

COAL SITUATION BECOMES ACUTE; NUMBER INDUSTRIES FACE SHUT DOWN

Columbia, Aug. 11.—Frank Shealy, chairman of the South Carolina Commission, will leave tomorrow for Washington, where he will confer with the members of the South Carolina congressional delegation and national fuel administration in an effort to bring about a reclassification of fuel orders, so that South Carolina mills may get coal.

The serious condition existing in the state by reason of the shortage of coal and the inability under present conditions for coal to be delivered here sufficient to meet the needs, became so acute that a conference between the governor and the members of the railroad commission, fuel administrators for South Carolina, was held last night, at which all of the details were thoroughly gone into.

The railroad commission, which has been in charge of the distribution, transportation and allotment of coal for the state for the last week or ten days, presented the facts and figures to show that the coal on hand is less than one-tenth of the normal supply; that many of the industries are almost entirely out of coal and some of them have already closed down their plants. The coal that has been received up to the present time is largely coal that was in transit before the issuance of the interstate commerce commission's service order No. 23 of July 26, taking the coal supply in charge.

The commission finds itself unable to get anywhere near an adequate supply of coal by reason of the fact that the service order of the interstate commerce commission governing priority orders for fuel has placed the bulk of the industries of South Carolina in Classes 4 and 5, giving priority to vast numbers of industries which are not located in South Carolina. As a result the supply of coal that is available to the government will be absorbed by Classes 1, 2 and 3, the need for which in South Carolina is not as urgent as Classes 4 and 5, in which latter classes is included such industries as cotton mill, cotton oil

the people of the state are acutely do not realize the seriousness of the situation, the commission announced, but the commission and the governor, who have made a study of it and had an inventory of the supplies on hand made, feel that the people should be awakened to the seriousness of the present situation and to that end they should conserve in every practicable way the coal supply that is now on hand or such as may from time to time be received, which necessarily will be very meager and totally inadequate for the actual needs of the industries. This can be done by substituting in every way possible wood, where available for fuel. The rates on fuel wood in South Carolina are among the lowest, if not the lowest in the Southeast and wood can be moved a greater distance than would ordinarily be the case.

After an extended conference it was the unanimous sentiment of the commission and of the governor that the Chairman Shealy, who is possibly the best posted authority and as a result the most effective worker, be sent up to Washington for the purpose of meeting with the delegation of senators and congressmen and through them with the powers that be to bring about such changes in the reclassification of industries in this state as to prevent the threatened shutdown. Mr. Shealy will be accompanied by Washington by R. S. Greer, a member of the staff of the commission, who has had wide experience in such work.

The supply of coal obtained by the commission up to date has been limited and that supply has been the result of the indefatigable efforts of the commission and has been brought about by the use of every method known to them.

After the conference the following telegram was forwarded to every member of the South Carolina delegation in Washington in the hope that some relief may be given:

"Coal situation very serious. Chairman Shealy of railroad commission will arrive Washington Saturday morning. Kindly meet him there 10 o'clock or on arrival of train if delayed. Can not impress upon you too strongly the necessity for some action to relieve conditions here.

"Wilson G. Harvey, "Governor."

If the necessity arises Chairman Shealy will give the governor and a number of utilities and cotton mill men will go to Washington to present the matter before the federal authorities.

Yesterday 11 cars of coal were received with the demand running into the hundreds. The cotton mills are protesting loudly and claim many people will be thrown out of work if they are forced to shut down. The commission realizes this and an effort to get coal for the mills will be made.—The State.

STRIKERS CAUSE SEVERAL DEATHS

Chicago, Aug. 11.—(By the Associated Press).—Serious threats to traffic by a refusal of the trainmen to move trains where troops are on guard, renewed outbreaks of violence resulting in several deaths and possibility of walkouts by the maintenance of way men on various roads marked the progress of the strike of shop crafts employees as railroad heads and union leaders gathered for conferences today to consider separately the President's proposal for ending the strike. The Santa Fe switchmen joined the trainmen in protests against working under guards and the situation on the Santa Fe at Needles, Barstow and other California points were further aggravated when the entire yard force at Fresno left their posts, notifying the company that they refuse to return until the guards are removed. Two non-union New York Central employes at Cleveland were killed and two Rock Island negro shop employes were shot and probably fatally wounded.

Strongly Endorses Cooperative Marketing

Columbia, Aug. 11.—"If 40 years of marketing under the old system have left this section impoverished, except for abnormal prices paid during the war, then is it not at least time to begin to look for some other system of marketing?" asks W. W. Bradley, state bank examiner in a statement issued today strongly endorsing cooperative marketing of cotton and tobacco and urging the banks of the state to back the two associations.

Mr. Bradley declares that the success of the association rests more largely with the banks than with any other force in the state. The plan will succeed, he declared, just insofar as the banks will it to succeed. "There is nothing in the problem that is inimical to their interests and, in fact, this kind of material property to the banks as well as the communities they serve in promoting this marketing plan," declared Mr. Bradley in enumerating some of the reasons why the banks should support the associations.

"In the past farm products have been sold to thoroughly organized companies by thoroughly disintegrated producers. The man who produces has had no word in the conduct of produce exchanges. The law of supply and demand has been imperative except in the case of extremely large or extremely small crops, and then has been used mainly to the advantage of the speculator.

"Cooperative marketing, it is believed, will remedy, if not cure, this evil by enabling the producer to get some advantage of the selling end of the law of supply and demand."

"For instance, if all the cotton produced in a single year were under contract agreement with the association, cotton mills could run only until the carry-over was exhausted and immediately producers would get the benefit of the law of supply and demand. If half the crop were tied up, mills would then exhaust the carry-over and independent cotton and would respond to the law of supply and demand when they were forced to call for pledged cotton or shut down."

"If no cotton is pledged the mills buy from hand to mouth over a period of about eight months in which time the producer's interest has been eliminated and the mills finally pay a profit to the speculator.

"These are facts that every informed farmer has known for all time and yet he has been impotent to remedy the condition."

"Manufacturers will not permit their mills to lie idle and hence when the supply of independent cotton is exhausted, as it soon will be with two very short crops in succession, they will have to come to the holders of pledged cotton and pay the price. The law of supply and demand will then operate as certainly as does the law of gravity in nature.

"In a general condition of fair prices, the banks will be the first institutions to prosper and aside from this, as distributing agents between the corporation and the producer, they will be made direct depositories of proceeds of crop sales. Banks, however, should not expect to have these side advantages handed them on a silver platter. The cooperative marketing associations are now little better than in their infancy. They need help to enable them to grow to their full stature. The banks should give this help and give it ungrudgingly."

Misses Annie and Ione Jenkins of Gaffney are visiting Miss Minnie Vandercord on Route 5.

Mrs. M. A. Huiet of Newberry has returned home after a week's visit to Dr. and Mrs. M. D. Huiet.

BISHOP KILGO PASSES AWAY

Charlotte, Aug. 11.—Bishop Kilgo, who died early today, will be buried tomorrow, Bishop Candler officiating.

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 11.—Bishop John C. Kilgo of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church died at his home here at 1:45 this morning after having been extremely ill since last Sunday when he suffered a severe heart attack. Bishop Kilgo had been gradually sinking since last Thursday afternoon and his death had been expected hourly by his physicians and family. Since Sunday little or no hope had been entertained for his recovery.

Dr. Kilgo had been well known in the South for a score of years, having served as president of Trinity college at Durham, N. C., for six years prior to his election as bishop 12 years ago. At the last general conference of the Southern Methodist church at Hot Springs, Ark., he was placed on the bishops' retired list. The aged minister had never entirely recovered from the severe attack suffered last spring on his way home from the general conference, which forced him to remain under treatment in a Memphis hospital for several weeks, finally being brought home on a cot in the private car of Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern railway, of which Bishop Kilgo was a director. He regained sufficient strength, however, to leave his bed and several times took rides about the city with members of his family. He made one trip to Baltimore where he was under treatment of a specialist for several days.

Bishop John Carlisle Kilgo was born in Laurens, S. C., July 22, 1861, son of James T. and Catherine Massin Kilgo. He was educated in the schools of his native state and received the honorary degree of D. D. from Wofford and Randolph Macon colleges and Tulane University. He was united in marriage with Miss Fanny Turner of Gaffney, S. C. In 1882 he was ordained a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and served various pastorates in the South Carolina conference until 1889 when he was called to Wofford college as professor of philosophy and financial agent. In 1894 he was elected president of Trinity College, Durham, N. C., where he served until 1910 when he was elected bishop of the Methodist church at the conference in Asheville, N. C.

He was a delegate to the general Methodist conference in 1894, 1898, 1902, 1906 and 1910, delegate to the Ecumenical Methodist conference in London in 1901. He was a fraternal delegate to the general conference of the Methodist church in Los Angeles in 1904 when he made a speech advocating the union of the Northern and Southern branches of the Methodist church.

Bishop Kilgo is a brother of Rev. J. W. Kilgo of Union. Rev. and Mrs. Kilgo left today to attend the funeral services. They have the sympathy of the entire community in their hour of sorrow.

Interestig Missionary Meeting

The woman's missionary society of Bethel church, Monarch, held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. S. Nicholas. About 20 ladies were present. Two of the younger ladies of the church were present at this meeting and gave talks and readings, which were very much enjoyed. Our president also made a very impressive talk. Good prayers were offered by two of our most efficient workers. At the conclusion of the program the hostess served delicious cream and cake. All then went to their homes feeling that the evening had been an enjoyable and well-spent one.

Green Street

A church conference Sunday morning of vital importance. Several matters that demand our immediate attention will be considered.

The church roll will be called and we are asking that every member be present to answer to his name.

The success of this service depends entirely upon your presence or absence. J. B. Chick, Pastor.

Mr. Knight Improving

Mr. Lester Knight, who we have mentioned in our letters from time to time, seems to improve a little. Mr. Ed. B. Smith made him a nice talk last Sabbath and he came at the solicitation of Mr. Gregory, who held a short prayer service last night Mr. W. O. Holliday, superintendent of Otteray, came and held another prayer service for Bro. Knight. Mr. Humphries accompanied Mr. Holliday and we are glad they want to see Mr. Knight. Who next? C. T. C.

BEAUFORT AROUSED OVER MURDER

Beaufort, Aug. 10.—A mass meeting that crowded the court house tonight voted to instruct the chairman to appoint a committee of three citizens to collect, prepare and present evidence against Sheriff J. H. Baley before the grand jury. This grew out of his refusal and failure to place Ralph E. Brown in jail as directed in the coroner's commitment, which found at the inquest yesterday that Brown killed T. P. L. Bettison. The vote was unanimous except for a brother of Brown.

The sheriff kept the prisoner at his home while the law requires he be put in jail. Early in the afternoon over 100 citizens met and sent a committee to the sheriff asking him to meet with them and explain his action. This he refused to do. Solicitor Muddaugh was on his way from Hampton and the meeting was adjourned to the evening. The solicitor was present then and advised with the meeting as to the sheriff's action. Just before the evening meeting the sheriff placed his prisoner in jail, but again refused to attend the meeting. Condemnation was expressed at the fact that the sheriff's attorney and adviser is the attorney for the defense in the case against Brown.

Condemnation of the city government for alleged leniency toward Brown in former difficulties was general, and a motion was carried, 89 to 38, asking for the resignation of the three commissioners, over two-thirds refraining from voting on this issue owing part to the absence of the mayor. Many women attended and voted. Intense feeling was manifested in the applause and speeches but the best of order was maintained. The committee sent to the sheriff was Alan Paul, L. H. Hall and Gus Sanders, county treasurer. Niels Christensen was chairman of the meetings and Alan Paul secretary. J. H. Bellamy and William Altman made the motions that carried. The solicitor has refused to consent to a request for bail for Brown.

In the news account sent out yesterday it was stated that Bettison was killed while seated. A further examination of the testimony shows that no direct evidence was presented to that effect. Brown claims self-defense in his request for bail.

Dr. B. B. Steedley Goes to New York

Dr. B. B. Steedley, representative surgeon and physician of this city, left last night for New York, where he will spend the greater part of a year, pursuing a special course and doing research work, specializing on treatment of cancer. He will be associated with Dr. James Ewing, professor of pathology in the medical department of Cornell university. Dr. Steedley will study and work in the laboratory of that institution. The subject of cancer has appealed to Dr. Steedley strongly of late, and he intends to study it thoroughly. He expects to return to the city and resume his practice about the first of next June.—Spartanburg Herald.

An Agreement Has Been Virtually Reached

Brussels, Aug. 11 (By the Associated Press).—According to information from London an agreement has been virtually reached on four main points of reparations controversy and general accord is now anticipated, says a French semi-official Havas Agency. The impression is that London is decidedly optimistic and talk of a split has ceased, it adds.

Prof. Wilson Gee Makes Survey of A Virginia County

Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 9.—An economic study and survey of Albemarle county is being made by students of the University of Virginia summer quarter who are taking courses in rural social science under Dr. Wilson Gee, professor of rural sociology at the University of South Carolina, who is directing the survey along lines found to be helpful in studying conditions in the Palmetto state.

North Carolina was the first state to take up this work. Under Dr. Gee the state of South Carolina was second to undertake such systematic county study and several surveys have been completed and many more are under way. Virginia is third to fall in line and it is expected that the work started around the university will be extended into other counties.

Miss Ellen Moore was operated on in Wallace Thomson hospital day before yesterday for adenoids. She was carried back home the following day and is recovering nicely. Miss Margaret Speake of Rock Hill is the guest of Miss Alice Arthur.

SMITH ASKS FOR AN INVESTIGATION

Washington, Aug. 10.—Investigation of charges that "undue methods or practices are being employed by the trade in restraining the natural operations of the law of supply and demand" and depressing cotton prices was proposed in a resolution introduced today by Senator Smith (Democrat) of South Carolina. The resolution was referred to the agriculture committee.

Senator Smith's resolution recited that the cotton carried over was less than normal and that reports on the growing crop indicated a yield below the world demand. It also stated that the boll weevil damage was "more extensive and severe than ever before in history . . . making the yield entirely problematical."

"The price of cotton in the markets has failed utterly to respond to these conditions," said Senator Smith's resolution.

Senator Smith made public a letter from J. S. Wanamaker, president of the American Cotton Association, reporting that New York and English cotton speculators were working together to beat down the market. "Since the government's crop report was issued—one of the most bullish reports ever known—the market has gone down every day," said Mr. Wanamaker in his letter, "and it is the general talk of the trade that a powerful combine has been formed for the purpose of beating cotton prices down, it being stated that this combine is composed of some of the biggest financial interests in New York—some of the biggest speculators here, and some of the biggest speculators in England—and that they boast that they will beat the price of cotton down to 15 cents. Though some of the most reliable sources I am given this information."

Damage by Hail Bad in Anderson

Anderson, Aug. 10.—Reports still reaching Anderson of the damage of the hailstorm Thursday night of last week, which extended from Toney creek to Ware Shoals, indicate that the damage was even greater than was thought at first, and that it was the most severe known in the history of this section by any living citizen.

In the Coley's Bridge section the cotton was stripped of leaves and the corn was riddled. Even the watermelons were pumped full of holes. Birds in large numbers were killed, one man finding 31 sparrow-hulled together, all dead. One farmer reported that 150 chickens, some grown, were killed by the stones, and all chickens roosting on trees or in trees in the section where the hail was heaviest were killed.

One farmer said that he would take \$5 for his entire crop, that he did think that he would have a watermelon crop, but just when they were ready for market they were ruined. The storm covered a section about 30 miles long, beginning in Greenville county and extending to Salluda river at Ware Shoals. The width of the area was about ten miles.

There has been no relief promised Anderson county farmers yet, except that of W. W. Long of Clemson college to furnish forage seed. Few of these farmers who lost so heavily had hail insurance.

Today's Cotton Market

Table with 2 columns: Cotton Market, Open Close. Rows for October, December, January, March, May, and Local market.

PERSONAL MENTION

W. D. Bewley of Anderson was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Misses Mary B. and Mary and Elizabeth Wade of Chester stopped over in Union last night on their return from Hendersonville.

Misses Aleen Williams of the county and Mary Waters of Chester are visiting Mrs. C. B. Sparks on East Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Beaty and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Beaty spent Thursday in Hendersonville.

Mrs. M. C. Lake and Miss Ada Hancock spent Wednesday with Mrs. John Smith at Carlisle.

Mrs. R. A. Jones and Miss Florence Jones of Gaffney are the guests of Mrs. A. P. McElroy.

Mrs. W. D. Bewley of Anderson is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Goforth.

Mrs. Willard is survived by one daughter and two sons.

TO CONTROL PRICE COAL WILL BRING

Washington, Aug. 10.—Use of the emergency powers of the interstate commerce commission to bring into line coal operators who are failing to cooperate with the federal fuel organization in the control of prices was under consideration today by the central coal committee.

The government's defense against charges advanced above the maximum prices agreed upon by producing operators with Secretary Hoover was declared to lie in the power of the interstate commerce commission to allocate coal cars so that mines boost prices would be without transportation facilities.

Department of justice officials connected with the federal fuel organization were said to have advised the committee that the commission had ample authority under the law to so distribute cars to the mines as to effectively control their charges.

Alabama operators, Mr. Hoover announced today, have broken away from the fair price agreements made with him and, he added, Governor Kilby of Alabama will be asked to take steps to protect consumers in that state against rising prices.

Operators in other districts are showing signs of slipping from their stand with the fair price program it was said at the committee.

Inquiry is being made, Mr. Hoover said, as to what action the federal organization can take in cases where operators fail to cooperate in the matter of price control. In some states he said organization against profiteering is going forward vigorously but in other states it has not progressed as rapidly as desired.

Railroad service out of the producing coal fields, he asserted, was steadily improving and coal supply had improved steadily during the past two weeks as a result of the priority system established by the federal organization.

A plan for assistance in getting the anthracite coal producing regions back to production was made today by S. D. Warriner and W. J. Richards, representing the general policy committee of all anthracite operators. They were presented to President Harding by Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Warriner, as chairman, told the president the resumption of work in the anthracite operators have accepted the president's proposal to appoint a commission to arbitrate the differences which have led to a suspension of work by the miners and the opinion of the anthracite representatives was said to be that its establishment at a very early moment might help to bring about a settlement.

Harold McCormick Weds in Paris

Paris, Aug. 11.—Harold F. McCormick, of Chicago, and Mrs. Alexander Smith Cochran (Madame Walker) were married today in the city hall of the sixteenth ward here.

Explosion on the Adriatic

New York, Aug. 11 (By the Associated Press).—Two members of the steamship Adriatic's crew were killed, five seriously injured and one missing as a result of an explosion of undetermined origin in her number 10 hold, according to wireless received by White Star Line. The message reported the Adriatic proceeding to New York at half speed.

Shanty Car Dynamited

Asheville, Aug. 11.—Investigation was started today by the United States marshal, sheriff's department and officials of the Southern Railway to establish the identity of the person who exploded a charge of dynamite under a shanty car occupied by negroes in the local Southern yards last night. Nobody was injured, although a car occupied by several men at supper was dynamited.

Mrs. McCormick Would Make no Comment

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick told the Associated Press she would make "no comment" on her former husband's marriage in Paris today to Mme. Walska.

Baseball Saturday at Buffalo Park

Union and Buffalo will meet again in a baseball match tomorrow. This will without a doubt be one of the best games of the season as both teams are determined to win. Everyone who saw the game last Saturday certainly saw an exciting game and the game tomorrow promises to be even better.

Battery: Union—Jamison and Sullivan; Buffalo—Dagenhardt and Inman. Time: 4 p. m. Admission, 25 and 35c.

SENATE SEEKS COTTON FIGURES

Washington, Aug. 10.—Estimates of cotton acreage abandoned up to July, and extent of boll weevil damage to July 25 were not included in the August 1 cotton crop statement of the department of agriculture according to a letter received today by Senator Harris, Democrat, of Georgia from Leon M. Estabrook, chief of the crop reporting division of the department. "The percentage of damage from boll weevil indicated by these (county) reports was not deducted from the regular report of 70.3 per cent of normal," said Mr. Estabrook, "because in arriving at that estimate the factors likely to affect the yield per acre, including boll weevil, were fully considered by the field statisticians and crop reporters."

Senator Harris' inquiry was prompted, he said, by many requests as to whether the boll weevil and abandoned acreage factors were subtracted in considering the August 1 government report.

"Many cotton growers," said Senator Harris, "contend that failure to make a clear distinction in the reports has operated to depress the price of cotton and fails to give an accurate prospect of a greater cotton shortage than now anticipated."

Mr. Estabrook informed Senator Harris that county agents in 295 out of 841 counties reported an average acreage abandonment of 7.1 per cent. The senate later today passed a bill by Senator Harris providing for publication by the department of commerce of statistics regarding the world's supply of cotton on hand July 31.

"This 7.1 per cent was not deducted and could not properly be deducted from the 34,852,000 acres reported to be in cultivation June 27," said the crop reporting chief, "because it is presumed that the abandonment occurred prior to that date and that any abandonment that may have occurred between June 25, the date of the department's estimate of acreage and July 1, the date of the county agents' estimate, was negligible."

"If we assume that 7.1 per cent of the planted acreage was abandoned before June 25, and if the acreage remaining in cultivation on that date was correctly estimated at 34,852,000 the total planted acreage would be 7,516,000, the abandoned acreage would be 2,663,000 and the remainder would represent the acreage in cultivation as estimated by the department."

Regarding boll weevil damage, Mr. Estabrook added: "The supplementary report also shows that the county agents estimated that 80.2 per cent of the total cotton acreage was infested with the boll weevil. As to damage to the crop from boll weevil up to July 25 the returns were so incomplete as to make a satisfactory estimate for the United States impracticable. However, state commissioners of agriculture reported the damage as ranging from 1.1 per cent in Georgia; county agents reported the damage as nothing in Virginia and Missouri to 82.4 per cent in Georgia; cotton reporters, as nothing in Virginia and Missouri to 48 per cent in Florida and field statisticians reported a maximum damage of 28 per cent in Georgia and Louisiana."

Death of Mrs Margaret Willard

Mrs. Margaret Willard was found dead in bed at her home on West Main street last Sunday morning. She was 68 years of age and beloved by all who knew her. She was a member of the Green Street Methodist church. Her funeral was held and was held at Mt. Taber.

Unity and Sardis

There will be preaching on next Sunday at the usual hours at both Unity and Sardis. Unity at 11 a. m. and Sardis at 4 p. m. Rev. L. L. Wagner will preach at both places and we hope that large congregations will turn out to hear him. J. A. Chandler.

No Decision in Railroad Strike

Washington, Aug. 11 (By the Associated Press).—The heads of 17 railroad labor organizations, including those on strike, considered the President's latest strike settlement proposal for more than two hours today without reaching a decision. Warren Stone, chief of engineers, said probably to answer would be drafted before tomorrow, although another meeting will be held late today.

Mrs. Chas. R. Smith and little son Billy returned today from Camp Tippecanoe on Lake Summit in the mountains of North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. L. Carbery spent yesterday in the city with friends.