

SMALL HOPE FOR EARLY DELIVERY OF NEW COAL CAR

And Roads Are Having New Uses for Those They Have.

POWER IS SHORT ALSO

Transportation Phase of Fuel Problem is Not Much Brighter.

By MILTON BRONNER. Special Staff Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Supply of coal cars to the mines adequate to prevent famine is hampered not only by the slowness with which cars are moved to and from the mines, but also by:

First—A decrease in the number of good cars;

Second—Increased coal burdens placed upon the railroads in certain sections;

Third—Increased use of open top cars for other purposes than transport of coal.

Director General McArdoo some time back ordered a big quantity of both cars and engines. But C. R. Gray, his director of transportation, in a report to Chairman E. D. Smith, of the Senate committee on interstate commerce, does not hold out any brilliant hopes.

He says the fundamental need is for motive power, and the intention is therefore to employ the maximum capacity of the locomotive plants of the country, at present hampered by lack of steel. The railroads are probably short about 4,000 locomotives and 200,000 to 250,000 freight cars.

On January 1 the locomotive plants had on order 2,448 engines. In three months they delivered only 321. This was due to shortage of materials, also because the nation's needs for engines in France received first call.

This left the plants with 2,127 engines still on order, and the railroad administration has ordered 1,025 more, making a total of 3,152 for which no very speedy delivery can be forecast.

The average production of freight cars in the country for the seven years ending last December 31 was 98,215 annually.

The addition of these cars only ran the total number up from 2,195,511 in 1911 to 2,342,699 on December 31, 1916. The excess of new cars over those re-

tired from service was thus less than 148,000 in six years.

On January 1 there were on order 42,696 freight cars, of which 15,171 were finished by March 31. This left 27,525 still to go, and in addition the railroad administration placed orders for 50,000 box cars, 45,000 coal cars and 5,000 other cars.

Judging by production in past years, the government will be lucky if it gets the better portion of these cars by the late fall. There is no good prospect from Gray's figures, that any large portion of these engines and cars will be ready to carry coal before snow blocks the tracks.

The bulk of the work will have to be accomplished by the cars the roads now have.

The war has placed new burdens on the railroads. For instance, oil from Mexico and phosphate rock from Florida and South Carolina used to go by ocean steamers. Because of the great demand for vessels to carry troops and supplies to Europe, these things now travel by rail.

An average of about 33,000,000 tons of coal is moved into New England; 20,000,000 of this by ships from Newport News. Now most of this has to be moved by rail.

The shipping board is building 250 wooden and concrete barges of 2,500 tons capacity to carry coal by sea to New England. First deliveries are hoped for by August and all are to be completed December 1. The present U-boat menace may interfere with this sea program.

Open-top cars, which theoretically ought now to carry nothing but coal, are devoted to many other purposes. In the fall, many will carry sugar beets in Ohio, Michigan and the far west and sugar cane and sorghum in the south.

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Start New Move for Dry United States

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, June 14.—With only five members present the Senate agricultural committee today tentatively inserted in the agricultural appropriation bill the amendment of Senator Jones of Washington to provide for national prohibition during the war.

The committee struck out the Randall amendment which would prevent the expenditure of about \$6,000,000 under the provision of the bill unless the President prevents the use of grain and food stuff in the manufacture of beer and wine.

Opponents of prohibition announced that efforts would be made to have the committee reconsider its action in view of the fact that only five senators were present.

Burley Toothman, of Fairview, spent a few days last week with his brother, Mr. Hugh Toothman.

URGED YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE INDUSTRIOUS

Father Boutlou Made Timely Address at St. Peter's School Commencement.

Pretty and interesting exercises were held last evening in connection with the closing of St. Peter's parochial school and at the exercises diplomas were presented to five boys and girls of the school.

The exercises were held in the auditorium of the school and were in charge of the sisters, who conduct the school.

At the conclusion of the exercises, Father Boutlou gave a short address in which he urged the children to spend the vacation months profitably and tend their war gardens carefully.

He presented diplomas to the following: Carl Creighton, John Anwyll, Carl Grottenick, Lulu Weighman and Rosalie Skiles.

The program opened with a chorus entitled "Welcome Kind Friends" sung by a number of young girls. This was followed by a two piano piece played by the Misses Madeline Waltz, Mary McAtee, Sophie Doman and Mary Grottenick. A clever song "The Tall Top Hat" was sung by a group of boys led by Meredith Small who was dressed in a dress suit with a tall top hat and cane.

Another two piano piece followed played by the Misses Margaret Grottenick, Mildred McKain, Brownie Harrison and Mary Walter and a number of little folks sang prettily a song entitled "The Little Cooks" in costume.

The second part of the program consisted of a clever play entitled "The Roses of St. Dorothy." The best talent the school affords participated in this production. The leading roles were taken by the Misses Margaret Ruddy, and Rosalie Skiles while other parts were taken by the Misses Lulu Weighman, Helen Brant, Anna Frank, Edward Doman, Anna May Grottenick and John Anwyll, Carl Grottenick, John Talbot and James Brackton.

The following awards were given for proficiency in penmanship, these awards having been given by the A. N. Palmer company: Rosalie Skiles, Anna Frank, Margaret Ruddy, Margaret Kane, Edvina Doman and Carl Creighton.

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Shot Fired at Train Injured J. J. Lynch

Jess J. Lynch, of Bellview, B. and O. inspector, was painfully but not seriously injured by flying glass yesterday, the result of a gun shot fired at a B. and O. train on which he was riding which shattered the glass. His arm and hand were severely cut. He came on to Clarksburg where his wounds were dressed and last night returned to his home here. The affair occurred at Salem and as yet no clue to the party who fired the shot had been found.

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