

MILLION DOLLAR LOSS BY STORM

Waters that Sweep Northeast Section of State Drive Many from Homes.

FARMERS GROWING UNEASY

Continuance of Rail and Miner's Strike May Seriously Interfere with Harvesting and Marketing.

Norfolk, Neb.—Flood waters are covering nearly a dozen cities and towns and form an almost unbroken sea over the farm lands of five north-eastern Nebraska counties...

The Northfork river joins the Elk-horn just outside the city limits, and it is feared that the swollen latter stream will back the flood from the Northfork over a large portion of this city.

The Northfork went out of its banks at several places, but slight damage was done. Crews worked desperately for hours in an effort to build sand-bag banks high enough to prevent an overflow into the city...

Thousands of acres of shocked grain over northeastern Nebraska have been swept clean by the worst flood in years, and corn fields have been flattened, both by water and by heavy hail which laid waste wide strips over many miles of territory.

Farmers Becoming Disturbed.

Chicago.—Reports from thirteen states to Secretary J. W. Coverdale, of the American farm bureau federation, show that farmers are becoming anxious over the continuance of the coal and rail strikes...

Federation officials in Iowa, Washington, Wisconsin and Illinois reported a shortage of coal, it was said by the officials in the various states that serious shortage of transportation would result if the strike continued...

Look for Summer Coal Famine. Washington.—The nation within a month will be in throes of the worst summer coal famine in the history of the country unless the miners' strike is settled...

Unless the movement of coal can be started soon to the northwest and New England all that will prevent suffering there will be a rigid policy of fuel rationing.

To Market 20,000,000 Bushels of Wheat. Grand Forks, N. D.—Marketing of approximately 20,000,000 bushels of wheat this year is expected...

Fear Big Loss on Fruit. San Francisco.—Farmers throughout the state are apprehensive of the effects of the rail strike and are insisting on their demands that the state take steps to insure the movement of their fruit crops...

To Help Relieve Coal Shortage. Manila, P. I.—Mine owners in the Philippines are forwarding to Secretary Hoover a proposal to supply approximately 20,000 tons of Philippine coal a month to the United States...

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TO CURB THE PROFITEERS

Powers of Commerce Commission Over Car Distribution Principal Weapon to Control Prices.

Washington.—Mobilized to meet the crisis of a nation-wide fuel shortage, federal agencies, producing operators and railroad traffic experts are awaiting the word from President Harding to set in motion the administration's machine for emergency coal control.

Ground work for the operation of the emergency fuel rationing program was laid by the interstate commerce commission, which declared an emergency existed on the railroads east of the Mississippi river.

Two orders, both based on its declaration that an emergency in transportation existed, were issued by the commission. The first directed railroads all over the United States to disregard usual or questioned routing of shipments in favor of such routing as would expedite movement and avoid congestion...

The administration announced that it would support the United States railroad labor board as the only emergency erected by law for handling the railstrike.

The labor board adhered to its announced "hands-off" policy in connection with the strike and members said no action was contemplated.

Plan to Curb Profiteers.

Washington.—Secretary of Commerce Hoover's plan to curb profiteering in coal and facilitate distribution to points where the fuel shortage is already acute has been announced with the complete approval of the Department of Justice.

The plan contains two outstanding features. First, the formation of voluntary association of producing operators to keep down prices.

Second, use of the powers of the Interstate Commerce commission over car distribution as the principal weapon to cope with the profiteers. In other words, the operators able to produce coal will be called upon voluntarily to enter into agreements to maintain fair and reasonable prices...

Will be Laid on Armistice Day.

Lincoln.—The corner stone of Nebraska's new capitol building will be laid on Armistice day, November 11, according to Governor S. R. McKelvie. This decision was reached at a meeting of the capitol commission to award the contract for the lower superstructure of the new building...

Land Opened to Homesteaders.

Spokane.—Thousands of acres in the south half of the Colville Indian reservation, formerly classified as mineral lands, have been reclassified to come under homestead filing rights and honorably discharged veterans of the world war will be given preferential rights.

Black Stem Rust Took Big Toll.

Minneapolis.—Black stem rust has taken a toll estimated at 150,000,000 bushels of grain, valued at \$200,000,000 in seven of the most important cereal producing states during three-year period from 1919 to 1921...

Moratorium Only Solution.

Paris.—The allied committee of guarantees has returned from a month's inquiry in Berlin with the majority considering that a moratorium of two years or more on cash indemnity payments is the only solution of the present financial crisis in Germany.

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GEOGRAPHY of SPORT



Hawaiian Fishermen Need the Trained Muscle and Sure Eye of the Athlete

Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.

Now that vacation days are bringing play to the fore for old and young, it is worth recalling that sports and games ever were magic touchstones to geography and to those allied sciences which provide the surest clues to how peoples live, and work, and think.

In countless ways science has learned about climates, and products, and customs, and peoples of the past from toys, games and sports. An entire new field of investigation was opened by the discovery that backgammon, as played in Burma, also was known to the pre-Columbian Mexicans.

A new light is shed on an ancient civilization when we learn that there was a law among the Persians by which all children were to be taught three things, horsemanship, shooting with the bow and telling the truth.

Carthaginians and Phoenicians owed something of their maritime glory to a love of swimming, the sport by which they first mastered their fear of the sea.

Equally significant in the history of nations is the decline of their sports. While the Persians observed the rigid regimen of the chase, as prescribed by Cyrus, their armies were victorious. While Spartan youths followed the rigorous discipline of Lyncurgus, their city was inviolate.

Excavators in Central America found tiny rattles of bone and clay, as old as the pyramids of Egypt, in graves alongside baby skeletons. In Attica's tombs were uncovered dolls of pre-classic days, made of ivory and terra cotta.

Games With the Ball. Running, throwing, hitting, and kicking are the fundamental muscular operations of America's characteristic sports—baseball, football, tennis, and golf.

Luzon hillmen, the Polynesians, and the Eskimo and Sumatra islanders had games played by kicking a ball. Greeks played it, and the Roman game, harpastum, derived its name from the Greek "I seize," which is evidence that carrying the ball was practiced then.

In old England football was even rougher than most sports of those hardy times. James I thought it was "meeter for lame than making able the users thereof." Henry VIII and Elizabeth ruled against it.

Games and the Individual. Games invariably adapt themselves to the individual need for a balanced life, mental and physical. This fact was illustrated by comments of civilian writers in the fighting zones during the World War.

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By the Fifteenth century golf had attained such vogue in Scotland that it threatened the cherished archery, and it is classed with "fute-ball" and other "unprofitable sports" by James IV. That monarch, however, seems to have disregarded his own edict, as did enough other Scotchmen to keep the game alive.

when the downpour of bursting shell became too distracting.

Some historians assert that the Greek games formed the foundation for the lucid thinking and the lofty art concepts that made her product classic. Yet the Olympian and the Pythian games at their best afforded no such spontaneous, and at the same time intricate, interplay of muscle and mind as baseball.

Throwing, catching, and running are as old as man; but it took the American genius for play, no less distinctive than the American genius for science, industry, and commerce, to weld these motifs into a game that puts a premium on skill, yet admits of infinite variety.

If the Greeks paved the way for classic art by teaching adults to play and Great Britain followed in her footsteps with a more spontaneous and democratic fervor, America now appears as the most forward-looking nation in her attention to children's playgrounds.

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Lincoln.—The league of women voters have filed with Secretary of State Anshury their objection to the law amending the direct primary, which is to be voted on at the November election. Among other things they allege that the proposed law deprives women of their legal right to representation with men in the party organizations.

BOTH SIDES HOPE FOR SPEEDY END

Union Heads Receive Call for Conference with Operators in Chicago.

SOFT COAL STRIKE OUTLOOK

Strike Steps for Equal Distribution and Maintenance of Fair Prices for Coal.

Chicago.—With President Harding prepared to submit definite proposals to end the railway shopmen's strike and B. M. Jewell, head of the shop-crafts and his international presidents hurrying back to Chicago after conferences with Mr. Harding, the fourth week of the walkout ended while both executives and union heads viewed optimistically the possibility of an early settlement.

Strike headquarters received a message from Mr. Jewell at Washington calling a meeting of the shop-crafts executive committee to be held here at once. Railway executives have already issued a call for a meeting in New York, when the peace proposals are expected to be submitted.

Seniority, which determines which employes shall have first chance at desirable positions and which shall be last to be laid off, has been the great stumbling block in peace negotiations conducted for the past two weeks through Chairman Ben W. Hooper of the railroad labor board.

Rift Seen in Mine Strike.

Philadelphia.—Powerful influences, governmental and otherwise, are understood to be at work to arrange an interstate joint wage conference and thereby bring to an end the soft coal strike. John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, would not indicate where and how these influences are being exerted, but he let it be known that he had "every reason to believe that an interstate joint conference of the central competitive fields will be arranged within a few days."

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The prediction that next winter's coal bill will be less is all right, but the consumer wouldn't object to a little sample while the present one is with us.

Reports that a German professor has developed a process for the production of synthetic gold make the girls with the platinum engagement rings feel more superior than ever.

An item says the value of a toad on the farm to a farmer is \$19.44. It is interesting as an example of how values can jump.

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