

NEW ANTHRACITE SCALE UNDER WAY

Subcommittee Continues Comparison of Coal Workers' Wage Earnings

EARLY AGREEMENT SEEN

By the Associated Press
New York, April 1.—The new wage agreement of the bituminous mine workers disposed of, John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers, today turned his attention to the negotiations of a new contract for the anthracite miners. He declared that steps would be taken to bring about a "satisfactory" adjustment in the hard coal industry without further delay.

When the subcommittee of anthracite operators and miners appointed to negotiate the new contract met, Mr. Lewis replaced Philip Murray, international vice president. The latter, however, remained in the conference in an advisory capacity to Mr. Lewis.

Wage Earnings Compared
The subcommittee took up a continuation of its discussion on the comparison of the wage earnings of the bituminous and anthracite coal diggers, the operators supplying additional data.

Official copies of the bituminous wage agreement signed here by representatives of operators and miners of the central competitive states were being sent out to the various district today.

More than 400,000 mine workers will receive the 27 per cent wage increase in the new contract which goes into effect today and continues for two years.

More Cars Necessary
There will be no "noticeable" increase in production in the bituminous fields as a result of the signing of the new wage agreement, according to T. L. Lewis, secretary of the New River Coal

Association of West Virginia. He said it would be practically impossible to increase the output until the mine owners were assured an "adequate car supply."

There is an "enormous demand" for coal at the present time, Mr. Lewis added, declaring that there was "no possible chance" of the operators meeting it. He estimated the demand was 10 per cent greater than the output.

Because of the car shortage the mines can operate only from 50 to 60 per cent of the time, he said.

GENERAL HANGS HIMSELF

Body of R. D. Simms, Sanitarium Patient, Found on Tree
Asheville, N. C., April 1.—(By A. P.)—County authorities reported last night that they had cut down the body of General Richard D. Simms, aged fifty-two, of Washington, D. C., a patient at a local sanitarium, from a roadside tree, where it had been found hanging some hours after life was extinguished.

The general's horse was found nearby and officials said he had apparently ridden under the tree, knotted the rope around his neck, tied the other end to a limb and then spurred his horse out from under him.

General Simms was for many years purchasing agent for the District of Columbia, resigning in 1905 to become treasurer of the Capital Traction Co. He served as captain in the Spanish-American War and in 1915 reached the rank of brigadier general in the District National Guard.

CAN'T LIVE ON \$3.50 A WEEK

Wife With Seven Children Granted \$10 Allowance
Wilmington, April 1.—After being married forty-one years and raising seven children, Annie McLaughlin appeared in city court yesterday to ask for more support money from her husband, William McLaughlin.

She was granted an order for \$3.50 a week three years ago and stated she is no longer able to live on that amount, owing to the increase in the cost of living. She said her husband is earning \$29 a week. Judge Finger increased the order to \$10 a week.

WOUNDS HIS WIFE AND KILLS HIMSELF

Jealous Reading Husband Fires Shots During Quarrel in Home

SIX CHILDREN IN FAMILY

Reading, Pa., April 1.—As a result of jealousy and anger, Paul Dorn, aged thirty-six, residing at 235 Hudson street, shot and severely wounded his wife at their home last night and then shot and killed himself. The couple were the parents of six small children.

Dorn left his wife six weeks ago and returned yesterday. A warrant charging nonsupport was awaiting him, but the wife withdrew it because she said Dorn had threatened to shoot the whole family if it was served. Dorn accused her of being too friendly with a neighbor. During the row last night Constable Schaeffer, who lives nearby, arrived

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with the warrant, and when the wife interceded for Dorn the constable persuaded him to accompany him to a moving picture house.

After Dorn returned home the quarrel was renewed and neighbors heard three shots. Then the woman came running from the house and into Constable Schaeffer's home. "He's killing me," she cried. Dorn staggered from the house, but fell dead after walking ten feet, a bullet having penetrated his body just above his heart. Mrs. Dorn was shot in the right leg. She is expected to recover.

The children range from eleven years to one. The youngest was found asleep in the room where the shooting occurred. Another child was found hiding in terror under the bed. The other children had fled to the constable's home. Dorn was an Austrian, coming to this country fifteen years ago. His wife is an American.

TO FIGHT H. C. L. IN N. Y.
Federal Agents Will Be Concentrated Against Profiteers
New York, April 1.—(By A. P.)—Federal investigators of profiteering in clothing, shoes and other necessities of life sent to various cities by Attorney General Palmer, plan to remain in New York "until profiteering is at an end." This was announced last night by Armin W. Riley, chief investigator under Assistant United States Attorney General Garvan.

According to Riley, the government in conducting its war against high prices is prepared, if necessary, to send out as many as fifty investigators in this city. Parsons who have been over-charged were urged by Riley to cooperate with the investigators.

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