

REDUCTION IN COAL FREIGHTS IS URGED

I. C. C. Told Substantial Decrease is Necessary to Revival of Industries

MINES OPERATING AT LOSS

By the Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 19.—Should the Interstate Commerce Commission decide, as a result of its special inquiry, that rate schedules may properly be lowered, the first reduction should be applied to coal. This statement was made to the commission today by J. D. A. Morrow, vice president of the National Coal Association, who said he spoke for 2000 mine operators producing approximately 60 per cent of the country's bituminous coal.

The average weight paid on a ton of coal at the present time between the mines and points of consumption amounted to \$2.27, while the price of coal at the mine was \$2.13, said Mr. Morrow. He estimated that coal rates had advanced from 75 to 200 per cent, according to locality, since 1914.

Railroads would be justified, Mr. Morrow said, in maintaining a rate of seventy-five cents a ton on the entire haul by reason of savings in their operating costs which had already been attained by reductions in the price of coal during the last year, added to the further savings they would make from the lower freight charge.

Substantial Reductions Necessary

"We feel that substantial reductions in bituminous coal freight rates are a prerequisite to the industrial and business revival of the United States, upon which the prosperity of the carriers as well as the Nation at large must depend," Mr. Morrow declared.

Although the coal produced since the reorganization of the railroads maintained, Mr. Morrow continued, they recognized that "inflated railroad rates on coal" must come down if costs to the ultimate consumer are to be substantially lowered.

"It may be urged that lower costs of coal should be obtained by reducing the wage scales at the mines," Mr. Morrow said. "This is not true, and we admit that inflation in the wages of the bituminous coal mining industry must be readjusted. In this connection, however, we must point out that wages have already been reduced to the approximate level of 1917 throughout mining fields not controlled by the United Mine Workers of America. Wage scales in other fields may be reduced on April 1 next, although to what extent the National Coal Association cannot attempt to say."

Producers Lending Money

Quoting from reports to his association of coal members, Mr. Morrow said a large part of the production of coal during the seven months from April 1 to October 31, 1921, had shown an average loss of two cents a ton for the producers, while conditions prevailing during November and December would make the loss even greater.

The fact that "recognized high freights are the chief element today in the delivered cost of bituminous coal"

DRAG DEAD WOMAN 2 MILES

Men on Motortruck Unaware There Had Been Accident

New York, Jan. 19.—(By A. P.)—Brooklyn police were called on last night to establish the identity of an elderly woman, who, when dragged by a motortruck, which dashed into her, two miles before the accident was discovered, Abraham Cohen, of Brooklyn, and Frank Jacquin, of Coney Island, respectively owner and driver of the truck, said they were unaware of having struck the woman until a Concourse Island garage man called attention to a bulky object under the machine.

Retracing the truck's route, motorcycle police found a woman's pocket-book containing \$2.70 and two sets of false teeth.

City Treasurer's Report

The City Treasurer's report for the week ending yesterday showed receipts of \$159,645.52; payments of \$116,885.73; and balance, not including sinking fund, of \$10,986,993.77.

IN MEMORIAM

DUNGAN.—In loving memory of S. H. DUNGAN, who departed this life January 19, 1922.

Deaths

BAIN.—Jan. 15, MARGARET, wife of William Bain Jr. (nee Masquer), who died on Jan. 15, 1922. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. John's Episcopal Church, 10th and North Broad streets. Friends may view remains at 10 a.m. Saturday.

BIGELOW.—Jan. 17, WILLIAM B., husband of Anna, son of George and Anna Bigelow, died on Jan. 15, 1922. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. John's Episcopal Church, 10th and North Broad streets. Friends may view remains at 10 a.m. Saturday.

BLAKE.—Jan. 18, 1922, JOHN BLAKE, aged 82. Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services, Sat. 1 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Linden st. Friends may view remains at 10 a.m. Saturday.

BLANTON.—Jan. 18, 1922, JOHN BLANTON, son of John and Mary Blanton, died on Jan. 15, 1922. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Linden st. Friends may view remains at 10 a.m. Saturday.

BRANDT.—Jan. 18, 1922, THOMAS V. BRANDT, daughter of late James D. and Anna Brandt, died on Jan. 15, 1922. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Linden st. Friends may view remains at 10 a.m. Saturday.

BRITTON.—Jan. 17, MARY E., wife of George Britton, died on Jan. 15, 1922. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Linden st. Friends may view remains at 10 a.m. Saturday.

BROWN.—Jan. 17, ROBERT L. BROWN, formerly of 1111 Whinton st., died on Jan. 15, 1922. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Linden st. Friends may view remains at 10 a.m. Saturday.

CARLSON.—Jan. 17, KATHERINE F., wife of Frank Brown, formerly of 1111 Whinton st., died on Jan. 15, 1922. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Linden st. Friends may view remains at 10 a.m. Saturday.

CARTER.—Jan. 17, MARY E., daughter of Charles and Anna Carter, died on Jan. 15, 1922. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Linden st. Friends may view remains at 10 a.m. Saturday.

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