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EARLY RESULTS IN THE COAL ACT NOT EXPECTED

Guffey Bill Mired in Ickes Department as Congress Prepares to Convene.

The three year old Guffey Coal act faces repeal or radical changes before its provisions go into effect, according to observers who have been following the procedure since an attempt was made to stabilize the bituminous industry by statute.

Latest report from Washington is that all hope of showing tangible results before Congress returns to Washington very shortly has been abandoned by the Interior Department's coal division, attempting to enforce the national coal stabilization law.

Although the division has been "shooting at January 1st," according to Interior Secretary Ickes, for promulgation of a scale for minimum prices for coal (the central feature of the law), it is now apparent that it may be a matter of months.

The probability is seen that the coal law will be three years old next April before this step can be taken. The coal law will expire according to a limitation written in by Congress, in the following April.

The delay, due to compliance with a long list of technicalities in the statute—plus the fact that a federal court once threw out a set of minimum prices hastily arrived at—means that foes of the coal law will move early in the next session of congress to repeal or radically amend the coal legislation.

Proposals with this aim already have been introduced by Representative Robert G. Allen, Greensburg Democrat, and he is declared to have received promises of much support. The house already has shown its lack of sympathy with the regulatory system.

Coal division examiners have just denied motions of the Carter Coal Company, with offices in New York and operations in southern West Virginia, for a large amount of data respecting other producers of fuel: It has been forecast that the Carter company which brought the proceedings which resulted in supreme court invalidation of the first coal law, will use the denial of its motion for appeal to a federal tribunal. This would mean more delay.

The present coal law was sponsored by Senator Joseph F. Guffey, Democrat, of Pennsylvania, and former representative Fred Vinson, Democrat, of Kentucky. It was backed by John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers and by a portion of the management side of the industry. It is the thought of both operator and miner in this section that the law would be to their benefit.

It appears now as though opponents hope to eliminate most of the regulatory features of the law, including the special tax on coal production, and place the industry under a system of federally supervised marketing associations.

ASHVILLE FOLKS ARE HURT IN ACCIDENT

Mrs. Jennie Holtz and Basil Holtz, both of Ashville were injured Saturday night in an accident near Cassandra when their automobile collided with an automobile operated by Lester Cullin of Portage. Both were taken to Mercy hospital, Altoona.

BENEDICTINE MONK AT LATROBE EXPIRES

Brother Michael McDermott, aged 41, who at 71 gave up a business career and entered the Order of St. Benedict as a brother at Latrobe, died in a Greensburg railroad station enroute to Pittsburgh for his annual Christmas day visit with relatives.

CARS SKID, COLLIDE NEAR NICKTOWN

Automobiles operated by J. Edgar Webber of Carrolltown and Harry G. Stauffer of Roaring Spring, skidded and crashed on the icy highway between Nicktown and Carrolltown on Monday morning. Mrs. Stauffer suffered a fracture of a rib and lacerations of a knee. She was treated at the office of a Carrolltown physician.

CAMBRIA FLYING CLUB HAS A BANQUET AFFAIR

On Thursday, December 14th, the Cambria Flying Club consisting of pilots and students from the Keystone Airport at Ebensburg, held a banquet at Penn Gables Tavern. Three inspectors representing the Civil Aeronautics Authority were present. Maj. Paul Farabaugh, chief instructor at the Airport, was toastmaster. Entertainment was also a feature.

BIG DELEGATION TO ATTEND STATE P. S. E. A. MEETING

A large delegation of Cambria county and Johnstown educators are attending the annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association this week at Harrisburg.

Representatives of the County School Superintendent's office, the various districts in the County P. S. E. A. and the Johnstown branch of the education association, as well as a number of other members are taking part in the gathering which opened Tuesday and closes Thursday.

Dr. Arthur M. Stull, superintendent of the county schools, will represent the county office, and the following delegates will represent the county P. S. E. A.: Edward Overberger of Cresson, president; D. R. Lovette, of Spangler, vice president; Carl E. Lundquist, Geistown; Paul Kenney, South Fork, District 1; Norval Calhoun, Colver, District 2; Annie Williams, Westmont, District 3; John Dean, Conemaugh, District 4; Kathryn Kozelsky, Portage, District 5; Marie Garrity, Patton, District 6; and Mary A. Fox, Barnesboro, District 7.

SPANGLER FIREMEN ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Officers for the coming year of the Spangler Volunteer fire company were elected at a recent meeting. Those selected for the coming term were James J. Dumm, President, re-elected; John Easley, vice president; Robert Whalen, members of the board of directors; E. J. Lehmer, treasurer, re-elected; E. F. Dumm, Thomas V. Kortz, F. R. Booth, John Whalen, and Michael Whalen, members of the board of directors.

Ernie Tronzo was elected as chief with Richard Tronzo first assistant, and Elmer Baker, second assistant. Quentin Dumm was retained as engineer on the pumper and Abe Peters was selected as engineer for the ladder truck while Cecil Wagner will handle the squad car.

Carl Paone and Dewey Lonergan were named members of the press committee and Nick Peters, Quentin Dumm and Cecil Wagner were selected as members of the House Committee.

DAVID THOMAS DIES AFTER A LONG ILLNESS, SPANGLER

David Thomas, 42, Cherry Tree, expired last Thursday at the Spangler hospital after an extended illness. He had been a hospital patient since the 12th of December. Mr. Thomas was formerly employed as a motorman by the Ebensburg Coal Company at Colver. He was born in Scranton. Survive his widow, Mrs. Mabel Thomas, and three children—William, Griffith and Rhoda, all at home.

ANTHONY WRIGHT.

Anthony Wright, aged 38 years of Ashville, died early last Friday morning at the Mercy hospital in Altoona where he had been a patient for three weeks. He had been in failing health for several months. Mr. Wright was a son of Francis and Marie Wright and was born November 14th, 1901. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary (Marra) Wright, and these children: Evaline, Marie, Francis, Anthony, Jr., and Lora Wright, all at home. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. Marie Wright of Gallitzin and these sisters and brother: Mrs. Louise Montagna, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Mary Respoll, Altoona; James Wright, Cresson, Mrs. Sophia Reed, Mrs. Rose Stoney, Jennie and Millie Wright, all of Gallitzin. The funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon in St. Thomas' Catholic church, Ashville, and interment was made in the church cemetery.

MISS FRANCES URBAN.

Miss Frances Urban, 30, of Hastings died on Tuesday afternoon at her home after an extended illness of a complication of diseases. She was born in Hastings in 1909 a daughter of Matthew and Eva (Dubitsky) Urban. Besides her parents she leaves these brothers and sisters: Anna, wife of Russell Wagner, Tamaqua; Michael and Anthony Urban, both of Hastings, and John, Adam and Nellie, all at home. Funeral services will be conducted on Friday morning at nine o'clock in St. Bernard's Catholic church, Hastings, and interment will be in the church cemetery.

DAVID W. POWELL.

David Watkins Powell, aged 81, retired farmer of Cambria township died on Saturday night at the home of a daughter in Braddock. He had been ill for several months. He was one of the best known residents of the north central portion of the county and retired from active work fifteen years ago. A number of children survive. Funeral services were held on Wednesday at Ebensburg and interment was in Lloyd cemetery.

A & P STORES IN CONTRACT NOW WITH CIO GROUP

Altoona Division and United Retail and Wholesale Employees Reach Agreement.

An agreement was signed last Friday at the Brandon hotel in Spangler between officials of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company and representatives of the Wholesale and Retail Employees of America, CIO, headed by International Vice President Elmer Barger of Spangler, in which the company re-signed an agreement made last year in some Clearfield county stores, but which now will cover all stores in the Altoona division and includes stores in this area.

Sum and substance of the contract, according to Mr. Barger, calls for the unionization of each store in the territory at such time as a majority of the employees in any individual store become affiliated with the union, and request the contract's provisions, which are to carry for two years.

The wage scale, as agreed upon, has a minimum of \$19.00 per week, seniority rights an annual vacation with pay, and an increase of a dollar weekly pay, each year of employment. The union must also agree to the transfer of any workers from one store to another by the company.

Under the provisions of the contract A and P stores will become unionized as soon as a majority of the employees affiliate with the United Retail and Wholesale Employees of America, and workers so desiring are requested to address Elmer F. Barger, Spangler, Pa.

Representing the company at the conference last Friday, and signing for it, were R. E. Wright, of Pittsburgh—of the labor relations division of A & P; and Mr. Veich and Mr. Rochester, of the company executive offices, in Altoona.

ANDREW KOWLA.

Funeral services for Andrew Kowla, 58, of Colver, whose death occurred on Monday afternoon in the Colver hospital will be held on Thursday morning in the Greek Orthodox Church at Colver and interment will be made in Lloyd's cemetery at Ebensburg. Kowla was found seriously ill and was taken to the hospital on Monday. Death was attributed to pneumonia. He had been employed by the Ebensburg Coal Co. at Colver for 20 years. Surviving are four children. Mr. Kowla was born in Poland and came to this country about 25 years ago. He was a member of the Colver Local Union No. 860 U. M. W. of A. and the Colver Social and Athletic Club.

WILLIAM H. SHERRY.

William H. Sherry, died last Thursday morning at his home in Barr township, near Barnesboro. His health had been impaired for several months. He was born in Cambria county in 1870, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sherry. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Nancy (Whited) Sherry and the following children: Mrs. Sylvia Jordan, Monesson; Morris Sherry, Barnesboro; Eugene Sherry, Bakerton; Violet, Arthur, William and Owd Sherry, all at home. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon at the Sherry home and interment was made in Grass Hill cemetery, near Barnesboro.

OTTO LAUER.

Funeral services for Otto Lauer, aged 53 years, a former resident of Ashville, whose death occurred on Sunday night at his home in Gerard, O., were conducted on Wednesday morning in St. Thomas' Catholic church in Ashville with interment in the church cemetery. Mr. Lauer leaves his widow and these brothers and sisters: Frank Lauer, Ashville; Alfred Lauer, Larimer, Westmoreland county; Mrs. Mary Foust, Altoona; Mrs. Walter A. Wolf, Couson; Sister Sarah Ann, of Johnstown; Mrs. Leo Cullin, Conemaugh; Walter Lauer, Pirard, Ohio; Mrs. Ethel Hoffman, Patton, R. D.; John and Lawrence Lauer, both of Ashville, and Bert Lauer, Altoona.

CATHERINE ANN LESKO.

Mrs. Catherine Ann Lesko, aged 18, died last Wednesday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. Alice Lesko of Revloc. She had been ill for the past three months. Her father, John Lesko, died a year ago. Besides her mother, she leaves a number of brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held on Saturday morning in the Church of the Holy Redeemer at Revloc and interment was made in the Holy Name cemetery at Ebensburg.

LOSE STATE JOBS.

Personnel changes in the Department of Labor and Industry at Harrisburg show the dismissal of Mrs. Mildred M. Haring, Patton; senior typist clerk, \$1,020, and Mrs. Margaret E. Shoemaker, Ebensburg, also a typist clerk, at the same salary.

MOTORIST HAS A YEAR END BREAK IN PENNSYLVANIA

And It Comes In As A Blessing To Many Hard Hit Pocket-Books At This Season.

The harried motorist with the Christmas deflated pocket book is getting a break this year from the state. The 1939 legislature shifted the re-licensing date from January 1 to April 1 and for the first time two million automobile owners don't have to dig down for the cost of new license tags around Christmas and New Years.

For several years it became necessary to shift the actual date from January 1 to 15 to handle the rush, but the new date in 1940 is the greatest break of all.

If the 1939 tags get too rusty they can be exchanged for new ones. It won't cost anything if one or more of the numbers are obliterated, but the motorist who just wants newer tags must pay \$1 for replacements.

The 1940 tags, reversing the color scheme of 1939 will have a yellow background with blue letters. Applications for the 1940 tags will go out about February 1.

FATHER OF MRS. F. B. MOREY DIES AT WILLIAMSPORT

William R. Strawbridge, aged 93 years, pioneer lumberman of Tyler, Clearfield county, and father of Mrs. F. B. Morey of this place, passed away last week at the home of his son, West Strawbridge in Williamsport. Death terminated a month's illness of a complication of diseases. Mr. Strawbridge was well known in the Patton community.

Surviving are the following children: B. F. Strawbridge, of New York; Nellie, wife of F. B. Morey, of Patton; Jean, wife of H. L. Losch, of New York; Maynard Strawbridge of New York; R. J. Strawbridge of Newbury, and Clara, wife of H. E. Blair of Barnesboro.

A son, Will Strawbridge, of Dallas, Tex., preceded him in death two years ago. Also surviving one sister, a brother, 26 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. The funeral services were conducted last Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock in Williamsport, with interment in a Williamsport cemetery.

BLAIR PAWLOWSKI.

Blair Pawlowski, aged 50, of Barnesboro, well known Cambria county resident and prominent Polish leader, died at 5:45 o'clock Saturday evening in the Miners' hospital at Spangler. Mr. Pawlowski had been a medical patient at the hospital since Saturday, December 16th. He had been ill several weeks before being admitted to the hospital but his condition was not regarded as serious.

He was a well known Barnesboro business man, having operated a general store there for many years. He also was interested in the beer dispensing business.

Blair Pawlowski was born in Poland on November 11, 1889, and came to this country more than 35 years ago.

He was a veteran of the World War having served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

Active in Polish circles in Cambria County and Western Pennsylvania, Mr. Pawlowski was president of the Cambria County Polish Federation and secretary of the Barnesboro council, Polish National Association.

He also held membership in the Barnesboro American Legion and in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and was active in the work of the Barnesboro Lodge of the Royal Order of Moose. He also held membership in the Cambria County Beer Distributors Association.

Mr. Pawlowski served as a member of the Cambria County Board of the Department of Public Assistance during the administration of Governor George H. Earle.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Amelia Pawlowski and these children: Reginald, Wanda, Marion, Edwin and Blair, Jr., all at home.

The funeral services were conducted at nine o'clock on Wednesday morning with a requiem high mass in St. Stanislaus' Polish Catholic Church at Barnesboro and interment was in the church cemetery.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday morning in the Alverda Catholic church for Rosario Crimaldi, 55, of Alverda, who died Saturday afternoon in the Spangler hospital. Interment was in St. Benedict's Catholic cemetery at Carrolltown. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Rose Crimaldi, who resides in Italy, and a number of children, including Samuel and Angelo Crimaldi, both of Bakerton.

PETER J. LITTLE IS NAMED ON GROUP TO KEEP HISTORY

Preservation of complete history of the old Pennsylvania canal in Johnstown and other arteries which at one time comprised the state's far flung canal system has been announced as the objective of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies.

Attorney P. J. Little, of Ebensburg, outstanding Cambria county historian, has been named a member of the committee on Pennsylvania canals, which will launch the movement in the near future.

The federation, in addition to preserving the history of the canals, will preserve relics of the famous waterways which played a major part in the growth of Pennsylvania before the era of the steam railroad.

JANUARY 31 DEADLINE FOR COMPENSATION

Employers have until January 31, to make returns for unemployment compensation, covering the final quarter of 1939, Lewis G. Hines, secretary of labor and industry of Pennsylvania said.

Contributions to the State Unemployment Compensation Agency must be paid promptly in order to qualify for the credit against the federal tax Hines said.

Delinquent contributors are liable for the full amount of the federal tax in addition to the state, paying in effect a 90 percent penalty for delinquency. Interest charges constitute a further penalty, Hines said.

REAPPOINT FARRELL MERCANTILE APPRAISER

Patrick H. Farrell of Johnstown, the Democratic city chairman, during the last campaign, was reappointed mercantile appraiser of Cambria county, it has been announced by Auditor General Warren R. Roberts.

The auditor general announced the appointment of appraisers in 59 of the state's 67 counties. Thirty-two were reappointments and 27 were new appraisers.

"JAMAICA INN" DRAMA OF WILD SHORE PIRATES

There's a bang-up double feature attraction at the Grand theatre in Patton on Friday and Saturday of this week, the first feature being a western of the exciting class, "Oklahoma Frontier," and the other being in the days of sail and towering clippers, when the law was more difficult to enforce when bands of hardy land pirates used to ply a grisly outlaw trade. Not content with the occasional wreck that providence piled up in the Cornish bays, these bands entered the profession of wrecking. A beacon was extinguished, or a signal light moved to a different place, and when the unwary ship was fast on the rocks, the wreckers would swoop down, silence crew and passengers and make off with the cargo as their loot. "Jamaica Inn," the Paramount motion picture flips back the pages of history to this epoch, to tell a story of intrigue, adventure, romance and mystery. It reveals Charles Laughton in another of his extraordinary portrayals, introduces a new screen beauty, Maureen O'Hara, in a cast featuring Leslie Banks, Robert Newton and Emlin Williams.

The "Jamaica Inn," of the story and picture is the headquarters of a wild and lawless gang of wreckers captained by Leslie Banks, but actually under the control of Laughton, a mad, extravagant, capricious squire with a fondness for luxury and a weakness for pretty faces.

Maureen O'Hara, an orphan girl, comes to the Inn to seek shelter with her sister, who is the wife of Banks. He rebuffs her caught the eye of Laughton, however. When she rescues Robert Newton, a member of the gang from death at the hands of others and leads him to Laughton's home, the squire is pleased with the turn of events. When Newton discloses that he is actually a government agent on the trail of the wreckers, and begs Laughton's help, the squire pretends to lend him assistance.

Newton and the girl are again captured by the gang, and it is only by a heroic effort that he effects another escape to get military aid. A mad, cross country chase, after the fleeing Laughton, with a gripping climax as he is cornered on a ship about to bear him to France, drives the picture to a peak of dramatic intensity.

BARBARA ASHCROFT.

Barbara Ashcroft, the one year old daughter of Paul and Veronica (Karssek) Ashcroft of Spangler, died of pneumonia last Friday in the Spangler hospital. Besides her parents, she leaves a brother, Peter, and a sister, Anna Louise, both at home. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday morning in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Spangler and interment was made in the church cemetery.

MRS. MARY CAUSA.

Mrs. Mary Causa, aged 49 years, of Barnesboro, died last Thursday morning at the Miners' hospital in Spangler, where she had been a patient since November 27th. Mrs. Causa was born in Italy and came to this country more than 30 years ago. Surviving are her husband, Peter Causa, and these children: Carlo Causa, Detroit, Mich.; and Rena, Peter Jr., Raymond and Angeline Causa, all at home. She also leaves a brother residing in Italy. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon at the Causa home and interment was made in the North Barnesboro cemetery.

CIO SAYS THERE IS NO SKILLED LABOR SKIMP

It's Probably Propaganda to Make Conditions Look Better Than They Really Are.

Washington.—The Congress of Industrial Organizations Monday derided claims of a skilled labor shortage in American industry as "wishful thinking of those who want to believe the nation does not have to provide for its unemployed."

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States last week, in a business survey, asserted 330 manufacturers had reported difficulty in hiring skilled workers to turn out increasing orders.

The CIO in reply, said: "Those who want to wipe out the WPA, public works and housing use the propaganda of a false labor shortage to convince the country that no legislation and appropriation for the unemployed is needed.

"There is no labor shortage. There cannot be one for a long time. Provision for the unemployed, for youth, and for old people must be increased, not decreased.

"Our national economy will be in danger if the propaganda of a shortage of labor is successful in fooling the nation to the belief that unemployment has been wiped out."

Files of the U. S. Employment Service list 5,500,000 registered job seekers, including "many hundreds of thousands of skilled mechanics of all sorts," the CIO said, adding:

"CIO unions in the coal, steel, rubber, automobile, radio and electrical industries report unanimously that the suggestion of a shortage of labor is ridiculous.

"A government committee examined the available workers for the booming aircraft industry and found that there are many thousands more skilled mechanics available than the industry was expecting to need for a long time.

"All government and private industry forecasts say that at least the first few months of 1940 will be marked by a 'recession' in industrial production. That means less employment, not more."

CAMBRIA ROBBER SEEKS A PARDON

Michael Toth, convicted in Cambria county court on July 18th, 1938, on a robbery charge, has filed an application with the state pardon board for clemency. Toth's plea will be considered by the board on Wednesday of this week.

The defendant was sentenced by President Judge John H. McCann to serve two and one-half to five years in the Western Penitentiary after his conviction in connection with the robbery of the Abe Marcus Store in Barnesboro. It was charged that Toth in company with James Walker of New York, Theodore Bowden of Florida and Wilmer Shankle of Barnesboro, entered the Marcus store and slugged the proprietor over the head with a blackjack. The store proprietor's cries frightened the quartet and they fled. They later were apprehended. Walker also was given a term of two and one-half to five years in the Western Penitentiary, while Bowden and Shankle were sentenced to serve two to four years in the county jail. The latter two have since been paroled.

SCHOLARSHIP LISTS REVEALED BY STATE FOR FOUR COUNTIES

A supplemental report issued by the State Department of Public Instruction covering the 1939 state scholarship examination furnishes the names and addresses of scholarship winners in the senatorial districts of the state.

Five ranking candidates in Cambria county were announced as follows: Jean B. Daugherty, 908 Maple avenue, Barnesboro; Lawrence T. Chervenak, Wayne avenue, Portage; Carl O. Hughes, 907 Grant street, South Fork; Robert L. Ellis, 198 Wonder Street, Johnstown, and Ann E. Hill, Pearson street, Nanty-Glo.

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