

SHORTAGE OF COAL THREATENS TO HALT INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Chicago News, in an effort to obtain reliable data on the coal shortage, had Richard C. Burritt, one of their writers, make an exhaustive study of the problem. Excerpts from his first article follow.)

The industrial United States today is a cripple. In the broad sense business is either limping along or is beginning to stagnate. The shop, the factory, the home, the comfort and welfare of practically every man, woman and child are threatened.

Railroad congestion is the menace. It has brought about a shortage of cars at loading points necessary to distribute the nation's wealth. The shortage has slowed down the production of bituminous coal, which, in turn, is slowing down the production of essential commodities and may bring business to a dead halt next winter in many states. Drastic measures alone can save the nation from a severe depression with hundreds of thousands of wage earners unemployed, with bread lines in many of the great cities, with cold homes, lightless days and all the accompanying misery.

Lack of Coal Immediate Peril.

The danger immediately threatening the prosperity of the country is the present shortage of bituminous coal. Knowing that his daily bread, the clothes that cover him, the business that employs him, one and all are dependent upon the production and distribution of sufficient coal, any citizen can comprehend the significance of these four facts:

1. The United States passed through 1919 with the largest decrease in coal production known to the country's history, a decrease of 141,903,000 tons from the 1918 production, due not so much to the coal strike as to the fact that after the armistice business and the railroads "guessed wrong"; thinking production would immediately increase, they foolishly used up their reserve stocks of coal.

2. The minimum coal requirements for the country this year will be 550,000,000 tons.

3. To fill these requirements it is necessary to mine and the railroads must distribute 11,500,000 tons each week.

4. Since April 1, the country has been running short of that amount by more than 2,425,000 tons weekly, because the railroads have not supplied the mines with sufficient cars.

Commerce Threatened.

Chicago and Illinois commerce and industry are on the ragged edge. They are being squeezed by the car and coal shortage to such an extent it is only a question of time before plants will be shutting down and wage earners will be walking the streets looking for employment.

Everyone knows that the strike of outlaw railroad switchmen injured the roads. Everyone does not know that the harmful effects of that strike are far worse than have ever been admitted in print. Switching districts throughout the east are clogged with goods. Many switching districts within striking distance of the mine fields are clogged with coal. The roads have a difficult time getting even a proportion of open-tops to the mines and as hard a time moving the coal after it has been loaded. From 30 to 80 per cent of their switchmen have gone to industries paying higher wages—which is not unnatural inasmuch as all business admits that the switchmen are underpaid—and the industry taking them then complains to the roads about the shortage of cars.

Auto Makers Are Blamed.

The worst offenders are declared to be the automobile manufacturers. The writer has heard them roundly cursed by business men in many states. Even the coal men who sell them coal condemn them for alleged piratical methods in the mine fields; that is, for their methods of taking coal away from other industries by bidding the market price of coal into the heavens. Their agents are determined to get coal though everybody else shuts down.

Many railroad men, coal operators and others are declaring that the manufacture of pleasure cars and other non-essential industries should be stopped at once. It may be forced to stop. James B. Walsh, vice-president of the Pittsburgh Coal and Associated Companies, the largest coal operating company in the world, goes much further. In Pittsburgh recently he told the writer that all industry on either side of Pittsburgh, the United States Steel corporation as well, should be closed down at once.

His reasoning is similar to that of many other men in many states. It will be cheaper, less uncomfortable, to close business down for thirty, sixty or ninety days during the summer months in order to accumulate a sufficient coal reserve for winter use than it will be to close down for any period during the winter. Mr. Walsh believes the country must take one of the two courses. The steel corporation is inclining to his view and it will not be strange if the corporation should suspend the last of this month or the first of next month for a period of from thirty to sixty days. The eastern steel mills are choked with unshipped products despite the fact that the railroads are deliberately favoring them and the corporation is hanging on to open-top equipment that it should not have at this time. Some

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of the mills have borrowed to their eyebrows and the banks cannot hope to carry them much longer.

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NEW GARDEN, Ind.—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harter and Miss Ruth Harter entertained the following guests Sunday at their home: Miss Ruth Williams, Miss Ruby Leibold, Miss Grace Knoll, and Miss Louise Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Leibold, and son, William....Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pitts and family, entertained Miss Abbie Pitts, of Fountain City, and Everett Rothermel, of this place, Sunday....Mrs. Elliot is making an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Addie Pike....A delightful surprise was given for our pastor, Miss Esther, at the church last Friday evening. The evening was spent in games and conversation. Refreshments were served to about 75 people....Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pitts, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Farley, and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Leibold and family, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chenoweth to enjoy ice cream and cake last Friday evening after finishing the hay-making in that ring....Mrs. Ed Nickolson of Iowa, is making a visit with her sister, Mrs. Ella Bond....Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Church at 10:45; Christian Endeavor, 7:30 p.m....Mrs. Rena Hudson and daughter, Anna, both of Richmond, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Martin and family, Monday....Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson, of Fountain City, Miss Mary Richardson, of Richmond, Mr. Hugh Wall, of Fountain City, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoover and family, at dinner Sunday....Mr. Olive Pike, of Richmond, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Pike....The missionary meeting was held last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Williams. Those present were: Miss Esther Cook, Mrs. Grace Hoover, Mrs. Sarah Jane Thomas, Mrs. Ella Bond, Mrs. Anna Leibold, Mrs. Berlinda Macy, Mrs. Grace Pitts, Misses Ruth Hoover, Louise Martin, Thelma Macy, Elizabeth Hoover, Ruby Leibold, and Marion Martin....Mr. Josiah Knight called on Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams, Sunday....Miss Esther Cook was a supper guest Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hunt....Misses Glenna Bailey and Esther Arnett called on Miss Ruby Leibold last Friday and Monday....Attendance at Sunday School, \$2; collection, \$3.80....Some of the farmers of this vicinity will begin threshing this week....Miss Esther Cook left for Newcastle, Monday morning to visit her sister. She will start for New York, from where she will sail for London, England.

Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Chenoweth called on Rev. Elwood Day, pastor of Webster, last Sunday afternoon....Mrs. Florence Bailey has been spending the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Jessie Polson, of near Richmond, who is the proud mother of a little baby girl.

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and Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Chenoweth and family, spent Saturday and Sunday at Dublin, Ind., with Mr. and Mrs. Waldo....Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Butt and son, Elmer, visited in the country Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Snyder....Mrs. Mahala Andrews, of Dayton, is visiting relatives in town....Mrs. Belle Foch, of Midtown, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will

Zimmerman....Harry Darragh, and daughters, Norma and Mildred, visited at Hamilton, Sunday....Little Virginia Car, who is taking treatment in a sanitarium at Richmond, spent Sunday at home....Mrs. Lotte Grimes entertained company from Connersville, Ind., Sunday.

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GRATIS, O.—Scott Car, our local hardware dealer, fell on an oil can, running the spout entirely through his left hand....Mrs. Daisy Coleman and sons, Clyde and Lloyd, Mrs. Sadie Apple, and Able Bookwalter, shopped in Dayton Thursday....Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, of Miamisburg, visited their children, Mrs. Jane Flatter and Mrs. Maggie Burnett, last week....Salvester Andrews made a trip to Dayton, Thursday....Mrs. Laura Graham, of Middletown, visited in town with her parents last week....Mrs. Blanch Myers, of New Westville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Coleman, one day last week....John Heller, son of Mrs. Curtis Lane, is quite ill with appendicitis....Charles Morningstar and Ira Boomerhine, of Middletown, called on home-folks, Thursday evening....Mrs. Kate Bunch and Mrs. Ella Butt spent Saturday evening in Eaton....Mr. and Mrs. Hurlch Zimerman and family, of Miamisburg, visited with their parents, Sunday....Eldon Mcleod gave a party for a number of his friends, Saturday evening....Mrs. Saylor Morris and children, of Richmond, who have been visiting in town, returned to their home, Sunday....The Gratiss band boys gave a supper for their wives and sweethearts, Tuesday evening....Mr.

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