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## COAL SUPPLY ADEQUATE FOR ALL NEEDS THIS YEAR

### Stagnation in Yards Continues in Chicago District, Where Switchmen are Still on Strike—

### Situation in New York Improves—Labor Board Continues Active Today

By W. S. Mann, Washington Star.

Washington, April 27.—How about the coal supply? Will we be able to get enough coal to get around and to be priced reasonably? These are the questions that householders and business people at this time are asking, and the coal trade has not yet begun to answer them. It is a question that will be answered in the next few months as the coal trade begins to move.

It is a question that in Washington is being asked in a different way. The American Wholesale Coal Association maintains headquarters here in charge of one of the largest statistical departments in the country. George H. Cushing, its chief, is making estimates that the demand for coal next winter will be approximately 535,000,000 tons for domestic use. He holds no opinion as to whether the coal supply can produce that amount. In 1918 they actually produced 51,000,000 tons in excess of demand. The potential capacity of the mines which produced the 1918 output is estimated to be about 600,000,000 tons. The figures show that there has been a proved excess capacity of 100,000,000 tons and a potential excess of 125,000,000 tons above the estimated demand for 1920.

But the next question is: "Can the railroads carry that coal?" and this he answers in the affirmative. "There is no doubt," Mr. Cushing says, "that when everything else in the country is going ahead vigorously, the railroads alone will be found to be able to handle it. They were in with war supplies, troops and commerce of the country and in fact with as they were by connecting with a confused railroad administration, could carry 600,000,000 tons in 1918. They are free of the burden of troops and from the source of conflicting orders from the government."

Mr. Cushing has gone at length into details of the coal supply, the coal industry, and the demands of the coal trade. He says that the coal supply is adequate for all needs this year. He says that the coal supply is adequate for all needs this year. He says that the coal supply is adequate for all needs this year.

## STRIKE ON AGAINST BUYING GOODS NOW

By the Associated Press.

Louisville, Ky., April 27.—Ministers of all church denominations here today urged a boycott against the purchase of goods from the coal strike. They said that the strike was a national emergency and that it was the duty of every citizen to do his part to bring it to a speedy end. They urged that no goods be bought from the coal strike until it was over.

By the Associated Press.

Chicago, April 27.—The coal strike in Chicago is continuing. The situation in the yards is still stagnant. The switchmen are still on strike, and the coal supply is being disrupted. The situation in New York is improving, and the labor board is continuing its active role today.

## GAS EXPLOSION CUTS OFF FUEL

By the Associated Press.

Des Moines, Ia., April 27.—Two men were killed and five were injured in an explosion in the engine room of the Des Moines gas company's plant this morning. The explosion occurred in a part of the plant through which practically all gas of the city passes and as a result there was no gas for industrial or domestic purposes after the accident occurred.

By the Associated Press.

New York, April 27.—For the first time since the railroad strike began, the railroad today announced 100 per cent passenger service and about 60 per cent freight service.

By the Associated Press.

New York, April 27.—The ultimatum of the railroad giving striking switchmen here and instantly until they check tonight to return to work, met with no response from the men early today, according to railroad officials.

By the Associated Press.

Raleigh, April 27.—Delegates from five southern states are here today to attend the Southern Christian convention which opens at the First Christian church tonight.

## ICELAND WANTS DECLARES BONUS OFFICERS GUARD MANUFACTURERS DISPUTE

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 27.—Application of Iceland for membership in the league of nations will call attention to the little known fact that Iceland is an independent state. The application states that Denmark voluntarily granted independence to the little island in November, 1918.

## MEMBERSHIP IN LEAGUE

By the Associated Press.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 27.—The United States chamber of commerce would go on record as opposing the granting of a bonus to soldiers who served in the world war by the adoption of a resolution presented today. The resolution declared that "not there a million negroes in the south who probably would receive \$500 to \$600 each would quit work until the money was spent," but that there would be an orgy of spending and that "labor would be disorganized and production hampered."

## MAY REDUCE RATES ON FEED AND FOOD

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 27.—Approval was granted by the interstate commerce commission today for filing reduced rates without further hearing on flour, grain, meat, beans, shorts, mill stuff, hay, straw, shucks and fodder from points on the Baltimore, Ohio and Western Maryland Railways to its connections to points in Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina.

## SCIENTISTS EXCHANGE THEORIES ON UNIVERSE

Washington, April 27.—Whether there is one great universe, perhaps ten times as large as commonly believed, or a million "island" universes similar to that of which the earth is a part, was discussed at last night's session of the annual meeting of the National Academy of Sciences.

## REBEL ACTIVITY NEAR MEXICO CITY RENEWED

Washington, April 27.—Renewed rebel activity near Mexico City was reported in Mexican advice reaching Washington today through official channels. Cuernavaca, capital of Morelos and a short distance from Mexico City, was said to be in the hands of the rebels and the railroad to the federal capital cut.

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## WEST HICKORY ROWDIES IN RECORDER'S COURT

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 27.—The woman's auxiliary of the Presbyterian church held a most delightful social and business meeting in the auditorium Monday afternoon at 3:30. All the ladies of the church were invited to be present and though the weather was unfavorable, quite a number assembled at the hour named. The chief feature of the program was the installation of officers for the following year by Dr. Craig.

## MARKETS

By the Associated Press.

New York, April 27.—There was a renewal of yesterday's buying in the cotton market today and first prices were firm at an advance of three to five points. The weakness of the near positions and the sharp break in sterling checked buying on the unfavorable weather news and after advances of 26 to 60 points on July and later months there were reactions of 20 to 30 points.

## Weather

For North Carolina: Showers and thunderstorms this afternoon and tonight. Wednesday far, not much change in temperature, fresh south shifting to west winds with squalls.

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## MINES CAN PRODUCE MORE THAN ENOUGH AND RAILROADS CAN MOVE IT, DECLARES COAL EXPERT—COUNTRY GOES WILD ON COAL AS ON EVERYTHING ELSE, BUT THERE IS NO REASON

By the Associated Press.

Chicago, April 27.—Claims of railroad officials that 90 per cent of a normal freight traffic was being moved in the Chicago district were disputed today by manufacturers, who declared that shipments of produce and raw materials were far below the normal of the period of the unauthorized strike.

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