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MILLION DOLLAR LOSS BY STORM

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

FARMERS GROWING UNEASY

Continuance of Rail and Miners' 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 northwastern Nebraska counties, rendering fundreds homeless; a great wall of water is rushing down the narrow Elkhorn valley upon this city, enshangering the east business district and practically all train service has Seen cancelled, as a result of a cloudburst and hullstorms, which caused more than a million dollars damage.

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

The Northfork went out of its banks an several places, but slight damage was done. Crews worked desperately for hours in an effort to build sandbag banks high enough to prevent an overflow into the city, but it is feared their efforts will be without success.

Thousands of acres of shocked grain øver northeastern Nebraska have been swept clean by the worst flood in years, and corn fields have been flattened, both by water and by heavy hall 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, fearing that shortage of fuel or transportation may seriously interfere with harvesting and marketing their crops.

Federation officials is Iowa, Wash-Ington, 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. In Iowa, the tir e limit was estimated at a week to ten days; in Ohio grain elevators cannot now obtain sufficient cars; in Missouri threshing coal is nvailable but cannot be moved because of the lack of cars. 'Immediate ac tion" was said to be necessary in California; in Nebraska one station complained of a sgrain car shortage. In South Dakota it was reported that the leading railroad had only 300 surplus grain cars against 2,000 normally and in Idaho August 1 was set as the last day when shipment of potatoes should begin.

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 awalting 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. This formal announcement of the carilers' inability to serve the public in the transportation of necessities opened the way for the distribution of coal under the plan unanimously adopted by representatives of the producing fields in

conference with Secretary Hoover. Two orders, both based on its declaration that an emergency in transportation existed, were issued by the commission. The first directed rallroads 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, while the second established a system of preference and priorities in shipments over all roads east of the Mississippi.

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

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

Plan to Curb Profiteors.

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.

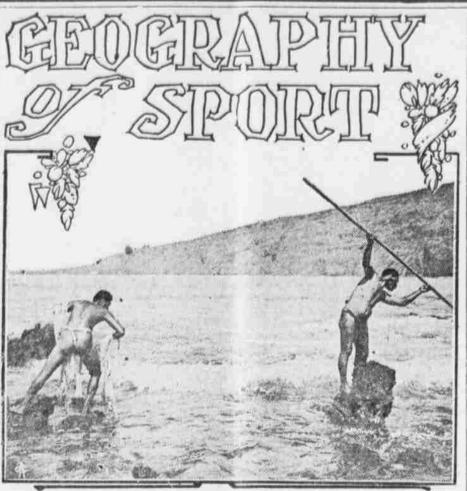
First, the formation of voluntary association of producing operators to keep down prices.

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, and if they refuse they may find difficulty in getting cars to ship their coal from the mines.

Will be Laid on Armistice Day.

Lincoln .- The corner stone of Neraska'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, which will be dedicated to ex-soldiers of the world war.



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. geography and to those allied sciences classic. Yet the Olympian and the which provide the surest clues to how Pythian games at their best afforded peoples live, and work, and think. In countless ways science has

learned about climates, and products, mind as baseball, and customs, and peoples of the past from toys, games and sports. An enopened 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 was a law amnog the Persians by which all children were to be taught Presidents and office boys steal away three things, horsemanship, shooting with the bow and telling the truth.

Cartbaginians and Phoenicians owed something of ther maritime glory to a love of swimming, the sport by which footsteps with a more spontaneous they first mastered their fear of the

Equally significant in the history of nations is the decline of their sports. playgrounds. There is nothing arti-While the Persians observed the rigid ficial about the games taught to chilregimen of the chase, as prescribed by dren on American playgrounds. They Cyrus, their armies were victorious. While Spartan youths followed the play tradition. Neither written history rigorous discipline of Lycurgus their nor the faint traces of prehistoric city was inviolate. Led by Alexander times carry us back to a period when the Great in ways of abnegation and children did not play.

exercise, the Macedonians were in- Excavators in Central America vincible. The Romans extended their found tiny rattles of bone and clay. civilization so long as their gymnasia as old as the pyramids of Egypt, in

when the downpour of bursting shell became too distracting. Some historians assert that the Greek games formed the foundation It is worth recalling that sports and for the lucid thinking and the lofty games ever were magic touchstones to art concepts that made her product

no such spontaneous, and at the same time intricate, interplay of muscle and Throwing, catching, and running are as old as man; but it took the Ameritire new field of investigation was can 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 civilization when we learn that there of infinite variety; that rawest youth or trained athlete may play; and that

> to watch. If the Greeks paved the way for lassic art by teaching adults to play and Great Britain followed in her and democratic fervor, America now appears as the most forward-looking nation in her attention to children's are products of a rich heritage of

graves alongside baby skeleton Attica's tombs were uncovered dolls of pre-classic days, made of lyory and terra cotta. Little Hippodamia had a miniature bed, with slats, for his dolls, for boys formerly played with dolls. Roman children's toys were held in such high esteem by their elders that when the children grew too old for them they were offered to



Taking Steps for Equal Distribution and Maintainance of Fair Prices for Coal.

Chicago .-- With President Harding prepared to submit definite proposals to end the rallway shopmen's strike and B. M. Jewell, head of the shopcrafts 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 shopcrafts executive committee to be held here at once. Rallway 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."

Union leaders made known that as soon as they have assurance that sufficient tonnage will be represented at an interstate conference to make a basic wage scale possible, a call for the meeting will be issued at once. Such a call, it was said, may come any day.

Coal Machinery in Motion. Washington .- President Harding has set in motion the federal emergency fuel control organization with the

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Exposed vice often tries to masques rade as injured innocence.

Snowy linens are the pride of every housewife. Keep them in that condition by using Red Cross Ball Biue in your laundry. At all grocers .- Advertisement.

Sometimes it is hard to forgive our friends for our loneliness



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 or a blg increase in production is made possible, a high official of the government declares.

A shortage next winter is now believed inescapable, even if full production is soon resumed.

Unless the movement of coal caa be started soon to the northwest and New England all that will prevent sufffering 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, according to officials of the North Dakota Wheat Growers' association, which claims 9,000 members, with less than two years' exister.M.

Fear Blg Loss on Fruit. San Francisco.-Farmers throughout the state are apprehensive of the effects of the rail strike and are insistent on their demands that the state take steps to insure the movement of their fruit crops which are nearing the time of harvest.

To Help Relieve Coal Shortage.

Manila, P. L-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 to help relieve the shortage during the strike. One-half of this amount would be semi-anthracite from the Island of Mindanao, provided the company which makes this offer were provided with \$250,000 with which to increase its production facilities.

Grain Growers Ship to Market.

Trenton, Neb .- Wheat from the pool of the Nebraska Wheat Growers' association is being shipped to markets in Minneapolis and Kansas City, according to the organization's headguarters office which recently was established here. The total pool now amounts to about 1,000,000 hushels. although organizers are still in the field and a considerably larger amount is expected before the end of the presentee on movement.

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 bomestend filing rights and honorably discharged veterans of the world war will be given preferential rights. Filings will be accepted July 31 to August 21. Should all the land not be disposed of to var veterans, it will be opened December 11 to others who have file.

Black Stem Rust Took Big Yoll.

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, according to an announcement made here by the conference for the prevention of grain rust.

Moratorium Only Solution.

Paris .- The allied committee or guarantees has returned from & 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 crists in Germany.

Wet and Dry Issues in Campaign. Chicago.-Well defined wet and dry issues appeared in several middle western states in the campaign preceding the primaries, while Congressman Volstead has active opposition in Minnesota, although the prohibition issue has not been raised there.

Would Exempt Farm Loans,

Washington .- Money loaned to farmers on mortgages would be exempt from income taxes under a bill introduced by Chairman McCumber of the senate finance committee.

London .- A quarter of a million tons of coal are available in England for immediate shipment to the United States as soon as American supplies are exhausted as a result of the strike. English coal production could be speeded up to permit the shipment of 200,000 tons weekly, if necessary, as all the pits are not working full time now. There are plenty of vessels available to transport enormous supplies of coal, and, owing to the stagnation in the shipping business, it is not expected that the rates would be incremseri

prepared youths to endure long marches and bear crushing burdens. It is fairly obvious that coasting is a sport of the zone where snow falls, and reasonable that those peoples most generally proficient in swimming should be found in the equatorial islands, where limpid waters invite surcease from the scorching sun, but less well known, perhaps, that card and board games developed in south. patron gods. ern Asla, where zest for play is just as keen but temperature dampens the

ardor for exertion. The reactions of geography and sport are mutual. To the Netherlands are traced the stilt and the skate. which even yet have their work-a-day fested all these instincts in cruder use in flooded and frozen areas, but form. are playing for the rest of the world.

Sometimes sports sprend beyond national boundary lines and express the common ideals of an age. Thus the tournaments of the middle ages were the normal symptoms of the adven- evidence that carrying the ball was turous spirit reflected in the quests practiced then. With shoes of hide, for the Holy Grail.

Games and the Individual.

Games invariably adapt themselves to the individual need for a balanced scholars point to a football game in life, mental and physical. This fact Ireland before the time of Christ, and was illustrated by comments of civilian until comparatively recent times writers in the fighting zones during the World war, who told how Englishmen and Americans sought diversion giving today. in active play, while Frenchmen relaxed in more quiet fashion-smoking, reading, or day-dreaming by the side hardy times. James I thought it was of a welcome fireplace. Many noted this as a contradiction, in view of the supposed sprightly temperament of

our Gallic cousins. But as a sporting writer, in an article printed years before the World war, put it, "the Englishman, phlegmatic during his work, seeks excitement as a relaxation, while the more animated Gaul needs quiet during his leisure."

Just as the individual adopts games which meet his bodily need, so it seems that national pastimes are modified to foster and fortify the peoples who play them.

Influence of England's Sports. Right up to 1914 It was almost bromidic to laugh at the Englishman for putting his recreations in his "Who's Who," alongside of matters considered more weighty, and for publishing massive tomes and cyclopedias of sport. Now the world knows that in Scotland, but in northern Europe. the Derby at Epsom, the cricket at Rugby, and the fox-hunts of Norththe bulldog determination with which he "carried on" one heartbreaking summer after another against victors Hun onslaughts in Finnders.

are said to have admired and won- other "unprofitabll sportis" by James dered at the American dough-boy, IV. That monarch, however, seems to whacking out three-baggers amid the have disregarded his own edict, as booming of Big Berthas, issuing oc- did enough other Scotchmen to keep casional rain-checks in mid-inning the game alive.

Games With the Ball.

Running, throwing, hitting, and kicking are the fundamental muscular operations of America's characteristic sports-baseball, football, tennis, and gelf. The peoples of antiquity mani-

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 the medieval Italians played a game which seems the direct ancestor of the Anglo-Saxon college sport. Gaelic Shrove Tuesday was distinctively an

In old England football was even rougher than most sports of those "meeter for lameing than making able the users thereof." Henry VIII and Elizabeth ruled against it. Edward II frowned upon it for its interference with archery and also because of the commotion it aroused.

occasion for football as is our Thanks-

Likewise, one must go back to the Greeks and Romans for the origin of tennis, which descended to England by way to France. In the Twelfth century a game with ball and plaited gut bat was played on horseback. Then came "La boude," in which the horses were abandoned. Henry VIII of England was a youthful devotee. while Louis XIV's heavy expense accounts show salarles paid to caretakers of his courts.

If tennis has a royal lineage, golf, which was later regarded as a rich man's game, had most plebelan beginnings. Contrary to a widespread bellef, it seems not to have originated Apparently it was first played on ice, being one of the winter sports adapted amptonshire had everything to do with to the physical geography of the Lows Countries.

By the Fifteenth century golf had attained such vogue in Scotland that it threatened the cherished archery, But even the sport-loving Britons and it is classed with "fute-ball" and

selection of a central coal distribution committee of government officials under the chairmanship of Secretary Hoover.

The commerce secretary immediately wired the governors of the various states asking them to set up emergency state organizations as the first step ioward decentralizing the organization for equitable distribution and maintenance of fair prices for coal under the administration's plan.

Co-operation of state organizations also was asked by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Atchison, who telegraphed the several transportation regulatory boards of the states east of the Mississippi, requesting them to act as representative of the commission in facilitating operation of the emergency service orders giving priority to the shipments of coal and necessities.

Southern Miners Ordered Out.

Muskogee, Okla .--- Engineers, pumpmen, electricians and repair men employed by coal operators in Oklahoma and Arkansas to keep the mines in a safe condition, have been «rdered out by the board of the United Mine Workers, district No. 21. The order was passed unanimously,

Pleads to Striking Shopmen.

Washington .- President Harding has appealed to the 400,000 striking shopmen to return to work, promising to ask for a rehearing of any case before the raliroad labor board "concerning which there is a reasonable doubt about the correctness or the justness of the decision."

New Hospital for Service Men. Washington .- Selection of St. Cloud, Minn., as a site for the new \$1,000,000 hospital for service men with facilities for between 250 and 350 mental cases is announced by Director Forbes of the veterans' bureau.

Ban on Imported Wines and Liquors, Washington .- Imports of wines and liquors have been banned by Commissioner Blair of internal revenue until supplies already in the country for nonbeverage uses are sufficient to meet the national requirements.

Object to Primary Amendment.

Lincoln .- The league of women coters have filed with Secretary of State Amsherry 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. They also claim it places in the hands of the state conventions the selection of delegates to nutional conventions.

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Mrs. Asquith's mot that Americans are more progressive than civilized is accepted as a compliment. Most of the world is neither.

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.

