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ADVISES CONTROL BY GOVERNMENT OF COAL INDUSTRY

Federal Trade Commission Urges That Only Thus Can Shortage Be Avoided.

BOTH IN PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORTATION

Industry at Present Paralyzed and Paralyzing All Industries—Features of Case.

Washington, D. C., June 20.—Government pools of coal production and distribution, and of rail and water transportation were recommended to congress today by the federal trade commission as the only means of avoiding a disastrous coal shortage next winter.

"The commission believes," says the report, submitted after many months of investigation, ordered by congress, "that the coal industry is paralyzing the industries of the country and that the coal industry itself is paralyzed by the failure of transportation. There are enough coal cars in the country but not enough are delivered to the mines and these cars are not moved to the point of consumption with the greatest expedition, nor are they promptly discharged."

In view of these conditions, the commission recommends:

"First—That the production and distribution of coal and coke be conducted through a pool in the hands of the government agency; that the producers of various grades of fuel be paid their full cost of production plus a uniform profit per ton (with due allowance for quality of product and efficiency of service), and

Transportation Also.

"Second—That the transportation agencies of the United States, both rail and water, be similarly pooled and operated on government account, under the direction of the president, and that all such means of transportation be operated as a unit, the owning corporations being paid a just and fair compensation which would cover normal net profit, upkeep and betterments."

These recommendations are approved by Commissioners Davies, Colver and Fort. Chairman Harris dissents on the plan for transportation pool, except as a last resort, and suggests instead "that during the war the president be authorized to order rail and water transportation agencies to give preference to shipment of coal, coke and other commodities in the order of their importance to the public welfare."

Great Emergency Exists.

An urgent necessity exists for immediate legislation to correct conditions, says the report, because the usual spring and summer accumulation of coal stocks at points distant from producing districts "is not now taking place, but it must be made during what remains of the summer unless the country is to face next winter a most serious and irreparable situation."

Present production of bituminous or soft coal is 40 per cent under the possible maximum, principally because of coal car shortage, the report declares.

Consequently the extra large production of anthracite coal this spring, one-fourth greater than usual, has been diverted to industrial markets ordinarily filled by bituminous coal and coke. Anthracite mines have been given ample car supply, the commission observes, "by reason of the close corporate relation between rail transportation and anthracite production."

Bituminous mines, however, are compelled by the car shortage to operate only part of the time and many miners are going into other work.

Contributing factors in the disorganization of coal transportation are the high barge rates from New York to Newport News, to Boston and the practice of lake ships to make trips to the northwest in water ballast rather than carry coal.

Argument for Plan.

Discussing the proposed remedy, the commission says:

"If the producer at each mine were paid his full cost of production with allowances for depletion, maintenance, upkeep and all the usual items, and to this were added a fixed and uniform net profit per ton, with due regard to quality, the coal thus produced at widely varying costs, if pooled, could be sold through the government at an average and uniform price, quality considered, which would be entirely tolerable to the consuming public and a price much lower than could be fixed if an effort were made to fix a uniform price to the producers. It

would seem that steady employment, fair compensation to labor and capital, equitable distribution and stable prices could be secured.

Transportation Economy.

"The railroads of the country, if operated at a unit and on government account, could be used to transport coal and other products by the most direct route to their point of destination and the efficiency of the roads themselves, existing rolling stock and motive power, would be vastly increased.

"All receipts from all rail and water transportation agencies being pooled at the hands of the government and all expense of operation being paid from the common fund, each individual company should be paid a just compensation which might be measured by the average annual net profit and expenditure for maintenance and betterments for the five-year period prior to the war.

Through Present Agencies.

"The operation, both of mines and of the transportation agencies, could be carried on by the present employees and officials and after the war they could be returned unimpaired to private operation. The rolling stock of railroads, operated as a unit, could be mobilized so as to care for the shifting reasonable demands."

Attention is called to the fact that Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy and Germany have found it necessary to take over the control of their coal industries in varying degrees.

The commission will continue its investigation.

BELGIANS EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE

Head of Mission to America Pays Tribute to Hoover and His Work.

Baron Moncheur Tells of the Purpose of Visit of Party to This Country.

Washington, June 20.—Baron Moncheur, head of the Belgian war mission, today expressed to the American people through the Washington correspondents Belgium's deep gratitude for America's "generous outpouring of material assistance and sympathy."

He paid an especial tribute to Herbert C. Hoover for his Belgian relief work.

"The purpose of our visit to this country," said the baron, "is to express to your government and people the heartfelt gratitude of Belgium for the generous outpouring of assistance and sympathy which have gone so far to save my stricken countrymen from the horrors of famine and to maintain their unshaken courage in this hour of trial.

Will Never Cool.

"Our warm gratitude to you for this help will never cool, but you are now adding still more to our great debt. Our people saved from famine, still groan under the yoke of a merciless invader. Of all the peoples of the world none have ever had a more flaming love of liberty than those of Belgium, and this makes their suffering the more acute.

"Your entry into the war not only brings to us the satisfaction of finding in an old friend a new ally, but fires us with complete confidence in an early and victorious issue of the great struggle which has brought to my country so much of misery and suffering.

"Our admiration of your decision in entering the war is all the greater because we know that you did so in full knowledge of all its horrors and realized fully the sacrifices you will be called upon to make.

Tribute to Hoover.

"This shows is as nothing else could the determination of your country to see that when peace comes it shall be an honest peace, one that can last and one that will bring freedom and happiness to all nations.

"In voicing my country's gratitude I am happy to be able to pay a tribute of administration and affection to Mr. Hoover, under whose able and untiring direction the great work of feeding Belgium was carried on. We now rejoice for you that a man so eminently fitted by ability and experience should be at your service in handling the great food problems that confront you."

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GERMAN SUSPECT IN U. S. NAVY IS HELD AS A SPY

Baltimore, June 20.—Oscar Christian, a German, who says he came to this country in 1912 and took out first citizenship papers in Alaska and subsequently went to southern California and enlisted in the coast artillery assigned to the Twenty-eighth company at Fort Rosencrans, is under heavy guard at Fort Howard. In his possession were drawings apparently of a lighthouse and machinery. There were also written in German script papers in which he said he "described the cruelties of American detention houses" which he intended taking to Germany. He said he escaped from a detention house in Washington Monday night.

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URGE MEXICO TO JOIN ENTENTE

Prominent Civilians Advocate Break With German Empire.

Mexico City, June 20.—El Universal, the most prominent newspaper in Mexico, prints today statements from twenty-three prominent civilians of Mexico advocating severance by Mexico of relations with Germany and asserting that Mexico's place in the war is on the side of the entente allies.

The headlines of the article in which the statements are incorporated say it is to the interest of Mexico to sever relations with Germany and that the Latin-American ideals of Mexico must incline her to the side of the allies rather than toward ideals of pan-Germanism, absorption and militarism as expressed by Germany.

The statements assert that German intrigues in Mexico offer ample reasons for severing diplomatic relations, adding that Germany is endeavoring to provoke trouble between Mexico and the United States. It is asserted that Germany cannot deceive Mexico by the prospect of recovering portions of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, lost in 1848.

Mexico, others say, cannot lend herself to be the headquarters of a German spy system, to lay Mexico and other Latin-American states open to embroilment and especially involve Mexico with the United States and Guatemala.

COUPLAND REPORTS CROPS SUFFICIENT FOR EMERGENCY

Lincoln, Neb., June 20.—Nebraska crops will fully meet the state's share in the food shortage emergency, says George Coupland, vice chairman and food conservative member of the Nebraska council of defense.

Mr. Coupland returned today after spending four days in Antelope county, where his three sons look after his large farming interests. While at home he motored through Boone and surrounding counties.

"It's a wonderful crop of corn according to present prospects," said Mr. Coupland. "The outlook for other grains is just as bright."

Mr. Coupland says farmers who did not plow up their winter wheat this spring, assuming it was winter killed, will get about half a crop.

Mr. Coupland will move to Lincoln next week for the summer to give his undivided attention to food conservation work. They will live in the Dean Walcott home while the dean and his family are away for the summer.

DEGREE OF HONOR, NOTICE.

The Degree of Honor lodge will hold their regular meeting tomorrow, evening (Thursday), June 21st. All members are requested to be present as business of importance will be brought before the lodge. Light refreshments will be served. Members only.

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