

MINERS WAR ON 'HIJACKING' OF COAL DEPOSITS

Fuel Bootleggers Steal
From Surface Drifts
of Companies.

By United Press
SHAMOKIN, Pa., Feb. 20.—Anthracite producing companies are faced with competition in their own product, usually regarded as a monopoly, from "bootleggers."

The competition, still on a small scale, is reported to be presented by men trained in the mines of the companies and using the companies' coal deposits as their source of supply, a form of "hijacking" as it is known in the more extensive bootlegging industry.

These coal "bootleggers" select active or abandoned mine drifts lying closely to the surface, or entirely exposed by stripping operations for their activities, according to industrial police.

15 Men Caught in Raid

Organized in the manner of the more legitimate mining gang and equipped with apparatus and tools for efficient mining, these individual miners can produce many tons of anthracite, some of which is sold to trucksters who transport it to communities within 150 miles radius of the coal fields, some of which is for use in their own homes, and the remainder of which is sold to neighbors and friends.

At Kulpmont, near here, recently a raid on a small mine operated on these lines netted a gang of fifteen men, all skilled miners. They were arraigned on trespassing charges in an effort to discourage their "bootlegging" efforts.

Mine Closed Two Years

The industry had its roots in the demand for anthracite during the 1925-26 suspension and at that time was not so vigorously attacked because of the scarcity of fuel and the necessity of a supply in many sections.

Idle mine workers at Centralia, where the colliery has not operated for almost two years, have entered the industry on a legitimate scale, paying a royalty on each ton they mine on the property of small operators and distributing the coal in their own section.

NEW MEASURE WOULD TAX INDIANA BUSSES

Four Per Cent Levy on Equipment
Proposed by House Bills.

Bus companies operating through Indiana as well as within the state would be subjected to a tax of 4 per cent of the assessed valuation of their busses under provisions of one of the eight bills introduced Thursday in the Indiana house.

The measure sponsored by Representatives Roiland Place (Dem., Miami) and William F. Coleman (Rep., Henry and Rush), was sent to the ways and means committee.

Bus companies operating in or through Indiana would be required to file with the state tax board annually a statement of their gross earnings and miles traveled in the state, together with the number of passengers transported.

For interstate companies, these earnings and mileage figures would be compared with the total earnings and mileage figures of the companies to determine the proportion of the equipment valuation to be used in computing the Indiana tax. The tax board would make the valuation accordingly and impose the 4 per cent tax payable before Dec. 31 each year.

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Following is the explanation of
Ripley's "Believe It or Not" which
appeared in Thursday's Times:

The Memorial in Galway, Ire-
land—in the boundary wall at the
Lombard street side of the Church
of St. Nicholas, Galway, Ireland,
stands the ancient monument
known as "The Cross Bones,"
marking the spot on which was
enacted the closing scene in one
of the most pathetic tragedies in
the history of Ireland. Mayor Lynch
Fitzstephen, chief magistrate
of Galway, there executed

his own son, who was found guilty
of murder. Young Lynch killed
a prominent Spaniard in a fit of
jealousy, was tried, and convicted.
No one could be found who would
carry out the death penalty, and
the mayor himself furnished this
unique example of stern sense of
justice.

An Ant Walked Around After
Its Head Was Cut Off—In a sci-
entific experiment to determine
the ant's ability to move its body
without the use of its head, it was

informed today of still further
laurels.

He is to be guest of honor at a
banquet in New York next Tuesday,
given by the New York representa-
tive of the Nationalist government
of China. Mayor Harry S. Mackey
of Philadelphia will be among those
attending the affair.

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CHINESE HIGH SCHOOL
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Philadelphia Youth to be Given
Banquet in New York.

By United Press

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has captured almost every scholastic
honor the school has to give, was

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