

RETRIEVE COAL MEN'S LOSS ON OLD CONTRACTS

Administration Allows Fuel Dealers to Take Margin Which New Government Prices Swept Away.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 9.—Thousands of tons of coal held by jobbers and wholesalers were made available for emergency distribution today when the fuel administration decided to allow dealers to take a small margin of profit on coal they had contracted for at high prices before the government prices were fixed.

Under previous orders jobbers have been permitted to sell only at a small margin above the government price at the time regardless of the figures named in their contracts. Because in many instances this price was less than the coal cost them, the jobbers have held their coal.

Today's ruling provides that the jobbers may sell at a margin of 15 per cent above the contract cost to purchasers to be designated by state fuel administrators. The fuel administrators will place the coal in communities most in need of it.

Increase Coal Production.
Measures to increase coal production were taken up at a conference today between officials of the food administration, administrators of the National Coal association and representatives of the railroad war board, the priorities committee and the Interstate Commerce commission. Consideration was given to a proposal that coal shipments be given preference in transportation over all other commodities except food and war supplies. This step was urged particularly by the coal operators, who assert that car shortage is forcing mines to stand idle in many parts of the country.

Local committees serving under state fuel administrators were given wide discretion by the fuel administration today in fixing retail margins. In a recent order retailers were directed to charge no greater margins than they took in 1915, with the provision that, in no instance were margins to be more than charged in July of this year. Today's order empowers local committees to reduce these margins wherever investigation shows they are unreasonable.

German Paper Says Sweden Violates True Neutrality

Amsterdam, Nov. 9.—Hjalmar Branting, Swedish minister of finance and socialist leader, is quoted by a newspaper correspondent as saying: "Peace will come through the triumph of democracy. Germany's regime cannot be reconciled with the spirit of our times. Belgium will be completely reinstated and reparations made. Alsace-Lorraine must be restored to France."
The Cologne Gazette's semi-official Berlin correspondent, commenting on this utterance, says: "We expect the Swedish government to explain whether Branting's words can be reconciled with true neutrality."

Plans for Taking Packages To the Soldiers at the Front

Washington, Nov. 9.—Arrangements to carry Christmas gifts to American soldiers in France who fail to receive presents from relatives or friends were announced today by the Post-office department. Postmasters were ordered to accept for transmission parcel post packages, the contents of which the senders desire to be distributed as presents among the soldiers, who might not otherwise be remembered. Such packages addressed in care of the commanding officer, Pier No. 1, Hoboken, N. J., and marked "for distribution" will be accepted if packed in accordance with regulations.

Woman in Case is Cause Of Street Fist Fight

The woman in the case brought O. E. Magg and Earl Matheson, 716 Bancroft street, to jail Wednesday night charged with disturbing the peace. Matheson alleges Magg took Mrs. Matheson automobiling. The fight was in progress in front of 2406 Cass street, when police arrived and gave the fatigued combatants a ride to the station. They were released on cash bonds.

Austrian Emperor Bestows Decorations on Generals

Amsterdam, Nov. 9.—A Vienna dispatch says that in recognition of the successes won on the Italian front, Emperor Charles has made General von Korbatin a field marshal, has conferred on Duke Eugene and Field Marshal von Hindenburg the brilliant of the Cross of the Military Order of the first class, with the war decoration, and has awarded to General von Below the grand cross of the Order of Leopold, with war decorations.

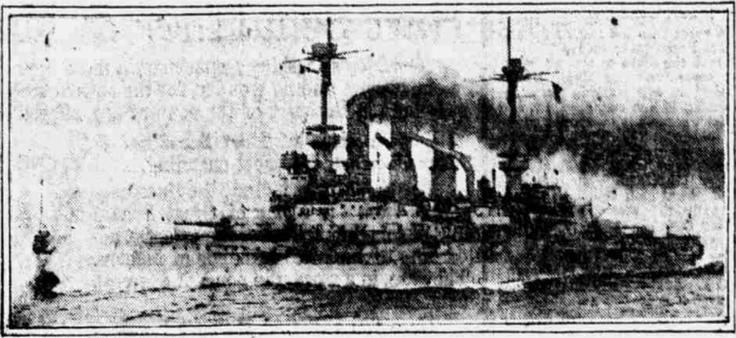
National Party to Offer Candidates Later in Year

New York, Nov. 9.—Announcement of a national convention early in 1918, at which plans will be made for placing candidates in the field for the congressional elections later in the year, was made in this city today by the national party, which was formed in Chicago in October through a coalition of prominent progressives, prohibitionists, single taxers, socialists who withdrew from the socialist party and independents. The time and place of the convention are yet to be chosen.

Rock Island Will Run Pullman to Camp Funston

For the convenience of Omaha people who desire to visit Camp Funston the Rock Island will operate a sleeper between Omaha and Manhattan, Kan., Fridays and possibly Saturdays. The south bound train carrying the sleeper leaves Omaha at 3:45, arriving at Manhattan, Kan., at 12:33 a. m.

GERMAN BATTLESHIP ON WHICH MUTINY TOOK PLACE—By mutinous sailors when an uprising took place at Kiel. Admiral Schmidt and Lieutenant Paul were thrown overboard from the battleship Kronprinz. Similar scenes took place on board the battleship Schleswig-Holstein.



THE SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.

POTATO PRODUCTION SETS HIGHEST MARK

Tobacco Also Gains, According to Figures Made Public by Department of Agriculture.

Washington, Nov. 9.—A corn crop, larger by more than 66,000,000 bushels than ever grown in the history of American agriculture, is the production of the farmers of the United States this year. The Department of Agriculture in its preliminary estimate of the crop placed the quantity at 3,191,083,000 bushels.

Conditions since the October forecast caused a reduction of about 19,700,000 bushels in the indicated output.

Potatoes also are a record crop, with a total of 439,686,000 bushels, but unfavorable weather late in the season caused a reduction of 13,000,000 bushels.

Tobacco production is a record. "The corn crop of 1917 is notable as occupying the largest acreage and producing the largest total crop of record," said a statement of the Department of Agriculture. "The yield per acre, however, is not exceptional, owing to an unfavorable season, characterized by a late spring, a cold summer, which was also too dry over much of the corn belt, and early and damaging frosts and freezes, the season being thus shortened at both ends. Thus, unhappily, the bountiful crop contains much corn that did not mature, probably in excess of 20 per cent, although most of this had reached the dough state, making it useful for silos and early feeding."

Potato Quality Above Average.

"The potato crop, estimated at 440,000,000 bushels, is the largest on record, notwithstanding an unfavorable September and October which cut down the actual production below the forecasts made earlier in the season. The northern commercial sections were most seriously affected by the unfavorable weather during October. The quality of the crop is slightly above average.

"The buckwheat production of 16,813,000 bushels, fell below early forecasts, although it is up to an average in total production, compared with former years.

"The flax seed crop, estimated at 9,648,000 bushels, is very disappointing in its outcome, being smaller than early forecasts and much below an average production. Corn quality was 75.2 per cent, compared with 84 per cent last year, and 10 below the average. In principal states the quality was: Ohio, 73 per cent; Indiana, 63; Illinois, 71; Iowa, 65; Missouri, 86; Nebraska, 80; Kansas, 69.

Elks to Build First Big Reconstruction Hospital

Washington, Nov. 9.—America's first reconstruction hospital where men wounded overseas will be fitted for occupational pursuits commensurate with their injuries will be built by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Boston. The Elks' war relief commission after a meeting here today announced that the government has agreed to accept the hospital.

Plans for erecting the institution will be available out of the \$1,000,000 relief fund contributed by the 500,000 Elks of the country.

May Bar Kansas City From Visits of National Army

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 9.—Unless the authorities of Kansas City take immediate steps to suppress vice in all its forms, the government may find it necessary to declare the city a barred military zone and forbid soldiers from adjacent military establishments coming here, Henry F. Burt, in charge of the law enforcement department of the north central district and an operative of the War department, today notified the authorities here.

Annexation Acknowledged Part of German Peace Plan

Copenhagen, Nov. 9.—The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, organ of the annexationists and great business interests publishes a report that at the conferences which have been in progress recently between German and Austria representatives in Berlin, the decision was reached to abandon entirely the pretense of a non-annexationist peace program and to go over to the policy of uniting Poland with Austria-Hungary and Courland and Lithuania with Germany.

Department Orders.

Washington, Nov. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—A postoffice has been established at Cherokee, Lincoln county, with Mrs. Mary M. Imeson as postmaster. Harry A. Kellogg has been appointed rural letter carrier at Mendon, Ia. Major Walter S. Fulton, infantry, national army, will proceed to Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Ia., for assignment to duty. Captain John B. Robertson, medical reserve corps, is relieved from duty at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, and will proceed to Fort Mackenzie, Wyo.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

George, Aged Eleven, Runs Away From Country Home to See Movies

"I didn't like that place because there wuz no picture shows," tearfully spoke 11-year-old George May last night when Sergeant Samuelson found him wandering about the downtown streets penniless, tired and hungry. He said he had left his home at Mercer, Neb., last Thursday and came here, where he has been spending his afternoons and evenings in picture shows and enjoying himself to his boyish heart's content. The little boy broke down in tears when he discovered that his pleasures were brought to a sudden end by the officers.

He formerly lived at 2026 St. Mary's avenue and boastfully told police that on several occasions he had felt the hand of juvenile authorities for various mischievous pranks.

Probation Officer Carver took George into custody awaiting the arrival of the boy's father.

"Gee, I'm glad to see you again," he said to Officer Carver, "and I know you'll take care of me, 'cause me and youse is good friends. I remember you."

"I want to go back to school. I wuz at the head of my class at Mercer, but I got too lonesome for picture shows and bought a ticket to Omaha last Thursday with the money I saved. Pa gives me a nickel for trying to be good."

"When I got here I hired a bed and had enough money left for shows and eat. It's all spent, and I want to go home now," he told officer Carver. George is being detained at the detention home awaiting the arrival of his father.

GERMAN POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN MIXUP

Objection to Count von Hertling Stirs Up Strife and Threat of Military Dictatorship is Made.

Copenhagen, Nov. 9.—The threat that a military dictatorship is inevitable unless insistence upon a radical vice chancellor is dropped and the government of Count von Hertling as it now stands is accepted, is held out over the progressive democratic elements in Germany.

Some say that Count von Hertling's chancellorship is in danger of immediate shipwreck. The refusal of Herr Friedberg, leader of the national party, to accept the vice presidency of the Prussian ministry and the alleged certainty that Dr. Helfferich is to be retained as vice chancellor are regarded as matters impossible of settlement.

Count von Hertling is reported to have succumbed to military and junker influence.

The Berliner Tageblatt refers to the reactionary forces opposing the nomination of progressive leaders. The Koelnische Zeitung blames the progressives and the socialists for the reawakening of the crisis and says that the prospect for a political truce has quite disappeared.

The socialists apparently have abandoned the dictum expressed by Philip Scheidemann Sunday that the new Von Hertling government, which differs from that of Dr. Michaelis only in the person of its chief, provided all necessary guarantees of responsible government as a pre-condition to peace. The socialists declare that they have no confidence in an administration made up of conservative, centrist and nationalist elements imposed on a substructure of old-line bureaucrats, and will remain in opposition unless the desired places are given to the radicals whom the socialists regard as their representatives in the ministry.

The Tageblatt and other radical newspapers say that if Chancellor von Hertling bows to the "hidden powers" and the influence of the court clique the opposition will introduce on November 22, when the Reichstag reconvenes, a resolution of lack of confidence in the government.

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The remarkable purity and beauty of tone of the Chickering Piano was clearly demonstrated last evening in the recital given at the Boyd by Oscar Seagle, baritone, and Eddie Brown, violinist, under the auspices of the Tuesday Musical Club of Omaha.

The accompaniments as played by Powell Weaver for Mr. Seagle and Herbert Johnson for Mr. Brown were masterpieces in themselves, bringing out all those rich, magnificent qualities of the Chickering Piano and blending them superbly with the artists.

Mr. Oscar Seagle is a master artist with a fine, clear, remarkable voice of beautiful tone quality. The renditions were exceptionally well conceived with an exquisite tone coloring that places him as an artist of high rank.

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The piano used by these artists was selected from the Burgess-Nash piano stock and loaned by them for the recital.

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Turks Retreat Before British In Palestine

London, Nov. 9.—The entire Turkish army in Palestine is retreating towards the north. British airplanes are following up the retreating Turks and bombing them.

Forty Turkish guns were captured, says a British official statement announcing the Ottoman retreat.

British and French naval forces are co-operating against the Turkish communications along the Mediterranean coast.

Civil Service Exams to Be Held Here in December

Civil service examinations will be held in the federal building here and at various points in Nebraska December 4, 5 and 6 for the following positions: Domestic science teacher, mechanical laboratorian, stenographic clerk, assistant herdsman, inspector of stoves and ranges, vehicle engineer, specialist in agricultural education, special agents for agricultural education, home economics education and trade or industrial education, manual training teacher, calculating machine operator. Full information may be secured from Miss Coffin, federal building.

Dance of Seventh Nebraska Regiment to Be Big Affair

A 12-piece orchestra will furnish the music for tripping the "light fantastic" at the soldiers' dance to be given by Company F, Seventh Nebraska regiment, in the Auditorium next Saturday evening.

All the soldiers at Forts Omaha and Crook have been invited to attend as well as the general public. Admission is \$1 per couple. Coffee and cake will be served. Crossman's drum corps will play patriotic airs.

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