

INCREASE THE COAL OUTPUT

Mitchell Insists it is Duty of All to Aid in Raising Coal Famine.

MANY STATES PROBE ALLEGED COMBINES

Union Leader Claims Railroads Hold Back Many Miles of Loaded Cars in Chicago and Springfield, Intensifying Suffering.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, tonight issued the following circular to all local unions in the anthracite district:

On the 10th inst. we were aware that a serious coal famine exists in inland and seaboard cities, due to the shortage of the anthracite coal supply.

To relieve the situation, and alleviate as far as possible the suffering now endured in the production of coal.

Upon reading this communication in the columns of the daily papers, it is deemed that the daily output of the mines may be increased.

President United Mine Workers of America.

THOMAS DUFFY, T. M. NICHOLS, Presidents Anthracite Districts, Slowly Unearth Combine.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—One of the first acts of the grand jury, which is investigating the alleged coal combine, today was to ask that subpoenas be issued for the appearance of E. T. Brent, secretary-treasurer of the Illinois Coal Operators' association.

S. V. Daisell of the Spring Valley company was the first witness called. He was followed by E. T. Brent, secretary-treasurer of the Illinois Coal Operators' association.

CONGRESS INVESTIGATING COAL

Immediate Action to Raise Famine.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—It is expected that congress will pass a bill removing the duty on coal imported into this country.

Another bill introduced by Representative McCall (Mass.) suspends the duty on coal for ninety days.

Mr. McCall and Senator Lodge had a talk on the house side late today.

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WHY RATES ARE RAISED

Railroads Say Cost of Materials, Labor and Taxes is Greater.

FREIGHT CHARGES MUST RECUPERATE THEM

Transportation is All Lines Have to Sell and Must Charge Enough to Cover Proper Management and Conservation of Property.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Norfolk and Western, Michigan Central, Baltimore & Ohio and Lake Shore have filed with the Interstate Commerce commission their answers to the request for a statement of reasons for the increase in freight rates on grain, packing house products, dressed meats and other articles.

The Baltimore & Ohio cites the large increase in taxation as one reason and says it must spend almost \$12,000,000 in needed additions to its equipment.

The Michigan Central says its needs are the great increase in the cost of maintaining and operating its road, consequent on the increase in the wages of its employees already made and additional increase in the cost of materials and large increase of taxes.

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