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**CENTRALIZED CONTROL OF WAR EFFORT URGED**

U. S. Chamber of Commerce Fears Disaster in Lack of Unified Direction

**500,000 DEMAND STEP**

Upheld Expected in Council Movement for Co-operation of All Material Factors

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The United States Chamber of Commerce by vote of its 500,000 membership today demanded creation of a central control in the war government.

Interference with vitally important programs, production inflation, inability to meet Allied demands, duplication of work, confusion—in fact, inevitable disaster will result—unless prompt provision is made to centralize the control of the industrial energy and material resources of the country.

The declaration of the chamber, based on months of investigation by a special war committee of prominent business men and manufacturers, was unanimously approved by the directors in session here today.

It comes at a time when the Senate military investigations have temporarily discontinued their hearings to begin a fight for passage of legislation creating a director of munitions who would cut the red tape, delay and confusion of arms preparation.

The chamber chairman, Lucius D. Willard, with other members of the board, and Chairman Gifford of the Council of National Defense, already have thrown their advice to the side of immediate centralization of authority to act in war preparations.

As a result of the growing demands for drastic change in the present directing system, upheavals are generally expected. Many of the Administration's most ardent supporters have joined in the move to bring more order out of the confusion said to exist.

The business men in their report today declare that the newest plans announced by the Government are "tending to decentralize war efforts." The report then warns:

"The committee believes that failure to be guided by the fundamental principle that centralized responsibility is necessary for the success of any enterprise will result inevitably in ill-balanced effort. There will be unintentional interference with vitally important programs such as that in connection with shipping; there will be production far beyond our capacity for ocean transportation; our Allies will be deprived of supplies which we would desire to give them; effort will be expended in the creation of unneeded new facilities; collateral problems, such as the housing of employees, will be neglected until they seriously interfere with other problems; the distribution of essential materials such as coal will not be where most needed in connection with the war; vast quantities of labor and material will be used in unnecessary activities; and in general there will be an atmosphere of confusion which comes from inability to secure a prompt decision."

**ARMY TO KEEP SABBATH**

Day Will Be Observed as Far as Possible, Says Johnston

Satisfaction prevails today among the members of the Philadelphia Sabbath Association following official notification from Adjutant General Johnston, of the War Department at Washington, that Sunday will be observed by the army in so far as that observance will not conflict with military duty.

A committee representing the association sent a protest to President Wilson in which attention was called to the demonstrations attending the entrainment of soldiers on Sundays and to certain forms of "Sabbath desecration," including baseball playing, at cantonments and naval stations. The committee which framed the protest consisted of the Rev. W. H. Wells, the Rev. A. Percival Hodgson and the Rev. William B. Forney.

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**CITY VIOLATES COAL RULES BY USING PREPARED SIZES**

Municipal Fires Daily Consume 118 Tons of Fuel Sorely Needed by Its People When Change of System Would Permit Substitution of Smaller Sizes

While the city is facing the most serious fuel situation it has ever had to face—a situation so serious that the Federal Fuel Administration for the State has prohibited the use of prepared sizes of coal in factories, hotels and apartment buildings—the city itself is going right ahead and using prepared sizes.

When every ton of coal that is fit for burning in small homes counts and counts heavily in the fight of the people to preserve life and health in the cold weather the city is burning approximately 118 tons a day of just that sort of coal. And for months to come the city will continue to burn that coal—unless action is taken by the proper authorities to change the system and use coal that is not required for the homes.

The coal administrator has pointed out that the necessity exists at this time, if it ever existed and if it ever can exist for the city to conform to the requirements of the fuel administration and use buckwheat or other small sizes of coal, just as the fuel administration has directed factories, hotels, apartment houses and other big buildings to do.

It would mean some expense and some work and some inconvenience for the city to alter its heating systems and its power-producing systems. It was recognized that if the city can't spare the expense, work and inconvenience when they are demanded for the safety, life and health of thousands of citizens, then the city might as well resign and let the matter go to the hands of the democracy.

"Whether the fuel administration possesses the power to compel the city to use steam coal is a question that has not yet been answered, but whether the city is under a moral obligation to use steam sizes and leave the prepared sizes for homes that can use nothing else is a question that every man and woman can answer."

**CITY'S BRAIN IN ANTHRACITE**

The House for the Indigent burns a ton of egg coal a day and the House of Correction about a ton and two-thirds. This matters very little, but the consumption of prepared sizes by the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Public Works is heavy.

The fire and police boats use six tons of egg a day, and the fire and police stations burn twenty-three tons of egg, twenty-four of stove, four of nut and three of pea every day on an average. The total consumption of prepared sizes by the fire and police boats and stations is approximately sixty tons a day, which would go far toward relieving the present desperate situation.

The Belmont water pumping station uses ten tons of pea coal a day, the Roxborough auxiliary station fourteen tons, the Queen Lane Millers five, the Mingo Creek pumping station two and the Belmont filters five—making a total of thirty-six tons that ought to go into homes to ward off grip, pneumonia, influenza and other diseases.

For the heating of Independence Hall, the branch libraries and tax offices and the district water, survey and highway offices the city is using three tons of egg a day, seven tons of stove, two of nut and ten of pea—a total of twenty-two tons.

**SMALL SIZES CHEAPER**

Some of the furnaces used are already equipped for burning of buckwheat and other steam sizes, but the others could be so equipped if the city would go to the bother and expense. In the long run there would be no expense because the heating and power producing plants could be operated more economically with steam coal than with domestic.

The method is perfectly simple. The furnaces which are now provided with grates that will not burn steam coal should be provided with new grates. There are grate manufacturers ready and willing to make the changes. It wouldn't take long. It could be done in most cases in a couple of days at the outside and generally in a day.

Many householders as a matter of fact are having steam coal burning grates installed for the sake of economy and because in the present situation steam coal is more easily obtained than domestic coal.

What householders are doing the city could do if it wanted to, and it seems to be up to the city to do it.

**TERMINALS BLAMED FOR FREIGHT TIE-UP**

McAdoo May Remove Managers Held Responsible for Congestion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Managers of big city terminals throughout the United States who are not performing efficient service are to be discharged by Director General McAdoo. Reports coming into the director general from the survey of the entire railroad situation ordered by him at the time the roads were taken over state and yet been suffering in large cities in due to poor management of terminals.

Lack of fuel and food supplies and other shortages of vital commodities are declared to be chargeable in many cases to this fault.

In many cities in the United States, particularly in the eastern section, thousands of cars are stalled in the yards and more are being added to them because the terminal has not been kept clear. Slow unloading, inadequate provision for teams and trucks to haul goods away, and similar manifestations of mismanagement cause congested terminals. These are errors which can and must be remedied, according to Mr. McAdoo.

**CLASH AT AUDUBON**

Republican Councilmen Take Committee Appointments From Mayor

AUDUBON, N. J., Jan. 15.—The Fire Hall was thronged at an adjourned meeting of the Council, when Mayor Lang, Democrat, and the six Councilmen, all Republicans, again locked horns over appointments.

Council refused to confirm the Mayor's appointments of William O'Farrell as Borough Clerk; Howard Willett, Supervisor of Highways; and D. Paul Brown, Building Inspector. The Mayor had already acceded to the selection of Charles Wolcott as Solicitor.

Then Council, overriding the Mayor, elected Councilman Bennett its president and voted to take office by six votes over Councilman Mulliner, say they will hold a mass-meeting to define a program.

**CONGRESS TAKES UP ARGENTINE ENVOY MAY ADVISE BREAK**

With Inquiries Ended, Present Purpose Is to Remedy Defects

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The War inquiries virtually ended, Congress today turned its energies to concocting tactics to build up and speed up the war management. Scores of measures, many of them with committee backing, to remedy defective administration disclosed by the investigation were ready for consideration.

Hard fighting seemed certain with the Administration still vigorously contending for a free hand in the conduct of the war.

The Senate Military Affairs Committee suspended its investigation to give its attention to the program of army legislation prepared by the War Department, as well as the Chamberlain bill to establish a department of munitions. Among the most important of the War Department measures are the resolution to make all young men who have attained the age of twenty-one since registration day—June 5—eligible to the draft and the bill authorizing the change of the draft basis. Under the former measure the nation's fighting strength can be increased by 500,000 men. Under the latter much of the dissatisfaction over unequal quotas apportioned to the various States will be eliminated.

The committee still has several phases of army affairs to investigate, but it is determined to make use of the information obtained up to the present time as an argument for the legislation most pressing needed. It was expected that many of the measures would be laid before the Senate with a recommendation of early passage within the next few days.

Meanwhile the Senate Commerce Committee, profiting by the information it obtained in its shipping investigation, prepared to push three important measures to strengthen the shipbuilding administration. One of the measures would empower the Shipping Board to take over transportation necessary to carry workmen to shipbuilding centers. Another provides \$50,000,000 to meet the expense of requisitioning houses to shelter workmen in such centers.

**No Meatless Days in Far West**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Persons in six Western States may eat all the beef they want on meatless days under a ruling by the food administration designed to meet a peculiar situation in California, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Nevada and Arizona. In the six States, the food administration is prepared to meet a peculiar situation in California, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Nevada and Arizona.

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**ARGENTINE ENVOY MAY ADVISE BREAK**

Naon, Friend of Allies, Leaves United States for Home This Week

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Rómulo E. Naon, the Argentine ambassador, called at the State Department yesterday to bid farewell to Secretary Lansing before leaving for Buenos Aires. He will sail for Argentina this week.

Mr. Naon will go alone, leaving his family here, and expects to be back in Washington within two months, as he plans to stay in Argentina only two weeks. The ambassador goes to confer with the Foreign office and the President of the republic on foreign relations, his resignation, which the Government has declined to accept, having precipitated a crisis in the political affairs of the nation.

It was said by close friends of the ambassador today that the only difference between him and his Government concerning the German question related to the moment when the break with Berlin should be made complete, the ambassador holding that now is the time (his final step ought to be taken, his Government feeling that the moment has not yet arrived).

Both the ambassador and his Government were said to have been "surprised and pained" by newspaper criticisms of Argentina in the American press, especially by the charge that pro-German influences had colored the policy of the country. A person close to the ambassador said:

"The ambassador has reached an irrevocable decision to retire from Argentine diplomatic service unless certain measures are taken. To persons acquainted with Argentine affairs it seems probable that Argentina will soon declare the existence of a state of war with Germany."

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