CORPORATIONS FEAR COAL STRIKE AND STORE MANY MILLION TONS

Two Agreements With Miners Expire April 1, and Men Are Believed to Contemplate Walkout

CAR SHORTAGE IMPENDS

Car shortages, scarcity of labor in the con! fields, war wages and April 1, 1915! These four things are giving the large manufacturers of this city much concern. Some coal is coming to this city in carloads, and as fast as it arrives it is being stored by the purchasers. Others cannot get their orders filled because of car shortages and scarcity of labor in the coal fields, and are keeping the wires busy in an effort to obtain fuel for an increased consumption.

What is the cause for this demand for coal? Why are manufacturers buying in the middle of winter with cellars already full? There are two answers to the ques-tions—first, an increase of consumption due to war orders, and, second, April I,

On that date the agreement between the miners and the operators in both the bituminous and anthracite fields terminates, it will be the first time in many years that the agreements in each sepa-rate field terminate on the same date, and should there be a general strike in both fields the supply of fuel will be en-tirely cut off.

Walle manufacturers are optimistic with respect to a general strike at that time, however, it is declared that the chances are one in 10 for a general strike, and that the one chance is responsible for the demand on the part of certain large manufacturers. large manufacturers.

A person close to the affairs of the Pennsylvania Railroad said today that the company has already stored 1,000,000 tons of coal at various points along its lines, and as fast as it can be mined the company is storing it at certain other "bases." In Camden recently the citizens protested because a large amount of coal was stored on the railroad property in such a way as to obstruct the view from their homes.

In the yard adjoining the factory of the John B. Stetson Company on 5th street north of Columbia avenue there are piled 500 tons of coal. Residents of the neighborhood say that it is the first time in years that they have seen so much coal in the yard at one time. J. Howell Cummings, president of the company, said today that the company was buying coal and storing it there BE a precautionary measure. as a precautionary measure.

"We always keep 2000 or 2000 tons of coal ahead of our needs," Mr. Cummings said, "and since we buy by contract, it costs the same in the winter as in the summer. There is one chance in ten of a strike in the coal fields, and it is well to keep an eye on the one chance. If a dealer in San Francisco should send us an order in April or May for a couple of dozen hats, it would be poor business form to say that we couldn't supply them because we had no coal, wouldn't it?"

Ten cars of coal, representing about

Ten cars of coal, representing about fen cars of coal, representing about 500 tons, are on a siding of the Bement, Miles & Co. plant of the Miles-Bement-Pond Company, at fist and Hamilton streets. "We just bought a little coal as a precautionary measure," said W. J. Hagaman, the general manager of the concern. "You know we are pretty busy. "You know we are pretty busy concern. "You know we are pretty busy and have orders that will keep us going for several months to come. Also the agreement between the miners and operators in the coal fields terminates on the first of April. It will be the first time in several years that the agreements in the bituminous and anthracite fields end at the same time. One cannot tell what might happen, so it is beat to be prepared."

On the other hand, many manufac-urers are unable to obtain the coal neccesary to their increased output. An offi-cial of the Baldwin Locomotive Works said that the increased demand for coal due to the large war orders and the shortage of cars was the cause of this situation. The Baldwin people are using about 3500 tons of coal each week in their plants at Eddystone and in this city. The inability of operators to fulful their contracts have compelled the company to buy spot coal in several instances. Contract coal sells for about \$1.25 per ton and spot coal is now between \$2.50 and \$2.75 per ton.

Many of the cars that would be carry.

Many of the cars that would be carry-ing coal at this time of the year are tled up in or near New York with war munitions waiting for ships to carry them to Europe. The official reports of the Pennsylvania Railrond today show that there are 6480 cars stored east of Philadelphia and 2830 on all lines waiting to be moved to New York. These 2310 cars will have to remain on the sidings until vessels can be obtained to carry their prod-ucts to Europe. The situation is due entirely to the war and did not exist a year ago.

Coal operators in this city declared today that they were confronted with a car shortage, but refused to discuss the labor situation. It was pointed out, however, that many laborers have described the coal fields for the higher wages offered in the munitions factories, and that the operators are confronted with a labor shortage which cannot be relieved because of the decreased immigration. In some instances wages have been raised to keep the men at work, while in others the men have walked out because of the money stringency the operators are facing on account of their inability to make deliveries.

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The consensus or opinion is that the artificial increase in wages due to war orders is causing dissatisfaction among creers is causing dissatisfaction among the miners and that demands for a general ingrease will be made in April. One manufacturer went so far as to say that he believed there would be a general walkout at that time which would cripple the mines for at least 60 or 50 days. Others flatly refused to make any predictions. One thing is certain, that is that the manufacturers expect something and are storing coal in preparation for it. and are storing coal in preparation for it

DETECTIVE WHO KILLED PRISONER IS PAROLED

Coroner Will Hold Inquest Into Death of Prisoner

District Detective Patterson, of the 15th street and Snyder avenue station, who shot and killed a prisoner who attempted to escape, was paroled today by Magis-trate Beaton in the Central Police Station pending the Coroner's inquest. Lieuter-ant Bert McBride, of the 15th atreet and

ant Bert McBrids, of the 15th street and Snyder avenue station, assumed responsibility for Patterson's responsance in court when wanted.

The man shot yesterday was Harry Colonetti, B years old, of 12th South Juniper street, who attempted to escape while Detectives Patterson and McCorkle were waiting at 13th and Wharton streets for the arrival of a patrol wagon. Seven witnesses appeared today and testified that Patterson fired after the fiseing man, first pointing his revolver into the air and then toward the ground. The second built is believed to have been defected from the pavement so that it struck Colonetti.

truck Columetts.

History Myers, of 2001 North 20th street, since into the court while the hearing ma maing on and was seized by Detocage Hill. who asserted that the man was spicoticle with Columetti in the stealing of a narrowth from a residence on Federal street, between 11th and 12th streets.

Annual 2. Hagistrate Heaton held the under fixe heat for further hearing.



Mrs. Otto English, of 2136 Oxford street, who is childless, intends to adopt the tiny girl left at her door early today and considers the child a wonderful Christmas gift.

DAMAGE SUIT IN U. S. REFLECTS WAR STRIFE

Trying to Control Picric Acid Supply

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 22. - By the filing of suit today against the Mid-dlesex Chemical Company for the recov-ery of alleged damages of \$500,000 by James F. Shaw, of Haverhill, Mass., a broker, there is revealed what is said to be a battle between interests, respectively the Allies and the Teutons, to control the destination of the mill's output of picric acid, which is used in high explosives. It is said that September 2, 1915, a contract was executed whereby the chemical company agreed to deliver to Shaw 200 tons of picric acid in 30-ton lots, begin-ning October 30, at \$1.20 per pound.

It is asserted further that the chemical company has been selling acid to representatives of the Teutonic allies, and that Shaw's contract tied up the plant and his suit was expected to have the effect of stopping any production or fur-Judge Tuttle, at Hartford yesterday, the little waif in her arms,

The receivership suit brought by one Dietrich, a stockholder, is a friendly action and was for the purpose of keeping the plant running. Dietrich is said of adopting the little girl, to be friendly to the Germans.

\$1,200,000 for Sinking Fund

The Sinking Fund Commissioners today took over the \$1,200,000 temperary loan, the transfer being made by City Treas. urer McCoach. The Treasurer also paid to the commissioners the sum of \$1.335,-253.23, the alst quarterly payment of the annual appropriation made by City Councils for interest and sinking fund charges

CHILDLESS WOMAN HAS WAIF AS XMAS GIFT

Germans and Allies Believed Babe Left on Doorstep Adopted With Gladness by Mrs. Otto English

> Old Saint Nicholas is smiling today, even if someone stole a march on him and delivered a precious and warm little bundle containing one of the most welcome of Christmas gifts, several days ahead of the scheduled time.

The Christmas of 1915 undoubtedly will be remembered in years to come by Mrs. Otto English, of 2136 Oxford street. Mrs. English, the childless, has a heartful of tender mother's love, for last night she heard the call of the spirit of Christmas in the wail of a tiny child.

She first heard a faint ring of her door sell, but when she arrived she just caught a glimpse of the mother turning the corner of the street. Then came the wall of the child. The little one had been left on the doorstep. Mrs. English coddict English appointed Colonel Pope temporary receiver, permitting him to run the plant
for a month from date.

"What is
wonderful Christmas gift," she exclaimed
as she showed the little girl to a neighbor
There was nothing by which the civil There was nothing by which the child could be identified. The clothing, although clean and neat, showed signs of poverty. Mrs. English has declared her intent

> Sharp Rise in Penna. Co. at Auction As a result of the recent increase in he dividend rate, the stock of the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances Lives and Granting Annuities scored a sensational gain at today's auction sales of securities. Two blocks changed hands at 701 and 700, respectively, being new high records and at the top a price jump of 78 points from the last previous sale.



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WOMAN SAYS SHE LIED TO 'PROTECT SOMEBODY'

Furniture Dealer Admits Perjury in Case of Alleged Conspiracy to Conceal Assets

A woman admitted before Judge Dick-Inson in United States District Court today that she had perjured herself before Referee in Bankruptcy David W. Amram "to protect somebody." She is Mrs. Rose Turetz, a furniture dealer of 928 and 370 Pasayunk avenue. Her testimony was given at a continued hearing of the trial of John Knoell and his son George, furniture makers, of 171 Jefferson street, accused of conspiracy to conceal assets of Mrs. Turetz from her trustee in bankruptcy for the purpose of defrauding creditors.

Another disclosure made today was that the Knoells put \$8000 into the hands of Miller and Destroy in Partick

the Knoells put \$5000 into the hands of William A. Gray and Bertram D. Rearick, their attorneys, to effect a settlement with Mrs. Turstz's creditors. It is alleged by the prosecution that merchandise now held by the Knoells, which they say was part security for \$5500 owed them by Mrs. Turetz, in reality was moved by them from her store to defraud creditors. them from her store to detraud creators,
it is also charged that a mortgage of
\$2500 on the Passyuna avenue property,
and held by the Knoells, was for the
purpose of keeping the property out of
the hands of the trustee in bankruptcy.
Most of this testimony, with the additional accusation that the Knoells loaned

tional accusation that the Knoells loaned \$4000 to Reuben Turetz to fice the jurisdiction, was read from the record of the proceedings before Referee Amram. Because of this advance and other alleged irregularities, Referee Amram recommended that the offer of settlement be declined and that the case be taken up by United States District Attorney Kane. The statements that Mrs. Turetz admitted to be false, made by her before the referee, were to the effect that she had not talked to George Knoell conecrning her business, that no goods had been removed from her store and that the merchandise held by the Knoells really was security for a loan.

COUNCILS BLOCK SANTA CLAUS

Bungling Method Has Deprived Jurors of Their Fees Since June. Many Protests Heard

Persons whose Christmas will be spoiled through the negligence of City Councils are crowding into the office of the County Commissioners today. They walk out

They are the jurors and witnesses in the various courts since last June. For six months their fees have remained unpaid, and now they are not to receive their money until after Christmas. Ap-plicants for the money were told today that they would be paid next Monday, the Finance Committee of Councils having re-ported favorably an appropriation from the city loan for the purpose.

"Christmas doesn't come next week," sald one disappointed juror. "There are kids at home that won't thank Councils for keeping Santa Claus away, while the members enjoyed the Liberty Bell jun-

An Italian woman, with two children tugging at her skirts, looked dismayed when she was told the money wasn't to be had. She had depended on it; first be had. She had depended on it, his to buy lee for the summer, then to provide winter clothing for the children and now for Christmas. She, like the others, had been put off time and again while Councils dallied. Now bookkeepers are working hard to extract the fund from the city treasury.

WIFE STEALS TO FREE HUSBAND FROM PRISON

Woman Takes Gems in Order That German Soldier May Leave Detention Camp

A little German woman, whose husband will spend his Christmas in a British detention camp on the other side of the Atlantic, will probably spend her Christmas in a New York prison unless her former employer relents and does not press a serious charge against her. She is Mrs. Elizabeth Boss, 35 years old, who was arrested last night accused of stealing \$5000 worth of jewelry from George alls, a manufacturer of 71 East 70th

street, New York.

The theft, according to the police, was made because she had been told that for \$1000 she could secure the release of her husband so that he might have a more substantial Christmas dinner than that doled out to prisoners of war.

She came to this country six months ago and went to work as a domestic in the Kalls home. Two weeks ago she received a letter from Germany, which said street, New York.

ceived a letter from Germany, which said that her husband, who has been fighting for the Fatherland since the war began, was in a British prison camp. The letter also said that he could be released on the payment of \$1000, provided he prom-

the payment of 1000, provided the promiised not to take up arms sgain.

She left New York and came to this
city, obtaining employment at 2249 North
fide street, where she was arrested. It
was then learned that Jewels belonging
to Mrs. Kalis had disappeared.

The little woman was a picture of de-

jection when arrested by Detective O'Connor on Information received from New
York. Through an interpreter, she told
the police that she had pawned the jewels
for \$1500 and had deposited the money
in a bank. For 10 days she had been
haunting the German Consulate to learn
how to send the money to Great Britain.
The woman wept hitterly when led to
her cell, her only thought being of her
husband. Today she will be sent back to
New York, and, unless her former employer relents, she, too, will spend her
Christmas in Jail. The jewelry has been
recovered. jection when arrested by Detective O'Con-

GENERAL OTTO VON EMMICH, CONQUEROR OF LIEGE, DEAD

Won Fame at Opening of War as Leader of Invaders

BERLIN, Dec. 22. General Otto A. T. von Emmich, the onqueror of Liege, died at Hanover this norning. General von Emmich was 67 years old.

General von Emmich was a lieutenant the Franco-Prussian war and was afterward gradually advanced in rank, hough he showed no conspicuous ability until the present war began.

At the outbreak of the war he was placed in command of the German Army of the Meise for the Invasion of Bel-ium. Ven Emmich issued a famous appeal to the Belgians after crossing the German border, imploring them to re-main peaceful and dectaring that civil-ians would be unharmed if they did not

participate in the fighting.

After the conquest of Liege, von Emmich was succeeded by General Marwitz on August 15, 1914. He was several times reported in ill benth and it was once rumored that he had committed suicide.

LIEUTENANT BATES ATTENDS MOTHER'S FUNERAL HERE

Officer Obtains Leave of Absence From Rear Admiral Fletcher

John Frederick Bates, Jr., of 53d stress and Walton avenue, a second lieutenas In the navy, was able to attend the funeral of his mother today, having received permission to come here from the Tuckerton wireless station, Tuckerton, N. J. where he has been assigned as a censor, Bates received word of his mother's death and applied for leave of absence. It was granted by Rear Admiral F'etcher.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock today, the Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston officiating Interment took place in West Laurel Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Bates is survived by her husband, a retail jeweler at 300 Market street, and four children, John, Thomas, Lillian and Helen.

10 Couples Get Maryland License ELKTON, N. J., Dec. 22 - Ten couples called at the Elkton court office this called at the Kikton court office the morning and procured licenses to marry, as follows: William H. Taylor and Blanche M. Straley, Philadelphia: Raymond R. Simpson and Georganna Cipmer, Camden, N. J.; William Lentisa Canden, N. J., and Lena Lorman, Philadelphia; Warren I. Shoop and Anna M. Frame, Plensant Hill, Md.; John J. Cegley and Anna Reinfried, Lancaster, Pa.; James R. Christ and Margaret R. Kass, Leading, Pa.; Christ and Margaret R. Kass, Leading, Pa.; Christ S. C. Johnson and Jessie M. Harrie, Harrisdurg, Pa.; Fred J. Sprole and Mary M. Barrett, Milton Pa.; William H. Murphy and Mary B. Rattie, Wilmington, Del.; Paul W. Me. Dougal, Cherry Hill, Md., and Rose M. Montgomery, Kembleville, Pa.

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Birsky and Zapp Discuss the Panama Canal

"What makes a canal is the water in it," said Zapp, "and if instead of water it's got rocks and sand in it, Birsky, then it ain't a canal no longer; it's just vacant lots."

Zapp is none too enthusiastic about the far-famed builder of the canal. As he lucidly explains "in the barber shop Colonel Gottheil is a great man by a Sunday Supplement with poetry about him like he would be a breakfast food or the Lackawanna Railroad! People would soon get sore at him if they see his picture too often."

If you want to start your Christmas rejoicings with a good, hearty laugh, take home the Evening Ledger on Friday. Montague Glass is always funny, but in these articles he excels himself. You can't afford to miss the good, wholesome humor of his new creations, Birsky and Zapp, in

Friday's Evening Ledger