

NO PRICE REDUCTION ON COAL EFFECTIVE TODAY, SAY DEALERS

Usual Spring Rebate Denied on Account of Unsettled Differences Between Miners and Operators

PRESENT PRICES TO STAY

Settlement Hoped for in New York Conference, But May Be Delayed Till Fall

No reduction on the retail prices of coal will go into effect today. At least not with the larger coal dealers. It has been for the past several months the usual custom of retail dealers to strike off 50 cents per ton on the price of coal on the 1st of April, and then to add 10 cents a ton the first of every month until the price returns to the normal figure.

The reduction, according to coal dealers, may not be put in force at all this year. It will all depend on the New York conference. No reduction, as was expected, will be effective until the settlement of the miners' grievances, and this may be concluded within a week or two or not until fall. The latter prediction will be nearer correct unless the representatives of the miners and operators get together. So far they have accomplished nothing.

The prolonging of the conference means much to Philadelphia housewives. It means that they must necessarily pay 50 cents more per ton for every grade of coal, with one exception, than they did on April 1 of 1915. The one exception is pea coal, which was selling during the winter of 1915 at \$5.50 a ton, a mark that is 25 higher than this year's price.

Many families to whom a saving of 50 cents means 10 loaves of bread or six gallons of milk, will be hit hard by the failure of the usual price decrease. To the average family, to whom a roaring furnace is the exception rather than the rule during the frequent cold and rainy days of April and early May, the increase will be accepted philosophically, the same as was the 1 cent tax on phone calls over 15 cents, and the soaring price of gasoline for drivers.

The prices last year on April 1 and those today, quotations being taken from big coal dealers, are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Coal grade and Price per ton. Rows include Anthracine, Bituminous, and Pea.

WEEK'S MORTALITY ROLL

Deaths Number 571, Pneumonia Leading the List of Causes With 73 Victims

Deaths from all causes throughout the city this week total 571, as compared with 535 last week and 573 for the corresponding week last year.

Pneumonia and kindred ailments caused 73 deaths, and a total of 101 new cases of pneumonia were reported to the Division of Vital Statistics by city physicians. The number reported last week was 95. The total of deaths was divided as follows: Males, 299; females, 281; boys, 75, and girls, 56.

Causes of death were:

Table listing causes of death and their corresponding number of victims. Top causes include Pneumonia (73), Tuberculosis (67), and Cancer (60).

TWO NEW REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL BOOMS

General Leonard Wood and Prof. Edmund J. James, Formerly of U. of P.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Two bright new buds were added today to Washington's growing spring crop of Republican presidential booms. They were: Major General Leonard Wood, former chief of staff of the army, and at present in command of the Eastern Department.

Prof. Edmund James, president of the University of Illinois. Both of the additions to the long list of Republican possibilities were trotted out by representatives of the same brand of Republicanism. Both have supporters among the progressive element of the party, and both are satisfactory to many of the "preparation" group among the Republicans.

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APRIL FOOL



SPECIAL OPERATOR WARDS OFF "APRIL FOOL" CALLS TO ZOO

It Is Useless for You to Phone to "Mr. Wolf," "Mr. Bear" or "Mr. Camel" Today—They Left Word Not to Be Disturbed

The "April Fool" operator in the Preston exchange of the Bell Telephone Company had her hands full today trying to convince hundreds of victims of April fool jokes that "Mr. Wolf," "Mr. Bear," and "Mr. Camel" at Preston 5874 J. were not bonafide human beings, but just respectable animal residents of the Zoological Gardens.

Calls for "Mr. Wolf," "Mr. Bear," and "Mr. Camel" at Preston 5874 J began at 8 a. m., and after that they came in at the rate of two a minute. Up to noon nearly 600 calls had been received. In other words, the "April Fool" operator put a crimp in nearly 600 April Fool jokes, and many were the grunts of disgust when the intended victims discovered how narrow was their escape.

For years the 200 has been the top of April Fool jokers. They work it this way: A joker calls up the office of a business acquaintance when he knows that acquaintance is out and asks the office boy to have his boss call "Mr. Wolf, Preston 5874 J," the minute he comes in. It became a sort of endless chain joke, for as soon as a person discovered how he had been "stung" he worked off his spleen by planting the joke somewhere else.

Last year, on April 1, the office of the superintendent of the Zoological Gardens was deluged with thousands of these "phony" calls. The telephone buzzed every minute, and Superintendent Carson was obliged to call in a couple of animal keepers to aid in the work of convincing people that they were April Fool victims. This year the management "put one over" on the jokers by arranging with the Preston exchange to have an "April Fool" operator intercept joke calls.

"ARK OF PURPOSE SAVES US FROM FLOOD," SAYS PREACHER

"There Must Be Self-Limitation," Asserts Rev. P. E. Osgood

"Exterior compulsion determines too much of our activity. We are slaves to what we call necessity," said the Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, today, at the noon-day Lenten services at the Garrick Theatre.

"There are other shut-ins than invalids," he said. "Noah was one, the legend says. Shut the ark, he is the symbol of that truth that repeats itself so often in human experience, that limitation is the only way for the real freedom of life. We all feel the fascination of the ideal of a real freedom. We are hungry for power adequate for our tasks, for unhampered ability to make the ideal and the actual one. We would slough off the merely denotive life and clothe ourselves with creative self-determination if we could. Pack threads should not hold us fast.

"Such freedom does not come by license, however. The only freedom comes by being shut in first into the Ark of Purpose. There must be self-limitation. Certain things must have been made unobtainable. God shuts us into such an ark if we will build it. It does not matter what our purpose may be, so long as it is a spiritual shutting in. To work at a real selfhood is to find denied the possibilities that distract and make for chaos.

"By and by God lets us out into the real freedom of a new life here, washed clean of the old carthiness. The rainbow of a hope beyond our hopes of ourselves shines in the sky of the spirit. We meet God at the mutual altar of Christ, creatively to covenant together for a new world."

Lecture on Military Engineering

A series of lectures on military engineering will be started tonight, under the auspices of the Engineers' Club, at Witherspoon Hall, by Colonel George A. Zinn, of the corps of engineers, U. S. A.

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METHODISTS AWAIT NEW APPOINTMENTS

Ministerial and Lay Delegates Elected at Wilmington General Conference

WILMINGTON, Del., April 1.—With the election of delegates to the general conference out of the way, interest in the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference now centres in the probable appointments. Bishop Joseph F. Berry, of Philadelphia, who is presiding is expected to announce his selections by Tuesday. It is known there will be a number of surprises, but no definite information as to the Bishop's intentions can as yet be had.

The contest for the four ministerial delegates to the general conference proved more close and lively than had been anticipated and only ended after four ballots had been taken for the fourth delegate. It resulted in the selection of the four present district superintendents, the Rev. Doctors Hoffecker, Watt, Stephenson and O'Brian.

Meanwhile the lay conference has elected its four lay delegates to the general conference. They are Melville Campbell, of Wilmington, Wilmington district; Martin B. Burris, of Middletown, Eastern district; Thomas H. Rock, of Princess Anne, Md., Salisbury district; E. J. Winder, of Seaford, Dover district.

Alternates elected were L. M. Lenderman, of Wilmington; W. O. Hoffecker, of Smyrna; L. E. P. Dennis, of Orfield. What to do with and for aged and infirm ministers was the subject taken up last night when the anniversary of the conference claimant endorsement fund was celebrated. Union Church was filled and the speaker, the Rev. Appleton Dobb, secretary of the conference endorsement fund of the Pittsburgh Conference, preached a forceful sermon, in which he presented the ministers' claim in a clear and graphic manner.

He declared that the Methodist Church is not what it used to be, that times have changed and new methods are required. There never was a time when unbelieved

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GAFFNEY TO DROP PLAN FOR SHORT-TERM LOAN

Anti-Smith Forces Will Insist on Full Discussion of Carrying Charges

Following Controller Walton's statement that the city's tax rate would have to be increased to \$1.30 to cover deficiencies and departmental needs comes the assertion by members of Council's Finance Committee that Chairman Gaffney intends dropping his plans for a short-term loan to meet maintenance and pay off bills. This plan will be abandoned, it is claimed by Penrose-McNichol members of the committee.

Members of the committee favoring a full discussion of carrying charge troubles are anxious that the Gaffney scheme for a short-term loan of \$5,000,000 or more be insisted upon so that they can "smoke out" Mayor Smith as to his plans for any special tax that would furnish a return of \$2,500,000 a year for the next two years, together with the necessary interest funds.

That the Penrose-McNichol members of the Finance Committee intend to insist upon a full discussion of carrying charges before the loan is finally rounded into shape is virtually certain. That every effort will be made by Mayor Smith to prevent such a controversy is equally certain, as he insists that this is not the time to raise the question.

While the warring factions await a favorable opportunity to renew the fight over carrying charges, the question of transit will be taken up Monday. The \$35,000,000 transit item is the only big item that has not been approved by the committee, which is now in a position to appropriate several hundred thousand dollars saved from the maintenance item by striking out new places and salary increases. For this balance there have been many demands, including one for more than \$2,000,000 from West Philadelphia.

The session of the Finance Committee next Tuesday will be given over to a consideration of additional items to be included from amounts topped off original items after declarations made by department heads that such changes could be made. That items to provide for the workmen's compensation act and for pensions for municipal employees will be included in the loan is little less than certain, as Councilman Seger, head of the Penrose-McNichol forces, has insisted on this change before he would be willing to lend his approval to the measure.

BULLET ENDS EARLY MORNING ARGUMENT OF BROTHERS

Young Man Wounded When He Objects to Rising Call

CHESTER, April 1.—An argument that began when his brother urged it was time to get up ended in the shooting of George Stowe, Jr., of 504 Park street, Chester, during a struggle for possession of a revolver with Freeman Stowe, an older brother. Young Stowe is in the Chester Hospital in a serious condition with a bullet in his head.

Freeman Stowe, who is well-known in Chester, as an amateur baseball player, declares his brother threatened him with a revolver which he took from under his pillow when he was reminded yesterday morning that it was time to rise.

He reached for the revolver and while they struggled the trigger was pulled. This is the story he told Police Chief Vance, of Chester. George Stowe, the victim, who has been conscious despite the wound, denied he had a revolver. He said some one crept into his room and fired as he was half asleep. After investigation Freeman Stowe was allowed to go on his own recognizance.

\$50,000 Oil Fire at Middletown, N. Y.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., April 1.—Fire early today destroyed the plant of the Texas Oil Company after a series of spectacular explosions. The loss will total \$50,000. The company's four oil tanks exploded and blasting oil ignited a dozen small frame dwellings nearby. Frank Ullman, 19, an employee, was fatally burned. The cause of the fire is unknown.

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