

## THE BROKEN YEAR AND HOW TO MEND IT

A Discussion of Some of the Problems Presented in the Coal Strike and Threatened Shortage of this Necessity—The Richest Coal Country in the World Cannot Get its Own Coal.

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The present lack of public anxiety over the coal situation is not at all novel. The popular feeling toward coal has always been a sort of Irish variety of chills and fever. The average citizen doesn't get thoroughly warmed up on the subject.

Yet disregard of unpleasant facts does not stave off disaster. Paralysis of industry and transportation on a country-wide scale is the natural outcome of a coal shortage if carried to the extreme that can not be many weeks distant. Serious as the present situation is, however, there are fundamental problems more insistent for solution than even the pending differences between employer and employee. These basal problems affect the whole coal industry to some degree but especially the bituminous branch. Clear up the economics of the business and a lasting settlement of labor controversy would become a possibility; leave these questions unanswered and industrial peace can not be expected to survive the usual two-year armistice.

What coal producers and coal consumers alike need is reform of the business rather than compromise between parties to the controversy, and in this reform it is absolutely essential that the mine worker should cooperate with the mine operator. Too long have the mine owners treated the coal business as private privilege and too long have the labor leaders with no less monopolistic attitude obstructed every move for underground efficiency and economy. The people's coal costs too much because of the mistaken idea that mine owner and mine worker can continue to fight over contracts and rules. Cheaper coal and larger earnings will come when engineering is emphasized more and bargaining less.

In terms of engineering, the coal industry has a bad load factor; translated into human relations, poorly functioning mines mean poorly employed miners. A longer working year would seem at first glance, desirable to mine owner, mine worker, and consumer alike. Why not get it. The trouble with our soft coal mines is not so much the broken year as the broken month, the broken week, and even the broken day. The running time is broken into small pieces, for mine operation is not simply seasonal, it is intermittent. In that theoretical mine of the statistician, the average mine of the country, we find November a longer month than Jun., by 25 per cent. and Jun. longer than Apr., by 10 per cent, and yet the working time in a normal November is only 19 to 21 days. And irregularity creeps into the working week and the working day, for Friday and Saturday are normally shorter days than Monday. Granted that the workers in other industries suffer the handicap of seasonal unemployment, our problem, and the national problem just now, is the betterment of the working time of coal mines, and especially bituminous coal mines.

That average mine is located nowhere in particular, and the average working time by States and fields shows marked and significant differences. The average year in the Southern Appalachian region is a fourth longer than the average year in the Southern Appalachian region is a fourth longer than the average year in the Central Competitive District. With 215 days as the average year for the whole country we find a 27% day average in New Mexico, 247 days in Alabama, and 223 days in West Virginia, as against 202 days in Missouri, 197 days in Illinois, and 192 days in Oklahoma. For the soft coal miner this is plainly not a land of equal opportunity.

Markets, quality of coal, mine costs

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## GREENSBORO REPORT OF ORPHAN'S HOME

Detailed Facts and Figures Covering Activities of the Children's Home at Greensboro Prepared by the State Superintendent. Heavy Demands Made on Orphanages of North Carolina

To Our Friends—We hand you a report covering operations for the month of May, 1922. We take pleasure in stating that we have made final liquidations of all outstanding accounts against the Society and there are no obligations whatever, except the current operating expenses. This is a comfortable condition and we hope to maintain the same from now on.

We have been able to increase our field supervision during the current month as you will note the figures show that our personal representative has visited 67 foster homes. You will also note an unusual increase in the number of applications received for children. We have recorded 291 separate homes offered within the last thirty days. This enables us to be very choice in our selection of foster homes and will be reflected in a still higher standard than ever. We have been slightly overcrowded during the month in our baby ward and were forced to use boarding homes for four infants.

We have sent one of our promising girls to College at Lees McRae Institute at Banner Elk, N. C., the financial arrangement for this being provided by Mr. Joseph Taylor, Jr., of Greensboro, N. C. We hope to make special arrangements for several more of our larger girls who show promising ambitions and to whom we wish to give a proper education.

We have increased the efficiency of our home supervision department by arranging to equip the same with a Ford car on July 1st. This will enable our representative to remain in a neighborhood sufficient length of time to secure increased information. We have heretofore been using public conveyances and the autos of Superintendents of Public Welfare. This has not been satisfactory as the parties do not wish their cars to remain out indefinite periods of time and our representative is forced to make hurried visits and consequently short reports. This will entirely be overcome when we have our own means of transportation.

The Superintendent contemplates a visit to the National Child Welfare Convention which will be held at Providence, Rhode Island during the month of June. During the good weather of the summer months we hope many of our Directors will visit the receiving home, 624 Fairmont street, Greensboro, N. C., and give us the benefit of their advice.

The health of the children and operating force has been good during the month. Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN J. PHOENIX,  
State Superintendent.

STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH	
New cases reported.....	43
Adjustments made by the Superintendents of Public Welfare.....	8
Applications withdrawn.....	8
New homes offered for children.....	291
Homes accepted.....	25
Homes rejected.....	13
Homes withdrawn by applicants.....	42
Children received.....	25
Children placed.....	24
Homes supervised by Superintendents of Public Welfare.....	21
Reports received from foster parents.....	69
Homes supervised by personal representative of the Society.....	67
Legal adoptions executed.....	14
Operations for adenoids.....	3
Children boarded out.....	4
Children withdrawn from homes from homes not up to our standard.....	1
Children in the Receiving Home May 31, 1922.....	25
Children in College.....	1

At the time of the Civil War only three per cent of the population of the United States lived in cities, while today more than one-half are city dwellers.

## DO IT NOW

If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing,  
If you like him or you love him; tell him now;  
Don't withhold your approbation 'til the parson makes oration  
And he lies with snowey lilies o'er his brow;  
For no matter how you about it, he won't really care about it;  
He won't know how many tear drops you have shed;  
If you think some praise is due him, now's the time to slip it to him,  
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.  
More than fame and more than money is the comment kind and sunny,  
The hearty, warm approval of a friend,  
For it gives to life a savor and it makes you stronger, braver,  
And it gives you heart and spirit to the end.  
If he earns your praise—bestow it; if you like him—let him know it;  
Let the words of true encouragement be said;  
Do not wait 'til life is over and he's underneath the colver,  
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.

## IN HONOR OF MISS EFFIE MAE HERRING

One of the most original and delightful of the many pre-nuptial affairs honoring Miss Effie Mae Herring whose marriage to Mr. Rupert Jernigan will take place Thursday evening in Aulander, was the picnic shower given by the younger set at Colerain Monday afternoon.

After a swim in the river the party spread a most delicious lunch on the beach and presented Mr. Jernigan with a handsome swimming bag containing many useful and lovely gifts. The gifts were presented with the following clever letter:

Once Upon a time  
There was a Bride,  
And the Bride had friends  
Who wanted to do something  
Awfully nice for her.  
So they,  
The friends,  
Powdered their noses,  
And chewed their nails,  
And fluffed up their bobbed hair,  
And tried to get some  
Practical use  
Of what they had in their heads  
After so long a time—  
Results.

It was raining this particular day  
And the name of the results  
Was inspired by the obvious—  
A shower,  
There.

But every Bride  
Has a Groom.  
Not the kind that  
Is chambermaid  
To horses,  
But a Bridegroom,  
And that is quite different.  
Even so  
He has small reason  
For ever considering  
Himself important,  
Except-er-  
For the purpose  
Of buying the flowers  
And tipping the preacher.  
Therefore,  
Be it Resolved,  
That we the Herein Mentioned,  
Zu, Roy,  
Ichabod,  
Hal, Joe,  
Joyce and Nod,  
Nigon,  
Wayland,  
Sallie,  
Ruth and Mitch,  
Freddie,  
Tina and Jack,  
Ruby and Young Myers,  
And a few others, it is hoped,  
Have discovered our Hearts  
To the Groom  
This time,  
So  
Here's to 'Pert and his Bride,  
Long life,  
Love,  
And Happiness.

Mrs. Freddie Burden Fuller honored Miss Effie Mae Herring, a charming bride-elect of Aulander, with a delightful and elaborate five o'clock tea last Thursday evening. The menu consisted of frozen consommé, cold fried chicken a la Maryland, escaloped macaroni, lettuce salad, iced tea, pickles, pie a la mode, au cafe, and

## THREE WOMEN HURT IN AUTO CRASH

The following account of an automobile accident in Norfolk appeared in the Ledger-Dispatch of Monday.

Three women were injured as a result of an automobile collision Sunday morning about 11:45 o'clock at the intersection of Church and Granby streets at the south entrance of Lafayette Park. The injured were Mrs. W. A. Zambelli, 4215 Myers avenue; Mrs. Edith Heck 4218 Myers avenue, and Mrs. Julian Thomas, of Ahoskie, N. C. Injuries of none of the victims are regarded as serious.

W. A. Zambelli, operating an automobile belonging to Baldwin Myers, was driving south in Granby street. In the car with him were his wife and Mrs. Heck, a neighbor. D. L. Thomas, of Ahoskie, N. C., was driving north in Granby street. Other occupants of his car were his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Thomas. The North Carolinian's car is said to have struck the right fender of the machine driven by Zambelli, jamming it against the curbing.

Mrs. Zambelli was thrown from the front seat to the pavement and Mrs. Julian Thomas was injured by flying glass. Mrs. Heck sustained bruises. Mrs. Zambelli and Mrs. Heck were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital by Detective Leon Nowitsky. Mrs. Thomas was attended by a private physician.

Following the accident Thomas and Zambelli swore out counter warrants against each other, each accusing the other of recklessly operating an automobile. Hearing in the cases will be held in Police Court this morning.

The case above was called to trial as scheduled in police court Monday morning, and was then continued until July 7th.

## YE SCRIBE AND YE PHARISES

The following was included in the "Pity Paragraphs" in the Wilmington Star Monday. If we thought it would work again we should be tempted to try it:

"The editor of a small town newspaper recently published this squib: 'If a certain prominent business man in this town doesn't stop hugging his stenographer—we will publish his name in this paper.'

"The next day 37 prominent citizens called and paid their subscription five years in advance; he received 37 columns of new advertising to run indefinitely, and was told 37 times that a man oughtn't to believe every rumor he hears."

A radio telephone at each of the 70 tables of a San Francisco hotel enables the diners to listen to one of several concerts that are broadcasted daily. Diners now eat while listening and the hotels of the city are making preparations to have wireless phones installed in their guest rooms.

cheese and crackers. Those enjoying Mrs. Fuller's hostess, Miss Ruth Lassiter, hospitality were, the honor guest Miss Vivian Lassiter, Messrs. Rupert Jernigan, Joe Carrol, Roy Holloman, and Milton Burden.

## STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COMPILED FOR READERS OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY HERALD

The Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, headquarters in Raleigh, has announced the successful negotiation of a loan of \$30,000,000 from the War Finance Corporation. The proceeds from this loan will be used to make advances on the coming tobacco crop by the Cooperative Association. The loan is secured by the tobacco farmers in the three states named above who contracted to deliver all their tobacco for the next five years to the Association.

Home grown watermelons are reported as being on sale in Robeson county.

R. T. Howerton, Sr., one of the State's most prominent Baptist laymen, dropped dead while lecturing before the Baraca Class Sunday school in Durham Sunday.

With only a few more days left, the Secretary of State, Raleigh, reports that hardly one-half of the old automobile licenses expiring, have been renewed. Either the office will be swamped at the last minute or many people will be delinquent this year.

Citizens of Rocky Mount have been suffering from burglars during the past week. Numerous residences and one office have been entered. The amount of the hauls obtained by the thieves so far has been relatively small. Their identity has not been learned.

Miss Ethel Parker, candidate for the Legislature from Gates county, has challenged the opposing candidate to meet her in a series of joint debates. Mr. Simpson, the opposing candidate, evidently has had previous experience in joint debates with ladies for he has declined the invitation.

A truck driven by Elijah Dunn, colored, near Kinston Saturday, left the roadway and collided with a horse drawn vehicle parked in the yard of a home. The collision resulted in the death of James Hill, age 12 and perhaps fatally injured Mrs. Julia Ann Smith and a one-year old infant. The negro claims that the steering gear broke but reports are that he was drinking at an excessive rate of speed. The truck was loaded with colored laborers, several of whom were also injured. Feeling ran so high against Dunn on account of the accident that he requested the authorities to put him in jail which they did.

A most unusual occurrence is reported from Kinston. It seems that burglars made vigorous attempts to rob the printing office of George Wells located in that city. Their efforts were unsuccessful as was evidenced by marks of crowbars and other instruments on the two doors of the place. The owner of the place stated that the miscreants missed no fortune on account of their failure.

J. D. Hyatt, age 76, a well known planter and a Confederate veteran, of Polkton, N. C., died in the Memorial Hospital in Richmond Sunday as a result of a paralytic stroke suffered while attending the Confederate reunion.

A motor road to the summit of Mount Mitchell in the western part of this state, has just been completed. The highway is 22 miles long and has an average grade of 3 1-2 per cent, is built of cinders and cost \$150,000. Mount Mitchell is the highest peak east of the Rocky Mountains.

John Lamson, age 28 of Raleigh was drowned Sunday at Lassiters near Raleigh. It is supposed that he was seized with cramps and went down before being able to call for help. No one was near the young man when the accident occurred and he was not missed until nearly 12 hours after the accident and his body was not recovered until the next day.

Employment activities in North Carolina are reported as continuing to improve, in fact there is an urgent demand for skilled and unskilled labor. During the past week the six offices maintained by the Employment Bureau have been swamped with applications from students out of school for the summer months. Many have been placed but this class has more difficulty in obtaining work. Wilmington appears to have been the best city for a man out of work during the past week.

A special term of Superior Court is being held in Hertford for the trial of both civil and criminal cases. The most important case to be tried is that of the State vs. H. C. Sullivan, former cashier of the Farmers Bank and Trust Co., for an alleged shortage in his accounts of about \$60,000. The shortage was discovered during February and resulted in the wrecking of the bank.

Unable to swim, Ralph Icard, 17 years old, stepped into water over his head in the Catawba river near Hickory, N. C., Sunday, and was drowned. His body was not recovered.

The city of Greensboro has just negotiated the sale of a bond issue totaling the sum of \$1,000,000. The proceeds of the bonds will be used for school purposes, sewers, and street improvements.

The Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh has taken steps involving the expenditure of the sum of \$200,000 for three new dormitories, an industrial building and other enlargements and improvements.

Early curing of tobacco is in progress in the eastern belt. In a few days curing fires will be built in many barns, and a large part of the crop will be ready before the middle of July. The heavy rains of the past three months have hastened the crop to maturity at the expense of quality. This is the report from Greene, Lenoir, Jones and Duplin counties.

The Goldsboro Tobacco market will open for the season on August 8th. A month earlier than it has been in the habit of opening. The Wayne warehouse, D. F. Currin, proprietor, and one other warehouse will be run as independent warehouses, the Liberty and Planters will be used by the Cooperative Growers Association.

David Blair, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, D. C., appointed from North Carolina, continues to be the center of attraction and activity on the part of numerous Republicans who would like to have his job themselves or help some other Republican to their liking get it. However, in spite of all the charges and verbal assaults, Mr. Blair continues on his smiling way and promises to disappoint them all.

It appears that the case against Captain Coleman of the British ship, "Messenger of Peace" is not over yet. It will be remembered that the master of this ship was arrested while with his ship at New Bern about two months ago, being charged with conspiring to violate the prohibition law by landing the large cargo of liquor in his charge. The ship was tied up and the captain sentenced to serve several months in the local jail at that place. It now appears that a large part of the "evidence" in the case has mysteriously disappeared and there is talk of prosecuting some of the witnesses against the captain on charges of selling the liquor.

The figures now show that the counties of Northeastern North Carolina have received nearly \$1,000,000 for the Irish potato crop this year. From Elizabeth City it is estimated that the total shipments will reach 1,200 cars or 250,000 barrels.

Charles Allen, a young white man of Guilford County broke a record in court last week when he was arrested on a charge of stealing an automobile. He was arrested, tried and sentenced to four years imprisonment within twenty-four hours.

As a result of the heavy rains, E. G. Flannigan and the American Tobacco Co., suffered a heavy loss in Greenville last week. An excessive amount of water around the brick pillars of a storage warehouse caused the pillars to crumble, this lowered the floor and caused the roof to fall in, thus damaging some 500 hogsheads of tobacco.

Of an enrollment of nearly 1,200 students up to this time at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, for the summer school session; 900 or more are women students. The majority are of this number being new public school teachers or preparing to teach. The remaining few hundred are young men, some graduate students studying special fields of work and some making up work.