DENIES THAT A TRUST CONTROLS SOFT COAL

Price-Fixing Combine Could Not Exist, Fuel Official Tells Senators

SAYS PROFITS FELL IN 1919

By the Associated Press

Washington, Aug. 26.—Denying that a combination among bituminous coal operators to fix prices exists, J. D. A. Morrow, vice president of the National Coal Association, told a Senate coal investigating committee today that such a combination would be impossible if attempted. Prices at the mines, he said, have declined under the competition which prevails and are lower than they were a year ago. Profits also are lower, he declared.

"There are about 5000 separate commercial producers operating approximately 7000 mines from which bituminous coal is regularly shipped," Mr. Morrow said. "In addition there are some 2000 operators with about 3000 mines who begin producing and selling coal whenever the price goes up a little and offers a profit to them.

"Moreover, there are hundreds of thousands of acres of coal lands along railroads on which new mines can be readily and quickly opened by any one so disposed. Such a condition obviously does not lend itself to restrictive combinations among producers.

"Of the 5000 separate bituminous coal producers in the United States, 2294, approximately 45 per cent, hold membership in the National Coal Association. They produce about 60 per cent of the total output of bituminous coal in the country.

"The National Coal Association represents these operators and looks after their interests in matters of general concern, such as transportation and traffic questions, standardization of cost accounting, co-operation with governmental agencies and similar activities. There is nothing secret about its business."

Mr. Morrow said bituminous coal prices had declined since the armistice, and in general were lower than the prices fixed by the fuel administration.

"The cost of producing bituminous coal is higher now than it was a year ago," he said, "due to the fact that the mines then were operating six days a week and in many cases are now operating only four days per week and in some cases only three days a week. The overhead expense of maintaining mines goes on just the same whether coal is produced or not.

"When the increased costs are considered in connection with the general decrease in prices, it is clear that profits of bituminous coal operators are materially less than a year ago."

ALLEGED BETRAYER OF CAVELL ON TRIAL

Quien, Losing Postponement Plea, Admits Nothing Tending to Compromise Him

By the Associated Press

Paris, Aug. 26.—After a plea for a postponement of trial had been overruled, Georges Gaston Quien, charged with betraying Edith Cavell, today answered negatively all questions tending to involve him in difficulties.

He admitted he had presented himself as an officer of reserves to Prince Croy, whom he is charged with having denounced to the Germans as having aided French prisoners of war to escape. He said he did not care to admit to Prince Croy that he was just out of prison. (Quien served a sentence in the jail at St. Quentin in 1914 and was liberated when the Germans first took the town.)

The accused testified that he reached Brussels with money and introductions from Prince Croy on June 7, 1915. Although he was supposed to stay long enough to prepare his escape to Holland, he declared that he remained for a fortnight owing to an infected nail, which was removed under the care of one of Miss Cavell's nurses. Miss Cavell herself, he said, advised postponement of his departure.

1300 in Rifle Match

Caldwell, N. J., Aug. 26.—Two stages of the national individual rifle match were shot here yesterday at 200 and 500 yards, with more than 1300 marksmen competing. The winner of the 1000-yard stage, to be shot here today, will be hailed as the national rifle champion.

Don't Be a Slacker!
Get Out and Register

Today is the first registration day. Do your duty as a good citizen. Register!

You can do it tonight after work or during the day—7 to 1 and from 4 to 10.

Don't be a slacker!

Many Citizens Qualify to Vote at Primaries

Good citizens are registering.

Polling places, 1356 in number, were opened at 7 o'clock this morning, and independents and organization workers were immediately active.

Revised laws keep the polls open three hours longer than in previous campaigns.

"This is the day of the big test between those who want contractor rule and those who don't," Congressman Moore declares.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce are urged to register today and give all their employes an hour off for the same purpose.

The next registration day is September 2 and the third and last September 6.

Primary election day is September 16.

GERMAN CORPS JOINS ARMY OF ANTI-REDS

Thirty Warships Bombarded Odessa for Two Days Before Bolsheviki Retired

OCCUPATION IS CONFIRMED

By the Associated Press

Coblenz, Aug. 26.—Details of the organization of a large German volunteers corps in the Baltic provinces to support the Russian reactionary movement against the Bolsheviki are in the hands of the American military authorities.

It appears that General Von Keller, who is believed to be a Russian nobleman of German descent, is at the head of the movement, and it is charged that the German occupation troops under General Von der Goltz, who recently was recalled from the Baltic on the demand of the Allies, are working with von Keller.

London, Aug. 26.—(By A. P.)—Occupation of Odessa, chief Russian port on the Black sea, by allied forces is admitted in a Bolshevik government wireless message from Moscow. The occupation was effected, the dispatch states, after thirty vessels had bombarded the city for two days.

On the Russian northwestern front, according to the soviet statement, the Bolshevik troops are advancing to the region of Pakov, having progressed already to within 3½ miles of that city.

Shortly after the Bolshevik message was received confirmation was given in official quarters here of the occupation of Odessa. A Russian volunteer army, it was stated, had occupied the city. The Bolsheviki retired in the direction of Balta, 120 miles northwest of Odessa.

Vladivostok, Aug. 26.—(By A. P.)—Lieutenant General Rozanoff, the highest Russian authority in eastern Siberia, denies recent reports that the all Russian government under Admiral Kolchak had abandoned Omsk and moved to Irkutsk.

DIX MEN TO GO TO SILESIA

Two U. S. Regiments Will Aid in Policing the District

Washington, Aug. 26.—(By A. P.)—The Fifth Infantry regiment at Camp Taylor, Ky., and the Fiftieth at Camp Dix, N. J., have been ordered to prepare to go overseas to aid in the policing of Silesia, during the plebiscite provided for under the peace treaty, it was said today at the War Department. Orders for the actual movement of the regiments, however, have not yet been issued.

As was stated in an Associated Press dispatch last night from Coblenz, the regiments will go direct to that American army headquarters, there to receive full field equipment. Neither unit has yet had foreign service.

MARSEILLES TIED UP

Paris, Aug. 26.—Work in the port of Marseilles has been almost completely suspended because of the strike of the dock workers, according to advices received from that city.

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SERBS MOBILIZING; FACE RUMANIANS

Bucharest Cabinet Rejects Decision of Allies on Banat and Temesvar

ANOTHER NOTE ON HUNGARY

By the Associated Press

Paris, Aug. 26.—A report received in Paris says that the Serbians are mobilizing their forces in Banat and Temesvar.

N. P. Pachitch, formerly premier and head of the Serbian delegation, says the Serbs are re-enforcing their troops on their side line through Banat, established by the supreme council, because the Rumanians are concentrating on the other side, causing great agitation among the population of a considerable part of the territory, which is preponderately Serbian for a considerable distance inside the area attributed to Rumania.

The Rumanian cabinet has refused to accept the decision of the Peace Conference relative to the division of the Banat and Temesvar, between Rumania and Serbia, according to the Echo de Paris.

The Supreme Council discussed Rumania's attitude in the Hungarian situation, and sent Rumania another note saying that the council impatiently awaited a reply to the note sent on Saturday concerning reparations.

The council yesterday discussed the response to the Austrians at length, but did not complete the text of the reply, and will consider it again today. Some changes are being made in the treaty in compliance with the Austrians' request. Austria will be treated simply as an enemy country, despite the fact the government is new.

The Supreme Council approved the report of the interallied military commission relative to recent incidents at Fiume. It is understood the document fixes responsibility for clashes between Italians and allied soldiers, and recommends methods for preventing a repetition of the trouble.

Belgrade, Aug. 26.—(By A. P.)—Announcing in the Chamber of Deputies the government's policies, Liouba Davidovitch, the new premier, said, among other things, that "Serbia in the impending reorganization of the Balkans, would not seek special privileges, but would base her claims upon the principles of international justice."

"Serbia, nevertheless, must defend to the utmost her just demands wherever they are threatened," he said. "When peace is concluded, Serbia should pursue a policy of reciprocal confidence with her neighbors and cultivate intimate friendships. Czech-Slovakia and Poland seek good relations with us as do Greece and Rumania."

BOY DIES IN STRIKE FRACAS

Two Men Are Wounded at Mine Near Springfield, Ill.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 26.—(By A. P.)—One killed and two wounded constituted today's early developments in the strike of coal miners rebelling against fines imposed by operators.

Elmer Ghlardi, aged thirteen, was instantly killed and two men, said to be strikers, were hit by bullets when Pleasant Jarman, a negro miner, engaged in a recolver battle with pickets established at the Jones & Adams mine near here.

Only a few mines are working in the Springfield region today.

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The fall is the best time to make a new lawn or reseed an old worn-out grass plot.

Our free booklet on "The Lawn" will give valuable information. Send for a copy.

Evergreen Lawn Seed. 25c per qt.; 4 qts., 75c; $1.25 pkg.; $4.50 bu.

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FOR to-morrow we have more than two hundred entirely new and different Clover Specials, added to the more than three hundred remaining from the first day. Look for the Four-leaf Clover Signs in every department—they tell the regular price as well as the Clover Day price on each one of the following specials, and as many more besides. The attractions are as great and as numerous for the second day as on the first day, and an equally busy day is practically assured. We suggest that you be here as early as possible, so that you make a complete tour of the Store and take full advantage of this remarkable opportunity for saving money on the various kinds of merchandise you are sure to need. May we ask that you carry small parcels, if convenient to do so? Please remember that we cannot promise to fill telephone orders for Clover Day Specials.

Men's Clothing at Reduced Prices

Men's and Young Men's Suits, with 2 pairs of Trousers—$33.00
Spring-weight Suits—$25.00
Men's and Young Men's "Alco" All-wool Suits—$28.50
Spring-weight Suits—great values—$17.00 and $22.25
Cool Cloth Suits—now $9.75
Worsted Trousers—now $7.75
Palm Beach Trousers—$3.75
Youths' Long-trousers Suits—$10.50

Men's Suits To-measure—$38.50

FOR MEN

Panama Hats, seconds, $1.95; others—$4.95
One-clasp Silk Gloves, odd lots—45c
Cambric Handkerchiefs, with satin stripe, 15c
Knitted Four-in-hands—65c
Bat-wing Ties—35c, three for $1.00
Four-in-hand Ties—95c, $1.45 and $1.65
Mercerized Lisle Socks, seconds — 35c, three pairs for $1.00
Colored Cotton Socks, seconds—6 pairs, 90c
Black Cotton Socks—6 pairs for 75c
Balbriggan Short-sleeve Shirts, Ankle Drawers, seconds—75c each
Corded Madras Athletic Union Suits—75c
Fancy Soft Shirts—$1.25, $1.50 and $2.25
Muslin Night Shirts—$1.45
Various High-grade Shoes, broken sizes—$6.95
Tan and Black Gun-metal Calf Shoes, $7.45
Gold-filled Waldemar Chains—$1.00
Belts—65c Suspenders—65c Garters—35c

MISSES AND CHILDREN

Misses' New Satin Dresses, black, navy blue, taupe or plum—$18.50
Misses' Various Wash Dresses—$7.50, $10
Chambray or Gingham Dresses, 6 to 14—$2.65
Little Girls' School Hats—$1.50
Two-piece Bloomer Dresses, 2 to 6 years—$1.65 to $2.25
Infants' Shirts and Bands, samples—35c
Misses' One-clasp Silk Gloves—25c
Misses' Sleeveless Wool Slip-on Sweaters—$1.25
Children's Fine-ribbed Stockings, black, white or tan, seconds—29c
White Cotton Three-quarter Socks, 18c, three pairs for 50c
Children's Ribbed Cotton Long-sleeve Vests, and Ankle Pantalets, medium weight, 50c
Children's E. Z. Waist Suits, seconds—65c
White Canvas Laced Shoes, rubber or leather soles; Children's, $2.15; Misses'—$2.65
Growing Girls' White Canvas Oxfords, Pumps, High Shoes—$3.45

FOR WOMEN

Medium-weight Serge, Poiret Twill and Tricotine Suits, in black and colors—$30.00
Autumn Suits of Wool Cheviot—$22.50
New Crepe de Chine Dresses—$20.75
Voile Dresses, medium colorings—$6.75
Coats and Dolmans of silks and satins—$20
Fine White Gabardine Wash Skirts—$3.75
Clearance of Various Cloth Skirts—$3.75
Lovely White Voile Waists—$1.85
White and Flesh Georgette Waists—$3.50
Trimmed Hats, in summer styles—now $3
Velour Sports Hats, in new shapes—$4.50
Ready-to-Wear Summer Hats—now $1.50

Striped and Checked Gingham House Dresses—$1.35 Filbert Street Cross Aisle

Summery House Dresses—now $1.95 to $3.45
Voile and Beach Cloth Smocks Reduced
French and Philippine Underwear, broken sizes and somewhat rumpled — greatly reduced
Japanese Embroidered Kimonos—$6.00
Trimmed Cambric Petticoats—now $1.75
Gingham Band Aprons, pointed effect—45c
Extra-size Cotton Taffeta and Satine Petticoats, in black and colors—$1.50
Broken Lots of Corsets including S. & C. Special and other well-known makes—$3
Broken Lot of Hook-front Brassieres—85c
Nemo Self-Reducing and Back-Resting Corsets, in broken sizes—now $4.50
Vestees of Net and Insertion—$1.00
One-clasp Washable White Doeskin Gloves—now $1.35 a pair
16-Button White Silk Gloves, with double finger-ends—now $1.00 a pair
Fibre Sweater Coats—now $3.50
Colored Novelty Handkerchiefs—12½c each
Burson "Knit-to-Fit" White Lisle Stockings, seconds—now 35c a pair, or 3 pairs for $1
Silk and Fibre Silk Stockings—39c a pair
Ribbed Cotton Vests, lace front—25c
Ribbed Cotton Union Suits, 75c; large—85c
Extra-size Ribbed Lisle Vests, seconds, 35c, 3 for $1.00
American Taffeta Umbrellas with Bakelite Ring Handles—now $3.50
Light and Dark Gray Laced Nubuck and Black Laced Kid Shoes—now $6.45
Black and White Arch-Preserver Oxfords, in broken sizes—now $2.95

Furniture in Great Variety To-morrow at Half Price

Hundreds of pieces of Furniture are marked at half price—the most remarkable values of this month of Furniture reductions, and very extraordinary in view of the fact that Furniture costs have been and still are increasing. Our entire stock of Furniture is marked at reduced prices this month, but these Clover Specials are further reduced to one-half regular prices.

FLOOR COVERINGS

Axminster Rugs, 11.3x12 feet—$49.75
Axminster Rugs, 9x12 feet—$39.50
Worsted Wilton Rugs, 9x12 feet—$41.50
Wiltone Rugs, 10.6x13.6 feet—$79.50
China Matting—$18.75 a 40-yard roll
Axminster Carpet—$2.45 a yard
The following in the Department of Lower-priced Floor Coverings:
Summer Rugs, 9x12 feet—$9.50
Felt-base Floor Covering — in remnant lengths, 2 yards wide—35c a square yard
Axminster Rugs, 9x12 feet—now $35.00

LINENS, BEDFURNISHINGS

70-inch Bleached Half-Linen Damask, $2.00
Scotch Half-linen Hemmed Towels—$6.50 dozen
Madeira Embroidered Centrepieces—$1.25
White Bed Spreads, embroidered in pink, single-bed size; Shams to match, $6 a set
Bleached Muslin, 36-inch—22c and 31c yd.
Navy Blue Flannel—$1.25 a yard
54-inch Quilted Table Padding—$2.00
81-inch Unbleached Sheeting—75c
31-inch Blue Striped Bed Ticking—45c
Bleached Bolster Cases, 42x76½ ins., $1.10
Crochet-weave Bed Spreads, 80x90 in., $3.60
Blankets, slight cotton mixture—$12.50 pr.
Satine Comfortables, down-filled—$16.50
White Dimity Bed Spreads, 62x99—$2.70
Cotton-filled Silkoline Comfortables, $3.60

FOR THE HOME

Enamel Beds, continuous square tube—$16.75
Two-part Felt Mattresses, 50 pounds—now $13.25, $15.75 and $17.50
Various Mahogany Candlesticks—75c each
Colored Prints, mahogany-finish frames—$1.75
Curtain Edging—10c Figured Swiss—20c
Matting-covered Boxes, samples—reduced
Room Lots of Living-room Wall Paper—$3
Grasscloth Wall Papers, 30-inch—70c a pc.
Floor Sweeping Brushes, with handle—95c
Carpet Sweepers, metal case—$1.45
Crepe Tissue Toilet Paper—50c a dozen rolls
Screw Drivers—18c Briar Pipes—60c
One-burner Ovens, for gas or oil stoves—$2.75
Gas Ranges, 18-inch oven, broiler—$34.00
Cut Glass Comb and Brush Trays, $3.85; Sugar and Cream Sets, $3.75; Olive Trays—$1.00
Light-cut Mayonnaise Dishes, 85c; Candlesticks, 75c; Cheese-and-Cracker Dishes—$1.00
Decorated Covered Pitchers—60c to 80c

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Cheviot Suits—now $7.35 and $11.50
Cheviot Suits, two pairs knickerbockers—$9.50
Wash Knickerbockers—now 95c
Straw Hats—now 15c, 95c and $1.45
White Middy Hats—38c Cloth Caps—85c
Blouse Waists, 50c and 85c Sweaters—$4
Check Nainsook Athletic Union Suits—50c
Four-in-hand Ties—35c, three for $1.00
Boys' and Youths' Shoes, gun-metal and tan calf. Not all sizes—$4.45

MISCELLANEOUS

Fibre-covered Steamer Trunks—$15, $17, $19
Fibre-bound Dress Trunks—$13, $15 and $17
Lace-trimmed Scarfs—now 75c
Pearl Buttons—5c and 8c a dozen
Cotton Soutache Braid—20c a piece
Celluloid Hair Pins—20c a box
3500 Books for Boys and Girls—now 25c
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