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COAL SHORTAGE NOW ALARMING

KING ALFONSO AT VERDUN



King Alfonso of Spain, upon his recent visit to the historic battlefields, being shown by Marshal Petain through a great network of trenches near Verdun.

CONGRESS CONVENES TODAY

66TH CONGRESS CONVENES TODAY AT 12 O'CLOCK

No Announcement Sent To President Wilson That Congress Is In Session

Expected That Session of Congress Will Last Until Presidential Election

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, Dec. 1—The 66th congress met today in its regular session which was expected to continue until just before the presidential election next fall.

There was a large attendance both in the senate and house when the gavels of Vice President Marshall and Speaker Gillett fell promptly at noon.

In accordance with an agreement between Republican and Democratic leaders the usual formality of the appointment of a committee to notify President Wilson that congress was in session was dispensed with because of the president's illness and a formal communication of notification was dispatched instead.

CLASH OCCURS AND ONE IS KILLED

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 1—One steel striker was killed, Sheriff Clayton of Marshall county was shot and seriously wounded and a deputy and another striker suffered from gunshot wounds in a riot when a mob and their sympathizers clashed with a sheriff's posse at Riverdale, head of the National Tube Co. at Benwood today.

PONTIUS NAMED BANK EXAMINER

(By Associated Press to The Banner) COLUMBUS, Dec. 1—Ira Pontius of Upper Sandusky was appointed a state bank examiner today by Governor Cox.

TROOP TRAIN WRECKED TODAY

Federal and State Troops Are Ready For Patrol Duty In State of Kansas

(By Associated Press to The Banner) PITTSBURGH, Kansas, Dec. 1—A train with about 1,200 Kansas National guardsmen and volunteer coal mine workers enroute here was derailed at Humbolt last night. Reports indicate that the train ran into an open switch. No one was injured.

Nearly 1,500 federal and state troops in the state are ready for patrol duty today.

The first contingent of volunteer workers to dig coal went into the mines this morning.

WANT OBJECTORS RELEASED

LONDON, Dec. 1—A resolution calling upon the American government to release conscientious objectors still in prison was adopted by the delegates of the non-conscription fellowship now in session here.

FREMONT—Miss Ethel Summerhill and Newton Ballmer are perhaps fatally injured when automobile goes over embankment in storm.

CANTON—Anthony Skotnicky, city detective, was shot by an unknown man and will die.

TOLEDO FOLK RIDE IN BUSES OR WALK NOWADAYS



Citizens of Toledo, O., either walk or ride in buses at 10 to 25 cents a ride these days, for they have no street car service. They voted the franchise of the company for failed, and the concern at once removed all its cars from the state.

DAUGHTER IS BORN TO GOV. AND MRS. COX AT DAYTON

(By Associated Press to The Banner) COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 1—Governor and Mrs. James M. Cox are the parents of an eight and one half pound girl born this morning at 6 o'clock at the governor's home at Dayton, it was announced at the governor's office.

BUSINESS BIG OVER COUNTRY REPORT SHOWS

Persistent Demand for Goods At All Stages Of Production Is Reported

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, Dec. 1—Unabated business activity in November, due to persistent demands for goods at all stages of production, is reported in the federal reserve board's review of business conditions. The eagerness and sustained buying capacity of the ultimate consumer was the board's explanation of a continued expansion of wholesale and retail trade, which marked even those districts most affected by the coal and steel strikes. Continuation of industrial operations because of the coal shortage had been enforced only sporadically up to the middle of the month, it was found, but the imminence of drastic action looking toward the conservation of decreasing coal supplies was apparent at that time, the shortage being especially acute in the Kansas City and St. Louis districts. There was virtually unanimous testimony concerning the increase in the volume of wholesale and retail trade, notwithstanding degrading effects upon general business that might have been expected to accompany any widespread industrial disturbance in the basis industries.

The rapid turnover in wholesale and retail trade, everywhere apparent in the reserve districts, evidently outstripped increases in current production, the review said, as evidenced by reports of depleted or exhausted dealers' stocks and by the repeated complaints of manufacturers of the scarcity of labor and of raw materials.

PENROSE OUT OF DANGER

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1—United States Senator Boies Penrose was reported by his physicians as somewhat better today and out of danger. The senator has been ill with a heavy cold since the adjournment of congress.

BIG SUM NEEDED FOR THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT

Secretary Glass Presents Estimated Appropriations For Year, Today

All Records Of Peace Time Congresses Broken; Some Of The Figures

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1—The record billion dollar congresses of ordinary peace time faded into the past today, when Secretary Glass presented the annual estimated proposed appropriation of five billion dollars for continuing the peace time acts of the government during the fiscal year of 1921.

According to figures it will cost more than five times as much to conduct peace time affairs as it did in the year preceding the war.

The greatest individual estimates go to the army and navy. The year's interest on the war debt is \$1,017,000,000, which sum alone is greater than all the appropriations for all purposes of any peace time congress.

The estimated appropriations for the principal departments are: Legislative (congress)—\$9,225,237.25 Executive (White House and government)—\$149,111,463.77 Judicial—\$1,634,190. Army—\$989,587,657.20. Navy—\$542,031,804.80. Public Works—\$283,921,810.17. Miscellaneous—\$234,717,637.96. Foreign—\$11,243,250.91. Pensions—\$315,930,000.

STRIKE IS OVER AT KANSAS CITY

Railway Switchmen's Strike Ends As Suddenly As It Commenced

(By Associated Press to The Banner) KANSAS CITY, Dec. 1—As suddenly as it began last Saturday, the strike of 1,500 railway switchmen in the local yards, was called off today after the more conservative of the union had put the question to a vote which was carried by a strong majority. Reasons for the decision were not forthwith coming.

EVERY COUNTY IS REPRESENTED AT CHURCH MEETING

(By Associated Press to The Banner) COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 1—Every Ohio county was represented among the approximately 3,000 church people who came to Columbus to attend the opening session today of the three-day conference of the Inter-Church World movement. Included are two ministers, 2 laymen and 2 women from each denomination in the eighty-eight counties which endorsed the movement.

STEP IS TAKEN TO GET BETTER COAL SUPPLY

Governors Of Seven Coal States Hold A Meeting In Chicago

(By Associated Press to The Banner) CHICAGO, Dec. 1—Governors of seven soft coal producing states, at a conference yesterday, agreed that the state governments should take all possible steps to obtain the production of coal and recommended to the federal government that a complete fuel administration, with an administrator for each state to be recommended by the governor, be perfected immediately. The state executives also requested equitable distribution of coal under uniform and rigid regulations in all states.

The executives participating in the conference, which was called by Governor Frederick D. Gardner of Missouri, announced that they had adjourned to meet in St. Louis next Sunday. In the meantime they will await further development of the federal government's efforts in bringing about resumption of production. Miles C. Riley of Madison, Wis., secretary of the meeting, was instructed to proceed to Washington, where he will remain temporarily as the representative of the governors and "to present to the authorities the seriousness of the situation in the states."

Governors in attendance at the conference were Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, James P. Goodrich of Indiana, W. L. Harding of Iowa, Gardner of Missouri, J. B. A. Robertson of Oklahoma, A. H. Roberts of Tennessee and Attorney General R. J. Hopkins of Kansas, who represented Governor Henry J. Allen.

ASHTABULA—Clifford Davis, 17 and R. E. Thuber, 18, are held here on charges of robbery.

SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED TODAY IN CITIES OVER THE NATION AS THE COAL SUPPLY RUNS OUT

Reports From The Large Coal Fields Give No Assurance That Union Miners Intend To Accept The Offer Of A Fourteen Percent Increase In Wages Made By The Federal Fuel Administrator; Many Non-Essential Industries Closed Down.

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE BANNER) CHICAGO, Dec. 1—Further stringent restrictions for the conservation of fuel supplies, made necessary by the strike of the bituminous coal miners, who now have been idle a month, were in effect today over virtually the entire country from Ohio to the Rocky Mountains and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

Regional fuel committees took charge of the coal supply in many states and non-essential industries were compelled to close down because of lack of fuel, while the hours for operating stores, theatres and office buildings were curtailed.

In Kansas City, Mo., Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., all schools were closed today and the officials of many other cities discussed the advisability of closing the schools until the fuel shortage is relieved.

Reports from the large fields of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, gave no assurance that union miners intended to accept the offer of a 14 per cent increase in wages made by the federal fuel administrator. Neither was there any indication that the local settlement effected between the miners and operators would be carried into effect.

West Virginia union officials stated that most of the organized miners were idle today.

OHIO LEGISLATURE WILL CONVENE LATE THIS AFTERNOON

(By Associated Press to The Banner) COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 1—If the legislature, which reconvenes this evening, accepts the recommendation of the joint tax commission relative to the debt limitation, cities will be limited in the amount of debts they may incur on the total tax duplicate.

ANOTHER NOTE IS FORWARDED TO CARRANZA

Indicated That It May Be The Last Relating To Jenkins' Release

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, Dec. 1—Another note to the Mexican government relating to the arrest and imprisonment of William O. Jenkins, consular agent at Puebla, was sent by the state department yesterday to the embassy at Mexico City for presentation today to Carranza.

The note, which some officials indicated might be the last on the subject, was in reply to Mexico's answer to a sharp demand by this government for immediate release of Jenkins. No intimation of its character was disclosed, but officials in touch with the situation believed it was more emphatic than any sent heretofore.

It was thought here last night that the note would be delivered by the American representative to the foreign office at Mexico City by noon today, but there was no statement as to when the text would be made public. State department officials declined to be questioned concerning the nature of the communication.

NO ULTIMATUM SENT TO MEXICO IN LAST NOTE

Text of Latest Note To Mexico Is Made Public This Afternoon

Arraigns Conduct of Mexican Government In Most Severe Terms

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, Dec. 1—Renewing its demand for the immediate release of Consular Agent Jenkins, now imprisoned at Puebla, the latest American note to Mexico was made public today.

It arraigns the conduct of the Mexican government in severe terms and characterizes it as an attempt to ensnare the American consular agent in the intricacies of legal proceedings.

No ultimatum was sent and no indication was given of what the American government's course would be if Jenkins is not released.

"It appears," says the note, "to have been the purpose of the Mexican government to assume a wilful indifference to the feelings of the American people."

The note says that the United States declines to be drawn into a judicial dispute of "irrelevant unimportant matters," and the demand for the release of the consular agent's release is founded on right and justice.

KOLCHAK'S MEN RETREAT WITH GREAT RAPIDITY

LONDON, Dec. 1—The forces of Admiral Kolchak, head of all the Russian government troops, are in retreat with such rapidity that they are unable to construct defensive works, says a wireless from Bolshevik headquarters at Moscow, today.

Bands of Bolsheviks continue to harass Kolchak who has now formed a body guard of 3,000 to protect him, the dispatch says.

WAR TIME ORDER ON CONSUMPTION OF COAL PLACED IN EFFECT TODAY

(By Associated Press to The Banner) WASHINGTON, Dec. 1—War time restrictions on the consumption of coal were ordered into effect today throughout the country for the period of the present strike emergency.

JENKINS GIVEN HIS RELEASE, IS REPORT TODAY

(By Associated Press to The Banner) EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 1—It was reported here today that American Consular Agent Jenkins had been liberated from jail. Mexican Agent Garcia here said he had heard the report but had received no verification of the report.

RICE ENTERS PLEA OF GUILTY

(By Associated Press to The Banner) GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 1—William Rice, a local printer, one of the more than 130 men indicted by the federal grand jury on charges growing out of the investigation of the campaign of Senator Newberry last year, appeared before Judge Session in United district court today and pleaded guilty.

SIX HURT IN AUTO CRASH

CLEVELAND, Dec. 1—Six persons, including four hospital nurses, narrowly escaped death when a fire engine truck, answering a false alarm, crashed into their automobile. Miss Rosa Lauschinger of Elmira, Can., a nurse, believed to have sustained internal injuries, was the most seriously hurt.