

GAS COALS SUPPLY SOUGHT BY McNARY

Oregon Senator Suggests Alteration of Rules to Induce Opening Alaska Fields.

NO LEASES ARE YET MADE

Government Railroad to Matanuska District Will Be Finished Next Year, and Cheap Fuel Will Be Available if Mined.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 21.—Although assured by Secretary Lane that there is no possibility of getting the coal fields of the Pacific Coast markets during the coming fall or winter, Senator McNary, of Oregon, is doing his utmost to bring about the speedy development of coal in the Matanuska field, so that when the Alaskan harbors open up next summer the Pacific Coast ports, now suffering from fuel shortages, may replenish their supply.

When Senator McNary looked into the Alaska coal situation he was astonished at some of the things he found. He discovered that although Congress, as far back as October 20, 1914, passed a law authorizing the leasing of coal lands in Alaska, and although the Interior Department, on July 19, 1916, promulgated regulations for carrying that law into effect, no leases have yet been made, and if the Government railroad should be completed tomorrow there would be no coal ready for shipment to Anchorage, the present terminus of the Government railroad.

It has been known for some time that the Alaska railroad would reach the Matanuska coal field during the present summer or fall; it has been known that after the completion of this much of the railroad the Government would be ready to transport coal at a reasonable charge from Matanuska to Anchorage.

But there have been no leases, other than one small one to produce coal for the use of the Alaska Railroad Commission, and in that instance the leases went into bankruptcy, and the commission took over his mine, thus bringing about the ludicrous situation of a Government agency developing Government coal land under a Government lease and paying for the leasing privilege.

Capital Investigations, Draws Back. When Senator McNary probed deeper he found that there had been capitalists interested in developing the coal lands of the Matanuska field; applications for leases had been made, but they had never been closed. Those who were interested were scared off, not so much by the law as by the Government attitude and conditions of the regulations promulgated by the Interior Department.

When he brought the matter to Secretary Lane, Senator McNary was told that doubtless the regulations should be modified, to make them more attractive to capitalists.

Using the old regulations as a basis, Senator McNary, at Secretary Lane's invitation, has prepared a number of changes which operate in the same way to remove conditions which stand in the way of development. As the regulations stand, almost arbitrary powers are reposed in Government agents in Alaska, and on their say-so leases can be canceled and lessees can be forced to lose their investment. Senator McNary has suggested that these impracticable and objectionable features be eliminated, and he has been advised that if these conditions are removed, coal leases will be made.

Changes Are Suggested. For instance, Senator McNary would eliminate an arduous requirement that a lessee, before developing any coal land, shall submit a plan and specifications outlining the development he has in mind. He would eliminate a requirement that no level in a coal mine may be abandoned without the consent of a Government agent. It is now in the power of a Government agent arbitrarily to say how far inside the limits of his claim, a lessee must confine his development and he is not allowed to work closer to the boundaries than this agent may dictate. As the regulations stand, the lessee must get written permission from the Government agent before he can remove more than a stipulated quantity of coal from any mine or level and the placing and removal of pillars is absolutely in the control of a Government agent.

Another section of the regulations denies to a coal lessee the right to any mineral substance other than coal which he may find in the course of development. All such minerals, it is stipulated, become the property of the Government. And this in fact is the case, for no mineral lands in Alaska, other than coal and oil are subject to lease. The present regulations even prescribe the maximum number of men the lessee may employ. And last of all, the regulations prohibit the disposal of mine waste in such a way that it shall be a nuisance, inconvenience or obstruction of any means of travel.

Regulations May Be Irksome. In this last regulation, Senator McNary suggested the necessity for striking out the word "inconvenience," as an agent to say what is an inconvenience and that power could be readily abused. As to the other requirements enumerated, Senator McNary has suggested that they be struck out entirely, that they serve no useful purpose; they make it possible for a Government agent, especially one imbued with bureaucratic ideas, to harass any lessee and virtually stop coal development. He has suggested that the regulations be so modified as to invite investment of private capital, while yet protecting all proper and reasonable rights of the Government.

With the Pacific Coast in dire need of fuel, with the Government paying \$12 and \$13 a ton for coal for vessels of the Pacific fleet and other Government ships on the Pacific Coast and with unlimited coal in Alaska that can be laid down at tidewater, according to Secretary Lane's estimates, for from \$3 to \$4 a ton, Senator McNary sees no reason why the problems in hand cannot be worked out speedily. It being a physical impossibility to get out the coal this winter, but to get certain transportation will be available in the Spring, he wants to see the coal lands developed in time to meet the needs of the Pacific Coast next season, at the latest. If departmental regulations are all that stand in the way, he thinks the remedy is plain and simple. The matter now is in the hands of the Secretary of the Interior.

Russian lines along a 25-mile front between Ziochhoff and Tarnopol. The Russians were in retreat in this sector all day Friday, according to their own account, which lays the blame of the failure of certain commands to obey orders. The Russian commanders were able to rally their forces and check the retrograde movement, as the Petrograd report speaks of a Russian pause along a Saturday evening's supplementary German statement, however, says the advancing Teutons had reached the vicinity of Tarnopol.

Berlin statement, however, declares the recapture of positions north of Brzezany lost at the beginning of the Russian offensive on July 1, the capture of the village of Bablin, south of the Dnieper and heights near Novica, on the front of General Korniloff's advance on the Lomica front.

The Roumanian front now is witnessing active infantry operations, although not as yet on a large scale.

The situation on the Franco-Belgian front presents much the same features as for some time past with frequent attacks on the French lines, particularly along the Chemin Des Dames in the Alsace region and constant play of the heavy artillery on the British front, notably in Belgium and the sectors immediately to the south of the Franco-Belgian border. Yesterday's official statements recorded no changes of ground.

The Russian internal situation seems to be resolving itself satisfactorily to the benefit of the Government. The chief powers of the Government now are in the strong hands of Kerensky, as Premier and Minister of War and Marine, and the authorities appear to be grasping more boldly than previously and with entire success so far, with the extreme forces, which caused the recent turmoil.

David Lloyd George, the British Premier, made a speech in London yesterday which was, in effect, a reply to the recent Reichstag address of Chancellor Michaelis. That address, declared the British statesman, showed Germany still in militant mood and still dominated by autocratic ideas. The entente could not make peace with a Germany so dominated, he declared, and would fight to the end, "until full liberty has been established." He predicted a speech in a different tone from the German Chancellor before long.

In connection with England's ability to hold out, the Premier declared the coal supply for the 1917-18 period already had been increased, and that through the cultivation of programs the supply for the following year would be obtained even if shipping losses increased. As to the shipping situation, he said, four times as many ships as last year would be turned out this year by Great Britain.

MISS BJURSTEDT WINS

MISS BROWNE BESTED BY NATIONAL WOMAN CHAMPION.

Johnston Beats Alexander, New York Crack Tennis Player—Murray Defeats George M. Church.

UTICA, N. Y., July 21.—In the patriotic round robin tennis matches for the benefit of the American Red Cross Tennis Association's field hospital that ended here today, the feature was the singles contest between Miss Molla Bjurstedt, National woman champion, and Miss Mary Browne, former three-times holder of the title. Miss Bjurstedt, playing with wonderful speed on clay courts of the Yahnudais Club, defeated Miss Browne.

There is a possibility of a tie between R. Lindley Murray, of Buffalo, and Frederick B. Alexander, of New York, for the men's singles championship. When Murray worsted William M. Johnston, former National singles champion, in a grueling three-set match he had three straight victories to his credit.

Summary: Singles—William M. Johnston, San Francisco, defeated Frederick B. Alexander, New York, 6-3, 6-3; R. Lindley Murray, Buffalo, defeated George M. Church, Tenafly, N. J., 7-5, 7-5; Harold A. Throckmorton, Elizabeth, N. J., defeated Charles S. Garland, Pittsburgh, 6-1, 6-4; Frederick B. Alexander, New York, defeated Harold A. Throckmorton, 6-4, 7-3; R. Lindley Murray defeated William M. Johnston, 6-2, 4-6, 7-7.

Doubles—George M. Church and Charles S. Garland won from R. Lindley Murray and William M. Johnston, by default.

Miss Molla Bjurstedt defeated Miss Mary K. Browne, 6-4, 6-1.

VALLEY PLAY IS FAST

CLOSE TENNIS MATCHES ARE STAGED AT SALEM.

Big Gallery Is Present—Frohman and Wolford Are Easy Winners of Men's Singles.

SALEM, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—Exciting games marked the Willamette Valley tennis tournament here today, and last night's play was a play, ideal. Tonight the players motored to Silverton.

Men's doubles—McDougal and Moore beat Cox and Thelton, 7-5, 6-3; Wickensham and DeWitt beat Bates and Young, 6-4, 6-4; Bond and Bond beat C. McDougal and M. Frohman, 6-3, 6-2.

Men's singles—E. Frohman beat McDougal, 4-6, 6-1, defaulted; Wolford beat Wickensham, 6-3, 6-2.

Women's singles—Miss Cowden beat Miss St. Clair, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; Miss Ethel Northrup beat Miss Cowden, 6-4, 6-0; Miss Northrup beat Miss Campbell, 6-1, 6-0.

Women's doubles—Miss Campbell and Miss Gray beat Miss Gray and Miss Gray, 6-2; Miss Northrup and Miss Fording beat Miss Berry and Miss St. Clair, 6-0, 6-2.

ELIHU ROOT TO GET MEDAL

National Arts Club to Recognize Services on Commission.

NEW YORK, July 21.—The first medal of the National Arts Club will be awarded to Elihu Root, for recognition of his services as head of the American commission to Russia, it was announced today.

Mayor Mitchell has appointed a committee of distinguished citizens to confer the honor on Mr. Root, it is reported. The medal is to be struck in gold.

GOVERNOR FORBIDS GLOBE REPORTS

Home Guard Told United States Troops Will "Use Arms if Necessary."

BISBEE TO ARREST MEN

Charges of Vagrancy to Be Made Against All Not Having Clearance Cards, Permitting Them to Work in Mining.

GLOBE, Ariz., July 21.—That Colonel White with five troops of United States cavalry at his command will "use arms if necessary" to prevent the rumored deportation of Industrial Workers of the World from the Globe-Miami district was the positive statement of Governor Thomas E. Campbell in a telegram to Major F. M. Johnson, Jr., commanding the home guards. A report reached Governor Campbell that the loyalty league was preparing for a general deportation of all I. W. W. members to take effect tonight. In response he sent the following emphatic telegram to Major Johnson:

"Through commanding General, Arizona department, I have received and apparently authentic rumors indicate that attempt will be made at Globe and Miami tonight to ship I. W. W. out of district. We will prevent such action with force, if necessary, first advising both sides of that intention. He states both sides are armed and that it was declared Bisbee episode will not be repeated. The report states that action of your league has been secret.

"If this report is true, I shall depend upon you to use all necessary persuasion or force to prevent loyalty league participating in such unwarranted and dangerous undertaking. Please advise me immediately that action indicated will not be tolerated by your organization. Also assure Colonel White.

"THOMAS E. CAMPBELL, Governor."

Major Johnson denied that a deportation of Industrial Workers of the World had been planned for tonight, although he refused to admit that no such action might occur in the future. Following is his telegraphic reply to Governor Campbell:

"We, the home guards, compose most of the membership of the loyalty league, and are law-abiding citizens of this community. Tonight in our meeting we were placed under the orders of Colonel White and Sheriff Carter. Reports, as stated, of our wire, unfounded, and given out by our enemies as well as the enemies of our country and our flag. Rest assured that law and order will be preserved, but under correct orders.

"F. M. JOHNSON, Major Commanding Home Guards."

BISBEE, Ariz., July 21.—All unemployed men in Bisbee, who have not applied to the investigation committee for "clearance" cards permitting them to get work, were today ordered arrested and charged with vagrancy. The action regarding the men was decided upon at a meeting of leaders of the Citizens' Protective League and the Workmen's Loyalty League called by Sheriff Harry Wheeler. Meeting here from Globe, Miami district, said the situation there is growing more serious. Feeling between the Industrial Workers of the World and other persons there is bitter, they assert, adding in some instances that they are leaving there because they fear their jobs about August 1, when Federal troops are to be withdrawn, according to current talk.

MIAMI, Ariz., July 21.—Miners designating themselves as a committee of the American citizens, met today in a gully outside the camp of the Federal troops on strike duty here and discussed ways and means of returning to their employment in the mines and smelters of this district. Their number was estimated at 200. Army officers ordered the men to disperse, which was done. Another meeting was announced for Monday.

Speakers at the meeting agreed that there was no hope of a settlement of this time between the mining companies and the labor organizations, and that any steps toward ending the strike should come from the outside. To this end a committee was named to endeavor to arrange a conference between the operators and miners. The committee was instructed to make its representations as from the "American citizens of the camp" and not as representing any labor organization.

LEADVILLE MINES ARE CLOSED Fifty Properties Affected by Strike of 2000 Men.

LEADVILLE, Colo., July 21.—All the mines in the Leadville metal mining district are shut down today, following a strike order issued by the local branch of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

On an average 2000 men are employed here, but with the exception of the pumpmen, engineers and watchmen, all have quit. Fifty actively producing properties are affected.

CONSULS REPORTED HELD

Berlin Hears Russians Imprison American and Englishman.

AMSTERDAM, July 21.—The Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, hears that the wife of her son, Lester G. Potter, 214 East Couch street, Mrs. Potter was the wife of Lester G. Potter. She came to Oregon in 1891. She is survived by one son, Lester G. Potter, and two daughters, Mrs. D. F. Whitford, of Portland, and Mrs. W. B. Whitford, of Corvallis, Ga.

WOODBURN IS HUNTING ROBBERS.

WOODBURN, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—The City Marshal recently found in different places in the city pieces of fuse and dynamite. There is an impression that those who have perpetrated robberies at Mount Angel, Silverton and other points on the Springfield branch are making their headquarters here.

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Edwards' Annual July FURNITURE SALE!

No long salutory is necessary in order to acquaint you with the aims, whys and wherefores of this event—discontinued styles, soiled samples and samples that have no reserve stock must go. Even though prices have been cut in half—Edwards' Easy-to-Pay Way will apply to all purchases, whether it be one piece or a dozen.

\$38.00 Dining Table \$19.00 48-Inch Plank Top \$2.00 Cash! \$1.00 Week! Beautiful Quarter-Sawed Oak in hand-rubbed wax finish—top is 48 inches across and extends to 8 feet—massive barrel pedestal, fitted in four heavy legs. (Only four left.)

It Will Be Impossible to Duplicate These—Come Early! \$16.75 Kaitex Rocker, tapestry upholstered back and loose-cushion seat, \$8.40 now at... \$17.25 \$15.00 Kaitex Arm Rocker, tapestry upholstered back and loose-cushion seat, \$9.00 now at... \$18.00 \$24.50 Ivory Reed Rocker, loose-cushion seat, \$12.25 now at... \$12.25 \$28.50 Brown Reed Rocker, tapestry upholstered wing back and loose-cushion seat, \$14.25 now at... \$19.15 \$24.50 Solid Mahogany Arm Rocker, tapestry upholstered seat and back, \$17.25 now half price... \$17.25 \$36.00 Solid Mahogany Arm Rocker, tapestry upholstered seat and back, \$18.00 now half price... \$18.00 \$37.50 Solid Mahogany Arm Rocker, cane back, upholstered cushion seat, \$18.75 now half price... \$18.75 \$38.50 Solid Mahogany Arm Rocker, blueberry velvet upholstered seat, \$19.15 now half price... \$19.15 \$28.50 Tapestry Over-stuffed Pillow-Arm and Pillow-Back Rocker, \$37.50 match, now half price... \$37.50 \$25.00 Tapestry Over-stuffed Arm Rocker, also chair to match, now half price... \$21.75 \$55.00 Tapestry Over-stuffed Fireside Arm Rocker, with loose cushion, \$27.50 now half price... \$27.50 \$62.50 Tapestry Over-stuffed Pillow-Arm and Pillow-Back Rocker, now half price... \$31.25 \$75.00 Tapestry Over-stuffed Pillow-Arm and Pillow-Back Rocker, \$85.00 match, half price... \$37.50 \$85.00 Tapestry Over-stuffed Davenport, seven feet wide, long, a spring seat, set in back, at... \$42.50 \$145 English Calf Leather Overstuffed Arm Chair, low down-stuffed cushion, low, half price... \$72.50 \$165 English Morocco Leather Overstuffed Luxurious Arm Chair, now half price... \$82.50

Japanese Grass Rugs at Half-Price Bedroom Pieces at Half \$6x Size, Regular \$6.50, \$3.25 \$8x10 Size, Regular \$9.50, \$4.75 \$9x12 Size, Regular \$12.00, \$6.00 "Grecian Key" and "Band Border" designs in blue, brown and green—besides a number of "Sierra" and "Mausco" stenciled effects. A more seasonable or a more wanted rug could not be offered. Not all sizes in all colors—but an assortment from which you will emerge with a choice Rug at Half Price.

\$2.25 Faultless Carpet Sweepers to \$1.12 Close Out at \$1.12 The Faultless Sweeper is built in polished case, with 10-inch brush and dust catcher on each side. If it's a good light-weight sweeper you need, none better could be recommended.

PICKETING IS PROTEST SUPFRAGISTS EXPRESS DISAPPROVAL OF PARDON BY PRESIDENT. CARRYING OF BANNERS IS RESUMED IN FRONT OF WHITE HOUSE GATES, ALTHOUGH WILSON IS ABSENT. WASHINGTON, July 21.—"Silent picketing" at the White House gates was resumed by 12 members of the Women's party today without interference from the police or citizens. It was the first time since the women staged their suffrage demonstration for the benefit of the Russian mission that the women had been permitted to parade their banners before the White House unannounced. President Wilson was away on a week-end cruise. The demonstration was a protest against the President's action in pardoning 18 of their number from the workhouse. It is understood that since President Wilson pardoned the 16 members of the Women's party sentenced to serve 60 days in the workhouse for their activities, the police have been ordered to pay no attention to the "picketers" so long as they do not display banners with inscriptions insulting to the President or treasonable. All of the suffragists left the picket line during the middle of the afternoon, their day having been without incident. They announced they probably would resume picketing Monday.

STRIKERS DEFY POLICE Soldiers and Workmen Wounded in Clash in Madrid Streets. MADRID, July 21.—A number of persons were wounded when strikers and gendarmes fired upon each other in Valencia, yesterday. According to reports reaching the Under Secretary of the Interior, the commandant of the gendarmes called upon a crowd of strikers to disperse. They replied by firing on the gendarmes from roofs and porches. The police returned the fire and two soldiers, one policeman and six civilians were wounded. Numerous persons were arrested. Reports from Barcelona today were that the city was quiet.

WORKS IN POISON OAK AND IVY WITHOUT FEAR THE Laurel Hill Cemetery, of which H. Brummette, of Springfield, Or., is full of poison oak. I take it very easily. When I sent to you for a bottle of Santiseptic Lotion, I had had poison oak for about five months. I commenced using Santiseptic as soon as I got it and kept working in the poison oak. To all appearances, I am now entirely cured, and believe me, it certainly takes something to even heal me. I had and have tried everything I or anybody else ever heard of, including all kinds of guaranteed remedies. Just simply time and money wasted. Santiseptic certainly did the work. I will recommend it to everyone I can. Anyone who has ever experienced the tortures of poison oak or ivy will be grateful for the information that this extremely irritating annoyance is no longer to be feared. The pain, itching, fever and irritation disappear almost like magic with a few applications of Santiseptic. Santiseptic heals and prevents other skin irritations, such as sunburn, chafing, fever and cold sores and insect bites. It is a remarkable soothing and healing lotion. Men use it after shaving and the women for the complexion and for baby's skin. Santiseptic is easily procured at most drug stores, a good-sized bottle costing but 50c. If your druggist cannot supply it, 25 cents in stamps or coin sent to the manufacturers, the Ebsworth Laboratories, Portland, Or., will secure post-paid large introductory bottle—Adv.