

## COAL YIELD SHORT TWO MILLION TONS WEEKLY AT MINES

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Richard C. Burritt, of the Chicago News, has made an intensive study of the coal shortage and its effects on the coal situation. A resume of his second article is appended.)

Herewith are appended concrete illustrations and examples that will enable the average householder to visualize the coal shortage endangering the nation.

John Jones has a home. He buys his own coal and stokes his own furnace. He knows how much space ten tons of coal occupy in his bin. He can close his eyes any time, anywhere and draw a mental picture of a ten ton pile.

The Pittsburgh Coal Producers association is one body of mine operators whose rail mines have a rated monthly capacity of 3,000,000 tons. With a light market for any save lake coal early last year these operators produced at their rail mines from January to the last week of June, 1919, 57.5 per cent or 1,725,000 tons per month. In the same period this year the shortage of open top cars has cut their production to 42.8 per cent, or 1,284,000 tons.

**What Figures Mean.**

Those may be meaningless figures to John Jones, but he can surely comprehend them when expressed this way: The coal shortage in the case of these mine operators has deprived the country each month since January, 1920, of 44,100 piles of coal of the same size John Jones usually puts in his cellar—ten tons. Throughout the country the coal shortage is depriving users each week of more than 210,000 piles of the size John Jones digs into on a cold winter morning.

In terms of percentage here is the way production has fluctuated at rail mines this year in the Pittsburgh district: January, 55.7 per cent; February, 49.9 per cent; March, 48.8 per cent; April, 28.9 per cent; May, 30.3 per cent; June, 43.5 per cent; average, 42.8 per cent.

**Order Helps Little.**

The decrease in the car supply since June 19, is significant. Within that period the interstate commerce commission ordered all open top equipment into the coal service. The order hasn't generally functioned yet.

Its effect at the mines is insignificant as witness the fact that one company in the West Virginia fields produced 50,950 tons the first half of June and 35,500 tons the second half, during which time the order was supposed to be effective.

As the car supply has dwindled at the mines the hours of work have diminished. In southern Illinois miners are talking of demanding higher wages in order that curtailed production may not cut too deeply into their pay envelopes. The number of hours the operators should have been able to work their mines in southern Illinois has varied in March, April, May and June from 2.70 to 2.73 a week. The coal shortage has reduced the number of hours the mines have actually worked, however, to as low as 905 in one week. In no week in that period has the figure jumped above 55 per cent or 1,787 hours.

**Miners Seek Other Employment.**

As railroad congestion has reduced the car supply and thus reduced the hours of labor a mine worker can put in at the mine, mine workers have pulled stakes for other fields or have taken employment in industrial plants. The majority of the mines today are manned by 60 to 80 per cent crews.

At present the mines are sufficiently manned to take care of any car supply the carriers can furnish.

The post-war black has hit those who have stayed on the job. The older mine workers and the foremen who rose from the ranks will tell you that the younger men can't be speeded up.

"Since the war no one wishes to do any hard work. We want a good living and plenty of time to enjoy ourselves," they'll tell you everywhere.

The married men stint their families less than they did formerly, though prohibition is not the reason either, for liquor can always be bought somewhere. The mine worker will pay \$16 a quart for moonshine, as quickly as the thirsty urban dweller. There's better furniture in the mine worker's home, his wife wears better clothes than she did, the children are sent to school to learn American ways. Strangely enough, salesmen of blue sky stocks and bonds can't earn a living around most fields. The worker doesn't necessarily refuse to buy because he's suspicious; he simply isn't accustomed to and won't acquire the habit of investing his savings anywhere but in bank or in some small store in which a fellow worker will take a half interest.

**RECORD LAUNCHING FAILS.**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 22.—The effort to establish a world's record by launching seven ships in fifty minutes at the Hog Island shipyard late today was spoiled when the first vessel, the Yava, stuck on the ways. When every effort to release the ship failed the launching crews moved on to the second vessel, which easily slipped into the Delaware.

**POLICE CHIEF IS FINED.**

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 22.—Chief of Police Smith was fined \$100 for contempt of court in connection with suit of a local newspaper against Smith for denying police files to reporters. Judge Levens had granted the newspaper an injunction against Smith and the chief was found guilty of contempt for failing to obey.

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## Five Minutes with Our Presidents

By JAMES MORGAN



JAMES BUCHANAN

Because the drama of history, like that of the theatre, must have its heroes and villains, James Buchanan has been painted all black in the opening scenes of the Civil war, loaded down with all the weaknesses and sins of his generation, and banished forever into the wilderness. Any one can see now, with the aid of hindsight, what Buchanan should have done, but not what he could have done.

Many have said that if Jackson had been president, he would have stamped out secession as he stamped it out in South Carolina in 1832. But a blaze which a bucket of water may suffice to stop at the start may be beyond the control of an entire fire department when it becomes a conflagration.

The north itself in the bewildering winter of 1861 was far from agreed that secession could or should be stopped by force. "Let the Union slide," the abolitionists said. "Let the erring brethren go," said Horace Greeley. "Wayward sisters, depart in peace," General Scott would have said to the seceding states.

The poor, old helpless president himself expressed no such toleration toward secession; no such toleration or resignation. Although he held that the government had no authority to keep a state in the union by coercion, he denied that the states had any right or just cause to secede, and he ordered the commanders of the southern forts to defend them from seizure. That policy was continued absolutely without change by Lincoln when he came in.

Like every other form of injustice and special privilege, slavery was entrenched behind the entanglement of constitutional dogmas, court decisions and legalistic technicalities. Men of all parties and of both sections, like flies in a spider's web, were caught fast in the political and legal metaphysics which sophists had been spinning ever since the Republic was born.

In common with the politicians of his fast vanishing time, Buchanan clung to the idea that freedom rather than slavery was to blame for all the trouble. He had not gone with Douglas and the northern wing of the divided Democrats in the campaign of 1860, but had sided with the southerners and voted for Breckenridge.

When the first state seceded he was already within ten weeks of the end of his term, with a hostile congress in front of him and behind him a country as resolute as himself. As he saw the union falling to pieces, he hoped on that it could be patched together again by another old-fashioned compromise. All the while, there were southern members of his cabinet who were staying in Washington only to ship federal war supplies south and to aid in the preparations for destroying the government.

Edwin M. Stanton of Ohio, although himself a Breckenridge Democrat, bluntly warned Buchanan: "You are sleeping on a volcano. The ground is mined all around and under you and ready to explode, and without prompt and energetic action, you will be the last president of the United States."

"Mr. Stanton," pleaded the feeble old man, "for God's sake come in and help me."

The first day that Stanton took his seat at Buchanan's cabinet table, he told the secretary of war, Floyd, of Virginia, that he "ought to be hanged on a gallows higher than Haman's," for having ordered Major Anderson, without the knowledge of the president, to stay in a defenseless old fort in Charleston Harbor instead of transferring himself to Fort Sumter, as the Major had done in defiance of orders. The secretary of the interior, Thompson, of Mississippi, protested

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Fifteen Richmond men and one man from each of the fifteen townships in Wayne county, will compose a permanent committee to boost the Earlham college endowment fund campaign. A meeting of the campaign committee was held in the office of Joseph H. Mills.

An executive committee of five men who will meet every week to handle the immediate business will be selected, after the appointment of the permanent committee.

Local men who have agreed to serve on the permanent committee include Alward Jenkins, Rufus Allen, Joseph Mills, Albert G. Mathews, Howard Dill, E. M. Haas John Coate, Paul Price, Horace Kramer, Harry Doan, Fred Bartel, D. M. Edwards, and John H. Johnson. Three men from neighboring townships who will serve are William Lewis, Green township; Walter H. Commons, Center township; and Frank Underhill, Clay township.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, July 28. Officers will be elected and the complete committee named.

## Ohio News Flashes

**PORTSMOUTH**—Mrs. Frances Duncan, 60, of this city, was killed in auto accident in Huntington, W. Va., when an automobile struck her farm wagon.

**PORTSMOUTH**—Thieves broke into six garages and got away with three automobiles. One machine was located in Ironton, 30 miles east of here.

**MINGO JUNCTION**—Mrs. Nelle McKee Baker, 32, wife of Clarence J. Baker, owner of the Ohio Valley News Co., fell dead at a Sunday school picnic.

**ELLAIRE**—Paul Timberlake, tinner, is in serious condition as a result of a 50-foot fall from a stack of the Imperial Glass Co. plant.

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**WORTH REMEMBERING**  
Don't throw away old winter sweaters, for the good parts will make splendid mittens for son or daughter next winter.

To keep kiddies' underdrawers down around the ankle sew a piece of tape to the bottom of drawer legs and their legs will look much neater, as the drawers will not pull up and cause wrinkles in stocking legs.

An egg poached in milk is an excellent dish for the invalid.

When mending gloves use cotton thread as silk cuts the skin.

## Baby's Fingers Mangled By Clothes Wringer Cogs; Farmer Hurt by Thresher

**OXFORD, O., July 22**—Gall Gerber, three-year-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Gerber, living on a farm five miles east of here, had four fingers of his right hand terribly mangled yesterday when he caught them in the cogs of a clothes wringer while playing around the kitchen. Physicians are hopeful of saving the fingers.

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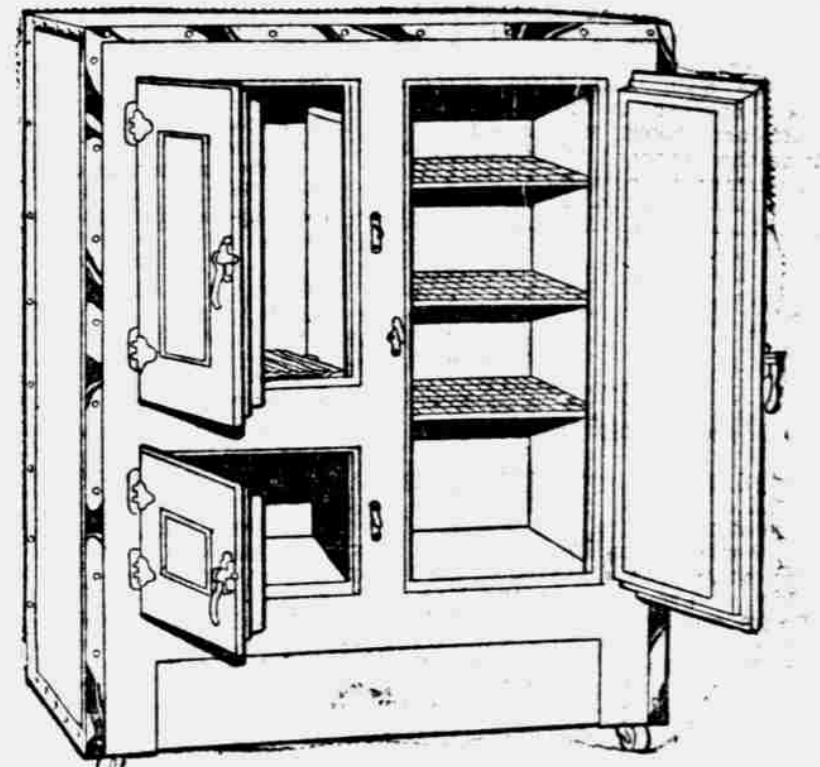
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