

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 coal fields, war wages and April 1, 1916. These four things are giving the large manufacturers of this city much concern.

What is the cause for this demand for coal? Why are manufacturers buying in the middle of winter with cellars already full?

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 separate field terminate on the same date.

While 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.

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.

In the yard adjoining the factory of the John B. Stetson Company on 15th street north of Columbia avenue there are piled 5000 tons of coal.

"We always keep 2000 or 3000 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."

Ten cars of coal, representing about 500 tons, are on a siding at the Essex, Miles & Co. plant of the Miles-Hemmett-Pond Company, at 21st and Hamilton streets.

On the other hand, many manufacturers are unable to obtain in the coal necessary to their increased output. An official 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.

Contract coal sells for about \$1.25 per ton and spot coal is now between \$2.50 and \$2.75 per ton.

Coal operators in this city declared today that they were confronted with a coal shortage, but refused to discuss the labor situation. It was pointed out, however, that many laborers have deserted the coal fields for the higher wages offered in the munitions factories.

The consensus of opinion is that the artificial increase in wages due to war orders is causing dissatisfaction among the miners and that demands for a general increase will be made in April.

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 Magistrate Beaton in the Central Police Station pending the coroner's inquest.

The man shot yesterday was Harry Colonetti, 23 years old, of 1233 South Juniper street, who attempted to escape while Detectives Patterson and McCorkle were waiting at 11th and Wharton streets for the arrival of a patrol wagon.

Harry Myers, of 2941 North 26th street, came into the court while the hearing was going on and was seized by Detective Hitt, who asserted that the man was attempting to scale the wall of the court.



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

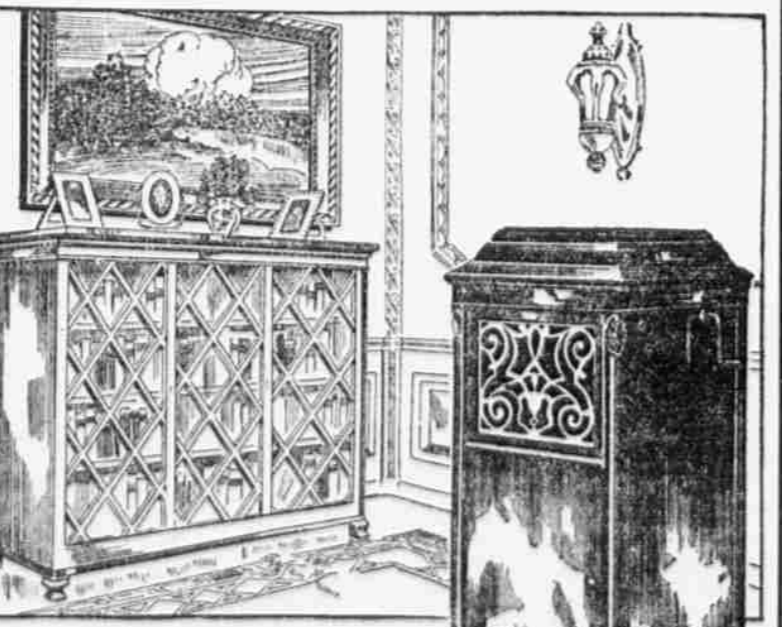
Germans and Allies Believed Trying to Control Picric Acid Supply

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 22.—By the filing of suit today against the Middlesex Chemical Company for the recovery of alleged damages of \$200,000 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 20-ton lots, beginning October 20, at \$120 per ton.

Justice Tuttle, at Hartford yesterday, appointed Colonel Pope temporary receiver, permitting him to run the plant for a month from date.

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 to be friendly to the Germans.



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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 Dickenson 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 930 Passayunk 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 \$500 into the hands of William A. Gray and Bertram D. Reaick, their attorneys, to effect a settlement with Mrs. Turetz's creditors. It is alleged by the prosecution that merchandise now held by the Knoells, which they say was part security for \$5000 owed them by Mrs. Turetz, in reality was moved by them from her store to defraud creditors.

Most of this testimony, with the additional accusation that the Knoells loaned \$4000 to Reuben Turetz to flee 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 concerning 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 scowling.

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 a dime of the money until after Christmas. Applicants for the money were told today that they would be paid next Monday, the Finance Committee of Councils having reported favorably an appropriation from the city loan for the purpose.

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 to buy ice 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 dabbled. 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 Ross, 23 years old, who was arrested last night accused of stealing \$500 worth of jewelry from George Kalls, a manufacturer of 71 East 76th 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 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 promised not to take up arms again.

She left New York and came to this city, obtaining employment at 229 North 3rd street, where she was arrested. It was then learned that jewels belonging to Mrs. Kalls had disappeared. The little woman was a picture of dejection 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.

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 conqueror of Liege, died at Hanover this morning. General von Emmich was 67 years old.

General von Emmich was a lieutenant in the Franco-Prussian war and was afterward gradually advanced in rank, though 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 Meuse for the invasion of Belgium. Von Emmich issued a famous appeal to the Belgians after crossing the German border, imploring them to remain peaceful and declaring that civilians 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 health 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 513 1/2 street and Walton avenue, a second lieutenant in the navy, was able to attend the funeral of his mother today, having received permission to come here from the Tucker wireless station, Tucker, 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 Fletcher.

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 302 Market street, and four children, John, Thomas, Lillian and Helen.

10 Couples Get Maryland License

BLAKTON, N. J., Dec. 22.—Ten couples called at the Blakton court office this morning and procured licenses to marry, as follows: William H. Taylor and Blanche M. Straley, Philadelphia; Raymond R. Simpson and Georganna Cypmer, Camden, N. J.; William Leitch, Camden, N. J., and Lena Lorman, Philadelphia; Warren E. Shoop and Anna M. Frame, Pleasant Hill, Md.; John J. Costley and Anna Reinfrich, Lancaster, Pa.; James B. Christ and Margaret H. Kass, Reading, Pa.; Charles C. Johnson and Jessie M. Harris, Harrisburg, Pa.; Fred J. Sprole and Mary M. Barrett, Milton, Pa.; William H. Murphy and Mary H. Rattie, Wilmington, Del.; Paul W. McDonald, Cherry Hill, Md., and Rosa M. Montgomery, Kembleville, Pa.

Advertisement for Becker's clothing store. The Big Day is Almost Here. And still there are many gifts to buy. No matter how inexpensive they may be they must express quality. Gifts for men, bearing the Becker trade mark do just that always. Business Suits, Shoes, Evening Dress, Silk Shirts, Gloves, Mufflers, Neckwear, Bath Robes, Pajamas, Canes, Umbrellas, Leather Goods, Hats. Phoenix and Everwear Silk Hosiery for Men, Women and Children. Open Evenings Until Christmas. 926 Chestnut Street, 20 So. 15th Street. BECKER'S Juniper & Filbert Sts. Widener Bldg. Arcade. Ladies' Department In Our Widener Arcade Store.



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."

Friday's Evening Ledger

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