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"INSTABILITY" HELD AS CAUSE FOR BAD FUEL CONDITIONS

Fact Finding Commission in the Coal Mining Industry Sets report to Congress

QUESTION SO COMPLEX TOUCHES NATIONS LIFE

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Instability in the bituminous coal mining industry is the fundamental cause of high prices and the fuel shortage which has menaced the American public repeatedly in recent years, the United States Coal Commission held today, in a preliminary report of its fact finding investigation laid before Congress.

Labor troubles, transportation difficulties, and over-development of the industry in mines and manpower to a point where it is much larger than necessary to supply public demand for its product—if operators were continuous—were all three assigned as among primary causes for the condition. The exact bearing which these have upon the existing situation, the commission said, it intended to study in its further inquiry.

Regarding the possibility of another general coal strike after April 1, the report said the commission "has reason to believe that an agreement will be reached in the near future that will avert any wide-spread cessation of mine operations in union fields on April 1."

The commission added that its work in promoting industrial peace by ascertaining and publishing reliable data on wages, earnings, employment volume, profits and costs involved in coal production will proceed with that understanding. Reference was made to the exchange of communications between the commission, miners' union officials, and representatives of operators which has lessened the danger of the strike prospect.

Six members of the commission, John Hays Hammond, chairman, Dr. George Otis Smith, former director of the Geological Survey, Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, former Vice President Marshall Charles P. Neff, and Dr. Edward T. Devine, signed the report as rendered, while Federal Judge Alschuler, whose judicial tenure has prevented his qualifying formally for service as commissioner, attached a memorandum approving the views of his colleagues. The commission was created by Congress after the 1922 coal strike to investigate the entire coal problem.

"There have been so many and such complex factors operating in the coal industry to prevent the free play of economic forces," the report said in concluding that a very detailed and comprehensive investigation is required before a valid conclusion can be reached. The inquiry involves the whole question as to what is best for the people, free competition, government or private ownership, regulation or control in the coal industry. The problem is of so great moment, with reference not only to the theories of government but also to the economic life of the republic, that the view of the commission must be left to its final report.

"There can be no satisfactory agreement as to wage rates, and no lasting peace between operators and men, unless steadier employment can be provided. There can be no satisfactory solution of our transportation problems as long as the railroads are subjected to sudden peak loads of coal traffic at the season when the demands of agriculture and industry are at their height.

"The commission believes that the public interest in coal raises fundamental questions of the relation of this industry to the nation and of the degree to which private rights must yield to public welfare. It may

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ALASKA'S GOLD IS ON UPWARD MOVE SURVEY NOW SHOWS

Gold and other mine productions show increase considered marked comeback

ONE MILLION NEW GOLD OUNCE OVER 1921

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Mineral production in Alaska, which has shown a declining tendency in recent years, staged a marked comeback during 1922, according to United States Geological survey estimates and turned out more than \$18,000,000 in new wealth. The value of Alaska's gold output for the year was fixed by the survey at \$7,720,000; of copper, \$9,000,000; silver \$730,000; coal \$450,000 with enough lead, platinum, petroleum, and marble to make up the balance. In 1921 the output of Alaskan minerals was valued by the survey at \$17,000,000.

"The Alaskan mining industry is advancing, not retrograding," the survey said of conditions there brought under its study. "In fact, though the value of its present output is small compared with that of the past, the industry is now on a more substantial basis than ever before."

As to the future, the survey estimates that unworked placer ground in Alaska still holds \$350,000,000 in gold, which will be recovered by the methods of dredging now being followed. The resources of copper and other minerals contained in hard rock deposits, it was added, cannot be estimated as yet, but the opening of coal deposits which will cheapen the costs of production leaves the prospects favorable to expansion of general mining enterprises.

APOSTOLIC DELEGATE WILL LEAVE MEXICO

(By Associated Press)
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 15.—Monsignor Ernesto Filippi, Apostolic delegate to Mexico is ready to leave the country in compliance with President Obregon's order expelling him for participating in an out door religious ceremony, in alleged violation of the federal constitution. The Bishop is alleged to have officiated at the laying of a corner stone of a religious monument.

WOULD RESTRICT SALE OF PILLS TO LICENSED DRUGGISTS

We understand that a bill is to be introduced in the North Carolina legislature, the effect of which will be to give a monopoly to druggists and doctors on the sale of proprietary remedies, by making it illegal for general stores, commissaries, department stores, mill stores and all other establishments to sell proprietary remedies, but permitting doctors to sell proprietary remedies provided they are located outside of a five mile limit of a drug store. Such a bill would be an outrage upon public interest, for a large portion of the population of North Carolina lives exceeding five miles from a drug store as defined in the bill. No doctor can afford to carry an ample stock of proprietary remedies, involving hundreds of different kinds of remedies, and as the doctors do not stay at home a very large part of the time if they are active, this means that the doctor's wife would have to dispense the proprietary business outside of the five mile limit from drug stores.

From the druggists standpoint the proposition looks very good indeed, but what about the interest of the general stores, the department stores, mill stores and commissaries? What about the interest of the general public, especially that part of the public which lives a distance from a drug store, and still more that part of the public which lives a distance from either a drug store or a doctor?

Jacobs and Co. Adv. Agents

BODY BELIEVED TO BE DENVER BANDIT FOUND FROZEN

Man rented Garage week before robbery of bank regarded as leader

BODY FOUND WITH OVERCOAT OVER IT

(By Associated Press)
DENVER, Jan. 15.—Daring bandits who stood on the running board of an automobile as the men who robbed the federal reserve bank truck of two hundred thousand dollars in front of the mint on December 18 sped away amid a rain of bullets from the guards paid the price with his life. Deserted by his pals the body of the dead robber is believed to have been the leader of the band, was found last night in a private garage in a fashionable residential district. A gaping wound in his heart told the story. He rented the garage a week before the robbery and when he did not pay the rent the owner investigated and found the body stretched out in the front seat of a car. It was frozen and an overcoat thrown over him.

DEATH OF MRS. SHELTON

Mrs. Thomas Shelton died Saturday night, at her home at the dormitory near the High School. Mrs. Shelton was about 63 years of age. She was sick for several days with the "flu" and pneumonia.

She leaves besides her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Coleman and a son. The funeral services were held this afternoon at the house at 12:30 and burial at the new cemetery, Spray. Rev. W. C. Greer conducted the services.

DEATH OF MRS. ZIGLER

On last Wednesday, January 10, Mrs. P. W. Zigler passed away after an illness of a few days of influenza and pneumonia, at her home on Church Street Leaksville.

Mrs. Zigler had many friends who were surprised to hear of her death as she had only been sick a short time. She was only 23 years and 6 days old. She leaves besides her husband, mother, brothers and sisters to mourn their loss, beside a host of friends.

Mrs. Zigler is the daughter of Mrs. Sam Claybrook of near Stoneville.

The burial services were conducted Friday afternoon at the Ayersville Baptist Church, near Sandy Ridge, conducted by Rev. Glenn. The pall bearers were Messrs F. L. Hege, J. F. Banes, P. P. Wilson, R. W. Stone, J. F. Adams and DeHart.

The flowers were unusually beautiful and many sent by friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dyer and little daughter of Winston-Salem spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Brewer Dyer at their new home on Matrimony heights. Mrs. Ben Dyer who had been visiting at High Point and Winston-Salem returned to her home with them.

STATE INCOME REVENUE MAN COMING HERE

Mr. J. M. Cunningham, Deputy Commissioner State Department of Revenue, will be here tomorrow to assist any one desiring help in filing state income tax returns. We understand that all corporations and most every business must file a report of the business done during the year whether they be required to pay tax on their income or not. Mr. Cunningham will be in our towns two days and those who seek advice or help in filing reports should see him.

J. M. Cunningham, Deputy Commissioner State Department of Revenue will be at Leaksville, at J. W. Norman's office January 16th from 11 to 6 p. m. Spray, Wall Furniture Company January 17th from 9 to 1 p. m. and Draper Hardware Company January 17th from 2 to 6 p. m. to assist any one desiring help in filing State Income Tax Returns

ROTARY CLUB NOW UNDERWAY FOR OUR TWO BIG TOWNS

Meeting last Tuesday took Steps for Organizing Club here

HISTORY OF THE ROTARY MOVEMENT

Pledged in a spirit of practical service to the community the individual and their craft, a group of the most prominent business and professional men placed this city definitely in the famous International Association of Rotary Clubs last Tuesday by taking the preliminary steps for the organization of a club here.

The meeting last Tuesday was the culmination of a series of conferences that have been held between the local people interested in forming the organization and representatives of the International office, the local district and the clubs of nearby cities where Rotary has been established for some time.

Through the formation of the new club, with its unique features of fellowship and conduct of business, this city becomes a part of a world encircling body of representative men dedicated to the spirit of service encompassing more than a thousand communities in twenty-five countries.

Origin of Rotary

Rotary came into being in Chicago, February 23 1905 with a group of four men one a coal dealer one a mining operator, one a merchant tailor, and the fourth an attorney. The attorney, Paul P. Harris, first advanced the idea of forming a club different from any club then known, and to him belongs the credit for starting the great Rotary movement.

At this meeting of the four, when decision was made to organize a club, it was also decided to invite to membership just one man from each different business or professional calling. A printer a real estate man, an insurance man, and a banker, were the next four admitted.

"Rotary" was chosen as the name of the new club because the members met in "rotations" at their places of business. "Rotation Club" seemed somewhat inapt so they adopted the shorter form "Rotary Club".

The Chicago club continued to increase in membership. In 1908—three years after the first meeting the second Rotary club was organized in San Francisco. Other clubs followed on the Pacific Coast and then the movement spread to the East and then to the South until sixteen clubs had been organized by the end of 1910.

It was in 1910 that the first convention was held in Chicago and the "National Association" formed. At this convention Chesley R. Perry was elected secretary and he continues to hold this office at the present time. Rotary emerged from a national organization to an international organization two years later at the Duluth convention. A short time previous to this convention a club had been organized at Winnipeg, Canada, and during the convention a cablegram was received from the Rotary Club of London, England, asking for a charter. Rotary had thus quickly evolved from one club in 1905 to an international organization in 1912.

Since 1912 the organization has grown even more rapidly than during the first seven years. Today there are more than one thousand Rotary Clubs in the world. Altho the greater number are in the United States, where the movement originated, there are now Rotary Clubs in Canada, Newfoundland, Great Britain and Ireland, Cuba, South America, the Republic of Panama, China India, Australia, and New Zealand. This growth seems all the more remarkable when we realize that the organization has never at

CLEVELAND MAN IS FOUND DEAD IN ROOM

Three Men Held As Suspects One A Baseball Umpire

(By Associated Press)
CLEVELAND, Jan. 15.—A murder charge against one of the two suspects in the slaying of Edward McGregor, found shot to death Saturday is expected by the Police although detectives admitted they learned little from questioning the three men found intoxicated in separate rooms of the apartment in which McGregor was killed. The three questioned are Ollie Chili, American League baseball umpire, Robert Burke contractor and George Rodel.

MOREHOUSE SHERIFF DID NOT ISSUE ANY COMMISSIONS

(By Associated Press)
BASTROP, Jan. 15.—Fred Carpenter Sheriff of Morehouse Parish denied he had issued commission deputizing J. K. Skipwith leader of the Ku Klux Klan or any other men to arrest Alonzo Braddock a farmer, who testified Saturday he was seized at his home by Skipwith and several others and brought to Bastrop and turned over to Carpenter.

GRANTED GERMANY 15 DAYS ON PAYMENTS

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Jan. 15.—The Reparations commissions Saturday postponed until January thirty-one payment of five hundred million gold marks due from Germany today. France, Italy and Belgium voted for a delay the British did not vote.

MORRIS BLOCKS FARM CREDITS SENATE PLANS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The plan of administration senate leaders to begin the consideration of farm credits program worked out by the banking committee was blocked temporarily by Morris of Nebraska, chairman of the agriculture committee, who insisted senate take up instead his bill for the creation of a government corporation empowered to buy and sell farm products.

TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA BOUNDARY DISPUTE SETTLED

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The South cut bank of the Red river was made the boundary between Texas and Oklahoma, by order of the supreme court in the famous red river case. This matter has been in dispute between the two states for many years.

STINNESS STEEL PLANT NOW UNDER FRENCH

(By Associated Press)
BOCHUM, Jan. 15.—Bochum the heart of the Great Stinness steel works is occupied by French. The occupation of Gelsenkirchen was completed today.

HALIFAX SUFFERS FROM WORST BLIZZARD IN YEARS

(By Associated Press)
HALIFAX, Jan. 15.—Two lives were lost and much property damage resulted from the worst blizzard in twenty years. The storm raged more than thirty six hours and completely tied up traffic.

Messrs Frank Wilson and David Lindsay of Fieldale Va. were weekend guests at the Carolina Home.

any time employed paid organizers. And in addition, extreme care has always been exercised in surveying cities and towns applying for membership to make sure that such communities are ready for a Rotary Club and are of sufficient size from which to secure a membership of representative men and still have the membership restricted to one man from each business or profession.

GERMANS ARE NOT DISPOSED TO LET FRENCH HAVE WAY

Report states Germans ordered to refuse French Coal etc.,

DRASTIC ACTION IS NOW EXPECTED

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, Jan. 15.—German coal commission has prohibited coal owners of Ruhr from supplying coal or coke to France or Belgium even if payment is made for fuel. This attitude is expected to precipitate drastic action by the French.

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—Dispatches to the Hlokal Anzeiger, report street fighting in Memel, recently invaded by the Lithuanian irregulars, who are in almost complete possession of the city.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—German government says a Havas dispatch from Essen, has instructed German industrialists not to co-operate with France in coal deliveries.

JAPAN SILK DEALERS TO VISIT AMERICA

(By Associated Press)
YOKOHAMA, Jan. 15.—A party of Japanese silk reeler and dealers, organized under the auspices of the Central Silk Association, will leave for America December 30th on board the Tenyo Maru. The party has in view the inspection of the general silk industrial condition in the United States, taking advantage of the international silk exhibition which is to be held in New York early in February. The party will return to this country in the early part of March.

OPEN DOOR IN MANCHURIA AND IN MONGOLIA

(By Associated Press)
DAREN Manchuria, Jan. 15.—Speaking at a reception given in honor of approximately 70 foreign and Chinese residents in Manchuria, Mr. Kawamura, the newly appointed president of the South Manchuria Railway company, emphasized the importance of upholding an open door policy for Manchuria and Mongolia. "My predecessor's policy of co-existence and co-prosperity," he declared, "shall be pursued as faithfully and resolutely as possible. It is idle to talk of an open door policy regarding Manchuria and Mongolia because the door never has been really closed. Japan will be most willing to receive British and American enterprises in the Provinces to join in Japan's endeavor to exploit the natural resources there."

NORTHWESTERN LUMBER DEALER CONVENTION

(By Associated Press)
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. Jan. 15.—More than 3,000 retail lumber dealers from Minnesota North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Montana and Wisconsin, members of the Northwestern Lumbermen's Association, will attend the organization convention here January 16-18, according to William H. Badeaux, secretary.

A lumberman's institute, prospects for the coming year in the way of building and a Retail Lumber's Inter-Insurance Exchange, will feature the meeting. There are more than 8,000 members in active standing at present, embracing lumber men from almost every state.

ESSEN WORKERS STOPPED HALF HOUR AS PROTEST

(By Associated Press)
ESSEN Jan. 15.—The workers stop for half an hour in the big industrial centre as a protest against French occupation, carrying out their demonstration outside French headquarters with speeches and songs.

Mr. E. E. Emerson returned last Friday from a trip to Cuba.