

COAL TO COST MORE

Expiration of Duty-Suspension Act May Raise Price.

LOCAL DEALERS DISAGREE

Importers Hope for Re-Enactment--Dealers in Domestic Coal Oppose--Development of State Fields May Be Forced.

Coal, both foreign and domestic, throughout Oregon and California, will be advanced in price within four months unless Congress sees fit to re-enact the coal-duty suspension clause which expires January 15.

On the other hand, dealers in domestic coal declare with equal right to be heard that a renewal of the coal duty will result in the development of the coal fields of Oregon. The price of coal to the consumer will not be advanced by the tax, they say.

Importers of foreign coal, dealers in the domestic article and the large consumers, are already wondering what action will be taken to meet the advance in the price of coal in these two states.

When coal of any kind was exceedingly scarce after the coal miners' strike of last year, the duty of 67 cents per ton was taken off bituminous coal. The tax was suspended for one year. The year ends January 15.

Importers and consumers of Oregon and California naturally wish the suspension to be re-enacted. Washington dealers, however, would rather see the duty imposed again upon imported coal.

Portland and San Francisco are practically the only two ports on the Pacific Coast where foreign coal enters. The Puget Sound coast has coal mines near at hand.

Importers and dealers in foreign coal all agree that only quick action by the present session of Congress can prevent a rise in the price of coal in the winter states.

A comparison of October exports with those of October of earlier years illustrates the remarkable growth of our export trade. In 1920 the October exports were \$23,000,000; in 1926, \$65,000,000; in 1929, \$90,000,000; and in 1930, \$103,000,000, the largest for any single month in the history of our commerce.

The table which follows shows the October imports and exports in each year from 1920 to 1930 and the excess of imports or exports.

Imports and exports for month of October, 1920, to 1930. Total Excess of October imports, exports, exports.

Note--Excess of imports over exports for the month of October, 1920, \$3,991,611; 1921, \$1,441,459; 1922, \$2,128,228; 1923, \$647,111; 1924, \$1,441,459; 1925, \$2,128,228; 1926, \$647,111; 1927, \$1,441,459; 1928, \$2,128,228; 1929, \$647,111; 1930, \$1,441,459.

The duty will seriously affect the trade in foreign coal here. It will raise the price of coal to the consumer. The United States Congress does something pretty quick the duty will go into effect again.

Pending the determination of the suspension or enforcement of the coal duty, contracts for foreign coal are hung up indefinitely. Sixty-seven cents a ton may spell profit to the importer or it may mean an entry on the other side of the ledger.

"No, coal won't be any higher if the duty goes on again," said W. G. Kegler, of the Vulcan Coal company, which deals in domestic coal. "Australian coal is sold for just what it is worth here now. Its price now is in the neighborhood of \$8 a ton. Domestic coal ranges from the best Wyoming at \$5.50 to the cheaper grades at \$5.50 delivered."

"The \$2.00 tone a year of foreign coal imported into Portland is not more than 30 or 35 per cent of all the coal used here. If the duty goes on again, it will tend to increase the demand for domestic coal and the fields of Heppner and the Nehalem country will be developed. Then the money that has been sent to England and to Australia will remain in this state. It won't mean anything to the farmer for the price of wheat does not depend upon the freight rates but upon the foreign demand. Just because a ship comes here laden with coal instead of with ballast doesn't mean that the farmer's wheat can reach Europe any cheaper. The importers will simply put the difference in their pockets."

Bates Ordered to Colorado. WASHINGTON, Nov. 21--Major-General Bates, commanding the Department of the Lakes, has been ordered by the War Department to proceed to Denver to investigate the labor troubles with a view of ascertaining if there is any necessity for Federal troops there. He does not relieve General Baldwin of his command of the Department of Colorado, but goes to Denver on a special mission.

Satoli Won't Represent Vatican. ROME, Nov. 21--The reports that Cardinal Satoli will represent the Holy See at the St. Louis Exposition are incorrect, it being against all rules and precedents for the Vatican to send a representative from Rome in the person of a member of the sacred college to any exposition.

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