COAL PRODUCT SHOWS SERIOUS FALLING OFF

Critical Condition at Mines Reported by Fuel Administration

DUE TO LACK OF CARS

Decrease in Eastern and Middle Fields Ranges as High as 59.1 Per Cent

Washington, April 22.

That there is a critical condition existing in the coal-producing fields due to a lack of cars at the mines is shown by a telegram received by the fuel administration from the Fairmont-Clarksburg field in West Virginia. The telegram reads:

"Coal car supply Fairmont-Clarksburg region so very poor that miners are leaving by the wholesale rather than face starvation with but a day's work per week. Advices from various sources indicate large number additional miners will leave region after pay day; some mines will lose their entire force. This will have a disastrous effect upon production unless matter is taken in hand at once and car supply is immediately increased."

The situation in this field does not differ materially from that existing all through the more important coal fields upon which the industrial centers depend for their fuel supply. The reports for the week ended April 6 show a decrease of production over the preceding week of 1,500,000 tons, or 14 per cent. For the week ended March 30 the mines throughout the country showed an average loss of production amounting to 23.3 per cent, due to car shortage. The detailed loss by coal fields was as follows:

In the fields of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio the average loss due to car shortage was 22.6 per cent. In one of these, the northern and central Ohio field, the loss was 34.2 per cent.

In the Pennsylvania fields the loss in production due to car shortage averaged 22.4 per cent.

In the New River and Winding Gulf and Pocahontas fields, which supply the low volatile coal vitally needed by the navy and the merchant marine for bunker purposes, loss in production due to car shortage was 24.4 per cent.

In the high volatile fields of southern West Virginia and the Fairmont the average loss in production due to car shortage was 50.2 per cent. The southern high volatile fields lost 41.8 per cent and the Fairmont fields 59.1 per cent.

Cumberland Piedmont field showed a loss of production of 15.6 per cent due to car shortage.

The mine fields in Kentucky, the southern Appalachian fields and the southwestern Virginia fields showed an average loss in production of 29.7 per cent due to car shortage.

On the other hand, in the Alabama, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Iowa, Rock Mountain and Pacific coast fields the car service was within 5 per cent of normal. Except for Alabama the bulk of the output of these mines goes into domestic consumption and is utilized west of the Mississippi River. It does not enter into the transportation problem in the congested eastern territory.

The fuel administration is apprehensive lest a continuance of this condition will result in a depletion of the mining fields of labor, as indicated by the telegram quoted from the Fairmont-Clarksburg district. It is therefore devoting its efforts toward procuring a correction of the conditions that threaten the coal supply during the coming season.

REPUBLICAN CONTROL OF SENATE UNLIKELY

Change of Rule Improbable in Filling of Thirty-six Seats

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Although major political interest centers in the House of Representatives, where actual control is at stake, the unprecedented number of vacancies to be filled in the Senate this year leads political leaders to believe that the senatorial contests will offer a better barometer of public sentiment than the contests in the lower branch of Congress.

This view arises chiefly from the fact that the Republicans have gained steadily in the House in the last three elections, and the gain of additional seats in November, while of great importance in changing the organization, would not carry the weight of the Senate elections, where the sentiment of an entire State is registered.

Thirty-six seats in the Senate are to be filled this year. This is the largest number of candidates before the people since the direct-election amendment was ratified. The Republican hope for sufficient gains to give them control is somewhat far-fetched, in the minds of many leaders. With two vacancies on the Democratic side, the majority party controls the Senate by eight votes, having at present fifty-two seats to forty-four for the Republicans. As Missouri and Louisiana both are Democratic States, the majority will be ten when the temporary successors of the late Senators from those States are named by the Governors.

Twenty-two seats filled by Democrats and fourteen held by Republicans are to be filled at elections this year. On the Democratic side at least fourteen of the States are counted as certain for that party, and this fact, taken with the chances of victories in some of the so-called doubtful States, is taken to indicate that the possibility of Republican control of the Senate is at best remote.

Of seven vacancies created by deaths, one has been filled by the election of Irvine L. Lenroot in Wisconsin. Two Governors' appointees are candidates for re-election for the unexpired terms for which they were selected. They are John F. Nugent, of Nevada, Democrat, for the unexpired term of Francis G. Newlands, a Democrat, and Charles B. Henderson, Democrat, of Idaho, for the remainder of the term of James H. Brady, a Republican.

Senator McNary, Republican, of Oregon, who was appointed for the unexpired term of Senator Harry Lane, Democrat, is not a candidate for the remainder of the Lane term, having entered the race for the long term beginning next March. Senator David Baird, Republican, of New Jersey, may seek the remainder of the term of Senator Hughes, Democrat, which runs to March 4, with the likelihood of Governor Edge, Republican, running for the long term.

That leaves the unexpired terms of Senator Stone, Democrat, of Missouri, and Senator Broussard, Democrat, of Louisiana, both running to March 4, 1921, to be filled.

With the exception of the Maine election, which is to be held in September, the other seats will be filled in November.

K. and M. Club Enters Fraternity

Girard Review, Parkway Building, Mrs. Anna Haney, commander, received eight applications for membership and obligated five candidates, after which a short entertainment was given for the benefit of the patriotic fund which was most enjoyable.

A special meeting will be held the end of the month to make arrangements for the presentation to the great commander, Miss Lounsbury, at the "May Day social" on Wednesday evening, May 1, at 4407 Girard ave. Several of the irregular members encouraged the old guard by their presence, as did D. D. G. H. David L. Stewart, of Arcadian Council.

Stars and Stripes, service and society banners, songs and singing, specially on Shackleford cigars and sociability, all combined to make a great night for a Liberty Loan Rally, Red Bell, Hatboro, on Thursday. Grand Secretary Major W. Sharp welcomed the guests. Trustee J. M. Schoettel presented the service flag, which was received on behalf of the Junior Order by H. Rommer. Malcolm Shackleford, of the State Loyalty Bureau, of New York, was the chief promotor, being extremely clever in his line. Refreshments were served, community singing and short patriotic addresses contributed to the success of the meeting. Brotherly love and cigars put the final touch to a very enjoyable evening.

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SONS OF AMERICA

Continued Patriotic Work of State Camp Officers in Aid of War

The Fifth Philadelphia District, under the leadership of District President Joseph Paley, is displaying more life than for many years. A meeting was held in the room of Camp 12, with more than fifty representatives from the district camps.

Camp No. 317, at Seventeenth and South streets, held a fine meeting, with a class initiation, last week. The degree work was done by the degree team of Camp No. 481, of West Philadelphia, of which Brother Gilbert Reed is the degree master and Gilbert Hamilton the president, and there were nearly forty members present. Every camp in the district should follow up the good working district president by holding a class initiation previous to June 30, the end of the State camp term.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America in Philadelphia is earnestly working for the success of the third Liberty Bond issue, and reports made to the last meeting of the various subordinate camps in State headquarters are very gratifying to the committee in charge of the work in the Third Federal Reserve District. All of the 100 subordinate camps here and in surrounding counties are doing their best to prove that Americans are men of action. A form was forwarded from the State executive committee to every camp in the State for the data in the purchase of Liberty Bonds and War-Savings Stamps. Every effort is being put forth to have each member purchase a bond through the camp or his place of employment. The members are in many cases requested to purchase the bonds through their employers, but a record of the number of bonds is required by the rules of the State Camp and for credit to the work of the fraternal societies.

ROYAL ARCANUM

Patriotic Investments of the Various Councils and Dining-Club Activity

Arcanian Council held its semimonthly meeting on Wednesday with a good attendance as usual. The Thrift and War Savings Society received a big boost. President Wills, who has a son in France, has taken a firm grip in the management of the society's affairs, and Brother Stewart, who owns the distinction of having two sons in the service, is attending the secretary's duties. A great number of stamp purchases have already been made. Alex Payton deposited his membership card. The council has one new application and one reinstatement in the hands of the medical examiner.

The Royal Arcanum Dining Club executive committee met and arranged details for the next banquet to be held April 29 at the City Club, 318 South Broad street. Two very interesting and well-known speakers have been engaged. Special music and new patriotic and fraternal songs for community singing will be provided. It was also suggested that the May meeting will be a ladies' dinner-dance.

George Chandler Council members turned out 100 loyal members on Thursday evening. P. D. G. R. Charles Walter, of Ionic Council, was on hand to lend his fatherly advice. Secretary Pote, being deeply engaged in Government service, was obliged to relinquish his position in favor of one who can devote more time to the important office of secretary. The council is striving to increase its attendance, and a special effort will be directed to this end in the future. A delegation from Guarantee Council will test Chandler a fraternal visit at its first meeting in May. Brother D. L. Stewart was also a visitor.

Past Supreme Regent Frank B. Wilkinson, of Harrisburg, has been deputized to install the officers of the Grand Council of Rhode Island, which holds its annual convention in Providence, beginning April 25. Supreme Orator L. R. Geisenberger, of Lancaster, performs similar service at the annual session of the New Jersey jurisdiction, beginning April 25 at Asbury Park.

The boys of Guarantee Council were hatless in street their congenial regent, Edward Gallup, who had returned from a business trip. An unusual amount of correspondence was read and important business transacted. The members were pleasantly surprised upon entering council chamber to find a large silk American flag mounted upon a standard at the altar, a gift to the council by members. A fitting address of acceptation was read and another was in the hands of the medical examiner, which means at least a double initiation at the next meeting. Vice Regent Hall was presented a fraternal visit by 3 sister councils in the vicinity on May 2. The chairman of the Drive Society reported a per capita of more than $8 per member. A committee was announced that the members of the council had subscribed $2500 to the third Liberty Bond issue, and further, and can aggressive drive was urged for the remaining days of the campaign. Several of the irregular members encouraged the old guard by their presence, as did D. D. G. H. David L. Stewart, of Arcadian Council.

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THE MACCABEES

Patriotic Fund Benefits in the Woman's Benefit Association

"Keystone Review, Rittenhouse Hall, Fifty-third street and Haverford avenue, Mrs. F. M. Helms, commander, reports arrangements complete for the "patriotic drive" and also an entertainment to be given for the benefit of the patriotic fund on Thursday evening next, when all members of the order and their friends will receive a cordial welcome.

Girard Review, Parkway Building, Mrs. Arters, commander, received some instructions from Supreme Commander Miss Hamilton. The members living east of the Schuylkill River entertained the members on the west side with Mrs. Lillian Piner as chairman, and the best ways and means how to entertain. Mrs. Riner was presented with a beautiful fern from the review in appreciation of her work for the patriotic fund and for the review. On May 9 the review will hold a progressive novelty party, with Miss A. E. Betti as chairman, receipts to be used for the patriotic fund.

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Camp No. 1 has formed a camp of forfeiture, having lost within one week two of its oldest and active members. President George Bullock, who died from an accident, was one of the brightest and most energetic members and held the latest office with exceptional ability and his loss will be greatly deplored. Brother James T. Allen was one of the oldest and honored members.

FORWARD MOVEMENT IN ARTISANS' ORDER

Preparation for Big Rally at Lu Lu Temple to Draw Out Fraternal Spirit

The newly formed body of deputies, master Artisans and recorders of the local assemblies of the A. O. M. P. will meet for organization details on next Monday night, April 29, at 1626 Arch street, but there will be a meeting tonight at the same place of the committee of arrangements for the big rally next month, composed of the chair officers of St. John's, Progressive, Keystone, Underdown, Fidelity, Union, Adelphi, Oak Lane, Pennsylvania, Girard, Passyunk, Germantown, Bartram, West Philadelphia and Southwestern Assemblies.

Brother William B. Pollock, of St. John's Assembly, having been appointed by M. E. M. A. Chalmers as representative-at-large, was chosen as the president of the new organization, and he, with a delegation from his assembly, has made a faithful canvass of the local assemblies in the interest of a movement which he conceived and which he describes in this statement:

"For some time the feeling that the various assemblies should devote more time and real energy to their existing membership has been growing in our order. The old 'pep' has been laid away in camphor, so to speak, and now, in the general opinion, it is time to take out our stored-away enthusiasm and vim, dust it off, brighten it up and wear it where it can be seen.

"For the time being let us lay stress upon the introduction of new members and more stress upon the betterment of ourselves into ourselves, arouse the waning interest in our own and our sister assembly affairs, exchange visits, entertain our friends and possibly can to reindite in ourselves and others the true spirit of fraternalism.

"As an initial step to this direction, it is proposed to have the big initiation [illegible] to Lu Lu Temple in the middle of May (date to be announced).

"The evening is to be borne by fifteen assemblies, and every assembly and member of the said assemblies should attend.

"This meeting will be a closed meeting for members only, and it is proposed to make it unique and one that will be long remembered. Every assembly is urged to be represented to produce one or more candidates.

"The ritualistic work is to be done by these highly qualified, the music by a large orchestra and exhibited [illegible] and prizes will be offered and all to conclude with a splendid high-class entertainment.

"This meeting should accomplish wonders in renewing interest, awaken enthusiasm and be a revelation to the smaller and backward assemblies as to the possibilities as to what can and no doubt will be done in their own work, of course, to a lesser degree."

We get behind this movement with a will. Contributions, personal effort and money for this big spring Art-sanshin drive, which will prove of as much value to our assemblies individually and our order as a whole as it [illegible] to the grand success of the movement we begin and will do.

Keystone Assembly entertained a delegation of visiting Past Noble Grands of St. John's Assembly, headed by Master Artisan Bartholomew, Superintendent Ridgeway and the active warderess, Donnelly. Following the usual order of business, a number of candidates received the memorial degree. Tribute was paid to the late Otis Bryan, a member of No. 28 and prospective member of No. 1. Allen [illegible] explained the circumstances of Brother Bryan's death and the services to the assembly noting that the deceased brother had not only long experience in legal and practical fraternalism, but was a man of noble principles. Brother Bryan was one of the oldest members in the whole fraternal world. M. E. Chalmers, P. M. A. [illegible] and Brother Bryan's friend, E. E. Johnson, member of No. 28, delivered brief but appropriate eulogies. A choir of Brothers, conducted by Brother Bryan, sang the odes, as they did at the funeral services of the departed brother. Master Artisan [illegible] was enrolled, to whom the late candidate was presented by Director Maloney, Chairman Cox, of the entertainment committee, [illegible] the conclusion of a patriotic program and announced a ladies' night for next month. He also reported on the athletic meet held by the A. O. M. P. and the Fraternal at the Y. M. C. A., stating the result as an overwhelming victory for the A. O. M. P. Recorder Doerfler reported on the meeting of the Liberty Building, recommending the selection of a room in the Grand Fraternity Building and offer some discussion on west duties [illegible] to be held on 50 Wednesday and Thursday nights and to move to the new hall. The recorder also reported the maturity of two building and loan stock to be issued in the amount of $2,000, and a call for ten shares in a new series which would make thirty-five shares in hand, and this was approved. In the matter of the rally, Past Master Ridgeway and Brother Brother Curtis Ivory and Cox were appointed a committee to the operate.

Sergeant Clarion, on furlough after leaving the hospital at Lakewood, gave a highly intelligent and interesting relation of his experiences in the trenches in France. Superintendent Kline then read Brother Lincoln's all-time address on the dedication of the battlefield at Gettysburg.

William A. Corrie was admitted into Keystone in 1908 and started his official activity in the office of junior S. C. in 1914, serving as senior S. C. in 1915. He was elected inspector in 1916, but declined to accept the chairs. He has served on various committees and on the finance committee for the last two years. As the master, Corrie has [illegible] to be remembered. Among the company of the sailor boys were these, who claim a home town in the Middle West: Fred Myers, Ira Farrow, Dr. Brackuse, J. O'Neill, W. Anton, H. Rodgers, L. Lang and W. Kooch.

Ample refreshments were served, after which there was a dance. Fourteen numbers during one hour of continuous music without intermission. The honors were awarded to the Jackies, who exchanged partners while in motion. "Something novel, something new."

WILLIAM A. CORRIE
He is Master Artisan of Keystone Assembly, Artisans Order Mutual Protection.

Girard Assembly's faithful forty had a very interesting business session. Plans were made to have a larger attendance now that the assembly is in quarters which [illegible] and beautiful. Brother Trevor gave a surprise by [illegible] Brother Ridgeway was presented with a [illegible] Brother Ridgeway [illegible]