...ES TO ...NE FIGHT ...COAL PRICE

...Starts Campaign ...Aid Have to Obtain ...al Legislation.

...of Rock Island has been ...in a campaign started ...to bring nation-wide in- ...the United States con- ...a bill that is intended ...profiteering in coal by pro- ...for the interstate com- ...commission to fix prices and ...other control of the coal ...

...is more, it is proposed that ...legislation would give right ...committee or agent of a ...upon application, to have ac- ...to records dealing with the ...production, sale, transportation and ...distribution of coal.

...city of Brockton, Mass., has ...the campaign and the city ...of that muncipality has writ- ...to the Rock Island city officials ...them to join in the cam- ...such as many city officials ...said to have done, and as many ...have recently been invited to ...The Rock Island city officials ...scheduled to discuss the prop- ...at their regular weekly ...this afternoon. The idea ...incorporates the plan of influencing United States congressmen by let- ...and otherwise.

Brockton's Complaint.

The communication from City Clerk J. Albert Sullivan of Brockton, Mass., in part says:

"This is an unusual appeal. Our city, in common with scores of others throughout this part of the country, finds itself in the position that its people are unable to buy coal except at exorbitant prices. Hard coal is selling here from $18 to $20 a ton at retail. Soft coal has been selling as high as $18 a ton at retail. It is a little lower now, selling around $16. Before the war, $5 was a high price for hard coal; $4 for soft. These prices are unwarranted by increases in wages or transportation. We are powerless ourselves to get relief from these high prices. Our industries are at a low ebb and our people, hundreds of them, with their coal bins empty. We are of the opinion that the profiteers responsible for these high prices can not be prosecuted under existing laws. We urgently request your cooperation in obtaining legislation from congress which will lower the price of coal, and incidentally lessen the activity of those who are exploiting the American public in other ways.

"Evolution in government is better than revolution. The plan that we ask you to follow may seem to be a new step in popular government. It is so powerful, however, that unusual criticism will be directed at it, counceling delay and inaction. This criticism will come for the most part from men under the influence of the unscrupulous interests responsible for some of the unwarranted high cost of living during the war."

After outlining the city's proposed line of attack the communication says:

"If the time comes when we can be of similar service to help solve some problems of yours, it will please us to be so informed. Selfishness and greed seem to have the American people in their grip. They play the game wisely. One part of the country suffers in one way; another section is hard hit in some other way; so it is difficult to get concerted action. By some such mutual cooperation as this, much can be gained. We hope valuable suggestions by you will be sent on to Washington to supplement those made by us in this matter."

Request of Congress.

The petition of the city of Brockton to congress suggests several things as possible basic principles of the bill that the city asks be passed to control the coal situation. The suggestion is also made that severe jail sentences be made the penalty for violation of any part of the proposed bill. Some of the city's suggestions to congress are:

"Suggestion No. 1—The interstate commerce commission is hereby directed, and empowered to fix the price of coal, kind and quality considered, whenever and wherever sold either by producer or dealer; to establish rules for the regulation of and to regulate the method of production, sale, shipment, distribution, apportionment or storage thereof among dealers and consumers; and to have such other powers relating thereto as it now exercises over railroads and common carriers. It shall not be incumbent upon said commission to fix prices at small mines producing coal for local consumption unless so requested by petition or complaint; neither shall it be required to fix prices for the sale of coal by retailers unless similarly requested.

"Suggestion No. 2—Any committee or agent authorized to represent a city, town, state or group of the same, upon application to the interstate commerce commission, shall be issued a permit, giving such access to any record which have to do with the production, sale, shipment, transportation, distribution, apportionment or storage of coal, as will give adequate information, whether or not the provisions of this act are complied with and observed.

"Suggestion No. 3—Until such time as the commission can put into effect its control of the coal industry; the following regulations are to govern the production and sale of coal: The wholesale price of coal, kind and quality considered, at any mine shall in no case exceed the 'base price,' so called, fixed by the authority of the federal government. The wholesale price of coal not at the mine and sold through a broker agent, shall in no case be more than 20 cents a ton in advance of the base price at the mine plus the authorized transportation charge from the mine. In the sale and shipment of coal at the mines and elsewhere, orders from consumers and from dealers selling directly to the consumer, shall take precedence over all other orders. No coal shall be sold for shipment out of the country until, in the judgement of the interstate commerce commission, the needs of domestic consumers and retail dealers have been supplied or cared for."

The communication states that the request for aid in getting such a bill passed has been sent to the following cities in Illinois:

Chicago, Aurora, Rockford, Freeport, Moline, Galesburg, Pekin, Lincoln, Kankakee, Decatur, Carrollton, Litchfield, Bellville, Centralia, Metropolis, Marion, Elgin, Belvidere, Rock Fals, Rock Island, Quincy, Peoria, Bloomington, Danville, Champaign, Jacksonville, Springfield, East St. Louis, Olney, Harrisburg and Cairo.

REPORTED CHOICE FOR SECRETARY TO NEW PRESIDENT

Richard Washburn Child.

Although no official announcement has been made, it is generally reported that Richard Washburn Child, lawyer and writer, will be named secretary to President-elect Harding when the new chief executive enters the White house next March. Child is a New Yorker. He is the author of several books and a contributor to magazines. He is also talked of for a cabinet position.

LEGION SEEKS TO ENTERTAIN DISABLED VET

Illinois Department Inaugurates Campaign to Aid Ex-Service Men in Hospitals.

For the purpose of entertaining every disabled ex-service man and woman, receiving treatment in the 72 hospitals throughout the state, on Christmas day the Illinois department of the American Legion is asking for $50,000 as a Christmas gift from the people of Illinois to its disabled ex-service men.

Every post is being called upon to aid in obtaining the funds that will assure a real Christmas tree for each of the hospitals as well as suitable presents, delicacies, smokes and entertainment.

To show the men that their former comrades have not forgotten them and to help them forget their cares and worries is the slogan adopted by the department.

Not Spasmodic Effort.

"This is not a spasmodic effort on the part of the legion," says William R. McCauley, department commander. "We intend to furnish entertainment and programs for the men and women all through the winter with the funds that are obtained in this drive.

"The people of Illinois are loyal to those who fought for them. They have not forgotten them, but many do not realize that more than 4,000 are in institutions and hospitals receiving treatment for diseases and wounds contracted in the service.

"We are asking support in this drive and we are sure that the heart of everyone is with us in this enterprise."

Committees in Charge.

Committees, consisting of members of the executive board, past officials, service officers and members, will be appointed to supervise the work of caring for the hospitals.

It has been estimated that the cost for each institution will be nearly $500 during the Christmas holidays. This includes the Christmas tree, presents, eats and delicacies, smokes and entertainment.

A large portion of the funds are also to be set aside for clothing and necessities for the men and women who are not furnished by the government. Then, too, expenditures are to be made in caring for the dependents of men who are unable to support them.

The campaign will last until Christmas eve and will be conducted in every community. Checks and contributions will be accepted by The Argus and forwarded to the American Legion.

FIRE EPIDEMIC.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 6.—An epidemic of fires in several Texas cities and towns Saturday and Sunday, caused the loss of one life and property damage totaling upward of a quarter million of dollars.

National President Urges Education of Children to Appreciation of Music

Explaining the program as outlined by the National Federation of Musical clubs for the next two years, which aims mostly at education of children to music appreciation and understanding, and emphasizing the necessity of spreading musical interest through the advancement of the organization slogan, "A music club in every county and state of the union, and juvenile auxiliaries," Mrs. F. A. Seiberling of Akron, Ohio, the national president, gave an inspiring talk at the noon breakfast given in her honor Saturday noon at Rock Island arsenal golf club. Her audience included the members of the executive board of the Tri-iCty Musical association and the local biennial staff. Rock Island already has its children's work started in the student department of the Rock Island Musical club.

Comparing the call to further the spread of music to that of religion, Mrs. Seiberling urged the developing of the musically undeveloped parts of the country, the fortunate to share their fortune with those who do not have opportunities to go forward musically.

"If we are going to grow we can't concentrate in the big cities," said Mrs. Seiberling. "We must give of our great wealth to parts that have nothing. Our ideals have been thought over and we have found we were working from the wrong apex.

"Illinois, for instance, has 40 musical clubs. Think what that means. Only 40 musical clubs in this great state. You can never attain any great success when there is no organization. The clubs must band together to make music through the country everywhere.

Work Through Schools.

"We can't build up musical centers by giving concerts for grown-ups. If we are to become a musical nation we must begin educating the children. So its through the schools that much of the work can be done, as well as through your juvenile clubs. Music should be compulsory. Teach the children to drink in music, just as they do their other studies. We realize that in the plastic years is the time for the children to learn harmony. And if education is to show us how to express ourselves, think what we will be doing for the children, who are the musicians of tomorrow and the appreciative audiences of tomorrow. So many go through life bottled up. And these children will have also the general culture which should go with musical art.

"Music in the home, among the young people is what we need. Urge your boy to take his violin under his arm when he goes to call on his best girl," brought a laugh of appreciation, but Mrs. Seiberling stuck to her point.

She urged that "we must insist art be dignified; that life and mind keep step with muisical faculties; that we must bring up and round out character to the level of attainments.

"If America stands for anything, it is first of all for character," she said.

"I believe the tri-city biennial is going to be the inspiration of a great musical movement throughout the country; that you are going to make history."

Orchestras Help.

The importance of orchestras and bands in schools, the organizations of this kind in the four high schools of Oakland, Calif.; of how splendid the interest is being awakened all over the country among school children who eagerly seek the honor of "playing in the band," of the need of players of other instruments besides the well known strings, were among things Mrs. Seiberling told her audience.

The national president stated there are 700 clubs in the national federation and she would "be disappointed if we do not have 2,000 by the time the period closes."

There was announcement a banquet would be offered the state enrolling the greatest number of clubs before next June and that Texas has 86 clubs already listed; that the $5,000 prize for the Apochalypse oratoria wolud be awarded, that six manuscripts were already in the hands of Miss Ella Mary Smith and it was expected all would be ready and have gone through the hands of the committee by the middle of March.

Sticker Design Displayed.

The biennial sticker design of which "we are going to have a million printed" was displayed. It is the design of a Rhode Island girl and is a round wafer with "National Federation of Musical clubs" around the rim, the names Rock Island, Moline and Davenport in ovals of the center triangle with the maxim, "All roads lead to Tri-Cities June, 1921."

The Ad club complimented the sticker design as "the best" and it is proposed to have different sizes for autos and "everything stickable," to advertise the biennial.

It was also announced by Mrs. Sieberling there might be as many as 54 young artists taking part on programs of voice, piano and strings in the different contests for national honors, which give winners a tour in concert of the country and engagements with musical clubs.

Frank L. Smart, superintendent of the Davenport high school spoke briefly of the advantages of the biennial coming to the three cities, and music in the schools.

Dr. Gustav Andreen, president of Augustana college, was introduced as toastmaster by Mrs. J. J. Dorgan, chairman of the local biennial board, and in turn introduced Mrs. Seiberling and Mr. Smart, and the program concluded with "Sing, Sing, Sing" which was led by Mrs. Seiberling who announced the text and led the singing, Mrs. Frank Gates Allen being at the piano.

There were about seventy-five guests to enjoy the breakfast and informal reception tendered the National Federation president.

Mrs. W. F. Murdock of Clinton, just elected second vice president of the Iowa Federation of Musical clubs at the Grinnell biennial, was a guest at the breakfast having accompanied Miss Norma Wiese home from the convention city. She left for her home after the reception.

Mrs. Seiberling was the house-guest of Mrs. Allen at "Allendale," Moline, during her stay here.

Yesterday afternoon the visitor was the honored guest at a tea at the new music center, when members of the Tri-City Symphony orchestra and of tri-city musical organizations were invited to meet her, between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock. The affair was delightfully informal. Mrs. Seiberling was greatly pleased with the new center and the interest in music which had prompted its establishment. She left on the 5:20 train for her home in Akron.

She has traveled 30,000 miles from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast, from Canada to the gulf in the interest of the work of musical clubs since her election as president at the biennial in 1919 at the MacDowell home in Petersboro, N. H., and her visit here is incidental to one of her trips as she has been attending a special meeting of musical clubs in Peoria the past week.

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PREFERENTIAL RATE INQUIRY

Washington, Dec. 6.—Investigation into the advisability of permitting railroads to grant preferential rates on commodities carried to ports for shipment in American vessels was begun today by the shipping board.

Hearings will be conducted by the full board recently named by President Wilson under the Jones act and representatives of steamship lines, shippers and railroads will discuss the situation.

Last summer the interstate commerce commission suspended until Jan. 1 the operation of the preferential rail rate section of the Jones act upon the recommendation of the shipping board in order that a survey could be made of the American shipping in the ports of the country.

Boy Scout News

Boy Scouts in the city are making real use of the remaining time before the big Scout rally of Dec. 17 to get in some real practice for the various events. This meet has attracted many enthusiasts that previous gatherings of this sort and the competition is bound to be keen. The judges for this rally will be men of the city who have no special interest in any one troop. The big prize of the meet will be the silver loving cup now held by troop No. 16. Winners of second and third places will be given banners.

Court of honor meeting will be held Thursday evening, Dec. 16 at Scout headquarters. This is one night before the regular time which happens to conflict with the rally. Scouts of every troop are to be present to be reviewed on tests. Meeting starts promptly at 7:30.

Scout troops in the city are all getting ready to do their Christmas "good turns." Many of them have special families that they have been looking after year after year and these will be taken care of again this season.

Troop No. 5 of Longfellow school is putting on a picture show entertainment Friday evening of this week at the school gym. Receipts from tickets sold will go to furnishing the troop with needed equipment.

Troop No. 21 met at the legion hall Saturday evening with a good attendance. This troop, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Emil Johnson and Reuben Pealstrom, is making a fine showing in Scout activities and will be heard from in the Scout rally.

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George Loane Tucker's statement: "There is a message in "Earthbound" that the wide world is greatly and deeply interested in. I sincerely hope that everyone who liked my production of "The Miracle Man," wil lgo to see "Earthbound."

Gouveneur Morris, deeply moved: "That astounding drama which yesterday passed with unutterable dignity before our astounded eyes: Dignity, power, passion, drama—my heart almost stopped beating. No great work of art has ever held me more spellbound."

Two men built their lives on this creed: "No God—no sin—no future life."

It flung one headlong into the future he scoffed at. It put the other on trial for his life. Then the murdered man came back from his world of shadows. Back to his wife and the woman who had invited him to sin.

Passion still held him to the scenes of his transgression. Even in death he could not escape.

He was earthbound.

How far away are the dead? Is the spirit held to the earth by its desire?

Don't fail to see this great picture.

"Earthbound" is one of the big achievements of the year, ranking with "The Miracle Man" for its dignified treatment of the spiritual, with "Behind the Door" for its dramatic tensity, with "Broken Blossoms" for its heart appeal, and with "Humoresque" for its story, atmosphere, and the skill of its players.

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Black Canteen Bags, silk lined, fitted with mirror, coin purse, emery boards, lip stick and powder box, priced at $3.25

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Three-piece Ivory Set, consisting of comb, brush and mirror, hand painted designs in butterfly and rose, forget me-not, pink and yellow rose, four different sets, priced per set, $13.50, $19.50, $19.75 and $24.25

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New Gold and Silver Mesh Bags, New Designs

Splendid group of silver and gold mesh bags in fine mesh and fish scale mesh, various style tops, priced at $6.00

Larger size mesh bags in fish scale mesh silver only, different style tops, adorned at bottom with single bead and beads, priced at $9.50

An unusual line presented in both fine mesh and fish scale mesh, silver and gold finish, large assortment of various style tops, with lace design and fringed bottoms, prices range from $10.00 to $35.00