COUNTRY IS FACED BY COAL SHORTAGE

Strike Cuts Surplus Supply to Near Danger Point.

BUYERS AWAIT RATE CUT

Non-Union Bituminous Mines Said to Be Breaking Production Record, but Piles Dwindle.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.—(Special.)—The coal strike, almost forgotton by the public until the bloody outbreaks in Illinois and West Virginia brought it forcibly to mind, has resulted during the 12 weeks of its life in cutting down available stock piles to within 12,000,000 tons of the danger line, according to reports to the geological survey and the department of commerce. These agencies estimated that the industries of the country can continue operations at their present rate for about four weeks more, and will then have to curtail operations to a basis of four or five days a week, generally because of the approaching coal shortage, now regarded as certain.

The first pinch has been felt already by manufacturers in New Jersey, according to reports to the employment service of the department of labor. In that state, according to reports, employers already have been compelled to curtail their operations somewhat because of the fuel scarcity.

Anthracite Mines Slowed Down.

Figures of the geological survey show that since the beginning of the coal year, April 1, anthracite mines have produced only a few thousand tons of coal. During that period they usually mine, on the average, about 20,000,000 tons, or nearly one-quarter of the year's requirements. The anthracite mines have only 40 weeks in which to mine the customary 52 weeks' supply. Going at top capacity, with full working force and a full car supply, the geological survey figures show they cannot perform the task because of physical inability.

In the bituminous industry, non-union miners are working at a rate never equalled before. They are producing between five million and six million tons a week. Last Wednesday, when a total of 17,000 carloads was exceeded, was the greatest producing day ever attained in those fields. This week's non-union production, it is estimated, will approximate 5,600,000 tons—the highest on record. That tonnage compares with a weekly consumption of between 8,000,000 and 8,500,000 tons.

Purchases Are Delayed.

The situation in the bituminous industry is remarkable, as it presents a situation never paralleled by it before. With the prospect of an almost certain shortage, industrial coal consumers are delaying their purchases until the new freight rates go into effect, July 1, and for other reasons. There are 300,000 tons of coal on hand now at Hampton Roads, clogging the transportation facilities, awaiting the day when rates go down. Then it will begin to move to New England. In addition there are 300,000 tons more on the way to Hampton Roads.

In Alabama there is so much non-union coal on hand that the bottom is reported to have dropped out of the market. The interstate commerce commission's recent order permitting Alabama coal to travel into the Chicago market at a competitive freight rate with West Virginia coal has brought thousands of tons of coal north, but the Birmingham market is still overloaded. The northwest is reported to have obtained about 6,000,000 tons via the Lakes—about the normal movement thus far in the season—and New England apparently is holding off for the lower rates, markets there being comparatively quiet.

Transportation Is Difficult.

Transportation difficulties have beset the non-union fields of Southwest Virginia and Eastern Kentucky this week, and about 1,000,000 cars of production has been lost therefrom. The railroads in these sections have been overburdened with traffic recently. This week it became a question of track capacity to contain the coal. Sidings and main lines became jammed with loaded coal cars, it was reported here, in excess of the lines' ability to handle them. The situation, however, is being smoothed out.

Extremely active markets were reported in the middle west, with buyers reported eager for good grades with an insufficiency of supply.

Geological survey estimates placed coal stocks at about 63,000,000 tons of bituminous on April 1. Since that time the stock piles have been reduced at the rate of about 3,500,000 tons a week, the survey estimated, that figure representing the difference between consumption and non-union production.

Safety Zone Threatened.

Allowing for 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 tons of coal in transit April 1, the survey estimated that the stock pile has been reduced to about 32,000,000 tons, or by considerably more than 50 per cent. Minimum of safety stocks are placed by the bureau at about 20,000,000 tons.

While industrial distress has been averted thus far, officials are somewhat apprehensive for the coming two weeks. They anticipate a general rush of orders after July 1, when freight rates drop 10 per cent. They are prepared to assist consumers in buying coal; in fact, the department of commerce is rendering such assistance actively at this time, but is certain that at the present rates of non-union production, which is nearing the limit, there soon will be an insufficient supply to go round. Meantime there is little prospect for early strike settlement.

Business generally shows little change except for the tendency to hesitate because of the coal situation. Were it not for that factor, progress toward greater prosperity would be uninterrupted.

Fruit to Be Rushed East.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 24.—Installation of a special fruit train of refrigerator express cars from Yakima direct to St. Paul, Minn., was announced here today by officials of the Northern Pacific railroad. One train, it was stated, will be made up at Yakima at 3 P. M., and will stop at Pasco to pick up the Milton and Freewater, Or., crops. The schedule for another train to leave in the morning has not been completed.

SCENES AT LAYING OF CORNERSTONE FOR NEW ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL AT ST. JOHNS YESTERDAY.

Above—Residents of St. Johns and members of Masonic lodge watching process of laying cornerstone. Below—Captain George L. Edmonstone, acting grand master of Masonic lodge, who officiated at ceremony, and members of official staff.

HEALTH STUDY ADVISED

SOCIAL WORKERS URGE CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION.

Broadening of Public School Lines to Fit Students for Life Advocated.

The constructive or formative side of health as exemplified in scientific health education, was urged for the schools of the state yesterday by the delegates to the annual convention of hte Social Workers' Association of Oregon. The convention closed yesterday afternoon at the public library.

Broadening of educational lines in the public schools so as to fit the pupil for life rather than college, was also advocated by many speakers. The public schools, the speakers said, should teach constructive health, should encourage thrift, and should help the pupils to establish character and create will power. Superintendent of Schools Grout presided at the morning session.

The need for education along social and physical lines was stressed by Dr. E. P. Schaub of Northwestern university and Dr. Edward T. Devine of New York. Dr. Estella Ford Warner spoke on how to establish and maintain high standards of health.

Mrs. N. Guthrie, a former social worker, dealt with health and the home. T. G. Gary, principal at Buckman school, spoke on the subject "Health, a New Note in Education." Mr. Gary has established an enviable record at Buckman school, raising the school to the point where it is regarded throughout the country as a model for health.

A. R. Gephart of the public welfare bureau spoke on child health and family rehabilitation. The afternoon session was held jointly with members of the visiting nurses' association, a number of whom were in Portland en route to Seattle to attend the western convention of the organization.

James E. Brockway was installed as president of the association.

DISABLED VETS GATHER

DELEGATES BEGIN TO ARRIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Annual Convention of Natioal Association to Be Opened Tuesday With Parade.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 24.—A special train bearing approximately 250 delegates to the second annual convention of the Disabled Americans of the World War national organization arrived today from Seattle and Portland. The convention opens Tuesday with a parade.

The delegation included Lieutenant-Governor W. J. Coyle of Washington, who will nominate Ralph S. Horr, Seattle national senior vice-commander, for the office of national commander. Horr arrived yesterday.

A delegation from Michigan arrived today. An arrival tomorrow will be Humphrey Sullivan, personal representative of National Commander MacNider of the American Legion, who will present the legion's greetings to the Disabled Veterans June 29. Charles Kendrick of San Francisco, a national vice-commander of the legion, also will address the convention.

More than 800 delegates are expected. Features of the convention will be the parade, a "feed" at the civic auditorium, presided over by the Gold Star Mothers of San Francisco, and the introduction of more than 400 resolutions. All sailors that can be spared from battleships of the Pacific fleet in the bay will parade.

BIG DRUG SEIZURE MADE

Opium and Cocaine Worth $65,000 Taken From Liner.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—Customs inspectors today seized 140 tins of opium and 300 packages of cocaine, valued at $65,000, aboard the liner Nanking on its arrival from the far east. The narcotics were hidden between double walls in the steerage.

A coast guard cutter lay in wait all last night outside the Golden Gate for the Nanking, but the steamship slipped in betwen the heads in the fogs early today and dropped anchor an hour before the cutter returned.

TWO KLEAGLES OUSTED

California Klan Officials Lose Jobs for Good of Order.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 24.—G. W. Price, king kleagle of the Ku Klux Klan in California, announced he had removed two kleagles from office. He declined to tell their names or the reasons for their removal, except it was "for the good of the organization."

After his recent return from Atlanta, Ga., the headquarters of the klan, Price announced his intention to put the "Pacific domain through a strenuous cleaning process," in case the cleaning was necessary.

He said he was investigating the records of all western klans and that removal of other officers was "more than likely."

RAIL AGENTS PLAN TRIP

Advertising Men to Tour Northern California This Summer.

CHICAGO, June 24.—Railway advertising agents and their wives of the United States and Canada will leave here for a tour of Northern California, July 15, it was announced here today. The invitation to make the trip, extended by the San Francisco chamber of commerce in conjunction with various northern California interests to about 20 roads, has been very generally accepted, according to E. A. Abbott, a Chicago publisher of railroad literature.

Mr. Abbott named 26 agents as among those who would join the party; these included representatives of 10 lines in the eastern and central passenger associations as well as of both the Canadian transportation systems. About two-thirds of those named, or some 17, will be accompanied by their wives, Mr. Abbott added.

POLE CRUSHES MAN, 60

Father of Portland Woman Killed at Lewiston, Idaho.

LEWISTON, Idaho, June 24.—C. E. Whitcomb, 60, local contractor, was killed here today when a telephone pole fell upon him, crushing his skull. He ran in the direction of the pole's fall in his attempt to escape.

His wife, two sons, B. F. Whitcomb and Clifford Whitbcomb, of Lewiston, and two daughters, Mrs. E. W. Weller of Portland, and Mrs. I. E. Zuver of Modesto, Cal., survive him.

STEAK CAUSE OF FIGHT

Patron in Hospital and Manager of Cafe Is in Jail.

LOS ANGELES, June 24.—The difference between a sirloin steak and a T-bone steak led S. A. Cheriss to the receiving hospital and W. W. McDowell, manager of a cafe, to the city jail. Cheriss said he had ordered a sirloin and was served with a T-bone.

He remonstrated.

He argued.

But the argument was ended, he alleged, when McDowell hit him over the head with a hammer.

QUADRUPLE PACT WINS

Japanese Privy Council Approves Treaty Unanimously.

TOKIO, June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Japanese privy council today approved unanimously the quadruple treaty recommended at the Washington arms conference.

The treaty was sent to the prince regent for ratification. He promised that this formally would be carried out.

30,000 PIECES IN QUILT

Woman Works for Years to Finish Unusual Bed-Covering.

BIRMINGHAM, Ia., June 24.—Miss Ella Wiley of this village has finished a quilt with 30,000 pieces of cloth in it and untold millions of stitches. She made it alone.

Miss Wiley worked on the quilt a number of years.

California Educator Drowns.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., June 24.—Professor A. A. Bennett, 67 years old, of Orange, was drowned yesterday when a steel motorboat in which he was riding on Big Bear lake struck a submerged tree and overturned, 35 feet from shore. In the boat with him were Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Pixley and Rosalie Jacoby, 2½ years old, also of Orange. Mrs. Bennett saved the child by nearly losing her own life. A party from shore rescued the survivors. Bennett's body was recovered.

Northwest Fruit Show Set.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 24.—The second annual northwest fruit exposition, conducted by the growers themselves, will be held here October 28 to November 5 with Mrs. Winnie Braden, now with the extension service of Washington State college, as exhibit specialist, in charge, it was announced today by John Gellatly of Wenatchee, president of the exposition.

7 Youths in Gang Arrested.

LOS ANGELES, June 24.—Seven youths, whose ages ranges from 17 to 21 years, have been arrested here as alleged members of a band of automobile bandits and highwaymen, said to have been obtained money and jewelry valued at several thousand dollars in recent robberies. Three of the seven are said to have confessed.

NEW SCHOOL DEDICATED

ROOSEVELT HIGH CEREMONY IS IMPRESSIVE.

Widow of President Sends Message Which Is Read at St. Johns Programme.

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velt's statement which he had read. He stressed the loyalty which citizens of Portland owe to the educational advantages here and pointed out that there must be no lagging in this duty on the part of anyone.

Great Opportunity Cited.

"In this school, named in behalf of one whose memory and acts shall live as long as time endures, the baptism of Americanism which will never leave their souls or hearts will be given to the children of this community," he said.

Pointing out the great opportunity which has been opened for expansion and needed improvements through the bond measure and tax levy passed recently by the voters, Mr. Woodward said that for eight years the Portland schools had lagged behind, but that that was all history now. He likewise emphasized the importance of the people taking an active interest in school affairs.

"The schools are a legacy, your property, and are under the direction of all the people," he said. "You and all others are the partners in this mighty task of giving to our children an education."

Complimenting the people of St. Johns community upon their loyalty in school matters Mr. Woodward recalled the magnificent act of James John, pioneer citizen of the community, after whom the little city was named, whose gift was the first substantial one to be made to further educational progress in Portland schools. Simon Benson was the second donor to this cause.

Franklin High Is Copied.

The new Roosevelt school is an exact replica of the Franklin high school building. It was pointed out by the school directors that the specifications and plans of the Franklin school were used at a saving over what new ones would have cost. The new building will be of 24 rooms and will be built to accommodate 1200 pupils.

Not only will the new school absorb the former pupils of James John high school in St. Johns, but it will likewise accommodate the surplus from Jefferson high school and many from Lincoln high, who will ferry across at St. Johns from the west side of the river. The enrollment in James John high school this year was 400. Jefferson high school, built to accommodate 1200 pupils, had an attendance of more than 2000, and it is expected that the entire building will be used to capacity at its opening.

Side Walls Already Erected.

The side walls for the structure which is of brick construction are already in and every effort will be put forth to get the building finished in time for the opening day of school, September 5. The grounds contain 15 acres. Five acres are taken up by the school building. The 10-acre tract adjoining the building will be fitted up for an athletic field representing the largest level recreation ground in use by any of the Portland high schools.

The new high school building is not located on a paved street and an effort is being made to have the street paved as soon as possible. The figures at the school offices show that there are more than 20 of Portland's school buildings which are not on paved streets which are said to be a decided disadvantage in reaching the buildings with any kind of fire machines in case of fire. The new Roosevelt building, taking the place of the James John high school as it does, will not increase the number of high school buildings in the city. There are five of the classical high schools, the two polytechnic schools and the high school of commerce, bringing the total number up to eight.

Farmer Hangs Himself.

EUGENE, Or., June 24.—(Special.)—Andrew Jackson Cruzan, farmer of the Cloverdale district southwest of Eugene, committed suicide today by hanging himself in his granary. He had been ill and the members of his family said that he had worried because he could find no one to assist him in operating his farm of 500 acres.

"TREASURE" ONLY STONE

Hunters for Jesuit Chest in Ontario Disappointed.

PENETANGUISHENE, Ont., June 24.—The Jesuit treasure chest at the bottom of the Wye river has turned out to be a big flat rock about six feet long, and the inventor of the gold-finding needle is in disgrace.

Captain Bob Caron, whose dredge moved tons of sand to reach the spot where he had been assured the long-lost golden treasure lay, put on his diving suit and descended to locate the chest and hook chains around it. He had been under water about three minutes when bubbles from his air tube increased with such rapidity that onlookers above thought he was under excitement because his search was over.

Excitedly he was hoisted to the dredge and when his helmet was unscrewed the crowd waited with bated breath.

"Up anchor and pull for home," barked the captain. "There's your blasted treasure." And he held up a piece of black rock.

OFFENDER GOES TO JAIL

James A. Leonard Sentenced for Dry Law Transgression.

James A. Leonard, twice sentenced in federal court for violating the prohibition law, yesterday started serving his second sentence, which was for six months in jail, after entering a plea of guilty before Judge Wolverton. He was indicted Friday by the federal grand jury. On a previous occasion he served a three months' sentence. Leonard's home is in Klamath Falls. In addition to the jail term a $100 fine was imposed.

F. E. Smith pleaded guilty to the possession and sale of liquor, having made a sale to federal prohibition agents in his room in the Oxford hotel. He was fined $250.

LUMBERMEN ELECT HEAD

Hardwood Body Selects John W. McClure; Hoover to Get Aid.

CHICAGO, June 24.—John W. McClure of Memphis, Tenn., was elected president of the National Hardwood Lumbermen's association at its silver jubilee meeting here yesterday, it was announced today.

The association adopted a resolution to co-operate with Secretary Hoover in establishing a standardization of grades and sizes in hardwood lumber to facilitate government work. A national sales code for manufacturers, distributors and consumers of hardwood lumber was adopted.

Prisoners Give Jailer Gold Star.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., June 24.—Prisoners in the Kern county jail today presented to Thomas Smith, jailer, a large solid gold star as a token of their regard for him. The star is inscribed on the back with "Presented to Tom Smith by inmates of the Kern county jail." Smith has been jailer for a year and is highly esteemed by the men in the cells. He formerly was a locomotive engineer.

Two to Face Grand Jury.

Lester Hooper and Victor Guild, who have confessed to three recent robberies, among which was the daring holdup of Mrs. C. E. Aiken in her home at 981 East Couch street June 5, waived examination in municipal court yesterday and were held for grand jury action.

Spanish Steamer Coming West.

CADIZ, June 24.—The Spanish steamer Renalic is about to depart for Pacific ports, initiating a service through the Panama canal. The steamer will carry a cargo of Spanish products for commercial propaganda.

NITRATE FUND LIMITED

MONEY FOR MUSCLE SHOALS HELD UP TILL OCTOBER.

Appropriation of $7,500,000 for Dam Construction Approved in House Conditionally.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.—An appropriation of $7,500,000 for new construction work on the Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was authorized today by the house and sent to the senate for concurrence. Under a limitation fixed by the house, however, none of the money can be expended prior to October 1 next.

As authorized originally by the senate when it attached a provision to the army bill providing for renewal of work on the dam, the appropriation was made available for that use as soon as the bill was signed by the president. House republican leaders endeavored to obtain straight-out acceptance of the appropriation as approved by the senate, but were defeated by a combination of democrats and farm bloc republicans.

Final action was taken after Representative Huddleston, democrat, Alabama, had offered an amendment preventing an expenditure on the dam before January 1, 1923, and not then if the Ford proposal to purchase and lease the Muscle Shoals properties should have been accepted by congress. His motion was lost, 119 to 132. The vote on the substitute offered by Representative James, republican, Michigan, fixing the date as October 1, was adopted, 145 to 105.

Two hours' debate on the appropriation preceded the final voting. During that time Representtive Mondell of Wyoming, the republican leader, and other majority spokesmen urged that the dam be completed without delay, and criticised the democrats for favoring postponement of work until October and January.

Democratic spokesmen, supported by republicans, who favored the Ford offer, pointed out in reply that they wanted action by congress on Henry Ford's offer, and did not propose to have that postponed. By October, they said, the house would have had an opportunity to vote on it, and if work was begun on the dam meanwhile, serious complications, beyond the power of congress to adjust before final adjournment of this session, probably would result in the indefinite suspension of action on the Detroit manufacturer's offer.

Representative Garrett, Tennessee, the democratic leader, appealed to Mr. Mondell and later to Representative Madden, Illinois, chairman of the appropriations committee, to bring in the bill favorably reported by the military committee, providing for the conditional acceptance of the Ford bid. In each instance he was informed it was impossible to comply with his request, because of the legislative situation in the house, and that if the James or Huddleston amendments carried, the democrats would have to shoulder responsibility for delaying construction work on the dam.

William F. Karbel Bankrupt.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed yesterday by William F. Karbel, insurance agent of Portland, who listed his liabilities at $18,812 and his assets at $600. Carl McGhee of Portland, a clerk, filed a similar petition, giving no assets and his liabilities as $6564. Trojan Tucker, a Umatilla county farmer, scheduled assets of $2220 and liabilities amounting to $4510 in a bankruptcy petition.