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## WAR TIME RULES PLACED ON FUEL

### Sharp Curtailment of Coal is Demanded

### ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS INCLUDED

**Critical Situation Brought on by Strike of Coal Miners Calls for Drastic Measures by the Government. Fuel and Lights Curtailed After 4 P. M.**

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 29.—Far reaching restrictions of coal consumption throughout the southern region of the United States Railroad Administration were issued here tonight by the Regional Coal Committee. The orders, effective at noon Monday, December 1, provide chiefly that:

Stores and office buildings may use heat, light and power only between 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. Drug stores for selling drugs only, are excepted.

Theatres, moving picture shows and other public amusement places may use heat, light or power only between 1 p. m. and 10:30 p. m.

Industries, except public utilities and plants engaged in continuous processes that cannot be interrupted, may be operated only 48 hours a week.

No ornamental lights, white way, or other unnecessary street lights, outline lighting, electric signs or illuminated billboards are to be operated.

The committee is acting under the wartime powers of the United States Fuel Administration and it announced that "in cases of refusal to comply with these regulations coal supplies or electric current will be cut off and where it appears that a violation of law is involved federal district attorneys will be asked to act."

All territory east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers, except Virginia and West Virginia, is affected by the order which committee members said was made imperative because of the continued strike of soft coal miners. The announcement to the public, which shows certain other exceptions in addition to those for drug stores follows in part:

"Immediate and sharp curtailment of the use of fuel by consumers in the first five classes of the Fuel Administration's preference list has become necessary. This programme becomes effective at noon Monday, December 1st, 1919, throughout the territory under the jurisdiction of this committee (except the state of Virginia, where the fuel situation is administered largely by the Potomac regional coal committee). In this territory are the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana east of the Mississippi river.

"The regulations, which apply alike to consumers now receiving coal from the railroads and to those who have stocks on hand, or who are using electric power at or light furnished by public or private plants, are as follows:

1. No ornamental lights, white way other than necessary street lights, outline lighting, electric signs or illuminated billboards are to be operated. This does not affect street lighting necessary for the safety of the public.

2. Stores, manufacturing plants and warehouses must not use electric or gas lights (except safety lights), except between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m.

"Exception (A). Drug stores (for the sale of drugs only, except between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m.) and restaurants may remain open according to present schedule, but must curtail number of lights 50 per cent.

"Exception (B). Railroad stations, hotels, hospitals, telephone, telegraph and newspaper offices are not included in so far as necessary lighting is concerned.

"Exception (C). Lights may be used in offices of manufacturing plants for necessary accounting purposes at any time.

"Exception (D). General and office lights must be cut off at 4 p. m. in office buildings except where office operation of vital industries is involved.

"Exception (E). Moving picture

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## LAURENS BAPTISTS GO OVER THE TOP

**Oversubscribe Quota in 75-Million Drive by Large Amount. Waterloo and Mountville Complete Canvass.**

The Laurens Baptist Association will exceed its quota in the 75-Million drive by near \$100,000.00, predicted Rev. S. H. Templeman, organizer for the Association last night, when asked as to the latest returns from the various churches. \$351,450.00 had already been officially reported at that hour, said Mr. Templeman, and only two churches, those at Waterloo and Mountville, had made final reports, so it is confidently to be expected that quite a large sum will yet be added to the total. The Association's quota was \$285,133.00. At Waterloo and Mountville, Mr. Templeman added, every member of both churches had been approached and signed up, not a member failing to enter a subscription.

With few exceptions every church in the Association had passed its quota yesterday evening. Four churches, those of Poplar Springs, Durbin Creek, Langston and Mt. Gallagher had not reached the coveted goal yesterday evening, but their canvasses were as yet incomplete and Mr. Templeman was confident that they would oversubscribe their quotas if they had not already done so. Bethany and Beulah churches had not as yet reported.

"All of the churches of the county and all of the congregations have displayed a wonderful spirit in the campaign," said Mr. Templeman, "and are to be congratulated upon the magnificent report that has been made so far. While we received a large amount of money in subscriptions and cash, for a great part came in cash, this is not the biggest thing in the campaign. The churches have gone through a sifting process, many alleged leaders with small visions will find themselves superseded by younger men whose ideas are in keeping with the marvelous times in which we live. The enlistment of a vast army who will be in sympathy with the great program necessary at this time, will save the church from being superseded by outside organizations."

The subscriptions of the remaining churches as reported up to last evening were as follows:

Church	Apportioned	Gave
Laurens	\$ 76,500.00	\$102,037.50
Clinton	25,000.00	33,275.00
Cross Hill	15,000.00	16,340.00
Chestnut Ridge	10,000.00	16,000.00
Friendship	10,000.00	10,500.00
Rabun Creek	10,066.00	11,302.00
Warrior Creek	10,000.00	13,827.00
Highland Home	7,500.00	8,200.00
Lanford	7,500.00	7,522.50
Mountville	7,500.00	8,812.50
New Prospect	8,000.00	11,707.50
Waterloo	7,500.00	9,345.00
Bethabara	5,000.00	5,075.00
Gray Court	5,000.00	6,000.00
Mt. Pleasant	5,250.00	6,218.00
Princeton	5,500.00	6,953.50
Union	5,100.00	9,176.00
Beaverdam	4,000.00	6,650.00
Calvary	4,000.00	5,485.70
Mus Ave.	4,000.00	4,146.00
Mt. Olive	4,000.00	4,146.00
Bellview	1,100.00	1,580.00
Goldville	1,100.00	1,380.00
Henderson	1,600.00	2,100.00
Holly Grove	1,100.00	1,655.00
Laurens Second	2,625.00	4,972.00
Lydell	1,100.00	1,235.00
Harmony	4,000.00	4,280.00

### Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the chamber of commerce is to be held next Monday night, the regular meeting night. The meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at 8 o'clock. The committee appointed at the September meeting to report on the proposed bond issue is expected to make a report at this time so a large attendance is expected.

### Minter Dial Still Sick.

News from Washington a few days ago said that Minter Dial, the little son of Sen. and Mrs. N. B. Dial, still remained sick after having pneumonia for several weeks. Pears were entertained for his recovery, but it is thought now that he is well out of danger.

### Fancy Work Sale.

The local chapter of the Kings Daughters has announced a sale of fancy work and box dinner to be held in the rest room of the court house Saturday, beginning at 11 a. m.

## STORES CLOSE AT FOUR P. M.

**Stringent Fuel Regulations Have Effect on Local Conditions.**

The effects of the bituminous coal miners' strike were brought home to Laurens people yesterday afternoon at four o'clock when all stores in the city excepting those selling food, closed their doors and proprietors and helpers went home. This action was taken following the order published in the morning papers that such establishments were not only forbidden the use of heat and lights but were forbidden to remain open. The order of the fuel administration, as read by store-keepers and others the day before, were construed to mean that such establishments could remain open but were not to use heat or lights.

Doubt had been expressed here whether or not the order of the fuel administration as to lights and power, as promulgated for the nation, would apply to such towns as Laurens which uses hydro-electric power rather than steam power. This doubt was set at rest yesterday, however, when specific instructions were sent out classifying such towns with all the rest of the nation. Unless these orders are changed, the same rules as are in effect in other parts of the country will be in effect here.

Mr. Lamar Smith, secretary of the Laurens Cotton Mills, said yesterday afternoon that unless his mill is able to obtain coal today the mill would have to shut down tonight. The mill has five carloads of coal in the local freight yard, he said, but the government had tied it up and may not release it. The Watts Mills, which runs mainly by hydro-electric power, has a considerable supply of coal for supplementary uses and would not be affected by the strike for some time except for the government restrictions.

## DRIVE BEING MADE FOR CHRISTMAS SEALS

**Little Stamps to be Placed on Letters and Packages in Aid of Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign.**

The Red Cross Christmas Seal campaign, carried on annually by the Red Cross in its anti-tubercular work, opened Monday morning and will continue for ten days during which time the little Christmas seals for putting on letters and packages will be sold in Laurens as well as throughout the nation. Mr. R. R. Nickels is chairman of the campaign for the county and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson is chairman for the city with Mrs. Albert Dia, as assistant chairman. Mrs. R. H. Roper is acting as secretary and manager.

As is already known by a great many people, the little Christmas seals are sold throughout the nation and the proceeds are devoted to the campaign for wiping out tuberculosis. Last year the campaign was not carried on because the public's interest was absorbed in war work activities and it was thought best not to attempt the sale. This year, however, a larger campaign is planned than has ever been put on and it is hoped that a large sum will be realized. Already a large number of business houses and individuals have purchased from \$1.00 to \$5.00 worth of stamps, but it is hoped that more individuals will purchase in larger or smaller amounts during the coming week. Each stamp costs 1 cent and they may be purchased in any amount from 1 cent up.

For the convenience of those who desire to buy them a booth will be placed in the postoffice lobby and here the stamps may be purchased. Provision will also be made for their purchase elsewhere. In nearly all the communities of the county someone will be in charge of sales and stamps may be bought there as well as in Laurens.

### Mrs. B. H. Balle Dead.

Mr. L. G. Balle received a telegram yesterday morning announcing the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. B. H. Balle, in Philadelphia, which occurred Monday night. Mr. Balle left yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral which will be held in Philadelphia after his arrival.

### Returns from Studebaker Factory.

Mr. Fred A. Fuller and the party of men who left here with him week before last for the Studebaker factory, reached the city Saturday night, bringing thirteen machines with him from the factory.

## LONG SESSION OF CONGRESS BEGINS

**No Opening Day Features. Interest Centered in President's Message Today. End-of-War Measure to be Pressed by Lodge.**

Washington Dec. 1.—Most of the features usually attending the opening were lacking today at the convening of the second session of the Sixty-sixth congress.

After perfunctory sessions, at which the annual appropriation estimates aggregating \$1,865,000,000 were presented, both senate and house adjourned until tomorrow when President Wilson's message will be read and legislative work started in earnest.

The senate was in session 12 minutes and the house remained technically at work for hours, but considered only minor bills requiring unanimous consent.

The president's message, which is to be read separately in the senate and house, went to the printer today and is expected to be brief. Mr. Wilson's illness prevents its delivery in person and also caused a slight change in the opening program. Instead of appointing committees to "wait" on the president, the senate and house had their committees send a note to Mr. Wilson notifying him of the new session. The note was delivered to Secretary Tumulty, who replied that the president would transmit his message tomorrow.

There were no outward developments today regarding future disposition of the German peace treaty and leaders were informed that the president probably would not discuss it in his message. It was understood that upon resubmitting the treaty the president would send a special message to the senate.

Senator Lodge, the Republican leader and chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, said he hoped soon to press his resolution to declare the war with Germany at an end, but indicated no immediate action was probable.

The senate will begin consideration of important legislation tomorrow when it takes up the Cummins railroad bill with its anti-strike provisions. Senate leaders will urge prompt action, but much parliamentary debate is expected. Initial work of the house is to be confined largely to the annual appropriation bills.

Few new bills were introduced today in the house and none in the senate.

The senate Democratic steering committee will meet tomorrow to consider routine affairs but as the immediate legislative program is generally defined, no action toward framing a minority schedule is expected.

## LAURENS FOLKS IN AEROPLANE

### Winged Machine Carries Passengers Over City from Trinity Ridge School

Adventurous spirits among the Laurens citizenry have had the novel experience during the past two days of riding hundreds of feet up in the air in an aeroplane being operated here by the Traymore Aerial Tours. The aeroplane with its crew of aviators and helpers arrived Monday morning, the aviators via the air route and the helpers via automobile and railroad. The outfit is located near the Trinity Ridge school, about four miles from the city, and makes trips to the city as often as passengers may be found. Incidentally, it may be said, that the novelty of the thing has long since worn off for the Traymore Tours and the aviators, the flights being conducted as a strictly business proposition at so much per. Quite a number of people have undertaken the flights and have come down very much enthused over the rides. It is understood that the machine will remain here for several days longer.

### Knight Farm Sold.

Final details were completed yesterday in a deal by which Mr. W. B. Knight sold the 292 acre farm adjoining his own place which he bought several years ago from his brother, the late Dr. Geo. Knight. The sale was made to Mr. J. T. Martin, of Chester, though it is understood that Mr. N. L. Langston, of this county, is to take part of it. It was sold at the rate of \$100 per acre and the deal was handled through the Davis Realty Company, M. B. Hanna, local representative.

## SIGNAL VICTORY IN GREAT DRIVE

**Baptists Have Almost Reached Six Million Mark. Far Above the Quota.**

Columbia, Dec. 2.—With reports far from complete a total of \$5,858,876 had been reached by South Carolina Baptists in their drive for \$5,500,000 up until a late hour last night. These figures give the denomination more than the amount asked by over \$300,000 and reports are still coming in.

Thirty-three associations had reported last night, leaving five yet to send in figures and it is confidently believed that when these five are received over \$6,000,000 will have been reached.

Out of the 33 associations reporting many were incomplete, as many as 20 church in some of the districts failing to report. Leaders of the campaign last night predicted that the \$7,000,000 mark would be passed before next Sunday when the drive officially ends.

Enthusiasm is still running high and churches that had already raised their quotas were at work all day yesterday and this will continue until every member from the large city to the remotest hamlet is reached. The Rev. Thomas J. Watts, publicity director, said last night he was confident that when final reports were available for the work Sunday they would show that at least \$6,000,000 had been raised on that one day alone.

No relaxation will be manifested during the remaining days of the drive and every indication is that the state will exceed its quota by a million and a half dollars. "Keep the good work going, no slackening of pace," is the advice given to teams and canvassers here last night.

Only five associations have failed to make any reports and they are expected to send in their statements today. Of the 33 already accounted for much more money will be reported as the work is progressing in all church communities. Yesterday the First church, at Chester, raised its Sunday amount of \$67,000 to \$80,000 and will still work on. The Citadel Square church at Charleston reported \$158,000 and the First at Gaffney \$85,000. Lawtonville at Estill reported \$21,800 and the Central at Greenville reported that it would reach the \$100,000 mark.

In Columbia teams of canvassers were at work all day, but no money was counted last night. The canvassing will continue all the week despite the fact that Columbia churches, like most others, have already oversubscribed. Leaders announced last night that a mistake had been made in the quota of the Second Baptist church of Columbia and instead of \$35,000 the amount should have been \$25,000. This latter quota the church will reach before the end of the week.

Below are the amounts so far reported by the 33 associations, bringing the total to \$5,858,876, his being incomplete, however: Charleston, \$345,731; Saluda, \$445,000; Moriah, \$140,000; Fairfield, \$285,183; Greenville, \$623,000; Spartanburg, \$239,143; Barnwell, \$202,330; Ridge, \$310,000; Orangeburg, \$212,315; North Spartanburg, \$89,107; Reedy River, \$124,000; Florence, \$165,000; York, \$75,000; Piedmont, \$32,000; Lexington, \$34,649; Welsh Neck, \$275,000; Laurens, \$335,700; Savannah River, \$96,665; Broad River, \$189,000; Twelve Mile River, \$11,750; Edgefield, \$126,000; Southeast, \$65,000; Santee, \$261,000; Edisto, \$60,000; Union County, \$157,225; Abbeville, \$250,000; Pickens, \$16,656; North Greenville, \$61,000; Kershaw, \$47,978; Pee Dee, \$150,000; Chesterfield, \$22,633; Colleton, \$1,999; Aiken, \$40,000.

Incoming reports yesterday showed Greenville still leading with Saluda second.

### Kills His First Deer.

Mr. W. C. Waldrop spent part of last week in Colleton county, where he went with a party of friends from Newberry and elsewhere on a deer and turkey hunt, not overlooking smaller game that they came in contact with. Mr. Waldrop himself killed one of ten deer and one of five turkeys bagged by the crowd, killing the only deer that he shot at and the only one he has ever shot at in his life. It was an exciting moment, he said, when the big buck shot past him making leaps of about ten feet each leap, but he leveled his gun at him and killed him on the run. He was given the customary initiation by the other hunters of the party and was generally congratulated on his marksmanship.

## SHARP NOTE SENT TO MEXICO

### Note Nearly Approaches an Ultimatum

### JENKINS' RELEASE IS DEMANDED

**State Department Charges Carranza Government with Attempt to Becloud Issues and to "Assume Wilful Indifference to Feelings of American People."**

Washington, Dec. 1.—The government's note to Mexico, made public here today at the hour of its delivery in Mexico City, renews the request for the immediate release of William O. Jenkins, the American consular agent imprisoned at Puebla, and bluntly charges Carranza with attempting to becloud the issue.

In the sharpest language yet addressed to the Carranza government, and probably more pointed than one government usually addressed to another in a formal diplomatic communication, the United States says it regards Mexico's plan of judicial reasons for not releasing Jenkins as "mere excuses," and gives notice that it will not be drawn away from the main facts and into a discussion of "irrelevant and unimportant matters."

The attitude of the Carranza government in the matter, the note says, has been to "assume a wilful indifference to the feelings of the American people" and the conclusion drawn by the government is that Mexico has sought to divert the attention of the American people and the Mexican people as well from the fact that Puebla, second largest city in Mexico, is overrun by bandits while the civil authorities are negligent.

No ultimatum was served, and no time was given in which this government expects Jenkins to be released and neither was there any statement in the note as to what the course of the American government would be if the renewed request for his release is denied.

After a conference with Secretary Lansing late today, Chairman Porter indicated that he was in thorough accord with the government's present policy in dealing with the Mexican situation.

Chairman Porter was with Secretary Lansing for half an hour discussing the Mexican situation in general and later appeared hopeful of a solution of the trouble.

"The danger to the United States of this condition of continual unrest and feeling of hostility toward us in Mexico," Mr. Porter said, "lies in the fact that it provides a fertile field for Anti-American propaganda and the event for a base for attack upon the United States by any foreign country that effected a combination with Mexico. By this, the spirit, if not the letter, of the Monroe doctrine would be violated."

"Property rights have been violated and the Mexican courts have declared constitutional the confiscatory provisions of the Mexican fundamental law against which we have taken a strong stand. I have a copy of the Mexican court's decision in this matter. If we permit the property rights of our nationals in Mexico to be thus violated where can we stop. Suppose Brazil and Argentina and Germany and other nations adopt such a confiscatory law. Our interests abroad would be wiped out."

"For three years or more I have been firmly convinced that either amicable or forcible intervention in Mexico by the United States is inevitable. I have heard nothing here that leads me to change my mind."

"And I wish to say that I am convinced that the state department means business, this time. I also believe that when the state department's firm stand is put before congress we shall give it our strongest support."

### Sixth and Seventh vs. Eighth.

The sixth and seventh grades of the local graded school walloped the boys of the eighth grade in a football game last Monday afternoon, according to reports circulated by the sixth and seventh graders. The score as well as the stellar performers was not reported, so details of the game are rather meagre.