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PRICE FIVE CENTS

U. S. CONTROL OF COAL PRICE LIFTED

Wilson Issues Warning Against Profiteering.

WAGE RISE TO BE ABSORBED

Way Opened to Meet Part of Increase to Miners.

ORDER EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

New Pay Will Entail Added Cost of \$200,000,000 Year—Lewie Disappointed.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—With a warning against profiteering, President Wilson today ordered abandonment of government control over bituminous coal prices and asked miners and operators to negotiate a new working agreement on the basis of the majority report of the coal strike settlement commission.

The president ordered termination of price control on April 1, when the new working agreement would become effective. This will permit at least partial absorption in coal prices of increase in miners' wages, established at 27 per cent by the commission majority report.

Wage Increase \$200,000,000.

The increase in wages, the commission estimated, will entail an added annual cost of \$200,000,000 and includes the 14 per cent increase awarded the miners in settling the recent strike.

The operators, however, were reminded by the president that unreasonable prices must not result from relinquishment of price control and the addition of increased wages to their expenses.

The date of the joint conference of operators and miners to formulate a new wage agreement has not been set.

Miners Willing to Confer.

John H. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, while awaiting a conference with operators of his union, said the miners were ready and willing to participate in a meeting with the operators.

The majority and minority reports of the coal commission also were made public at the White House and both were included by the president in his letter to the operators and miners. Notwithstanding the lack of unanimity in the commission's findings, the president said it was to be assumed that the two groups would regard the majority award as binding. The minority report would be laid before them, he said, for their guidance in reaching an agreement.

The outstanding features of the majority and minority reports are:

The majority report of the commission said the 27 per cent increase absorbed the 14 per cent increase allowed when the miners returned to work and that in dollars it would approximate \$200,000,000 a year.

Short Week Denial Explained.

In refusing the demand of the miners for a 26-hour week, the majority of the commission said that if the work day were shortened by one hour it would be equivalent to an additional cost of more than \$100,000,000.

The minority report of John P. White, the miners' representative, held out for a higher increase for all day labor and monthly men than were granted by the majority, but he concurred in the recommendation for a 24-cent increase per ton on pick and machine mining. His report was transmitted to the operators and miners by the president for their information.

The general terms of the two reports previously had been published. The decision of the majority—Henry M. Robinson, representing the public, and Rembrandt Peale, representing the operators, is summarized as follows:

Unless otherwise ordered the terms and conditions of the Washington agreement of 1917 continue.

Wage Award Increased.

The 14 per cent increase in wages fixed by the fuel administration is eliminated on March 31 and replaced by this award (which is on a 27 per cent basis).

The agreements drafted under this award are to take effect April 1, 1920, and continue until March 31, 1922. (In other words, the miners do not get their demand for termination of contracts in the fall.)

The mining prices for mining mine-run coal, pick and machine, are advanced 24 cents.

All day labor and monthly men are advanced \$1 a day, except trappers and other boys, who are advanced \$3 cents a day.

All rates for yardage, dead work and room turning are advanced 20 per cent.

The fulfillment of all joint and district agreements are to be guaranteed by the officers of the international organization.

Short Week Is Refused.

The six-hour day and the five-day week are not granted; the eight-hour day is retained.

The practice of car pushing stands, but with recommendations for careful

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FARMER EVERYBODY'S "GOAT," SAYS CAPPER

KANSAS SENATOR PUTS IN PLEA FOR AGRICULTURIST.

Producer, "Sandbagged by Disgraceful Economic System,"
Quitting Hopeless Business.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Government expenditures were discussed in the senate again today, Senator Lodge, the republican leader, and Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, attacking a proposal in the annual agricultural bill for creation of a new government bureau in charge of farm management.

Reading some estimates, Senator Smoot said congress was asked to appropriate \$5,500,000,000 for maintenance of the government next year. He predicted that the federal government's expenditures for the fiscal year ending June would exceed receipts by at least \$2,000,000,000 and advocated establishment of an efficiency bureau to make up appropriation estimates.

Senator Capper, republican, Kan., said that if anything the bill was too meager in its provisions. During the last three years, he said, the farmer had been "the goat of lawmakers," middlemen and "profit hogs."

"Unless farm problems are considered with more sympathy by the public generally and especially by congress, a considerable part of our country may go hungry before many years," he continued.

"Farmers have been sandbagged by the disgraceful agricultural economic system until the camel's back is broken, they are leaving the farms this spring by tens of thousands."

Senator Capper argued for a curb on profiteering, elimination of market manipulation and gambling, federal supervision of the packing industry, closer co-operation with the farmer and a constructive study of land questions.

CORPS NOT TO BE CALLED

No Reserve Officers Training for
This Year Planned.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The officers' reserve corps and regular army reserve will not be called for training this year, the war department announced today, but individual officers or reservists may take training voluntarily.

Department commanders were authorized to sign inactive reserve officers at their request, but without pay, to regular army organizations for target practice.

125 CONVICTS ESCAPE

Texas Guards Overpowered and Guns Seized in Break.

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TRIPLETS, BOYS, ARE BORN

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cleland Parents of Healthy Trio.

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The three, all of whom are boys, weighed an aggregate of 14 pounds and 3 ounces and all were reported to be well developed and healthy.

There were already three children in the Cleland family. Mr. Cleland, the father, is a contracting carpenter.

SCHOONER IS WRECKED

Crew of Scandia of Seattle Is Reported to Be Rescued.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 23.—The halibut schooner Scandia of Seattle is ashore in a snowstorm on Kayak island near Katala, Alaska, and is a total loss, according to a Juneau dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer to-night.

The crew of 16 was rescued by the cannery tender Sunset and taken to Cordova, the dispatch states.

NEW TREATY IS PROPOSED

Movement for Pact With Germany May Start Today.

RICHMOND, Va., March 23.—Representative Flood of Virginia, former chairman of the house foreign affairs committee, will introduce in the house, probably tomorrow, a joint resolution authorizing President Wilson to prepare a new treaty of peace with Germany.

This announcement was made by Mr. Flood today.

BERTH RATES TO GO UP

Permission Given Pullman Company to Increase Tariffs.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—Permission has been granted the Pullman company by the interstate commerce commission to file special tariffs increasing berth rates approximately 20 per cent.

The company is seeking an increase on standard lower berths to a minimum of \$2 and on seats to a minimum of 50 cents.

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INCREASED FARE IS NOT GRANTED

Action by Voters Urged as Solution.

COMMISSION ISSUES ORDER

Acquisition of Tracks by City Recommended.

COREY DOES NOT CONCUR

Commissioners Butcher and Williams Hold Rise in Rate Not Way Out of Tangle.

SALEM, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—The Oregon public service commission, in a decision handed down here today, held in abeyance the application of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for increased fares with which to meet its steadily increasing costs of operation and recommended that the much discussed proposal for the City of Portland to take over the tracks of the company be referred to the voters of Portland at the special election to be held on May 21.

By taking over these tracks it is estimated that the value of the company's properties would be reduced about \$5,000,000.

Under the provisions of the order the latter recommendation applies only to the tracks in the streets and does not include the entire traction system.

Problems which in the opinion of the majority of the commission should be referred to the voters for decision at the special election recommended by that body are as follows:

Elimination of financial burdens, including the maintenance on paying already laid and estimated at \$47,000; bridge rentals, \$65,000; franchise taxes, \$15,500; car licenses, \$7,500; free transportation to city employees, \$22,000; maintenance, depreciation, taxes and interest on proposed to attempt to remedy the situation merely by increasing fares.

"We seriously doubt," it is stated, "whether any fare would result in a complete and final solution of the difficulties of the railroad corporation at this time. From our investigation and analysis of the data presented it is not at all unreasonable to assume that the acquisition of the tracks by the city, together with elimination of bridge tolls and other relief, would not only place the Portland railway system at present and for the future upon a sound financial basis, but permit of a prompt reduction in the present rate of fare."

Text Given in Full.

The texts of the commission's majority opinion and the minority opinion follow:

Application brought by Portland Railway, Light & Power company for authority to increase fares.

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SENATOR BRANDEGEE RAPS ADMINISTRATION

POLICIES OF PRESIDENT GENERALLY HELD FAILURES.

No Executive of U. S. Ever Before
"So Shielded From Just Criticism," Says Lawmaker.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 23.—Criticism of President Wilson, in which the war, treaty-making and Mexican policies of the democratic administration were severely arraigned, featured an address here tonight of Senator Brandegee, acting as temporary chairman of the republican state convention. He asserted that "no president of the United States has ever been so shielded from just criticism by events as has the present president of the United States."

The condition of America's unpreparedness at the beginning of the war, Senator Brandegee said, was largely the fault of President Wilson. He declared gross extravagance characterized his governmental departments; that his efforts at treaty-making in Paris resulted largely in fiasco and that his coercion of the senate has resulted in a "kick back" in which the senate is now coercing the president. He asked if the "people of this country want the senate to abandon its matured judgment after due consideration and to say that they approve a treaty when they do not approve it?"

Senator Brandegee explained his objection to the suffrage and prohibition amendments as based largely on the old proposition of state rights. He reiterated former statements that the administration's Mexican attitude for the past six years has been "an impotent and imbecile drift," with a condition now in Mexico so "appalling" that the American people "have apparently abandoned all hope of any relief as long as the present administration is in power."

The state department was designated as "a mere shell," and the operation of the postoffice department, he said, "would be a huge national joke if it were not a scandal and a tragedy."

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AIR PATROL PLANS MEET STAFF'S FAVOR

EARLY APPROVAL OF ARNOLD PROJECT INDICATED.

Slight Changes to Be Made by Adding
Balloon Companies and
Eliminating Sub-Base.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.
WASHINGTON, March 23.—Indications today were that the general staff of the army would give early approval to the Arnold project for a complete air patrol of the forest areas of the Pacific coast and northwest states. The project, it is understood, will be approved practically as drawn by Colonel Arnold except for some change in the plan of patrol for eastern Washington and northern Idaho and the addition of two balloon companies to the five airplane squadrons.

Instead of having two patrols from the sub-base at Spokane, it is likely that there will be but one; another sub-base may be established at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, for the patrol to cover the forests between Coeur d'Alene and Kallispell, Mont. The Spokane patrol will fly to Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, thence west through the Pend d'Oreille country to Republic, Wash., and down through the Okanogan country, covering the timbered sections of the Colville Indian reservation. No change is probable in the sub-bases for Oregon or western Washington.

In discussing the type of ships to be used on the patrol work, the memorandum of the plan now before the general staff says:

"The DH 4B is the best available though not an ideal ship for this type of work. A twin motored ship especially designed for patrolling forest areas should be devised. This ship should be capable of maintaining flight on one motor, as there are areas where forest patrol should be maintained for over 100 miles where there is no possibility of making a landing without a crash."

"To order daily forest patrols over this area in single motored ships would be a very unjust action to the pilots and observers. For this reason it is proposed that two balloon companies be stationed at advantageous points in the mountains where from a height of 4000 feet they would be able to observe the forests for hundreds of miles."

"An airplane of the Martin bomber type with extra gas tanks and dual control would be ideal in directing the fire fighters on the ground, if two or more observers, radio telephone operators and a man to release pigeons could be carried on one flight."

WAR DEAD "HOME" SOON

Agreement for Removal of American
Bodies Waits Approval.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—An agreement under which American dead in France, whether within or behind the battle zone, may be removed to the United States as soon as arrangements have been completed has been reached at a conference between representatives of the French and American governments.

The agreement awaits the approval of the French government.

COLBY SWORN INTO OFFICE

Secretary of State to Resume Issuing of Passports.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Bainbridge Colby was sworn in today as secretary of state, succeeding Robert Lansing who resigned six weeks ago. Immediately after Mr. Colby assumed office, arrangements were made for resuming the issuing of passports, which was stopped 10 days ago because there was no one to sign them. Officials estimated that 2000 applications had piled up.

OLYMPIA HOUSES CLASH ON BONUS

Senate Firm for Early Aid to ex-Soldiers.

REFERENDUM CLAUSE FOUGHT

Measure Is Sent to Conference Committee.

SCHOOL BILL IS ENACTED

"20-10" Relief Measure Is Passed by Lower Chamber and Goes to Governor.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 23.—(Special.)—The soldiers' bonus bill was thrown into conference late today when the house, by a vote of 55 to 39, refused to concur in the amendment passed by the senate striking the referendum clause from the measure and making it an emergency act.

The senate refused to recede from its position and the bill went to a conference committee consisting of Senators Cox of Grays Harbor, Groff of Spokane and French of Clark and Representatives Lucas of Yakima, Wolf of Pend Oreille and Elliott of Pierce.

By a vote of 88 to 3 the house had last night passed the soldiers' compensation bill with a referendum clause instead of the emergency provision demanded by representatives of the American Legion.

Bond Sale at Par Provided.

By house amendment bonds provided by the \$11,000,000 bond issue to pay the compensation must be sold at par. The bill is designated to pay the world war veterans \$15 a month for each month in service, the payment to be made to widows and orphans of deceased soldiers up to the time of the latter's death. Conscientious objectors are excluded from any benefits under the act.

The house today passed senate bill No. 2, increasing the state contribution to the school fund from \$10 for each census child to \$20. The bill was passed by the senate last night.

The tentative legislative programme was framed on the basis of 15-10 for the common schools. The state superintendent asked 20-20 and the legislature voted 20-10.

Compromise Explained.

The compromise figures are as follows: The total state tax produced under the 20-10 plan will be \$5,360,000, of which \$2,480,000 is increase. In its distribution 9770 school teachers will receive an average salary increase of \$245 a year, or \$2,588,120 of the total increase. There are 348,000 school census children in Washington and the attendance record shows 272,000. The tax will be next fall and become available in 1921. It will add between 3 and 3½ mills to the state taxes and the city of Seattle will pay approximately \$194,000 of the total increase.

The house passed senate bill No. 1, increasing the tax levy limit for state purposes to 5 mills instead of 4 as provided in the original bill. The senate this afternoon, by a vote of 20 to 11, concurred in the amendment added in the house and the bill goes to the governor.

The senate had adopted an amendment.

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"RENT HOGS" JEERED AT PUBLIC HEARING

LANDLORDS AND TENANTS ARGUE IN STORMY SESSION.

Demand That "Causes of Socialism Be Eradicated," Is Approved by Cheers.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 23.—Landlords and tenants, transferring their rent war from New York to Albany, this afternoon faced one another across an assembly chamber at a hearing on rent measures held by a special joint legislative committee.

After a denunciation of "rent hogs" by various speakers, a member of Mayor Hylan's committee on rent profiteering jumped on top of a desk and led men and women tenants in cheering when Arthur V. Hilkey, chairman of the committee, urged that "the firm, stern hand of the law be applied" and "the causes of socialism be eradicated." Other speakers warned of widespread disorder if rents continue to rise.

The session grew stormier as it proceeded, and Jews and Hindus greeted Dr. H. E. Berg, representing realty interests, when he arose to speak. This demonstration followed a charge by a woman that he had "insulted" a clergyman speaking in behalf of the tenants. There were cries of "Throw him out!"

AMUSEMENT BAN OPPOSED

Two Methodist Conferences Seek
"Blue Law" Elimination.

NEWARK, N. J., March 23.—A resolution to strike from the book of discipline of the Methodist church that section known as the "blue law," or amusement ban, which forbids Methodist churches to attend theaters and horse races, was adopted at the Newark Methodist conference here tonight.

The conference also adopted a resolution memorializing the general conference relative to the stand it has taken in the matter of permitting women to become ministers.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 23.—The Central Pennsylvania Methodist conference today adopted a resolution suggesting to the general conference the elimination of the church rule making members who attend theaters, dances, play cards, or indulge in other "worldly" amusements liable to expulsion.

RUBLES FALL FROM SKY

Germany Dirigible With Valuable
Cargo Caught by Roumanians.

BUCHAREST, March 23.—A German dirigible balloon, carrying a cargo of flour, was shot down near Cernovitz today near Hotin, near Cernovitz.

Its officers and 300,000,000 rubles printed in Berlin and also a printing press for making money were taken charge of and brought here by Roumanians.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS, GROWS

Census Report Shows 95.8 Per
Cent Population Gain.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Population statistics for 1920 announced tonight by the census bureau included: Beaumont, Texas, 40,422; increase, 19,782, or 95.8 per cent (revised figures).

Madison, Wis., 38,578.
Amsterdam, N. Y., 33,524.

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TELENTON, N. J., March 23.—(Special.)—Five delegates today pledged themselves to support Major-General Leonard Wood for the presidency and

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WOOD'S LEAD 3000 IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Race Close, Lowden Second, Johnson Third.

OUTCOME FAR FROM CERTAIN

Only Small Portion of State's Vote Yet Counted.

POINDEXTER OUT OF RACE

Returns From 605 Out of 1740 Precincts in 51 of 64 Counties Tabulated at 1 A. M.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., March 24.—Leonard Wood maintained a lead of 3000 votes over Frank O. Lowden for republican presidential endorsement, on the face of returns tabulated at 1 o'clock this morning from 605 out of 1740 precincts in 51 of the 64 counties.

The vote stood: Wood, 20,357; Lowden, 17,298, and Johnson, 15,292. This tabulation included reports from nearly every city in the state.

Tabulated returns included complete returns from Lead, Deadwood, Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Mitchell, Huron, Pierre, Yankton, Watertown, Madison, Canton and Vermillion.

Wood Strong to Black Hills.

Wood received strong support in the Black Hills. Many far west precincts are included in those from which reports have not yet been received.

PoinDEXTER was practically eliminated from the race in this state. Shortly before midnight the Black Hills counties began to report and those went heavily for Wood. Johnson polled a heavy vote at Yankton and complete returns from Pierre, the state capital, showed he carried the city by a plurality of 7 votes over Wood.

Governor Peter Norbeck has a good margin over Dick Hiley for the republican senatorial nomination, and W. H. McMaster of Yankton was ahead of R. O. Richards for the republican nomination for governor.

Wood carried Sioux Falls city by 77 votes over Johnson. Aberdeen went to Lowden over Wood by 25 votes. In Minnehaha county, outside of Sioux Falls, Johnson had a lead of several hundred votes. The California senator polled a tremendous vote in Lincoln county, getting 1064 out of about 1600 ballots. Johnson was leading in Yankton on the face of incomplete returns.

Fairly Heavy Vote Is Cast.

Scattering returns for United States senator and governor showed majorities for Peter Norbeck and W. H. McMaster, republican candidates, endorsed by the state convention at Pierre December 2.

Voting at South Dakota's first primary under the Hatch law came to a close at 5 P. M. and managers for various candidates predicted early tonight that a fairly heavy vote was cast.

Managers for Hiram Johnson, Leonard Wood, Miles PoinDEXTER and Frank O. Lowden each issued statements claiming a fairly heavy vote for their respective candidates for presidential endorsement by the republicans would receive a plurality.

Some Candidates Unopposed.

A number of candidates for national and state offices were automatically nominated. The Richards primary law provides for such a process when candidates have no party opposition. The ticket of the national non-partisan league, which has a party status in South Dakota, was not on the primary ballot. When the time limit for independent candidates to file had expired the secretary of state had not received any additional filings from candidates for league support and the ticket endorsed at the proposal convention December 2 was considered nominated.

Tom Ayes of Zeona is the league nominee for United States senator and M. P. Baies of Letcher is the party's candidate for governor.

The proposal convention endorsed Governor Lynn J. Frazier of North Dakota as candidate for president, but Frazier did not formally accept the endorsement.

Democratic Contests Few.

The democrats had few contests. The ticket for state officers endorsed at the Pierre convention was not contested. There were no congressional contests. In the third district Representative Harry L. Gandy of Rapid City was nominated to succeed himself. Interest in the democratic primary was centered upon the fight for national committee-men between James Mae of Centerville and John A. Bowler of Sioux Falls. Ralph E. Johnson, Sioux Falls, and J. E. Bird, Watertown, and for United States senator between U. S. G. Cherry, Sioux Falls, and Tom Taubman of Plankinton.

James W. Gerard of New York and James O. Monroe of Maywood, Ill., sought democratic endorsement for president. There were contests for the republican ballot. The lone on the republican ballot. The lone on the republican ballot. The lone on the republican ballot.

He seeks re-election.

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