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COAL PRICES TAKE BIG DROP JULY 1

Operators Agree on $3.50 a Ton For Domestic Coal and $3.00 Ton for Other Coal, F. O. B. Mines, For all States East of Mississippi River — Jobbers To Be Limited to Profit of 25 Cents a Ton.

MEANS REDUCTION OF $5 TON TO CONSUMER FROM LAST WINTER

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 28.—A maximum price of three dollars and fifty cents a ton for domestic coal and a minimum price of three dollars a ton for all other coal f. o. b. at the mines for all states east of the Mississippi river will go into effect after July 1.

These figures were reached tonight at the conference of the operators with Secretary of the Interior Lane, J. Franklin Fort of the Federal Trade Commission, and Francis H. Peabody, chairman of the coal production committee of the Council of National defense.

In round numbers this means a reduction of five dollars a ton to the consumer from the prices paid last winter. Conservative estimates are that the public will pay from five dollars a ton next winter.

It is understood that the agreement carries a recommendation, in that jobbers who buy direct from the mines will be limited to a profit of twenty-five cents a ton.

Allowing this margin to the jobbers it was said the prices that will be quoted by the dealer to the small buyer for home consumption will be a question in which public sentiment will have a loud voice in deciding. One of the leading operators at the meeting said the great cut in prices would save the consumers annually $180,000,000.

The agreement provides that the government shall have a reduction of fifty cents a ton on the prices which will be in effect Monday. The prices shall not apply to any contracts entered into before today. And it is further understood that the prices shall not apply to bunker and export coal.

SAYS RUMANIA ACCEPTS AIMS OF NEW RUSSIA

For Peace Without Annexations or Indemnities, When Day for Negotiations Comes.

TO CONTINUE IN THE FIGHT TO BITTER END

Through its exclusive news sources in Europe the International News Service has just received the following interesting exposition of Rumania's aims in the war from the pen of that nation's Prime Minister. This statment has added interest on account of the near arrival of a Rumanian commission in Washington.

By M. BRATIANO,
Prime Minister of Rumania

Now that the Russian republic has announced to the entire world its new formula of "peace without annexations or indemnities and to each nation the right to govern itself," and wishes to have its allies accept these terms, I may say that Rumania, for her part, finds the terms acceptable.

Rumania never entered the war on the side of the Entente Allies for the purpose of making conquests or seeking to enrich herself at others' expense.

Her one and only aim was and still is the liberation of Rumanian territory held by Hungary and the freeing of the Rumanians therein who have never had the right to a voice in the conduct of their own affairs.

To free our Rumanian brothers, to give them the privilege of returning

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MR. RAMSPECK GIVES NEW BERN FAREWELL BOOST

Predicts Success for Packing Plant—New Bern Spirit Bound to Win.

LEAVES FOR ATLANTA ON MORNING TRAIN

"Bobby" Ramspeck, who for the past eight months has been at the helm of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, and who leaves for a new and different field this morning, labored at the Chamber office until twelve o'clock last night in order that he might leave the affairs of the chamber in the best of condition. Mr. Ramspeck has resigned as secretary-manager of the local chamber to become Chief Deputy United States Marshal for the Northern district of Georgia. He concluded his work last night and leaves this morning for Atlanta. He assumes his new duties tomorrow.

On his way home to snatch a little sleep before boarding his train this morning at nine o'clock, he stopped to tell THE NEW BERNIAN boys good-bye and to wish the people of New Bern every success and the town greater progress in the future than ever before.

He could not miss the opportunity of putting in a word about the packing plant and he urges "we" New Bernians to not stop a minute until all of the stock is raised. Six hundred and seventeen shares have been sold to date.

He assured us last night and asked that we tell the people of New Bern that he carries with him a very warm spot in his heart for New Bern and New Bernians, that he appreciates the cordial spirit of the people and the splendid cooperation of the members of the Chamber of Commerce.

GUARDSMEN TO REINFORCE U. S. FORCE IN FRANCE

To Be Included in Units To Be Sent Abroad Ahead of New National Army.

NEW ARMY CAN'T GET READY BEFORE SPRING

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 28.—Pershing's men in khaki will be augmented as fast as possible by a considerable contingent of other trained troops. It transgresses no censorship rules to indicate that National Guardsmen are likely to be included in units sent abroad ahead of the new national army. No one here thinks the new army can be moulded into fighting form before next Spring at the earliest.

You never can tell. Even when you exceed the speed limit trouble is apt to overtake you.

PASTOR OFF TO WAR; WIFE FILLS PULPIT

(By International News Service.)

LEXINGTON, MASS., June 28.—While the Rev. Christopher Walter Collier, pastor of the Hancock Congregational Church, is absent in France with the American Ambulance Field Service, his wife will carry on the work of the church.

Leave of absence to the clergyman and the appointment of Mrs. Collier as temporary pastor have been voted unanimously by the congregation.

The truth in a nutshell sometimes comes from cracking a joke.

PARIS HOPES TO GET GLIMPSE OF U. S. TROOPS

Capital Anxious for Americans to Pass Through on Way to Their Baptism of Fire

CITY BEDECKED WITH STARS AND STRIPES

(By International News Service.)

PARIS, June 28—There was but one subject of discussion here today, but one thought in every one's mind—the arrival of Pershing's troops.

Of the American fighters who arrived at a French seaport yesterday, Paris has not yet had a glimpse They are in camp "somewhere in France," getting ready to go to the front. This capital entertains the ardent hope that Pershing's troops, on their way to their baptism of fire, will pass through here.

Meanwhile the people of Paris are showering honors and gifts upon the American naval officers and bluejackets from the ships that safely convoyed the troops to France. The city is bedecked with inter-twined tri-colors and Stars and Stripes. Not a step can an American in uniform take without being acclaimed by the crowds.

DR. R. V. JONES WITH FLEET AT A FRENCH PORT

"Arrived Well," Brief Cablegram Received Here by Mr. J. A. Jones.

SAILED FROM AMERICA ABOUT MIDDLE JUNE

"Arrived well," was all that was contained in a cablegram received yesterday by Mr. J. A. Jones, of this city, from his brother, Dr. Robert DuVal Jones, a surgeon in the United States Navy, and which was sent from a French port.

Dr. Jones was called to the colors a short time after the break between the United States and Germany, and a little later was given the commission of captain and placed in charge of the medical department of a fleet of ten submarine chasers, which was detailed submarine hunting in European waters.

While not definitely known, it is believed that Dr. Jones' fleet is a part of the one that convoyed the American troops who have just landed in France. He was supposed to have sailed from an American port about the nineteenth of June.

CARDINAL GIBBONS OPPOSES PROHIBITION

"Bone-Dry" Law Would Interfere with Personal Liberty, He Declares.

BALTIMORE, June 28.—The following statement was made by Cardinal Gibbons when he was asked to comment on the "bone-dry" amendment to the Food Control Bill now before the Senate:

"I do not believe in the national prohibition of light wines and beer, and am of the opinion that such a law could not be enforced. I am opposed to any State-wide or Nation-wide prohibition measure. A law of this kind interferes with the personal liberty and rights of the people and creates hypocrisy on the part of the public. The history of the world down to the present time demonstrates the fact that the people have and always will indulge in intoxicants, irrespective of any restraining power that it is attempted to saddle upon them."

Wigg—"It always costs me an effort to be pleasant to that fellow, Borrowell." Wagg—"Geel You're lucky if that's all it costs you."

EXCHANGES TO STOP DEALING IN WHEAT FUTURES

Government Has Assumed Control, Says President of the Chicago Board.

FLOUR MILLS ALSO TO COME UNDER CONTROL

(By International News Service.)

CHICAGO, June 28.—The United States has assumed complete control of the trade in wheat, both for domestic and export purposes. Grain exchanges of the country are to cease entirely to deal in wheat futures.

The flour mills of the country also will come under Federal control. The wheat will be purchased and flour distributed by the government. The Federal government is to make all purchases of wheat for itself, its allies and neutrals.

The announcements were made today by Joseph P. Griffin, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, on his return from Washington, where he had been for some time in conference with Herbert C. Hoover.

Trading in futures in other grains, however, is to be permitted and commission men who handle cash grain will continue to do business as usual.

UNCOVER A SPY PLOT TO DESTROY FORT SHERIDAN

German With Bomb and Dynamite in Suit Case, Arrested Near Powder Magazine.

ALMOST DOZEN OTHER PERSONS IMPLICATED

FORT SHERIDAN, ILL., June 28.—A suspected German spy who carried a suit case containing a bomb, several sticks of dynamite, a quantity of gun cotton and fifty feet of fuse, was arrested near the powder magazine this morning. He was discovered by a sentry of the Ohio Engineers who are on guard duty at the post.

The arrest of the suspected German agent uncovered a spy plot which the secret service agents have been working on for a month. Almost a dozen other persons are said by agents of the government to be implicated in a plot to destroy Fort Sheridan.

Tommy—"Pop, what's a crank?" Tommy's Pop—"A crank, my son, is almost any person who doesn't think as we do."

LONDON PAPERS PRAISE AMERICANS

Devoted Many Colums to Describing Arrival of Pershing and His Staff.

NEW YORK, June 28.—London papers received here show graphically the tremendous welcome that General Pershing and his staff received in England. The London Times, on June 9, devoted several columns to describing the Americans' arrival and biographies of the officers.

All the newspapers printed descriptions of the American uniform, and how to tell the rank of the various officers. Several printed lengthy laudatory articles of the Americans' past achievements.

RECTOR, BARRED FROM ARMY, ENTERS FACTORY

GREENVILLE, PA., June 28.—Unable to serve in the army because of his age, the Rev. E. A. Lemoine, rector of St. Clement's Episcopal church will work in a munition factory in Cleveland during July and August as his contribution toward the defense of his country.

HAIG CONFIRMS SUCCESS BRITISH DRIVE NEAR LENS

Report Shows "Considerable Further Progress"—Outskirts of Avion Reached.

PLANS TO TAKE THE CITY FROM THE SOUTH

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, June 28.—First official confirmation of the new gains toward Lens came from British headquarters in tonight's bulletin. It announces that "considerable further progress has been made by us during the day south of Souchez river."

The British line, it is added, has been advanced on a front of nearly two miles and the British have reached the outskirts of Avion, the southern suburb of Lens.

West of Lens the road is still blocked to the British by strong fortified works and large German forces. But Haig expects to take the town from the South and in that plan he is making steady progress. The German war office reports are non committal of the Lens battle.

The Germans are trying to create a diversion by picking on the British.

JOHN H. PARKER ACCEPTS POST OF FAIR SECRETARY

Well Known New Bern Business Man to Give Practically All His Time to the Work.

COMING FAIR TO BE THE BEST EVER HELD

Mr. John H. Parker, of this city, has accepted the position of secretary of the Eastern Carolina Fair Association which was offered him at a meeting of the directors held Tuesday night. Mr. Parker desired to consider the matter a few days before accepting the position, and for this reason his name was withheld by the directors until he made his decision.

Mr. Parker is one of New Bern's leading business men, but has so arranged his affairs that he will be able to give practically all of his time to the association, and there is no boubt but that he will handle the affairs of the association in such a manner that the coming fair will be the most successful in the history of the association. He has always taken a keen interest in fairs and especially in the agricultural exhibits.

NEW RECORD FOR BUILDING ROADS

Never Before Has Craven County Undertaken Such Thoroughfare Improvements

The progress being made in building permanent roads in Craven county at this time is the greatest in the history of the county. The county chaingang is now engaged in preparing the section of Neuse road known as "Red Hill" for the brick pavement which is to be laid during the near future. Hired forces are working on the road to the Oaks getting that ready for an eighteen foot pavement; also the Vanceboro road near Askins and following the paving of the Vanceboro road and getting the sides of the road in shape.

The Georgia Engineering Company is engaged in paving five miles on the Vanceboro road. After this is completed the workmen will be moved to the Oaks road.

The man whose motto is "everything goes" might make some effort to have them go in the right direction.

CONTROL OF WHEAT PRICES IS CERTAIN

Hoover Regrets That Griffin Exposed Plans of Government But Does Not Deny That they Are Substantially True—To Control the Grain From Time It is Sold by the Farmer Until it Gets to the Table.

IN EFFECT WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION IS MADE OFFICIAL

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 28.—Wheat is the key to the food problem of the United States, and the food problem of the United States is to be the food problem of the world. Wheat and all its prices are to be handled without gloves by the food administrator. With this great staple once controlled it is believed that the other food products will fall in line. This situation was outlined here tonight.

Already the wheat trade is co-operating with Herbert C. Hoover. Following stories as to various radical steps contemplated here, President Griffin of the Chicago Board of Trade today made public a sketch of the Hoover plan. While regretting that this statement had been made and insisting that the plan has no effect until his administration has been made official by Congress, Mr. Hoover at no time denied that the plan was substantially true.

Control of wheat prices from the moment the grain is sold by the farmer until it gets to the table is contemplated.

SENATOR LODGE BEGINS ATTACK ON "DRY" BILL

Declares Ban on Beer Will Result in Division of Public Sentiment.

HIRAM JOHNSON IN FAVOR 'BONE DRY' LAW

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 28.—"I do not at this time want to offend and anger a great mass of the American people who see no harm in drinking a glass of beer. I want to see all distilled liquors stopped from manufacture. But I hope the Senate will pause before going further. Don't forget it is sentiment that will win this war. It is more than money. There is one thing the American people will not forgive, and that is an issue that will divide public sentiment and hinder the nation in doing all that it can to win the war."

These were the words Senator Henry Cabbott Lodge sung to the Senate this afternoon as he opened the debate on the prohibition amendments to the food control bill. Senator Lodge predicted a division of public opinion and sentiment if the people were deprived of the privilege of drinking beer as is proposed in the amendment.

The bill is destined for a fierce battle. The attack upon the idea of eliminating beer has freightened prohibitionists. They fear tonight that all the liquor amendments may be cut from the bill.

Although Lodge's speech was the feature of the day, an earlier speech by Hiram Johnson attracted much attention. The California Progressive came out flatly for the bill saying that while usually opposed to autocratic authority, yet the presence of the war justified it.

BRAZIL ARMING HERSELF; THINKS WAR IMMINENT

Only Great Prudence on the Part of Germany Can Avert Hostilities.

MUNITION FACTORIES WORK DAY AND NIGHT

(By International News Service.)

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 28.—Brazil's War Department is proceeding vigorously with the reorganization of the army's various arms, in order to facilitate an immediate mobilization for home defense, or, if necessary, the equipping of expeditionary forces for service in Europe.

The Government munition factories have been working day and night for several months and have largely overcome the deficiency, which is known to have existed, in the way of heavy shells. The Government was particularly worried at first for munitions for the German Krupp guns when importation was cut off, but the Brazilian factories are now turning out these shells rapidly.

New complications are likely to arise at any moment which will make a status of war inevitable.

Only great prudence on the part of Germany can possibly avoid a declaration similar to that made by the United States—that the country considers a state of war exists.

Maintaining her rights as a neutral, Brazil has made no attempt to hinder the trading of her vessels in blockaded zones and, as a consequence, Brazilian cargo ships are sailing almost daily through the submarine zones with the Brazilian colors flying and with Brazilian citizens as crews.

100,000TH SUNDAY OF CHRISTIAN ERA JULY 8

Berlin Papers Call Attention To The Fact—Difficult to Ascertain.

(By International News Service.)

BERLIN, June 28.—German papers call attention to the fact that July 8 will be the hundred thousandth Sunday of the Christian era. To ascertain this has been somewhat difficult because it is not definitely known whether the fourth year after the birth of Christ was a leap year.

During the first fifty years after the reform of the calendar by Julius Caesar the leap years were inserted rather irregularly, but there seems to be no doubt that the year 8 was the first leap year of the present era. If this theory is correct, July 8 will be the first day of the one hundred thousandth week since the birth of Christ.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF NEW BERN

Whereas, our country is engaged in war in which the happiness and freedom of our America may be endangered and the present situation the gravest in our history; and

Whereas, our representatives in Congress have determined that all men between 21 and 31 years of age, except such as are exempt for the civil needs of the country shall be first to serve; and

Whereas, the Government of the State of North Carolina has called for the formation of a volunteer unit of the National Guard of North Carolina to comprise a unit of the Fourth Regiment of the National Guard and assigned to Craven, Pamlico and Jones and Carteret counties the privilege of a Battery of 190 men; and

Whereas, the draft will be made between July and July 15th, 1917, after which no man may select his branch of service and may be placed in foreign ranks;

Now Therefore, I do earnestly recommend that all young men volunteer in our local Battery of Artillery before midnight, June 30th, 1917; and

Further, I do earnestly recommend to our women, whose influence over the lives of men is as always the controlling factor for good, that you urge upon your men TO VOLUNTEER.

ALBERT H. BANGERT,
Mayor City of New Bern.