

AGRICULTURAL REVIEW

REPORTS CONFLICT AS TO COAL SHORTAGE, BUT OUTLOOK IS NOT THREATENING—NEW CARS GOING INTO SERVICE RAPIDLY—ILLINOIS FARMERS SUPPORT GOVERNMENT LICENSE SYSTEM AND CONTROL OF LIVESTOCK MARKETS

(Business Feature of Service.)

Reports conflict as to the supposed coal shortage. While conceding that prophecies of famine have been intended chiefly to stimulate buying, and thus increase production—meeting an anticipated, rather than a present, shortage—coal operators charge that cars are short and may restrict the coal movement later on. Director Hines counters sharply, stating that the railroads are equipped to handle any reasonable tonnage, while they may have difficulty if operators permit a congestion of shipments to occur this fall.

The outlook is not threatening and coal will be obtainable unless severe weather should paralyze the railroads.

The packer investigation has aided somewhat in demoralizing livestock prices. Erratic fluctuations have long cursed the livestock market. Wilson, the packer, suggests a committee representing packers, growers and consumers under government supervision to apportion demand and regulate supply. As to the packers themselves, the farmers generally favor some measure of government control, which shall include the stockyards. While the so-called "K" bills may not be highly favored, the adoption of another plan at least seems very probable. The Illinois Agricultural association feels that periodic investigation of the packers will prove disastrous, and favors a licensing system, administered by five presidential appointees with full power to insure free and open markets.

Director Hines reports that, of 50,000 open-top cars, 24,000 had been completed and put in service August 26, 17,500 in storage were being numbered rapidly and put in service, while 8,500 were yet unbuild. Numbering proceeded at the rate of 250 to 275 cars per day, and building at the rate of 75, thus making 325 to 350 new cars available daily. Anthracite and bituminous production have both increased during the summer, although below last year.

Recent importations of German

potash have been tested and found of pre-war quality. Simultaneously the department of Agriculture has verified the truth of reported damage from the high percentage of borax contained in Searles Lake potash. The percent of borax commonly reached 10 per cent, and in some tests even rose as high as 23 per cent. Nevertheless, it remains a fact that low-cost sources of good potash in this country should be developed. The United States must never be wholly, or chiefly, dependent upon a foreign power—Germany especially—for this commodity which plays so determining a part in food supply. German potash mines are said to have increased in number during the war, despite serious impairment to almost every other industry, and German leaders doubtless hope to re-establish their coveted monopoly.

Business Forecast

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The price descent continues, not alone in grain and livestock, but in other foodstuffs and a wide range of commodities. Bradstreet's index number has declined below \$5.00, after having stood \$5.30 on July 31. Staple commodities widely used in manufacture, like iron and steel, feel the effects of agitation much less than foodstuffs.

It may be a fair question whether the campaign against high costs is not slowing down. Investigators and fair price committees have encountered difficulty in locating bona fide cases of profiteering, although many doubtless exist. The movement has achieved results in curbing flagrant profiteering, and halting the recent unwarranted advance in prices. If it initiates the downward trend, which must develop in due time, it will have accomplished much.

The president's speaking tour will tend to force Senate action on the peace treaty, which it seems probable will be adopted with reservations, if not with actual amendments. A strong current of opinion both favors and opposes adoption of the Paris pact without change, but all parties agree that some action must speedily be taken to end present uncertainty. The truly determining contest now begins in the Senate.

Announcement of the steel strike for September 22 and the policemen's strike with rioting at Boston further complicate the labor situation. The national industrial conference will come none too soon, and its most vigorous and patriotic efforts can be none too potent in abating present unrest. Far-seeing men believe the time has come for an organic change in the relations between capital and labor. This change can result only from conflict and compromise, let it be hoped around the conference table, not at the factory gate and on the street.

August incorporations embrace 597 new enterprises, capitalized at \$822,000,000, as against \$1,420,000,000 in July. Since January 1 incorporations have involved the immense sum of \$5,950,000,000—a record total. New security issues are beginning to appear with the fall season. Early building totals for August indicate a considerable drop from July. The stock market is irregular, after its precipitous decline, and August total sales at 24,000,000 shares fell off 10,000,000 as compared with July.

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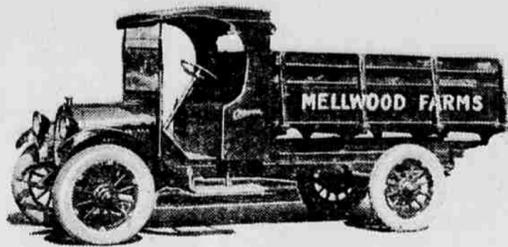
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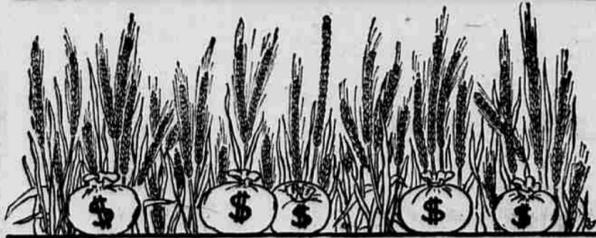
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