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**CONTROL OF MINES.**

**GOVERNMENT ACTION TO RE-  
 DUCE PRICE OF FUEL NOW  
 SEEMS IMMINENT.**

**Trade Commission Said to Have  
 Come to Conclusion That Charges  
 for Coal are Excessive—Plan for  
 Fixing Prices by Districts Seems  
 Most in Favor.**

Washington, Aug. 17.—Government control of the coal industry appeared imminent today when President Wilson turned his personal attention to the subject and heard the mine operators and miners' presentation of the situation. The interests of the public now will be presented by the federal trade commission which has just completed its investigation of coal production cost.

Provisions of the food control bill gives the president power to fix coal prices from the mine to the consumer and investing in him authority to requisition all coal produced and sell it to the public are expected to be put into operation almost immediately.

The trade commission's report it was learned tonight, will say that at present prices coal operators, jobbers and retailers are reaping exorbitant profits, and that inequitable distribution is adding to the costs in many parts of the country.

Operators and miners who oppose government price fixing in the fear that prices will be pushed down to too low a level put their case before the president today through Francis Peabody, chairman of the coal production committee of the council of national defense, and John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America. Their idea of a solution of the situation as expressed to the president is that a voluntary arrangement be made between operators, miners and the government and that no move be made toward enforcement of the drastic provisions of the food bill.

The coal situation, according to officials who have studied the subject, is in a more chaotic state now than at any time. Miners throughout the country are threatening to strike unless their wages are raised.

Prices are soaring despite the agreement made recently between government heads and the operators and many sections of the country face a winter with scanty supplies of fuel.

The program, many officials believe President Wilson is most likely to adopt under the power to control the industry, would provide that the government commandeer all coal produced dividing the country into districts and fixing a maximum price for each district. Under this plan there would be 11 or 12 districts and in each district a price would be set based on an average cost of production plus a definite percentage of profits. The district's output would be pooled and in this way every operator would get the same percentage of profit whatever might be his cost of production. Six States produce about 85 per cent. of country's total of bituminous. Since there are altogether 26 coal producing States some districts would include several States. The aim would be to form the districts so production costs in each would vary but little.

This plan would mean that the trade commission, or whatever agency the president selects to administer provisions of the law, would direct distribution by districts.

Evidence that the country is growing restive under continued high prices were seen by officials today in the demand by representatives of 12 State councils of defense meeting in Chicago that the government take immediate action.

One element that is giving officials here most concern is the evident intention of labor to force immediate wage increases.

Operators blame the unequal distribution of coal on the railroads which, they say, are not distributing cars promptly.

**SUMTER COTTON MARKET**

**P. G. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer.**  
 (Corrected daily at 12 o'clock Noon.)  
 Good Middling 23 7-8.  
 Strict Middling 23 3-4.  
 Middling 23 5-8.  
 Strict Low Middling 23 3-8.  
 Low Middling 23.

**NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.**

	Open	High	Low	Close	Close
Oct .	24.50	24.42	23.88	23.87	24.63
Dec .	24.15	24.21	23.73	23.72	24.49
Jan .	24.14	24.18	23.72	23.72	24.46

New York spots 25.10.

**Another Strike Threatened.**  
 New York, Aug. 20.—Labor leaders in charge of the ship yard strike in the New York district said this morning that two hundred and fifty thousand metal workers in all parts of the country would be called out unless a strike settlement is reached today.

**EXEMPTED MEN.**

**Unofficial List of Those Whose Picas  
 Were Granted by Local Board.**

Below is printed an unofficial list of names of men who were exempted by the local board because of dependency. The list does not include those who were granted discharge from service because of physical disabilities. The item was unable to get the exact ground of each individual exemption or the grounds upon which exemption was claimed. However, all the names of the men printed show that these men were exempted for dependency reasons known to the board.

Already many men called into the service—a list of which was published Friday—have signified their intention of appealing to the Eastern District Exemption Board. Blacks showing such intention have been filed with the local board.

The list of exempted men follows:

- Ellis Pottet,
- Ben. T. Kolb,
- Robert Wells,
- Franklin Wright,
- Robert Lowery,
- Washington Pringle,
- Lucius McCray,
- J. B. Ryan, Jr.,
- Hillard Ross,
- Charlie Logan,
- Johnnie C. Jordan,
- Josh Mitchell,
- James Wade,
- D. E. Williams,
- Streaker Myer,
- Robert Richardson,
- Peter Mitchell,
- George Gathers,
- T. E. Granger,
- Philip Rembert,
- Solomon Pogue,
- Julian C. Jervey,
- J. H. DuRant, Jr.,
- Cleveland Washington,
- Oliver S. Broadway,
- John Barton,
- Edward Sanders,
- William Archer,
- Geo. L. Wilson,
- Fletcher T. Brunson,
- Hodge Dinkins,
- Robert Mack,
- Albert White,
- Robert H. Nelson,
- J. C. Ingram,
- Hampton Kelley,
- Nelson Singleton,
- Barnwell Sanders, Jr.,
- Sam Wells, Jr.,
- Chester A. Mack,
- Thomas Brooks,
- J. D. Lemmon,
- Jacob Dargan,
- Sam Hunter,
- Alston Cook,
- Leo Anderson,
- Elijah Sanders,
- W. M. Barfield,
- George Small,
- Joseph A. Kolb,
- Willie Poole,
- A. M. Pate,
- Tommie Wilson,
- Ben Dinkins,
- Jessie Anderson,
- W. L. Moye,
- Warren Anderson,
- W. J. Yates,
- Wm. Murphy,
- James D. Hicks,
- N. McLeod Moore,
- D. A. Brunson,
- Boston Brown,
- S. F. Stoudemire,
- Lewis Sumter,
- Archie T. Hudson,
- Frank Gary,
- Cyril A. Isaacs,
- Virgil P. Corbett,
- Peter James,
- Richard Micheau,
- Mathew Atkinson,
- Hammie Fulwood,
- James Willis,
- Willie Jones,
- William Brand,
- Sam Goodman,
- Jackson Jones,
- James G. Newman,
- Asby Lee Tisdale,
- Mike Osborne,
- Mose McDaniel,
- Samuel M. Pinckney,
- Richard Furman Jackson,
- Isalah Jones,
- Robert P. Cook,
- E. A. Diggs,
- Henry Atkinson,
- John Miller,
- Murray Bradley,
- Eddie Butler,
- James Hastie,
- Henry P. Moses,
- J. W. Thomas,
- Hamilton Corbett,
- Jessie T. Hawkins,
- Hazel Holiday,
- William Gardner,
- Warren Wilson,
- John Porter,
- Samuel Robertson,
- Calvin Sumter,
- Joe Moore,
- R. A. McCallum,
- A. T. Haynsworth,
- James Servant,
- Edward E. Seale,
- H. W. White,
- Robert Dunham,
- Benj. E. Gordon,
- Clash White,
- Thomas Boyd,

Jefferson Isaac,  
 J. C. Tomlinson,  
 Sam Ballard,  
 Harry Roberson,  
 C. L. Baker,  
 Tilman B. Ray,  
 Wm. C. Bull,  
 Thad Odom,  
 E. C. Weatherly,  
 Cuttino Powell,  
 J. P. Butler,  
 John Keith,  
 Bradwell Holliday,  
 Thomas Wells,  
 Lee Geddings,  
 James H. Warren,  
 Eugene Barno,  
 Thesalonia Smith,  
 R. W. Crouser,  
 Riley Dinkins,  
 L. H. McFadden,  
 Ancrum Jenkins,  
 Matthew Mickens.

**CANADIANS HOLD HARD WON  
 HILL.**

**Enemy Advances With Determination,  
 but Runs for Cover From Ma-  
 chine Gun Fire.**

Canadian Headquarters in France, Aug. 19 (By the Canadian Press, Limited).—The fiercest engagement on the Canadian front since the beginning of the war is gradually coming to a triumphant end by the exhaustion of the enemy. Since the capture of Hill 70 and St. Laurent on Wednesday morning the Canadians defending their newly won positions have been compelled to stand by almost without cessation to meet the counterattacks. The leaders of the German troops are utterly regardless of the lives of their men and as soon as one division has spent itself in a frantic and futile effort to recover the lost ground, another is sent forward to the sacrifice.

The Fortieth Division was cut to pieces in yesterday's attacks and during the night a new division, the Twentieth was brought up. Passing through their own lines without stopping these troops attacked at 5.30 o'clock Saturday morning on the Bois Sugo, north of Hill 70. The attack was accompanied by a projection of enemy liquid fire and gas. Our artillery turned an effective barrage upon the Germans, which caused heavy losses but they continued to advance with the utmost determination. At a close distance of only 70 yards from our lines the machine guns were turned upon the attacking Germans and they broke and ran for cover.

South of St. Laurent the enemy penetrated our line trenches but were driven out again as the result of a counterattack. In these desperate struggles there has been much use of the rifle, bayonet and bomb. The prisoners now number more than 1,100.

One of the most heroic deeds put on record in the Canadian corps since the war began is that of a runner of Colonel Ormonder's Alberta Battalion. The company to which he was attached was hotly engaged near the chalk pits and he was given a message to take back to the battalion headquarters over ground on which shells were falling continuously.

He had not gone far when he was seen to fall and another runner was at once sent out with a duplicate of the message. The second messenger was killed midway on his journey but two hours afterward, the first one arrived at the battalion headquarters with his left arm blown off near the shoulder.

His terrible wound had been roughly dressed in the field and the messenger, far spent from loss of blood had then staggered on to do his duty. He was removed in a dying condition but he carried his message to its destination.

**RUSSIAN LINE HOLDS.**

**Slavs Stop Attacks on Three Fronts.**

Petrogra, Aug. 19.—German troops yesterday attacked the Russian positions near the village of Stakhovy on the Vlna front, but according to the Petrograd war office the attack broke own under the Russian fire.

On the Romanian front, Austro-Germans several times assaulted the Russo-Roumanian lines south of Grozechti in Southwest Moldavia, but were repelled. The battle in the Slavic region lasted all day and ended in the evening with the Teutons being repulsed.

**French Repulse Various German As-  
 saults.**

Paris, Aug. 19.—After violently bombarding the French positions German troops last night made consecutive attacks on the French trenches in the Priest Wood west of the Muerthe and Moselle Rivers and the Vosges Mountains to the east of Badonviller, and north of Celd-sur-Aisne. The French official report issued today says all the German assaults were repulsed and that the Teutons suffered heavy casualties. German surprise attacks on the Aisne it is announced, also failed.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**

We have been largely instrumental in inducing the Planters of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee Counties to grow their own food. We put our money in a flour mill to encourage the planting of wheat. We have added a Rice Mill to our plant to help the situation.

We feel that the people appreciate our efforts in this direction.

We now beg to announce that we have arranged to install with least possible delay, an additional Flour Mill of 100 barrels capacity, to take care of our trade.

We are turning out the finest flour that can be produced. Our "FLAVO-FLOUR," "Nature Flavored" has no superior.

Bring us your wheat, rice and corn, either to grind or to sell. We will pay the highest cash market price at all times for grain, and guarantee you satisfaction in every way.

**Sumter Roller Mills,**  
 Sumter, S. C.  
 Foot of Sumter Street Phone 502

**THE POTATO COMES BACK.**

**Huge Crop of Tubers Restores Ameri-  
 can Diet to Its Old Basis.**

Washington, Aug. 17.—The huge potato crop which the federal forecast indicates will be produced in the United States this year means that this important food staple will be cheaper, and makes it possible, says the United States Department of Agriculture, for American families that had to cut down on potato consumption because of high prices to restore the tuber to a prominent place on their bill of fare.

The department forecast, based on reliable estimates from all parts of the country, places the total potato yield at more than 467 million bushels as compared with 285 million in 1916 and 360 million in 1915. Potatoes of the current season are already in the market in large quantities and, since the early harvested tubers can not be kept easily, should be eaten more abundantly now if spoilage is to be avoided.

Next to the breadstuffs, potatoes are the most important food crop of the western nations, the department points out. They are all the more important now that the world's wheat supply is short since they furnish starch, the principal food element contributed by bread, and so may be substituted in part for bread.

It is no hardship to Americans, says the department, to eat freely of potatoes; rather it has been a hardship to them during the past half year to forego somewhat the use of this common food.

**GERMAN VIEW OF PEACE.**

**One Paper Approves of Plan to Re-  
 store Territory Without Indemnity.**  
 Amsterdam, Aug. 17.—Kreuzer Zeitung of Berlin says it sympathizes with the pope's peace proposals as to the restorations and indemnities.

**Must Reject Pope's Plan.**

Berlin, Aug. 17.—The Tagliche Rundschau says: The Central powers must refuse the peace offers of the pope.

**Danials Tired of Being Bullied by the  
 Navy League.**

Washington, Aug. 18.—Secretary Daniels said that women knitting for the sailors might forward garments direct through the bureau of supplies of the navy, inasmuch as they could no longer be accepted by the navy department coming through the Navy League.

**DRAFTING ALIENS CONSIDERED.**

**State Department Taking up That  
 Point.**

Washington, Aug. 17.—In replying to a letter from Senator Weeks urging that aliens be drafted for military service, President Wilson said the matter of diplomatic action to clear the way for such a step "is already interesting the department of State, and I have no doubt will be pressed as fast as circumstances permit."

Referring to a suggestion by the senator that men with families, except those who have married to escape draft, should be exempted, the president said he had reason to believe the point was "very much in the mind at any rate of most of the drafting boards but would take pleasure in calling the attention of the war department to it again."

Prompt action by exemption appeal boards was urged today by Provost Marshal General Crowder in a telegram to the governors declaring delays would mean that men with exemption claims undecided would escape the September 5 call to the colors at the expense of those who have waived exemption. Every district must furnish 20 per cent. of its quota on the first call, and unless the claims of all belonging to this contingent have been decided, men further down the line making no claims will have to be moved up into the vacancies.

**John W. Kern Dead.**

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 17.—Former Senator John W. Kern of Indiana, Democratic nominee for vice president in 1908, died here tonight. He was 68 years old.

**Cuba Gives Training Ground for  
 American Soldiers.**

Washington, Aug. 18.—Cuba's offer to provide a mobilization and training ground for American forces has been accepted. The number or description to be sent cannot be disclosed for military reasons.

Washington, Aug. 18.—That the reply of the United States to the pope's peace proposals will be sent independently of the other allies is indicated in a statement by Secretary Lansing.

Asheville, Aug. 18.—The body of John W. Kern, Democratic leader, who died here last night, was taken to his Hollins, Virginia, summer home for burial.



**Weekly Weather Forecast.**

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Normal temperature and generally fair weather will prevail, although widely scattered thunder showers are probable.

**Value of Potatoes.**

Washington, Aug. 18.—"There is no food which exactly takes the place of the potato when one is accustomed to it," says a statement issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, urging an increased consumption of this vegetable now that the markets of the country are well supplied. "It has come to be such a part of our dinner that we miss it when it is not served. Besides, any left-over potato can be used in many very palatable ways for breakfast or supper, and this is a convenience from the housekeeper's standpoint, since it helps her to make palatable meals. Not only is it useful from the ease with which it can be prepared and the number of palatable ways in which it can be served, but it is very important for the food material it supplies. It is one of the most wholesome sources of starch and is also fairly rich in the mineral matter which the body needs. Of the mineral salts one must not overlook the importance of the mild alkaline salts it contains, because these are greatly needed by the body to counterbalance the acid salts which meats and eggs produce when assimilated. In this we have a justification of the use of potatoes in the diet in liberal quantities and of our common custom of serving them with meats. When the price permits, potatoes should, by all means, be made a part of the diet."

**Dr. Edmunds Has Returned.**

Superintendent S. H. Edmunds was in his office today after a month's stay at Columbia University. He reports an exceedingly pleasant and profitable time. In addition to the atmosphere of a big city there was the inspiration of a big university. Owing to the fact that there were many men who were doing service, or getting ready to do service, in the war there was a falling off of twenty-five per cent. in attendance at the university this summer. For the summer session there was an enrollment of 6,178.

At Teachers' College of Columbia University there are some of the leading educators of this country. Mr. Edmunds stated that he has had the privilege of coming in touch with Doctors Dewey and Thorndike (the two men whose influence shapes the general policy of the college) and Drs. Monroe, Kilpatrick, Strayer, and the M'Murrays.

**Hunter's Licenses.**

Mr. Frank Brunson, game warden for Sumter County, states that the hunters' licenses are now on hand and those who expect to hunt this season should apply for licenses without delay. The law will be rigidly enforced this season and all persons found hunting without having procured a license will be prosecuted. Licenses may be obtained from Game Warden Brunson, or from DuRant Hardware Co., where Mr. Brunson has arranged to leave a supply of license blanks to be issued to applicants.

**Beeswax Wanted.**

See me before you sell your wax. I will buy it for cash at the best current price.  
 N. G. OSTEEEN.