RAISE PRICES OF ALL COAL.

Operators Who Have Declared No Increase Could or Would Be Made Hasten to Increase Profits.

RECOUP BIG STRIKE LOSSES.

At the Same Time a "Scarcity" Develops, with Hundreds of Thousands of Tons Lying Just Outside of New York.

The coal operators have announced an increase in the price of coal from $6.50 to $7 a ton, and in bituminous from $6.50 to $7.50. The excuse for this increase was given as "scarcity of product."

Men in the coal trade say the raise in price is an open move by the Coal Trust to participate in the profit accruing from the scarcity of coal in this city. They have heretofore said that "independents" and "speculators" have been making all the money wrung from the New York public when cold weather brought distress, illness and death.

The new prices are excused on the ground of "the scarcity" of coal. Yet the coal operators have frequently declared that they would not raise prices on account of scarcity; that they would be able to supply all the coal needed; and that "speculators" were creating an artificial scarcity here.

"Actions Speak Loud."

Furthermore, they have been emphatic in contending that they could not raise the price of coal 20 cents a ton in order to increase the wages of the miners 10 per cent. Yet they have raised the circular price 50 cents.

And they have not raised the pay of the miners!

There is every reason for believing that the cost of mining coal is much less now than it was before the strike. The mines are being run at full head; their greatest economy of operation being reached on every hand.

But up goes the price of coal!

The strike was expensive; the companies have millions of dollars of losses to recoup.

The public has millions of extra half dollars to pay in circular prices. How much more it will have to pay in speculators' prices in New York no man can reckon.

Strangest of all the facts bearing on the increase in prices is this:

The "scarcity" is now officially stated to consist in part of these supplies of coal opposite New York:

80,000 tons at Perth Amboy.

92,000 tons on the way here on the Reading.

20,000 tons a day arriving at Perth Amboy.

Unnamed quantity said to be ready for any one with a wagon, Fifty-first street yards of Communipaw Coal Company.

Untold quantities on Jersey sidetracks.

The figures are from statements of the coal roads and their selling agents.

But these men say residents of New York cannot get this coal delivered!

The Lehigh Valley Company says it will be very thankful if some one can relieve it of the 20,000 tons a day it is piling up on its piers at Perth Amboy. It will sell for $6.50 a ton there. The Communipaw Coal Company, which represents the Central Railroad of New Jersey, announces that it has plenty of coal, but is unable to deliver it in Manhattan. The company states that it will sell any quantity of coal desired at its Fifty-first street yards at $6 a ton undelivered.

There is coal everywhere except on Manhattan Island and in the Borough of Brooklyn. Any householder in Jersey City can get all the coal he wants at $7 a ton delivered. But just across the river that same ton will bring $12, and then there is no certainty of getting it.

Explanations of the raising of the bituminous price above that of anthracite are to the effect that the operators would force a return to anthracite.

Conflict in Statements.

President Baer, who was first to announce the raise in the price of coal, said that it was done because of the scarcity of coal. At the same time the freight agents of his road announced that they had 92,000 tons of coal on the way to New York tide water, and that the mines never before produced such great quantities of coal.

The effect of this increase in the price of coal on the poor is disastrous. They had been buying coal at 10 cents a pail. Now they will have to pay 12 cents a pail.

The operators and combine dealers say that the principal trouble now is getting boats, lighters and teams with which to deliver coal. But the hundreds of dealers not affiliated with the operators say they can deliver coal if only they can get it from the operators.

The Salvation Army will open the following depots to-day where those of modest means may purchase coal by the pail at cost; Eighteenth street and First avenue, in Chatham Square, Twenty-third street and Second avenue, Thirtieth street and Tenth avenue, Thirty-fifth street and Seventh avenue, No. 28 Raymond street, Brooklyn, and No. 208 North Eighth street, Williamsburg.

KICKS AGAINST KNICKS.

Miss Millward, Actress, Objected to Short Trousers.

Jessie Millward, once leading woman of the Empire Stock Company and now under engagement as leading support of Henry Miller in the new Richard Harding Davis play "The Taming of Helen," came within an ace of going on a strike. The trouble was caused by a revised third act which called for Miss Millward's appearance in knickerbockers.

"I'll never do it!" she exclaimed when she saw her new lines. "I never did it in my life and I don't intend to start now."

Mr. Miller was diplomatic. He called Mr. Davis to his assistance and they took Miss Millward aside and talked to her. While they talked Mr. Davis was sketching on the back of an envelope. When he showed her the work of art she was ready for compromise.

"Well, if you'll promise to make them come down a little further I'll do it," she said.

Mr. Davis promised to write 'em down an inch or so.

PIPER MAY GET WOODBURY'S JOB

That Is If the Latter Succeeds Partridge, and Police Inspector Cortright Is Likely to Take Piper's Place.

MAYOR TO SEE ODELL FIRST.

Will Consult with the Governor and Other Prominent Republicans Before Announcing Various Changes in the Different Departments.

Mayor Low intends to take plenty of time before deciding upon the successor of Col. Partridge. He said today: "I am not disposed to make my decision in haste. There is no necessity for it. We have plenty of time in which to select the man who is to succeed Col. Partridge," said the Mayor. "I shall name no one to-day."

It s the talk around the City Hall that if Wodbury is the man to be selected by the Mayor Capt. Piper will be elevated to the position of Street Cleaning Commissioner. Capt. Piper's place, the gossip goes, will e given to an inspector of police, who will resign his office in order to qualify him to accept the Deputy Commissionership. Inspector Cortright is the man in view. It was recently announced that he intended resigning from the department.

It is the belief at City Hall that before he makes his final decision the Mayor will consult the views of Gov. Odell and other Republicans. He has already been in communication with Chairman Dunn of the Republican State Committee. The latter was aware in advance that it was Col. Partridge's determination to resign. It develops that before he forwarded his letter to the Mayor, Col. Patrirdge apprised him during a luncheon at the Hardware Club of his intended action; then followed the letter of resignation and the announcement at Police Headquarters made by the Colonel himself.

CHINA INSULTS AMERICANS.

Two Women from the Legation Are Arrested.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A special despatch received here from Peking says that upon the occasion yesterday of the return of the Imperial Court from four months' residence at the summer palace it was learned that certain foreigners who visited the court on its journey had been ill-treated, arrested, compelled to make obeisance before the populace and detained until the court had proceeded.

Among the persons arrested were the members of a party from the American legation at Peking, including two women.

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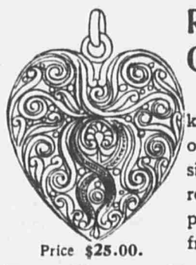

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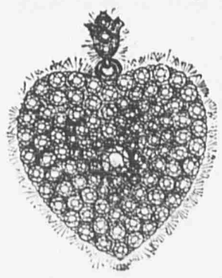

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