

'Laborless' Fuels Threaten To Gobble Up Coal Market

Washington, Mar. 21—(U.P.)—Two "laborless" fuels are threatening to gobble up markets of the soft coal industry, which blames its poor competitive position on John L. Lewis. Operators say their future depends on their ability to control production costs. But they have a problem not

found in the competing oil and natural gas industries: Labor represents 80 per cent of coal production costs, and its price is going higher and higher. Pumps and pipes do most of the work in gas and oil production. Cost control is impossible without "free collective bargaining" and that, coal operators say, is

Antwerp Dock Men Balk At King's Return

Brussels, Belgium, Mar. 21—(U.P.)—More than 25,000 longshoremen and shipyard workers in Antwerp walked out today in a 24-hour warning strike against the return of King Leopold, paralyzing Europe's largest port. The new strike emphasized the socialist party's warning that it will continue to call 24-hour strikes in various industries until Leopold abdicates in favor of his 19-year-old son, Prince Baudouin.

Acting Premier Gaston Eyskens, meanwhile, began consultations with party leaders to form a short-term coalition cabinet with the liberals dedicated to the king's return. Eyskens resigned Saturday when five of the eight liberal party ministers in his cabinet refused to approve the king's return on the basis of his 57 per cent majority in the recent plebiscite.

Security First, Economy Second Johnson Claims

Washington, Mar. 21—(U.P.)—Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson said today he is determined to press his drive to trim all the "fat" off the military budget despite criticisms from congress or military leaders. As in the past, he said, much of the savings will be ploughed back into the army, navy and air force to increase their combat power. "National security first, economy second," he said. Reviewing his first stormy year in the office that contributed to the death of his predecessor, the late James Forrestal, Johnson said in an interview that his double-barreled program of unification and economy is progressing satisfactorily.

impossible with Lewis at the helm of the United Mine Workers.

While the industry struggles to hang on to customers, pipelines carrying other fuels burrow deeper into traditional coal markets.

The government reports that 29,000 miles of natural gas lines were built between 1942 and last November. It says the gas industry will spend more than \$3,000,000,000 for expansion by 1952, 80 per cent of it for natural gas facilities.

Imports Flood Market: Meanwhile, huge imports of middle eastern and Caribbean oil flood Atlantic seaboard markets, driving down prices.

The interior department's bituminous coal advisory council contends that increased imports since last 1948 have caused "significant damage" to the nation's fuel economy.

The council says 1,000,000 barrels of oil displace 250,000 tons of coal production, 250 miners and 230 railroad and other transport workers.



STRICTLY FOR SHOW—Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek talks with a young patient at the General Hospital in Tainchung during her rapid four-day tour of Formosa. She was very angry when informed by patients that the clean bedding and wonderful treatment she saw was strictly for her benefit and not normal. Exclusive photo by Richard C. Ferguson, NEA-Acme staff correspondent.

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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The shadows fall about me like a cloak. A shroud that hides me from the world and you. I sit alone and once again relive the love we knew. I see your happy, carefree walk—your eyes revealing wordless little thoughts—your smile. Glimmering from lips I love, do you grieve, too? Once in a while? —Anne Morris.

The New York Infirmary, a hospital for women and children has been staffed entirely by women doctors for ninety-six years! It was founded by Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, first woman physician to practice in the United States. I intend to visit the New York Infirmary soon. All my life I have wanted to see a beautiful, red-haired feminine physician, but never have. Maybe there is such a rarity on the all-female staff of this hospital. Television Note

The Duchess of Windsor, in refusing offers to appear on television programs, said: "I look terrible on television. It makes me look like a Maryland horse."

Why the Duchess said "A Maryland horse" baffles me. Are Maryland horses particularly unattractive? Would the Duchess consider it a more favorable situation if she looked like a Kentucky horse? Seems to me the Maryland horses have been insulted by the Duchess and the horse breeders of that state should protest.

On The Bus In London a man offered a bus conductor a twenty-pound note to pay for a shilling fare. Wonder what the United States record is for offering a large bill for a bus fare? A driver on a Madison avenue bus told me he kept twenty dollars in nickels handy to use as a cure for people offering large bills for fare. One day a man offered this driver a ten-dollar bill for a seven-cent fare and received his change in nickels!

Asking Queries from clients. Q. What is the real name of the boxer, Joey Maxim? A. Joseph Antonio Bernadinelli. Q. Do you know a poem titled "I shall never forget You, Broadway"? A. Can't quote it offhand, but you will find it in the works of Carl Sandburg.

Passing By Elba Bjornes. Tall, beautiful, blonde stewardess of the good ship Annafell, which flies the flag of Iceland. Once a resident of N. Y. City, she now lives in Reykjavik. Elba, a bachelorette, is the only female in the Annafell's crew of twenty-three. Quite an interesting situation, that. One beautiful blonde and twenty-two men sailing the high seas together. Maybe there is the basis of a good play or movie in it. . . . Veronica Dengel. Expert on streamlining the female figure. Author of that book titled "Figure Fitness in Fifteen Days." Veronica is also a Mules & Men expert and has written a book of helpful hints on husband training called "Hold Your Man."

Asides Russell Sage, the Manhattan multimillionaire, had the reputation of being extremely thrifty. He left his wife a fortune of \$48,

000,000. Mrs. Sage, who had never approved of her husband's extreme thriftiness, gave away to charity, educational institutions, hospitals, etc., an average of \$18,000 a day for three years. . . . It is remarkable to what extent some war veterans overcome their disabilities. For example, Dr. Manuel Loos of Hamburg, Germany, who lost a leg in the last war, overcame his disability so well he high-jumped five feet eleven inches.

The Marquess of Milford Haven, who married Mrs. Romaine Pierce Simpson of Washington, D. C., can boast of family ties with Queen Victoria. However, his lovely bride is not without some distinguished ancestors. As for example, her great-great-great-grandfather, George Rogers Clark, fought the Indians when George Washington was president.

The population of the United States, including armed forces overseas, totaled about 150,183,000 on Nov. 1, 1949, the census bureau reports.

WEATHER By United Press Northern California: Occasional cloudiness north and fair south portion today, tonight and Wednesday. Occasional rain in Ukiah-Red Bluff northward tonight and early Wednesday. Little temperature change. West to northwest winds 7-4 m.p.h. south of San Francisco and south to southwest winds 10-20 m.p.h. north of San Francisco.

BOOM DAYS AHEAD Anchorage, Alaska (U.P.)—Two Alaska towns which boomed during the Klondike gold rush, Skagway and Dyea, may be in for expansion because of aluminum. The Aluminum Corporation of America has bought land near the two villages in connection with development of a proposed \$70,000,000 aluminum plant at Dyea and administration offices at Skagway.

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