

GOVERNMENT BLAMED FOR COAL PRICES

United States Coal Merchant Says Stories of Shortage and Threatened Famine Are Untrue.

REPORTS SENT OUT FROM WASHINGTON

Alarmed People Who Started Bidding Against Each Other for Supply — Plenty for Everybody.

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Washington, July 12.—The impending coal famine is a bugaboo built up by constant government agitation in the coal situation and present high prices are due in a large measure to the consistent manner in which government officials and agencies have scared the country with predictions of a shortage.

This is the view held by George H. Cushing, managing director of the American Wholesale Coal Association, who asserts there is no shortage of coal, no danger of a shortage and no excuse for the current prices.

"The people have been told every day for the past eight months," said Mr. Cushing, "that the worst shortage of coal in history is imminent and today they are frantically bidding against each other in every market. The reason for the alarmist reports is that we have had too much government agitation of the danger of a famine."

With the revival of the fuel administration last November during the strike of the bituminous miners, Mr. Cushing said, the governmental agitation began.

"For five months," he continued, "the country was on coal rations, implying an impending shortage. The government retained control over exports until May 1, 1920, thus leading the people to believe they were being robbed of coal to benefit Europe. The President's coal commission began work in January. It is still here and its present function is to agitate the question to 'avoid a famine.'"

"In June the Interstate Commerce Commission declaring that an emergency exists in coal issued a priority order with respect to the movement of coal to New England. This capped the climax by saying in governmental language that what had been feared had happened. Thus eight government agencies, to say nothing of the Department of Justice, have been preaching famine and creating panic for eight months."

Mr. Cushing asserted he had investigated nearly every alarmist report and not one of them had stood up under a scrutiny.

R. C. WORKERS OUT OF VILNA AND LEMBERG

Warsaw, July 12.—The American Relief Association and Red Cross have completed their evacuation of Vilna, in the north, and of Lemberg on the southern front. At last accounts the Bolsheviks were forty kilometers from Vilna. Lemberg is not yet in immediate danger.

STEPHENS FELT SURE OF SUCCESS

"Stephens Lost in Attempt" Was Laconic Message Sent to Wife and Children.

Toronto, July 12.—"Feat accomplished; tell Dan."
That was the message which "Professor" Charles Stephens left yesterday to be cabled to his wife, so sure was he that he was going to successfully make the passage of Niagara Falls in his English made barrel. Dan was his manager who was supposed to have put the performance through, but who did not show up.

"Stephens lost in attempt," was the message actually sent across the ocean to the widow and her nine children in Bristol.

"We did our best to dissuade him," said Mr. Irish, a local movie manager, this morning, "but he was confident that he was going to come through all right. Of course, if anyone wants to drop off the top of City Hall with a parachute, or anything like that, it is none of our business. Our part was only to make the photographs and be employed to do that. There was no financial arrangement, but a figure was fixed for the production of the pictures, and our charge was to be paid out of the first rentals of the films."

CITIZENSHIP STATUS ALL TANGLED UP

Nova Scotian in Kansas Does n't Know Where He is at Under New Law.

Pittsburgh, Kansas, July 12.—(By Canadian Press)—Representative Phil Campbell, who was born in Nova Scotia, cannot register to vote in the August primary until he produces proof of second naturalization papers. Campbell is a widely known resident of Pittsburgh, and has represented the Third District in the House for nearly 20 years.

DIGBY POLITICS ALL MIXED UP

Philadelphia Lawyer Will be
Required to Straighten Out
the Tangle.

Special to The Standard
Digby, N. S., July 12.—Politics are a little mixed in Digby County. The Liberals last week made their nomination, H. W. B. Warner and J. Willie Comeau. On Thursday the Conservatives met and nominated Captain Glendon Campbell and Louis J. Comeau, but a resolution was unanimously passed that the publication of these names be deferred until Mr. Comeau's consent could be secured.

CONDITIONS IN EUROPE ARE IMPROVED

Sir Eric Drummond Reports on Aid Given to Central European Unfortunates.

\$218,000,000 GIVEN TO RELIEF WORK

American Organizations Assure Permanent Aid Until Countries Become Self-Supporting.

By CARL W. ACKERMAN
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London, July 12.—Sir Eric Drummond, secretary-general of the League of Nations, today made public a letter which he sent to Lieutenant-General Sir David Henderson, director-general of the League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva, stating that the United States during 1919 and the beginning of 1920 provided approximately \$218,000,000 worth of supplies for the relief of central Europe. Considering the present "detachment" of the United States from European affairs, it is interesting to know that a half-century toward ameliorating the pitiful conditions existing in Poland, Austria, Hungary, Serbia and Roumania.

Sir Eric in reviewing the relief work while stating only the coin facts, indicated that the United States and Great Britain had, in supplying food, clothing and transport to these countries, helped them to a great extent during the past critical months of readjustment.

Surveying this work, the secretary-general of the league made the following report:

"The cereal, meat, milk and fat requirements of the countries affected—namely, Poland, Austria, Hungary and Roumania—may now appear to be assured, in a greater or less degree, until the coming harvest, owing to the establishment of the international committee for relief credits. Large quantities of special foodstuffs, like condensed milk, cocoa, etc., have also been made available by the American Children's Relief, the American Red Cross, the Save-the-Children Fund, the Friends' relief committee, the Vienna relief fund and the Jewish relief committee.

"During 1919 and the beginning of 1920 America provided \$218,000,000 worth of clothing and textile mixture for Poland. Great Britain provided 3,200,000 yards of cotton twill and upward of 200,000 pairs of boots. Poland also obtained 17,000,000 gallons worth of clothing from Holland. Large supplies of clothing and other necessities of this nature have been and still are being supplied to the countries of eastern Europe, through voluntary organizations.

"The decision of the credits conference which took place in Paris on the 21st and 22nd of April have now made available, in certain participating countries, wool and other raw materials essential to the textile industry. This should materially assist the affected countries to meet their existing lack of clothing.

SOME HITCH IN FORMATION OF NEW MINISTRY

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, July 12.—Mr. S. K. Spence, of Yarmouth, was in the capital today and conferred with Premier Meighen. While no official intimation was given as to the nature of the interview, it is believed that it was concerned with the possibility of Mr. Spence entering the ministry, in regard to the representative from New Brunswick, the selection of Mr. Wignome is believed to be practically certain.

It was expected that the new ministry would be sworn in tomorrow, but a delay of some nature appears to have been encountered, and an announcement may not be made until well into the middle of the week.

CAPT. KITCHIN TO LEAD SIMPLE LIFE

"To Hell With Duchesses, Dukes or Anybody Else," Says Jilted Sydney Lover.

Sydney, N. S., July 12.—"To hell with Duchesses, Dukes or anybody else, I'm going to lead the simple life."
In these forceful terms, Captain Thomas Kitchin, hero of a recent trans-Atlantic romance at Halifax and New York, gave vent to his exasperation at the notoriety which has dogged his footsteps ever since he gallantly paid the return passage of Miss Butcher, the English girl, who came to Canada to marry him, but fell in love with a Baron's son en route.

ORANGEMEN AT ST. GEORGE

Despite Disagreeable Weather, Crowds Gather for Celebration Which Was Winner.

Special to The Standard
St. George, July 12.—A Grand Local Orange Celebration was held here today. The morning drizzle fogged with a drizzle of rain, but in spite of this pleasant feature, hundreds of people gathered from all parts of Charlotte County. An excursion from Eastport brought large crowds from that place including the Eastport Orange Lodge, and another excursion from Deer Island, together with the Deer Island Lodge, and Cornet Band, arrived at 2 o'clock. At 2:30 a band, headed by the Deer Island Cornet Band, and after marching through the principal streets, disbanded at the hotel here today. The following list of participants in the march, King Edward, participated in the march, King Edward, Penfield, Letete, Bocabec, Deer Island, Eastport, and St. George. After playing several choice selections on the square the band marched to the ball field, where a fast game of baseball was played between the War Veterans of St. John, and St. George resulting in a victory for St. John score 2-4.

POLICE FAIL TO LOCATE BANDITS

Touched up Diamond Merchant for Stones Valued at \$15,000.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 12.—Efforts of the police to locate two armed bandits who robbed Philip Wohl, Pittsburgh diamond merchant, of jewels worth \$15,000 and \$12,000 have been unsuccessful.

PLACES CHECK ON GAMBLING IN GERMANY

Hopes of Various Resorts to Establish Miniature Monte Carlo Have Been Dashed.

FLOURISHES AT PRIVATE CLUBS

Police Unable to Check Wave
of Gaming in Private Clubs
by Repeated Raids.

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By S. B. CONGER
Berlin, July 12.—The Ambitions of various resorts to establish a miniature Monte Carlo in Germany and take advantage of the present passion for gambling and restore some of the old time prosperity have been dashed. The Federal Government, after consultation with the administrators of the individual Federal States, decided to refuse all applications for concessions for gambling casinos and to cancel those already issued.

Several watering places which made the experiment found the lure of the red tables, spinning wheels and billiard tables very effective in attracting the money of the spending public and the revenue from the concessions of decided importance in developing resorts. The government is now engaged in an encouragement to financial and moral deterioration.

MARINE ENGINEERS RETURNING TO WORK

Two Plants at Halifax Affected by Strike to Resume Work.

Halifax, N. S., July 12.—(Canadian Press)—The marine engineering plants, the strike in force since June 1st has been amicably settled, and the men are returning to work tomorrow morning. These two plants and Hillis & Sons, on Kemps Road, in which the iron workers and moulders went out on strike in sympathy with the men of the shipyards, in these plants the men were approached by the employers as individuals, not as members of the unions affected, and in both cases they agreed to accept the terms which had been offered, returning to work on Tuesday.

FRAUD CLAIMED AT NEWCASTLE

Knotty Problem Arose Over Handling of Certificates at Plebiscite.

Special to The Standard
Newcastle, N. B., July 12.—A very knotty problem in connection with Saturday's plebiscite has arisen in Newcastle and threatens to cause quite a sensation. It is alleged that the blank to the prohibition workers a large number of certificates permitting the holders to vote when their names were not on the official list. These were then filled in with names of voters friendly to Prohibition, and were accepted by some of the returning officers, but were declared by others, which caused some friction and led to the case being taken to higher authority. The result is awaited with eagerness by both sides. The official vote here on Saturday was for prohibition 468, against prohibition 409; for beer and wines 429, against

ALLIES SERVE ULTIMATUM ON GERMANY

Spa, Belgium, July 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Allies served an ultimatum upon the German delegation to the conference, late this afternoon. Germans must agree by three o'clock tomorrow afternoon, to deliver to the Allies 2,000,000 tons of coal monthly. Otherwise, the Allies will take measures to enforce the terms of the Versailles Treaty.

CARSON'S SPEECH NOT CONCILIATORY

Sir Edward Mincin No Words and Declared the Gov't Had Failed to Govern Ireland.

Belfast, July 12.—The celebration of Orangemen's day had as its great feature the customary parade, and in addition, a notable speech by Sir Edward Carson, whose pronouncement on the present situation in Ireland was looked forward to eagerly.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT HILLSBORO

Falling Rock Crushes Out Life of Employee at Quarrie.

Special to The Standard.
Hillsboro, N. B., July 10.—A sad fatality occurred at one of the quarries of the Albert Manufacturing Co. on Friday, when Isaac Cassey, an employee of the works, was instantly killed by falling rock. Several others were working near where the accident happened. Mark O'Connor, foreman of the quarry, and Ross Milton had a narrow escape from being killed. Dr. J. T. Lewis was immediately summoned, but life was extinct. On Friday evening the coroner, Dr. B. J. Dash, held an inquest. The jury brought in a verdict of accidental death.

CRUSHED TO DEATH BY FALLING TREE

Young Man at Hart's Lake Killed While Employed in the Woods.

Gagetown, July 12.—Donald Putin, of Gagetown, employed in the woods at Hart's Lake, was killed today while working with his employer, H. S. McAllister. Putin was employed with a horse in twinning out fallen trees. Mr. McAllister was about to drop a tall one and warned Putin to get out of its reach. He was too late in seeking safety and the tree crashed down pinning him to the ground and causing instant death. The young man's parents reside in Scotland.

ORGANIZED LABOR BEHIND COX

Marshalling Their Forces to Aid the Democratic Nominee for President.

Washington, July 12.—Organized labor is getting ready to denounce the third party, fearing that the movement now being organized at Chicago will detract from the strength of Governor M. Cox, of Ohio, the Democratic presidential nominee, behind whom the professional leaders of the American Federation of Labor have decided to line up, according to a leading article in the News Letter, the Federation's official organ.

GERMAN PLANES ARE FEARED BY THE ALLIES

New All Metal Machines Bear Out Warnings, Say Ex- perts on the Avia- tion Game.

FOR COMMERCIAL USAGE FIRST

French and British See Menace
of Such Models — Entente
Advancement Urged.

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Paris July 12.—Fears that Germany will "come back" through a daring and impregnable position in aerial navigation have been expressed in both the French and English press following the discovery by allied commissioners of planes built entirely of metal. Warnings have been sounded from time to time that Germany was preparing for a greater air supremacy through the perfection of these planes, adaptable either to military or commercial uses, and official notice was taken in the Chamber of Deputies in a speech by M. Flandrin, under secretary for aeronautics. At the same time the Excelsior, the French pictorial magazine, issued a full page of pictures showing the new designs complete, constructed of a light metal called duralumin.

In accordance with the Versailles Treaty Germany must not only surrender all aerial military equipment but she must cease all production of planes for military uses. M. Flandrin explains that Germany had developed these advanced models at the signing of the armistice, but that the delivery of them to the Allied governments along with other war material was unsatisfactory.

"Work may have stopped on these planes," M. Flandrin stated, "but the actual progress of experimentation on products and designs for construction is still one of the greatest activities among the scientific men of Germany and especially in the research laboratories of the universities.

"Germany hopes without doubt to rebuild her air fleet and this fleet will have the incontestable advantage of being composed of the very best and most modern types. They will probably be built in the 'commercial aerial fleet' or the 'civil aerial fleet,' but when one realizes the facility with which an airplane of peace can be turned into an airplane of war, it is easy to see at bottom of this project only a menace and a warning for the other nations of Europe."

The planes have been built after designs by the German Professor Junker, in both monoplane and biplane models. In the air they appear more like birds than any other type of machine. There is not a strut or a wire support and the interior of the wings are reinforced by light metal tubing. In this space is kept the tank for oil and fuel and replacement apparatus. The monoplane propelled by a 160-horsepower engine reached a height of 4500 meters carrying a load of six passengers. The same plane with a 15-horsepower engine carried eight passengers up 7000 meters and its speed was 160 kilometers per hour. Both in these biplane and monoplane designs the French and British experts say the Germans are far in advance of the other countries.

Followers of English aeronautics lament the fact that development of aviation has been arrested since the armistice, and one writer in the London Times describes the new German metal planes in an attempt to awaken interest of British designers. The writer takes the position that England should hold no grievance against Germany for aiming at aerial domination, since commercial flying is the heritage of all countries, but he warns of the seriousness of continued apathy and indifference toward the already advanced German designs.

Washington, July 12.—Japanese troops have been ordered to evacuate the trans-Baikal region in Siberia, the State Department was advised today, from Harbin. A large number of passenger and box cars have been sent into that region to transport the troops, the destination of which was not reported.

GOOD NEWS FOR NEWLY WEDS

Yes, Sir, we mean just that, for we intend to present "The Standard" for a period of three months absolutely free of charge to any newly married couple residing in the Province of New Brunswick.

All you have to do is to call at The Standard office or write us a letter letting us know you have started out on life's battles in double harness, and The Standard will be delivered to your home immediately.

We are doing this merely because we hope that all along life's journey you may have the best of everything, and we want to start the good work by giving you the best newspaper printed in this part of the country. It is our wedding present to you.

The June brides are to be considered as newly weds.