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GARFIELD RECOMMENDS FEDERAL OPERATION COAL AND RAILROADS

Proposal Made to President—Pooling of Eastern Roads Regarded as First Step to Government Control During War.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Fuel Administrator H. A. Garfield late this afternoon laid before President Wilson sweeping recommendations for action to meet the coal shortage and traffic congestion.

Based on reports from every section of the country and a survey by experts his suggestions are understood tonight to include:

1. Government pooling and distribution of all coal. This to consist of purchase of the fuel at the mines, and its allotment to various war industries individual manufacturers and nonessential manufacturers in the order named of the railroads for the period of the war.

2. Complete government operations. The conference lasted more than an hour. Dr. Garfield went to the White House at 6:30 p. m. He had reports by his experts on the exact fuel situation with every question of production, demand and transportation covered.

It was stated at the White House after the conference that the president had expressed great interest in Mr. Garfield's suggestions but that no statement would yet be forthcoming on the president's decision.

It was indicated unofficially, however, that Dr. Garfield has been given authority to notify coal contractors to "get out from under" as the government would take over all fuel at the expiration of present contracts. This would be in April at the latest.

It is understood that Dr. Garfield declared the rail situation is far more serious a factor in the present fuel shortage than any other and that government operation is the only solution.

This opinion has previously been expressed to the president by other government leaders and the belief here tonight is that the pooling of resources by the eastern roads is only the first forward step toward complete government control for the period of the war. Shortage of equipment will have to be met, it was stated, by control of all cars to such an extent that each will be made to do the full service. Under any other than a central direction there would be overlapping and days lost on sidetracks which could be ill-afforded.

Coal production can be increased to such an extent, Dr. Garfield is understood to have told the president that with the installation of proper economic methods in the use of fuel, the supply and demand can be brought to a line, if adequate transportation can be secured.

In other words, car shortage is the main thing to be dealt with in furnishing the nation the coal it needs. Steps have been taken to remedy this as far as possible without definite and complete control by the government of all railroad trackage and equipment.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

There will be a union Thanksgiving service at the Mayer Memorial E. L. church Thursday night, 7:30 o'clock. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endureth forever." The following will be the program:

- Offertory—by choir.
- Hymn 128.
- Scripture lesson and invocation—Rev. H. W. Stone.
- Hymn 106.
- "Remembrance of His Mercies," in things material and spiritual—Rev. H. W. Stone.
- Anthem, "O That Men Would Praise the Lord."
- Hymn 120.
- Address—by Mayor E. F. Wright.
- Hymn 83.
- Address—by Mr. J. M. Davis.
- Summary remarks—Rev. W. H. Dutton.
- Hymn 154.
- Prayer.
- Doxology and benediction.

A NEWBERRY DOCTOR SERVES FIRST GERMAN PRISONER

Dr. W. E. Bickley of Newberry who has been "somewhere in France" for several months had the honor and the distinction of seeing the first prisoner taken by the first company, first battalion, first division of the American Expeditionary Forces now in France, and of administering to his physical needs. Dr. Bickley is a son of Mr. J. S. Bickley who lives in No. 5 and holds a commission as first lieutenant and sailed for France some months ago and has been seeing duty with the American forces.

OPERATION INEVITABLE

Railroad Needs During War Make This Necessary—Coal Control Also Considered.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Government control of railroads during the war is practically assured. Even while the presidents of eastern railroads prepared today to operate those systems as a unit, it was stated in high official quarters that the government must assume charge of rail transportation.

Sooner or later—and rather sooner than later—the step is inevitable it was said assertively.

VARIOUS AND ALL ABOUT.

Much business will confront the criminal court next week.

Some people won't do their Christmas shopping early this year.

Think of Saturday being the first day of December—and Christmas not long off.

Thursday being a legal holiday—Thanksgiving—business and schools will take a rest.

While it was a little cold in Newberry Tuesday it was 16 below zero in Canton, New York.

The D. A. Dickert Chapter will meet with Mrs. John M. Kinard on Saturday afternoon Dec. 1 at 3 o'clock.

We hope you didn't look for much in this issue of The Herald and News. Matters had to be rushed up a day ahead for Thanksgiving.

The Thanksgiving football game at Clinton between the Presbyterian and Newberry colleges drew an annual crowd.

The regular monthly meeting of the Drayton Rutherford chapter, U. D. C., will be held at the residence of Mrs. O. B. Mayer Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Everybody has something to be thankful for, no matter what his condition or circumstances. It always could be worse. And sometimes the fellow you envy would like to swap places with you. We don't always know.

Many ladies in Newberry like Carlyle Blackwell in the pictures, while many men like little Madge Evans. Those two will be in "The Burglar" at the opera house Friday. Then the next episode is "The Fighting Trail," and two comedies, Saturday.

Herbert Hoover advises "Happy Hooligan" people and others to observe meatless days. Some will observe turkeyless day Thursday. Here's hoping that Herbert may soon have the turkeys and other things down again to the reach of ordinary people.

If the city council wants to let you have a pig it will do so. If it does not want to let you have a pig it will not do so. Don't ask us. Ask your alderman; that's what he is there for—that is to consider consultations among his other arduous and strenuous duties.

Woman suffrage will get a boost Friday afternoon at the public meeting in the high school auditorium at 2:30 o'clock. In the addresses by Mrs. Henry Ware Allen and Mrs. Edward E. Yaggy. Hear these ladies and consider the cause of the suffragets and suffragists.

Mooch Hart, colored, was up again and up against it Tuesday. He was before Recorder Earhardt on three



ECONOMIC WASTE.

THE only road to REAL economy is the road that leads to the Home Town. This is the FIRST COMMANDMENT in the community development. Whenever we pass up our own community and send an order away from home we break this commandment by one stroke of the pen. Give your home dealer the CHANCE to fill that order. Given the same conditions, HE can beat any out-of-town house in the country. The Long Distance route is the road to waste, over-buying and false economy. This cartoon shows vividly the ECONOMIC WASTE in long distance buying.

charges, two cases of petit larceny and one case of carrying concealed weapon. The recorder made it twice \$10 or twice 30 days for the larceny cases and \$25 or 30 days for the weapon toting charge. Mooch took the days.

The people generally ought to attend the Thanksgiving service at the Presbyterian church Thursday morning. It will be a little prayer and praise worship directed by the Rev. E. V. Babb and will not take much of your valuable time; but even though it should that ought not to matter, because your time does not belong to you, as much as you think it does.

We like the way the Rev. W. H. Dutton does things. He came to The Herald and News office Tuesday in plenty of time with a notice for this issue. The notice was already prepared and he had a copy for the Observer also. He did not come in and say "I wish you would please write so-and-so for your paper and hand a copy to the Observer." Now the latter way is the way of a great many people, in fact most people. They come in at the last minute while we are very busy and don't seem to like it if we show that we are not in much of a humor to accommodate them. Mr. Dutton's way is such a good way. It is such a little thing to do that it seems to us everybody ought to have the same consideration.

The Eiffel Tower.

The Eiffel tower is just twenty-eight years old, having been erected for the Paris exposition of 1889. Although it was denounced as ugly, for the same reason as a skeleton, because it is unusual, its rigid lines are really graceful. It has outlived its popularity as a pleasure resort, although it offers a wonderful panorama of Paris, but it serves a far more important international service as perhaps the most important wireless station in Europe, for it is in direct communication with

Canada, 2,500 miles off. Its mass of 8,000 tons of iron is 984 feet high, or, if its lightning protection be added, just over 1,000 feet, which is five times the height of the monument on Fish Street hill. In England William Holland's enterprise in imitation of it, the Blackpool tower, still flourishes, but Sir Edward Watkins' scheme, the Wembley tower, had the fate of the Tower of Babel, and the uncompleted fragment, which was for years a landmark on the G. C. R., has long been swept away.—London Globe.

Plans Historical Park.

Pennsylvania plans a park to commemorate the site at Taylorsville where Washington and his Continentals embarked on their trip across the Delaware to capture the Hessians at Trenton, writes a correspondent, and Governor Brumbaugh recently signed a bill appropriating \$25,000 for the purchase of the land at the place of embarkation.

The Pennsylvania Historical society and the Daughters of the Revolution of Pennsylvania four years ago each pledged a sum equal to that the state might give for such a park, and the payment of these pledges will give a fund of \$75,000 for the establishment of the park. Actual construction, however, will not begin until after the war.

The place on the other side of the river where the Continentals landed was utilized several years ago by the state of New Jersey for a park similar to the one planned by Pennsylvania.

Judge Goes Solomon One Better.

In Asheville, N. C., a judge decided that a hostler charged with drunkenness was not to blame, because he had been sold horse liniment by a druggist, who knew what he really wanted it for, so he fined the druggist—but, on second thought, he also held the hostler for cruelty to animals in depriving horses of medicine.

Uncle Hy Explains.

"Why," asked the summer boarder, "are they so often referred to as 'smiling fields of corn?'" "Because," replied Uncle Hyperbole Medders, "the fool questions some city folks ask when they see cornfields make 'em smile, from ear to ear."—The Lamb.

BIG COAL LAND DEAL

Tract of 54,000 Acres in Tennessee Change Hands.

Purchase of a tract of 54,000 acres of coal land in Scott county, near Oneida, by A. B. Day and John F. Shea of Knoxville has been announced at Knoxville, Tenn. The tract is said to be the largest single coal property in the South and more than \$500,000 is involved in the deal.

Five coal operations already have been opened on the tract and additional development work is in progress.

The tract is near the Glen Mary oil gushers and the new owners expect to sink oil wells that will yield a productive flow.

CONVICTS MAKE GOOD

Win Snug List of Honors in the British Army.

Convicts in the royal armies seem to be making good. If the list of honors won by these men is a criterion, they are indeed second to none in valor and fighting spirit. Almost 7,000 have enlisted since the beginning of the war. Of these, three received the Victoria Cross, twenty-five received the D. S. O. and twenty have been mentioned in dispatches. The former convicts have consistently shone in the greatest battles and it is reported that over half of them have been killed, and a high percentage of the remainder carry wound stripes on their arms.

Indian Worked With Broken Leg.

Simon Booth, an Indian employed at Smith's Cove, near Seattle, Wash., broke his leg while assisting in unloading plates from the hold of a vessel. He gritted his teeth and kept on working for two hours, then gave in and asked for a doctor.

Monday Is Shaveless Day in Berlin.

Barbers in Berlin have designated Monday of each week as a shaveless day. Shops will be closed to save coal. The shops now close an hour earlier each day to save light, and prices have been advanced.

WHEELER

In loving remembrance of our dear baby, Murrell Schumpert Wheeler, who departed this life one year ago.

Dear little hands, I miss them so!
All through the day wherever I go—
All through the night how lonely it seems,
For no little hands wake me out of my dreams.

I miss them all through the weary hours,
I miss them as others do sunshine and flowers,
Daytime or night-time, wherever I go,
Dear little hands, I miss them so.

Two little hands crossed over the breast,
Two little feet hid down to rest,
Two little eyes in slumber closed—
How our hearts bleed none but God knows.

One little voice that prattled in low,
Sweet song is now making in Heaven above,

And an angel is watching and waiting for me,
Till I shall cross the dark, rolling sea.
Mother.

We spent a few hours in Greenville on Tuesday with our soldier boy. That is a big thing out there and lots of work has been done at Camp Sevier just as at all camps we suppose. There has been some sickness from measles and pneumonia and the camp has been quarantined but it was thought the quarantine would be lifted in a few days. We are not going to write anything about the trip or what we saw and the opinions we formed, because we might say something that should not be said, not that there is any criticism we would make, and we are writing this paragraph only to say that the Newberry boys so as could gather are doing well and none of them in the hospital. One or two were complaining a little but were up. (We did not see all the boys. The company was drilling when we arrived and did not come in from the drill field until we had to leave. That is a nice place out there and the boys seemed to be happy and contented and ready and willing to entrain whenever the government thinks they are ready.

One has heard a good deal about the Russian woman warriors. Sensational stories about them have appeared from time to time in the European press. Altogether, there is a flavor of romance about the Russian amazons which is lacking entirely in the totally unlooked-for defense put up by an English working woman. A suit had been brought against her for having failed to pay the money due for the hire of her sewing machine. Asked what she had to say for herself, she replied: "Nothing; I am unable to pay, as I was wounded a short time ago, fighting against the Austrians." It quite disconcerted the court! Her papers were examined by the judge, and found to be in order. Needless to say, the charge against her was withdrawn.—Christian Science Monitor.

Rather Crude Pun.

Persons who laugh at the unspeakable efforts of the ordinary vaudeville wheeze escator missed a bit of delectable comedy in connection with a rather faint subway explosion above Thirty-eighth street, in Broadway, says a Gotham exchange. The usual precautions had been taken and excited workmen were stationed north and south of the anticipated crash when a woman with a baby carriage came along hurrying south. The flagman told her that there was to be an explosion, but she nearly knocked him over as she bumped him with the carriage and hurried by. She had hardly passed when a foreman stuck his head out of one of the street fissures and saw her. "Hey," he called to the workmen who had permitted her to pass. "What's the matter wid you? Didn't I tell you not to allow anyone to pass? What's your name, anyway?" "Me name is Cannon," answered the flag-bearer. "Well, yer fired," bawled the boss, with true wartime decision.