

COAL PRICES GROW OVERNIGHT ON WAY FROM MINE TO N. Y.

Senate Committee Tries to Find Who Gets the Profit but Fails.

(Special to The Evening World.)
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—At the present rate of speed it will take the Senate Committee on Reconstruction from now until the next world war to fix responsibility for the exorbitant coal prices of the past nine months. Two entire days spent in questioning the coal experts of the National Coal Association and the American Wholesale Coal Dealers' Association have left the committee more befogged than ever. While the inquiry has not fixed the responsibility for high prices, it has developed some interesting facts.

In its first day's session it opened up an avenue of investigation with respect to grafting public officials which will be pursued next week when George H. Cushing, representing the wholesale coal men, has promised to appear and continue his startling narrative of how a group of men, several of them temporarily holding official positions in the Government, made illegal profits by taking advantage of the panicky coal market and inside Government information on requirements.

Members of the committee indicated to-day that the graft charges are to be followed up and if the evidence warrants it indictments will be sought. Until they get the proof which has been promised them it will be impossible to follow up this lead.

Try as hard as they might, committee members were unable at Wednesday's session to ascertain who reaped the harvest of illegitimate profits when coal shot up to \$21, \$22 and \$23 per ton in the Eastern market. Senator Edge obtained from J. H. M. Morrow, Vice President of the National Coal Association, and reported to be the best posted coal man in America, some figures on production costs during the first nine months of 1920 when the profiteering was at its worst.

The witness said the average price at the mines for bituminous coal during this period was \$3.45 per ton. It cost \$2.75 to produce a ton, and he placed the operator's margin of profit at 70 cents per ton. It cost \$8.35 per ton to haul the coal from the Pennsylvania fields to New York, Morrow said.

Taking these figures as a basis, Senator Edge tried hard to find why coal sold for from \$16 to \$23 per ton in New York and New Jersey last September, but he did not obtain the information. The witness maintained the higher prices mentioned were exceptional.

One important discrepancy in the witness's testimony related to a fair price for a ton of coal laid down in New York. Morrow thought \$6 would be about right. Senator Edge then

read a letter taken from the Coal Association's files, in which \$6.25, \$5.50 and \$5 were given to a coal operator as the proper prices at the mines for coal to be shipped to New York the middle of November. The witness thought prices had dropped since the quotations in the letter were made.

Another scandal was touched on when Senator Kenyon tried to find out why the United States Shipping Board agreed to pay \$16 to \$20 per ton at the mines for 2,000,000 tons of bunker coal a few months ago.

Mr. Morrow thought this was "inefficiency" on the part of the Shipping Board's purchasing agent. While the report at the time was that a contract was made for this coal and subsequently canceled at the direction of Admiral Benson, Chairman of the Shipping Board, the witness's impression was that the Shipping Board contracted for none of its coal, but "insisted on buying coal at spot prices." He did not know what operators were responsible for mulcting the Government in this way.

A new factor in the denormalization of the coal market which resulted in the pyramiding of prices was brought out when Morrow told of a thousand independent mines which opened for business in Pennsylvania, paying big bonuses to miners to produce coal for the spot market at family prices.

Members of the investigating committee expressed surprise when they found from an examination of the Coal Association's files that the coal operators had spent about \$6,000 for salaries of clerks at the United States Geological Survey engaged in preparing weekly statistics on coal production.

Morrow said that as a general principle he would not attempt to defend Government employees receiving pay from outside interests, but in this instance Congress failed to appropriate for the preparation of these bulletins for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1919, and the data were of such great importance to the coal trade that he had offered to have his association bear the expense rather than have it stop, and the offer had been accepted, though the coal men exercised no authority over the Government statisticians.

The Calder committee has a great mass of files and documents which its agents seized from the Coal Association. Just what these records of the organization will disclose members of the committee do not seem to know. A great deal of time was spent at Wednesday's session in reading various letters to the representative of the organization and seeking to have the witness shed light on their meaning and relation to the matters under investigation.

COAL INQUIRY PUT OVER.

Charges of Graft by U. S. Officials to Be Taken Up Wednesday.
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Senate investigation into the coal situation was put over to-day until next Wednesday.

Chairman Calder of the inquiry committee, said it was planned at that time to recall George H. Cushing, Managing Director of the American Wholesale Coal Association, and clear up charges that Government officials and railroad men made profits on the distribution of coal during the shortage back last summer and fall.

NO TRACE OF NAVY BALLOON.

Lieut. Evans Unable to Locate Craft in Canada.
 The first report received from Lieut. A. W. Evans, attached to the naval air station at Rockaway Point, who left Monday for Canada to aid in the search for the missing balloon, A-5098, contained no news of the whereabouts of the craft, which went from the naval station a week ago Monday.

SANTA, 1920 STYLE, TO FLY INTO TOWN IN HIS OWN AIRSHIP

Will Drop Gifts, Attached to Parachutes, on the People of Ridgewood, N. J.

SANTA CLAUS has made all arrangements to visit Ridgewood, N. J., in an aeroplane. Ridgewood people are flattering themselves theirs is the first town in the world to receive such a distinction.

Every year here the town has a community Christmas tree, at which Santa Claus appears in person and distributes the gifts. This year, if the weather is not too fierce, Santa Claus will fly over the public square, dropping dolls and bags of candy attached to toy parachutes. Then he will alight, go inside Wiley Hall and distribute the rest of the gifts from the Christmas tree.

Don't tell the children, for it is a secret, but Santa Claus is really Harry Rouleux, who has retired from his theatrical career as a roystifler and has taken up the more exciting life of running a hotel in Ridgewood. He is said to be the only hotelkeeper who has his own aeroplane. Last summer he flew to the Hotel Men's Convention at Atlantic City.

Candy for Poor Children.
 Poor children in more than a score of New York institutions will receive Christmas candy from John Doukas, No. 59 Avenue B, who still remembers with a thrill of gratitude the candy that was given to him twenty-eight years ago when he was a poor immigrant boy from Greece.

BOGUS ELKS HELD FOR CLUB THEFTS

Charged With Stealing \$1,900 Worth of Clothes, Stamps and Change.

Two men accused of posing as "out of town Elks" and stealing \$1,900 worth of clothing and a quantity of stamps and small change were arrested last night at the Elks Club, No. 108 West 43d Street. The clothing was taken from the cloak rooms and the stamps and change from a stamp machine by inserting metal rimmed tickets the size of a quarter.

The men say they are Alexander Hall, twenty years old, and Murray Gilbert, twenty-three, both of California. They gave their address in New York as the Lenox Baths.

\$26,775,000 LOAN TO N. Y. CENTRAL

System Will Add \$30,000,000 and Expend It for Equipment and Betterments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A loan of \$26,775,000 to the New York Central and seven subsidiary lines to help finance the purchase of new equipment and additions and betterments to cost \$34,600,000 was approved to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The roads are to furnish \$8,000,000 for the purpose and the fund will be expended jointly.

Emperor of Japan Presides at Council.
 TOKIO, Dec. 22.—Emperor Yoshihito, who has been ill for a long time, presided at a privy council for the first time this year. He appeared almost restored to his former health and his complete recovery is expected soon.

Senator Chamberlain Seriously Ill.
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon is under the care of specialists at a local hospital. It became known to-day. His condition was said to be serious with the possibility that an operation may be necessary.

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