# SOFT COAL GOUGE

His Industry in New Jersey Muleted of \$15,201,000. Hoboken Producer Says

PAID HIGH AS \$21 A TON

Atlantic City, Nov. 12 .- Before the astero Ice Manufacturers' Associafon, in convention here yesterday, Anthony J. Volk, of Hoboken, head one of the largest ice producing syndicates in Hudson county, injected the charge of graft into the bituminous

coal controversy. We had to submit to sandbagging and pay the profiteers whatever they to demand, or shut up shop," he "We concluded to pay any price to get fuel rather than let the people softer for lack of ice. They made us pay as high on \$21 a ton for some of

eur fuel.

To summarise the situation in this state, we complied with every order issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission and with all of the instructions of the railroad companies, structions of the railroad companies, and the net result has been an overcharge, to ice producers alone, of \$15,-

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Passing Phase of Readjustment

"Conditions in the bituminous coal industry, which have caused consumers trouble in obtaining supplies and given opportunity for speculative prices in this commodity, are but a passing phase of war readjustment," asserted J. D. A. Morrow, vice president of the National Coal Association. He insisted no emergency exists in the bituminous insustry to call for federal control of mines.

"We all understand perfectly well that lack of transportation is the basic cause of the trouble,," the operators spokesman continued. "The remedy for that difficulty is not regulation of coal but improvement of transportation facilities. The railroads are making vigorous efforts to bring that about.

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201,000." Mr. Volk's program subject needed to supply this country, but they was "Graft in Coal."

Transportation Only Need The mines now open, equipped as they are with machinery and manned with the men who are there, can produce 100,000,000 tons more coal every year than this country can use and export. We need to have sufficient transportation devoted to the movement of the out-

put of these mines, and that is all that is necessary to relieve conditions such as those of the last six months. "We need patience and hard, com-mon scase in the existing condition and not theoretical socialistic governmental regulation," Mr. Morrow maintained. "If business men are given an oppor-tunity to work out these problems they will emerge successfully from the eco-nomic chaos war brought upon the coun-try,"

vigorous efforts to bring that about.

"If the railroads are given an opportunity to recover from the ill effects they suffered during the war there is no doubt whatever they will furnish all the transportation this country needs. When that is done people need have no fear as to future sufficiency of their coal supply or the reasonableness of prices.

"There are 10,000 bituminous coal mines open throughout the country. There is plenty of coal land available along the railways in which 10,000 more mines could be opened if they were in the reasonable of soft coal this year.

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have been engaged in new skirmishes with forces of Russians, Mongols and Japanese near Urga, northern Mon-

Boston, Nov. 12 .- The appearance at the annual sessions of the National of their safety under the protection of special-detailed troops.

"Morality Inspector" Killed in Raid Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 12.—Alex Mc-Curdy, provincial "morality inspector," is dead and two other Manitoba policemen wounded as the result of a liquor raid on a hotel in St. Boniface early up the pages the stereotypers refused to Grange yesterday of its monthly maga-

NEW CLASHES NEAR URGA

the district and were preparing to renew the attack.

The hostile movement is claimed to
be a Mongol attempt to restore autonomy in that region.

Peking, Nov. 12 Chinese to Press

Without Type for Two Forms

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Of the magazine then were printed with the two pages blank, and it was voted by the board of managers yesterday to print the full circulation of 60,000 in this way, with an explanation later of the cause.

HEADS AUSTRIAN ASSEMBLY city. Re-enfercements rushed southward from Kiakhta, near the Siberian fronter, turned the tide of battle and drove the enemy back toward the northeast. This fight occurred November 4, and the Chinese commander at Urga has, since that time, received information that enemy re-enforcements of 2000 men, principally Japanese, had arrived in

### DEFENSE AGAINST HUNGAR

Serbia and Czecho-Slovakia Pledge Mutual Ald, Published Pact Shows Belgrade, Jugo-Slavia, Nov. 12 .--The text of the defensive convention concluded between Serbia (Jugo-Slavia) concluded between Serbia (Jugo-Slavia)
and Czecho-Slovakia, on August 14, has
been made public. It provides that in
the event of an unprovoked attack by
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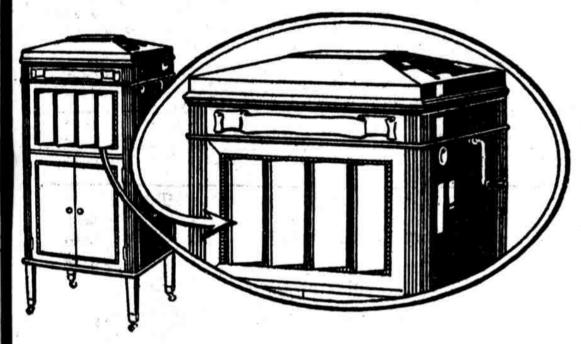
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