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FUEL HEAD DENIES COAL IS WITHHELD

Attacks Education Board Charge That Phila. Shipments Are Being Diverted

ENGLISH FAULTY, TOO

E. W. Parker, Director of Distribution of the Pennsylvania Fuel Commission, today took exception to the Board of Education's charge that coal is being withheld from this city and shipped to other points where higher prices prevail.

The fact that the board is without coal is a condition for which no one but the board itself is responsible, he charges, that the board is endeavoring to shift responsibility for its own negligence.

Incidentally, he takes a rap at the board's bad English; the Board of Education is at its own expense.

In a letter to the editor of the Evening Public Ledger, Mr. Parker said:

"I permit me to correct a statement which appeared in your issue of December 14, which is based on the statement issued by the Board of Education to the effect that 'anthracite is being diverted to points at which no serious shortage is being experienced' which, by the way, is not true.

The fact of the matter is that the city of Philadelphia has had a fair proportion of the tonnage of anthracite available for distribution and is receiving anthracite at a higher daily or weekly rate than it had at the same time last year.

The total shipments of anthracite in the coal year 1921-22 were 2,478,271 tons—60 percent of which is the estimated tonnage of the anthracite shipments to Philadelphia during the present coal year—would be 1,486,963 tons, and as there are twenty-nine weeks from September 11 to March 31, the weekly allotment to Philadelphia is 51,275 tons. Based on this, the tonnage due up to December 2 was 617,300 tons, and there have been shipped up to that date to Philadelphia 628,400 tons, or 43,099 tons in excess of the allotment.

"The Board of Education is evidently endeavoring to shift responsibility for its own negligence. It asked for proposals for furnishing the supplies of fuel for the public schools of Philadelphia last July. The only antitrust it asked for was No. 1 bunkhead. Instead of advertising for any of the larger sizes of anthracite, it asked for bunk on the same scale and my understanding is that it placed a contract for 25,000 tons of that fuel, which the contractor has been unable to deliver.

"Consequently, the Board of Education is without a contract for supplying anthracite to the schools, a condition of affairs for which it is alone responsible."

FIRE SHOTS IN CHASE

Policeman Has to Use Gun to Subdue Suspicious Character

Five shots were fired in a chase along Market street from Nineteenth to Fifteenth streets during this morning when Policeman Frugger sought to arrest a Negro who had been acting suspiciously.

The patrolman caught up to the man on Broad Street Station and arrested him. He gave his name as George Robinson, of 1537 Dickinson street. The patrolman said he had watched the man running across and acting suspiciously when he was caught up to him and started to run.

A 22-caliber revolver was taken from Robinson.

AUTO LICENSE DECISION IGNORED AT HARRISBURG

Motor Vehicle Dept. Not to Enforce Attorney General's Ruling

The State Department of Motor Vehicles will not enforce the recent decision of the Attorney General that the driver's license of a motor vehicle owner does not entitle him to drive any other person's motor vehicle, except as a passenger, unless he is a member of the Pennsylvania Automobile Club from Harrisburg, G. Mann, Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

"The conclusion has been reached that a license entitles the holder to legally operate except as a passenger or chauffeur, who directly or indirectly receives pay or any compensation, any motor vehicle, or service he may do for a registered owner and motor vehicle whether registered in his name or otherwise."

WATCH DEBTS CLOSELY

Research Bureau Urges Government Should Be Burdenless

A government free of debt and of a good thing to present to the public. Application of the Christmas spirit in planning government, a good thing to be added to the list of Municipal Research in a statement of 1922.

The present habit of issuing public debt and holding it for the benefit of States, after an attempt to pay when they become citizens is limited and extreme caution is advocated in the program.

CAMDEN BOY HIT BY BUS

Six-Year-Old Lad in Hospital With Fractured Skull

Walker Walters, six years old, 1222 Market street, Camden, was being taken to school last night when he was struck by a bus at Thirtieth street and Walnut street.

George Earle, 310 Pine street, Camden, driver of the bus, signalled to the police and was released on a \$1000 recognizance.

MINISTER SHOTS BUCK

Then Entertains Gloucester Lions' Club Members at Dinner

A special dinner was given yesterday at the Gloucester, N. J., Lions Club by the Rev. W. Earl Zinsler, pastor of the M. E. Church and president of the club, who entertained 100 persons, buck in Camden County.

Arrangements are being made to give the club a Christmas dinner at the same time as the club's Christmas dinner.

100,009,247 in City Treasury

The City Treasurer's report for the month ending December 15, 1922, shows a total of \$100,009,247.75 in the City Treasury, an increase of \$21,000,247.75 over the same date last year.

BROKEN WIRE HALTS TRAIN

Quick Repairs Oblviate Delays on P. R. R. Electric Line

A high-tension wire on the Pennsylvania Railroad electric system broke in front of Avondale Station at 2:30 o'clock this morning. The first train, a steam train local to Lancaster, leaving Broad Street Station at 3:30 o'clock, was delayed an hour and fifteen minutes while repairs were being made to the wire which was over westbound track No. 4.

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