

COAL PRICES TOO HIGH; WILL EXPOSE GAMBLERS, SAYS U. S. TRADE BOARD

Federal Trade Commission Declares There Is No Shortage in Anthracite Coal and Increased Wages Have Been Taken Care of in Slight Increase in Wholesale Prices; Warns People Against a Buying Panic.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—Fretful retail prices of anthracite coal are unwarranted and the supply for next season is adequate, the federal trade commission stated today in a preliminary report based on a partially completed investigation ordered by congress last winter. The commission warns consumers against buying larger quantities of coal than usual this summer, saying it are symptoms now of a buying panic such as which enabled speculators last winter to force prices above normal. No good reason exists, says the report, why May prices should not be subject to the usual summer discount.

Will Expose Any Gamblers.

The commission is keeping in close touch with the anthracite situation and promises to "expose any unscrupulous wholesaler, or retailer who seeks to mislead the public into a belief that exorbitant prices are justifiable."

The United Mine Workers now wage scale which went into effect last week, increased production cost between 21 and 25 cents a ton, says the commission. Leading operators' prices at the mine for May provide for this increase.

No Drafting By Bayonet For U. S. Civilians Will Enroll New Army; War Department Reveals Plans

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—An official outline of the method by which military registration is to be carried out under the selective conscription bill was made public today, with an appeal from the war department for the voluntary services of state election and other officials in order that there may be no delay in enrolling and classifying millions of men for army duty.

A successful preparation has been made to place the whole task in the hands of civilian officials of the states and to remove every suggestion of military force in putting the measure into effect. The only function of the federal government will be supervision through the office of the provost marshal general. The department's statement follows:

Is in Hands of People.

"There was a time in the country's history when military conscription was drafted by bayonet, went out among the people to take a compulsory service, and the bayonet was the principle of universal liability to service the execution of the law is put into the hands of the people.

Register at Voting Precincts.

"The approval of the new national army bill and the president's proclamation (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1.)

WILSON HERE TO CONFERENCE MEET TO END DISPUTE OVER DIFFERENCES WILL DECIDE ABOUT ROOSEVELT PLAN TO TAKE ARMY TO FRANCE

Age Limit Will Be Settled, Probably Today, and Measure Rushed to Passage So That President May Sign It and Enrolment of Big Consript Army Begin at the Earliest Possible Date.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—Conferees on the war army selective draft bill again today sought to iron out differences between the house and senate. Work on the measure was postponed from yesterday because of the necessity of conferees responding to frequent roll calls in both houses on espionage bills.

The chief point of difference is over the age limit, the senate fixing it at 21 to 25 and the house at 21 to 40. The conferees hoped to reach an agreement today in order that the bill may be laid before president Wilson for his approval the first of the week.

21 to 35 Years, Probably.

It is believed that the conferees will agree on an age limit of about 21 and 35 years, so as to effect a compromise between the house and senate. The conferees are expected to meet at 2 to 3 o'clock for the purpose of the enrollment of about 1,000,000 men within two weeks after the proclamation is issued by the president and the registration commences.

Agreement To Be Reached.

There was no doubt this afternoon that the agreement would be reached and that the senate and house would concur, for there is an evident disposition to get through with the measure and make it a law in order to begin the enrollment of the new army.

EL PASO GETS A KEY RATE OF 15 CENTS, LOWEST IN TEXAS CITY

Is the Only Texas City Having Completely Motorized Fire Department and When Additional Fire Hydrants Are Installed and Alarm System Improved, a 10 Cent Key Rate Will Be Allowed.

EL PASO, Texas, May 5.—By an order issued today by the state fire insurance commission, the key rate of the city of El Paso is reduced to 15 cents, the lowest of any city in Texas, and from present indications, this key rate may be further reduced to 10 or 11 cents.

The commission's order becomes operative April 1. The action was taken by the commission because El Paso's fire department is now entirely motorized.

Only City With Motorized Department.

El Paso is the only city in Texas of the first class which has a full motorized department. Comparing El Paso's 15 cents key rate, it is shown that El Paso has a key rate of 18 cents; San Antonio, 17; Galveston and Houston, 18; Fort Worth and Port Arthur, 20; Waco, 21; and Beaumont, 25.

May Be Reduced to 10 Cents.

The commission has been advised by the city of El Paso that it will contribute to the installation of approved dimensions, and a required number of fire hydrants, which would reduce the key rate to 10 cents. The installation of a modern standard fire alarm system, which is contemplated, the key rate will be brought down to 10 cents.

ANOTHER LOAN GIVEN BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—A second loan was made today by the government to Great Britain. The amount, \$25,000,000, was transferred by secretary McAdoo to ambassador Spring Rice. It will meet Great Britain's requirements in this country for about three days.

The loan is for a short term and will be taken into the greater loan to be made when the proceeds of the big bond issue are in hand. Announcement also was made that the \$100,000,000 loan to France would be made within a day or so.

Prince Of Wales To Ask For Hand Of Princess Maud, His First Cousin

London, Eng., May 5.—Prince Edward Albert of Wales, heir apparent to the British throne, has answered for himself the question whom he will marry, according to the National News, a London weekly.

The News says the prince has decided he will ask for the hand of his first cousin, princess Maud, the youngest daughter of the princess Royal and sister to prince Arthur of Connaught. The young prince is 14 months older than the princess, who is 22. She has lived a retired life in the mountains of Norway. Her father, the king, and her mother, the queen, are both still living.

Drunks to Raise Crop, Is Mayor's Order

Lockhaven, Pa., May 5.—The mayor of Lockhaven, Pa., has issued an order that all drunks in the city be put to work on the crop.

The mayor, J. W. Smith, issued the order after a meeting of the city council. The council has decided that the city should not be burdened with the cost of caring for the drunks. The order provides that any drunk found in the city shall be taken to the workhouse and put to work on the crop.

BRITISH GAIN MORE GROUND

London, Eng., May 5.—The British have made further progress north of Havrincourt wood and near Fresnoy, according to an official statement issued by the war office this morning.

French Take 1000 Prisoners.

Paris, France, May 5.—Heavy counter attacks, launched by the Germans with fresh divisions last night on the positions captured by the French yesterday along the front from Craonne to Mont Carnillet, were repulsed, the war office announced today. In addition, the French had progress east of Mont Carnillet. More than 1000 prisoners have been taken by the French.

33 Austrians Apply For Citizenship; 33 Willing To Join Army For War

Chicago, Ill., May 5.—Thirty-three Austrians have applied for citizenship in this city, and 33 are willing to join the army for the war.

The Austrians, who are mostly young men, have applied for citizenship in order to be able to join the army. They are willing to serve in any branch of the army and are ready to go to the front at any time.

ESPIONAGE BILL TRACY CLEAR OF GOES TO SENATE UNDER CHARGE

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—The house espionage bill with its censorship feature, following its passage yesterday, by a vote of 350 to 106, went to the senate today, where a similar measure was under consideration.

The modified censorship provision was adopted by the house by a vote of 194 to 152 after it had voted down 226 to 167 the entire administration censorship section. This section was taken despite reports that president Wilson had sent word that the authority sought was "absolutely necessary." Opponents of censorship are threatening to carry their fight to conference.

The main censorship section of the espionage bill was under consideration today. Senate leaders have abandoned hope of passing the measure before next week.

The house censorship provides that the president may by proclamation prohibit publication of news, but that prosecutions under the law must be supported by proof that the publication of news in question was valuable to the enemy.

RUSS LEADERS STAND FIRM; REFUSE TO VIEW THE WAR AS PREMIER LVOFF, FOREIGN MINISTER MILUKOFF AND OTHERS DECLARE RUSSIA CANNOT GO BACK ON WORD TO SUPPORT WAR AND KEEP OUT OF SEPARATE PEACE WITHOUT INCURRING GRAVE MENACE; GOVERNMENT UPHOLD.

PETROGRAD, Russia, May 5.—The provisional government, through premier Lvoff, has declined to modify the note sent to the allies, pledging unflinching support throughout the war, and no separate peace.

The government declares that the ministers are prepared to resign their posts, if necessary.

The council of workmen and soldiers' delegates has passed a vote of confidence in the government by a majority of 15. The number of delegates voting was 2500.

Premier Lvoff said:

"It is impossible to send another note. The temporary government will comply with its duty and leave its position rather than in any way step, which would menace the country with very serious consequences. The government understands fully the responsibility it has assumed in behalf of the country and in the view of that responsibility is ready to resign if it becomes necessary."

Milukoff Has Same View.

Foreign minister Milukoff, who sent the note, confirming the stand taken by premier Lvoff, said:

"When I expressed the view of the temporary government, I had no other aim. The recent note develops the idea expressed in the first note which was worked out in conjunction with the council of deputies. If we compare the notes it is clear that they constitute a step forward. The events of yesterday will make the allies very sad, while pleasing our enemies."

Can't Send New Note.

"In regard to the suggestion of a new note, M. Milukoff said that such a step was quite impossible.

ENGLAND'S HIGH REVENUE POOR

Washington, D. C., May 5.—Normal business conditions prevailed in England after her entry into the war, Lord Easton Perry, British trade expert, said today, discussing the economic upheaval that hostilities had brought to that country. Industry, he said, could not keep going in peace times, owing to a fundamental change in demand, but the immediate displacement of labor that followed proved not so serious, as it was all shortly absorbed into other lines of work built up by war needs.

The expert, however, lost a large part of their wealth by income taxes running as high as 33 1/2 percent, while the poor class, which had been prosperous because of increased wages, large gratification allowances and the influx of about 500,000 women of the lower class.

Had to Give Up Foreign Trade.

Lord Perry said a great restriction on output soon resulted. The foreign trade, he said, had been cut down to a minimum at first, not only because of expected conditions after the war, but also to keep up credit with the allies, which, however, that condition.

GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS ARE TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, May 5.—A plainer declaration of Germany's peace conditions will be made by chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg within a fortnight.

Dr. Karl Heilerich, the vice chancellor, announced yesterday that an answer would be made within this time by the chancellor to the interpellations presented by the conservatives and the Socialists. The chancellor's decision to define Germany's aims was the result of pressure exerted from all sides.

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The speech was to have been made Thursday, but on Wednesday it was announced that the declaration had been postponed until a more favorable time and that the interpellation would not be pressed. This was taken to mean that it had been decided to discuss any discussion until after the industrial unrest, incident to the May day demonstrations of munitions makers and others of the laboring classes, had subsided.

There have been intimations that Germany would be willing to restore occupied territory on the west and east in return for continuance of the free route to Russia and Mesopotamia.

RESTRICT POWER OF THE KAISER, DECIDES REICHTAG COMMITTEE

AMSTERDAM, Holland, May 5.—A restriction of the power of the emperor of Germany has been decided upon by the constitution committee of the reichstag, according to a dispatch from Berlin. The committee has decided to alter article XVII of the imperial constitution as follows:

"Ordnances and decrees of the kaiser will be issued in the name of the empire and will require for validity the counter signature of the imperial chancellor or his representative who thereby assumes responsibility to the reichstag."

The restriction of the committee was in accordance with a joint proposal by the Centrists, National Liberals and the Progressives. Four conservative members voted against the change.

The committee also adopted a resolution by the same proposer demanding a bill fixing the chancellor's responsibility for any violation of his official duty and the verification of such violation by a senate tribunal.

Other Proposals Rejected.

The constitution committee has rejected Dr. Bernstein's proposals regarding the approval of the Reichstag when treaties are being concluded and concluded, when war is declared and when peace agreements are being concluded. The Reichstag has also rejected the proposal to introduce a bill giving the Reichstag power to dismiss the chancellor when it wishes, the adviser said.

Stomach Pump For Georgia Drinkers

Macon, Ga., May 5.—A stomach pump has been added to the equipment of the detective department of the city of Macon with a view to aiding in the detection of violators of the "benzene" prohibition law.

City detective Ed Newberry secured authority from the chief of police to purchase a stomach pump and Kot city physician G. C. Gibson to instruct him in its use. He proposes to apply the stomach pump on every person arrested and whose breath has any evidence of the odor of whisky.

BRITISH LABOR LEADERS WELCOMED AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—British labor leaders sent to the United States at the invitation of the American Federation of Labor to participate in conferences, arrived here today from New York.

The delegation, which will serve as official advisers to American labor in the conduct of the war against Germany, was met at the union station by representatives of the American Federation of Labor, the British embassy, the state department and the department of labor. Secretary Wilson personally represented his department.

BRAZILIAN AND GERMAN MINISTERS ARE RELEASED

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, May 5.—On receipt of a cablegram from the Brazilian minister to Brazil, Adolpho, he is expected to arrive in Zurich today. The government has ordered that the German minister to Brazil, Adolpho, be permitted to continue his journey to Uruguay.

Herr Paul had been ordered detained in connection with the passport of the Brazilian representative.

JEWS IN PALESTINE ARE MENACED BY MASSACRE

Chicago, Ill., May 5.—Jews in Palestine are threatened with a massacre, according to a cablegram received today by Adolph Kraus, of Chicago, international president of the Order of B'nai B'rith. The cablegram was from president Gilbert of the London lodge. Mr. Kraus has appealed to the secretary of state Lansing to have the attention of the Turkish government called to the report.

CHICAGO UNION LABOR FAVORS VIGOROUS CONDUCT OF WAR

Chicago, Ill., May 5.—The old guard of labor of Chicago, "composed of trade unionists who have been in the union movement for 25 years or more, have adopted resolutions urging universal military training and service and the vigorous prosecution of the war through the despatch of troops to Europe at the earliest moment.

Fourteen unions in the building and printing trades and the railroad brotherhood were represented at the meeting, which adopted the resolutions.

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Everybody Wants The Herald Around Alpine

"IT IS EASY to see which paper is the popular one in this part of the country," writes Charles Thomas, traveling salesman of the Lone Star Motor company, from Alpine, Tex. "Every one in this district is anxious to get The El Paso Herald and I believe one of the best boosters for your paper is that a man who was editor of the Sunday edition of the San Antonio Express, subscribes for The Herald in preference to the Express."

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ONE WANT AD SELLS AN AUTOMOBILE

"WANT ADS in The Herald certainly sell well," said C. R. Johnson, of the El Paso Auto Sales company, Friday. "We advertised a real bargain in a used car and our sales force was simply swamped with people who wanted to buy that car. We didn't keep track of the number of inquiries—I wish now that we had—but we had at least 20 real prospects and at one time there were no less than three men here showing their money at me and each trying to beat the other to the car."

There's a Tremendous Difference Between Being "Ready" and Being "Not Ready"