WEATHER
Partly cloudy weather with scattered thundershowers Thursday and Friday.

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Rail Union Heads Rush to Washington for Conference

VEIL OF SECRECY IS THROWN OVER MOVE

Western Lines Reporting Increases in Number of Men at Work

REPORTS OF VIOLENCE CONTINUE TO INCREASE

CHICAGO, July 26.—B. M. Jewell, head of the striking railway shopmen, the six international president of the shop crafts organization, Timothy Healy, of the firemen and oilers and A. O. Wharton, labor group member of the United States Labor board departed today for Washington presumably for a conference with President Harding tomorrow regarding the rail strike situation.

After a hurried conference with the President, the strike leaders planned to leave Washington tomorrow night arriving back in Chicago Friday morning. A veil of secrecy was thrown over the trip and their departure over the Pennsylvania at tep thirty a. m. did not become public until hours later, union leaders declaring that Mr. Jewell was still in the city during the afternoon.

Western railway executives in a statement tonight asserted freight is being moved as offered wtihout congestion and passenger traffic is being operated normally while leaders in the railway shopmen's strike still maintained the walk out was virtually one hundred per cent.

The statement issued by the Western presidents committee on public relations of the association of railway executives says cars loadings exceed those of a year ago except on roads especially affected by the coal strike. All Western lines with headquarters in Chicago report increases in the number of men at work in the shops, the statement said. The Chicago Burlington and Quincy which yesterday reported an increase of 455 in shop employees today added 225 more men to its force, the statement said, while the Illinois Central has in its shops 9,885 men as against a normal force of 12,701, the day before the strike started.

The Atkinson, Topeka and Santa Fe reported 6,652 mechanics and 2,884 laborers in its shops, representing fifty three 53.3 per cent of normal and the Pennsylvania system reported a gain of 662 shopmen for the day. The largest single day's improvement since the strike began and within twenty per cent of a full working force in normal times.

The U. S. Railroad Labor Board maintained its "hands off" policy today, Chairman Ben W. Hooper was called to Newport, Tennessee, by the death of a relative and other board members gave the strike no official attention.

No further spread of the strike was looked for, although fifty maintenance of way men at Shawnee, Okla., and a number of Moberly, Mo., quit work yesterday because armed guards were patrolling railroad property. A resolution adopted by representatives of neraly 300 general chairmen of the clerks and freight handlers' union after their meeting here yesterday, declared they would resort to their "economic power" if their grievances were not adjusted but it was believed they would take no further strike action pending negotiations.

The Pennsylvania Railroad issued a statement last night saying passenger and freight service had been restored on that road.

Reports of violence and threatened violence increase and troops were called out in three new states, while in Montana the Great Northern Railroad was promised troop protection at two points wheer protection had been asked and nay other point where the need might arise.

Denison was placed under martial law this morning by Gov. Neff who orderee five companies of the Texas National Guard to duty there.

Three companies of Alabama state troops were mobilized at Birmingham ready for call to Albany, Ala., where disorders were reported.

Kentucky state troops were ordered to Fonde, near Jellico, Ky.-Tenn.

In Pennsylvania state troops were shifted to more advantageous positions, several detachments.

Reports from Kingsville, Texas, said that two non-union workers had been attacked and beaten by a number of strikers.

An aged employe of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad was cut and beaten in the yards at Memphis, Tenn.

Gov. Stephens, of California, in a message to President Harding, called attention to a possible shortage of refrigerator cars for transporting fruits.

Plans have been perfected for delivering mail by motor truck at least once a day in upper Michigan, North and South Dakota and Minnesota.

LIVING COSTS WERE LOWER FOR JUNE 1922 THAN YEAR AGO.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—While living costs generally in the United States were 23 per cent lower last month than in June, 1920, and two-tenths of one per cent lower than in March this year, they were 66.6 per cent higher than in December, 1913, the bureau of labor statistics of the Department of Labor announced today.

The price of food showed an upward trend from March to June, the figures revealed, but were offset in the general average by declines in clothing, fuel, light, furniture and miscellaneous necessities, while housing remained stationary.

IMPROVISED BOMB WILL BE EXHIBITED IN RALEIGH COURT

To Be Used as Evidence in Seaboard's Efforts to Secure an Injunction

STRIKERS TO REQUEST "ORDERLY PICKETING"

RALEIGH, July 25.—A silent exhibit in the form of heavy iron, percussion cap attached to a long fuse and some unknown chemical designed, it is said, to form the explosive gas of an improvised bomb will be used as evidence Thursday before Judge Henry G. Connor in Federal Court here by the Seaboard Air Line in asking that the striking shopmen be enjoined permanently from interfering with the operation of the railroad's business or intimidating workmen on the job in Raleigh and other places in Eastern North Carolina. The injunction hearing is scheduled to start at 10 o'clock.

The bomb is now in possession of Special Agent Fred C. Handy, of the Department of Justice, and contents which burn and form a strong gas are being analyzed by State chemists for a correct knowledge of the ingredients. Agent Handy has no doubts about the explosive nature of the bomb. He states that the long dynamite percussion cap packed with combustible matter, in his opinion, would have burst the heavy roll of iron into shreds. The pipe of heavy iron with both ends closed furnished the hull of the bomb.

Found on Yards.

This bomb, stated Agent Handy, was found on the Johnson Street yards of the Seaboard Air Line. No criminal prosecution will hardly result from the finding of the bomb because there is no evidence upon which to work. Seaboard officials do not know how the bomb found its way to the yards. It will be retained by the Department of Justice for the time being.

While no statement was given out, lawyers representing the striking shopmen Wednesday were busy preparing details for their answer Thursday to the injunction petition. The strikers will not ask for any special privileges that would dismiss the proceedings, but they will request some modification of the petition that will permit them to maintain orderly picketing at certain points adjacent to the Seaboard Air Line property, it is understood. The shopmen do not want to violate any laws, but point out that they would like to put into effect plans that will afford them a chance to look after their own interests.

Do Not Want Picketing.

The Seaboard Air Line officials do not want picketing of any description. They do not want any of their workmen stopped by strikers in an effort to persuade them to quite their jobs. They wish these workmen to walk the streets without molestation or fear of receiving bodily harm. They want to know that the railroad property is not in danger of being damaged or destroyed.

The result of the injunction hearing Thursday may have an important effect upon the immediate future plans of both railway officials and striking shopmen. If the Seaboard Air Line is granted an injunction petition in principle without serious modification, shops will be opened upon a larger scale at several points along the system in North Carolina.

ROTARIANS WILL GIVE RICH FAREWELL PARTY

City Manager To Be Guest of Honor at Picnic at Baker's Mill

Rotary members will tonight give a farewe'l party to City Manager Wilder M. Rich, whose resignation becomes effective August first. Mr. Rich will go to his home in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The following communication was yesterday addressed to members of the club:

"The Rotary Club is giving Wilder Rich a farewell party Wednesday evening, July 26th, at Baker's Mill. The wives of members are preparing a basket lunch and are invited to attend.

"We will meet at Noisy Borden's house at Six o'clock and go out in cars. If you haven't a car or if a tire is punctured, call Cat Thompson at 115 so that he may send for you.

"Be on time; if not bring a quarter along and come anyhow.

"If you care for the water, a pond full, bring a bathing suit and towel along.

"H. AND H. COMMITTEE."

PALMETTO CROP FINE.

KINSTON, July 25.—S. H. Malone, a local tobacconist back from the South Carolina belt, where he visited a number of markets, found varying crop conditions. In places the Palmetto crop was in excellent condition, while elsewhere it was poor. Curing is practicaly over in the State, and the markets will open there August 1, half a month earlier than here. A number of the markets will be in the hands of the growers' association, while some will remain independent.

NORWOOD ANXIOUS FOR TEST BETWEEN CO OPS AND AUCTION FORCES

But as President of the Growers, Cannot Aid in Securing Opposition

CURRIN TO OPERATE OLD PLANTER'S WAREHOUSE

Efforts of a special committee from the Chamber of Commerce looking to the establishment of another auction system warehouse in Goldsboro for the sale of leaf tobacco the coming season met no appreciable success yesterday, it was announced.

The conference suggested at the dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night with President G. A. Norwood, of the Co-operative Association, was held but the interview was not satisfactory to the plans of the committee.

Mr. Norwood, while maintaining the position that he was anxious for the auction system to go to the mat in Golcsboro with co-operative marketing, declared that he could not in good faith encourage the building of a new warehouse here or aid in an invitation to the larger companies to send a corps of buyers to the Goldsboro market.

Some thirty to thirty five per cent of the crop, Mr. Norwood says, is as yet unsigned in Wayne county but plans have been made, it is understood, for the operation of the old Planters warehouse opposite the post office the coming season by Mr. D. F. Currin.

The co-operative folks are keen for the auction system enter the competition here, Mr. Norwood explained, as much so as any place. There would be a disadvantage to the co-operative market were Goldsboro not to have an auction house in operation because comparisons with auction sales in Wilson and Rocky Mount would be less convincing to some growers than comparison with prices paid on the auction floor in Goldsboro.

To that extent, Mr. Norwood explained yesterday, he is willing to further assist in promoting the open market here. As teustee of the Planters Warehouse property, he has leased this warehouse to Mr. Currin.

Indications are that the bulk of the seventy per cent "sign up" in Wayne will be sold through the co-operative warehouse here, with quite a bit going to Fremont and some to the LaGrange co-operative houses. The local house will be ready for business on the morning of August 15 with a staff equipped to handle, re-dry and grade the weed according to the sales program of the association.

Sign ups are going ahead with gratifying results in Wayne and other Eastern Carolina counties, Mr. Norwood announced yesterday. Tomorrow he will go to Warsaw for a special meeting there in the interest of the movement and on Saturday he will be in Norlina to speak at a mass meeting. Monday or Tuesday night, next week, he will speak to the Business Men's League of Mt. Olive on Co-operative Marketing.

BOOZE WAR STARTS IN EARNEST ALONG BORDER.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., July 26.—The war against booze smugglers along the Canadian border in northern New York is on in earnest. Two light army trucks with machine guns mounted on their platforms, part of a fleet of twenty-four, have arrived here for use in patrolling the border.

There will be about thirty Federal agents. Each truck will be manned by two Federal agents, expert in the use of machine guns.

PIKEVILLE TOWNSHIP BEATS CROP RECORD

Goldsboro Citizen Claims the Best Cotton and Tobacco in Years

While the majority of Wayne county farmers are complaining about "bad stands" of cotton, and tobacco just now, Mr. J. R. Musgrave, of this city, who conudcts a wholesale grocery establishment on North John street, and also runs a 12-horse farm in Pikeville township, ten miles northeast of Goldsboro, is all smiles about his bountiful crop prospects.

A daily News crop reporter who passed yesterday afternoon through Storny Creek and Saulston townships and observed the low condition of crops on account of the continuous rains during the past weeks, where hardly two-thirds of a full crop is expected, was surprised when he came into Pikeville township and surveyed the bountiful acreage of Mr. Musgrave near Nahunta Swamp.

The entire farm is a veritable "Garden of Eden." The reporter found 150 acres of the "Gether-First" variety cotton with healthy normal weed which promises 1 1-2 bale to the acre; also 30 acres of corn, which stalks will average 12 feet in height and 2 ears to the stalk, with bright prospects of 20 barrels per acre. Already Mr. Musgrave has two barns full of bright leaf tobacco in curing. His total tobacco crop comprises 30 acres, and the present harvest bids fair to net him 1,000 pounds per acre.

Now, who will say that farming in Wayne county doesn't pay?

Did the critics of the flapper ever stop to think that when she has her hair bobbe dit's her own hair?—Milwaukee Journal.

400,000 THREATEN TO JOIN SHOPMEN IN THEIR WALKOUT

Maintenance Men Present Efforts of Railroads To Organize New Unions

ARMED GUARDS HAVE ALSO RAISED THEIR IRE

DETROIT, July 26.—(By the Associated Press)—A threat that the 400,000 maintenance men employed on the nation's railroads will go on a strike because of alleged action of certain eastern roads in attempting to form company organizations to take the place of international railroad brotherhoods and the act of guards employed by the railroads, was made public here today at headquarters of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employes and Shop Laborers.

E. F. Grable, president of the union, is in Chicago conferring with the United States Railroad Labor Board and is prepared to demand, it was stated authoritatively today that certain practices of the railroads be abandoned. Unless grievances of the maintenance men are settled, it was stated at union headquarters here, a strike is inevitable.

The brotehrhood officials here charge the Lehigh Valley and Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and other western railroads are attempting to organize company unions to take the place of the present labor organizations.

The maintenance men also protest against use of guards by the railroads. They assert the lives of all rail employes who remain at work are imperiled by promiscuous shooting on the part of the guards charged with protecting railroad property during the shopmen's strike.

Specific instances cited are those in Saginaw, Mich., and at Tucumcari, N. M. Fifty maintenance men quit work in the Pere Marquette shops at Saginaw yesterday saying they feared they would be injured owing to careless handling of fire arms by the guards.

At New Mexico City it is alleged 35 Mexicans were brought across the border into the United States, deputized and given firearms. Maintenance men there protested to President Grable, saying they refused to work as long as the Mexicans were permitted to have guns. The report here said members of other railroad brotherhoods employed at Tucumcari had protested.

On several eastern railroads, where the practice of forming cmopany organizations is said to have been put into effect, the maintenance men have asked permission to quit work, it was said at the union's headquarters here.

CHICAGO, July 26.—E. F. Grable, president of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employes and Railway Shop Laborers, denied today reports emanating from his headquarters at Detroit that the 400,000 members of the union were threatening again to strike.

Mr. Grable said negotiations were proceeding satisfactorily before the United States Railroad Labor Board.

"We are filing our cases before the Railroad Labor Board and expect an early hearing," Mr. Grable said. "Any new strike threat is news to me, and I just left Detroit last night. Somebody up there must have a dream."

Mr. Grable also denied that members of his union in Canada were voting on the question of forming a separate union under Canadian management. He ever heard of T. Y. Keekie of Winnipeg, who made that announcement, he said.

"Our men up there are going ahead just as we are here," he said. "They have a labor board and are taking their greivances to it, just as we are doing."

MAXWELL PREDICTS HOT RATE HEARING

Corporation Commission Thinks North Carolina Merchants Will Be Victorious

An even warmer session with the railroad carriers operating in North Carolina than the recent Atlanta meeting may be expected when Commissioner Eastman, of the I. C. C., his examiner and assocaites and commissioners of Georgia and Florida renew the hearing on a revision of Southeastern rates in Asheville next month.

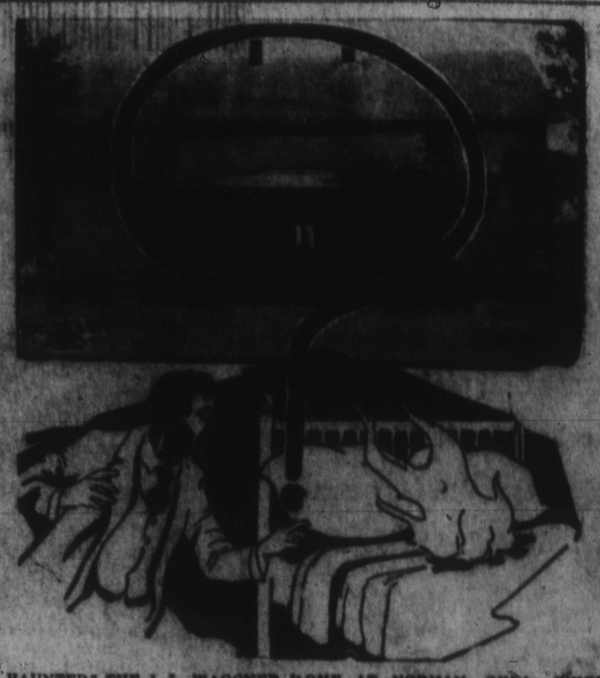
As much was gleaned in a statement made here yesterday by A. J. Maxwell, member of the North Carolina Commission and the Commission's authority on rate matters. Mr. Maxwell was here en route to Wilmington where he goes to address the annual meeting of the commercial secretaries of North Carolina.

Considerable concession has already been made this State, Mr. Maxwell explained, because of its peculiar geographical conditions and transportation problems. The immediate aim of the carriers, he explained, is the abolition of the long haul rate breaking on Cincinnati and the substitution of classification rates similar to the decision involving the age old Virginias cities rate fight.

Wholesale merchants and distributros in Goldsboro are keenly interested in the progress of the rate hearing and it is Mr. Maxwell's poinion that carriers will be disposed to abandon their proposed "iniquitous" arrangement in so far as this State is concerned.

A national exposition of power and mechanical engineering is to be held in New York City next December.

Science Probes Mystery of Oklahoma "Haunted House"



HAUNTED? THE J. L. WAGONER HOME AT NORMAN, OKLA., WHERE 12 MYSTERIOUS FIRES BROKE OUT IN 48 HOURS.

NORMAN, Okla., July 26.—Can science solve the mystery of the new Antigonish—a ghostless haunted house—a spooky "fire home"—

Where sheets bursts into flames as one gets into bed.

And wash rags start burning when raised to the face

That's what J. L. Wagoner, farmer here, says happened in his house. And members of his family bear out his story.

Farmers around Norman attribute these ghostly happenings to the supernatural. But authorities are seeking a scientific explanation—thus far without success.

In two days there were 12 fires—all of mysterious origin.

The first occurred when Wagoner's wife apened a clothes closet. A flash of flame shot into her face.

Several hours later the roof of the house started burning.

The farmer picked up a wash cloth to wash his face. But the cloth began to burn!

Bed Sheets In Flame.

That night, the linen on his bed turned into a sheet of flame! The family ran from the house.

The next day they returned. The mysterious blaze broke out anew.

Sheriff W. H. Newblock threw a guard around the place. Every person who entered or left the house was searched.

But the mystery wasn't solved.

A chemist from the University of Oklahoma took a hand. He is endeavoring to find a solution that is combustible when it dries.

He hasn't found it yet.

So Farmer Wagoner still is haunted by fear that the mysterious fires may start again at any time.

People hereabouts are recalling the famous haunted house at Antigonish, N. S., where similar phenomena were reported.

$500,000 BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT

NEW YORK, July 26.—Baron James de Rothschildes, a member of the famous Rothschilde family of France, was sued for $500,000 damages in State Supreme Court today by Marie Forquet, a French girl, who alleged she came here last spring upon his promise to marry her and that he has since refused to fix a date for the marriage.

DISTILLERS FIGHTING PROHIBITION OFFICERS

Distillers Complain of Arbitrary Rulings on Withdrawal Permits

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 26.—Whiskey distillers from the entire country were assembled here today to "declare war" on the National prohibition officers, according to statements of their attorneys. Support in the stand of the distillers in opposing the regulation of whiskey withdrawals from warehouses when the liquor is to be used for medicinal purposes will come from the American Medical Association, it was claimed. Both organizations, according to announcements, have complained of the "arbitrary rulings placed on physicians and druggists by the national prohibition administration."

The selection of a committee to confer with treasury and prohibition department officials will be announced at the close of the meeting today, it was indicated. The committee will represent practically all the large distillers of the country, it was said, and may insist upon more than the practical enforcement of the prohibition laws in its conference in Washington next month.

Charges that prohibition enforcement agents violate the law were voiced following an informal discussion last night among early arrivals.

"We intend to force the prohibition officers to stay within the law, even if we have to start litigation from one end of the country to another," Council Cook declared.

The distillers said they were willing to aid the government wholeheartedly providing their property interests were protected.

DR. STROSNIDER HEADS CHAMBER COMMERCE

Walter C. Denmark Is Re-Elected Secretary and L. A. Raney Vice-President

Dr. C. F. Strosnider was yesterday elected by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce as president of that organization for the ensuing year, succeeding Kenneth Royall, whose term expired.

Walter C. Denmark was re-elected secretary for another year and Mrs. W. R. Padgett was re-elected assistant secretary. Henry A. Pike was elected first vice president and L. A. Raney second vice president for the ensuing year.

Organization of the new board of directors and the election of officers was perfected at a meeting at eleven o'clock yesterday. The board as completed by the election of five new directors Tuesday night is composed of Henry A. Pike, Kenneth C. Royall, Paul Borden, W. L. Rawlings and S. F. Teague, old members, and Col. George E. Freeman, Charles A. Thompson, L. A. Raney, Neil Joseph and Dr. Strosnider.

The New President.

Dr. Strosnider, the new president, is one of the live wires of Goldsboro and is prominently identified with the professional and civic life of the community. He is, among other things, vice president and one of the directors of the Goldsboro Publishing Company.

Election of the new president was without any opposition. It came spontaneously, according to members of the board, and had none of the ear mark of a manufactured presidential boom. He has been, since becoming a member, a zealous worker in the Chamber organization nad in the forefront of practically every progressive movement launched in Goldsboro. He is a former president of the Goldsboro Kiwanis Club.

PUT COW BELLS ON STRIKE BREAKERS

With Hands Tied, Non-Union Men Ran While Shots Rang About Them

PINEVILLE Ky., July 26.—Three non-union miners in the Fonda mine were captured by alleged strikers here today and after cow bells were tied to their necks and their hands bound, they were told to "run for it," while shots were fired at them as they ran, according to reports reachnig here tonight. No injuries were reported.

Troops ordered had not arrived late tonight and authorities, fearing a repetition of the Herrin disorders, pressed their appeal for state aid, according to reports. Most of the disturbances are reported from the Tennessee side of the line.

AROUND WORLD PLANE SMASHED

LONDON, July 25.—(By the Associated Press)—The airplane in which Major W. T. Blake, the British aviator, is attempting a round the world flight from England, crashed to the ground at Sibi, British Beluchistan, near Quetta, Saturday, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Karachi today. The aviator escaped injury, but the under-carriage of his plane was smashed.

Air force mechanicians from Karachi have been sent to assist in constructing a new undercarriage for the damaged plane, Sibi is 360 miles from Karachi, and the continuation of the flight which Major Blake began from Croydon, May 24, si likely to be delayed a week.

HARDING WILL BLAME STRIKERS FOR MORE COAL AND RAIL TIE-UPS

Chief Executive Denies Attempting to Place Labor Under the Gun

REPLIES TO TELEGRAM FROM LABOR LEADER

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Responsibility for further interference with transportation and with production of vitally needed coal was placed upon striking railroad employes and miners today by President Harding in again suggesting that they return to work under conditions already suggested by him while the reasonableness of their demands were being threshed out by the agencies set up for that purpose.

Replying to a telegram sent him by J. Cleve Dean, chairman of the Railway Employes Publicity Association, Chattanooga, Tennessee, charging that the administration was "attempting to put American labor under the gun" by its policy toward the industrial disturbance, Mr. Harding said:

"Striking railroad workers exercised their rights of freedom in seeking to hinder necessary transportation of the country, notwithstanding provision made by law for consideration of any just grievance; and the striking miners seek to prevent the production of coal necessary to common welfare, notwithstanding the offer of an agency to make an dimpartial settlement; while the men who choose to work in response to the call of the country are exercising their lihe right and at the same time are making their contribution to our common American welfare."

President Harding "invited" them to urge striking railway workers to accept the decision of the railroad labor board and return to work "and I and everyone else [illegible] American welfare may join in the railroad labor based to give a hearing on any question [illegible] which there is reasonable doubt [illegible] the correctness or the justice of decision made."

Dean charged that the administration draft men into mining or railroad service would be an attempt to impose involuntary servitude.

President Harding said he was convinced Deans "attempted [illegible] American prejudice will fall [illegible] challenge the righteousness of [illegible] to be protected in their lawful [illegible] against the interference and violence [illegible] I will be glad to join you in [illegible] ting that question to the decision of the American people."

Inaugurating, it was understood, a series of conferences with railway executives, the President today saw Vice President Atterbury, of the Pennsylvania system, who discussed with him the seniority issue. Mr. Atterbury briefly stated, after the meeting, that while this issue was "the crux" of the railroad situation so far as the Pennsylvania was concerned, it would be left to the determination of the present employees of that system.

At the White House this was taken as indicating a refusal to give striking employees their seniority rights in case of their return to work, though President Harding and cabinet members are understood to believe that railroad management should make this concession.

HOOVER HEADS COAL COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—President Harding tonight set in motion the Federal emergency fuel control organization with the selection of a Central coal distribution committee of government officials under the chairmanship of Secretary Hoover.

The Commerce secretary at the request of the President immediately wired the governors of the various States asking them to set up emergency State organizations as the first step toward decentralizing the organization for equitable distribution and maintenance of fair prices for coal under the administration's plan.

"Under this plan," Mr. Hoover said, "the distribution for railway use will be directed from Washington but with the possible exception of a few State public utilities the responsibility for all other distribution will rest upon organizations set up under State control.

Co-operation of State organizations was also asked by Interstate Commerce Atchison, who telegraphed the several transportation regulatory bodies of the States east of the Mississippi requesting them to act as representatives of the commission in facilitating operation of the emergency service orders giving priority to the shipment of coal and necessities.

The Federal coal distribution committee, selected by the President, consists of Attorney General Daugherty, Secretaries Fall and Hoover and Commissioner Atchison, or their representatives, under the temporary chairmanship of the Commerce secretary.

A fifth member is to be added to the committee later, Mr. Hoover said, who will undertake the administrative direction.

REDUCE PRICE OF CRUDE OIL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 25.—The Standard Oil Company of California today announced a reduction in price of all grades of crude oil, at the well of 25 cents a barrel. The company also announced a temporary discontinuance of its practice on contracting for the purchase of crude oil.

The reduction was the second within ten days, the other one also being of 25 cents. Excess of production over consumption was the reason for both reductions.