

LACK OF COAL IS GREAT PROBLEM IN ALL EUROPE

Immense Drains Are Made on Supply Sources in Great Britain as Well as on the Continent by War. FLEETS DEVOUR GREAT QUANTITIES OF FUEL Scandinavian Countries Face Shutdown of Industries, It Is Stated.

Coal Is Essential Equally as important as ammunition, coal is the conduct of war. It is the absolute essential to the fleets that they can fight.

VIOLENT FIGHTING ON BESSARABIAN FRONT REPORTED BY VIENNA

Austro-Germans and Russo-Romanian Forces Meet in Big Battle. Geneva, Aug. 7.—(U. P.)—Violent fighting on the frontier of the Russian province of Bessarabia and along the Vienna front was reported by Vienna today.

King George Sees Belgium Restored

Havrre, Aug. 7.—(By Agency Radio to the U. P.)—King George of England has telegraphed to King Albert of Belgium as follows: "I desire to express my unshakable confidence in the final restoration of Belgium to her legitimate position among the free nations of Europe."

Crown Prince Sends Forces Against French

Strong Attack Made in Verdun Sector on a Front of Three Miles. Paris, Aug. 7.—(U. P.)—Heavy fighting broke out today in the Verdun sector. Following a heavy bombardment, the forces of the German crown prince launched a strong attack against the French lines on a front of approximately three miles on the left bank of the Meuse river.

Quiet on British Front

London, Aug. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Comparative calm has settled down over the British section of the western front. The war office statement today said that nothing of importance had taken place during the night.

CORBETT SEEKING TO GET NEUTRAL SHIPS TO MAKE THIS PORT

President of the Chamber of Commerce Will Make Special Trip to the East. Traffic arrangements by which inbound oriental freight can be routed through Portland is one of the chief objects of the trip.

Traffic Patrolmen To Assist Tourists

Portland's traffic patrolmen are to act as information bureaus to automobile tourists traveling through the city.

PORTLAND FIRM IS HIGH BIDDER ON ROAD BONDS

Lumbermens Trust Company Makes Leading Offer for \$900,000 Issue, Though All Bids Below Par. Several hundred Eskimo Lads Among Those Headed for Federal Headquarters at Juneau.

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ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF DEFENSE WOULD TAKE OVER ALL COAL MINES

Conference of Delegates From the Fuel Producing States to Be Held. Chicago, Aug. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Fifteen state councils of defense were called into conference today with the Illinois State Council of Defense to formulate a plan for the regulation of coal supply and price.

BIDS ON COAL FOR SCHOOLS RUN FROM \$4 TO 7.75 PER TON

Three Members of Board Hold Session and Refer Fuel Bids to Supplies Committee. At a business session of the school board Monday afternoon and attended by only three members of the board.

Confederation Will Be Held on Wood Prices

Portland's wood prices are the subject of a conference to be held by the wood and lumber trade associations.

Alaska Sends Loyal Youths For War Duty

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PURCHASING AGENT'S WORK WILL BE DONE BY ASSISTANT CLERK

School Board Not to Fill Vacancy Created by Resignation of Thomas Lewis. Following the resignation of Thomas Lewis, purchasing agent for the school board, School Clerk R. H. Thomas announced that no successor would be named.

Virgil L. Venable Is Made a Major

Rise From Rank Made in 18 Months By Popular Young Officer and Member of Oregon Regiment. Major Virgil L. Venable, Quartermaster of the Oregon National Guard, was promoted to major.

Suicidal Attempt Is Made by a Woman

Mrs. G. F. Anger, 402 1/2 Clay street, attempted suicide late Monday afternoon by taking "hypnotic" tablets.

Government Given Control of Food, Feed and Fuels Through a Licensing System for Dealers

USE OF FOODS TO MAKE WHISKEY IS PROHIBITED President Directed to Commandeer Spirits in Bond for War Purposes. Washington, Aug. 7.—(U. P.)—The senate late this afternoon agreed to vote on the conference report on the food control bill at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

GRAIN CROPS OF U. S. ARE SAFE, DECLARES CHICAGO AUTHORITY

Oats Will Lead With Yield of 1,500,000,000 Bushels, It Is Estimated. Chicago, Aug. 7.—(U. P.)—The crops of the country are safe. Nothing now can interfere with one of the largest grain yields in American history.

Coos Bay Harbor Report Submitted

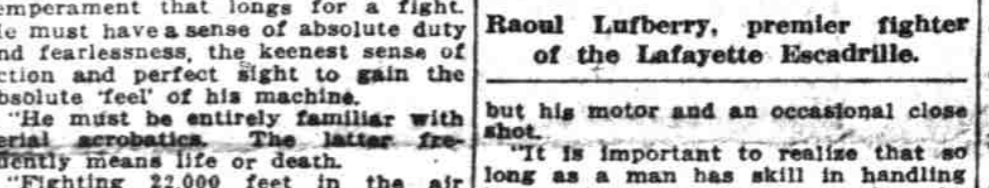
Washington, Aug. 7.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Secretary of War Baker has submitted to congress a favorable report of the army engineers on the Coos Bay harbor improvement.

U. S. Border Patrol In Texas Doubled

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 7.—(U. P.)—The United States border patrol at Presidio, Texas was doubled today, in anticipation of an attack upon the Mexican town of Olanegan.

Air Fighters to Be Pick of U. S. Lufberry Tells Qualifications "Double Cream" Men Required

Youths From 21 to 26 Make the Best Fighters, Says Noted Aviator. (From the fighting line, Lieutenant Raoul Lufberry, today sends to America, through the United Press, his opinion of the sort of fighter pilot the states must furnish to man her airplanes.)



Raoul Lufberry, premier fighter of the Lafayette Escadrille. "It is important to realize that so long as a man has skill in handling his machine and accuracy in fire, he is never beyond hope."

GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO REGULATE STEEL AND COPPER PRICES

Washington, Aug. 7.—(U. P.)—The government is about to lay a strong hand in "war profiteering." Prices on steel and copper are to be fixed to insure a "reasonable profit" to producers.

Fossil Auto Wreck Fatal to Mrs. Keyes

Salem, Or., Aug. 7.—While presiding at a council meeting Monday night, Mayor Walter E. Keyes received a long distance telephone call telling of the death of his mother, Mrs. Z. Z. Keyes, in an automobile accident near Fossil.

COMMITTEE IS NAMED TO STUDY PAY SCHEDULES

Government Sees Need of Concerted Campaign to Dispel Unrest Among the Workers in United States. REPORT TO BE MADE AT AN EARLY DATE Appeals From Employes Will Then Be Given Prompt Consideration.

War, navy and labor departments have named a committee to study adjustment of wage schedules in navy yards, arsenals and other government works to bring about satisfactory schedules.

DAIRY BUSINESS AT STAKE; MEETING IS CALLED FOR FRIDAY

Situation Regarded as Serious With So Many Cows Being Slaughtered. To discuss means of preventing the dairy industry from going out of existence, a meeting of producers of milk and butterfat has been called for 10 o'clock Friday morning at the Imperial hotel.

Team and Harness—Autos for Hire. REliable auto service, 7 pass. cars, Columbia highway, Mt. Hood parties, day or night service.