

SAY OPERATORS' PROFIT EXCESSIVE

Declare Anthracite Magnates Clear \$1.65 Ton Wholesale.

WAGES HELD INADEQUATE

Federal Coal Commission Told by Mine Workers Net Return of 28 Cents Would be Reasonable.

Washington.—The producers of Pennsylvania anthracite are holding an average profit of \$1.65 per ton at present prices, according to estimates passed before the federal coal commission by a United Mine Workers committee and made public last week.

On annual production of 10,000,000 tons the anthracite companies are obtaining an average net income at present prices of \$165,000,000, the committee said, adding that it is expected that present prices of anthracite will remain fairly constant throughout this year.

Following their cost calculations further, the committee figured that a net profit of twenty-eight cents per ton would give the industry a reasonable return on the amount of capital invested in it, if annual production was 10,000,000 tons.

"We hold, and we reiterate, that the present wages paid to anthracite workers are not sufficient compensation for the work they perform," the report said.

"The cost of anthracite coal can never be figured in dollars and cents alone, there must be added to the labor cost an annual toll of over 500 lives, of over 20,000 workers who suffer accidents, of men and boys who die as honorable as soldiers in war, who meet death and injury in order that coal may be produced to warm the homes of our people and turn the wheels of industry."

Average earnings of miners, it was said, "on the basis of best figures the operators have been able to produce," amount to \$1500 per annum, which was asserted to be less than a living wage. The commission was asked to look carefully into anthracite book-keeping during its fact-finding investigation, to determine whether labor costs of its output were not being unduly swelled by methods of figuring power, administration and supply charges.

Royalties which mine operators now pay to owners of lands containing coal were sharply attacked in the union's analysis, which asserted that "a satellite method must be found either for the practical elimination or the drastic regulation downward of all royalties." As the scale now stands, it was asserted, amounts ranging from five cents to \$2.40 per ton are being paid to the owners of the land, the average throughout the industry being sixteen cents, while the wide difference in cost of production which result from the varying charges "result in a price-fixing arrangement which is apt to cover the high cost collieries and thereby allow the lower cost collieries a larger profit than they would otherwise dare to take."

ARTIST TOO REALISTIC
Picture of Miracle at Cana Presented Figures at Once Recognizable.
New York.—The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel was invaded by detectives who arrested Abraham Bayliss, secretary of the Society of Independent Artists, for violation of the penal code in having permitted the display, at an exhibit there, of a painting by J. Francis Kaufman, "The Marriage of Cana of Galilee."

The picture was seized as evidence of a violation of section 1141 of the criminal code. It portrayed Christ, at the wedding feast of miracles, with a figure said by critics to resemble Andrew J. Volstead clutching his shoulder and pointing to another figure, a likeness of William J. Bryan, who was pouring from the jug the water that Christ had just turned into wine. Nearby stood a figure in an "iron hat," viewed as that of William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League.

TURKS REJECT PEACE TERMS
Military Body Rules Legislators in Turning Down Allies' Plan.
London.—The Turkish papers in Constantinople publish despatches from Ankara announcing that a majority in the grand national assembly, supported by the military, demand the rejection of the Lausanne peace treaty, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Constantinople.

The despatch said that the extremists are gaining ground.
Train Hits Funeral; Two Killed.
Youngstown, Ohio.—Two women were killed and a third woman and three men injured when Erie train No. 24 plowed through a funeral procession at a grade crossing here. The dead are Mrs. Louis Zarlenka and Mrs. Benjamin Ceremill.

MISS ELSA BRANDSTROM



For the second time a woman is to receive the Nobel peace prize. Miss Brandstrom, daughter of the late Swedish minister to Russia, is the nominee for the prize of \$100,000 given each year by the Nobel Institute to the person selected by the Norwegian parliament.

Miss Brandstrom is the daughter of the late Swedish minister to Russia, who was for many years Swedish minister to Russia. At the outbreak of the war she opened a small exhibition in Sweden, where she cared for prisoners, and when they were freed helped them to get home.

Last spring she imported a large quantity of food in southern Sweden, and turned it into a work hospital and reconstruction camp.

BANDITS AGAIN RAID DISTILLERY
Hold Up Watchmen and Carry Whisky Away in Trucks.
York, Pa.—In another successful raid on the First distillery, near Glen Rock, bandits made away with between forty and forty-four barrels of whisky, valued at \$1000 a barrel.

The raiders are supposed to have been from Baltimore, but there is no clue. State police are working on the case. There were 135 barrels of whisky in the warehouse when Guards Hodgson, Strine and Miloz arrived to relieve Guards Eisenhart, Edie and Evans. Hodgson drove Eisenhart to Glen Rock to take the train, and Strine and Miloz, after Edie and Evans had left, stepped into an inner office, leaving the outer door open for Hodgson.

When Strine stepped back he was covered by five men with revolvers; two of them covered Miloz, and Hodgson on his return was covered by two men who appeared from behind the open office door. Members of the gang on the outside took quick entrance to the warehouse by prying open a shutter, breaking a lock and reaching in and moving the bolts. The liquor was taken from an upper floor and loaded. It is believed on two trucks. On leaving, the bandits bound Strine with telephone wire to a chair, and Hodgson's hands were fastened with adhesive tape. Miloz for some reason overlooked, liberated them after the bandits had departed.

Fonst's distillery was raided last July, when 181 barrels of whisky were taken, more than twenty arrests following.

GIRLS KIDNAPED BY MAN IN AUTO

Two Children Brutally Assaulted and Thrown Out.

ELDER BELIEVED DEAD

Tot Identifies Suspect Arrested With Bloody Clothes—300 Philadelphia Police Search Neighborhood.

Philadelphia.—One child of 6 is missing and believed to be dead, and the 4-year-old sister is suffering from the result of a brutal assault, as the consequence of one of the most revolting crimes ever known in this city, the kidnapping of two girls.

The children are Lillian Gilmore, the older, and Dorothy Gilmore, the younger, daughters of Robert and Lillian Gilmore, of 217 Sepvita street, West Chester, Pennsylvania, Texas.

At 10 o'clock Saturday afternoon the children were taken from their home from the street in front of their house, carrying them away in an automobile, brutally attacking them and then dumping them out of the car at 2 o'clock. The girls were about 10 years of age and had just been changed to their new school, Dorothy being in the first grade and Lillian in the second, and it is believed the child was thrown into a river or creek.

The arrest of "Texas" followed one of the most thorough searches of the city ever conducted by the police. As a search superintendent of Police Nicholas J. Kehy personally supervised a police-house canvass of the whole northern section of the city, in which 200 automobiles and 1000 persons were searched. Following the arrest, Morgan and his brother, who were with him, were taken to the police station.

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Elsie, another sister, 13 years old and the oldest of the seven Gilmore children, saw the children enter the machine, and before she had time to call to them, the automobile had started at a rapid clip over Sepvita street. Running to her father, the child recounted what she had seen, and the police of the twenty-sixth district were notified. Eilers were sent all over the city and to nearby towns. A search of the neighborhood was started by the police and members of the family.

The homes of relatives and friends were visited without turning up any clue of the missing girls. About 6 o'clock Saturday night Dorothy was found wandering in the vicinity of Sepvita street and Allegheny avenue. She was crying and almost exhausted when she sobbed out to a passerby that she was lost.

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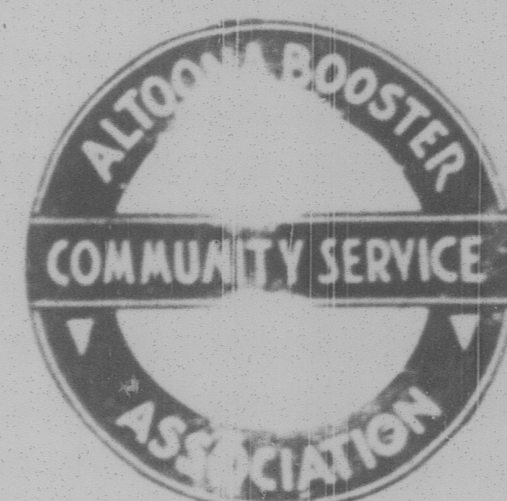
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