

ANTHRACITE COAL PRICES TOO HIGH

So Trade Commission Reports To Get After Unscrupulous Dealers.

Washington, May 6.—Prevailing retail prices of anthracite coal are unwarmed and the supply for next season is adequate, the federal trade commission stated today in a preliminary report based on a partially completed investigation ordered by congress last winter. The commission grows concerned against buying large quantities of coal than usual this summer, saying there are symptoms of such a buying panic as that which enabled speculators last winter to force prices above normal. No good reason exists, says the report, why prices should not be subject to the usual summer discount.

The United Mine Workers' new wage scale, which went into effect last week, increases production cost between 24 and 30 cents a ton, says commission. Leading operators' prices at the mine for May provide for this wage increase and there is no justification for a larger increase to be passed on to the consumer.

The commission's report recommends action by congress or some authority to be designated by congress of the following:

- First, the elimination of the element of speculation and the charging of an exorbitant price, or the withholding from use of this necessity of life and second, the imperative need of keeping coal moving and of preventing coal cars from being held out of use for the purpose of speculative storage.

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DEATH SENTENCE PASSED UPON TWO

Judge Dwyer Sentences O'Neill and Fisher to Be Hanged. Date is Not Set.

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murder in the first degree. Formal passing of sentence followed.

Passing of sentence has been deferred upon several occasions since Fisher and O'Neill were convicted on March 23 last on the plea of their attorneys that a motion for a new trial was in course of preparation.

The Crime.

According to the testimony introduced at the trial, Fisher and O'Neill were engaged in holding up a man named Sullivan on the night of Sept. 2 last, near the Hukin Tabernacle, at Wyoming and Silver streets, when Higgins happened along and went to Sullivan's rescue. As he did so he was shot by one of the two and died from the effects of his wound several days later in a local hospital.

MILES FULLER WAS LAST MAN HANGED IN BUTTE

He Paid the Death Penalty for Murder of H. J. Gallahan in 1906.

The last man hanged in Silver Bow county was Miles Fuller, who paid the extreme penalty of the law on May 16, 1906, following conviction for the murder of Henry J. Gallahan, committed at 4 o'clock the evening of Oct. 26, 1904.

Fuller was hanged at 5:32 o'clock on the morning of May 16, 1906. J. J. Quinn was sheriff at the time and personally superintended the execution. He was assisted by Deputy Burke. The ministers who attended on Fuller were Rev. Frederick Gwynne and Rev. R. E. Williams. Fuller's last words were, "Oh, My God!" as he stepped towards the scaffold. He stoutly maintained his innocence to the last. Fifteen minutes before the execution Fuller called for some coffee and took a long drink from a bottle of whiskey. Attorneys Lindsay and Baldwin had appeared for Fuller in the trial and the county prosecutors were Attorney Walker and Denny. Drs. Tremblay and Maillet were the official physicians at the execution.

An Old Scaffold.

Six men had been swung into eternity on the scaffold on which Fuller executed his crime. They were: Dan Lacy, Dutton, McArthur, Potts, Metzger and Tom Sing, a Chinaman, who was executed at Bozeman a short time before. Unlike many scaffolds there was no trap on the one used for Fuller's execution. The condemned man stood on the ground. At the psychological moment a heavy weight was dropped and the unfortunate man was swung rapidly into the air. It was officially announced that the execution was one of the quickest ever held in the west. Fuller was declared dead eight minutes after the weight twitching of the muscles followed the jerk into the air. It was said that Fuller had murdered a man in Texas in the early days of that state.

Two years previously James Martin was hanged in exactly the same place.

FALLS UNDER ENGINE AND IS DECAPITATED

Bruce Carruthers, an Oiler at the Speculator, Meets Tragic End.

Bruce Carruthers, 24, an engine wiper employed at the Speculator mine, was killed last night by being run over by an ore engine, on the Butte, Anaconda and Pacific railroad tracks, about 250 feet west of the North Main street crossing. He had jumped on the running board of the engine to ride to his home on West Woolman street, when in some manner he lost his grip, falling under the wheels and was dragged for about 150 feet when he was decapitated. None saw the accident, but it is believed that after mounting the running board Carruthers lost his balance.

The engine was hauling 16 ore cars from the Buffalo mine and as it crossed Main street, Tom Bohm, crossing watchman, saw Carruthers climb on the front running board. He was coming off shift and en route home. Tom Jones, the engineer, did not see Carruthers at any time, but Fred Ertz, near brakeman, noticed the body after the train passed over the spot where the man was decapitated.

The body was removed to the Sherman & Reed establishment and Coroner Lane will hold an inquest Monday. The funeral will be held at a time to be announced later from the family residence, 914 West Woolman.

HEAVY SNOWFALL IN DENVER TODAY

Denver, May 5.—Four and one-half inches of snow had fallen at Denver at 10 o'clock today in a snowstorm which is general over the Rocky Mountain regions, according to the local weather bureau.

that Fuller's scaffold was erected and Sheriff Quinn superintended that hanging also. White & Krebs were the undertakers, selected by the condemned man the day before his execution.

Gallahan, the victim of Miles Fuller, was an aged prospector who lived in a cabin near the McKinley school. It was said that Fuller had frequently threatened Gallahan's life. Indeed the evidence at the trial showed that ground glass had been placed in Gallahan's flour and that strychnine was put in his sugar on another occasion. Gallahan feared for his life for a considerable time and his cabin was barricaded like a fortress. The murder was a particularly brutal one. The evidence indicated that Gallahan had been waylaid and shot down and after the first shot four more were fired into his body and his throat was slit from ear to ear. A man was seen running away from the scene of the crime and Fuller, who was said to resemble the description given, was arrested shortly afterwards by Sheriff Quinn, Under Sheriff McGarvey and Chief of Police Mulholland and some detectives.

"If a young man were to come to you, what would you advise him?" asked Rev. Gwynne of Fuller an hour before the execution and Fuller replied:

"I would advise him to follow the advice of his father and mother. They would never lead him wrong. I was three weeks old when my mother died. I never knew I had a mother. My father was a good man but I was brought up by strangers. I loved the man who brought me up more than I did my own father.

"Good-bye, I will meet you in Heaven," said Fuller to the death watch, Joseph Bufour.

Fuller admitted a short time before his death that he had not been in a church in several years. "For ten years I have not been very good," he said.

He spoke a little about his family just before the end and admitted that he had some children and expressed the hope that they were leading good lives. He joined in singing some hymns and alone sang "Amazing Grace," in a faltering voice.

A Miserable Life.

"He talked with me many times and he told me that he had led a most miserable life. What he said about his crime no man under the sun will ever know from my lips."

Fuller was buried May 19 in Mount Moriah cemetery. A simple plate with the words "At Rest" was the only writing on the bier. Rev. E. J. Groeneveld assisted at the funeral with Rev. Gwynne and Rev. Williams. The services of the Presbyterian church were carried out. Several wreaths of flowers were placed on the coffin, but by whom no one knew.

Two Days Before the Execution Fuller Made the Following Statement:

"I will not be swung into eternity with a lie on my lips. God is my judge and I will be honest with him. I am sorry for the wrongs I have done in this world and hope for forgiveness. "Suppose I had murdered Gallahan," exclaimed Fuller bitterly. "Suppose he had waited for me with a gun and we had struggled for possession of the weapon until all the cartridges had been discharged and then fought with knives, would any fair jury blame me for committing murder under those circumstances? He waited for me once for several hours and another time took a shot at me, yet they say that Miles Fuller ambushed an innocent old prospector."

However, Fuller never confessed. He issued long statements a few days before his death and was particularly bitter against the state witnesses. He alleged that he had not gotten a fair trial.

THEY'RE GRATIFIED AT OUR POSITION

Montana's Representatives in Congress Reply to Patriotic Demonstration.

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lowing from the white house: "The president thanks you cordially for the good will which prompted your kind message, which has helped to reassure him and keep him in heart."

"Today Senator Mantle received the following letter from Senator T. J. Walsh:

"My Dear Senator: You will pardon my delay in replying to your letter of April 11. The resolutions forwarded with it were presented by me to the senate and read at the desk.

"It is intensely gratifying to me to learn of the patriotic sentiment that prevails in Butte and throughout the state of Montana. Likewise, that there is at home general approval of the bill to raise by the selective draft system the army we are to assemble. It will be gratifying to you to know that the measure has passed both houses by an overwhelming vote."

In the course of a letter to Senator Mantle, Senator H. L. Myers says: "I am very glad, indeed, to have the copy of the resolutions and to know that it generally embodies the sentiments of the people of Butte."

John M. Evans, writing to Senator Mantle after receiving the resolutions, said: "I am glad to note the true patriotism displayed during this meeting, and, of course, to see the action taken by them."

Jeanette Rankin, in the course of a letter acknowledging receipt of the Butte resolutions, said: "After reading your letter and the resolutions I judge that Butte has already contributed its quota of men and money to the service. If you will send the figures to me at once I shall be glad to have them read into the record, so that the people of the nation may know of the patriotism of Butte citizens."

ONE SISTER BURIED OTHER NEAR DEATH

Mrs. Lobdell, a Most Beloved Young Woman, Laid to Rest Today.

The funeral of Mrs. Lillie Lobdell, wife of William Lobdell, an employe of the Inter State Lumber company, was held today from the home of her sister, Mrs. Blanche Hirschman, 418 South Wyoming street, with interment in Mount Moriah cemetery, Rev. E. J. Groeneveld of the Presbyterian church officiating. Interment was in Mount Moriah cemetery. Mrs. Lobdell is survived by her mother; her sister, Mrs. Hirschman; a brother, Frank McGrath; a sister, Mrs. Dr. Miller of Los Angeles, and a sister, Mrs. R. A. Sullivan of Montpelier, Idaho.

A very sad phase of the situation is that Mrs. Sullivan is now at the point of death in Idaho and it was not considered prudent to acquaint her with the facts of Mrs. Lobdell's death. Mrs. Lobdell was one of the most popular young women of the city in her home circle. She was essentially a home woman and was particularly fond of pets of all kinds. She was very gentle in her nature, a most lovable wife and a very devoted friend. There was sincere sympathy in her benevolence and the kindness of friends and neighbors was extended by unselfish hands to those who must mourn her loss. Mrs. Lobdell was 34 years of age. She will be sadly missed by those who had the pleasure and happiness of her acquaintance in life, and if the tender sympathy of friends can mitigate in any way the sorrow of surviving relatives, they will be consoled by the knowledge that their grief is shared by hundreds.

BRITISH LABOR ADVISERS GO TO WASHINGTON

Washington, May 5.—British labor leaders sent to the United States at the invitation of the American Federation of Labor to participate in conferences between the British war mission, headed by Foreign Minister Balfour and representatives of the American government, arrived here today from New York. They landed there yesterday from a British steamer.

The delegation, which will serve as official advisers to American labor in the conduct of the war against Germany, was met at the Union station by representatives of the American Federation of Labor, the British embassy, the state department and the department of labor. Secretary Wilson personally represented his department.

MISS RANKIN TO NAME MIDDY FOR ANNAPOLIS

The Post's Washington Bureau.

Washington, D.C., May 5.—Jeanette Rankin has arranged for a special civil service examination for Montana boys from which to select an eligible for appointment as a midshipman at Annapolis. The examination will be held in every Montana city which has a civil service board.

A. E. Spriggs, chairman of the Montana state accident board, is in Washington. With Mrs. Spriggs he is returning home from a trip to the south.

CONDON FUNERAL.

At the funeral of David Condon, which was held today, many friends were present and there were many floral offerings. The cortege proceeded from Walsh's parlors to St. Joseph's church, where a mass was celebrated. Burial was in the Holy Cross cemetery.

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