

COAL PROFITS ARE FIXED

State Fuel Administrator Kennedy Announces Margin for the Entire State of Nebraska.

The maximum retail gross margins, per ton, for coal and coke, delivered at the yards, to consumers in Nebraska outside of Douglas and Lancaster counties, were established by State Fuel Administrator Kennedy as follows: Domestic coal, not yard screened, \$1.25; domestic coal, yard screened, \$1.40; steam coal, 90c; coke, \$1.25. This is the first time margins on the sale of coal have been made uniform all over the state. The order compels all retail coal dealers to post up and maintain in their places of business, accessible to their customers, the cost to them of each kind of coal and coke handled, the maximum retail gross margin allowed, and the retail price at the yard; also drayage and delivery charges.

According to a report issued by A. E. Anderson, Nebraska field agent for the bureau of crop estimates, live stock has increased in this state from 8,912,000 head on January 1, 1917, to 9,281,000 head on the first of this year. In the past twelve months horses averaged an increase in value from \$95 to \$101 a head; mules from \$106 to \$113; milch cows, from \$98 to \$78.50; other cattle from \$44.30 to \$49.30; sheep from \$7.50 to \$11, and hogs from \$14.00 to \$24.50. On the first of this year there were 1,049,000 horses in the state, 118,000 mules, 703,000 milch cows, 2,803,000 head of other cattle, 408,000 sheep and 4,200,000 swine.

Will Maupin, Nebraska publicity director, who just visited Camp Cody as a special representative of Governor Neville, reports that the men are well fed, well clothed, comfortably housed and that hospital equipment and management good. The general health of the men is good, he said, but no doubt would be better if it wasn't for the sand and sandstorms.

State Food Administrator Wattles has designated Thursday of each week as "Potato Day" in Nebraska, and called upon merchants to sell potatoes on those days at reduced prices. On these days merchants will be authorized to sell potatoes as a substitute with wheat flour on the basis of four pounds of potatoes to one pound of flour.

Seward county ranks first among counties of Nebraska that have reported thrift stamps sales to the Omaha postoffice, up to a few days ago. Thayer county is second. Seward's quota was \$320,880; sales, \$89,335; percentage, 27.67.

Horse meat is to be put on the market in Omaha, is the announcement of the Equine Meat and Packing company, recently incorporated in Nebraska with \$50,000 capital. The company has been selling horse meat at Grand Island for some time.

Nearly 15,000 carloads of Nebraska live stock were shipped to markets during the month of January, according to reports of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Illinois and Iowa are the only states in the union which exceeded Nebraska.

One of the few Nebraska men known to have been on the Tuscania when torpedoed off the northern Irish coast was Patrick McGowan, Jr., of York, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McGowan of York.

Nebraska is included in the list of states where priority is given to cars needed to move corn and other cereals to market by orders of Director General of Railroads McAdoo.

Ellory W. Davis, 60, dean of the department of literature, arts and science of the University of Nebraska, and well known throughout the United States as an educator, died at his home at Lincoln.

A hundred German textbooks were stolen from the Seward High school. The school board had previously voted to discontinue the course.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Nebraska conference of charities and corrections will be held in Omaha February 17 to 19.

Kearney voters will pass on a \$30,000 bond issue at a special election on April 2, the money to be used to improve city schools.

The government is urging retired farmers to get into the game again and do their bit to help win the war. The campaign in this state is being conducted by M. A. Coykendall of the U. S. Immigration service department of labor, located at Omaha. Anyone interested should write Mr. Coykendall for particulars.

Fremont has a grocerteria. The store is operated on the cafeteria plan. Customers wait on themselves and pay a cashier at the gate. There are no clerks.

Nebraska will spend \$417,000 on road improvements in the state during 1918. This sum includes both federal and state appropriations. Plans of the state good roads department are to use the money on 1,600 miles of highway, averaging approximately \$260 to the mile.

Figures compiled by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce show that there are 148,100 automobiles in Nebraska, or one for every 8.7 persons in the state. Dual county has the most autos per population, 514. One for every 4.8 persons.

Director Pugsley of the agriculture extension service of the University of Nebraska has received assurance from the United States Department of Agriculture that the government will send a potato starch expert to this state in the near future. Mr. Pugsley proposes that the vast quantities of potatoes in western Nebraska be turned into starch. He estimates that there are 2,500 cars of potatoes in the hands of growers in Nebraska. Last year these growers greatly increased production. Unless some means is found to turn to good account the supply, production next year will naturally be decreased.

The executive committee of the State Council of Defense, in replying to the offer of the Nebraska Nonpartisan League to share the work of the state council, declared that the literature the league is circulating in this state is decidedly unpatriotic, and is not in harmony with the effort now being made by Americans of all political parties and all classes of people to bring the war to a successful conclusion. The council did not decline the offer, however, but asserted that the aid of all citizens and organizations alike working in harmony with the government, was desired.

Captain Walter Anderson, provost marshal of Nebraska, is preparing county quotas for the 300 Nebraska men to be called to Camp Funston, February 23, as the last 15 per cent increment of the first draft. Those men will be selected by local boards under the new classification, he says.

Senator Hitchcock's attitude on the war cabinet bill is a disgrace to Nebraska in the opinion of five Omaha labor organizations, which sent telegrams to Hitchcock condemning him for his stand toward the administration and suggesting that he devote his energies to "fighting the Kaiser instead of President Wilson."

Governor Neville and the State Council of Defense have again appealed to the national authorities for immediate action in providing needed cars to move Nebraska's corn crop. It is claimed that enormous losses to farmers of Nebraska are certain unless freight cars are supplied by the railroads immediately.

The campaign to enroll members in the Junior Red Cross is on in this state. Nebraska's quota is 200,000, more than half the total number of school children in the state, which the census shows to be 385,000. Every school in the state is a Red Cross auxiliary and is expected to get members.

Extensive tests made by government and private engineers as to the water power possibilities of the Niobrara river show the stream would generate 22,000 horsepower and could be developed at a cost of \$6,000,000.

The Kearney city council passed an ordinance which prohibits the giving of any Sunday entertainment to which an admission is charged and will put a stop to Sunday shows, Sunday baseball and chautauqua programs.

A petition for the paving of the Lincoln Highway from the east city limits of Fremont to the town of Ames, eight miles west, has been filed with the Dodge county board of supervisors.

The state university may be made a vocational training camp by the government, carrying out a plan to utilize the universities of the country for that purpose, according to a message received in Lincoln.

K. H. Walker of Scottsbluff is recorded as Nebraska's first volunteer shipyard worker. Nebraska's quota in the drive for shipyard volunteers is 2,500 men. The campaign will be directed by the state council of defense.

Harold Heasty, a University of Nebraska forestry student, son of State Senator John F. Heasty of Fairbury, was aboard the ill-fated Tuscania, sunk last Tuesday by a submarine.

Runners are current in Washington that Charles W. Bryan, brother of W. J. Bryan, will be a candidate for governor of Nebraska on the democratic ticket.

With ice from five to seven inches thick on all Nebraska rivers, Nebraska railroads are anticipating the worst ice jams and subsequent floods in the past decade.

Nebraska boasts the first Red Cross auxiliary organized by full-blooded Indians. This auxiliary has been formed at Macy, by the Omaha Indians.

This week is Boy Scout week in Nebraska according to a proclamation issued by Governor Neville.

The national food administration has called upon Nebraska farmers through State Food Administrator Wattles to market every available bushel of wheat in the state. The allies must have it and we must meet their needs, says the appeal. The Nebraska administrator is requested to use every possible resource to get wheat marketed immediately.

The state board of control has ordered all state institutions to strictly observe wheatless and meatless days and all other food regulations.

The German department of the University of Nebraska has probably suffered more than any other part of the school from war time conditions. Last year at this time there were 691 students registered in the German department; for the second semester of this year there are 173 persons taking courses in German.

A plan is under way by the Nebraska branch of the American Society of Equity to buy a coal mine in Colorado to supply its members in the western part of the state with fuel.

ORDERS CEREALS MOVED.

Grain Cars to Have Priority in Eleven Producing States.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Transportation priority for grain, flour, corn meal and other grain products in western and middle western producing states was ordered by Director General McAdoo to hasten to market all grains and particularly accumulated stores of soft corn.

This corn full of moisture as a result of last year's conditions composes as much as 40 per cent of the stocks in many sections and is threatened with rotting in moderate weather of the last few days, unless rushed to elevators and dried.

The order is intended also to insure adequate shipments of grain to fill allied orders. The situation was discussed at a conference between Director General McAdoo and Sir Richard Crawford, commercial attache of the British embassy, who expressed fear that bad transportation conditions of recent weeks in the United States would seriously interfere with the allied food program unless special efforts were made to hasten grain to seaports.

Thousands of box cars will be used for the grain movement and consequently will be withheld from industrial shipments. Preferential orders have been in effect throughout the western states for several days, and the quantity of grain hauled has been far greater than in the corresponding period of last year.

In addition to supplying more cars and giving preferential movement, railroads were ordered to have station agents in rural communities and their traffic agents explain to farmers the necessity of prompt loading and movement of grain stocks.

Ashton Orders Priority.
Chicago, Feb. 11.—R. H. Ashton, regional director of western railroads, issued orders to all roads to give preference and priority to box cars for grain shipments in eleven states in an effort to break the grain blockade. The orders were issued under directions from Director General McAdoo. States affected are: Minnesota, Montana, Missouri, Iowa, North Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, South Dakota and Kansas.

Omaha Grain Men Optimistic.
Omaha, Neb., Feb. 11.—In view of Director General McAdoo's order that preference be given to grain shipments throughout all the granger states to facilitate the movement of grain for the allies and home consumption, local grain men look forward with optimistic interest for relief from the recent congestion of railroad cars. Reports throughout the state indicate that elevators are filled with grain waiting shipment to the east, and in particular cases, much corn is going to waste on account of delays of railroad cars to make shipments.

Turks Won't Yield Dardanelles.
Amsterdam, Feb. 11.—Turkey is in complete accord with the attitude of Germany and Austria, as expressed in recent speeches of Count Czernin, the Turkish foreign minister, Nessim Bey, told the chamber of deputies just recently. He also declared:

"The Dardanelles will remain open in the future to international traffic as in the past and on the same conditions."

"We said great difficulties had arisen in connection with peace negotiations at Frost-Litovsk, but that he had not lost hope."

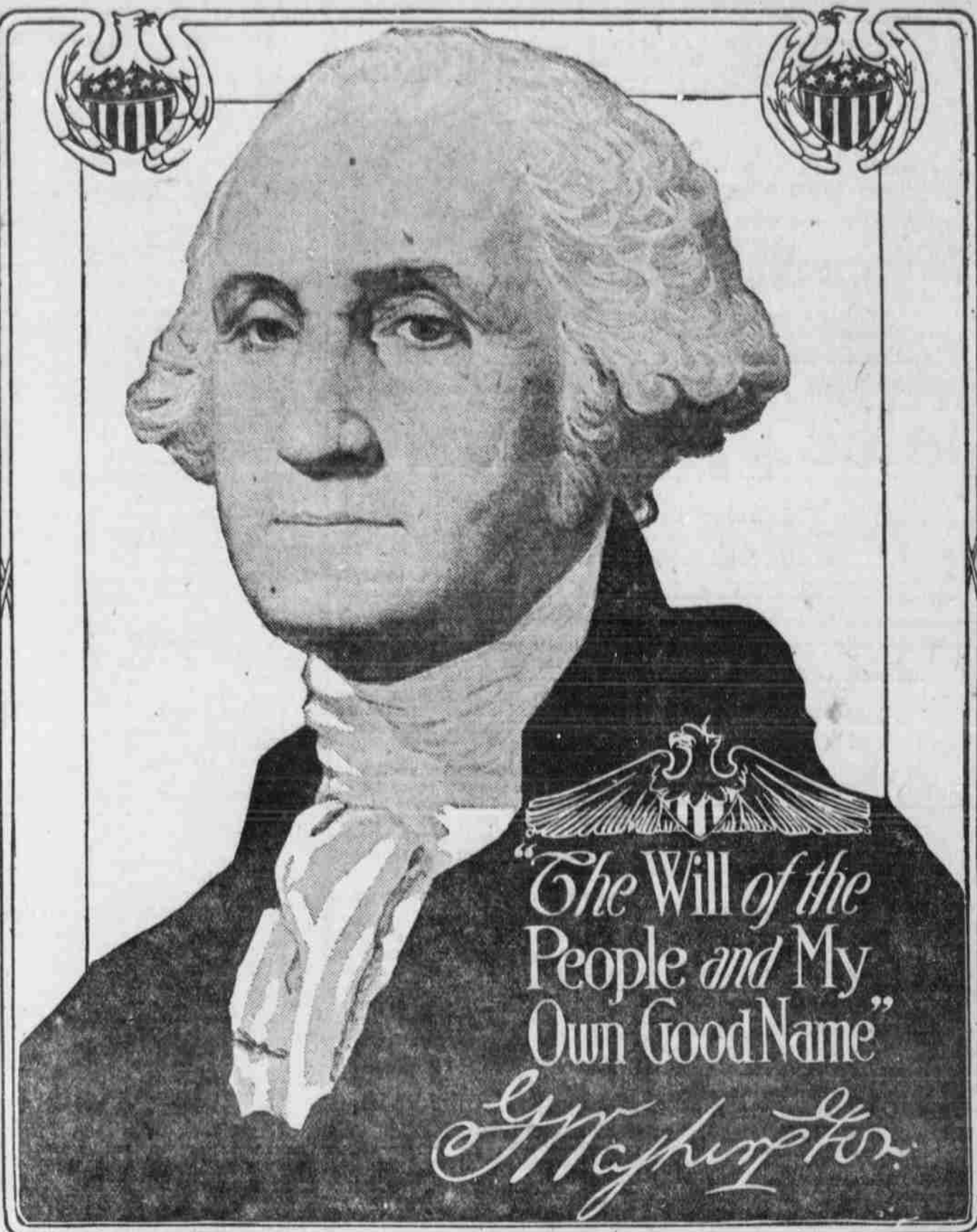
Troops Will Go Despite Subs.
Baltimore, Feb. 11.—Submarines or no submarines the United States will continue fearlessly to send troops to France, declared Secretary Daniels last Thursday, referring to the Tuscania, in an address at the Baltimore Press club. "Just as fast as our ships can carry men to Europe, they will go," continued Mr. Daniels. "No man living will ever again see the day when our goods will be carried across the Atlantic except in ships flying the flag of the United States."

Red Guards Suffer Heavily.
Stockholm, Feb. 11.—General Mannerheim, commander of the forces which are supporting the Finnish provisional government, has defeated the revolutionary red guards, a Helsinki dispatch to the Aften Tidningen reports.

The red guards are said to have suffered a loss of 3,000 killed. The battle occurred at Korkeakoski, near Tammerfors.

Sees Finish of Subseas.
London, Feb. 11.—Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, former chief of the naval staff, speaking at Hull Friday, said he was afraid "we are in for a bad time for a few months, but by late summer—about August—I believe we will be able to say the submarine menace is killed."

Says Allies Superior in West.
London, Feb. 11.—Major General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, made the assertion just recently that the Germans are now stronger on the west front than at any time during the war, but they are not yet numerically equal to the French-British forces. That being so, he said, the situation need cause no alarm. That Germany is moving many troops from the east to the west front was admitted by General Maurice.



HIS LABORS ENDED

People's Acclaim of Washington as Their Hero Journeyed to Annapolis to Lay Down His Sword.

(Poem written for the unveiling of the tablet at Severn Cross Roads, where Washington passed on his way to resign his commission at Annapolis.)

THIS roadside sings again today—
Here where the barren branches sway
And keen December winds sweep by
Beneath a cold and azure sky—
The old road echoes to some tread
Of morning in a vanished hour
When here the red-cheeked courier sped,
And here the young land's pride and flower
Of glory and achievement came
To add fresh glory to his name.

The villages had all come out,
To hear the news, to watch about
To catch some glimpse far up the way
Of Washington—who from the fray,
And from the council and the crest,
Was riding down his sword to lay
Once more upon his country's breast—
While he stepped back to that sweet rest

He yearned for yonder sounds a call!
A bugle's note, mayhap the fall
Of horse-hoofs on the old State road—
From every hamlet and abode
Men, women, children, hurry forth:
The wind is sweet, though hurry west by north,
And keen with that sharp chill that comes
When on the hill the partridge drums.

This way they look, this way and that!
They'll know him by his coat and hat;
They've seen his face in pictures, so
There won't be any doubt they'll know;
But deep within their hearts they sigh
They'll know him by his forthright eye,
His noble mien, his lofty frame,
His fitting in with road and sky
As nature fits all great forms in,
And signs the portrait with her name.

The young folk chatter, smile and grin,
The old are prone to be severe,
And stretch each vortice of the ear
To catch that first sharp clicking sound
Of the stage coach thundering on its way,
The hoof-beat on the frozen ground
That knows the kind of tune to play.

Some in small groups together drawn
Wait on the green bench of a lawn,
And these—in somewise more seclude—
The wisdom of his act debate.
One rises who defends the sire
Of his great land, and vows with ire
'Tis only a great man's way, indeed,
To give up lofty place, secede
From honors of such high degree,
Putting ambition aside, and fame,
Upon the altar whence they came—
His country's heart—and stepping down

From all the lure of high renown,
Take his old place in life again,
One with all kindred gentlemen!

Some tell the story of his trip,
While others hark with hanging lip—
That parting at old Fraunces inn
With those who'd been his aids at war,
Tears in his eyes, and in his heart
That aching that they feel who part
With comrades and with friends
Who've spent

Hours with them in the battlement
Of life, of fate, of hopes and dreams,
And brave adventures long before.
Then to the barge they see him go
At Whitehall Ferry, bowing low
In all that stately form of grace
At each bowed head and tear-stained face.

And then that silent, sweet adieu
At Paulus Hook—sad words and few,
A silent waving of the hand
Back to his high and faithful band,
Then with his face set hither—strong
In the high purpose he had made
To heed no imploring of the throng
But lay at his country's feet his blade.

Then the triumphant jaunt begun—
Those days of journeying in the sun;
The plaudits of a nation's best
Poured round him at each stopping place,
And on the roads from mile to mile
Always some patriot in whose breast
Inviolate love had left its trace,
Coming to bow by the road he'd take
And kiss the cold ground for his dear sake.
Philadelphian's loud acclaim,
Then Baltimore—her royal bounty
Poured as 'twas never poured before,

By every county seat and county—
To pay due homage to his name,
And give him a welcome at this door
Of Maryland he'd remember long
As life should last or dreams prolong
Their memories in his noble soul.
Then once again the coach wheels roll,
He's coming—down the General's Way!

The old State road is God's today!
God's—and beneath his sparkling sun—
God's and the General Washington!
Ten miles beyond the cross roads lies
The capital; o'er yonder rise
The Severn sandles'neath azure skies,
Where Indian Landing sleeps beside
The murmuring music of that tide,
Whose song—as light as beauty—cheers

The silencing romance of the years.
He'll pass here soon; and this way rings
The music of the morn! Had kings
Such love from those they rule as he—
Ah well, what kingdoms we should see!
But he has struck down kings; his sword
Had fought for freedom and the Lord.

And now the cross roads teems with life,
The hour has come, the keen wind's knife
Is cutting under skin and bone,
But who cares for the cold—that lone,
Grave figure shall rewarm each heart!

An echo; see how sharp ears start.
It is the General—hooray!
And down the General's Highway
The yeomen who have seen him pass
Follow in cheering groups—one mass
Of burning and of patriot zeal
To be first followers at his heel.

It is the General—hooray!
This roadside sings again today.
This nation sings, its heart still bowed
Before him in those dreams that crowd.
The moving canvas of the years.
There, like a peer among his peers,
The vision looms again, and he
Stands in that room we still may see,
One hand behind his back, and one
Laying that sword his bravery won
Upon the table. A shaft of light
Across the senate chamber steals;
A prelate in the foreground kneels,
A consecrated hour, indeed,
That hour of high, exalted need,
That noble and immortal act—
Its spirit gleaming above its fact,
Its soul of beauty so made one
With the high soul of Washington!