

COAL OPERATORS' PRICES FIXED

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Another fine rain fell yesterday just before noon and frequent showers followed, supplying the last need of the farmers for a bumper crop.

Let us hope the weather man will give us our quota of rain between now and next Tuesday, when the Fair begins.

It is only 12 days until 32 soldiers from Christian county must report, one-third of the county's quota. The selections have not yet been made.

The news in to-day's Kentuckian is the best published for many a day. It is so good that Gov. Goodrich, of Indiana, finds a special session of his legislature unnecessary.

The nominations of 200 new generals were confirmed by the senate and two were rejected. We are now a formidable rival to Mexico in the number of our generals.

No sympathy should be wasted on those arrested for unpatriotic utterances. W. J. Bryan declared in a signed editorial in his paper, the Commoner. Resistance to the draft law was branded as anarchy by Mr. Bryan.

William H. Taft, former president of the United States, declared Monday that "peace is not possible until the Prussian military caste has been driven out of power." He asserted he had "no patience with the talk of peace."

Capt. Victor E. Heintz, of Cincinnati, has given up his seat in congress so that he might rejoin his regiment, the 1st Regiment of the Ohio National Guard, and serve Uncle Sam in a fighting capacity. He wants to get into some kind of a mix-up as soon as possible.

Sheriff James S. Taylor, member of the exemption board of Logan county, and County Judge J. W. Edwards were arrested Monday, charged with conspiring to violate provisions of the selective draft law. Both are held for examining trial August 29 and released on \$5,000 bail each by U. S. Commissioner George S. Harley.

The Senate is considering a bill to take practically of the rich man all he makes above an income of \$500,000 a year. The Spartans made their money of iron and let no man accumulate more than he could carry. We may have to limit our millionaires to the gold they can "tote" in a suit case.

Among the names in a Hardin county list of girls a majority were such as Willie, Winnie, Vira, Golda, Lallah, Pearl, Ruby, Bernie, Marie, Fanny, Ollie, Lula, Essie, May Genevieve, Blanche, Beatrice and Maude. There was only an occasional Mary and Elizabeth and not a single Martha, which was the name of the lady in the Bible who helped with the meals.

Government secret service agents and amateur detectives Monday commenced a slacker hunt for men who have failed to respond to their draft summonses. Secret service men, county and city detectives, police, United States Marshals, immigration officers and 1,000 volunteer members of the American Protective League, together with a host of unorganized patriotic citizens, will assist in the roundup. No mercy will be shown to the deliberate slacker, federal officials say.

The price fixed by the President in coal in this district is a fraction under 8 cents at the mines for mine in and 25 cents a ton more for the pit lump. Last year coal houses in this city were filled at 8 cents in the house for the best grades. This year he mines put up the price to 15 cents and threatened to go higher. The President's action will permit the local dealers to cut their prices about 4 cents a bushel and still make the same profit and that too on a smaller capital.

President Sets Prices in a Scale Effective Until Full Fuel Administration Method Is Organized and Twenty-nine Districts Are Named.

KENTUCKY GIVEN RATE \$2.20 PER TON AND LESS

Middlemen's and Retailer's Prices Will be Set by the Government--Pres. H. A. Garfield, of Williams College, Coal Administrator--Kentucky Mine Run \$1.95.

The prices f. o. b. mines are as follows:

	Run of Mine	Prepared Sizes	Slack or Screenings
Pennsylvania.....	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$1.75
Maryland.....	2.00	2.25	1.75
West Virginia.....	2.00	2.25	1.75
West Virginia (New River).....	2.25	2.40	1.90
Virginia.....	2.00	2.25	1.75
Ohio (thick vein).....	2.00	2.25	1.75
Ohio (thin vein).....	2.35	2.60	2.10
Kentucky.....	1.95	2.20	1.70
Kentucky (Jellico).....	2.40	2.65	2.15
Alabama (big seam).....	1.90	2.15	1.65
Ala. (Pratt Jaeger & Corona).....	2.15	2.40	1.90
Ala. (Casaba & Black Creek).....	2.40	2.65	2.15
Tennessee (eastern).....	2.30	2.55	2.05
Tennessee (Jellico).....	2.40	2.65	2.15
Indiana.....	1.95	2.20	1.70
Illinois.....	1.95	2.20	1.70
Illinois (third vein).....	2.40	2.65	2.15
Arkansas.....	2.65	2.90	2.40
Iowa.....	2.70	2.95	2.45
Kansas.....	2.55	2.80	2.30
Missouri.....	2.70	2.95	2.45
Oklahoma.....	3.05	3.30	2.80
Texas.....	2.65	2.90	2.40
Colorado.....	2.45	2.70	2.20
Montana.....	2.70	2.95	2.45
New Mexico.....	2.40	2.65	2.15
Wyoming.....	2.50	2.75	2.20
Utah.....	2.60	2.85	2.35
Washington.....	3.25	3.50	3.00

Washington, Aug. 22.—Bituminous coal prices were fixed by President Wilson Tuesday night for every mine in the United States. The next step in coal control, a white house announcement says, will be to fix the price charged by middlemen and retailers.

Prices were set on cost of production estimates furnished by the federal trade commission after months of exhaustive investigation. The country is divided into twenty-nine districts and every producer in the district will market his output at the same price.

The president named no agency to carry out the provisions of his order but is expected to appoint soon a coal administrator, who will be given entire control of the coal industry. Rumor names President H. A. Garfield, of Williams College, as the man. Mr. Garfield now heads a committee appointed by the president to fix a government price for wheat. His work will end before Sept. 1, when the wheat committee probably will be dissolved.

AVERAGE LITTLE OVER \$2 TON.

The prices ranged for mine run in the large producing districts averaged slightly more than \$2. In a few districts they are below that figure and in the western territory they are higher.

Washington state is highest with \$3.25.

The president's statement said: "The following scale of prices is prescribed for bituminous coal at the mine in the several coal producing districts. It is provisional only. It is subject to reconsideration when the whole method of administering the fuel supplies of the country shall have been satisfactorily organized and put into operation. Subsequent measures will have as their object a fair and equitable control of the distribution of the supply and of the prices not only at the mines but also in the hands of the middlemen and the retailers."

"NOT ONLY FAIR BUT LIBERAL"

The prices provisionally fixed here are fixed under the recent act of congress regarding administering the food supply of the country which also conferred upon the executive control of the fuel supply. They are based upon the actual cost of production and are deemed to be not only fair and just but liberal. Under them the industry should nowhere lack stimulation."

The prices fixed range from 20 to 35 per cent. under the maximum price of \$3 fixed by government officials and operators at a conference here more than a month ago. The \$3 price agreement, however, did not hold, as many operators refused to abide by it after Secretary Baker, as president of the council of national defense, repudiated it as too high. Prices recently have ranged far above the \$3 limit.

The fixing of prices was the president's second step in the direction of coal control and was taken under authority given the executive in an amendment to the food control bill. The first step was taken Tuesday when the president named Robert S. Lovett as director of transportation and approved an order issued by Mr. Lovett directing that coal shipments to the Northwest be given preference over other goods.

Tuesday night's action was taken as an indication that the president has abandoned a plan recently considered which calls for government requisitioning of the output of all mines with the government selling the product to the public.

SHOCKED BY LIVE WIRE

Boy's Hand Badly Burned and His Feet Blistered By Current.

Harless Brown, the ten-year-old son of Mr. J. E. Brown, was badly shocked and burned when he caught hold of a live electric wire that ran through an apple tree in which the boy had climbed. The accident happened on South Virginia street. The current was so strong that the little fellow was held in the tree and his screams attracted his father, who is employed in the Turner-Day-Woolworth plant, near by. Mr. Brown caught hold of his son, the current knocking him down, the boy falling with him. The child's right hand was very badly burned and his feet blistered, but he will recover.

Top Price.

Hogs sold at \$19.65 a hundred pounds on the Chicago market, Monday, the highest price ever known in America.

ALL IN TRIM FOR BIG DAYS

At the Great Pennyroyal Fair Five Days of the Coming Week.

JOHN J. IS ON HIS JOB

Several Changes Will be Made the Exhibit Spaces, and Whitewashing Done.



JOHN J. METCALFE.

Everything points to a record-breaking fair next week, when the Pennyroyal Fair opens its gates for the fifth annual fair, under the leadership of its new President, John J. Metcalfe. A directory of wide-awake citizens and hard-workers is behind Mr. Metcalfe and everybody is expecting to "do his bit" in making this year's fair the biggest yet held. To begin with there has never been such a crop year in Christian county before and the farm exhibits are going to be one of the great features of the fair. The times are prosperous and the attendance is expected to be larger than ever before.

Mr. Metcalfe has made a number of important improvements and changes at the fair grounds. Whitewashing the fences and buildings has wrought a wonderful change that must be seen to be appreciated. The interior of the buildings also have been whitewashed and are ready to be turned over to the heads of the departments.

The poultry department will be moved this year from the old location under the grand stand to the separate building north of the pavilion, which has been formerly used for public school exhibits. This will be an ideal location for the poultry and will give greatly increased room for the floral hall and agricultural displays, which go hand in hand and can't well be separated, and which this year, as said above, promise to be the largest ever shown at a county fair in this part of the country.

As usual, the space underneath the grand stand will be given over largely to the floral hall, which includes the display of women's work of all kinds, and the girls' canning clubs, the Red Cross and Navy League exhibits, the Health and Welfare League, the large display from the women's industrial department of the Western State Hospital, etc., as well as possibly a booth or two given over to a piano exhibit and sewing machines. Tie entries of canned goods, sewing, cooking, etc., from the women at large promise to be largely increased this year, so that the big space given to this department will be filled.

In connection with this department the Jennie Stuart Memorial Hospital will have their usual first aid booth fitted up and be ready to give prompt attention to anyone who may be hurt or become ill. In addition there will be another booth fitted up as a rest-room, where tired mothers or aged people and fretting children may go for a rest and not to the first aid room as has been done in the past. (Continued on Page 5.)

CLAY MINERS ON TRIAL

Hearing In Progress In Cases Against Nine Accused Miners.

10 WAIVED EXAMINATION

Strong Array of Counsel and Cases Will Be Bitterly Fought.

The charge of conspiracy to oppose by force the authority of the United States Government, and actually firing upon troops in the service of the United States on guard duty near Clay, Webster county, against the ten men arrested and brought here, was called yesterday before U. S. Commissioner Cunningham. The case is being tried in the city court room and gives promise of lasting several days. An imposing array of counsel appears on both sides. For the prosecution, United States District Attorney Perry Miller, of Louisville, Yost and Franklin and Gordon, Gordoa and Moore, of Madisonville; for the defense Luke Teague, of Madisonville, W. O. Smith, of Central City, W. B. Hunt, of Dixon and G. W. Southall, of this city.

Witnesses and lawyers and soldiers arrived Tuesday. Much excitement was caused by the trial yesterday and the court room was packed. Capt. Carter in command of the troops stationed at the scene of the trouble was on the stand practically all day yesterday as a witness for the prosecution. It is rumored that several of the accused will testify in favor of the government.

Death of Mrs. Knight

Mrs. Minnie G. Knight, wife of Mr. Andrew Knight, who resides several miles north of the city, died at her home Monday. She was taken ill a few days before with a congestive chill and her condition grew steadily worse until the end came. Her husband and several children survive.

FOR CITY COMMISSIONER

William R. Wicks Announces, Subject to the October Primary.

We are authorized to announce



WILLIAM R. WICKS

as a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner of the City of Hopkinsville subject to the action of the non-political primary election to be held on Saturday Oct. 20, 1917.

Kalman Gruber, an exemption board grafter in New York, gets two years in the penitentiary.

ALLIES TAKE 16,000 MORE

Canadians and Foe at Lens, Each Planning Surprise Collide In the Fog.

NEW COAL GROUND TAKEN

Austrian Line Cracking Under the Terrific Assaults of Italian Troops.

Hard smashes at the German lines in France again have been productive of important gains for the entente allies. North of Verdun the French have captured additional points of vantage, while the Canadians have fought their way nearer to the heart of the town of Lens, taking 2,000 yards of positions west and northwest of the town.

All the counter attacks by the German crown prince's force against General Petain's men on the newly captured ground in the Verdun sector have been ill-starred; and those of Crown Prince Rupprecht against the doughty Canadians at last accounts had brought nothing more than an augmentation of the already terrible casualties, his troops having suffered in their attempts to save the important coal center from capture.

Under a canopy of mist the Canadians and Germans met at daylight in the open of "No Man's Land" northwest of Lens, neither expecting the other. The Canadians put the Germans to the bayonet. The Germans fled to their trenches, where again with the bayonets and with bombs the Canadians did great execution, killing or wounding many of the occupants and putting the others to flight.

West of Lens, aided by a heavy artillery fire, the Canadians also advanced, pushing the Germans further into the environs of the town.

North of Verdun, on both sides of the river Meuse, the French troops have kept up their vigorous offensive started Monday. They have been rewarded by the capture of additional important positions.

In addition to more than 5,000 prisoners taken by the French in Monday's advance, additional captures resulted from the attacks of Tuesday.

In the Austro-Italian theater the terrific drive of the Italians is causing the Austrian line to crack at numerous points.

Austrian defenses between Corite and Selo and near the strongly fortified Statilokva position are among the places captured. Up to Monday night more than 10,000 prisoners had been taken, not counting 243 officers.

The intense aerial fighting between the allies and the Germans in France continues. Numerous German machines have been brought down in aerial battles but the entente allies also have lost a considerable number of machines. British warships have destroyed a German Zeppelin off the coast of Denmark, the entire crew perishing.



The following Hopkinsville men have been assigned to Co. B, the Henderson Company: 2nd Lieut. Lawson B. Flack, Sergt. Floyd Owen, Private Ben H. Cowan. These transfers were made to make room for the excess of recruits.

Sam Torian, who took the course in the Ft. Harrison training school, but was not given a commission on account of his youth, was given a non-commissioned office in Co. L, of Murray, from which company he went to the camp. He is in line for speedy promotion.

