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Common Use of Terminals and Rolling Stock Decried—Present Officers and Employees of Lines to Be Retained.

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FUEL TO BE SCARCE

Government Control of Mines Is Predicted.

SHORTAGE 50,000,000 TONS

Conscription of Labor Will Be Necessary, Senate Committee Is Told, and Restricted Use Is Declared to Be Only Solution.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Government control of mines and conscription of labor were predicted by L. A. Snead, head of the fuel administration's distributing agency, in testifying today before the Senate committee investigating the coal situation.

Co-ordination of effort is necessary to meet present demands, Mr. Snead said, and he added that he could see no possibility of the production of the 50,000,000 tons the fuel administration estimates the Nation is short this year.

Restricted use is the only solution, he declared.

Priority orders for coal shipments might afford some temporary relief from shortages experienced in many parts of the country, Mr. Snead said, but the only solution of the whole problem is adequate and efficient transportation.

Mr. Snead was on the stand throughout today's hearing and was questioned at great length as to the coal situation here in Washington.

The fuel administration, he said, believes enough coal to supply local needs has been shipped to the capital, but suffering has been caused by hoarding of coal by consumers last summer and Fall.

Inadequate distributing facilities and failure of dealers to co-operate with the fuel administration were also mentioned.

It was necessary for the fuel administration last week arbitrarily to divert coal to supply the capital building, he said, when a shortage threatened.

When the situation here threatened to become acute, Snead said the fuel administration established five dumps and ordered that 500 tons be placed in them every day to supply the public.

The committee adjourned today until next Wednesday, when Food Administrator Hoover will testify on the sugar situation. He and other witnesses are expected to testify on the sugar inquiry within two days.

CARDROOM LAW READY

NEW LICENSE ORDINANCE TO BE CONSIDERED WEDNESDAY.

Measure Gives Officials Authority to Revoke Licenses and Close Places for Violations.

Card rooms now are to be licensed. Mayor Baker will present an ordinance to the City Council Wednesday to impose a license on all public places where cards are played, which license may be revoked by the City Council for cause.

The city now has an ordinance permitting card rooms, but prohibiting gambling and other violations of law. The only way of punishing violators, however, is to gather sufficient evidence to get convictions in the courts.

The new ordinance will enable the City Council to revoke a license and put a place out of business for cause. This is the same law that previously applied to saloons, placing absolute control in the hands of the City Council. It is the same law, also, that applies to pool halls.

RAILROAD CASE IS ARGUED

Appeal Taken From Decision of State Board in Road Issue.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The Mapleton road case was argued before Judge Percy R. Kelly, of Albany, in the Lane County Circuit Court yesterday and taken under advisement.

The case is an appeal from the action of the State Public Service Commission, holding that the Southern Pacific Company should provide the people living in the territory between Mapleton and

Acme, along the Stuslaw River, with a wagon road.

The original highway between the two points was appropriated for use as a right-of-way for a portion of the Coos Bay line of the Southern Pacific system.

PEOPLE FLEE FROM HOMES

Reith Residents Driven to High Elevations by Flood Waters.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Fearing that the water which is surrounding their homes will flood them out, residents of the lowlands at Reith, a little railroad town west of here, have moved to higher ground. It is not believed that the danger is great.

In Riverside, a suburb of Pendleton, water surrounds some of the farmhouses, but the property is protected by a strong levee. No serious damage is expected.

The river is still close to six feet. The McKay and other of the tributary creeks are running bank full.

ARMY MEN MADE ANGRY Authority to Investigate White Slave Conditions Revoked.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The authority to investigate white-slave conditions in this city, conferred upon Mrs. Grace Humiston several months ago, after she had solved the mystery of the Ruth Cruger murder when the police had failed to do so, was today revoked by Police Commissioner Woods.

Recently Mrs. Humiston carried her investigation activities into nearby Army cantonments, and sensational charges she made drew her into sharp controversy with the Army authorities.

TEUTONS BOMBARD PADUA

Thirteen Persons Killed and 60 Injured by Enemy Aviators.

ROME, Dec. 29.—Thirteen persons were killed and 60 others injured when the city of Padua, in Northern Italy, was bombed by enemy aviators last night, the War Office announced today.

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Overcoat Days Swirling gusts of wind and rain, scurries of sleet that drive against you at every corner—but that good, warm overcoat that buttons round you so comfortably makes you to laugh at King Winter and his frolics. Here are overcoats for mid-Winter days—trench coats, belted coats, double-breasted coats, Chesterfield coats. Rich fabrics, superlatively tailored—Scottish fleeces of the Montagnac type, Carr meltons, Irish duffles and friezes, velours, novelties. The Best Overcoats Moderately Priced Fifteen Dollars to Sixty Dollars Third Floor—Elevator. Ben Selling LEADING CLOTHIER Morrison Street at Fourth

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