

WON'T FIX PRICE OF RETAIL COAL UNTIL WINTER

Consumers Flood Commission With Protests Against Cost of Pea Size

Washington, Sept. 10.—Judged by the attitude of Henry A. Garfield, coal controller, the prices of retail coal will not be fixed for several months, and then only after a committee representing each community decides on a proper commission or figure for the retailer. This necessarily will occasion such delay as to bring the time until the early winter months before a price on coal to the consumer is arrived at for each community.

While Mr. Garfield declared on the first day that he assumed his new position that the retail price would be quickly fixed, developments in the last week go to show that this is the most difficult part of his job and the only one in which the public is vitally interested.

Pennsylvania coal consumers have been flooding the commission with protests against the price of pea size coal through the President's proclamation over the prevailing trade price before the fixing. While the Federal Trade Commission has declined persistently to offer any detailed statement for such a procedure, the general explanation is that pea coal comes in competition with soft coal and, accordingly, the President had to increase that price commensurate with soft-coal prices.

Mr. Garfield, before he left on his week-end vacation to Williamstown, Mass., said that some prices might be adjusted finally. He would not say that the price of pea coal would be knocked down.

President Wilson had a confidential report from the Federal Trade Commission as to coal consumption and cost of production before him when he fixed the prices on hard and soft coal. The commission refuses to give out this report or make any comment upon it. About the only information which has been raised against the prices of hard coal, it is said, is on the pea size.

Within a few days Mr. Garfield, with President Wilson's approval, will appoint a coal administrator and a citizens' coal committee for every state. The latter will appoint local committees for every county and each city with more than 2,500 inhabitants.

Mr. Garfield will fix retail prices after local committees make a survey of coal supply, retailers' costs and profits.

Coal operators appear satisfied with the plans. Skepticism is displayed by officials who have been working for lower prices to consumers.

Considerable Interest in What Nash Model Is to Be

It is now made known that the announcement of the new Nash car, for which dealers and the automobile public have been waiting expectantly for months, will come before the end of next week.

C. W. Nash and his associates have been laboring for months in the perfection of a motorcar embodying their ideals and the automobile public knows that the work of designing, building and perfecting has been completed, and the first cars are ready for public exhibition.

In the announcement of no other car, probably, has interest been keener. Mr. Nash, almost since the automobile business started, has been one of its dominating figures. He has produced cars of all prices.

When the Nash Motors Company was formed last August work was started on the construction of a new car to bear the name of Nash and speculation was rife as to what kind of a car it would be.

The price and design of the car has been closely guarded. No hint has come from the Nash plant as to what Mr. Nash and his associates considered the ideal motor car. Automobile people pointed out that the previous experience of the executives of the Nash Motors Company in building all types and prices of cars made it doubly difficult to guess just what particular type and size of car they would build.

It is now generally known that the price of the Nash will be well under \$2,000, and will be built in the four-passenger roadster, the sedan as well as the standard five-passenger touring-car model.

It is an advertised fact that the 611 Jeffrey model, which has been built and marketed since Mr. Nash took over the Jeffrey plant, will be continued as the seven-passenger car of the Nash line and will bear the new Nash nameplate. The manufacture of trucks, including the one on the famous Quad, will also be continued, of course.

Ninety-three per cent. of the new Nash car will be actually constructed in the plant at Kenosha. The plant itself covers a 100-acre site. With the exception of a few incidental features the car will be Nash-built throughout and in no sense of the word will it be "assembled."

Plan Extensive Speaking Campaign For This Week

An extensive program has been mapped out for this week by the Workingmen's Non-Partisan League. Meetings will be held every evening at 8 o'clock with the exception of a meeting at Seventh and Broad streets, which will start at 7.30.

The meetings will be held as follows: To-night, Sixth and Emerald; Tuesday, Race and Nagle; Wednesday, Woodbine; Thursday, Eleventh and Market; Friday, Third and Harris; Saturday, Third and Capital; Sunday, Third and Lewis, (Riverside), and Eleventh and Herr; Saturday, Market Square.

WATCH CHILDREN, URGES DR. DIXON

Health Chief Says This Is the Season of the Year When They Fall Ill

State Commissioner of Health Samuel G. Dixon urges parents and teachers to exercise the greatest vigilance in looking after the welfare of children now since school has reopened and to be on the alert for any signs of illness. The commissioner says that the youngsters are back in school rooms after having been living in the open air.

"This is the season that weighs heavily upon the conscientious health officer. Experience has taught him infallibly that the congregating of the sick and the well will again cause the annual increase of children's diseases. Increased deaths will occur in spite of all that can be done by the Health Department in conjunction with our educators to safeguard the health of our children.

"This work to increase safeguards over the health and lives of our schoolchildren is only in its infancy. Until it is full grown we must appeal to the parents and guardians of the children to help us. We all love our children and would sacrifice our lives to save theirs, yet we do not make sufficient study of how to care for them.

"The first thought in the morning should be for the child. We should not content ourselves with greeting our sons and daughters with an impulsive and affectionate kiss and hug, and then rush on our duties that the day has brought with it. Instead, the first duty is to tarry with the child sufficiently long to determine whether or not it seems well. Without letting the child appreciate that there is a suspicion of his being sick, get to see the tongue, notice how it swallows, look for any spots or rash on the skin, for congested eyes, for a hot skin, for want of usual good cheer.

"If the child shows any indication of sickness it should not be permitted to associate with the other children in the house, and under no circumstances should it be permitted to go to school. Its life is first, education second.

"While it does not do to be pessimistic, it is better to consider any sign of illness the possible forerunner of some one of the diseases that children are so susceptible to.

"For the child's sake it should be kept away from other children, as has been suggested, and unless the conditions clear up in a very short time medical aid should be called in. A stitch in time saves nine. Such precautions as mentioned may not only save your own child's life, but an epidemic of measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria or other communicable disease, not only in a school but maybe in a whole community.

What is asked of mothers and guardians of children is so little and means so many human lives that certainly the warning is worth taking.

FESTIVALS AT MARYSVILLE

Marysville, Pa., Sept. 10.—Tomorrow evening the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will hold a chicken corn soup supper and ice cream and cake festival on the church lawn. In case of cold weather, the event will be held in the Sunday school room.

The Ladies' Mite Society of the Trinity Reformed Church will hold a similar affair in the church building in Verbeke street, on Thursday evening.

YEAR'S U-BOAT TOLL IS ABOUT 4,000,000 TONS

New Construction Reduces Net Loss on Tonnage to 3,000,000

London, Sept. 10.—In view of the American peculiarity of being able to put forth the best effort when the people know what they are up against, certain facts about the submarine campaign, which now constitutes the most menacing phase of Germany's attack on world civilization, are herewith given. They can be relied on as accurate.

It is not thought necessary to deal in figures below thousands. The following, in terms of tonnage, are monthly sinkings by German submarines from January to August, inclusive, the figures being for the Allies and neutral aggregate, but not including raider losses and ships damaged or beached but not sunk. Weekly averages are given for purposes of comparison:

Month	Total tonnage sunk	Weekly
January (4 weeks)	333,000	83,000
February (4 weeks)	423,000	105,750
March (5 weeks)	600,000	120,000
April (4 weeks)	788,000	197,000
May (4 weeks)	549,000	137,250
June (5 weeks)	758,000	151,600
July (4 weeks)	463,000	115,750
August (5 weeks)	591,000	118,000

Net loss 3,000,000 tons.

Against the loss of about four million tons in eight months new construction is estimated at less than a million tons, leaving the net loss to the Allies and neutrals' shipping at about 2,000,000 tons.

The loss to American shipping is said to have been less than half of one per cent. While the decline in the shipping losses in July and August was substantial, it cannot be regarded as satisfactory, and the situation continues to call for the kind of activity demanded by a great emergency. America's opportunity for service lies more immediately and urgently in the direction of putting down the submarine menace than even in sending soldiers to France, all-important as that is.

In fact, these two matters are inseparably connected. As the submarine attack and defense are reduced to a business, a good deal of mystery surrounding the war under water is clearing up, and commonplaces are becoming known.

Few Submersibles in Service

The popular mind pictures the waters off the British coast as swarming with submarines. It is a matter of general knowledge in navy circles now that the number of German submarines in the Atlantic ocean never exceeded twenty, and that the number operating in the North Atlantic, off the British coast, does not exceed ten. These figures include submarines engaged exclusively in mine laying.

It is estimated in the best British naval circles that Germany has not built as many as 300 submarines, altogether, and that about 150 of all conditions are in existence to-day. The U-boat is of very delicate mechanism, and needs frequent repairing, which, in the main, explains the small operating in the Atlantic and elsewhere. Most of the boats are repairing or replenishing constantly, and are out of commission.

HOME-READING COURSE FOR CITIZEN-SOLDIERS

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This course of thirty daily lessons is offered to the men selected for service in the National Army as a practical help in getting started in the right way. It is informal in tone and does not attempt to give binding rules and directions. These are contained in the various manuals and regulations of the United States Army, to which this Course is merely introductory.

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Since regimental and company officers have full responsibility for the efficiency of their teams they are promoting men from the ranks to positions as noncommissioned officers. For all practical purposes their judgment as to the men under them is regarded as final.

One point as to which you may feel assured is the earnest desire of every officer to give promotion to the men who are best qualified—in other words, to select the men who have cultivated the soldierly qualities and in addition show capacity for further development and for leadership. The officers are fully as much interested in promoting men on the basis of merit as any of the men are interested in promotion. For the officers' own burdens are lightened and their success is increased almost in direct proportion to their ability to promote the right men.

Changes For Promotion

The first rank above private is corporal. The corporal should be a real leader. He is expected to be more familiar with the various manuals and regulations and with the duties of the men in the squad than are the men themselves. He is expected also to use his influence strongly toward building up soldierly qualities among these men.

Among the qualifications which all noncommissioned officers should possess the following have been selected by one military writer as being of the first importance:

1. Proficiency as guides in close-order drills, and particularly as column leaders in route marching.
2. Aggressive leadership, especially in drilling, marching and fighting.
3. Ability to act as instructors.
4. Thorough knowledge of the elements of field service.
5. Thorough knowledge of interior guard duty.
6. Skill in range finding and in estimating distance so as to assist men in firing accurately.
7. Proficiency in leading patrols.
8. Ability to prepare written messages that are clear, complete and concise.
9. Ability to sketch and read maps.

This list will suggest some of the lines along which you should work, whenever you have the chance. Many of the noncommissioned officers in the national army will be chosen, not only because of the knowledge or skill they already possess, but also because they show capacity for further development and for leadership.

Developing Soldierly Qualities

This question of winning promotion all comes back to the question of making yourself a thorough soldier of demonstrating that you possess loyalty, disciplined obedience, physical fitness, intelligence, cleanliness, cheerfulness, spirit, tenacity, and self-reliance—the nine qualities of a soldier.

The National Army must fit itself for effective service at the front in the shortest possible time. To accomplish this result it must produce out of its own ranks men who are fitted for promotion first by places as noncommissioned officers, either in the first contingent or more probably in later contingents.

This need is your opportunity. It is an opportunity not merely for personal advancement—which in time of war is a small thing to work for—but more than that, an opportunity to render to your country the most effective service of which you are capable. Strive to fit yourself for the duties and responsibilities of leadership. Make yourself count to the utmost in the victorious defense of American right and principles to which the National Army will devote itself.

RETURNS TO LAFAYETTE

Almond Homer Fuller, now dean of the school of engineering of the University of Washington, at Seattle, is to become head of the department of engineering at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. He thus returns to the institution where he was first given instruction in the subjects which he is now to teach, and from which college he graduated in 1897. Then followed a year of study at Cornell, a fellowship won for high standing, an appointment to the faculty, and ultimately choice as head of the department of civil engineering. This was in 1898. A year later he accepted the call to the Pacific Coast institution, and has been there ever since. The State of Washington and the city of Seattle have profited by his expert advice given on all occasions when social welfare was to be promoted. In his profession he has been a leader and organizer of the Pacific Northwest Society of Engineers, of which he has been president.

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Camp Meade Pushes Work to Finish by September 19

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of the construction, road buildings, railroad construction, sewerage, water works and clearing, now has a bigger quota of workers than at other times. The shifting of officers at camp goes on constantly. Now many Maryland men from Camp Lee, Va., are arriving, and Pennsylvania men from the Pittsburgh region are going to

Camp Lee. This movement is in response to individual requests for transfers. The Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus are having work rushed on their buildings, so these recreation and religious centers will be ready with doors flung wide open, when the selected men arrive.

Good Bye, Boys!

On this eventful day you will march through the streets, amid applause and tears --- music and flags --- and we all join in

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