

PRESIDENT'S COAL PROGRAM FAILS

Operators Increase Price, Complain of Public Service Corporations Charge

SENATE TO INVESTIGATE

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Washington, Jan. 17.—The complete collapse of the administration's coal program is indicated in the facts that are coming out regarding coal prices since the settlement of the strike.

The administration's policy was that the temporary increase of 14 per cent in wages granted to the miners would be absorbed by the operators and the price of coal to the public should not be advanced.

Evidence is before the interstate commerce committee of the senate that 90 per cent of the consumers of soft coal in the country are being explicitly billed for the 14 per cent in cost of wages.

The subcommittee, of which Senator Feilhaber is chairman, will shortly begin an investigation of this subject. The House is likely to appoint a special committee in a few days on the subject.

The matter was brought to the attention of the interstate commerce committee in complaints from the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey and other public service corporations at Buffalo, New York and in western cities.

These corporations are receiving bills from the coal operators charging them expressly for the cost of wages, plus 14 per cent additional cost of wages. This is done under express terms of the contracts under which soft coal is sold to all users of coal.

These contracts provide that the purchasers shall pay for any additional labor costs.

90 Per Cent on Contracts It is estimated that 90 per cent of all the soft coal used in this country is sold under such contracts. The operators are absorbing the advance in wages on the other 10 per cent of the coal mined.

It will be recalled that the secretary of the Interior, in supporting Senator Garfield's contention that the price of coal should not be advanced, said that Treasury records showed some of the soft-coal operators to make as high as 2000 per cent profit.

The increased cost of the public service companies will be passed on to the public. All of the public service companies are in financial straits. Every additional cost of supplies to them increases pressure on them to advance their charges to the public.

The Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, for example, operates a lot of trolley lines. It complains of the shifting of 14 per cent of its cost to the public because it is unable to pass on the increase in the price of coal.

With regard to the steam railroads of the country the situation is equally clear. In some quarters it is said they will have to pay the 14 per cent increase in wage costs in their coal bills.

At Director General Hines's office it was stated that certain roads which were paying under their contracts smaller rates than those fixed by the fuel administration on October 30 had been given permission to pay higher prices up to the level of the administration's schedule.

The steam railroads being under government control, the coal operators may have hesitated to bill them for the 14 per cent increase.

Contracts Stand in the Way Thus the administration's efforts to check the rise in the cost of living by stopping advancing prices in this key commodity have already failed. The suit does not go to the root of the action of the presidential coal commission, which has authority over wages and prices.

The existing contracts shift additional costs of mining and advances in wages on to the big consumers. The big consumers, the public service corporations, furnishers of transportation and other utilities, will shift it to the public in higher charges.

Even if there were any disposition on the part of the coal operators to make a concession to make the operators shoulder the advance in wages which will be granted and which will exceed the 14 per cent provision in the coal contracts for about 40 per cent of the coal sold in the west.

What has happened in coal is what had been left alone to settle its disputes to suit itself. The operators and miners, having demonstrated to the public by means of a strike that the price had to go up, wages would be advanced, the added cost shifted to the consumers of coal in higher prices.

And to top it all, an underlying production of the industry and transportation a new cycle of high prices would have been started. Evidently one has been. The public service corporations are complaining to call attention to their straits. When Congress fails to afford relief they will demand higher fares and rates from the public.

The higher price of coal will be an argument of the steam railroad companies when they demand a revision of their schedules, as they will be compelled to when private ownership is re-established.

MORE WINTER NEXT WEEK Low Temperatures to Continue With Some Snow

Washington, Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday, are: "North and Middle Atlantic states, fair first half; occasional snows second half; low temperatures will continue. South Atlantic and east gulf states, fair first half; occasional rain second half; temperatures slightly below normal early in week; nearly normal thereafter.

Ohio Valley and Tennessee; fair and continued cold early in week; followed by occasional snows or rains until near close; temperatures will average below normal.

FAIR TODAY AND TOMORROW Incipient Blizzard Departs From City—Mercury Rises

The incipient blizzard which visited the city yesterday, has departed and "fair weather" is to continue over tomorrow.

"Fair and continued cold" was the expression used by Washington Bliss, who declared that 15 degrees would be about the limit of cold reached in the next twenty-four hours. The temperature rose from 20 degrees at 8 o'clock to 28 degrees at 11, but the weather man predicted no further rise.

Moderate northerly winds will put a slight bite in the cheeks of slaters this evening and tomorrow, but there will be no snow to interfere with their employment.

U. S. Reds to Cross Border of Russia in Locked Cars

Helsingfors, Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—Finnish authorities have informed the Russian soviet government of the plan to send Alexander Berkman, Emma Goldman and their comrades across the border, but no reply has as yet been received. The Finns asked that Bolshevik troops cease firing when the party appears. The deportees will be taken to Terijoki, about 20 miles from the frontier, in locked cars, accompanied by a Finnish military guard and a detachment of American marines.

FAIL TO EFFECT TRUCE ON TREATY

New Conference Reaches No Agreement, but Discusses Minor Features

Washington, Jan. 17.—Another conference of Senate leaders seeking agreement on reservations to the peace treaty was held today, but Senators Lodge and Hitchcock, heading the Republican and Democratic representatives, respectively, said no agreement was reached.

Only minor features of the dispute were considered today, the vital issues, including Article X of the league of nations covenant, being left for future discussion.

The negotiations, according to the leaders, revolve about the so-called Lodge reservations, and that it never will be modified as to principle.

When the treaty was suggested, the Democrats have no intention of accepting the Article X reservation as it is. Something of the difficulties the committee faces were indicated by one of the Democratic leaders working for a compromise. He declared all the Republican guards in Finland, who are to confer with the Democrats on a compromise were "hard-boiled."

KILLS 3, WOUNDS 3 WITH AX Connecticut Farmer Also Destroys Horses and Cattle—Hangs Self

Brooklyn, Conn., Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—Victor Lippone, aged forty, a resident of West Brooklyn, this afternoon killed three persons and seriously injured three others with an ax and then hanged himself.

This morning he showed signs of mental trouble and went to his barn and killed six head of cattle with an ax. He returned later to his house and killed a nurse who was caring for his wife.

Lippone then went to the farm of Christian G. Ritter, next adjoining, and killed Ritter. He then went to the farm of Charles Ray and wounded Mrs. Ray and her daughter, Elsie Kimball, with the same ax. Both are in a serious condition.

Lippone set Ray's barn on fire and burned a pair of horses and a cow. Going to the barn of Antonio Di Carlo he then hanged himself in the cellar.

MRS. W. ROCKEFELLER DEAD Wife of Capitalist Dies at Winter Home on Jekyll Island

Brunswick, Ga., Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—Mrs. William Rockefeller is dead at the Rockefeller winter home on Jekyll Island, near here.

Mrs. Rockefeller left New York a week ago for Jekyll Island. Her death was very sudden, it was said today at the office of her son, William G. Rockefeller, and was caused by heart disease.

She is survived by her husband, a brother of John D. Rockefeller, and by four children, William G. Rockefeller, Peter, Frederick, and Mrs. H. McAlpin and Mrs. M. Hartley Dodge. She was born March 19, 1844, and before her marriage in 1864 was Miss Almira Gerehart. She was noted for her contributions to hundreds of philanthropies and of late years, notwithstanding her age, took an active interest in war relief work.

NEWSPRINT PAPER INQUIRY Palmer Seeks Information on Carrying Out of Decree

Washington, Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—On investigation of Attorney General Palmer, the Federal Trade Commission has sent newsmen questionnaires, requesting that they will aid in determining the manner in which the terms of the final decree in the so-called newspaper paper case are being observed.

The commission in particular will attempt to develop whether the manufacturers have actually produced the daily language of newspaper paper; how much of the tonnage has been sold to jobbers, dealers or consumers, and at what prices; and whether the jobbers, dealers or other middlemen in reselling to the small publishers of the country have observed the maximum commissions fixed in the agreement.

BRYAN WELCOMES DRY ERA Secretary Daniels Also Speaks at Celebration in Washington

Washington, Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—Prohibition became the law of the nation today.

In Washington, long ago made "dry" by a special act of Congress and "drier" by wartime prohibition, the coming into effect of the new law will be commemorated on the occasion passed without unusual incident except for celebration meetings held by reform organizations. At the largest of these, participated in by reformers from all over the country, Secretary of the Navy Daniels and William Jennings Bryan were the principal speakers.

"FLU" ON SPANISH SHIP Vessel Held in Quarantine—Seriously Sick Sent to Hospital

New York, Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—There were thirty-five cases of influenza among the passengers and crew of the Spanish steamship P. de Sarratzen, when she arrived today from Barcelona and other Spanish ports. Four cases were serious and the rest convalescent.

The steamship was held in quarantine and the seriously ill cases were sent to the quarantine hospital at Swanbarron, 17th st.

REDS PLAN RETURN 'TO SAVE AMERICA'

Emma Goldman and Other Deportees Land From Buford at Hango, Finland

BERKMAN TO FORM LEAGUE

By the Associated Press Hango, Finland, Jan. 17.—United States army transport Buford, having on board 249 radicals deported from America, arrived here at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Finnish pilots could not dock the vessel and a German pilot was summoned.

Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman, leaders of the deportees, have declared they will not remain in Russia, but will "return to America as soon as possible."

The Reds on board the "soviet ark" will be taken to the Russian frontier by United States labor bureau and immigration officials.

After the Buford had docked, Berkman and Miss Goldman led a procession of radicals down the gangplank, waving their hands and shouting slogans, gazing curiously at the landing. The radicals made up a motley throng, their faces full of curiosity as to what their future might be, while there were traces of anxiety lest they might be attacked after they had left the protection of their American guards. Finnish authorities will look after the safety of the deportees.

After they had landed, Berkman and Miss Goldman talked with a local newspaper man. Asked to give her opinion of her deportation, the latter replied: "It is a melodrama to keep it secret."

"It was unfair and stupid," interjected Berkman. "You can't kill an idea like that. The czar tried and failed. He is dead and forgotten."

Still Claims Citizenship "Do you want to overthrow the American government?" Miss Goldman was asked.

"You need a new government," she answered, "and I hope the election will be the best way to get it."

It is her intention to return to America as soon as possible. She asserts she became an American citizen by virtue of her marriage to a naturalized citizen of the United States, and she claims this did not alter her status as a citizen of the United States.

"As Nietzsche said: 'The test of the test of the power of endurance,' she continued, "that is what will be my lot until I return to America. I will not forsake Americans." Asked her plans were, Miss Goldman said: "I shall not impose my advice upon the Russian government, but shall remain affiliated with the Bolsheviks. I hold my deportation was an injustice. We were not given a chance to prepare for it."

To Organize "Friends of America" Berkman is under contract to write for an American monthly publication a series of articles about former American prison wardens, among them Thomas Mott Osborne. He will also write a number of Russian sketches, he said.

Asked if the Reds would labor or would continue their activities to politics, Berkman replied they would be employed in mines, but "naturally would be engaged in political work." He declared he would form a "league of Russian friends of America," the efforts of which would reciprocate those of the American friends of Russia. Of the latter organization he said: "It has grown so immensely respectable that even former President Taft is a member."

The three-day journey from Kiel the voyage was extremely dangerous because mines in the Baltic have not been removed by the German Government, according to various reports of the Buford, who left the boat for a visit to this little town.

The deportees had a monotonous voyage, which was made more irksome because of stormy weather when they could not be given their daily exercise on deck. Their greatest pleasure seemed to be singing Red songs. They were forbidden to hold meetings on deck, but made up for lost time when confined to their quarters.

Richard Laird, night chief of police, in charge of the prisoners, had to warn Berkman and Miss Goldman repeatedly that they were prisoners and not passengers or guests.

DROUGHT CLOSES JAILS Four Massachusetts Towns Find Lock-Ups Unnecessary

Boston, Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—The jail population of Massachusetts has diminished so rapidly during the last few months that county jails at Lowell, Taunton, Newburyport and Fitchburg have been ordered closed.

Twenty-five county institutions which have accommodations for 6400 persons housed a daily average of only 2000 during the last month. In addition to prohibition another reason assigned is high wages.

Three Boston men who drank wood alcohol were arrested last night. They were held in the city jail for observation. They were released last night were in hospitals today.

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First Dry Law Arrest in New York at 12:05

New York, Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—Four minutes after the eighteenth amendment became effective in New York this morning, 12:05 o'clock to be exact, a Brooklyn cafe owner was arrested by an internal revenue inspector for selling a glass of brandy. A bartender in the same establishment was arrested a minute later.

This news traveled in underground channels faster than prairie fire fanned by a cyclone and in a short time the merry-making over the demise of John Barleycorn came to a more or less abrupt end in the greater city's cafes, restaurants and hotels. The presence of 100 revenue inspectors in the white light district and the knowledge that the city's 15,000 policemen were watching for violations of the new law caused the saloonkeepers and others to close their doors somewhat unceremoniously.

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MAIL AIRPLANE WILL RACE WITH DEATH

Carries Antitoxin From Chicago to New York to Save Children Poisoned by Olives

Chicago, Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—Carrying a precious tube of antitoxin an airmail plane took the air at 11:45 a. m. here today in a record-breaking flight to New York, where the antitoxin is needed to save the lives of three persons dying from the effects of botulism poisoning. The plane cut across Lake Michigan and raced toward Cleveland.

The call for the antitoxin was received at Urbana at 1 o'clock this morning in a message from Dr. John Rigelman, medical examiner of the Bronx, which said the package must be in New York in less than 24 hours or it would be too late. Because trains do not make the trip quickly enough, it was suggested the antitoxin be forwarded by airplane.

Two girls in New York whose parents and two brothers died after eating tainted olives, and a youth, who also was stricken, can escape death only by use of the antitoxin, attending physicians at Fordham Hospital, New York, believed.

Cleveland, Jan. 17.—At 3:30 p. m. nothing had been heard from the mail plane carrying the antitoxin, and it was said it would be utterly impossible to start a plane for New York this afternoon, because of the danger of landing in the dark.

According to the witnesses, the "soviet" or "conference committee," as it was known, was formed after a general strike of prisoners at the barracks in January, 1919. The strike, witnesses testified, was the result of unrest due to the discharge late in 1918 of 113 conscientious objectors.

The committee, it was said, numbered 35 or 40 members, soon being assumed authority and within a short time had full control of the barracks.

It was brought out that while the general strike was in progress the prisoners had demanded that "they be given a government of their own." The commandant, who is no longer in charge at the barracks, it was asserted, acceded to the demand.

The plan, witnesses testified, worked satisfactorily until the committee developed into "a strong-arm" squad, using force whenever necessary to obtain their wishes. Prisoners were clubbed freely, and one man, it was stated, was so badly injured that he died.