

OLD COAL MINES. FOUND MENACING, CHECKED BY WPA

PITTSBURGH (UP)—Abandoned coal mines are proving a menace to Pittsburgh and other western Pennsylvania towns, some of which owe their very existence to the now worthless workings.

These mines are now under surveillance of works progress administration authorities in Pennsylvania. Property damage caused by these underground liabilities runs high.

Underground liabilities runs high. And in some instances even houses are destroyed or made uninhabitable for those persons unfortunate enough to dwell in the abandoned area.

Many of the pits are afe. And they smolder for years far underground, usually sending columns of steam and smoke out of small vents in the surface.

Occasionally miniature eruptions destroy houses and damage streets. Sulphurous waters flow from some of them, polluting streams in the region and killing fish.

The most dangerous type is that in which fire is smoldering. The fire eats gradually through coal seams until it reaches a point near the surface. Sometimes live coals will set fire to a dwelling or damage a water main.

Often, however, the ground caves in, destroying whatever happens to be standing on it.

Approximately 2,103 men will be given a year's work in 21 counties in the bituminous region to check the ravages of the abandoned mines. The work will be sponsored by the works progress administration.

Officials emphasize that the work will not only be that of putting out mine fires, but also to stop pollution of streams throughout western Pennsylvania. The mines to be sealed have not been chosen. Releases must first be obtained from their owners.

Secret service agents found hidden in the ceiling of the room the plates from which the spurious currency was manufactured by prisoners assigned to engraving and photographic duties.

A bundle of the counterfeit notes also was found in the cache, for which authorities had been searching since the arrest of Dan Wilson, paroled convict, earlier in the week. Two other ex-convicts also were held in the case.

150 Perish in Fire. TIENTSIN, China, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Firemen removed 150 bodies from the ruins of a district houses destroyed in a fire today. They said they believed many more bodies were burned in the debris. The blaze left 1,300 persons without shelter.

Klamath Pair to Wed. RENO, Nev., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Marriage license: John W. Crosslin, 31, and Miriam E. Grubb, 23, both Klamath Falls, Ore.

About 40 per cent of Germany's motor fuel is obtained from agricultural products, chiefly potatoes.

Girls' "Mimzy" Perfume is as fresh as spring. Young's Drug Store, Main and S Central.

Meteorological Report

February 14, 1936. Forecasts. Medford and vicinity: Occasional rain tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature.

Oregon: Occasional rain west and snow east portion tonight and Saturday; slightly warmer in north and east portions tonight.

Local Data. Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 45; lowest, 30.

Total monthly precipitation, .28 inch. Deficiency for the month, .81 inch.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1935, 13.94 inches. Excess for the season, 2.52 inches.

Relative humidity at 3 p. m. yesterday, 55%; 5 a. m. today, 100%. Sunrise tomorrow, 7:07 a. m. Sunset tomorrow, 5:44 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m., 120 Meridian Time.

Table with columns: CITY, High Temp., Low Temp., Precipitation, Wind, Weather. Rows include Boise, Boston, Chicago, Denver, El Paso, Helena, Los Angeles, MEDFORD, New York, Omaha, Phoenix, Portland, Reno, Roseburg, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane, Walla Walla, Washington, D.C.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HERE is a question that often arises: "How much game do hunters kill?"

Those meek and long-suffering wives who clean and cook what their husbands bring home will sigh wearily at times and answer: "Too much," whereas those wives who have to make budget ends meet will reply unenthusiastically: "Too darned little in proportion to what it costs."

Cynical friends will put in: "Not as much as they CLAIM to."

DOWN in California, they have a quaint Spanish custom that requires the hunter to put down on his license everything that falls to his gun during the year, so that when the 12 months are up the statisticians can get busy and figure up what happened.

(Whether the hunter takes along a secretary to keep tally, or does the job himself, is left to his own discretion. At least, they haven't come yet to the point of assigning one game warden to take the shooter's word.)

At any rate, they get it into the books.

AT THE end of 1935, Joe E. Hunter, chief of game referees for the California fish and game commission, selected 10,000 licenses from those returned by hunters, picking them at random from over the state so as to get a fair showing, and counted up the kill.

The totals are interesting. Here they are:

Table listing animal counts: Deer (3,112), Bear (34), Rabbits (48,932), Ducks (43,792), Geese (3,406), Pheasants (2,339), Doves (65,865), Pigeons (7,080), Quail (79,884), Coyotes (2,412)

At first glance, that looks like an awful lot of game to fall before the hunters' guns—stirring the thought that in a little while, at this rate, the game will all be gone.

But it must be remembered that 10,000 hunters are a lot of hunters. The average per hunter isn't so great.

TAKE the case of quail, for example. According to these figures, nearly

80,000 quail were bagged by these 10,000 shooters, but when you start doing arithmetic you discover that this was only about EIGHT quail per hunter, for the whole season. That doesn't look so big.

THESE figures bring home the fact that limits are important—for it stands to reason that each hunter didn't kill his average of eight quail or four ducks. Some hunters killed a lot more and others a lot less—including those who get skunked.

If limits permitted, the kill would probably run into rather staggering totals. Even as it is, figures from these 10,000 licenses show that it takes a lot of game to keep ALL the hunters going.

THE figures here quoted were supplied the writer by Tom Stanley, secretary of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association, whose business it is to bring outdoor people with money to spend into the Wonderland counties. Probably the thought in his mind was that if we're going to have hunting and fishing for our paying visitors, we're going to have to be careful with our resources.

Silver coins worth five milreis (about 30 cents) and nickel coins worth 300 reis (about 2 cents) will make their appearance in Brazil soon under a bill approved by the finance committee of the chamber of deputies.

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