

Mine Layoffs Boost Coal Cost Federal Commission Finds Miners Given Only 220 Days' Work Per Year.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The cost of bituminous coal to a mine operator ranges between \$1.20 and \$2.80, the coal commission reported to President Coolidge yesterday, submitting the latest installment of its report on the industry in compliance with instructions from congress. The cost study was based on statistics from 266 mines located in four states and covered operations in 1918, which was selected because conditions throughout that year were considered approximately uniform.

"The advantage and economy of full time operation is clearly indicated," the report said. "As between two similar mines each having a cost of production of \$2.50 per ton if working 25 days per month, the mine which enjoys the best working time under conditions of car shortage and a strong market for coal, will make the larger profits because of lower cost; or under conditions of poor market, one may undersell the other and realize a profit, because with more days worked the cost will be lower."

"Taking again a base cost of \$2.50 per ton for full time (25 days) operation it is found that when working 20 days (5 days a week) there was no difference; when working 16 days (4 days a week), the difference was negligible, 2 1/2 cents a ton; when working 12 days (3 days a week), the difference was 10 cents a ton; and when working eight days (2 days a week), the difference was 15 cents a ton. One day a week brought the difference up to 40 cents a ton.

"There is thus no notable difference in unit cost of production caused by short time operation whether this broken time be due to lack of transportation or lack of market. The real difference enters in the reduction in the base cost, which can and quite generally is reduced in times of inactive demand.

"It may be inquired, in view of this factor of cost of idle time, what effect on the country's coal bill the fact may have had, that in the past 20 years the soft coal mines have worked an average of but 220 days or about 72 per cent of full time. If the price paid by the consumer were cost of production or a direct function of cost, then the answer would be that the total cost to the country was about 8 per cent more than it would have been if few mines working full time had produced this coal."

Poisoning Suspect Married Seven Times

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 11.—Harry R. Roshon of Warren, O., who was arrested here last week under the name of A. E. Woods, suspected of complicity in the poisoning of Anna Daniels at Seattle in 1918, but who later was cleared by authorities of any connection with that case, confessed today, according to the police, that he has married seven women in various parts of the country, six of them within the past four years.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 11.—An order for the detention of Harry R. Roshon was secured here tonight by Vernon Roshon, son of Mrs. Mae S. Roshon, former high school domestic science teacher, who was the sixth victim of Roshon's marital ventures.

According to her son, Mrs. Roshon married Roshon after a brief courtship in Des Moines, October 21, 1922, and was deserted by him five months later.

Sunday School Meeting.

McCook, Neb., Sept. 12.—Red Willow county Sunday school convention will be held at Marion, September 18 and 19. A number of state officers will be present and a full program will be carried out.

Marks Never So Low.

By Associated Press.
New York, Sept. 12.—German marks were quoted here today at 114,940,000 to the dollar, the lowest record of all time.

Premier of Portugal Escapes Assassins

London, Sept. 12.—An unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday to assassinate premier De Silva of Portugal, according to a Daily News dispatch from Lisbon.

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A Queer World

Fruit Dealers May Employ Song Writers to Boost Sales—Many Bananas Sold.

A Secret.
Santa Rosa, Cal., Sept. 12.—"Sell them with song" bids fair to become the fruitful slogan of the fruit grower. President E. M. Sheehan of the California Grape Growers' association revealed the secret in an address to local growers here last night.

A popular jazz ditty, with a title more puzzling than grammatical, "Actually has increased the consumption of bananas in the United States 30 per cent," he declared.

Mr. Sheehan made no direct recommendation but intimated the grape raisers should subsidize a song writer.

Not Blue.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 12.—A mother forgot the color of her baby's dress—and then things began to happen.

Out of police headquarters dashed motorcycle riders. Policemen raced to the spot where the child was supposed to have been lost. Chief L. V. Jenkins took a personal hand in the search, dropped all business and superintended the work of dispatching riders to the scene.

The mother had left two children at a nursery maintained in connection with a cooking school. When she called for them she asked for a pink-clad child and a blue-clad one. The pink dress was located at once. Nobody could find the blue one. The hubbub and the alarm ensued. The mother went back to the nursery to wait, weeping loudly. There she found the missing child, draped in white.

"Oh yes, I remember now," she said. "I put her in white today."

Stung to Death.

Torrington, Conn., Sept. 12.—Charles S. Schelwisch, 50, was stung to death by a hornet while at work on his farm in Harwinton. His body was found in a pasture. The mark of the hornet's sting was on the back of one of his ears.

Central States Raise Jap Fund

Chicago, Sept. 12.—Central division Red Cross contributions to the Japanese relief fund, which yesterday exceeded the \$800,000 quota, had reached \$866,309, when all reports from the work yesterday were received, Walter Davidson, division manager, announced.

Pioneer Farmer Dies at Springfield, Neb.

Springfield, Neb., Sept. 12.—Willard Hale Davidson, 70, who settled near

Springfield in 1857, died unexpectedly last night. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Davidson took up a claim near here in the early days. He took an active interest in business affairs after moving to town.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Olive Lester Davidson; three sons, James and Floyd Davidson of Springfield and John Davidson of Chicago, and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson Hinckley of Chicago.

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Prince of Wales Lands at Quebec

Travels as Baron of Renfrew to Escape Crowds, But He Doesn't.

Quebec, Sept. 12.—The baron of Renfrew arrived in Quebec today.

The baron of Renfrew is none other than his royal highness, the prince of Wales, heir to England's throne.

Tiring of being hailed as the future ruler of the British empire, the prince of Wales chose one of his many other titles to travel under and thus escape the formalities accorded a personage of royal blood. In short, he wanted to dodge the plaudits of the multitudes, enter Canada quietly and be on his way to an Alberta ranch, where, the papers say, he will eat boarding house hash and other simple fare.

Did he succeed in dodging the multitude? He did not.

Bright and early did the crowds gather at the pier to meet the baron, and as the Empress of France steamed to its dock, a lusty cheer greeted the man who only three years before had won the hearts of Canadians and Americans with his smile.

Despite the crowds at the pier today, however, Baron Renfrew's visit to the American continent is sharply contrasted to the one of the prince of

Wales made three years ago. Then he toured the continent, was greeted everywhere by huge throngs, attended numberless social functions and danced with even more untold numbers of American and Canadian girls.

On the ranch Baron Renfrew will live as a rancher. He will ride western horses in a western saddle; will be up early and in bed early; dancing partners are warned to keep away and, in short, the prince of Wales—pardon—Baron Renfrew will lead the simple life and, as the papers say, eat boarding house hash and other simple fare.

Bandit Suspect Kills Self.

Marshall, Tex., Sept. 12.—Cornered by Sheriff Sanders in the rear of a lurch room here early today a young man, about 25 years old believed by local officers to have been the bandit who robbed the bank of Morningsport, La., of approximately \$5,000, yesterday, shot and killed himself today.

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