

MR. INDIANAPOLIS TAKES HIS TIME IN BUYING COAL

Dealers Report Householders
Are Slow in Stocking
Up for Winter.

Mr. Indianapolis—The fellow who swings a coal shovel before hungry furnaces on cold December mornings is taking his time this summer about laying in his next winter's supply of fuel, according to retail coal merchants.

Various reasons are assigned by the dealers. About the only thing they agree on is "business is not up to standard." Most of them, however, think the scarcity of money has something to do with the public's refusal to buy.

"People bought freely in June and July, but business has slackened up in August," commented John C. Muesing of the Muesing-Merrick Coal Company, which operates a yard on both the north and south sides.

Remembered Last Year

"Not up to average," said Frank S. Pittman of the Pittman-Rice Coal Company, Inc. "People haven't forgotten their experience of last year."

Many citizens filled their cellar with coal in the summer of 1923, and then coal prices took a high dive when winter came, Pittman explained. Hence the wariness to avoid similar accident to the family pocketbook. Shea Brothers, 1425 Van Buren St., agreed with Pittman.

Officials of the Polar Ice and Fuel Company declared the slowness in buying coal to store is marked, despite the lower prices.

Price Is Lower

"Good West Virginia coal is selling for \$3 a ton less than last summer this time, but not nearly so much is being bought," said one. "Rumors of freight rate reductions and other possibilities that might reduce prices still more cause the public to hold off. Just let the price advance a little, though, and there will be a panic of buying to avoid having to meet further increases. Along about the first early frost, a lot of fellows will coal up for the winter."

CONFERENCE TO CUT ARMAMENTS SEEN BY SIMMS

Will Follow Acceptance of
Dawes Reparations
Scheme.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
Times Foreign Editor

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—An international conference on reduction of armaments will inevitably follow close upon the heels of the acceptance and beginning of execution of the Dawes-Young European reparations scheme.

That the world situation will be ripe for such action is everywhere considered certain, even President Coolidge having committed himself in favor of it whenever the signs seem favorable.

The initiative will probably be taken by the League of Nations. The Fifth Assembly of the League will meet at Geneva, Switzerland, Monday, Sept. 1, and foremost among the agenda is the proposal of a general plan for a world-wide arms reduction on land, sea and in the air, through international agreement.

Question Discussed

The Fourth Assembly, meeting last September, discussed the armaments question, but owing to the high tension in Europe, let the matter go over until this year. Nevertheless a resolution was passed urging member nations—and all the great powers except the United States are members—to keep within their military budgets for 1923 while the league council prepared an armament reductions plan for presentation in 1924.

This will be taken up and acted upon by the Assembly next month. Recommendations for international action are expected in view of the progress Europe has made toward getting back on her feet as the result of American participation in reparations.

The League of Nations is merely carrying out its obligations under its original charter—the League Covenant adopted in 1919—in thus taking steps to lighten the burden of arms.

British Want Conference

"The maintenance of peace," says Article 8, part of the very backbone of the league, "requires the reduction of national armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety," and the council, taking into account the general world situation, "shall formulate plans for such reduction for consideration and action of the several governments."

Premier Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain wants an international arms conference. So do the Socialists of France, headed by Premier Herriot. And since President Coolidge has gone on record as favoring such a conference, it is difficult to see how the United States, when invited to name delegates, could very well refuse to do so.

An attempt will undoubtedly be made by the anti-league forces of the administration, however, to smother any league plans for disarmament and substitute similar, though disguised, plans of their own, if best performances may be relied upon as an indication.

Harding Memorial in Wheat Field



A YEAR AGO, WHILE ON HIS WAY TO SAN FRANCISCO, WHERE HE DIED, PRESIDENT WARREN G. HARDING TURNED "DIRT FARMER" AT HUTCHINSON, KAN., AND SHOCKED WHEAT. ON THE SPOT WHERE THE LATE PRESIDENT HANDLED HIS LAST BUNDLE OF WHEAT HAS BEEN ERECTED A MONUMENT (UPPER), PAID FOR BY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SCHOOL CHILDREN. ELIZABETH HUMPHRIES (LOWER RIGHT) THEM 11, RECIPIENT OF A KISS FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, UNVEILED THE MONUMENT. IN THE LOWER LEFT HARDING IS SHOWN AS A "DIRT FARMER" ON THE SPOT.

G.O.P. QUARTERS BUZZES BUSILY

Former 'Old Man' of Klan
'Drops In.'

State Republican headquarters in the Sevier are humming with an air of business these days. Colored men, politicians from the out-counties wearing large sombreros shading one eye, and women workers are much in evidence.

Among the visitors received by Dailey McCoy, secretary of the State central committee today was D. C. Stephenson, ex-grand dragon of the Klan in Indiana, formerly known as the "Old Man." The subject of the conference was not revealed. Stephenson said he had "just dropped in" to see how the boys were getting along.

"I'm not putting out a thing these days except a few cigars and a line of talk—and very little of that," said Stephenson.

MINERS ATTACKED; FIVE SHOT DOWN

Trouble Feared in Oklahoma
Coal Fields.

By United Press

WILBURTON, Okla., Aug. 12.—Five non-union miners were shot from ambush in the coal fields near here early today. None of the workers was injured seriously.

The shooting occurred shortly after the night shift of workmen left the Bull Hull mine. The five men were walking home when a blaze of buckshot felled them.

Feeling in the mining community is tense, and extra guards were stationed at the Latimer County courthouse, where thirty-six miners are to be tried for rioting in connection with a clash between union and non-union forces near here a month ago.

At that time 100 armed strikers drove 200 non-union workers out of the county.

FIRE CAPTAIN IS SENT TO RANKS

Safety Board Also Promotes
Several Men.

A shake-up in the fire department was made by the safety board today on recommendation of Fire Chief John J. O'Brien.

Changes were made "for the good of the service," it was explained.

Captain Halleck Pruitt of Pumper Company 24 was reduced to the ranks with Charles Gregory of No. 5 going to captain.

John E. Doyle of Truck Company 39 was elevated to lieutenant. William Adam of Pumper Company 5 and Albert Barnes of Pumper Company 24 were promoted from the ranks to chauffeur.

Hugh F. White was reappointed fireman. On recommendation of O'Brien, William Gooden, colored, of the fire prevention bureau was re-tired to the pension fund. Gooden was injured last winter.

The board granted Virgil Furgason, chief of fire prevention, a fifteen-day leave of absence. He will attend the fire chiefs' convention at Buffalo next week.

Purchase of 1,400 feet of hose was ordered.

Patrolman Francis O. Reilly was promoted to sergeant.

Two motorists were fined on speeding charges by City Judge Pro Tem. John Robbins today, and a third driver was dismissed, in cases growing out of accidents.

On recommendation of Coroner Paul F. Robinson, a vagrancy charge against Lewis Kindel, 839 N. Keystone Ave., was dismissed. Robinson said he did not believe Kindel was the driver of a car that struck and fatally injured Dale Hill, 4, of 446 N. Rural St., July 26, at Massachusetts Ave. and Walnut St. A license number taken by witnesses was traced to Kindel.

Edgar Buel, 917 Ashland Ave., was fined \$25 and costs on a speeding charge, and Ivan Barber, 721 N. Capitol Ave., was discharged on an assault and battery charge. Police testified Buel was driving twenty-five miles an hour when Barber swerved his machine to avoid him, July 24, at Sixteenth St. and Park Ave.

Barber's car struck a telephone pole. Four men in the machine were slightly injured.

Ruben Harday, 21, colored, giving his address as 2050 N. Delaware St., was fined \$25 and costs on a speeding charge, and \$1 and costs on an assault and battery charge, and dismissed on a charge of violating a traffic ordinance. An automobile driven by him struck a car driven by Mrs. W. H. Babb, 5440 Ashland Ave., July 22 at Sixteenth and Bellfontaine Sts. Lois Babb, 3, daughter of Mrs. Babb, was cut about the head.

Times Washington Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Despite an ever increasing demand for gasoline and crude oil, the reserve supply of crude petroleum in the United States shows substantial increases.

On June 30 this year there were 61,000,000 more barrels of oil in storage than on the same day last year, according to a survey just made by the bureau of mines. At the end of the first six months of 1924 the total domestic net pipe line and tank farm stocks were 351,218,000 barrels. A year ago this storage supply totaled but 290,252,000 barrels. This was in spite of the fact that the summer season increased the demand approximately 5,000,000 barrels.

Crude Oil Reduced

A reaction of the increased supply was a slight tumbling in the price paid for crude oil at refineries. However, the price of gasoline to the motorist has decreased but a cent on the average throughout the country.

Another reaction was a restraint on production by operators who are holding back for higher prices. In June the daily average production of crude petroleum in the United States was 1,981,300 barrels, which was 7,506 barrels less than in May. For the same month imports—mostly from Mexico—averaged 220,000 barrels daily or 16,484 barrels less than during May.

Armstrong said West Virginia also demanded a return of courtesy from Ohio, but that it was flatly refused.

He said West Virginia then retaliated by arresting more than 500 Ohio truck drivers.

Armstrong said his company had attempted to apply for the required licenses, but that its application was refused.

Warehouses and intra-State truckers were aiding Ohio police in making arrests, Armstrong said. Whenever an out-of-State truck arrives at a warehouse, the warehouse attaches call police, he said. Competition which allows Interstate truckers to charge \$75 to \$100 less per haul than the Ohio warehouses and truck companies is the basis of this opposition, Armstrong said.

Red Ball Transit Company was represented at the Governor's office by W. B. Hiner, who reported the same conditions.

"There are too many teachers who work only four of five hours a day," said Shank. "They can work at least eight hours, like every one else, and teach two separate groups."

Detroit is said to be using this system.

Bosson is still probing the school book situation, the mayor asserting that it was an "outrage" constantly to demand pupils buy new texts.

WIEDFELD SLATED TO BE RECALLED

German Ambassador to U.S.
Will Resign.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Dr. Otto Wiedfeld within about a month will resign as German ambassador to Washington and return to Germany. He will resign as German ambassador to Washington and return to Germany.

Wilhelm Cuno, the chancellor of Germany during the occupation of the Ruhr by the French and Belgians, is regarded as the most likely successor to Wiedfeld.

Wiedfeld, the first German ambassador to Washington since the war, came to an understanding he would remain only a short time to help in the re-establishment of friendly relations with the United States. He has now been in Washington more than two years.

While the German embassy will make no comment whatever regarding Wiedfeld's recall, it is known the reason behind his coming departure is that his relations with certain leaders of the Berlin government have not been the happiest.

Elaborate preparations for death were made by Edward De Burger, 50, of Apt. 3, at 310 N. Capitol Ave., Dr. W. A. Doeppers, deputy coroner, said. De Burger was found dead in his kitchen early today by Glenn Dean Knaetzer, custodian, who called Motor Police Chitwood and Maas.

De Burger, according to officers, carefully plugged up all cracks in doors and windows. He fastened a hose to the gas stove, tied the hose around his neck and placed the end in his mouth. Then he turned on the gas.

He had been dead several hours when the custodian found him. Police said they were told Mrs. De Burger left early Monday evening. Mrs. Mae Hallam, Apt. 201, the Shiel, 220 N. Illinois St., said her father had spoken of taking his life several times, but she did not regard the threats seriously.

Body was taken to city morgue. De Burger evidently had planned writing a note to his wife, Jennie. A sheet of paper bearing the salutation "Dear John" was found on a table.

Formal notice was given of these new books:

Winston Primer, first, second and

third readers; John C. Whistler Company; Bobbs-Merrill, fourth, fifth and

sixth grade readers; Baker and

Thornbyke Every Day Classics, seventh and eighth grade readers; Macmillan Company; Thorndike's Arithmetic, books one, two and three; Rand, McNally & Co.; Graves' Musical Writing System, W. S. Benson & Co.

Formal notice was given of these new books:

George Nagle, 25, of 325 S. Emerson Ave.; Karl Beidlenmeister, 29, of 372 S. Arlington Ave.; Robert Richardson, 18, of 1628 N. Tacoma Ave., and William M. Coffey, 22, of 860 Middle Dr., Woodruff Place.

Paul Sabee, 30, of 3132 Parker Ave., was slated on a charge of improper parking and Joseph Suracu, 20, of 903 Pershing Ave., was charged with driving on the left side of the street.

Five Hurt at Anderson

ANDERSON, Ind., Aug. 12.—Five

were recovering from injuries re-

ceived in as many auto accidents.

They are: Miss Leona Everhart,

23; William Merrill, 78; Mrs. Frank Meeker, Louise Malone and Brack Taylor.

Patrolman Francis O. Reilly was

promoted to sergeant.

Six Drivers Arrested

Speeding and Other Traffic Violations

Charged.

Six motorists were arrested today. These four were charged with speeding:

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Four Arrested in Raid

Police Squad Works Overtime With

Results.

Lieut. Hudson and squad remained

on duty over-time and made a raid

at 225 N. East St. early today that

resulted in five arrests.

Claude Eaton, 38, and Mary Eaton,

35, are held on statutory charges.

Persons giving names as Lee

Cooper, 28, and Miss Elsie Kuper,

19, of La Salle Hotel, were held.

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