

Little Hope for Improving Coal Mining Industry

Production of Anthracite and Bituminous Types Reaches a New Low Level.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 20.—No well-grounded hope exists for a general betterment of conditions in the coal industry, which is declared to have passed through the most prolonged and decisive period of inactivity in its history, according to the report of deputy chief of the state department of mines, Frank Hall, covering 1921 coal mining operation in Pennsylvania.

"The year of 1921 will probably stand as a record for a long time to come of drastic curtailment in demand and exceptional difficulties in wage adjustments," says Mr. Hall. "There is also an utter absence of any well-grounded hope for a general betterment of conditions in the near future. The extraordinary demands upon the trade during the war have left both the operator and the miner up in the air, and it is beyond human ken to know when they will get back to a practical, sensible state of mind."

Low Production Record.

During the past year coal production in Pennsylvania reached a new low record, with an estimated output of 184,932,285 tons, of which 87,530,102 tons was anthracite and 97,402,183 bituminous coal. Anthracite production is 2,105,934 tons below the 1920 record, while there has been a falling off of about 70,000,000 bituminous production. Coke production was 7,000,000 tons, as compared with 16,000,000 in 1920.

In the anthracite regions 550 persons were killed in mining accidents, while 290 fatalities occurred in the bituminous regions. Anthracite miners worked an average of 263 days, as compared with 267 days in 1920, while in the soft coal regions the estimate is 138 working days, as compared with 236 days in 1920.

The absence of coal orders from industries, Hall says, is the most disturbing factor at the present time, but he declares that the domestic demand has helped materially over the dull period with all but the small industrial sizes of coal. Hall says that the anthracite industry stands upon a solid foundation—it is well organized and intelligently controlled.

Too Many in Business.

In discussing the bituminous field, Hall says: "The fundamental weakness lies in the fact that there are too many people in the business and too many mines in operation. The check-off system is declared to have many disadvantages in the bituminous field."

The usual difficulties in wage adjustments, strikes and check-off system troubles are looked for this year, according to Hall. He looks for no resumption of coal business until the industries return to their old-time activity and believes that then the question of transportation facilities will be unsolved for years to come.

Oriental Issues Hold Up Arms Conference

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olution in principle, but the Japanese proposed changes in the wording of the resolution which will be formally presented tomorrow.
Agreement Predicted.
It was predicted tonight that the resolution would be agreed to tomorrow. It not only calls for the listing of all past commitments, treaties and business arrangements with China, but provides that the powers shall give notice of all their future arrangements with China within 60 days following their negotiation.
The conference committee also adopted a resolution expressing its to be the sense of the conference that the armies of the various military chiefs in China be diminished for the sake of economy and providing that any funds to be provided for China would be forthcoming on the understanding that such economies would be made.
Ambassador Shidehara, a member of the Japanese delegation, said tonight that Japan is not only satisfied but welcomes the series of resolutions which have been adopted with the object of benefiting the condition of China.
"Apart from any sentiment in the matter, it is directly to Japanese interest to associate herself with the other powers in agreements tending to stabilize China's domestic as well as her foreign relations," he said.

Telegraphic Briefs

Turks Welcome Aratoff.
Constantinople, Jan. 20.—The new Russian Soviet ambassador, M. Aratoff, escorted by 21 officers, received an enthusiastic welcome when he arrived in Angora, capital of the nationalist government.

May Manufacture Cider.
New York, Jan. 20.—Federal Judge James E. Fitzgerald tonight directed the federal prohibition commissioner to issue permits to manufacture cider to the Buffalo Bottling company and the Walter H. Hildick apple juice company, both of this city. The decision is regarded as of some importance because it means that the manufacture of cider is no longer a violation of the Volstead act, even if the cider may later develop an alcoholic content of more than one-half of 1 per cent.

50 Arrested.
Calcutta, Jan. 20.—Fifty persons were arrested by police forces which dispersed three meetings held in the prohibited area here. Holding of these meetings is the new method of civil disobedience adopted by the native provincial congress of Bengal.

Prince on Way to Mysore.
Bangalore, India, Jan. 20.—The prince of Wales reached here Wednesday from Madras. The town was profusely decorated and great crowds everywhere attended the numerous ceremonies. He left in the evening for Mysore.

Must Cut Expenditures.
Glasgow, Scotland, Jan. 20.—The expenditures of the United Kingdom must be reduced by £200,000,000, Austen Chamberlain, government leader in the house of commons, told the conference of Scottish unionists here. "This reduction is necessary to make both ends meet" and will not take into account any proposed reduction in taxation.

For Colds, Grip or Influenza.
ROMON'S QUININE TABLETS. The genuine bears the signature of Dr. Wm. Grove. (Do not get BROMO) 3c.—AD.

Pope Benedict XV Is Reported Dying

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this, "if only to give a good example," he said, despite attempts by his attendants to dissuade him.
Upon leaving the papal apartment the cardinals who administered extreme unction said the pope's mind was perfectly clear, but that his condition was so grave that only a miracle could save him.

Physicians Confer.

After receiving the viaticum today Pope Benedict had a 20-minute conversation alone with Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state. It is believed his holiness conveyed his last wishes to the cardinal, who as chamberlain would preside over the temporal affairs of the church in the event of the pope's death.

The pope's physicians were in consultation at the Vatican at an early hour and the morning bulletin issued afterward indicated an extremely serious condition. Dr. Battistini, however, stated then that while the condition of his holiness was grave, it was not hopeless.

About 11 o'clock in the forenoon, however, the pope's condition became aggravated and the administration of oxygen was begun.

At 11:30 o'clock the eucharist was solemnly carried to him.

Meanwhile prayers were being said in all the churches and Catholic institutions and great crowds began to assemble in St. Peter's.

Change for Worse.

Today's sudden change for the worse in the pontiff's condition seemed to have come as a great surprise, even to those who had been observing him most closely. Last evening he received some strengthening injections and the doctors then stated they were satisfied with his condition, expressing hope that danger of an extension of the inflammation to the lungs had passed. A dayning that the crisis appeared to be overcome.

One of the most disturbing conditions that developed early today seemed to be passing away after 10 o'clock this morning, as the pontiff was then able to expectorate slightly. This aroused more hope among the watchers, but towards 11 o'clock he became worse again and oxygen then was administered.

Deep Anxiety.

Monsignor Zampini Sacristan of the apostolic palace, Manager Carlo Respighi, the pontiff's personal secretary, and Monsignor Migone, the private chamberlain, were at the pope's bedside.

There was an air of deep anxiety and apprehension about the Vatican, where many of the cardinals were waiting in an anxious state. All the cardinals in Italy having assembled in Rome upon receiving word of the pope's serious illness.

Later Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, telegraphed all the nuncios advising them of the seriousness of the pope's condition, while urgent telegrams were sent to Pope Benedict's relatives at Genoa and Piacenza.

Cardinal Giorgi Summoned.

London, Jan. 20.—Cardinal Giorgi, the apostolic plenipotentiary, was summoned to Pope Benedict's bedside at 8 o'clock this morning, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Rome, to recite the prayer for the dying.

It was about 4 o'clock this morning that the change for the worse in the pope's condition occurred. It was especially due to catarrh, which had spread to both lungs, to inability to expectorate and to pulmonary inflammation, it was stated. Prof. Cherubini, who had been waiting at the Vatican, was immediately summoned. He found the pope mentally depressed and panting for breath.

Realizing the patient's serious condition, Dr. Cherubini administered sedatives and expectorants, but the beneficial effects anticipated did not manifest themselves. In view of the gravity of the situation, Dr. Cherubini sent an urgent call to Prof. Bignami, a Vatican automobile being dispatched for him, his arrival there following shortly.

Prof. Bignami the evening before had remarked upon the absence of a cough, checking expectation and consequently was not surprised by the development, it appeared. After a brief inspection of the patient he left to bring Prof. Marchiafava with whom he shortly afterward consulted.

Receives Communion.

Meanwhile Prof. Battistini had arrived and joined in the consultation. His holiness received communion,

administered by Papal Sacristan Zampini.

The official bulletin issued this morning on the condition of his holiness read:

"His holiness has been four days with influenza bronchitis. It is ascertained that the inflammatory process has spread to the right lung. The patient passed an agitated night and had no sleep. This morning the dyspnea is intense. The temperature was 104, the pulse 102 and the respiration 38.

"BATTISTINI, "CHERUBINI, "BIGNAMI, "MARCHIAFAVA."

"Very Seriously Ill."

Washington, Jan. 20.—Monsignor Bonzani, papal delegate in Washington, was informed in a cablegram received at 9:45 o'clock today from Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary, that Pope Benedict was "very seriously ill." Such a message was regarded as indicating that the pontiff was in a most serious condition.

Grain Corporation Liable for Cost of Gold Shipment

New York, Jan. 20.—The United States Grain corporation was liable as a "private corporation," the United States circuit court of appeals decided yesterday; for the cost of transporting in 1919 on the destroyer Laub a shipment of gold from Constantinople to New York.

The opinion reversed a recent decision of the federal district court, which held the corporation to be a "governmental agency" and therefore not liable for the cost of transportation of the gold on a United States navy vessel.

Two Service Men Named for Postmasters in Iowa

Shenandoah, Ia., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Former soldiers were favored when it came to naming postmasters in two southwestern Iowa towns, Arthur W. Liston, who served at Camp Pike, Ark., was appointed at Coin, and Raymond G. Laird will be the next postmaster at Tabor.

Police Fail to Find Mail Loot in River

Eikhart, Ind., Jan. 20.—Federal and local authorities continued their questioning of George E. Scruggs, who admitted to police yesterday having taken part in the theft here Wednesday of a mail bag. The authorities expressed the belief that Scruggs, who said he threw the contents of the bag into the St. Joseph river here, when he found there was no money in it, is withholding the facts regarding disposition of the loot, which was unofficially estimated to be worth \$300,000. Police dragged the river at the point indicated by Scruggs, but failed to find any trace of the bag. They also searched the man's home here and questioned his wife.

Scruggs' statement to the police followed an alleged confession by Dan Ingram, a negro truckman, to the robbery, who named Scruggs as an accomplice.

De Valera to Head Delegates to Irish World Conference

Paris, Jan. 20.—(By A. P.)—Eamon De Valera will head an Irish delegation which is to attend the Irish world conference which opens here next Saturday, according to an announcement made yesterday by the secretary. The honorary chairman of the conference will be the Spanish Duke of Tetuan, who is a general in the Spanish army, and a lineal descendant of the O'Donnell, who left Ireland in 1607 at the time of the flight of the earls.

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Fess to Run G. O. P. Election Machine

Washington, Jan. 20.—Representative Simon D. Fess of Ohio last night was elected chairman of the national republican congressional committee for the third time to conduct the campaign to elect a republican congress. Representative Will R. Wood of Indiana was chosen first vice chairman; Representative John Q. Tilson of Connecticut, second vice chairman, and J. N. Tincher of Kansas, third vice chairman. Milton E. Ailes of Washington was chosen treasurer of the committee.

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Apparel Sales of Particular Interest

Thompson-Belden Fashions for these exceptional prices is indeed an economy.

Dresses formerly priced to \$39.50—	Coats formerly priced to \$175.00—
\$15.00	\$75.00
Coats formerly priced to \$45.00—	Blouses of net and Georgette, priced to \$10.50—
\$16.95	\$2.95
Suits formerly priced to \$49.50—	\$6.50 Petticoats \$3.95
\$25.00	All wool sweaters Saturday \$4.95.

All Sales Final

January Fur Sale

Including a New Purchase 1/3 to 1/2 of Regular Prices

New furs of guaranteed quality and workmanship. Sample coats from the best known New York furriers.

Featuring Saturday

Hudson Seal Coats

Beautiful, soft, lustrous pelts—Marten (skunk) collars and cuffs.

36-inch Coats, \$275	40-inch Coats, \$295
\$550 values—	\$600 values—

\$270 Muskrat Coats, 40-inch, \$135.
\$600 Mole and Squirrel Wrap, \$295.
\$600 Mole Wrap, 45-inch, \$325.
\$850 Hudson Seal Wrap, 45-inch, \$425.
\$250 Russian Pony Coat, with Marten collar and cuffs, \$125.
\$450 Natural Marten Cape Wrap, \$225.
\$170 Kolinsky Marmot, 40-inch, \$85.

The Fur Shop—Third Floor

Fabric Sales

Wool plaids for children's wear (40-inch), choice patterns and colors. **Saturday, \$1 a yard.**

Reductions on Priestley's imported serges, tricelines and Poiret twills.

Hosiery Sales

Silk hosiery made of twelve-strand pure Jap silk, with garter tops of silk lisle and double soles of lisle.

In black, African brown, chestnut and cordovan. **Special for \$1.49.**

Silk lisle hosiery in lightweight quality, with garter tops and double soles. In black and cordovan. **Special priced for 59c.**

These Hankies for 25c

35c, 45c and 50c handkerchiefs, white or colored with hand-embroidered corners, reduced to 25c.

Blankets \$1.98 a Pair

These are regular \$3 cotton blankets with fancy borders. Large size and heavy weight.

Men's Shop Specials

Union Suits Lower in Price

\$10.00 suits, \$7.95
8.50 suits, 6.95
7.50 suits, 5.55
6.50 suits, 4.95
5.00 suits, 3.95
4.00 suits, 2.95
3.00 suits, 2.55

A choice of all knit suits of wool cotton, silk mixtures, in all sizes.

Outing Flannel Sleeping Wear

\$2.00 night shirts, \$1.35
2.50 night shirts, 1.85
3.00 pajamas, 2.35
4.00 pajamas, 3.15

Handkerchiefs All Linen—39c \$4.50 for a dozen

Wool Hose A desirable, heavy quality all-wool hose in black, oxford and natural. Sizes from 10 to 12, 35c—three pairs, \$1.

Sale Children's Underwear

Fleece lined union suits, white and ecru, sizes 2 to 16 years, **\$1.00 suits, 69c.**

Fleece lined vests and pants, white and ecru, sizes 2 to 10 years, **50c garments, 35c—**or three for **\$1.00.**

These Linen Specials for Saturday Selling

A discontinued line of very fine linen cloths and napkins offered for exceptional prices.

\$25.00 Cloths, 2 by 2 yards, \$15.00
30.00 Cloths, 2 by 2 1/2 yards, 17.50
25.00 Napkins, 22-inch, doz., 15.00

Table Cloths White Goods

All Linen 22 1/2c longcloths, 10 yards for \$1.75. 35c nainsook, 10 yards for \$2.95.

66.00, 68x68 inches, \$4.00
7.50, 72x72 inches, 5.89

Turkish Towels and Wash Cloths

25c Towels, 20c.	8 1/2c Cloths, 5c.
65c Towels, 49c.	10c Cloths, 8 1/2c.
75c Towels, 59c.	15c Cloths, 10c.
\$1.25 Towels, 85c.	20c Cloths, 15c.
\$1.50 Towels, \$1.00.	15c Dish Cloths 10c.

Sorosis Ties and Pumps \$5 a Pair \$10 to \$12 Values

Several hundred pairs of dress pumps and ties for five dollars.

Patent leather, two-eyelet ties and oxfords.

Kid and patent leather pumps.

Strap pumps of kid, buck and bronze.

These pumps and slippers all have French and Spanish heels.

Flannelette Sleeping Garments

Women's Gowns \$1.75 small sizes, \$1.19. \$2.25 and \$2.50 gowns, large sizes, \$1.89.

Two-Piece Pajamas Sizes 36 to 44. Saturday, \$1.98.

90c white skirts of flannelette, 69c.

For Exactly Half Price

—Bowls filled with Narcissus bulbs.

—Shopping baskets.

—Waste baskets fashioned of tapestry silk of gold, lavender, green and rose.

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