

# COAL SHORTAGE WAS NOT PANIC

## Government Officials Are Charged With Profiteering by Cushing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Charges that government officials joined in coal profiteering during the period of shortage last summer were made by George H. Cushing, managing director of the American wholesale coal association, testifying under oath today before a senate investigating committee. In an executive session

the committee, according to Senator Calder, republican of New York, its chairman, was furnished by Mr. Cushing with the name of one man said to have been a principal in an operation by which a group of men in government service obtained 450,000 tons of coal, which they sold later at a profit of \$600,000. Railroad officials and one army officer also participated in the profit-making. Mr. Cushing was by Chairman Calder to have charged.

This phase of Mr. Cushing's testimony before the committee overshadowed the rest of his statement, which was to the effect that the coal shortage last summer was due to "panic" and largely caused by statements of the interstate commerce commission, the geological survey, the railroad administration and the

senate interstate commerce committee telling the consuming public about a coal shortage this winter. J. A. D. Morrow, vice president of the national coal association, an organization of operators, the office records of which were examined last week by the senate committee, took the stand late in the day and began a denial of the "panic" theory advanced by Cushing to explain the shortage. Mr. Morrow was excused until tomorrow, when the committee took Mr. Cushing into executive session.

Chairman Calder later recounted a part of Mr. Cushing's statement, saying that no names would be made public until investigation of the charges was completed. Certain of this, it was said, Cushing testified, were able to obtain information as to communities where shortage conditions were particularly feared and possessed information as to the effect of priority orders obtained on the information for furnishing of coal cars. These officials were also said to have information as to coal in transit, and to have been able to obtain supplies which could be diverted to more lucrative markets. One "pool" mentioned by Cushing, Senator Calder said, involved 450,000 tons, while other operations were said to have been intimated. The government official named by Cushing was said by the witness to have resigned some time ago.

Mr. Cushing in the open session said that railroad officials had joined in the profit-making, "by diverting shipments going over their own rails to new destinations," but refused to give names except in confidence, "because my muckracking days are over."

### Clara Barton Smith May Surrender Late Today

ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 21.—At Sheriff Buck Garrett of Carter county, late tomorrow, according to an announcement here tonight

and Mexican, not far from El Paso, Clara Barton Smith, sought on a charge of murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Jake L. Hamon here, will surrender to Sheriff Buck Garrett of Carter county, late tomorrow, according to an announcement here tonight by James H. Mathers of the law firm of Mathers and Conkley, retained as counsel for Miss Smith. If Miss Smith surrenders, a search for her that has become nationwide will be ended. —Use Statesman Classified Ads.

### 132 Polish Orphans Arrive in Seattle

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—One hundred and thirty-two Polish orphans from Siberia, destined for Chicago, arrived here today on the Japanese liner Suwa Maru. The children, in charge of a Red Cross committee, range in age from 6 years to 17. They were taken in charge by a committee of the Seattle branch of the American-Polish relief association and will be cared for here until after Christmas when they will leave for Chicago.

### Portland Man is Named Assistant to Van Winkle

James West, who has been associated with Elisha A. Baker, Portland lawyer, was yesterday appointed by I. H. Van Winkle, attorney general, as one of the assistants in that department. Mr. West will assume his new duties shortly after the first of the year. He is an overseas veteran and was connected with a headquarters company in France.

### Portland Indulges in Secret Police Inquiry

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—Police Captain C. A. Inskeep was suspended for 24 hours today on orders of acting Mayor C. A. Bigelow for alleged failure to have patrolmen of his detail appear today before the city council which investigated alleged delay of the police department in closing soft drink resorts accused of violating the prohibition law. Capt. L. A. Harms and Sergeant H. Oelsner was reprimanded for the same reason. Inquiry by the council was halted half a day by the policemen's failure to appear, the acting mayor charged. The inquiry today developed that various city officials have been conducting a secret investigation of the police.

### Waterpower From Umatilla Rapids Urged by Interests

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 21.—Development of water power at Umatilla rapids in the Columbia is to be urged by irrigation interests of Umatilla and Morrow counties, Oregon, and Benton county, Wash., at a meeting soon to be called at Umatilla, according to announcement today. Engineer reports on the feasibility of the project have just been issued. Plans are to harness the rapids for hydro-electric energy and use this in pumping water to the John Day and Horseheaven countries for irrigation. Possible electrification of railroads on both sides of the river is another factor.

### Ban Johnson Answers Attack of Col. Huston

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—President Ban Johnson of the American league tonight issued a statement replying to the charges made yesterday in New York by Colonel T. L. Huston, part owner of the New York club, that the American league had violated a precedent in choosing its board of directors by ballot at the recent meeting. Mr. Johnson said that the league had always resorted to the ballot instead of using the usual rotation method, when it was found the rotation method would bring an "undesirable member" to the board. "At our meeting," said Mr. Johnson, "it was the sentiment that two members should not be brought into the directorate, as they had attempted to wreck the American league. Mr. Rupert of New York, was elected a member of the board but declined to serve. The club owners then elected Mr. Shibe to fill his place. Colonel Huston once removed from the files of the New York American league club a private letter I wrote Colonel Rupert regarding the gambling situation in Boston. He conveyed the contents of that letter to President Heydler of the National league thinking I could not prove the statements I had made in it. I did prove them to the satisfaction of Mr. Fridler

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## Boys and Girls

### Santa Claus Is Coming

Old Santa Claus is coming, I can hear the merry shout, He's coming with a bag Chuck full of toys.

He'll visit every Boy or Girl Who comes to WOODRY'S STORE Next Friday, as the clock is striking Four.

He'll have a little gift To hand to you that day, Be sure to be on hand Don't doubt or fear.

But when you get your present, Blow on it loud, my dear, And tell the World you're whistling For WOODRY—The AUCTIONEER.

DEAR OLD PETE:

Winston-Salem, N. C. Friday p. m.

Just wound up the one swellest day of my life! Since early this morning, when I got an invitation to visit R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. factories, I've been in the midst of millions of Camel cigarettes.

Man—the happiest idea you or I ever had as to the size of this Reynolds enterprise, or the number of Camels manufactured daily, is simply piker-stuff! Wipe off the slate and start fresh! Why—Pete, it seemed to me like a couple of those cigarette-making machines could keep half the nation smoking Camels steadily—BUT—honest to goodness, there are hundreds of these machines bating out Camels at the rate of 27,000 an hour—EACH!

Pete, you wouldn't have to consult a guide book to know you were in the Camel factories! The atmosphere is charged with that wonderful aroma you get when you open up a deck of Camels! And, you know, old elephant—you've had a trunk full!

As the Camels dropped into the containers I figured the delight each one would supply! And, how Camels mellow, mild body would hit the right spot and how Camels refreshing flavor would cheer up some smoker's jaded appetite! And, each Camel free from any unpleasant cigarette aftertaste or unpleasant cigaretty odor! And—

Pete—I'll have to lay off and light another Camel! Write you some more soon.

Yours joyously

Shorty. Camel CIGARETTES

## THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Is being carried out this year in what is considered probably the most unique and stable manner that has been in evidence for many seasons past.

People are purchasing merchandise of the "lasting" nature, says W. W. Moore, merchandise that is a necessity not only for Xmas day but for all year round. Several weeks ago we arranged a room for storage of gifts to be delivered the day before Xmas and now we find it necessary to enlarge the storage space, the original room being filled to the door.

We will have a large stock of good staple Furniture for Gifts that will be appreciated not only Xmas daybut year in and year out.

What would make a better gift than a Victrola. Ask about our special offer on the number ten.

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FURNITURE STORE  
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You get more for your money at MOORES'

## THREE DAYS MORE and Christmas Is Here

We have certainly done an exceptional business and we intend to make the last three days even busier. We intend to clean up thoroughly.

### Extra Specials on Broken Lines

We here mention a few extra specials

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| Leather Purses   | French Ivory          |
| Hand Carved Bags | Sweetgrass Baskets    |
| Velvet Bags      | Japanese Baskets      |
| Bead Bags        | Boys' Suits           |
| Ladies' Dresses  | Blankets              |
| Auto Robes       | Jersey Silk Underwear |

Our showing of Silk Kimonos, Negligee and Japanese Embroidered Kimonos have received the recognition they deserve. Our sales have been most gratifying — but small wonder, when you see the charmingly and beautifully embroidered styles, and find how reasonably they are priced.

All Ladies' Blanket Bath Robes Heavily Reduced  
Shop Mornings If Possible

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If price is any object, we will not have many Tricycles, Wagons, Wheelbarrows, Doll Buggies, Jamy Cars, Kiddie Kars, Rocking Horses, Irish Mills, Red Riders, Carts, Toy Brooms, Dressers, Tables, Kindergarten Chairs, Rockers, or Toy Talking Machines by Friday, 6 p.m.

As an extra special for the next three days, we will sell

### Genuine Kiddie Kars

at the following prices:

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| Reg. \$4.50 No. 4 Genuine Kiddie Kar | now \$2.75 |
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