

**HOW UNCLE SAM IS ENLISTING COAL MINERS.**

The United States Fuel Administration has issued the following:

In order to supply leaders for an intensive campaign for increased bituminous coal production the United States Fuel Administration is appointing in each of the producing districts throughout the country a man to serve as production manager for his district. At each mine a committee of six, to be known as the production committee of the United States Fuel Administration, will be formed; three men representing the mine workers; three men the mining company.

The duties of the production committees will be to stimulate patriotism; to set a good example of patriotic industry; to arrange for local meetings at which patriotism and increased production alone shall be discussed. It is the task of the production committee to make known the fact that there must be a large increase in tonnage if the United States is not to fail in its war work. It will also make clear that it is the duty of every mine worker to work the full prescribed hours during six days each week; to pass upon the reasons given for absence, short hours worked, or any other causes that may have resulted in a loss of tonnage.

In announcing the formation of these production committees James B. Neale, director of production, wrote to the local unions of the United Mine Workers of America:

"You mine workers are like a great reserve army which shoulder the burden of a long campaign in which there can be no let-up or the whole offensive plan will crumble and collapse. Not a man of you would flinch or hang back if he were in France to-day and the order came to advance in the face of the enemy's machine guns. In the same way I am sure you will not falter

when you realize how great the need is for your best efforts at home."

**SHIPPING MANGANESE ORE FROM KASLO, B.C.**

Col. B. F. Millard, of Seattle, Wash., who is operating a manganese property near Kaslo, B.C., states that in shipments thus far, water in some cases ran over 40 per cent. A drying plant, therefore, is being installed. It is expected that 2,000 tons will be taken out this summer, which was all the ore in sight, although more might be located with prospecting. The ore is being shipped to Pennsylvania.

**TESTING GAS FOR GASOLINE SUPPLY.**

The natural gas of both Northern and Southern Alberta is to be tested as to its value as a source of gasoline. The work is to be carried out under the direction of Mr. D. B. Dowling, of the Canadian Geological Survey Branch, Mines Department, Ottawa. A start is likely to be made at the Dingman Well, south of Calgary City, to be followed by similar tests in the Viking and Peace River Fields.

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