RICHMOND ON VERGE OF SHORTAGE IN COAL

Supply of Anthracite in Stock Will Not Last Longer Than November.

SOFT COAL SITUATION EASIER

Local Dealers Paying Old Contract Rate of $3.25—Do Not Dare Claim Rate Fixed by Government for Fear Coal May Not Be Furnished.

Richmond is on the verge of a coal shortage. It all depends upon the weather man. If he is kind and continues to hand out warm weather, the local dealers will be able to build up their reserves to normal. On the other hand, if he gets a grouch and sends a cold snap, thousands of families in the city may be compelled to break up boxes, barrels or anything that can be burned, to produce heat.

The trouble is the local coal dealers simply have not the coal in stock. E. P. Murphy & Sons, Inc., have just enough anthracite on hand to keep their customers going until November, provided the weather holds warm; S. H. Hawes & Co. have only 5,000 tons in their yards, against a normal reserve at this time of the year of 25,000 tons. The other dealers are in a similar fix. But despite these conditions, the price of anthracite has not yet been raised locally, still holding at $5.90 the ton. Those householders in Richmond who have been beguiled by the announcement sent out from Washington through the Council of National Defense that the price of coal would be lowered by September 1 would do well to forget that such a statement was ever made, and rush their orders in for their winter supply now, and at the prevailing price—and then trust to luck that their dealers will be able to deliver it to them, for the lack of carriers is causing the shippers into Richmond to run weeks behind their orders.

SOUTHERN ROADS STRIPPED OF CARS TO SUPPLY NORTWEST.

When Judge Lovett took charge of the committee on priority shipments in Washington, there was a cry of coal famine from the Northwest. The Southern railroads were stripped of all possible cars to rush the coal thither. Naturally, this affected the supply of coal coming into Richmond, and when the local dealers complained, the mine operators told them to go to—Washington.

Immediately the acuteness of the situation was relieved in the Northwest. New England sent out an "S. O. S." for anthracite coal. Now in New England there are city or town ordinances in all the large manufacturing centers which forbid the use of soft coal under penalty of heavy fines. For the supply of our allies on the continent, for the equipment of our own and our overseas troops, it is essential that the munition factories and the various mills be kept running at top speed. To do this they must have coal.

Now it is, and for years has been, a physical impossibility for the railroads to transport sufficient coal for the use of New England manufacturers. Schooners, barges and other coastwise ships have been called upon to make up the deficiency.

At present, on account of the scarcity of bottoms, more than two-thirds of this coastwise shipping has been diverted to foreign trade chiefly to South America.

As a result of these conditions, Judge Lovett is now devoting his attention to shipping anthracite coal into New England. Last year at this time New England had consumed 4,320,000 tons of anthracite. To this date this year she has been able to obtain only 3,946,000 tons.

In order to try to stimulate greater production of anthracite at the mines, the Council of National Defense has raised the prices at the mines for pea coal from $3.10 to $4 the ton.

SOFT COAL SITUATION IS LESS ALARMING

The soft coal situation, however, is less alarming. The prepared kinds are selling for $8.50 the ton. Run-of-mine brings $7.50, with $6.50 for contract.

The cost of the $6.50 run-of-mine coal to the local dealers is $3.25 f. o. b. the mines, the contracts with the operators having been made on April 1, of this year.

Since then the Council of National Defense has announced that the price the operators should charge at the mines for New River and Pocahontas coal is $2.15 the ton.

None of the local dealers has dared to claim this price, however. They fear that if they bring suit to obtain the coal at the price fixed by the council the operators will refuse to supply them with any coal at all, claiming that the dealers have violated their contracts by demanding a price lower than that agreed upon on April 1. The effect of such refusal on the part of the operators would be that the local dealers could not supply the factories, hotels and other large customers in Richmond.

Fortunately, however, the supply of soft coal is adequate for the needs of factories and other consumers in Richmond. Yet the situation is not satisfactory, because yesterday there were rumors among the local dealers that the coal supply of many of the munition works in France had passed the danger mark, and that only the most heroic efforts to rush soft coal across the ocean could prevent these factories from either being put upon part time or shutting down entirely until coal could be obtained.

POST-OFFICE GAINS

Sales of Stamps in August Larger Than in August One Year Ago.

For the past month, ending August 31, 1917, the Richmond post-office shows a substantial increase over the postal receipts for the corresponding month of last year. This means that the Richmond post-office is still in the million-dollar class. Because of the fact that the Richmond post-office is in the million-dollar class this increase is considered to be quite a large one. For in postal circles, after a post-office enters the million-dollar class it is very hard to exceed to any extent previous figures, and even an increase of 1 per cent is an entirely favorable figure.

Although the month of September is not far gone, all of the present indications from post-office authorities would tend to show that postal receipts for this month will mean a gain over the same month of last year.

The stamp sales for the month of August, 1917, amounted to $73,754.43, while the stamp sales for the month of August, 1916, totaled $73,220.53.

Moreover, the receipts of special delivery letters for August, 1917, show an increase of 33 per cent over the receipts from special delivery letters during the month of August, 1916.

Wreck Victims Buried in Hollywood.

The bodies of Thomas P. Howard, Overton Howard and Richard M. Bagby were buried in the Howard family lot at Hollywood Cemetery at noon yesterday. The two Howards and Bagby were killed at a crossing of the Ashecake Road and the Richmond and Chesapeake Bay Railway, near Ashland, Thursday morning.

Little Girl Dies From Accidental Scalding

Evelyn Thurman Hutcheson.

Little Evelyn Thurman Hutcheson, the fourteen months' old baby girl of John S. and Mrs. Grace Woody Hutcheson, who was scalded to death by turning over a teapot, was buried yesterday in Hollywood Cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. William L. Ball, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church. The pallbearers were William Zacharias, William Harris, Frederick Robertson and Frank Landrum.

Mrs. Hutcheson is very ill as the result of the unavoidable accident that led to the death of her child. Mrs. R. A. Phillips, her aunt, is in a serious condition also.

RECEIVES THANKS FOR SURGICAL DRESSINGS

Local War Relief Association Is Urged to Redouble Its Efforts to Meet Need.

From the Comite International de Pansements Chirurgicaux des Etats-Unis, France, comes the following communication to Mrs. J. Allison Hodges, who is chairman of the surgical dressings section of the War Relief Association of Virginia: "We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of case No. 502. We have been having a famine in cotton pads and compresses, so you can imagine how glad we were to find 2,300 compresses and 215 pads in this case."

Picture post-cards are beginning to drift into headquarters, also, of amorous Frenchmen, who, despite the engressing activities attendant upon the conduct of the war find time to wonder about their American allies—particularly the feminine portion. One must think about something, surely, when convalescing or smoking.

One of these post-cards shows a jolly looking citizen smoking a long-stemmed pipe in the vine-hung porch of a cottage. On the reverse is penned in careful French: "I have the honor to send you my photograph. As you see, I am not as beautiful as Apollo, but I am less ugly than the Crown Prince; this is that that consoles me, that and having a leg in Fox's puttees. With all my thanks, and Vive la France, Laplagan."

Acknowledgments from abroad of six cases of supplies have just been received. Sometimes one case is reported a ship, and then there is a sigh as a ship, and then there is a sign at headquarters for the labor lost. Cases have recently been received from Orange, Norfolk, Greenwood and Ashland. Ready for shipment are thirteen cases valued at $1,754.24. These cases contain 12,553 surgical dressings, 190 pillows, 380 pillow cases, 870 surgical shirts, twenty-four bed jackets, two pajama suits, 138 pairs of knitted socks, wristlets, caps, hospital stockings, bandages, and so on. There has also been received 157 articles of second-hand clothing for men and women valued at $217.95.

HELD FOR DYNAMITING

Seven Anticonscriptionists Arrested in Connection With Attack on Lord Athelstan's Home.

[By Associated Press.]

MONTREAL, September 1.—Seven alleged anticonscriptionists were arrested by the police to-day in connection with the dynamiting recently of the summer home of Lord Athelstan, publisher of the Montreal Star.

Elie Lalumiere, head of the constitutionists, an anticonscription organization, was also arrested on a warrant charging attempted murder. Lord Athelstan's house in Cartierville was dynamited on the morning of August 9, after he had received numerous letters threatening him with death on account of the conscription policy of his paper. Six men in an automobile were seen driving away from the vicinity soon after the explosion.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS

New High School Pupils to Face Tests on September 10.

Announcement was made yesterday by Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, Superintendent of the Richmond City Schools, that all new pupils desiring to enter John Marshall High School will report for examination at 9 o'clock September 10. Pupils promoted from junior high schools or 7-B grades of Richmond elementary schools, or holding certificates from accredited schools will not report until September 13, the day of the formal opening of the city schools.

RICHMOND JEWS TO AID IN WAR RELIEF WORK

Plans in Charge of Leon Wallerstein for Aggressive Local Campaign.

MEET ROSENWALD'S OFFER

Chicago Merchant's Offer to Give 10 Per Cent of All Funds Raised in America Up to $10,000,000 Expires November 1.

As a result of the misery and suffering among the Jews of Palestine, Russia and the other countries in the war zone, a misery which is being accentuated with every passing day of the war, great demands are being made upon the American people for liberal contribution to the war relief fund, and Richmond Jews are expected to do their share in helping to alleviate conditions among the Jews of war-stricken Europe. Plans are being made by the war relief committee of Richmond, of which Leon Wallerstein is chairman, for prosecuting a vigorous campaign to raise an amount of money commensurate with the wealth of the Jews of Richmond.

Mr. Wallerstein is unable at present to state the method to be pursued by the committee in the campaign, but says that he feels confident that the Richmond Jews will not be found wanting. In the last campaign in Richmond the committee raised $35,000, but expects to excell that amount during the coming campaign, due to the fact that there is a greater need for money as the war progresses.

WILL PRESENT CAUSE DURING JEWISH HOLY DAYS

Advantage is to be taken of the Jewish Holy Days, beginning September 17, with the advent of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashonah, which, in the Jewish calendar, is the year 5678, and which will continue until Yom Kippur—the day of atonement, September 26—to raise $1,000,000 in the United States toward the $10,000,000 Jewish war relief fund. During the Holy Days more than 1,000 important cities throughout the United States will be the scenes of special appeals in the synagogues, and speakers have been assigned to practically every synagogue in the country for the occasion. It is the purpose of the American war relief committee to raise $1,000,000, and it is absolutely necessary that that amount be raised, for the reason that the offer of Julius Rosenwald, of Chicago, to give 10 per cent of all funds raised in America up to $10,000,000, expires on November 1. If $10,000,000 is raised prior to that date, the committee will receive $1,000,000 from Mr. Rosenwald.

In announcing the plans for the campaign Henry H. Rosenfelt, assistant to the executive director of the American Jewish relief committee, made the following statement:

"The solemn occasion of Yom Kippur has ever been the signal for thoughts and deeds of unselfish kindness on the part of the Jewish people. It is not too much to say that such contributions as America has thus far made to the cause of the Jewish war relief alone have prevented the obliteration, the absolute extermination of the Jewish race in many lands by starvation."

FOR UNIFORM FUND

Barton Heights Home Guard to Benefit by Lawn Party and Entertainment.

Steps to secure the necessary funds for the purchase of uniforms have just been taken by the recently organized home defense company of Barton Heights, and to this end arrangements are being completed for a lawn party and general entertainment September 11. The affair will be staged on the grounds of the Barton Heights School, and many novel features have been planned.

The entertainment is being arranged by a committee composed of Joseph A. Richardson, R. R. King, E. E. Wingfield, W. Stewart White, and J. H. Golder. The Barton Heights company, of which O. A. Hawkins is captain, has nearly 100 members at this time.

SUFFER THROUGH DRAFT

Many Bridgeport Factories Will Lose Upwards of 50 Per Cent of Skilled Workers.

[By Associated Press.]

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., September 1.—Bridgeport factories, many of them busy on munitions or war material work, will lose an average of 23 per cent of their skilled workmen by the draft, according to a census by the State Council of Defense, given out to-day. Some of the more important factories, it was said, will lose as high as 50 per cent.

SAYS FINE FOR SORE, BURNING, INFLAMED FEET

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Note: By sore feet Peterson means inflamed, smarting, burning, aching, weary feet and not corns, bunions or callouses. Mail orders filled, charges prepaid, by Peterson Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

Girl Appeals for Military Training

Writes Letter to Governor Stuart Urging That Young Women Be "Mobilized."

Not satisfied with the Red Cross, the home economy, and the various other kinds of relief work that the women have been called upon to aid in in the prosecution of this war, the girls of Richmond are now petitioning Governor Stuart for permission to take active military training.

In the words of one prominent State official: "It is true that as American women are setting the pace in American patriotism, Virginia women are setting the pace in Virginia patriotism. Furthermore, they should be an example to every slacker who should be branded with an irremovable stigma of disgrace and dishonor."

The writer of this unusual kind of letter to Governor Stuart did not sign her name, but merely wrote at the bottom, "An American Citizen." She asserted that there was a large number of girls who had already signified their intense desire to aid their country by other than the ordinary means that they were afforded.

Making it plain that it was not merely the novelty of the situation that appealed to them, this young woman pleaded with Governor Stuart to give the girls of Richmond a real chance to do their "bit." In part, the unusually strong and appealing letter read like this: "We girls are as interested in helping our country as any American citizen. We think that it is no more than right to do our bit.

"Please see if you can help arrange to let the girls of Richmond be regular American citizens and give their service to their country. It needs our help, so why not let us try? We can do it. Why not let us?"

ALLEGED BANDIT HELD

Prisoner Said to be Ringleader of Gang Which Shot Payroll Messengers to Death.

CHICAGO, September 1.—Charles Benton, declared to be the ringleader of the five bandits, who, with sawed-off shotguns, shot two payroll messengers of the Winslow Brothers Iron Works to death last Tuesday, escaping with $8,776, is under arrest, it was announced to-day by State's Attorney Hoyne. The State's attorney said Benton planned all of the recent payroll robberies.

COUNCIL MEETS TUESDAY

Regular Meeting Is Deferred One Day Because of Holiday To-Morrow.

Because of the fact that to-morrow is a legal holiday, the regular September meeting of the Common Council will be held Tuesday night, at which time action on several important measures will be taken. There is only one other meeting called for this week at the City Hall, and that is the Council Committee on Finance, at 8 o'clock Friday night.

The Cuncil will have before it the resolution of the Finance Committee, approved Friday night, appropriating the sum of $77,050 for the purpose of granting an increase of 10 per cent to all city employees receiving $1,800 or less annually. Councilman Carter C. Jones is expected to introduce an ordinance providing for the establishment of an eight-hour workday in all departments of the city government, and several other matters will be considered.

Action is also expected on a number of resolutions from the various committees of the Council.

MOTORMAN TO APPEAL

Case of Mistaken Identity, He Says, Caused His Arrest at Forest Hill.

E. E. Jones, a street car motorman who was fined $20 in the Police Court, Part II., Thursday for interfering with a young woman at Forest Hill Park, will appeal the case to the Hustings Court. He declared that it was a case of mistaken identity. Since he was without counsel, he decided to pay the fine so that he could find a bondsman with a view of appealing the case.

Later, however, he was informed that he could not take the case to the higher court after paying the fine. His counsel conferred with Police Justice Maurice, who declined to allow the appeal, and then the matter was laid before Judge Richardson in the Hustings Court, Judge Ernest H. Wells being out of the city on his vacation. Judge Richardson held that Jones had the right of an appeal, and suggested that counsel secure the proper order from the Southside judge when he returned to Richmond.

Jones declared that he had merely spoken to the young woman, believing at the time that she was some one else. It was said there was a striking resemblance between the young women, and that both would probably be summoned to the Hustings Court when the case is called.

Enters Service as Yeoman.

E. Blair Farrar, of 3219 Hanover Avenue, has entered the service of the navy as yeoman. He left for Newport, R. I., yesterday morning.

Mr. Farrar had been connected with the Cohen Company, serving in various departments for a number of years.

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Children's Rain Capes; worth $1.50, for $1.00
Large Fibre Rugs; worth $1..50c
Old-fashion Rag Rugs, from 39c upward.
Small lot of Parasols, greatly reduced.
Ladies' 39c Boot Silk Hose, in all colors and styles 25c
Ladies' Hose, black and white, pair 15c
Men's Half Hose 25c
Men's $1.00 Silk Half Hose... 50c
$1.00 Shirt Waists, special... 50c
Silk Middy Ties 39c
Men's Nainsook Underwear.. 29c
Men's B. V. D. Underwear.... 44c

Middy Blouse, made of good quality jeans 50c
Middy Blouse, extra heavy quality, in solid white and colored trimmings $1.00
Regulation Middies, with blue Flannel Collars and Cuffs $1.25
Smocks, in all colors, worth $2.00 for $1.69
Great assortment of Ladies' Gowns, in plain and fancy trimmed models; some of them worth $1.50 ..... $1.00
Ladies' Drawers, good quality and styles 25c
Corset Covers ..... 25c and 50c
Muslin Petticoats, at 39c, 49c up.
Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas from 59c up.
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Men's Extra Heavy Work Shirts; $1.00 values 69c
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