

## HOUSTON ASKS AID FOR FARMS

Secretary of Treasury Ad-dresses American Bankers on Financial Topics.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Five of the country's most important financial problems were discussed by Secretary of the Treasury Houston before the convention of the American Bankers' Association here today.

He outlined the problems and recommended ways for their solution.

Houston first took up the farmers' plea for financial aid in marketing their crops.

He asked the bankers to help the farmers all they could.

He warned the farmers that world-wide price depression is on and that the Government could not halt it if it wished.

Discussing Liberty bonds, the Secretary declared against all steps of refunding the bonds in securities bearing higher interest.

The bonds, he said, soon would return to 100, without such measures.

The public debt, Houston said, has been reduced more than \$2,500,000,000, and the floating debt \$1,000,000,000, since August, 1919.

Federal taxes should be revised, the secretary said, but warned that the total they are to bring in cannot be cut greatly.

"A heavy tax has settled over the financial field," said Secretary Houston.

"We still confront highly abnormal problems.

"What we need is more patriotism and less partisanship.

The first impulse of many who are searching for the way out is to turn to the Government and especially to the treasury.

"Producers whose production cannot be marketed satisfactorily and whose prices are falling, are demanding that the treasury intervene.

"They ask that it either deposit money in certain sections or that the activities of the war finance corporation be resumed."

## MUNICIPAL COAL YARDS MAY COME

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mitted and shown before the commission in their hearings.

A number of former retail coal dealers, according to Mr. Eschbach, have offered to assist in the operation of the municipal market.

The issuance of new orders was not considered in the conference this morning, as municipal markets have precedence over other questions for the good of the public.

Charging that there are too many retail coal dealers in Indiana and that business is conducted inefficiently and in an extravagant manner, Mr. Eschbach has sent a letter to the L. E. Bunting Company of Warsaw in reply to an offer of their yards and working force to the commission for a municipal market upon conditional terms.

The conditions of the offer included the operation of the business by the commission as now conducted by the Bunting Coal Company upon the margin of \$2.25 ordered by the commission.

Mr. Eschbach's letter says:

"Your letter of Oct. 16 has been referred to me. There is no very excellent reason why the retail coal and food commission could not accept your offer with the conditions attached.

"You make it one of the conditions of your offer that we shall conduct the business in what we feel is the same economical and unbusinesslike method it has been conducted as evidenced by cost sheets which you produced for the commission.

"Our expert accountant, Mr. O'Neal, one of the best commercial accountants in the State, after the second examination of your books, submitted to the commission his report in which he places your handling cost at \$1,450.

"The commission is convinced, after almost a week of hearings devoted largely to the retail coal merchants, of several minor errors in your books.

20 PER CENT TOO MANY YARDS.

"1. That there are at least 50 per cent too many retail coal dealers in Indiana.

"2. That approximately 50 per cent of the retail coal business is conducted in an inefficient and uneconomical manner.

That the stipulated handling charges amount offered in Indiana in the same city, under practically the same conditions, vary as much as \$1.50 per ton, all of which the consumer must bear.

"4. Coal in most of the cities of Indiana is sold at such a figure as to return a fair profit for the most inefficient and poorly managed business.

"5. That an association in many of the cities enforces a minimum price which exceeds the cost of all retailers, and that the results of such examinations, establish a price which represents to such an association an average sales charge, which average sales charge is communicated to each member of the association.

"6. One retailer testified that he must keep his price high in order to compete with the other retail coal dealers (evidently meaning, so he would not compete with them), (this dealer was making a net profit of \$1.21 per ton on each ton of coal sold).

"The above are only a few of the conclusions to which any fair business man must arrive after a study of this evidence.

"The commission does not wish any retail coal dealer in Indiana who conducts his business in an economical and efficient manner to sell coal without a fair and reasonable return on his investment.

"We suggest that you make your offer of your coal yards to the mayor and common council of the city of Warsaw, since our letter of Oct. 16 was addressed to said officials, and unless especially called upon by the municipal authorities, the details of the local arrangements will be left to the officials of such municipalities as wish to cooperate in this matter.

## LEWIS ADVOCATES FEDERAL OPERATION

VIRGINIA, Oct. 20.—Operation of the country's coal mines by the Government and hiring of miners through Government agencies, was the solution offered for coal famine and mine strikes throughout the country in an address here today by former Senator James Hamilton Lewis, Democratic candidate for Governor.

"I would place the coal mines under the Government," Lewis said.

"I would have the mines operated by the miners through contract arrangement with their Government, by which their pay and their hours would be arranged by the Government."

"I would have the Government, either through the State or supervisory agent, contract with the miner in a cooperative bargaining for the output of the mines in different localities and the shipment of coal to such points as necessities of the country demanded."

A standing board to settle controversies between miners and mine owners was advocated by Senator Lewis.

## M'Swiney Brain Breaks Under Fast Strain

MacSwiney's 69 DAYS Without Record

Food

Large Crowd Sees First 1920 Performance.

## DENIES REPORT OF KING'S DEATH

Paris Legation, Also London Sources, Not Advised Officially, They Say.

PARIS, Oct. 20.—The Greek legation today announced that the last official advices received from Athens on the condition of King Alexander said his condition at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning was critical.

The legation denied a report printed in the Petit-Parisien, which stated that a Greek steamer anchored at Brindisi had received a dispatch that the Greek king died two days ago.

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BISHOP'S PROTEST ATROCITIES.

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