

Coal Situation in Nebraska Pronounced Serious

ADMINISTRATOR KENNEDY IN CAPITAL HEARS SCHOOLS OF OMAHA ARE SHORT OF FUEL

Omaha Official In Washington to Confer With Dr. Garfield About Conduct of Coal Campaign; Example From David City Cited Showing How Coal Was Found.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Oct. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—John L. Kennedy, newly appointed federal fuel commissioner for Nebraska, is in Washington for a conference with Dr. Harry Garfield over the coal situation in his state. Mr. Kennedy considers the situation serious so far as Nebraska is concerned and is alive to the fact that immediate action should be taken to obtain relief. Just how that relief is to come will be defined in his conference with Dr. Garfield tomorrow.

COAL FOR SCHOOLS SHORT.

In a telegram received by Mr. Kennedy today from Thomas A. Fry, chairman of the purchasing and supply committee of the Omaha public schools, Mr. Fry told of conditions that may not be known to the fathers and mothers who have children enrolled in primary or grammar grades. "Greater Omaha," said Mr. Fry, in his telegram to Mr. Kennedy, "requires an annual supply of 10,500 tons of bituminous coal, and has on hand only 2,000 tons, which will last approximately 30 days."

INSTITUTIONS SHORT.

Mr. Kennedy, who proposes to give the state the best ability he possesses toward obtaining relief in the coal situation, said the state institutions were also having difficulty in getting sufficient coal supply for their needs. Another instance of shortage he cited occurred at David City. But a few days ago that town had barely enough coal to keep the municipal lights burning.

Finds Coal on Road.

The mayor wired Mr. Kennedy that they had received a bill of lading for one car of coal, but it was nowhere in sight. Mr. Kennedy got busy. He hardly knew just what his functions were, but he started the wires, with the result that Mr. Kennedy not only found the car that was missing, consigned to David City, but an additional car that was ambling along the way.

Then the fuel commissioner for Nebraska told the mayor of David City that other cars of coal would be on the way if needed.

JUNKERS STILL FAR FROM BEATEN

Lord Northcliffe Says Transport Is Main Question to Settle in This War; Transport, More Transport.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Lord Northcliffe, who arrived in Kansas City today to meet western editors at a luncheon, brought with him this definition of war: "War," said his lordship, "is transport. If you ask me whether there is a possibility of a quick termination of the war," he said, "I ask you to look at your transport and find your answer there. When you have the ships to send an army to France and supply them you have reached the point where you can speculate about the end of the war."

"That is war-transport. For every soldier you send to France you will want 10 tons of shipping to keep him there. Do you know that for every aviator you send to the front you will have to send eight mechanics and spare parts of his machine equal to two machines? Transport—transport—that is war."

Those who talk of a short war, whether in England or America, have not grasped the magnitude of this plot of the royal gang.

"The little group of war junkers, possibly numbering a quarter million persons, who dominate Germany, backed now to the wall, fighting with everything to lose, are no more beaten now than they were in 1915," the London editor said.

Postage On Cards And Letters to the City Remain Same

The new law raising the postage on first class mail to 3 cents per ounce is already puzzling a vast number of Omahans, judging by the number of inquiries that come in by telephone to the postmaster.

"Beginning November 2 you simply put 3 cents postage on a letter where you have been putting 2 cents heretofore," the postmaster tells them. "On postal cards you must have 2 cents postage instead of 1 cent. The only exception is on letters and postal cards mailed here for delivery in Omaha. On such letters or postal cards the rate or postage remains the same as heretofore."

May Eliminate Manufacture Of All War Nonessentials

Washington, Oct. 26.—Restriction of production of materials not essential to the war is under serious consideration by President Wilson and action may be taken soon. Although there has been no intimation of the exact nature of any steps contemplated by the president two courses have been generally discussed.

Under one the war industries board would enter into voluntary agreements with specific manufacturers of nonessentials to reduce their output gradually. Under the other the president would issue a general request to manufacturers and rely on their patriotism to follow the suggestion.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

THE MASTER MINDS OF MILITARY GERMANY—Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Lieutenant General von Ludendorff. In some quarters it is hinted that Ludendorff, German quartermaster general, is the real brains of the outfit, and that Hindenburg is merely the "front."



GENS. HINDENBURG AND LUDENDORFF.

HORDES OF GERMAN PRISONERS MARCH TO THE FRENCH REAR WITHOUT GUARD OR ESCORT

Demoralization of Crown Prince's Command Shown In Contradictory Orders Found On Men Taken; Another General Retreat May Be Ordered to Reform Line.

(By Associated Press.)

With the French Armies in France, Oct. 26.—Demoralization of the German command opposed to General Petain's advance upon the Aisne canal is no longer in doubt. Vast hordes of German prisoners are marching back to the French rear without escort, in good spirits for the first time in months.

MANY GUNS CAPTURED.

Damaged German machine guns lay everywhere, abandoned by the men the minute an opportunity to surrender without the danger of facing a firing squad presents itself.

Immense quantities of military material and heaps of ammunition and cannon are strewn about the shell-torn field in the line of the French drive, left by the terrorized men and discouraged officers as the irresistible force of General Petain's advance became evident.

Uncertainty in the German command is shown by contradictory orders found on prisoners. The question is asked whether another retreat is intended.

FRENCH GUNS ACCURATE.

Many Germans were captured in the enormous cavern of Fruty. The approaches were battered severely and large holes had been torn in the roof, demonstrating the power and accuracy of the French artillery. Not an inch of ground hereabouts had been left unchanged. The cavern has galleries about one kilometer in length with many exits, most of which had been damaged greatly by the French guns.

When the French infantry dashed forward in the darkness they found them full of Germans waiting for the moment of attack. Hand grenades and smoke bombs; soon brought them out with their hands raised in token of surrender.

Tanks in Advance.

Meanwhile the tanks had advanced with the infantrymen until the second German position was reached, destroying on the way any nest of machine guns opposing the progress of the French troops. The tanks advanced several kilometers, during which they met and demolished many machine gun nests. One tank was opposed by a determined German officer with a large body of men, who poured bullets upon the armored sides of the machine without effect. Finally the French officer in command descended from the tank and with his revolver forced the whole group to surrender.

They were determinedly in pursuit stroyed, making a retreat of artillery impracticable.

Hundreds of machine guns were captured by the French and many of them were turned on the fleeing Germans, who had left plenty of ammunition behind. It is reported that 150 cannon have fallen into French hands, but the number is uncertain, owing to the condition of the battlefield and its width. The same uncertainty applies to the number of prisoners, hundreds of Germans being encountered on all parts of the field, marching wearily back to the French lines.

Move Toward Laon.

The sight of the towers on the cathedral of Laon on the horizon a few miles away spurred the French soldiers to wonderful efforts of endurance and swiftness of movement. They went on determinedly in pursuit.

Another tank found a battery of field guns facing it. As soon as the tank opened fire half of the artillerymen threw up their hands, while the remainder bolted, only to fall be-

neath a hail of machine gun bullets from the monster.

Thursday the French advance proceeded rapidly and the units reached the various objectives with regularity. After taking the village of Pinon the patrols went forward and entered the forest of the same name. They found many German cannon abandoned, but with the breech blocks gone. Dead horses, killed by the German gunners, lay beside the cannon. The Germans had found it impossible to get the weapons away over the marshes adjoining the Aisne canal, over which most of the bridges had been destroyed during the campaign.

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"Resignation Not Necessary"—Kaiser; Michaelis to Stick

Amsterdam, Oct. 26.—Dispatches from Berlin say that the German emperor does not consider the resignation of Dr. Michaelis as chancellor necessary and it is therefore probable that Michaelis will remain in power.

Nebraska Draft Board Member Gives Up After Indictment

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. Albert Lemoine of Nelson, Neb., a member of the draft board in that town and a leading Red Cross fund worker, who was indicted by the federal grand jury at Leavenworth October 12 on a charge of making a seditious speech, surrendered to W. W. Lacy, Kansas City (Kan.) United States marshal, late today. He was released on a \$2,500 cash bond.

Dr. Lemoine, who is 36 years old, in an address at Concordia, Kan., to drafted men, more than one-third of whom were on their way to Camp Funston, is accused of having asserted exemption boards violated the law, and that they should have been exempted.

Private at Camp Greene Shot by Military Police

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 25.—Fredrick von Bethoven, an Oregon National Guardsman, was shot and mortally wounded today when he broke away from military police serving a warrant on him on a business street here. He was taken to a local hospital.

Ask Guardian for Harry Thaw Be Appointed

New York, Oct. 26.—An application for the appointment of guardian for Harry K. Thaw was filed today in the United States district court in Brooklyn. The case will be tried in December.

Second Call Men Have Chance

Washington, Oct. 26.—Men subject to the second call to the national army are to be given an opportunity to study for work in the army signal corps.

NEBRASKA WILL RAISE \$250,000 OF Y. M. C. A. FUND

Business Men at Meeting in Omaha Take Steps to Gather This Sum; War Council Organized.

That Nebraska will attempt to raise more than \$250,000 of the \$350,000,000 Young Men's Christian association national war fund, was determined by 300 delegates, representing most of the counties of the state, at a meeting held at the Commercial club last night, after George Sherwood Eddy, who has during the last two years visited all of the European battle fronts, graphically described the battles being fought, the mental and physical suffering of the soldiers and the need of the work being done by the Young Men's Christian association.

War Council Organized.

A state war work council was organized and the state was divided into districts which were apportioned a certain part of the total amount to be raised.

All of the 19 districts, into which the state has been divided, accepted the amount assigned to them and many of the districts asked that their assignment be increased. The amount expected of Omaha was increased from \$75,000 to \$100,000 at the request of the committee. Lincoln was asked to raise \$50,000.

Give Up Profits.

"Will you business men of Nebraska give up your profits for this year that those men, better men, younger men, who are fighting for you and giving their lives for you over in the trenches in France may be protected from the moral ruin that has disabled so many of the soldiers of the other countries engaged in this war and that they may have some of the comforts and conveniences that the Young Men's Christian association is able to furnish them?" was the question asked by Mr. Eddy, assistant general secretary of the Young Men's Christian association on the international committee, in his address.

Must Furnish Amusement.

"Will you men live for suffering humanity for one year and tell God and men that you will not take profit out of your business during this time? General Pershing upon his arrival in France said, 'I am going to win this fight to keep our boys moral if I never win a battle.' But the American soldiers must have something to do after the day's work is done. Some amusement must be furnished for them. The Young Men's Christian association is trying to furnish the soldiers with good wholesome amusement and to hold them to their religion. The association has been providing twenty tons or 20,000,000 pieces of writing paper every week for the armies in Europe.

"And it is not only the American boys who need our help, but France, Italy and Russia are all asking that we establish comfort huts and furnish attendants behind their fighting lines.

"And why cannot we do this? Ours is the richest nation in the world. Our resources are as yet untouched."

Tells War Conditions.

In the last two years Mr. Eddy has been in Russia, Turkey, Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece, Egypt, India, the British Isles and France. He told of the heroism and suffering of the soldiers and described the awful conditions of the war-torn nations in such a vivid way that his hearers were moved with pity for them.

Mr. Eddy's address will be printed and circulated throughout the state during the campaign.

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