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Now that the coal strike is upon us, it may be interesting to the people of the United States to know that they creased and the regions they represent is not likely to diminish as the years go by, nor is it probable that our annual expenditure for the material with which to produce power, light and heat will become less. In view of our ac-cumulating needs and the growing difficulty we may have in meeting them, the statements recently made by Government experts and referred to the Senate Committee on the Geological

Survey are such as may well make every patriot pause. These statements are to the effect hat the losses in the utilization of fuel for the development of power, light and heat under existing conditions are so great that in a ton of coal consumed in

an ordinary manufacturing plant less than 5 per cent. of the total energy is available for the actual work of manufacturing; that in an ordinary locon tive only from 3 to 5 per cent. of the fuel energy is obtained for pulling the train; that in our houses ordinarily not more than one-seventh of 1 per cent. of the fuel energy is actually transformed into electric light; that gases from the blast furnaces of the country are now lost in the atmosphere that would yield continuously, if properly utilized, more than 2,500,000 horsepower; and that by-products might be saved from the 40,000,000 tons of coal which we now convert into coke that would have an aggregate yearly value much greater than that of the coke itself. These by-products would include ammonium sulphate sufficient to fertilize our farms, creosote for the preservation of our timber, and pitch enough for briquetting our slack coals,

roofing our houses, and repairing some of our roads. How appalling that such waste should continue after we know that it exists! Unfortunately, it is not always clear even to those who best understand the nature and uses of coal how such conomies may be effected. No methods, for instance, are known by which more than one-sixth of the nitrogen in coal can be saved in the manufacture There is no subject touching of coke. the welfare of the human race on which

research is more needed than economy in the use of fuel. The results of the fuel investigations

onducted at St. Louis during the Louisiana Purchase Exposition by mem ers of the United States Geological Survey are so encouraging to both producers and consumers of coal that the nation may well take to heart the continuance of those investigations. Persons desirous of knowing more about this work should apply to the Director of the United States Geolog ical Survey for Professional Paper No 48. In comparison with the immense sum annually expended for fuels, the amount of money necessary to carry on this work for several years seems a mere trifle, especially when the mag-nitude of the interests involved is con-

sidered. The recommendation of the Director of the United States Geolog ical Survey that the sum of \$250,000 b appropriated by Congress for the in-

vestigation of the coals, lignites, and other fuel substances of the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, should therefore meet with the enthusiastic approval of the whole people, since it is a matter that concerns every citizen.

It should not be forgotten that work of this kind is necessarily expensive It must be done with the greatest pos

sible care and on a scale sufficiently large to commond public attention.

THE NEED FOR CONTINUANCE IN be selected from each of the larger fields and thoroughly studied as to the conditions under which they may be

the United States to know that they creased and the regions they represen-spent approximately \$1,500,000,000 last year for fuel for the production of power, light and heat. With the steady increase in the number of our manu-facturing industries, our need for fuel be made available for general practice.

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large to commond public attention. Every test must be extended over a period of from 3 to 6 days, and many Some coal barons and Calicoes at 5c. per yard. Lancaster Ginghams at 6c. Shoes at period of from 3 to 6 days, and many f them over a longer period, during industrial magnates. Railroads and which time it is necessary to employ 2 trolley lines, telegraphs and telephones, or 3 shifts of men so that the work coal mines and coke works with their may be constantly under supervision. attendant features, including strikes and riots, water and electric lighting Not only must the experts in charge of companies, sanitariums and summe the work be men of the highest trainresorts, lumber mills and tanneries, ing and experience, but even the ordi nary workmen must be selected with care and must be given such compensa-ries, dot the land once given over t ries, dot the land once given over to buckwheat and maple sugar. In the tion as will make them willing to render proper service. Finally, the equipmarch of development and progress merset county maintains a place at ment must not only be the best obtain the front, and in politics she is as stren able, but it must be kept accurately aduous as ever.—Connellsville Courier. Yes, we are no longer confined to the justed and must be in duplicate, so that here need be no delays in case of accident to any part of the machinery. By the close of the present fiscal year the Survey will have completed a series of general comparative fuel tests of construction of the head in the finest buckwheat cakes in the world finest buckwheat cakes in the world are baked in the families of the Frosty coals from many of the beds already coals from many of the beds already developed in the more important fields. It happens, however, that even during the progress of this work, new beds have been opened up in the older min-ter and unadulterated maple sugar and syrup, we have all the rest of the world, even including Vermont, skinned to a inglisStates, such as West Virginia, finish. Another thing good old Somerse Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, as well as in Alabama, Iowa Illinois, as well as in Alabama, lowa county leads the world in spool and the Western States, in which the coaltior lignite, is quite unlike that not yet tasted the heavenly hams cured by the farmers of Somerset county, Pa., If Congress decides to appropriate money for the continuance of the in-vestigation, the fuel in these new beds vestigation, the fuel in these new beds your pastries and your jam, you may boast about the oyster and the clam. will be tested, and an attempt will also be made to solve many problems con-nected with the deposits in the old We know they're all good eatin'-yes. beds which, for lack of time and money, have not yet been seriously considered, Certain typical coals and lignites will ham.



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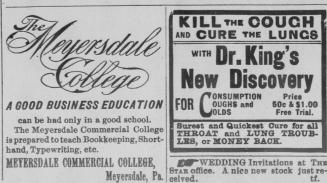
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