Bahama Torch Murder Principal

Left: Count Alfred de Marigny as he appeared during his trial for the torch murder of his father-in-law, Sir Harry Oakes, Bahama multi-millionaire. Right: Nancy de Marigny, wife of the defendant and daughter of the victim. American police experts were brought to the islands to testify.

INCREASE IN COAL PRICE HELD LIKELY

The War Labor Board took under consideration today the coal mining agreement worked out by John L. Lewis and Secretary of Interior Ickes. Meantime, most of the 460,000 hard and soft coal miners continued idle.

The WLB must approve the agreement if it is to become effective, and Ickes acknowledged that it also probably will require an increase in the price of coal.

As Fuel Administrator, Ickes told a press conference he probably would ask the Office of Price Administration to boost coal-price ceilings. Ickes mentioned no figures, but coal operators have estimated a similar wage contract would raise coal costs 15 to 45 cents a ton.

The extra cost arises from the fact that the miners would get time-and-a-half pay for all work beyond forty hours a week, and, under the Ickes-Lewis agreement, underground men would have a fifty-two and a half hour week. The whole formula works out to $1.50 a day increase in earnings for soft coal miners who now get $7 for a basic seven-hour day.

Reports from the coal fields said only a comparative handful of miners went back to work in response to the telegraphed directions from Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers.

MORE ELECTRI IRONS IN SIGHT FOR 1944

Electric irons but no electric washing machines are on the list of consumer goods tentatively scheduled for civilian production in the first quarter of 1944.

While acknowledging that home laundry equipment is one of the worst needed home front items, War Production Board officials said today that the supply of small electric motors is too tight to permit resumption of washing machine manufacture now.

About 200 such "fractional horsepower" motors are used in every heavy bomber, for example, and manufacturing facilities are hard put to meet military demands alone.

CHEAPER EGGS SEEN FOR CHRISTMAS

Retail egg prices will start a gradual weekly decline in prices next Thursday which will lower the ceiling price a total of 7 cents a dozen by Christmas, it has been announced by Frank C. Russel New York district OPA director.

This is in line with the usual seasonal trend, which starts down about this time because of increasing production.

The maximum price for Grade A medium eggs, which now is 68 cents in New York, will drop 1 cent next Thursday and will continue to decrease a cent each week until the week of Dec. 9, when the decline will be 3 cents a dozen, according to the new price chart released by Mr. Russell.

OPA INSPECTORS DENY MEAT MEN'S CHARGES

General denials of charges that a district office of the Office of Price Administration had detained two men, partners in a meat-jobbing business, for more than twenty-four hours without permitting them to get in touch with either their families or their attorneys were entered yesterday by OPA inspectors at a hearing of the special House committee investigating acts of executive governmental agencies beyond the scope of their authority.

SOFT-WHEAT CEILINGS TO BE ANNOUNCED

The Office of Price Administration has confirmed that soft wheat price ceilings to be announced within a few days, will become effective November 6.

The OPA has no jurisdiction over wheat prices until the grain reaches parity. Wheat grades which have not yet reached parity will not be affected by the ceilings to be announced this week.

Some quarters reported that the price for No. 2 red winter wheat, St. Louis basis, would be fixed at $1.66 per bushel, a reflection of parity. The OPA would neither confirm nor deny that this ceiling had been decided upon.

ARMISTICE DAY CALL FOR NEW WAR WORK

President Roosevelt, in an Armistice Day proclamation, has called on the people to devote themselves "wholeheartedly and with renewed fervor to every task that will contribute to the winning of the war."

The text of the proclamation was as follows:

"Whereas Nov. 11, 1943, is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice with Germany which terminated hostilities at the close of the first World War; and whereas Senate concurrent resolution eighteen of the Sixty-ninth Congress, passed June 4 1926, requests the President of the United States to issue a proclamation calling for the observance of Nov. 11 as Armistice Day; and

"Whereas we can best observe that day by rededicating ourselves with the faith and loyalty of the men who fought and died for our cause during the first World War to those tasks which are directed toward achieving victory in the present struggle;

"Now therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon the people of the United States to observe Nov. 11, 1943, by devoting themselves wholeheartedly and with renewed fervor to the winning of the war; and I direct that the flag of the United States be displayed on all government buildings on that day."

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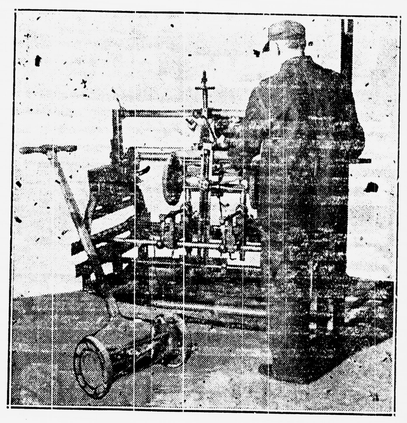

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