

**PROTESTS STORM U. S. COAL AGENCY**

Northwest Declares Distributors at Washington Are Favoring Luxury Industries  
 HAVE NO FUEL, THEY REPLY

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 Washington, Aug. 26.—Now that the coal production is approaching normal coal distributing agency.

"Why don't we get coal?" exclaim the industries of Michigan, has been making promises as to what he would do to assure the people of his State that they should not go without fuel. The question is addressed to him. "Because the Federal coal distribution agency sends the coal which should come to the great industries of the Northwest to the Northwest States," replies Governor Grosbeck. "Why do not the people of the Northwest get coal?" exclaims the householders of Minnesota and points West who see empty bins in their cellars. "Because," reply the Governors of those States, "the Federal coal distributing agency cares nothing if we have coal or not, it is the business of the great industries of Detroit, pure luxury industries."

"If you inquire of the Federal coal distributors who started with a great deal of coal which they have handled since they started in business is 350,000 tons, the consumption of the Nation is 3,500,000 tons a week 350,000 tons is a lump of coal apiece to every citizen."

**A Popular Commodity**  
 Coal just now it appears is a commodity which everybody wants but which no one will buy. Governor Grosbeck, of Michigan, flourishing trumpets of his own, announced a little while ago that his State would guarantee \$1,000,000 for coal. "All right," replied the Federal coal distributors, "put your \$1,000,000 in the bank and we'll get the coal for you."

Governor Grosbeck was scandalized at the suggestion that the great State of Michigan should put \$1,000,000 in the bank. He would not do it. The northwest, it is said here, has been asked to put up \$10,000,000 to get coal. It will not do it either. Meanwhile, from the fact that the Federal agency has only handled 250,000 tons of coal it is apparent that the Federal Government won't put up any money to buy coal. Everybody's bluff has been suddenly

called by the appearance of coal above ground. And nobody will either put up or shut up, far from the latter. You see, if you buy coal now you buy it at the top of the market. By the time you can sell it a few days later it may have behaved like the German mark and gone down, down, down.

**Fear Drop in Prices**  
 If Governor Grosbeck put up his \$1,000,000 on the Northwest, plenty of coal, but they might have to sell it to the consumer at one-half of what it cost. So that now when the producers' strike is over one might almost say there is a buyers' strike in coal.

No dealer is willing to buy much of it for that; the drop in price which is expected will leave him with a lot on his hands. No industries care to accumulate a big stock for fear its rival, by waiting a few days, may buy his for half as much.

The Federal Government wishes to avoid showing a loss of several millions on coal. Everybody has an agency of some kind which was going to keep the people from freezing, and the wicked coal producer and seller from profiteering. And every agency is passing the buck to every other agency.

Everybody is gambling on the chance that in a few days the railroad strike will be settled and that then the bottom will drop out of the coal market. Nobody took the coal strike seriously for many weeks. Nobody made any real preparations to meet it, and then the States and Federal Government rushed in with dramatic gestures, assuring the public that all would be well.

**Passing the Buck**  
 And now the public says: "If anybody is to lose through buying coal at the top of the market let it be the State and Federal Governments. What are they in the coal business for, anyway?" And the State and Federal distributors say that anybody is to lose, let it be the public.

If all the governmental agencies could be taken out of the situation the coal market would right itself quickly. An ending of the railroad strike would right it in no time. The accumulation of coal at the mines will probably bring about stability of prices soon in any event.

The Northwest feels the situation acutely because the season for shipments across the Lakes to the Northwest is short. Time lost in waiting for the drop in coal may be fatal. Meanwhile, time consumed by coal in transit may be fatal to some one's pocketbook, anyway. Neither the States nor the Federal Government shows any disposition to take the risk.

**COAL SITUATION IN MICHIGAN DESPERATE**

Lansing, Mich., Aug. 26.—(By A. P.)—William H. Potter, State Fuel Administrator, continued his criticism of the National Fuel Distribution Committee today. He addressed a telegram to Michigan representatives in Congress, saying the State could obtain coal if "the National Fuel Administra-

tion would either help us or let us alone."

"Will they do either or must Michigan freeze the message asks." The State Fuel Administrator's message describes the coal situation in Michigan as desperate, declaring thousands of men are out of employment, fruit rotting in cellars, and hospitals clamoring for fuel and cold weather imminent. Applications for priorities, accompanied by bank guarantees, have been turned down, Mr. Potter asserts. Coal at exorbitant price is available, he charges.

In a letter addressed to F. R. Wadleigh, connected with the Federal Fuel Distribution Committee, Mr. Potter reiterated his allegations of profiteering in coal, offering to cite "hundreds of cases" in which coal has been offered at high prices.

"As I look at the situation," Mr. Potter wrote, "if the Federal Fuel Administration will disband and go home, the law of supply and demand will eventually settle this proposition of prices and let consumers get coal where they can without endangering prosecution of any one. If this is not feasible, the Federal Fuel Administration ought to take some steps to enforce its so-called fair prices and see that profiteering is not carried on under the guise of interstate commerce."

**Board Orders Coal for Michigan**  
 Washington, Aug. 26.—(By A. P.)—Authorization for the movement of an additional 50,000 tons of soft coal to Michigan was announced today by the Federal Distribution Committee. This authorization, it was explained, was in the course of the regular distribution and was not a result of the recent attack of W. W. Potter, Michigan State Fuel Administrator, on Federal fuel distribution methods.

**KU KLUX IS ISSUE IN TEXAS VOTE TODAY**

**Heavy Balloting Expected in Nomination for Senator and Four Other Offices**

Houston, Tex., Aug. 26.—With the white hood of the Ku Klux Klan enveloping every other issue, the spectacular senatorial campaign waged in Texas—the Klan battle ground—ended last night. In a plot of bitterness and invective the campaign has had no equal and a tremendous vote is expected.

Today Texas Democrats will go to the polls to say whether Earle B. Mayfield, railroad commissioner and candidate of the Ku Klux Klan, or James E. Ferguson, former Governor and once impeached and removed, will carry the Democratic banner in the November election. Ferguson, bitterly anti-Klan, has made Ku Kluxism the dominating issue, virtually ignoring his light wine and beer plank.

There are four offices to be voted on—Senator, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer and State Superintendent of Education—and in each it is a straight test of Klan and anti-Klan strength. The campaign between Mayfield and Ferguson has drawn tremendous crowds everywhere. The Texas newspapers have been full of the charges made by each candidate against the other. Their speeches have resounded with such phrases as "gutter type," "perjurer," "bank-wrecker," "defaulter," "har," "gambler," "drunkard," "bootlegger" and "hypocrite."

Behind the barrage of invective has hovered the shadow of the Ku Klux Klan, and on the strength or weakness of the Klan one of the candidates for the Senate is going to Washington. Mayfield is generally favored to win by a small majority, but indications are that the other Klan candidates will be defeated.

**REPORT KAISER ENGAGED TO WEALTHY WIDOW**  
 Wedding to Take Place During the Winter

London, Aug. 26.—Former Emperor William is betrothed to the widow of a German aristocrat, according to a report received by the Times. The woman is said to be almost of royal rank and the mother of three children. She and the children recently visited the former emperor at Doorn, Holland. It is said the marriage will take place during the coming winter.

**Steal Cloth From R. R. Platform**  
 Cloth valued at \$400 was stolen last night from the platform of the Pennsylvania Railroad freight station at Front and Federal streets.

**SON OF "DICK" CANFIELD DIES OF POISON ON SHIP**

**Son of Gambler Was on Way to Honolulu From Hollywood**  
 Los Angeles, Aug. 26.—"Dick" Canfield, Jr., heir to \$1,000,000 and son of the late Richard Canfield, New York's erstwhile famous gambler, is dead, according to word received yesterday. Canfield, it is said, died aboard ship three days out of Honolulu from poisoning. Further details are lacking. Young Canfield arrived in Hollywood the early part of last spring from Boston, where he had been the chief factor in several notorious escapades. Leasing the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Stack, now in Europe, Canfield proceeded to keep open house.

As a result of his desire to be a general host he was arrested last June 15, charged with disturbing the peace. He was fined \$500 and given thirty days in jail. Pending an appeal he was freed under \$500 bail, loaned him by Clara Whipple Young.

Two weeks later he was arrested on a similar charge, but asked for a jury trial. Bond was placed at \$200. On July 23, with a number of friends, he sailed from San Francisco for Honolulu.

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**\$145.00**  
 American Opossum Coats (sketched), dark Natural Muskrat Coats, beautifully marked Civet Coats, lustrous Black Russian Pony, with skunk collar and cuffs.

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 Bordered Raccoon Coats (sketched), Neaseal Coats with skunk collars; dark Muskrat, beaver collar; black Russian Pony with collar and cuffs of skunk; Gray American Broadtail with Australian Opossum trimming.

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 Hudson Seal Coats (sketched), Fine bordered Raccoon Coats, dark Natural Muskrat Coats, Skunk collar and cuffs.

**\$395.00**  
 Hudson Seal Coats (sketched), Hudson Seal Coats with deep collars and cuffs of Kolinsky. Handsome Caracal Coats with deep skunk collar and cuffs. Fine Japanese Mink Coats.

Beginning Monday Morning—Annual Early Season

**Sale of FURS**

All ready for the greatest Sale of Furs, in a season when Furs are of the greatest fashion importance! An immense stock—thousands of dollars' worth of new Furs—of the high standard of quality from which no exigency of time nor trade has ever obliged us to deviate; all bought when prices in the Fur market were at the lowest point, and marked, for this Early Season Sale, to insure—

**Savings of 15 to 30 per Cent**

This percentage is based on this season's prevailing retail prices, which at present are more moderate than they have been for several years, but are not likely to continue so. In fact, we have already been notified by some furriers, that reorders will not be taken at the prices for which the models in the Sale were purchased; the advance in some instances being 33 1-3 per cent. In addition—

**This Great Sale of Furs is An Event of Exceptional Fashion Importance**

It is a treat to women who delight in dress. Every Fur of any importance is shown, and some Furs, such as caracal, which world conditions rendered scarce for several years, are now here in abundance; all so skillfully treated and artistically manipulated, that they follow beautifully every slender, graceful line of the season. Sleeves are triumphs of the designer's art, and collars are so cleverly draped or gathered that they may be worn snug up around the neck or draped shoulder fashion, and are as graceful one way as the other. Straight Capes, Long Coats, extra-length Coats and Wraps, Sports Coats, and the more dressy little short Blouse Coats and Balkan effects are all in the Sale, together with the finest line of Neck Furs we have ever shown.

**The Ballot Battle Of "Wets" and "Drys"**

**CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SURPRIZES**

**777,816 VOTES ARE SUMMARIZED IN THE MAIN POLL ON THE Soldiers' Bonus**

After an extremely "wet" start in the metropolitan districts of the East, the special women's poll this week turns 1 1/2 per cent "drier" than the general poll, and 5 per cent "drier" than on the previous week, thus seemingly indicating that the women of the country are justifying the contention sometimes made that they are "drier" than the men.

The main poll now shows a high total of 787,475 recorded votes with but 19,813 separating the leaders on two of the three questions voted upon.

The special polls of women and factory workers on the Bonus bring forth some highly interesting comparisons with the Prohibition question, both as to tendencies and number of votes cast. In the main poll, the fact is brought out that more than 9,000 persons who were interested in voting on the Prohibition question did not care to vote on the bonus.

Commenting on various criticisms of The Digest's poll, the Philadelphia North American says: "Altho some partisans on both sides of these important issues (Prohibition and the Soldiers' Bonus) complain that the canvass is faulty and may be misleading, publicists and political students generally accept the figures as providing a fairly accurate index to public sentiment."

"Any suggestion, from whatever source, that the test is not fairly conducted or that it is inspired by some ulterior motive may be dismissed at once. The character of THE LITERARY DIGEST is too firmly established to permit the slightest suspicion that it would act in bad faith or suspend observance of its high standard of editorial integrity."

Be sure to read THE DIGEST this week and see exactly how the women and factory workers are voting in their special polls, and how the main poll indicates the preferences of the people in your State and in every section of the country.

**"THE DIGEST'S" NEW MOTION PICTURE SERIES**  
 September 2, 1922, "The Literary Digest" will commence the release each week of a humorous motion picture to be known as "Fun From the Press." The Hodgkinson Corporation will distribute it to theatres nationally. We anticipate that this new picture will find even more favor than the former short-screen subject originated by "The Digest." "Fun From the Press" is clean, laugh-provoking, and ingenious in arrangement and presentation. Ask and look for "Fun From the Press" at your favorite theatre, or upon request we will tell you where it can be seen in your locality.

**Other Big News-Features This Week:**  
 After the Coal Strike—Borah and a Third Party—Ours Again a Land of Plenty—Japanese Press Cries for More Arms Reduction—China's Mysterious Man of Power—The War on Russia's Famine—British Foreign Trade Revival—What Do We Know About Vitamins?—The Highest Waterfalls—Farm Land Going to Sea—The Menace of Floating Oil—Unbreakable Glass—A Rivalry of Quinine—Radio for the Blind—The New Langmuir Power Tubes—How Radio Circuits are Coupled and Tuned—The Super-Moving Picture Theatre—Shall There Be a Book Censorship?—The Degradation of the American Home—The Passing of the Hickory Switch—The Most "Stupendous" Act of Mercy—Current Poetry—Personal Glimpses—Investments and Finance—The Spice of Life—Many Interesting Illustrations, Including Cartoons.

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**The Lower-Price Basement Store**

**Women's Smart Autumn Dresses \$15.00**

Fifteen Models of Canton Crepe, Crepe de Chine, Charmeuse and Poiret Twill

If you have planned to spend \$15.00 for a new frock be sure to see these, for they are worth one-third more, though they are new and fresh and according to fashion's latest decrees. In navy blue, black or brown; sizes 36 to 44 inches.

Three models are sketched—at the left one of Crepe de Chine showing a distinctive new style in sleeves, and the part-plaiting takes in many of the newest skirts.

In the centre, a Poiret Twill model handsomely embroidered.

At the right, one of the graceful new Draped Dresses, falling in bewitchingly pretty lines.

Skirts are in the new lengths, longer but not too long. And there are all the smart touches in style and trimming that one could desire. The value is remarkable at \$15.00.

**A Group of Men's and Young Men's Suits Reduced to \$23.50**

—One of the many notable features of the Men's Clothing Clearance.

Because most of these Suits were ordered for late Spring—they are substantially reduced to a clearance price.

But here's the important point—they are chiefly in a medium weight that is just right for autumn. They are in styles that will be most popular this autumn. They are in colorings and patterns so handsome as to be always correct. Here is any foresighted man's opportunity to choose a good, well-made, smart-looking Suit at many dollars less than a Suit of the same grade will cost later on—\$23.50

**Children's Muslin Underwear Close to Half Price, Monday**

The practical, well-cut, nicely made kind that mothers like to select for their daughters.

**Dainty Princess Slips, 75c**  
 Of nainsook or satin, in white or flesh pink, daintily trimmed. Sizes 4 to 16 years.

**White Muslin Costume Slips, 85c**  
 Tailored White Muslin Slips, 14- to 18-year sizes. Double from hem to hips, so they are shadow-proof.

**White Muslin Night Gowns, 50c**  
 Of white muslin; lace-trimmed or piped in color, as the model sketched. Sizes 4 to 16 years.

**Bloomer Combinations, 50c**  
 With bloomer drawers, as sketched. Of nainsook, cross-bar or plaid muslin or crepe. Sizes 2 to 12 years.

**Muslin Pantie Waists, 25c**  
 Sizes 2 to 12 years. Worth double.

**Drawers and Bloomers, 35c, Three for \$1.00**  
 Muslin Drawers, and Bloomers of crepe or satin; in sizes 2 to 12 years.