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URGE CONGRESS CONTROL COAL

FEDERAL BOARD OF TRADE DECLARES PRICES ARE OFTEN A HUNDRED TIMES COST OF PRODUCTION

(By United Press)
Washington, May 21.—Declaring that coal mine operators are charging exorbitant prices, often a hundred times the cost of production, the Federal Trade board today urged Congress to establish control by governmental agencies which may fix prices.

The regulation of coal distribution from the mines to the ultimate consumer was also urged.

CABINET WILL BE INCREASED

ACTION OF THE SENATE IN LIMITING THE POWERS OF THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE THROWS BURDEN ON CABINET

(By CARL GROAT)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, May 21.—The cabinet is soon to be increased by three new portfolios, a secretary of food administration, a secretary of munitions and supplies, and a secretary of transportation, according to official belief.

The action of the Senate in limiting the powers of the Council for National Defense has placed the burden of the real constructive work back on the cabinet.

Secretary Baker, as a result is left not only with the raising of an army but also with the task of obtaining supplies and munitions. Secretary Daniels is left in a similar position.

TRAFFIC MAN MAY BE SECURED HERE

Immediately following the reading of the report of the Business Manager last Friday night, and preceding the election of the board of directors, the Chamber of Commerce heard the following recommendations, submitted by the board whose term of office was just expiring:

That we employ a competent rate or traffic man at a salary not to exceed \$75.00 per month and that all members of the Association who receive and ship freight shall turn over to this traffic man periodically all overcharges for his collections and he shall turn over to the Treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce twenty-five per cent (25) of all collections made. We believe that this office will not only be self-sustaining but be of practical benefit to our merchants members.

We further recommend that a Secretary-Manager or general Secretary be allowed \$500.00 per year for his services.

We recommend that we celebrate another "Good Will Day" similar to or surpassing that of last year.

We further recommend that the Chamber of Commerce co-operate in every possible way with the J. H. Zeigler Band recently organized.

No action was taken on the report but it is believed that the newly elected board will look upon the recommendations with favor, especially in the matter of the employment of a competent traffic man to save the business men, especially the wholesalers, against incorrect freight charges.

HOME GUARDS OF FOURTH WARD MEET

The Home Guards of the fourth ward will meet Tuesday night instead of Monday night in front of the Armory Hall. All members are requested to be present.

DANIELS CONFERS WITH SHIPBUILDERS

(By United Press)
Washington, May 21.—Secretary Daniels conferred today with a delegation of shipbuilders in the effort to speed the construction of 24 combined mine sweepers and seagoing

UP TO THE TOWNS IS THE SOLUTION

FARMERS HAMPERED BY SCARCITY OF LABOR DOING ALL THEY CAN TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION AND NEED HELP OF CITY FOLK

Raleigh, N. C., May 21.—Notwithstanding the fact that the campaign for an increased acreage in and production of food and feedstuffs has been pushed in every section of North Carolina there is a distinct fear yet that the emergency has not been met and that many people in this State are going to find themselves in a very uncomfortable position during the coming fall and winter.

"We know that the forces working in this campaign have gotten excellent results in practically every section of the State," today declared John Paul Lucas, executive secretary of the North Carolina Food Conservation Commission, "but we are not fooling ourselves. We know that an increased acreage has been planted in food and feed crops already and that the planting season is not yet past. But we also know that it is hard for our people to appreciate just how much more we must produce than we ordinarily do to make up for what we have been importing each year. We know that we have not yet in sight, either already seeded or under preparation for planting, a sufficient additional acreage to anything like make up the deficit that will be caused by the withdrawal for military purposes of the huge amount of food and feed supplies we have been importing from the West and other sections.

"I believe that our farmers, as a general thing, are going to do their utmost to meet the situation. We have many opportunities of observing this. They are rallying nobly. From almost every county we have reports of farmers who realize that in this fight to the death the farmer occupies a strategic position and are acting accordingly. One farmer in Moore county had 100 acres of land prepared for cotton. Ninety acres of that land was planted in corn instead. An Edgecombe county farmer seized 12 acres of land one of his tenants had prepared for cotton and planted it for his tenant in corn. We have urged a reasonable reduction in the tobacco and cotton acreage and have secured some reduction, but we must look mostly to the extra acres that will be cultivated and to the increased production per acre as a result of good tillage methods and heavier fertilization for the greatest results.

"The people of our cities and towns will be the greatest sufferers if we fail to produce the amount of food and feedstuffs we require. But up to this time we have not secured the results from the cities and towns that we should. In many instances we have received splendid and effective cooperation. The chambers of commerce at Raleigh, Asheville, Charlotte, New Bern, Mooresville and a few other places have put their best efforts into this campaign and have done wonderfully effective work, but the business men generally, even in some of the cities mentioned, have not rallied to the cause as they should.

"The people of our cities and towns must not get it into their heads that this is a matter solely for the farmer. Our farmers are needing more labor. The only place they can get this labor is from the cities, but despite the fact that there are thousands of idle men and boys in our cities and towns, they are painfully slow about volunteering for farm work. We have appealed to the authorities of every city and town in the State to rigidly enforce the vagrancy law. Some are taking some steps in this direction, but most of them have been indifferent.

"We have complaints of restricted credits to farmers by banks and supply merchants. These have been decreasing in volume, however, because our supply merchants and bankers during the past few weeks have been waking up to their duties and opportunities in this crisis and are acting accordingly. Still we continue to get some complaints along this line.

"One of the most striking needs at this time is for the live men of our cities and towns to look about them, put their shoulder to the wheel and do everything possible to aid the farmer, and to get into cultivation every vacant lot and tract of land available. Practically every county

HONOR ROLL LAST MONTH

The honor roll for the fourth month of the second term, ending May 11th, for the Elizabeth City schools is as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL
Janie Mercer, Elizabeth Kramer, Elizabeth Nash, Marie Lowry, Helen Williams, Maude Leigh, Clarence Ashby, Graham Evans, Francis Seyfert.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Fourth Grade
Miss Holt, teacher: Ruth Bright, Sarah Carter, Rebecca Miller, Lena Gendason, Margaret Gordon, Hattie Gregory, Thomas Johnston, Oscar Gaskins, Oscar Williams, Howard Berry, Merrell Griggs.

Miss Cobb, teacher: Elizabeth Harris, Mary H. Pritchard, Mary Horner, Emily Commander, Annie Mae Winslow, Mary Dozier, Sarah Bray, William Scott, William Dudley, Joseph Ferebee, Lionel Armstrong, James Hill, Oliver Evans, Selma Martin, Ada Belangia.

Miss weatherly, teacher: Margaret Hollowell, Mary Lee Jackson, Margaret Nash, Nannie Mae Stokes, Rachel Williams, Wilmer Ballard, Willie Dozier, Tommie Gray, Willis Kramer, Edward Old, Marion Seyfert.

Fifth Grade
Miss Faison, teacher: Helen Dawson, Mittie Fearing, Leora Griffin, Elizabeth Mann, Mary Owens, Elsie Pugh, Vernon Davis, Paul Miller, Bradford Sanders, Elliott Ward, Marvin Williams.

Mrs. Pearson, teacher: Margaret Commander, Ellen Melick, Lillian Marris Maxine Fearing, Catherine White, Albert Bright, Harvey Dawson, Constant Fearing, Walter Pearson, Zack Owens, Stuart Wood.

Miss LeRoy, teacher: Joseph Porter, Joseph Spence, Earl Sutton, Carlton Woodley, Julian Ward, Wilborne Harrell, Randall Holloman.

Sixth Grades
Miss Lassiter, teacher: Annabelle Abbott, Sarah Hill, Millicent Hayman, Magd Mundan, Luther Davis, Clyde Gregson.

Mrs. Roberts, teacher: Pattie Barcliff, Larry Skinner, John Twiddy, Joseph Winslow.

Mrs. Pool, teacher: Ernestine Balance, Leona Lewis, Susie Rhodes, Sybil Bembury, Dennis Gaskins.

Seventh Grades
Miss Elliott, teacher: Margaret Chesson, Lottie Drinkwater, Elizabeth Etheridge, Alma Hayman, Emily Jennings, Nellie Hastings, Margaret Mann, Goldie Stokes, Dorothy Zoeller, Sidney Evans, Billy Houtz, Grafton Love, George Owens, Claude Ward.

Miss Harney, teacher: Sophia Davis, Elizabeth Hathaway, Odell Long, Harris Parks, Annie White, Frank Dawson, Charles Seyfert.

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REGISTRARS NAMED FOR PASQUOTANK

Sheriff Charles Reid, G. R. Little and Dr. Zenas Fearing have been named by Governor Bickett as Pasquotank County's Registration Board for June fifth. Precinct registrars will be named by this registration board and registration will go forward between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. on that day.

knows of farmers in his county who could cultivate more acres of land and produce more food and feedstuffs if he had more labor. The people of the towns and cities must furnish this labor. Where financial assistance is needed the people of the cities and towns must provide that. Last year was a miserable crop year in almost every section of the State and the fact that a farmer is needing financial assistance this year does not discredit him.

"The people of the cities and towns of the State must face the facts. The farmer is going to produce enough to run his own establishment. Whether he produces a sufficient surplus above that to take care of the urban population of the State is going to depend very largely upon the degree of co-operation and sympathy he gets from his brother in town. It is the family of the brother in town that will suffer if that surplus is not

BETTER FARMING COMING WITH WAR

AGRICULTURAL EXPERT SEES SIGNS OF PROGRESS IN INCREASED ACREAGE TO FOOD AND FEED CROPS IN THE STATE

(By S. G. RUBINOW)

The production of food and feed crops in typical cotton and tobacco counties is one of the signs of agricultural progress. Moved not only by a sense of patriotism, in assisting in the growing of staple food stuffs, but also by the feeling that it represents a more profitable type of agriculture, former one crop farmers are beginning to give attention to diversification in all of its significance.

As a prominent factor in bringing about this agricultural change, the county demonstration agent of the Agricultural Extension Service looms up as one of the most valuable assets any county may possess. Edgecombe County employs the services of Agent Zeno Moore. For a number of years prior to the present economic crisis, Mr. Moore has been urging the growing of grains, permanent and temporary pastures, the production of hays, the feeding of livestock and the management of poultry.

Seeing is believing. On B. F. Shelton's farm in Edgecombe County, one of Agent Moore's best demonstrations is a ten acre field of oats, planted at the last cultivation of cotton. In spite of the bad season this year, which resulted in the killing out of a good deal of grain, this field of oats is in excellent shape. It was sown broadcast, just as the cotton rows were given their last cultivation, and when the soil was in excellent seed-bed condition. No extra preparation of the soil was necessary; the amount of labor was reduced to a minimum; the field has a cover crop all during the winter; the oats could have been used for grazing purposes or for grain; the total cost of seeding the grain was represented by the cost of one bushel to the acre.

Seeing further is believing further. When compared to the ordinary method of sowing oats in the early winter by scuffing the soil, a prevalent method in many sections, the outstanding advantages of Mr. Moore's plan are only too readily noticed. Mr. Shelton's oats are a foot higher and a month nearer maturity than his neighbor's grain. Mr. Moore's rotation plan for this field of oats is, to follow the grain with soybeans or peas, which in turn will be followed by clover. Then the clover will be plowed under and the field put into corn. Rye will follow the corn as a winter cover crop and will be succeeded by cotton. Oats will begin the new rotation, which included two grains crop, two legume crops and two, clean-cultivated, cash crops.

Mr. Moore's campaign for pastures and legum crops have resulted in a good sprinkling of fields of alfalfa, crimson and bur clover, lespedeza and grass pastures. Right now the clovers are veritable food carpets of green, crimson and yellow. Bur clover seed in itself will yield a very handsome profit to the acre; and the lespedeza or Japan clover, sown broadcast on grain land two years ago, on one of Mr. Moore's demonstration fields, is now carpeting the ground with its tiny leaves and providing one of the most excellent pastures.

Grain, corn, hay, pastures, livestock and poultry, plus cotton and tobacco, is Mr. Moore's plan of work for the farmers of Edgecombe County, arranged in such a way as to fill out the farmers' time for 365 days of work with the assurance of maximum profits for the year. The signs of progress are pointing to a new and a better type of agriculture for North Carolina.

RAISED LARGE SUM FOR LIBRARY

Blackwell Memorial Sunday School raised something over one hundred dollars for a library Sunday morning. The Superintendent, Mr. E. F. Aydtlett, offered the school one hundred dollars on the library if the school would raise that amount. The library now has a start of over two hundred dollars and more pledges will be taken next Sunday morning.

Miss Marie Benka is spending her vacation at Greensboro, the guest of her brother, Mr. Charles

METHODIST PASTOR TO TAKE PROFESSORSHIP

Rev. J. L. Cunningham, pastor of the First Methodist church advised his congregation at the Sunday morning service that he would give up pastoral work at the close of the present conference year to accept a professorship in the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas. He has been considering such a step now for about a year.

Mr. Cunningham has been one of the most popular pastors of the city during the time that he has served the First Methodist Church and it had been the hope of the congregation of his church and of the people generally that he could be retained here for a full 4 year period. His sermons have been strong, practical and on timely topics and his work in every phase of the church's life, has been most effective, as has been manifest in growing congregations, increasing church membership, and a wide awake Sunday School.

Mrs. Cunningham will be missed hardly less than her husband. She has been active, not only in the work of her church but as a leader of the Motes' Study Club has been an important factor in the lives of many mothers of the city.

BRITISH VIEW IS CHANGED

POPULAR BELIEF NOW IN ENGLAND THAT AMERICA IS ACTING WISELY AND PROFITING BY BRITAIN'S MISTAKES

(By United Press)
London, May 21.—England is glad to know that America is making haste slowly.

The popular understanding manifest everywhere is that the United States is doing exactly as Lloyd George suggested, taking advantage of England's mistakes. The British had thought that Americans had possibly failed to appreciate the magnitude of the task ahead of them, but that view is changed since Wilson's conscription proclamation, the announcement of the Pershing expedition, the arrival of the American destroyer flotilla and the arrival of the American medical unit.

To-night At New Theatre

Ethel Clayton and Holbrook Blinn will star at the New Theatre tonight in the great Broadway success, "Husband and Wife."

By special arrangement the New Theatre will run the Hearst Pathe News every Monday, giving the latest news of the country. This feature is one of unusual interest to everybody, and is a part of today's and tonight's show.

Tonight's Show At Alkrama

Monday at the Alkrama Metro Pictures Company presents the lovely Beverly Bayne in "A Million a Minute." "The Great Secret" is also on the program and is getting very near the end and so more exciting with every chapter.

"Pavlov," at the Alkrama Wednesday Matinee and night is the most wonderful show ever offered to any one for five and ten cents. This picture is in nine reels and so startling, unique and and thrilling are the scenes that the times flies like magic. Nothing before has ever been attempted. It is the supreme achievement of the silent drama and defies description.

WILL GIVE OUTING.

The B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist Church is giving an outing Tuesday evening, May 22nd. Wagons will leave the church at 7:30 for a ride to the country home of John Sample where refreshments will be served.

Mr. W. G. Gaither, Sr., of Hartford

PREPARING FOR DRIVE ON EAST

HINDENBURG SHUNTING EXHAUSTED AND SHATTERED LEGIONS FROM WESTERN TO EASTERN FRONT

(By United Press)
With the British Army Afield, May 21.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg is shunting his shattered and exhausted divisions on the western front to the northern and eastern lines, where they are being reformed preparatory to a new drive on Petrograd.

Meantime fresh divisions from the Russian front are being sent to France to stem the tide of the allied offensive.

It is estimated at British headquarters that 400,000 Germans have been put out of the fighting since the beginning of the Spring offensive. A week by week tally shows the net gains of the British. The situation appears extremely favorable to continued success.

ITALIANS PRESS FORWARD

Rome, May 21.—Climbing seemingly inaccessible heights, weathering clouds of enemy shells and singing patriotic songs all the while, the Italians are still pressing forward north of Gorizia. The fighting now seems to have reached a climax of intensity, with numerous fresh Austrian divisions, transferred from the Russian front, thrown into action.

FOOD SHORTAGE EXAGGERATED

GERMANY MADE THIS REPORT TO IMPRESS OTHER NATIONS WITH NECESSITY OF SUBMARINE WARFARE

(By United Press)
Washington, May 21.—An exaggerated impression of the shortage of food in Germany was circulated to impress other nations with the necessity of Germany's submarine warfare and also to cover the fraudulent issuance of five million dollars worth of bread cards, it was learned here today.

A reliable observer stated that he was unable to find any serious food shortage except in the large cities and even there conditions were improving.

RECITAL TUESDAY AFTER NOON

The pupils of Miss Annie Blount will give a recital Tuesday afternoon in the High School auditorium at five o'clock.

Miss Gracie B. Davis will be awarded a medal for the highest average in the class this year, 96. The following pupils won honorable mention for high averages: Bessie Davis, 94; Annabelle Abbott, 93; Margaret Spragins, 91; Josie Lee Cartwright, 91; Dorothy Gregory, 90.

CLASH REPORTED ON MEXICAN BORDER

(By United Press)
Washington, May 21.—A clash between American border troops and Mexicans is reported to the State Department today.

Filibusters crossed to the American side near Nogales and were captured by the Americans.

RED CROSS WOMEN KILLED

(By United Press)
Washington, May 21.—Two Chicago women in the Red Cross service were killed aboard the American steamer, Mongolia, by a portion of bursting shell while watching the gun crew practice. The ship returned to its American port with flag at half mast.

GREENVILLE, S. C. IS CAMP SITE

(By United Press)
Washington, May 21.—Greenville, S. C., has been selected as an army divisional camp site for the south-