

SHORTAGE OF SOFT COAL THREATENS CITY INDUSTRIES

Bituminous Supply Greatly Diminished and Consumers Anxious

WAR INCREASES PRICES

Soft Coal Prices Soar to Abnormal Height

HOW bituminous coal prices quoted spot market f. o. b. at mines today, compare with the normal prices:

	Normal	Present
Smokeless (bituminous)	\$1.50	\$4.25
Yonkers (bituminous)	1.50	4.25
Delaware (bituminous)	1.50	4.25
Reading (bituminous)	1.50	4.25
Eastern Kentucky	1.50	4.25
Central Illinois	1.50	4.25
Ohio	1.50	4.25

Bituminous coal, the soft variety, threatens to rival in price and exceed in scarcity the supply of anthracite.

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Today many Philadelphia manufacturers are glancing anxiously at their diminishing stocks of fuel, while they note reports from the coal fields that the spot prices are three to four times greater than the normal prices of a year ago. In addition the shortage of transportation facilities complicates the situation, even when these higher costs of purchase are met.

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CAR SHORTAGE BLAMED

Car shortage, which prevents relief, in the explanation given by the mine owners and coal handlers. The same conditions are held to affect the anthracite shipments, but the visible supply of hard coal is believed to be more satisfactory than that of the bituminous branch of the trade.

Barley, rice and buckwheat, the smallest sizes, are most seriously in demand and hardest to get, it is said. These are used to a great extent in the furnaces of manufacturing concerns. Many of these factories, especially in the iron and steel industries, and in fields identified with the making of war supplies, have been working as never before during the past spring and summer, and their contracts are such that the furnaces are roaring day and night to keep up with orders.

INDUSTRY CREATING IDLENESS

Unless there is some let-up in this situation the anomaly of industry creating idleness is foreseen by men familiar with the soft coal trade.

American Coal

The unusual conditions in the coal situation are being reported by the newspapers with more or less accuracy.

It is true that there is much uncertainty about future prices and deliveries.

This company is advising its customers to promptly fill their coal bins. At this moment we have coal in all sizes, and weather conditions are favorable to immediate delivery.

There is, however, no assurance as to the future. Filling your bins now is no more than a wise precaution, as no one can forecast future developments, either as to delivery or prices.

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Coal Department AMERICAN ICE COMPANY

LEADERS OF TIOGA'S BIG JUBILEE



These men are responsible for this year's jubilee, an annual event in Tioga. Above, at the left, is Wilbur H. Zimmerman, chairman of the Jubilee Committee; in the center is Louis Gilbert, head of the big parade tonight; above, at the right, is Colonel Arthur Swayne, chief marshal of the parade. At the left, below, is Matthew J. Donohoe, secretary of the jubilee committee, and at the right, E. C. Snyder, Jr., treasurer.

and upward trend in cost, and some of them, in this city and elsewhere, report that the conditions brighten and they are able to get the coal required to keep their furnaces burning they may be forced to suspend until the pressure is relieved.

Inquiry at the local headquarters of the largest coal handling companies today yields almost unanimously the explanation summarized above. The demand is abnormal, say the agents. The diversion of cars to other uses prevents prompt delivery from mine to customer, and, like other crises, the blow falls heaviest upon the small consumer, who has neither the credit nor the storage facilities of his bigger competitor to anticipate such a shortage.

Denial that there is any manipulation at the mines or artificially created famine is universal among the sales agents and representatives of the coal concerns. They declare that such action would lay them open to Federal prosecution for conspiracy. If the railroads would provide cars, they say, relief would be speedy, not only in the bituminous end of the coal trade, but in the anthracite branch as well.

The Reading Coal and Iron Company, the largest shipper from the Schuylkill region to this city, is utilizing the Schuylkill Canal as far as possible for Philadelphia shipments in an endeavor to overcome in part the transportation problem. The Belmont and Queen lane stations of the Bureau of Water, as well as many industries located along the river bank, are benefiting from this water delivery. Coal barges are also being employed to a greater extent for terminals on the Delaware River front and to tide-water, where railroads were previously used almost exclusively.

While the territory in the Philadelphia district is suffering to some extent by reason of the impaired transportation conditions in other sections, it is reported to be much worse. Interstate Commerce Commissioner McChord has left Washington for Louisville, Ky., where tomorrow he will hold conferences with representatives of eastern, southern and a few of the western railroads, together with State railroad commissions and shippers concerning the general car shortage, which is tying up traffic and affecting the prices of coal and other necessities. Commissioner McChord, in asking the eastern trunk lines to have representatives at the conference, pointed out that the shippers had charged that the carriers received cars for export without assurance of water shipping facilities and permitted the use of cars for storage.

U. S. READY TO TAKE TRADE SHIPS FOR WAR

Plans Complete for Impressing All Merchant Vessels if They Should Be Needed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2. — The Government is now virtually ready to take over all merchant vessels desired for auxiliaries in case of war.

Blank contracts are being drawn by the Navy Department, it was learned today. When completed they will lack only the prices to be paid for the vessels and the signatures of the owners. The prices will depend on trade conditions at the time of the possible selection.

Naval officers who will command the ships in case of war already have been selected. Plans of the Navy Department show the type of gun which could be mounted on each vessel.

The vessels would be used to carry troops, fuel and general supplies in most cases. They would not be armored and guns would be mounted only for self-protection.

In many cases builders of merchant vessels are sending to the Navy Department to find what type of merchant vessel is best suited to service in case of war. Plans specifying composite merchant ships and naval auxiliaries are forwarded in each case. The Navy Department expects in this way to build up a great fleet of merchant vessels which in the event of war would need no changes in structure to be taken into the naval service. Ample funds are available to obtain equipment for these if it should be needed. Congress at its last session appropriated money for the purpose.

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U. OF P. FACULTY DIVIDED ON ELECTION OUTCOME

Penniman and Lewis Expect Hughes to Win—Cheyney Sees Wilson Victory

Members of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania expressed a variety of opinions today concerning the outcome of the presidential election next Tuesday.

Vice Provost Penniman said he was sure that Hughes would be elected, while Prof. Ralph Cheyney, head of the history department, declared that Wilson would be elected.

"Hughes will win," said Mr. Penniman, "because he has virtually the whole Republican party back of him. Wilson was elected in 1912 by a split in the Republican party, but now he has no chance of re-election because the Republican party has been reunited."

"The American people," said Professor Cheyney, "are grateful because Wilson has kept them out of war. This is a campaign issue which is going to prove the undoing of the Republican party at the polls next Tuesday. The American people are pretty well satisfied with the record of Wilson, and few can see any necessity of a change at this time. The Republicans are putting up some fine arguments at this time, but they cannot obscure one fact, and that is that the young men of this country are not fighting somebody else's battles in the trenches of Europe."

William Draper Lewis, of the Law School, says he is certain that Hughes will be elected.

"Hughes," he said, "will be elected because the American people have good horse sense."

"Painter" Thief Busy in Tioga
 The "painter," who has been robbing houses in North Philadelphia and Tioga, continues his method of entering homes and taking jewelry and small sums of money. Two such robberies were reported to the police today. The homes of Mrs. Hazel Whelen, 3633 York road, and William Bocha, 2419 North Ninth street, were robbed of money and jewelry.

Peace League to Give Dinner
 NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—At a dinner to be given in this city on November 24 "to consider a program for a permanent league of nations to become effective at the close of the present war," an aggressive speaking campaign throughout the United States to explain the objects sought by the League to Enforce Peace will be opened.

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