

# Strike, Not Lockout, Operators' View

## Strike Issue Presented From Operators' Viewpoint

The real issue in the coal strike from the operators' viewpoint as outlined by Samuel D. Warriner, chairman of the General Policies Committee of the anthracite operators is this:

"Will the public continue to pay for a worker like a coal miner whose wage is above the wartime peak, while millions of other workers, most of whom are obliged to buy coal, have been and are compelled to accept reductions by the law of economics, and when the cost of living to the miners themselves has been materially reduced and they have not suffered from non-employment?"

no-called 'domestic' sizes: Lump and broken, egg, stove, chestnut and pea. A loss is registered in the steam sizes: buckwheat, boiler, etc.

"With these figures then, it is possible to show, approximately, the factors which enter into the consumer's price in, say, New York City.

### Cost of a Ton of Stove Coal at New York

Coal	\$4.75
Freight	1.25
Terminal charges	0.25
General expenses	0.75
Total mine cost	\$7.00
Transportation to New York	2.01
Terminal charges	0.50
General expenses	0.75
Total cost to dealer	\$11.21
Dealer's cost of operation	0.20
Retailer's price	\$11.30

"The steam sizes of anthracite are not, as claimed by some, by-products of manufacture, as are tar, ammonia and other products of coke, or fertilizing products in a slaughterhouse. They go through exactly the same processes of screening and cleaning as do the domestic sizes; they are sold below the cost of production, and while the revenue from them forms a part of the total income, it is not recovered from by-products that can be sold below the cost of production.

"I might go into the question of the different costs of production, between the northern and southern anthracite regions," continued Mr. Warriner. "In the northern region the coal lies while in the middle or Lehigh region and the southern or Schuylkill region they are folded and distorted and most of the mining operations must be conducted on steep pitches. They produce a lower percentage of domestic sizes and a higher percentage of steam sizes, in addition to greater cost of mining.

"I have endeavored to clarify in a comprehensive way this subject, which is a very complicated one. It involves close and intricate calculation, but, as I said, we are prepared to submit the facts and all other facts and figures to a scientific commission that will examine everything in a fair and unbiased way. We cannot make a more explicit proposition than that."

"There is another issue that is of equally great importance," said Mr. Warriner. "It is that when the Federal Trade Commission was in the way of making an investigation into the matter of profits or was about to do so, you obtained an injunction which prevented it from going ahead."

"Never Objected to Probe" "So far as the Federal Trade Commission is concerned, the anthracite operators have never raised any objection to its investigation," he replied. "Instead we have always fully co-operated with it. We did point out to the miners, however, that these investigations at this particular time would not in the slightest expedite the settlement of the wage and other questions before us, or help to get the miners at work as quickly as possible."

"The anthracite operators cannot be charged with seeking to degrade the mine workers. Instead they desire to pay a wage that will make mine working attractive," said Mr. Warriner. "There is another matter involved," he suggested. "It is that of the anthracite industry as an industry essential to the very life of the people."

"There is another side to that," countered the operator's chairman. "We take the position that anthracite is not an essential commodity, and for these reasons: It is in competition with all other forms of coal, and if full-time employment is to be offered anthracite miners it must be at a rate at which coal can be produced at a cost which will enable it to be freely sold."

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"Quizzed on Royalties" "What about the matter of exorbitant royalties paid by some of the companies?" "I cannot speak personally, as our company holds its lands in fee and has done so for many years. The fact is, however, that the matter of royalties is one of lesser importance. The Girard estate, of this city, is charged by the miners with demanding high royalties, but only about 5 per cent of all the tonnage of the region is produced from its properties."

"What is your view of the situation in the anthracite region? What is to be the solution?" "I inquired. "Mr. Lewis has declared that there will be no settlement in the anthracite field until the bituminous issue is adjusted," replied Mr. Warriner. "For the last twenty years, or since the Roosevelt Commission acted, the anthracite operators and miners have operated under their own agreements. During that period, or till 1920, we recognized the mine workers' organization as the party with whom we dealt in conformity to the Roosevelt agreement."

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nothing to fear from the dominance of the bituminous workers.

All this is now changed, according to Mr. Lewis. The pledges of our men are thrown to the winds," was the comment.

The anthracite situation presents nothing in common with the bituminous. We have no prohibitions of non-employment, or short working periods, and it has been our object to keep it so.

In spite, however, of our continuous efforts to negotiate and by offers of arbitration, not only by the operators but by President Harding, the mine workers' leaders have agreed to no basis of settlement except with such restrictions as the complete recognition of their union, a revision of wages only upward and other matters as would preclude any settlement of the controversy whatever.

"Now, in addition, we are informed that no settlement is possible until the bituminous issue is adjusted. In view of all this we feel that we are innocent of all responsibility for the present condition. We are absolutely helpless to remedy the matter."

"I desire to emphasize this fact," Mr. Warriner continued, "that this suspension, if continued, will create an artificial shortage of coal this winter with the probable result, I believe, that an aroused public sentiment would demand a prompt settlement by fair arbitration, unrestricted in its nature and scope and including not both miners and operators, so that our men may resume work with the least delay."

"As to the question of wages, aside from the offers advanced by the miners, what is your position?" "I inquired. "We cannot help but feel that the miners have purposely enlarged upon the question of operators' profits, transportation, royalties and other matters to avoid a discussion of the real issue."

"The Real Issue" "And what is the real issue from the operators' viewpoint?" "I asked. "This is the real issue: Will the public continue to pay for a worker in a commodity like a coal miner, whose wage is above the wartime peak, while millions of other workers, most of whom are obliged to buy coal, have been and are compelled to accept reductions by the law of economics and when the cost of living to the miners themselves has been materially reduced and they have not suffered from non-employment?" replied Mr. Warriner with earnestness.

"Even railroad workers have been obliged to accept two reductions which the coal miners are seeking to retain."

"The anthracite operators have never offered to the miners wages that did not fully maintain the purchasing power set by the Wilson Commission when the cost of living was at its peak and wages that are far in excess of those paid in virtually every other industry."

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# Going Away! Hundreds of Odd Dresses Re-Priced \$1.50 to \$25

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**Boys' Tub Suits \$1.50 to \$3**

Strong, well made, firmly finished suits for playtime and vacation. Of serviceable materials that "swill hold their own" through the hard wear and repeated tubbing of the remaining wash suit season.

Chambrays, percales and ginghams. Buttoned-on, regulation styles in one solid color, or with plain-color trousers combined with white or striped blouses. Full-length sleeves. Braid trimming. Brown, tan, gray, green and blue. Sizes 3 to 8 years. (Gallery, Market)

**81x90-Inch Seamless Sheets, \$1.25**

Specially good ones of evenly woven full-bleached muslin that will prove its worth in service.

**Pillow Cases**

42x36-inch pillow cases, 15c and 25c; 46x36-inch, 30c. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

**Sale of Java Sparrows, Two for \$2.25**

Wouldn't your home be merrier for these gay little birds that have traveled all the way from Java? They are a delectable gray with red heads, a white collar and black "hat." They look like a fairy story come true!

Specially priced \$2.25 pair. Easy to take care of. (Down Stairs Store Bird Cage, Central)

**Nightgowns Ready to Embroider, 75c**

Soft white batiste gowns, cut full and stamped in attractive designs to embroider. Pleasant and profitable work for idle vacation hours!

**Pillows**

covered with gay cretonnes, \$1.50. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

**Sale of Girls' Frocks, \$1**

Nearly 400 cool voile dresses have lost their prices. Mothers who want their daughters to have new frocks for little cost will want to see them.

Pockets, organdie cuffs and collars, purple, orange and sometimes a bit of colored stitching are the distinguishing features, while the printed figures come in a wide variety of bright colors—red, light or dark blue, brown, green and others.

Sizes 7 to 14 years in the lot, but perhaps not in each style. (Down Stairs Store, Central Aisle)

**Underclothes at \$1**

White pique sports skirts with scalloped hem, and white muslin ones with narrow embroidery ruffle have double panel fronts at \$1.

Nightgowns at \$1 include the hard-to-find high-necked, long-sleeved muslin gown so desirable in illnesses or for the shivery temperament. Others at \$1 are round-necked, short-sleeved style, made of a peculiarly good cambrie with feather stitching.

White batiste envelope chemises, with built-up shoulder, lace trimming and a touch of embroidery and pink or white dimity steno-in drawers are also new at \$1. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

**Strong Hair Nets 40c Dozen**

No woman can give herself up to the joy of merriment or playing tennis when short curls of her hair persist in blowing in her eyes. Besides, she doesn't in the least enjoy the knowledge that it looks "strawny."

These cap or fringe style hair nets are a comfortable and economical answer to her problem. Blonde, light, medium or dark brown, auburn and black—strongly fashioned of real human hair. Their low pricing is only one of their pleasing characteristics. (Central Aisle)

**Women's August Glove Sale, 35c to 85c**

Save half on almost every pair. Not every size and color in each group, but good variety in the sale.

**Two-Clasp Tricot Silk Gloves, 35c**

Paris-point backs, double finger tips. Black, white, navy, pongee and beaver.

**Two-Clasp Milanese Silk Gloves, 50c**

Double finger tips and Paris-point backs or with five rows of heavy embroidery. Gray, white, pongee and black.

**Milanese Silk Strap-Wrist Gloves, 65c**

Five-inch cuffs strapped at the wrist. Double finger tips. Paris-point stitched backs. White, pongee, black, gray, almond and sable.

**16-Button Length Tricot Silk Gloves, 85c**

Particularly good quality! White, mastic and pongee. Paris-point backs and double-tipped fingers. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

**600 Pair White Canvas Mary Jane Pumps, \$4.90**

Cool low shoes made beautifully for our regular stocks. Closely woven white canvas with fine turned soles and covered low heels. Notice the popular rounded toe and the slender ankle strap. Inside they are lined with white leather.

**Low Shoes Specially Priced \$1.75 to \$2.90**

Patent leather ties, white sport shoes and good-looking oxfords in modified brogue styles. (Down Stairs Store, Chestnut)

**Natural Color Japanese Pongee Specially Priced \$1.15 Yard**

Another new shipment just unpacked! That's the feature of the Silk Sale tomorrow! Firm, evenly woven all-silk Japanese pongee. Cool and practical for men's shirts and pajamas, women's blouses, dresses and undergarments, children's suits and dresses and curtains. 33 inches wide. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

**Women's Swiss Ribbed Cotton Vests 12 1/2c for Regular Sizes 18c, 3 for 50c, for Extra Sizes**

Low neck, sleeveless cotton vests in built-up shoulder style. Cut full and long. "Seconds" of qualities that usually sell at double.

**Women's Athletic Union Suits, 50c**

Plain white nainsook suits with bodice tops and webbing at the waistline in back. Cool, nice looking, easily laundered. Regular and extra sizes. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

**Good Corsets Have Their Prices Lowered to \$2 to \$7.50**

Gossard and other popular corsets in discontinued styles. Plain coutils and broches in pink and white. Back-lace and front-lace models from the topless-girdle style to heavy boned models for larger women. Sizes 24 to 32 in some or other style. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

**715 Sport Skirts Just Marked Down to 75c, \$1, \$2.25, \$3.50**

Quarter to half less! White tub skirts, fringed cotton eponge, smart black-and-white or mixed checks, plain flannels and gay cotton crepes. All taken straight from our own stocks. Plenty of sizes in the various groups. Yes, some do show marks of handling but many are perfectly fresh.

160 skirts of white mercerized cotton gabardine in extra sizes, quarter less, now ..... 75c

145 skirts of white mercerized gabardine, six styles, regular and extra sizes, a third less, now ..... \$1

270 skirts of cotton eponge in plain brown, green and rose; club checked eponge jade, orchid and rose; quarter to half less, now ..... \$2.25

140 skirts of wool eponge, red or hunters green flannel, black and white checked novelty tweeds, also cation crepe in fuchsia, copenhagen, rose, pumpkin, tangerine and peach, some fringed; a third to half less, now ..... \$3.50 (Down Stairs Store, Market)

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