

HIGH PRICES OF BITUMINOUS COAL IS INEXCUSABLE

Out of All Reason In Comparison With Rise in Price, Experts Assert.

(Special to The Star)

Washington, April 17.—Present high prices of bituminous coal were characterized as inexcusable on any theory of supply and demand or on any economic principle in a formal statement issued today by Herbert N. Shenton, secretary of the United Bituminous Coal Commission, which indicated the dispute between the soft coal operators and miners. Neither the advice of the commission to buy and store coal early, the requirements of the export trade, the status of car service, the daily output of the mines, the weather conditions nor supposed shortages of supply explain in any manner the rise in price, which are out of all relation to the increase in the cost of production caused by higher wages granted by the commission. After reviewing the factors contributing to the sky-rocketing of prices, Mr. Shenton concludes that they will soon decline.

Rise in Coal Prices

"The present rise in the price of bituminous coal," says the statement, "can in no way be attributed to the campaign for early buying and storage recommended by the United States bituminous coal commission to be carried out by the council of national defense. The commission had thoroughly in mind the fact that, owing to bad weather conditions and various other reasons, the removal of fixed prices would doubtless cause a flurry in coal prices for several weeks even after the usual annual drop in consumption of coal."

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BLOUSE IS CENTER OF FASHION STAGE



The garment which holds the center of the fashion stage today is the separate blouse. There is such a variety of styles, colors and materials that every woman can be suited. The overblouse or costume blouse is attracting more attention than any of the others just now. Here is one for very informal wear at home. It is a loose smock-like affair artistically trimmed with satin flowers and embroidery.

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NEGRO CONTRASTS SUBJECT OF STUDY BY FIELD AGENT

Colored People in South Range From Affluence To Extreme Poverty

Hampton, Va., April 17.—Prof. W. T. B. Williams of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., field agent of the Jeanes and Slater boards, spoke recently in Osgood Hall, Hampton Institute, on "Contrasts in Negro Life." He said:

"It is not difficult to find many good colored homes, in many cases well-appointed beautiful homes, in almost every section of the lower south, both in the towns and in country places."

Many Poor Cabins

"There are, however, thousands of wretched cabins. Not long ago I rode from Memphis one cold day right down the Delta to Vicksburg, Miss. You could scarcely see from the railroad a single home occupied by colored people that was at all attractive. Very few, indeed, gave evidence of ordinary comfort. Yet I know that in some towns through which we passed and in many of these country places there were people with good homes."

"Many colored people have had the advantages of school and have benefited by those advantages and have sent their children to school in large numbers. Many, however, have had little or no opportunity for schooling. Many are large landowners, but there are hundreds of thousands who own no land."

"Among all colored people today the desire for education is greater than ever before. Never before have I seen the colored schools so well filled as this year. Indeed, many of them are too full for the work they ought to be doing. Everywhere I find colored people struggling for an education." Professor Williams speaking directly to the Hampton students, said:

"I have often wished I could make you understand and appreciate how much better off you are at Hampton than the students in so many places to which it would be very easy to take you. The world is going to expect of you larger services, greater returns for what you receive, than it could reasonably expect of those less fortunate than yourselves." Professor Williams added:

No Teachers; No Schools

"Hundreds of colored public schools have not opened at all this year because they cannot get teachers. In some counties as high as 40 per cent of the public schools have not opened."

"The war evidently emphasized the need of education among colored people as nothing else has ever done. Those thousands of young men who went out from the far south, especially many of whom had had no chance of education, came back with keener appreciation of its value than they ever had before. The idea of getting some education has been handed on to their people and everywhere they are striving to see to it that the boys and girls get a little chance at school."

"The exodus of the colored people from the south has had something to do with this increased effort on the part of the public authorities. Many of the people are understanding, as they never understood before, that the south cannot take its place alongside of other sections of this country and hold that place, unless it has a higher average intelligence, unless the average intelligence of that section can be brought up to the other sections of this country. So, as a result, they are trying to see to it that every boy and girl gets at least a better chance at schooling."

Report Better Conditions

"Only recently we had several of our Jeanes conferences, and in almost every case teachers reported better conditions than formerly. Greater interest on the part of the public school authorities, and increased interest on the part of the colored people themselves in the effort to extend school terms, in holding better schoolhouses and in giving better supervision to the work of the teachers."

"School authorities in the south are interested in colored public schools as they have never been before, and especially in that true where the school authorities are young, well-trained men themselves."

"Within the last five years the colored people have put into the building of Rosenwald schools—improved rural schools—something over half a million dollars, while the public authorities and Mr. Rosenwald have put in more than the amount."

"The masses of our folk are to be educated and trained by young men and young women like yourselves. The two and a quarter millions of negroes in the south who cannot read and write must be educated by negroes. The burden of that work is upon those folk who have had such opportunities as you are receiving at Hampton."

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