

MAY SEIZE MINES

GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS TELLS ATTORNEY GENERAL TO DRAW UP PAPERS.

OPERATORS DEFY 'DICTATOR'

Lowden Seeks Advice on Drastic Step When Mine Operators Break Pact—President Declares He Will Act in Crisis.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 20.—Governor Lowden issued an order on Friday to Attorney General Brundage to prepare the necessary legal papers for seizure of Illinois coal mines by the state.

It is understood here that if the attorney general decides that the mines may be seized without action by the general assembly, the National Guard regiments not already in the federal service will be called upon to patrol the mines.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—Coal Director Carter found his power defied at the beginning of the hearing on coal prices.

Attorneys Ralph Crews, Rush C. Butler and Samuel Adams, for the operators, asked permission to speak.

They read the resolution adopted by the Operators' association repudiating the agreement by which Judge Carter's decisions on price were to be binding on the mines.

Judge Carter said: "I do not think it necessary to enter into any discussion of this question. I have had Governor Lowden on the wire and he has told me to go ahead. I regret greatly that all parties to this inquiry will not be represented."

"On the subject of price, however, if I am to determine it I shall take no directions from anyone."

Washington, Aug. 20.—President Wilson, Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of Labor Wilson prepared to take a hand in the Illinois coal situation.

Its seriousness was explained to the president by Francis S. Peabody of Chicago, chairman of the coal production committee of the national council of defense, and the largest coal operator in Illinois, and John B. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America.

In response to their plea that the only remedy lay in prompt action by the president in exercising the authority for federal control of coal conferred upon him by the food bill, he gave assurances on Friday that he would act without delay.

Secretary Baker and Secretary Wilson agreed to prepare messages for distribution among the striking coal miners of Illinois urging them to go back to work as a patriotic duty.

\$400,000 FIRE AT SPRINGFIELD

Women's Building of Columbus Exposition Destroyed at Illinois Capital—Soldiers Fight Flames.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 20.—Fire early Friday night destroyed the dome building on the Illinois state fair grounds, entailing a loss estimated at \$400,000, with only \$25,000 insurance. The building was the historic women's building of the Columbian exposition in Chicago and was purchased by the state board of agriculture and moved to Springfield in 1894. The blaze started from defective electric wiring. Two thousand soldiers, quartered at Camp Lowden, fought the flames. They succeeded in saving the records of Col. Daniel Devore, U. S. A., who is here as mustering officer of the Illinois soldiery.

WAR TAX ON AUTO OWNERS

Automobile Section of Measure Adopted by Senate—Provides Graded Tax on Cars and Motorcycles.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The automobile section of the war tax bill was adopted by the senate. It provides a graduated federal tax on automobile and motorcycle owners instead of the house levy of 5 per cent on manufacturers' sales. Between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 in revenue would be secured by the senate's tax, against \$68,000,000 under the house bill.

PLAN FOR ADVERTISING LOAN

May Cost From \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 for Publicity Work.

Washington, Aug. 17.—A detailed plan for advertising the next issue of Liberty loan bonds in newspapers and other mediums of publicity to cost from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, and to be paid for by the government, was presented to Secretary McAdoo by the national advertising advisory board, with the recommendation that it be adopted.

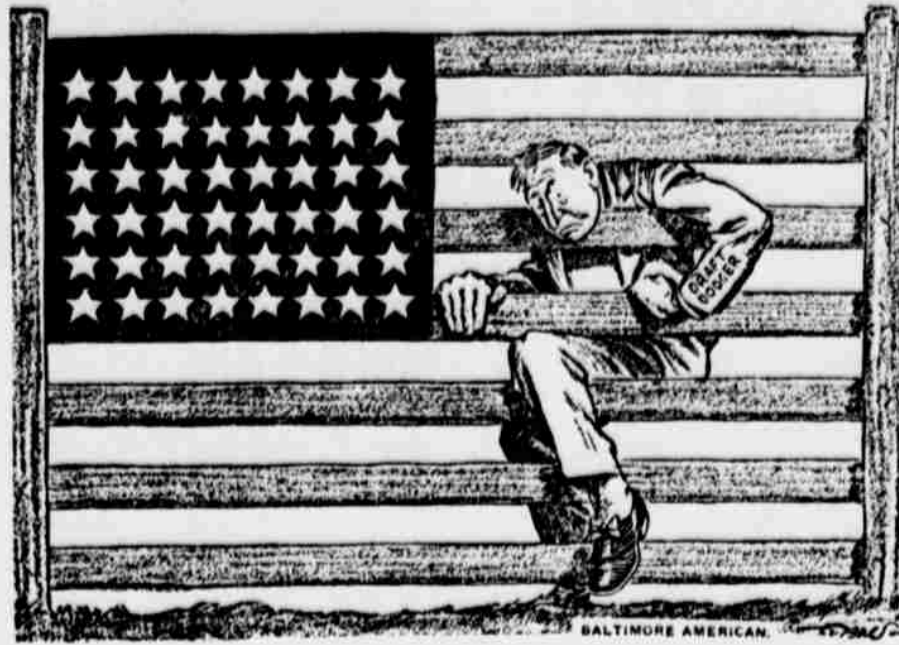
Misouri Threatens Seizure of Mines.

St. Louis, Aug. 20.—Seizure of Missouri coal mines and prosecution of Missouri coal dealers on charges of violating the state antitrust law was threatened by Attorney General McAllister in a formal statement.

Two Killed, Four Hurt in Train Wreck.

Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 20.—Engineer Jerry Scott and Fireman W. A. Hamock were killed and four persons injured when a Missouri, Kansas and Texas limited passenger and a freight train telescoped at Watagua.

HE CAN'T GET OUT OF IT



U. S. CONTROLS GRAIN GUARDS TO FRANCE

PROCLAMATION PUTS WHEAT AND RYE UNDER LICENSE.

\$50,000,000 Corporation Formed to Purchase the Entire Crop of 1917, if Necessary.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Authority for putting into effect Herbert C. Hoover's food control program, as applied to grain, was given in a proclamation issued by President Wilson.

Predicated on the food and fuel act, the proclamation gives the food administration power to license the storage and distribution of wheat and rye and the manufacture, storage and distribution of all products derived therefrom.

Prior to issuance of the proclamation announcement was made at the food administration headquarters of the personnel of the boards which will fix prices and attend to the purchase of grains.

Determination to form a \$50,000,000 food administration grain corporation to purchase the entire 1917 crop, if need be, to maintain fair prices, also was announced.

The price-fixing committee contains in its personnel representatives of the producers and the consumers. The men are business men, farmers and representatives of organized labor.

U. S. MAY CHANGE DRAFT RULE

Protest Against Calling All Married Men to Colors—Wilson Promises to Act in Matter.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—Protests from Chicago and other big cities against the new regulations which permit few married men to obtain exemption resulted in President Wilson's taking a hand in the matter.

According to advices from Washington, the president wrote to Senator Weeks of Massachusetts that he would confer with Secretary Baker and Provost Marshal General Crowder to see if the new regulations are fully justified.

The president's letter was in reply to one from Senator Weeks, in which the senator said there was great dissatisfaction all over the country because of the acceptance of so many married men.

The regulations in point provide that married men are to be exempted only when their dependents suffer by their acceptance. When a wife is able to work or can be cared for by her family, or that of her husband, the husband is to be taken, the regulations specify.

THREATEN TO KILL COWS

Illinois Milk Producers Open Fight on Price to Be Fixed by the United States.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Prices to be fixed by the government for milk are likely to prove unsatisfactory to Chicago producers, according to predictions. H. C. Potter, chairman of the board of the Chicago Milk Producers' association, has informed Alderman Willis O. Nance of the council health committee that cows will be sent to the slaughterhouses if the food administration and the Chicago health committee do not allow the producers a reasonable profit.

KANSAS CITY STRIKE ENDS

Officials of Street Car Company Accept Proposal Men Had Already Approved.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 18.—The strike of operating employees of the Kansas City Railways company was ended on Thursday when officials of the company agreed to accept a settlement proposal already voted upon favorably by the men. The strike was declared August 8 and has completely tied up every line in the city since that time.

Hogs \$18.60 and Going Up.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—Hogs resumed their advance at the opening of the live stock market, and within an hour \$18.60 had been bid, with a prospect of still higher prices. Dealers see a prospect for hogs at \$20.

French Troops in Roumania.

Geneva, Aug. 20.—French troops are fighting with the Russians and Roumanians on the Moldavian front. Earlier it had been reported that British artillerymen were assisting the Russo-Roumanian forces.

STATE MILITIA TO SEE ACTIVE SERVICE SOON.

Units From Twenty-Six States and District of Columbia Ordered to Mobilize.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Plans for sending the first National Guard troops to France have been perfected by the war department with the organization of a division which will include troops from 26 states and the District of Columbia.

The commanding officer of the division will be Brig. Gen. W. A. Mann of the regular army, now chief of the division of militia affairs of the war department.

The states from which the National Guard troops are to be assembled are: Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New York, Ohio, Georgia, Alabama, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Maryland, South Carolina, California, Missouri, Virginia, North Carolina, Kansas, Texas, Michigan, New Jersey, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado, Oregon. The others come from District of Columbia.

Discussion of the time and place of mobilization of the division or of its departure for France are not permissible under the voluntary censorship. The structure of the division as given in the official statement shows it will conform to the reduced trench warfare divisional organization, recommended by Major General Pershing, which would give it a total strength with auxiliary troops of approximately 20,000 men.

CANADIANS WIN HILL NO. 70

Famous Position Near the City of Lens, Deemed Impregnable by Foe, Falls.

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 17.—After the brilliant advance in the morning in which the Canadians captured Hill 70 and then swept on northwest of Lens the attackers are in close grips with the Germans in the western part of Lens.

Considerable numbers of German prisoners are beginning to arrive in the collection depots. The new British front has been established on a triangular line, like a pair of shears whose points are to the north and south of Lens.

EAST ST. LOUIS RIOTERS HELD

Officials Arrest Persons Charged With Rioting, Assault, Arson and Conspiracy.

East St. Louis, Ill., Aug. 18.—State and city officers started out on Thursday to make wholesale arrests on the indictments returned at Belleville charging 105 persons with conspiracy, assault, riot and arson in connection with the race riots of July 1 and 2.

When the roundup was completed 25 white men and 9 negroes had been arrested. The true bill named 82 whites and 23 negroes as responsible.

13 STATES ACT ON COAL

Governors and Others at Chicago Conference Decide to Go Ahead With Own Control.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Middle and northwestern states are to take immediate and drastic steps to fill their coal bins and at prices shorn of exorbitant "war profits." Thirteen states, their representatives meeting in Chicago on Thursday at the invitation of the Illinois state council of defense, unanimously urged immediate general action upon the president. But in the meantime all states propose to go ahead, make inquiries, fix prices and otherwise control the situation.

Four French Ships Sunk.

Paris, Aug. 18.—The weekly report of shipping losses gives one steamship of more than 1,600 tons and three of smaller size as having been sunk in the week ended August 12 out of 1,010 arrivals and 1,028 clearances.

Young Pershing Tries Again.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 18.—Arthur E. Pershing, nephew of General Pershing, still is trying to join the army. Young Pershing was rejected three times because of physical disabilities.

THE 1917 STATE LEVY

\$4,500,000 TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

Many Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources at the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Nebraska's state tax rate for the year 1917 was fixed by the state board of assessment at 8.48 mills, after formally approving all valuations as reported by county assessors and overruling the protest from Douglas county asking to have merchandise and other items reduced.

The total levy is an increase of 2.38 mills over 1916, but of this amount only .4 of a mill has been added by the state board, the remaining 1.98 mills of increase being due to special levies which the legislature provided for by statute. The general fund levy was raised from 3.4 to 3.8 mills, in order to take care of the heavy appropriations which the legislature made to come out of it.

The total state tax levy of 8.48 mills, as fixed by the board, is estimated to produce in the neighborhood of \$4,500,000 of revenue. Based on a total valuation of \$529,139,000, it would yield \$4,487,099 if all the taxes were collected. As a small percentage of taxes each year is not collected and becomes delinquent, there will be a slight reduction on that account. On the other hand, delinquent taxes and interest, paid in for former years, will come in. It has also been found from past experience that the actual taxes paid in by most counties exceed advance estimates, as more property is added to the tax lists after the returns are made to the state board.

Are Buying No German Books.

Christian A. Sommer, member of the state library commission, says no German books have been bought by the commission since he became a member of the commission. This statement he made as a result of inquiry as to the kind of literature the commission is sending out over the state. The commission has charge of the state traveling library, an institution supported by legislative appropriations. Mr. Sommer was appointed on the commission by Governor Morehead. He succeeded F. L. Haller of Omaha as a member. The other members of the commission are Chancellor Avery, Librarian M. C. Weyer of the university and H. C. Lindsay, state librarian. The commission has 18,000 books subject to circulation among the people of Nebraska. More than one hundred of the books are printed in the German language. Some of these were purchased at the request of Mr. Haller.

Must Prepare for Car Shortage.

Lincoln.—The national association of manufacturers is sending out warnings to Nebraska manufacturers that they must prepare for a car shortage that will come along in thirty days when the railroads begin the movement of troops and supplies to the frontiers.

In the east, according to advices, big shippers are collecting funds with which to provide space for storage of government materials at shipment destinations in order to release thousands of cars which would otherwise be taken out of circulation. A year ago during the first rush of export business to Europe hundreds of thousands of cars were lying in terminal yards on the Atlantic seaboard and a nationwide shortage resulted. It is planned now to prevent a similar tieup as a result of the contentment business by providing warehouses and keeping cars moving. Shipments will be in all directions and there will be little hauling of empty cars.

Honor System Pictures at Lincoln.

Pictures of the honor system for inmates of the penitentiary were shown at Lancaster last week by courtesy of the Fox Film corporation. Warden W. T. Fenton of the Nebraska penitentiary says he believes these pictures should be shown wherever possible, as they handle the problems of interest to everyone concerned in prison welfare. He declared the pictures were handled in an excellent manner, and that they show up the advantages of the honor system in their true light.

May Adopt New Rules.

A new rule requiring all municipalities and private corporations operating waterworks or sewerage systems in Nebraska to file with the state health department plans for extensions or new plans, which must be approved by it before work begins thereon, will be submitted to the state board of health, comprising Governor Neville, Attorney General Reed, and State Superintendent Clemmons for its adoption. The proposal is made by H. P. Letton, sanitary engineer for the reorganized health department.

County Agent Medium of Defense

Under the provisions of administration's food control bill the sum of \$115,000 has been set aside for county agent work in Nebraska. This will be sufficient to put a county agent in every county in the state, and provide a food emergency agent for each district where regular county agents are not employed. County agents and food emergency agents will be put to work organizing and mobilizing agricultural Nebraska for maximum production.

REGISTRATION DAY FOR WOMEN

Nebraska Women Urged to Sign Up for War Service.

September 12, has been officially designated as registration day for the women of Nebraska, in a proclamation issued Saturday by Governor Neville directing attention to the many avenues of work which the sex has taken up throughout the country assisting in the conduct of the war. The governor says:

"We are engaged in the greatest war of all time. The outcome virtually depends upon the effectiveness of the participation of our country, and upon the effectiveness of that participation rests our future as a nation.

"It will not suffice that we merely send an army to fight side by side with the armies of our allies. We must mobilize the millions of people who remain behind for such service as they can best render. Nebraska has set an enviable example in effective co-operation with the federal government in all things calculated to further our country's interest in the great struggle, and no class of people is sacrificing more unselfishly than the noble women of the state.

"In a brief period of time thousands of the finest and most stalwart young men to be found in any nation will represent Nebraska in the army of our country. Nothing must be left undone that comfort or conserve their lives and energies.

"In order that this end may be accomplished and the efforts of the thousands of women, many of them the mothers and sisters of our soldiers, be effectively co-ordinated, I, Keith Neville, governor of Nebraska, at the solicitation of the patriotic women of Nebraska, designate Wednesday, September 12, as registration day for women, upon which day and date they may register for such service as they are willing and able to render throughout the present emergency."

Corn Crop a Record Breaker.

Approximate 228,000,000 bushels, exceeding the production of last year by 35,600,000 bushels, according to the government crop report for August 1. This increase in corn makes up in some degree for the loss of winter wheat. The crop of the latter grain for this year is estimated at 10,900,000 bushels, as compared with 64,000,000 last year.

A good increase in total production of oats is also noted in the forecast. This year's production is estimated at 97,300,000; last year's was 76,875,000.

Spring wheat will make a better showing than last year, the forecast being 6,270,000, while the production last year was 3,750,000. Barley shows a slight gain, from 3,620,000 bushels this year to 3,080,000 last year. Rye production is less, the crop of this year, 2,700,000, falling under last year's yield of 3,072,000.

A big increase is noted in both potatoes and apples, in Nebraska. The August forecast for spuds is 12,500,000 bushels, when last year the crop was 7,665,000. Of apples a crop of 812,000 barrels of three bushels is expected while last year the production was 567,000 barrels.

Hay production was about at a standstill, the yield of all kinds this year being 7,130,000 tons and last year, 7,200,000 tons.

Verdon Citizens File Protest.

A big delegation from Verdon called on Governor Neville to file a protest against the plans of State Engineer Johnson and the county board of Richardson county for laying the state aid road in that county. Governor Neville was in Omaha and the visitors did not get to file their complaint. The present plan of officials is to lay the road from Falls City to Stella. The proposed road runs two miles east of Verdon and residents of that town want it to be recognized by the highway. The Washington highway and Kansas City & Omaha road run through Verdon and residents of that town believe the state road should adopt the same route. Engineer Johnson has been over the territory and believes the proposed road for the state highway is better and that it would cost several thousand dollars more to build up the road through Verdon. The road two miles east has practically no culverts or bridges. If the county board changes its plans the state engineer said he would consent.

Are Looking for Irregularities.

Federal District Attorney Allen has been appointed by the United States attorney general to act as "official" in the district of Nebraska in approving or disapproving affidavits filed for draft exemption by employees in the department of justice. Included in this department are employees of the district attorney's office, marshals, and secret service agents in the state. No employees in these departments in Lincoln are in the draft age.

Recruiting for the Nebraska National Guard has again been started.

Major Heidt, U. S. A. mustering officer, received notice from headquarters that enlistments for the national guard can now be accepted and that an effort will be made to recruit the guard to maximum war strength. Colonel Hall of the Sixth regiment has announced that another big drive will be made to recruit the Sixth regiment up to war strength. Several of the companies are already filled but a majority of the units lack fifteen or twenty men to complete their war strength.

IN BED FOR WEEKS

Mr. Smith Was in a Bad Way, But Doan's Restored Him to the Best of Health.

In April, 1916, Louis Smith, 90 New St., Hackensack, N. J., said: "Words fail to describe the misery I endured from kidney complaint. In my work I have to do a lot of heavy lifting and this weakened my kidneys. At first I only suffered from a slight backache, but almost before I knew it, I was all bent over like a man a hundred years old."



"I began to grow worse as the days passed and finally I had to take to my bed where I remained for weeks. My head pained terribly and my back just throbed. I was always dizzy and it seemed as if everything was whirling. Little black specks came before my eyes and I also suffered from painful and scanty passages of the kidney secretions. Everything seemed dark and dreary. "Doan's Kidney Pills completely cured me and I am enjoying the best of health now."

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E. M. Johnson, Justice Peace. On March 19, 1917, Mr. Smith added: "I will never forget what Doan's have done for me. Whenever I catch hold on my kidneys, I can depend on Doan's to fix me up all right."

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HAD WASTED THEIR LIVES

Good Saddlers Spoiled to Make Lawyers, Opinion of Sir Douglas Haig on Seeing Work.

The fact that Sir Douglas Haig attained his fifty-sixth birthday recently brings to mind a story told of him a short while back.

Sir Douglas is a soldier first, last and all the time, regarding all other professions as of quite negligible importance, a trait in his character which lends point to the anecdote.

He was, it appears, inspecting a cavalry troop, and was particularly struck with the neat way in which repairs had been made in some of the saddles.

"Very good work," he remarked to the troop sergeant major. "Who did it?"

"Two of my troopers, sir," was the reply.

"You're fortunate to have two such expert saddlers in your troop," said Haig.

"As a matter of fact, sir," was the reply, "they're not saddlers, in civil life being lawyers."

"Well," ejaculated Sir Douglas, "how men who can do work like that could have wasted their lives over law I can't imagine!"

No Chance to Shine.

"Githers must find it rather depressing to wear khaki."

"Why so?"

"He holds office in several lodges and has a collection of uniforms whose magnificence would shame an oriental potentate."

Treating Garden Seeds.

"Do you know how to treat garden seeds?"

"Certainly."

"How?"

"Same as you treat your friends in a prohibition town—give 'em some water."

Paradoxical.

"Is Smith a good man for the place?"

"No, he's not a good man; he's a better."

Wedlock rhymes with deadlock. You can draw your own conclusions.

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