

SURPLUS CUT TO KEEP PRICE UP OPERATOR SAYS

Good Protection Not to Create Coal Surplus, Lehigh Official Admits

Pottsville, Jan. 24.—Anthracite coal operators do not create a surplus because such a condition would lower prices. Producers are opposed to running up a surplus as a matter of good business protection to the anthracite operators.

These facts today stand out in the government's probe into the high price of coal and alleged shortage of domestic supplies of that article of fuel. Such statements were made yesterday by Fred M. Chase, vice president of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company and Cox Brothers Company, in response to questions by counsel for the sub-committee of the United States Senate committee on manufacturers, which is making the investigation.

Want Higher Prices

E. H. Learning, general manager of three independent collieries in the Scranton field, testified that coal producers must get more for their output or go out of business.

W. A. Mays, president of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, the Northwestern Mining Exchange Company, the New York, Susquehanna and Western Coal Company and the Blossburg Coal Company testified that these mining companies are controlled by the Erie Railroad. To Senator Reed's question of whether he did not know that this was unlawful, he replied that the matter had been settled by the Pennsylvania courts and the companies were within their rights.

Charles F. Huber, president and general manager of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, testified that only about two-thirds of the required employees could be obtained and that with a full force the production of coal could be increased fifty per cent.

HUNS IN POLAND GIVING GUNS TO THE BOLSHEVIKI

Hand Over Arms and Ammunition as They Fall Back Eastward

London, Jan. 24.—via Montreal.—The entire situation in Poland is very difficult, according to the Polish viewpoint. Eastward the Germans are falling back, and, it is said, are handing over arms and ammunition to the Bolsheviki, and are not permitting the Poles to take suitable measures for their own defence. It is asserted also that German troops are being sent from the interior of Germany with the object of fighting the Poles.

It is declared that Ukrainians to the number of 50,000 have attacked the Poles in the vicinity of Lemberg. It is believed the Ukrainians desire to obtain possession of the disputed territory before the decision of the peace conference can be promulgated.

Carolina Survivors Give Watch to Man Who Rescued Them

San Juan, P. R., Jan. 24.—Captain Gaetan Lauro, of the schooner Eva B. Douglas, of New York, who rescued 252 survivors from the eight lifeboats of the steamer Carolina when she was sunk by a submarine last June, brought his schooner into San Juan harbor this week on his first visit since the sinking of the Carolina. Twenty of the survivors gave a dinner in his honor at a hotel and presented to him a gold watch for himself, a gold wrist watch for his daughter and a diamond pin for his wife.

ENGLAND'S DOG ARMY DID BIG WORK IN WAR

Many a Soldier Owes His Life to Some Poor, Uncared For Animal

London, Jan. 24.—England's dog army rendered gallant service in the war. Many a soldier owes his life to some poor, uncared-for, stray dog. For nearly two years dogs were employed by the British as messengers, as sentries and as guards.

Early in 1917 a war dog school of instruction was established by the British War Office, and Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, who has devoted his life to training dogs for military and police purposes, was appointed commandant of the school. Game-keepers, hunt servants and shepherds were called up from the army to assist in the work of instruction.

After a thorough training in England, the dogs were sent to France, and on the battlefields their skill, courage and tenacity amazed the army. Often wounded in the performance of their duties, they never faltered while strength remained to carry on. The official record of their heroic work tells of successful message-carrying through darkness, mist, rain and shell-fire over the most difficult ground. In a few minutes' time dogs have brought messages over ground that would take a soldier runner hours to cross.

During the great German advance last spring part of the British line in front of a famous French town was cut off by severe enemy barrage. A messenger dog was released with an urgent appeal for reinforcements. It ran two miles in ten minutes. The result was that a French colonial division was sent up and prevented a disaster. The messenger was a Highland sheep dog.

Another dog with a message ran nearly four miles in twenty minutes, and still another in the same time carried back from the front, a map of an important captured position, when a man would have taken an hour and a half to bring it in. The dogs which have been found most successful in war work are collies, sheep dogs, lurchers and albedales, and crosses of these varieties, while in a number of cases Welsh and Irish terriers have given excellent results.

The work of sentry dogs has been valuable, especially in the Balkans. One gave warning of an enemy scout 500 yards away. On many occasions dogs have given warning of enemy patrols long before the soldier sentries were aware of their presence. Large numbers of dogs have been used for guard duty, many on the Italian front.

Aland Islands Sent Delegates to the Peace Conference

Paris, Jan. 24.—The Aland Islands, an archipelago belonging to Finland, in the mouth of the gulf of Bohemia, has sent a deputation to Paris, consisting of two members of the General Council of the Archipelago, and M. Sundblom, deputy for the Aland Islands to the Finnish Diet.

When Finland became independent the Aland population asked the King of Sweden to re-establish the ancient bonds uniting the Aland Islands to Sweden. The Swedish government proposed to Finland that a plebiscite be taken to settle the question, which then could be submitted to the peace congress for ratification. The deputation expresses itself strongly against the Finnish government's treatment of the islands in sending Military Governor Von Bonsdorff there with Finnish speaking troops and in treating the islanders as rebels. The delegation today expressed the hope that they would find in the peace conference and in French public opinion support sufficient to realize their aspirations.

104,000 Wounded American Soldiers in Overseas Hospitals

Washington, Jan. 24.—Wounded American soldiers remaining in hospitals overseas number approximately 104,000. Colonel W. H. Smith, of the Surgeon General's office yesterday told the Senate committee conducting an inquiry of hospital facilities and construction. Many of these wounded, he said, will not be brought home until they recover.

In the hospitals of this country, Colonel Smith said there are now about 4,500 vacant beds which can be placed in use as additional wounded and sick are returned.

Danzig Citizens Want to Remain in German Empire, Tell Hindenburg

Amsterdam, Jan. 24.—The Danzig town council has received Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's reply to its request for the preservation of Danzig for the empire. Von Hindenburg says he will do his utmost to prevent the town from being torn from the empire, and adds:

"I have no knowledge that our enemies have fixed the fate of Danzig in a manner unfavorable to us. The German inhabitants of Danzig may be assured that I have for a long time been preparing necessary measures of protection for the menaced province."

Allotment Checks of Soldiers Out by Jan. 31

Washington, Jan. 24.—In response to numerous inquiries received by the American Red Cross and the bureau of war risk insurance relative to allotment checks for relatives of soldiers, sailors and marines for November and December, the Red Cross yesterday sent the following telegram to all division directors:

"Secretary of the Treasury announces all war risk checks for November and December will be out by January 31. Hence desirable to withhold inquiries as to those checks until February 1."

STEEL PLANT SEQUESTERED

Metz, Jan. 24.—The Thyssen Steel Works, a large German concern at Hagendingen, Lorraine, has been sequestered. This action was taken at the request of a government commission.

German Language in Milwaukee Disappearing

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 24.—The teaching of the German language in Milwaukee grade schools may disappear entirely when the new semester begins in February. In only one

school in the city now is German being taught and, under the resolution of the school board abolishing foreign language instruction, it would be discontinued at the end of the year in June. In 1916, 200 teachers were employed to give instruction in the German language to 30,000 pupils and at the end of 1918, only one

teacher was employed to instruct 400 pupils in the German language. One of the final instances in connection with the elimination of German instruction came with the recent announcement that Leo Stern, in charge of the foreign language department, had resigned. The school

board last August voted to abolish the foreign language department, at the end of the present year. Mr. Stern's term expires June 30. Mr. Stern in his letter to the school board said that after a service of 85 years in the Milwaukee schools, he felt that he was "entitled to a rest."

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