

## Miners Spurn Actuaries, Pin Hope on Lewis

Back UMW Chief's  
Pension Proposal

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MONONGAHELA, W. Va., Apr. 2—Professional opinions of actuaries that the John L. Lewis pension plan won't work on the basis demanded by Mr. Lewis do not impress miners here.

Accustomed to following Mr. Lewis in all things economic, they seem to believe he knows more about actuarial matters than do the men who make them.

Mr. Perkins a business out of them.

Monongahela is a community

where the pension scheme is particularly popular, according to

Cecil J. Urbanik, acting presi-

dent (by Lewis appointment) of

the union's district 31.

The Monongah mine is one of

the oldest in the state. Twenty

years ago it was one of the larg-

est mines, but now is approaching

the end of productivity and em-

ployes only about 250 men.

Retire at 60

Hence, most of the present min-

ers are above the average in

years and are looking forward to

retirement at 60 with the \$100 a

month their leader has promised

them.

In addition this town, which

has more of an air of permanence

than most coal communities con-

tains a large proportion of miners

already retired. They, having

served 20 years or more in the

mines, also want that pension to

help out their present incomes.

"What's an actuary, anyway?"

asked Peter White, one of the

old-timers.

Definition of Action

"He's a fellow who figures out

how long people may expect to

live, how many are going to die

every year, and how many are

going to live to certain ages, and

things like that—a kind of life-

insurance expert."

"Well," said Pata, "we've had

too many experts mixing into the

affairs of coal miners. John

Lewis knows what we need, and

he says the plan will work all

right. We'll take his word for

it."

Other benefits from the union's

welfare fund, to be paid for by

a production tax on coal, also

are popular in this district, Mr.

Urbanik said.

They include hospital and medi-

cal treatment, and at present a

\$1000 payment to the widow or

other heirs of every miner who

dies from any cause.

Cite 1907 Disaster

One reason for the welfare

fund popularity here is that the

worst mine disaster in American

history occurred in Monongah

Dec. 6, 1907. The Monongah blew

up and 361 men were killed.

The Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat

recently printed a letter from An-

THONY JACCO, a local union official

of Nanty Glo, Pa. Mr. Jacco

used figures in an impressive

way to support his claim that

"those actuarians you (the Dem-

ocrat) make so much of are peo-

ple just like other people. There

is nothing sacred about them and

they know which side their bread

is buttered on."

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