

COAL PROFITTEERING CHARGED TO SOME

North Phila. Business Men Ask Palmer and McClain to Investigate

RIDICULOUS, SAY DEALERS

Charges that some coal dealers are profiteering and planning quietly to send prices up now so they will be several dollars in advance of the present rates when the fall demand comes were made by the North Philadelphia Business Men's Association last night.

Letters have been sent to Attorney General Palmer, at Washington, and Frank B. McClain, head of the fair price commission in this city, asking an immediate investigation.

"Coal dealers," said Edward E. Ziegler, president of the association, "are adopting a policy of refusing to supply requests for coal without advancing any reason for so doing, and at the same time we have positive evidence that they are slipping the price down."

"No coal for anybody except our regular customers," one coal concern in the city is quoted as saying, "no further price advance for refusal to take orders."

Fear Advance to \$16 "One of our members went to a dealer to buy a ton of chestnut coal. The price at that time right along has been \$12.25 per ton. Yet when he went to purchase it he was charged \$13.00. This occurred March 28.

"I have been frustrated by several men interested in the coal business that it is the purpose of dealers to advance coal of this size to \$16 a ton by fall.

"The idea is that by bringing low now and refusing to take orders the dealers are meeting protests about the high prices in the fall by saying that the prices were advanced in the spring. Usually at this time of the year there is a drop in the price of coal."

John E. Lloyd, president of the Philadelphia Coal Exchange, admits that the prices will in all probability advance a dollar or two within a short time.

The Coal Men's Reply "But charges that the dealers are profiteering are ridiculous," he said, "they should investigate before they start making charges. We have not advanced the price of coal anywhere near as much as they have advanced the prices of most of their commodities.

"The retail dealers never made much profit on coal until the fuel administration came along and fixed the gross margin of profit as fair at \$2.52 per ton. We have made no more than that since and in many cases less. Our only advances have been to meet the advances of the operators.

"Now when coal is scarce, dealers are forced to buy wherever they can, hence the fluctuation in prices.

"We have been limiting the sale of coal to our old customers, simply because our supply is restricted to begin with and because we do not know until after the miners' present demands are adjusted just how much coal is going to cost us. So, for that reason we are certainly not going to take orders which we may have to deliver at a loss."

The North Philadelphia Business Men's Association has filed a complaint with the Public Service Commission against the proposed increase in rates of the Bell Telephone Co.

The association passed a resolution asking that a cross-town trolley line be constructed from the Adams street station to Wayne Junction on the Northeast boulevard and by way of Courtland and Wingohocking streets. A similar resolution was recently adopted by the North Philadelphia Real Estate Board.

Deaths of a Day

Edward J. Durban Edward J. Durban, senior member of the firm of Durban & Co., insurance brokers, 339 Walnut street, died last night. He was president of the Central Fire Works, director of the H. K. Mulford Co., and the Fire Insurance Patrol, a member of the Union League, the Philadelphia County Club, Hamilton Whist Club and the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Mr. Durban resided in the Bartram.

Rev. Dr. David R. Workman Lancaster, April 7.—The Rev. Dr. David R. Workman, sixty-nine years old, of Paradise, died yesterday. He was graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1878 and had Presbyterian charges at New London, Pa.; Zanesville, O.; and Paradise. From 1885 to 1890 he was one of the faculty of the Zanesville Ladies' Seminary.

Bishop Joseph S. Key Sherman, Tex., April 7.—Bishop Joseph S. Key, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died at his home here yesterday. He was born July 18, 1829, was ordained a minister in 1848, and has been a bishop since 1886. He came to Texas in 1889.

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Lodge Photo Service MRS. ELI R. PRICE Chairman of the general committee that is arranging for the East-Indian Pageant soon to be given by the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art

PLAN DRIVE FOR \$300,000

To Discuss Campaign for Chestnut Hill Hospital Fund Plans for a campaign to raise a fund of \$300,000 for permanent improvements for the Chestnut Hill Hospital will be discussed at a mass meeting to be held in Consolation Hall, 13 East Chestnut avenue, this evening. The meeting will be addressed by Mayor Moore, whose two daughters are graduate nurses of the hospital. E. T. Stotesbury will be the chairman of the meeting.

With the funds obtained in the drive it is proposed to erect a new wing, which will furnish accommodations for sixty additional patients. The committee on enlargement is headed by Jay Cooke, and includes Robert Glendinning, Dr. John F. McCloskey, E. N. Brown, Jr., Thomas S. Gates, Charles Henry, Joseph A. Hanner, Jr., and the Rev. J. H. Griffin.

The women's committee is composed of the following: Mrs. John W. Geary, chairman; Mrs. Clarence C. Zantinger, Mrs. R. H. Bayard Bowie, Mrs. B. Franklin Pepper, Mrs. Walter Ross, Mrs. William E. Goodman, Jr., Miss Helen Trotter, Mrs. Edgar L. Sheppard, Mrs. Reed A. Morgan, Mrs. Edward W. Clark, Ed. Mrs. Samuel Norris, Mrs. William W. Harper, Mrs. John S. Jenks, Jr., Mrs. Henry N. Paul and Mrs. Evan Randolph, Jr.

SAN DIEGO GREETES WALES

British Prince Pays Second Visit to United States San Diego, Calif., April 7.—(By A. P.)—San Diego was his seventh visit to the United States, a brief stop en route to the Far East on the British battle cruiser Renown. The prince arrived off Point Loma this morning and there the cruiser Renown, which is carrying him to the Antipodes, lay to and awaited events planned here for today and tomorrow. He is still very feeble and his breathing causes some anxiety. M. Clemenceau is seventy-nine years old.

"TIGER" HAS BRONCHITIS

M. Clemenceau, Now in Egypt, Enfeebled by Illness Cairo, April 7.—(By A. P.)—Georges Clemenceau, former French premier, since his return here from Laxor, has been suffering from bronchitis, but is now somewhat better. The aged statesman went out for the first time since his illness on Tuesday. He is still very feeble and his breathing causes some anxiety.

Tareyton London Cigarettes advertisement featuring a man in a top hat and the text 'There's something about them you'll like'

CHÉRI advertisement with text 'In the Spring, one's hungered fancy lightly turns to thought of Chéri' and 'The day-of-the-week matters not, for at least one Chéri is open all seven and providing Special Platters at Special Prices on Sundays.'

CONFERENCE SEEKS RELIEF IN HOUSING

Builders, Renters and City Officials Meet in Tustin's Office to Effect Solution

IHLDER TELLS HIS PLANS

The idea of big housing companies which would build small homes for moderate profits will be urged this afternoon at a housing conference in City Hall.

The conference has been called by Director Tustin, of the Public Welfare Department, who will preside. The object is to find remedies for the city's housing stringency. Builders and bankers, real estate men, union representatives and welfare workers will attend.

The idea of housing companies to be financed by banks, trust companies or wealthy men will be stressed by John Ihlder, of the Philadelphia Housing Association.

"Philadelphia must have more houses, and to get them all elements involved must pull together," Mr. Ihlder said today. "If any person holds back he'll block everything, and on him would rest responsibility of serious trouble that might develop next winter."

Housing Companies a Solution "Housing companies offer a solution, I believe, and to bring this plan to pass there must be complete accord among bankers, trust companies, the workers and the unions."

William R. Tucker, secretary of the Board of Trade, will attend the conference in behalf of that body. The Chamber of Commerce will be represented also.

Daniel McKenna, Walter Brown, William J. Haggert and George R. Stewart will represent the Council of Associated Building Trades. Ernest E. Hannefeld, secretary of the organization, said that the representatives would be guided largely by their suggestions by the other delegates.

"I may say a well-defined plan," he said, "but it would not be fair to divulge it before the meeting. They will listen to the others first."

"I may say, however, that the present situation is due largely to lack of labor and lack of materials. If the conference is able to overcome these handicaps, much will have been accomplished."

Ball to Represent Association William H. Ball, chairman of the housing committee of the Philadelphia Real Estate Board, will represent that association. His plan will not be made public until the meeting. Daniel Crawford, of the Operative Builders' Association, said the plan of that organization also would be kept a secret until broached at the gathering by George H. Detweiler, the representative.

The Octavia Hill Association will be represented by a member of the board of directors.

Financial institutions represented may put forward a plan of financing homes.

Other organizations to be represented include: Master Builders' Association; Building Owners and Managers' Association; Contractors' Association; Master Plumbers' Association; National Federation of Construction Industries; Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers' Unions; District Council of Carpenters; Philadelphia Branch American Institute of Architects; Board of City Trusts; Land Title and Trust Co.; Real Estate Title and Trust Co.; Commonwealth Title and Trust Co.; Tenants' Protective Association and Manufacturers' Club.

Killed by Live Wire

While working on top of a locomotive in the Marsia freight yard, Twenty-first street and Lehigh avenue, last night, a brakeman brushed against a live wire and was electrocuted. He was A. M. Gravel, of Camden. A physician from the Samaritan Hospital pronounced the man dead.

JACOB REED'S SONS 1424-1426 Chestnut Street advertisement for suits and fabrics with prices like '\$15.00 to \$100.00'

PLAN OPERA HERE

Metropolitan Company Expects to Play Philadelphia in 1921 Edward Zeigler, representative of Giulio Gatti-Cazazza, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera Co. of New York, declared last night that the New York company would give a season of opera in Philadelphia next year "if conditions are at all possible."

Mr. Zeigler said the sale of the opera house here will occur early enough to allow arrangements necessary for the promised season of sixteen performances in 1920-21.

"This is purely a local affair," he said of the sale, "and does not involve the Metropolitan Opera Co. of New York in any way. The best relations exist between the two companies. We are prepared to give sixteen performances of grand opera in Philadelphia next season."

BOOM MRS. RINEHART

Novelist Proposed for Delegate to Republican National Convention Pittsburgh, April 7.—Petitions for the nomination of Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart, the novelist, whose home is in Sewickley, Pa., as a candidate for delegate-at-large to the Republican national convention in Chicago are being circulated here.

Mrs. Rinehart is probably the only woman in the field for election. There is nothing in the statutes to prevent her being elected to the place. Mrs. Rinehart has always taken an active interest in national affairs, and it is believed she would have little trouble winning in this section of the state.

Mrs. Rinehart's husband, Dr. Stanley M. Rinehart, was formerly a tuberculosis expert for the state, and during the war served both in this country and overseas in the army medical corps.

100 PASTORS DINE

Ministers Guests at \$1,000,000 Y. W. C. A. Fund Dinner One hundred ministers of this city were the guests for luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel today of the campaign committee for the \$1,000,000 expansion fund of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Speakers were Miss Harriet Taylor, who was in charge of war work in France of the Y. W. C. A., and the Rev. Edward S. Nide, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Germantown. The ministers represented all denominations, as the association is attempting to secure the co-operation of all Philadelphia churches in its drive.

Boxcar Office Burned A boxcar, used as an office by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was destroyed by fire last night about 11:30 o'clock at Thirty-seventh and Morris streets. No one was in the car at the time. The cause is not known and the damage has not as yet been estimated.

UNDERWEAR SPECIALISTS Walter E. Becker Himself ONLY STORE 11th and Chestnut

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WASH-BASIN ISSUE, SNORTS MR. MARTIN

Holmesburg's "Country Gentleman" Makes Light of Attack on Voting Residence

SASSY REPLY TO McLEAN

Senator Martin today defended his right to vote from the Nineteenth ward, even though he lives as a "country gentleman" at Holmesburg.

Martin's residence in the ward was disputed last night by John R. McLean, Jr., administration candidate for the state Senate from the Fifth district to succeed the Nineteenth ward leader.

"McLean's wash-basin issue is not dangerous at all," Martin asserted. "He is not going to get any votes on that or any other issue."

"I have voted thirty-four years in that division and from that house. For fifty-four years I have voted in the ward and have never voted elsewhere. This issue was raised once before when Clinton Rogers Woodruff was a member of the board of registration commissioners. Mr. Woodruff decided I had a right to vote from that house."

"I own the house and all the furniture in it. I have a room there. I sleep and eat there when I feel like it. I feel like it. I am in the ward more than McLean is day and night." McLean's speech, made at a meeting of the Republican Alliance workers of the Nineteenth ward, at Howard and

TURNER Construction Co advertisement with logo and text 'Placing the contract for your building in safe hands is another way of saying "Turner for Concrete"'

Diamond streets, was the "zero hour" for the beginning of the city-wide administration fight against the Vares for control of the Philadelphia delegation to the state Legislature.

Another feature of the opening of the fight was the denunciation of the Vares by Joseph Fay, former assistant director under the Smith administration and former Vares leader of the Thirty-second ward.

Vares leaders of the Fifth Congressional district will meet to caucus on a choice for congressman to succeed Congressman Peter E. Costello. One report has it that the Vares men will endorse Alfred M. Waldron for the nomination.

PERRY & CO. advertisement for Spring Suits and Overcoats, featuring the 'N. B. T.' label and listing prices from \$35 to \$80.

BAILEY BANKS & BIDDLE CO. advertisement for wedding gifts, listing knives, forks, spoons, and serving pieces.

Ediphone advertisement featuring an illustration of a man dictating and text 'The shortcomings of shorthand You want to dictate when you want to—at 7.51 A. M. or 9.56 P. M.'

LUIGI RIENZI advertisement for women's suits, coats, and dresses, listing prices and store location at 1714 Walnut Street.

ABBOTTS 'A' Milk advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman and child, promoting 'Healthful surroundings and healthful food healthy children.'