of the Interior, the Federal Trade Commission and the committee on coal production of the Council of National

The resolution was unanimously adopted. It was a revision of a former resolution re-called because of fear that questions might be raised as to the legality of the operators aggeeing upon a price, even though at the instance of the government, Attorney General Gregory having sent word that R. Colton Lewis, special assistant Attorney Gen., who had been conferring with the operators, had no right or authority to outline what the government's policy might be under Anti-Trust laws, in connection with

As soon as this resolution was tion to issue a statement forthwith German airplane four days ago. a letter, asking immediate action in fate is unknown. reducing the prices, the tentative prices fixed to continue until the investigation into costs and conditions HUGE EXCESS PROFITS warranted an increase or reduction in the tentative prices. He suggested that the tentative fixing of prices should not affect present contracts or export trade.

#### MEXICAN SMUGGLERS OF AMMUNITION

glers, some of it in the middle of the wages is to survive the war the gov- ican agriculture."

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Thorough Investigation of Po- on a German blindage. lice Conduct in the Ruth-Kruger Case.

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 28.—The investigation by Commissioner of Accounts Wallstein into the methods employed by the police department to solve the mystery of the disappearance of Ruth Cruger, the high school girl who was murdered here last February, was con-

composed of the Secretary of the In- The movements of Alfredo Cocchi, the confessed murderer of the young and the Federal Trade Commission. woman now under arrest in Italy, are sible substitute for legislation pending to be traced for the week following in Congress proposing blanket authe murder. It was said that the Rev. thority for government price fixing on Gaspar Moretto, who talked to Cocchi coal and backed by the operators as after the murder of the Cruger girl, MYSTERIOUS DISEASE a compromise adjustment satisfactory might be recalled to the witness stand and questioned further about The resolution "giving assent" to any revelations Cocchi may have made

special committee. He said he believ- importance had been discovered by ed the resolution was entirely safe for Mrs. Grace Humiston, whose efforts the conference to adopt and that any led to the finding of the murdered responsibility as to the legality of the girl's body, which bears out her confixing of the prices was put on the tention that Cocchi was a member of under the terms of the resolution, in Mexico. Mrs. Humiston, was ble those of entercolitis, but in other the resolution after pointing out that said, made a midnight search of a celgreat national emergency now exists lar of a house in West 27th street, in the nation's fuel supply and that where papers and other evidence of the coal operators and miners desire importance were said to have been to closely co-operate with the govern- found. It was learned that the evi- WEEKLY TOLL REPORT dence tended to bear out the story of "Resolved, That it is the sense of Miss Louise LaRue, who jumped from this meeting that a committee of 7 her window recently, when she said for each coal producing State and an her life was threatened by men she additional committee of 7, appointed accuses of being connected with the ish vessels of more than 1,600 tons relatives upon any man is so complete by the representatives of the anthrac- white slavers with whom Cocchi work- each and 7 under 1,600 tons were sunk as to warrant his rejection as a sol-

resentatives of each State now attend- According to Commissioner Wall- cording to the weekly statement of ing this convention, to confer with stein, the police investigation has only losses issued by the admiralty last RECORD BREAKING RUN the Secretary of the Interior, the Fed- began. He declared that every angle evening. No fishing vessels met with eral Trade Commission and the com- of activities, or inactivities of the de- disaster. mittee on coal production of the Coun- partment would be gone into thoroughcil of National Defense, to the endily until the responsibility for Cocchi's The aggregate number of vessels that production be stimulated and escape had been fully established. Al- flying the British flag destroyed by plans be perfected to provide adequate ready the testimony has shown that mines or submarines last week shows er Shaw has completed a record run means of distribution, and, further, the records of the complaint book had a net falling off of 4 as compared from a Pacific coast port to an Atthat these committees report forth- been altered regarding the time the with the losses reported the previous lantic port-approximately 5,858 miles with to the Secretary of the Interior. disappearance of the Cruger girl was week which numbered 32-27 of more the Federal Trade Commission and reported to the police, and it was said than 1,600 tons and 5 in the smaller the committee on coal production of this phase of the investigation would division. In the large category a de-

# KILLED IN BATTLE in the week ended June 24. Arrivals at Italian ports were 583 and departures 536.

Corporal Hall of Iowa, Mortality Wounded, Falls Within French Lines.

(By Associated 'Press.) Hall, of Colfax, Iowa, a member of the and a large amount of work was ac-LaFayette Escadrille, composed prin- complished, this consisting for the cipally of American aviators, is be- greater part, of completed hospital lieved to have been killed in an en- garments. counter with 7 German airplanes, according to The Herald. He was shot through the lung. His machine fell within the French lines.

Corporal Hall, who was the author agreed to, another one was presented of "Kitchener's Mob," joined the Amunder which it was proposed that the erican squadron a short time ago, aftgovernment authorize the government er being wounded in the British army, representatives, named in the resolu- and discharged. He brought down a

war risk insurance bureau, which is now insuring lives of men of the merbe effective from July 1, until the 23 German machines, has been miss Secretary Lane sent the conference on May 25 on a scouting mission. His

the last year were \$250,000,000 and erican farmers. those of the big meat packers "not less than \$25,000,000 in 1916," were have figured that at least half of the and humane action? (By Associated Press.)

El Paso, Texas, June 28.—A cavalry

El Pas El Paso, Texas, June 28.—A cavalry city city of the Charles R. van rise, low recent years to the write patrol intercepted a band of 30 Mexi- president of the University of Wiscon- every year," said Mr. Vrooman. "At system of insurance will be devised son, Henderson; J. E. Wyche, Greens-125 aircraft experts, sent from this ing of books, being author of nearly a patrol intercepted a band of 30 Mexi- president of the University of Wiscon- every year," said Mr. Vrooman. "At system of insurance will give to every officer gol- boro: E. G. Click Elkin, I. V. Han Legundar to investigate Every patrol intercepted a band of 30 Mexi-

mues east of nere early today. Two long the long that some provision is boro; E. H. Chamberlain, Rocking by the aircraft production board. In Research."

of the Mexicans were caught, but the now being charged for necessities challenge his pride and patriotism. It assurance that some provision is boro; E. H. Chamberlain, Rocking by the aircraft production board. In Research." others escaped into Mexico. The am- amount practically to extortion and is not simply a colossal war measure. made for the loved ones he leaves be- ham. others escaped into Mexico. The am- amount practically to extortion and it is a measure which, if put into practical study of munition was dropped by the smug- that if the man living on a salary or the smug- that if the man living on a salary or the smug- that if the man living on a salary or the smug- that if the man living on a salary or the smug- that if the man living on a salary or the smug- that if the man living on a salary or the smug- that if the man living on a salary or the smug- that if the smug- th

Former Convict From Siberia \* successes gained during the last \* Leads Sudden Attack on German Trenches

#### FIERCE FIGHTING

Several Blindages Taken With \* machine gunfire and uncut wires \* Number of Prisoners-Leader Made a Colonel.

(By Associated Press.)
Petrograd, June 28.—The hero of \* The assaulting troops comprise \* men from British Columbia, Man- \* the army in the woody Carpathians is \* itoba, Central Ontario and Nova \* a former convict from Siberia, who \* Scotia. inspired an attack by forces which heretofore had obdurately refused to charge. The ex-convict, whose rank is sergeant, led 50 volunteers in a rush

The attacking party, confused by heavy fire, wavered, whereupon the sergeant alone climbed the breastwork and hurled a bomb among the enemy. Attacked by three Germans, he sabered and shot two of them Then, with only 18 followers, several strongly held blindages were rushed.

This produced a general panic among the enemy and resulted in the capture of many prisoners.

The sergeant was given an officers' commission. Two regiments him to take command and the whole placing the question of exemptions in of his division resolved immediately to participate in an offensive.

## **CAUSES MANY DEATHS**

(By Associated Press.) Cape Girardeau, Mo., June 28.—Sixlast few days and more than 25 are ill from a mysterious malady which has afflicted the town of Oran, in Scott county. Doctors are said to be puzzled as to the nature of the disease.

#### ON SUBMARINE WORK

(By Associated Press.) London, June 28.-Twenty-one Britby mines or submarines last week, ac- dier.

crease of 6 vessels is shown, while among the smaller craft an increase of 2 vessels lost is indicated.

Only One Italian Steamer. ment of shipping losses shows that hours and 20 minutes. only one Italian steamship was sunk in the week ended June 24. Arrivals

#### WARSAW RED CROSS IS HARD AT WORK

(Special to The Dispatch.) chapter met in the chapter room at the Barden Hotel Tuesday for an all Paris, June 28.—Corporal James day work. A good number attended

## THE GREAT WASTE BARNYARD REFUSE

be Saved With Little Exertion by Farmers.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 28.-More than which, at this time is a national tragedy, according to Carl Vrooman, As-

(By Associated Press.)

Canadian Army Headquarters \* \* in France, June 28.—Under a \* \* protecting concentration of ar \* \* tillery fire, Canadian troops \* \* early today stormed and captur- \* ed the German front line before \* \* Avion, a suburb of Lens.

The Canadians, heartened by \* \* few days at relatively small cost, \* \* decided this morning to attack \* \* across the open ground sloping \* \* upward to Avion and the village \* \* of Leauvette, near the Souchez. \* \* river. They met with opposition \* ENDS IN VICTORY \* of a serious character at only one \* point where a combination of \* \* delayed the advance. The attack \* \* was not intended to be pressed \* \* home at this particular spot as \*

\* the ground specially favored the \* \* Germans so that the delay did no \* \* harm

To be Localized—Each Case to be Acted on Individually-Married Men.

(By Associated Fress. Washington, June 28 .- Rigid adherence to the policy laid down in the nationa larmy selective draft law, the hands of local boards, is expected

epartment in a few days. ertain that no specific class exemptions will be provided for, and that teen children have died within the each man will be appraised on his individual occupation and physical capacity when his name is called and he is summoned before the local boards.

Crippled or defective persons among those who were registered were noted at the time and it is possible they al-ready have been scopped from the doctors who are attached to local exsoldier's life will be a determining fac-

Married men will not be exempted as class. In each case the object of the board will be to determine whether the dependency of wife, children or other

## OF A DESTROYER

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 28.—The destroy--in 14 days, 10 hours and 20 minutes. The Shaw is a new destroyer whose kell was laid down in February, 1916. Besides making a record run, the vessel also broke all records in passing through the Panama Caral, requiring only 5 hours and 45 miutes, as com-Rome, June 27.—The weekly state pared with the previous best of 6 STATUE OF EMMET

## PLANS TO INSURE

ment Officials and Insurance Companies.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 28.—Plans for insuring the lives of American soldiers and sailors during the war, will be discussed at a conference of life insurance company presidents with Section 1981 retary McAdoo here July 2. Invitations were sent to the life insurance men today by the Treasury Depart-

One idea suggested is to place the considered is a combination of insurance companies, co-operating with or backed by the government.

The proposal to insure the fighting men, which has the approval of Presia billion dollars of barn yard refuse is dent Wilson, presents many compli- onstration Day was observed this OF BIG CORPORATIONS wasted in the United States annually cations, among which is its probable morning on the program of the fortyrelation with the pension system. "No third annual session of the North Carorganized effort has ever been made, Chicago, June 28.—A sensational al- sistant Secretary of Agriculture, who, by any government to provide this olina Dental Society. legation that excess profits of the in a statement issued today, urges its sort of protection and and comforting Among the dentists conducting clin-United States Steel Corporation in conservation as a war measure by Am- assurance to its fighting men" said ics were Doctors Whitfield Cobb, Winrican farmers.

"The experts of our department America take the lead in this noble ston-Salem; J. A. McClung, Gastonia;

# ON CAUSE OF WAR

In Reply to Request For Comment on General Petain's Article Thereon.

## **ONLY LASTING PEACE**

The Facts Sufficient to Convince the World of the Justness of the Allies' Cause.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, June 28.-Major General been staying since his arrival in Paris. to make his home in a fine old resi-It was leased before the war by Ogden | Wilmington. Mills, of New York, who has placed

"I have read General Petain's ar- could secure. ticle with deepest interest. His answer Mrs. B. B. Witherington, of Faison, and His Sunday School." Mr. Barrett, It is quite beyond reason that any one rector. knowing the truth should fail to con- Mrs. Hiss presented Mrs. Creasy a who he is and what he does; the Sun-French army.

rolls. The judgment of the civilian sacred. France will continue her er floor of the school building. individual to bear the hardships of a heroism by her valiant armies will still entertainment, and the convention ading Gospel further inspire those fighting by her journed to meet next year with the

#### PRECAUTIONS TAKEN IN GOLDMAN TRIAL

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 28.-When the trials of Alexander Berkman, editor of The Blast, and Emma Goldman, another Anarchist, charged with conspiracy to obstruct the operation of the selective draft law, were resumed here today no one was permitted in the court room who did not hold a pass from the United States marshal's office. These precautions were being taken because of the number of threatening letters which have been received by Judge Mayer who is hearing the case. The court room was closely guarded again today by detectives and secret service men.

## IN NATIONAL MUSEUM

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, June 28.—A bronze statue of Robert Emmet, Irish martyr patriot, was unveiled today in the rotunda of the National Museum here in the presence of a notable gathering. The memorial was presented to the government by an American citizen of irish descent. The presentation speech was made by Judge Victor J. Dowling, To be Worked Out by Govern- of New York. Miss Alice O'Gorman, daughter of former Senator O'Gorman, of New York, pulled the cord that released the veil. Chief Justice White, of the Supreme Court, accepted the statue on behalf of the government.

# IN ANNUAL SESSION

ducting Clinics.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Durham, N. C., June 28.—Home dem-

W. A. Ray, Fayetteville; S. R. Hor-"I earnestly hope that as a result of ton, Raleigh; I. N. Carr, Durham; J.

1th District of Daughthe Confederacy at Warsaw.

to The Dispatch.; Warsan James Kenan Chap District, U vention wit ter, Warsaw Justess, and the director, MANY MINISTERS Mrs. W. L. Hill. presiding, in the SHOULD BE AGREED TO school building, Wednesday afternoon and evening. The district includes chapters from Goldsboro to Burgaw, and those of Clinton and Kenansville most of which were represented.

The exercises were opened with the singing of the "Red, White and Blue" by the Warsaw Music Club. Rev. A O. Moore then gave the invocation, after which he welcomed the guests in behalf of the town. The address of Pershing, the American commander, welcome for the chapter was gracioushas left the hotel in which he has ly extended by Mrs. H. Faison Pierce, the response being made by Miss Winifred Faison, of Faison. The Ghildren's Chapter of Warsaw sang the dence in the Rue de Varenne so as to U. D. C. song: "Come, Rest Thee on nical teaching and training and highly be near his headquarters. The house, This Mossy Pillow" was sung by the inspirational work this morning at 3 which has a magnificent garden, for Music Club, followed by an able and o'clock. merly belonged to Prince Gortchakoff. inspiring address by Mrs. W. M. Creasy, state recording secretary of

it at the disposal of General Pershing. "Spring Time," after which Mrs. Mar. ing. At the same time, in another The American commander was ask- shall Williams, of Faison, a former room of the auditorium, some 75 ladies ed today to comment on the article State president, spoke interestingly of were attending a W. M. U. confer-"Why We Are Fighting," published of the Gettysburg, and in behalf ence. By the closing hour several vesterday in the Army bulleting yesterday in the Army bulletin, in Miss Georgia Hicks, a former State speaker of the morning. Scores and which General Petain, the French historian, then explained the object scores of visitors have come to attend commander-in-chief explained the ob- of the History of the War Between the Assembly since last night. jects of the war, and why a premature Hill for Mr. Ricks, of Rocky Mount, was Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of peace must not be concluded. Gen- and requested the chapters to send the First Baptist church of Gastonia, Mr. Hill any data on the subject they who led the Pastors'

to characterize the exemption regula- to the question is complete and logic- was unanimously elected director to who is one of the most successful pastions to be made public by the War al. The facts set forth should con-succeed Mrs. W. L. Hill, the retiring tors in the State, and also the North vince the world of the justice of our director, who has held the office for Carolina member of the Baptist Sun-It is understood that the regulations great cause. It cannot think it post three years. A rising vote of day School Board of North Carolina. will map out only the general procect sible that any one should hold a dif- thanks was given Mrs. Hill for her ex- was thoroughly qualified to speak on ure of the boards. It is regarded as fesent view of why we are in the war. cellent work for the district while di- his subject, which he discussed from

> demn the course pursued by the Ger- picture of the several Confederate day school-what it is and what it man government, and the truth has flags entwined with the national flag, does; the relation that should exist been clearly pointed out by the disthe work having been executed by the between pastor and Sunday school. tinguished commander-in-chief of the hand of Mrs. C. A. Womack, a member of the local chapter.

> lasting peace. The ideals for which an automobile ride, after which they men, that he should be a man of un the Allies are contending must be neid enjoyed a reception given on the low-impeachable character, a friend of

Ashford-Sillers Chapter at Clinton.

#### **BELGIAN CLERGY** SENT TO PRISON

Amsterdam, June 28.—According organization. to Telegraaf several priests of the entourage of Cardinal Mercer, primate Twenty others, the newspaper says; Among this number is Cardinal Mercier's private secretary, who was sentenced to a year in prison for preaching a sermon on Whitsunday on Chris-

# STATE EDITORS

Hon. H. A. London President Miss Williams' place on the program, Emeritus—Other Officers. Second Day's Work.

(Special to The Dispatch.) tion of officers featured today's meet-lines and colors, quickly done, will be ing of the North Carolina Press Asso- more effective in piercing the heart ciation, and Sanford Martin, of the with the truth, which lives. Winston-Salem Journal, was elected President, J. A. Sharpe, of the Lum- Dr. Pierce delivered his lecture, berton Robesonian, first vice-presi- "Through the Eye of the Heart," showdent; Z. W. Whitehead, of the South-ing by many apt and striking illustraern Lumber Journal, Wilmington, sections skilfully thrown on the board, ond vice-president; R. T. Wade, of the how truth enters the mind much more Morehead City Coaster, third vice-preseries readily and forcibly through this ident; J. B. Sherrill, of the Concord means than through any other chan-Tribune, secretary and treasurer; W. nel. Dr. Pierce is pastor of one of

of The Wilmington Dispatch; E. E. Meetings", which he holds thrice a Britton, of the Raleigh News and Obsonville Hustler, and H. B. Varner, of Exchange, using very effectively his the Lexington Dispatch, with J. F. Hur- artistic crayon sketches. ley, of the Salisbury Post, were elected Two other distinct features of the

as executive committee. The association did the gracious

## AIRCRAFT EXPERTS

across the Rio Grande at Rocky Ford, period in the Light of Historical of the Greek New 7 miles east of here early today. Two Dr. Van Hise asserted that prices the American farmer which ought to naval service of the United States the Sanford; G. W. Whitsett, Greens-facture was announced late yesterday Testament in the Light of Historical Rocking. By the singular production have been provision is boro: E. H. Chamberlain Rocking. By the singular production have a surface that some provision is boro: E. H. Chamberlain Rocking. cluded in the delegation are men rep- His work at the Assembly will con-

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Second Day Sees Everything Moving Forward in Splendid Manner.

## IN ATTENDANCE

Delegates Heard Excellent Address by Rev. W. C. Barrett, of Gastonia This Morning.

Rev. Walter M. Gilmore. The third annual session of the Baptist Seaside Assembly, which began most auspiciously last night in the Harbor Island auditorium, at Wrightsville Beach, swung with considerable momentum into its second day of tech-

At that early hour about 50 pastors were present to attend the first of The Music Club then rendered are to be held at this hour each morn-

speaking on the theme, "The Pastor the three-fold aspects: The pastor-

Mr. Barrett said that a pastor should be a man divinely appointed to his "There must be no peace except a The visitors were then carried for work, essentially different from other man, a man of vision, a business man, splendid fight for human rights and The James Kenan Chapter was an organizer, a true shepherd of the emption boards as to the ability of any human liberty, and fresh examples of warmly praised for its hospitality, and flock and a proclaimer of the everlasted

The pastor's relation to the Sunday school, which the speaker defined as being an organization in a church for the purpose of bringing persons into the kingdom of God and teaching them the laws of the Kingdom, should be very close and vital, the pastor being the overseer or governor of this

At the same hour, Mrs. W. N. Jones, of Raleigh, who is president of of Belgium, were arrested recently the State Woman's Missionary Union, and imprisoned in Germany. One of led the Conference for ladies in anthem is Bishop Le Graive, of Malines. other room of the auditorium, giving have been imprisoned in Belgium. outline of the mission study book used in a most interesting way a general now by so many of the mission societies, "South America and Our Neighbors," giving the geography of the country, its assets, people, religion, prospects and consequent responsibil-

Miss Annie Wiliams, of Alabama, the noted primary specialist, who was expected to speak to the ladies at 10:40 on, "The Child in Our Midst," was detained by sickness, but is ex-ELECT OFFICERS pected to arrive later in the session to fill her place. Dr. Robert F. Y. Pierce, the noted New York minister, who so captivated his audience last night with his illustrated lecture, took showing how to use the blackboard successfully with elementary Sunday school classes.

The speaker maintained that it is not necessary to make elaborate draw-Morehead City, N. C., June 28.—Elecings and paintings, only a few simple

At his regular time on the program, T. Bost, of Raleigh, correspondent the large down-town churches in New orator; Dr. William Laurie Hill, of the York, and a novel feature of his work, Presbyterian Standard, poe:; M. L. which is attracting thousands of down-Shipman, of the Hendersonville Hus- and-outs in that great metropolis to Former Presidents Jas. H. Cowan, ligion, is his "Wayside Evangelistic his ministry and to the Christian reweek on Wall street, near the Sto

morning session were the addresses of Dr. A. T. Robertson, professor of thing by unanimously electing Major New Testament Greek in the Baptist H. A. London, of Pittsboro, president Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky., and Dr. Weston Bruner, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, of Raleigh, Both of these gentlemen will speak daily till the close of the Assembly.

ARRIVED IN ENGLAND Dr. Robertson is a native North Carolinian and is recognized as a scholar (Dy Associated Press.) of world renown. In addition to his Washington, June 28.—Safe arrival work as professor, he has devoted himof world renown. In addition to his patrol intercepted a band of 30 Mexi- president or the University of wiscon- tevery fear, said Mil. Flooman. At which will give to every officer, sol- boro; E. G. Click, Elkin; L. V. Hen- country to investigate European meth- score, perhaps his most noted one because engaged in carrying ammunition. Sin and special representative of Her- this time such a waste as this is a light for dier and sailor in the military and derson. Henderson: F. D. McCreeken lodg of singuist.