

# HOW COAL SUPPLY WAS CARED FOR DURING STRIKE OF MINERS

Uncle Sam Set Up His Own Coal Pile as Soon as Strike Began and Kept Replenishing It From Mines Which Continued to Work—Nation Able to Last Out the Six Weeks Through Efficiency of Government Control.

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I have the thought that the people of the United States would like to know how their coal supply was handled during the six weeks' strike of bituminous coal miners, which has just come to an end. This was the first nationwide coal strike the country ever experienced, and therefore the problems arising were novel. Necessarily, during the continuance of the strike, the exact stocks on hand could not be made public at all times, although as to all vital facts, the public seems to have been kept fully informed day by day. Uncle Sam set up his own coal pile as soon as the strike began and kept replenishing it from the mines which continued to work, but meanwhile the pile was being diminished more rapidly than new supplies were coming in, and before long it became a question of keeping people warm rather than what industries should be continued. Had the strike continued much longer many industries would have had to shut down, and people thrown out of work, but on the restricted basis to which the country finally came and with the part-time production obtained undoubtedly the nation could have "carried on" for weeks longer, if not months.

**Strike Anticipated.**  
Several weeks before the coal strike began on November 1 its coming was plainly apparent, and therefore the director general of railroads, Walker D. Hines, consulted with all the regional directors of railroads and the principal members of his staff, and decided that if the strike came it would be the job of the railroad administration to make the coal produced go as far as possible. After thorough discussion the plan was adopted of allowing all coal mined up to the time of the strike proceed as billed to consignees on the idea that once the strike actually began the railroads could look after their own and the emergency needs of the country by taking over coal actually on the rails at that time. Through this method foresighted consumers were placed in a position to store up. The alternative method would have been for the railroads to have begun to buy coal early in preparation for the strike, thus keeping such coal out of normal channels.

Prior to the strike a very careful survey of stocks on hand, both of railroads, industries and individuals (as far as possible) was conducted so that the railroad administration went into the strike with as accurate knowledge of the coal situation throughout the country as was obtainable. The administration's original survey on November 1 showed 22,000,000 tons of bituminous coal on wheels and in railroad storage subject to distribution under the administration's supervision. To this was added the daily production which totaled 18,900,000 tons in November, and of the aggregate the stocks still available for the country's protection on December 1, 12,300,000 tons and on December 8, 11,475,000 tons.

Prior to the strike orders were issued by the railroad administration to give preference to coal loading, and this naturally resulted in hardship on some industries. The result was however, that in the week ended October 25 a total of 13,200,000 tons of coal was produced and moved in the United States, thus constituting a record for the country. It took hard work by everyone concerned to distribute this enormous amount of coal. Once the strike was on, the production never reached 50 per cent of normal, with the result shown above, viz., that in addition to using the production every day, the stored coal in possession of the railroads was depleted in the six

weeks of the strike from 22,000,000 tons to 11,375,000 tons.

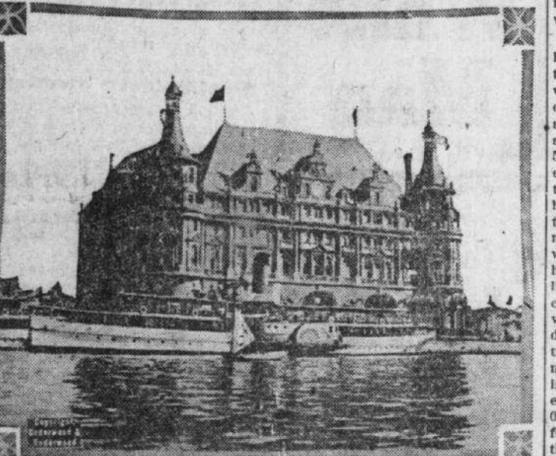
**Pile Saved Country.**  
At times during the strike some complaints were made regarding the holding of this coal in storage and on wheels by the railroads. Without such a storage, however, the country would have suffered much more than it did, and it would have been impossible to have looked after the emergency requirements of the parts of the country in greatest need. Throughout the strike practically all of the coal moved was produced in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, although some coal was produced in Kentucky, Alabama and Wyoming and a few other states. The great central competitive fields, however, closed down completely and outside of the stocks on hand the people in that territory had to depend entirely on the coal from the East and upon the coal in the hands of the railroads to meet just this emergency.

At the beginning of the strike coal was delivered freely to all of the ten classes on the fuel administrator's priority list, but soon afterward it was necessary to restrict deliveries to the first five classes, which included railroads, army and navy, together with other departments of the government, state and county departments and institutions, public utilities, and retail dealers, and toward the end of the strike it was difficult in some parts of the country to meet even these requirements, due to the fact that principally in the middle West the stocks became almost exhausted and it was necessary to depend practically entirely upon the coal produced in the East. The amount which could be shipped West was limited, not by car supply, but by transportation facilities and the necessity for moving this coal West was one of the reasons for the curtailment of passenger service in all parts of the country, which naturally led to some hardships and some complaints.

With regard to these complaints, a careful survey shows that, taken as a whole, the country has stood remarkably well under the restrictions which had to be placed. The action of the government during the strike which caused the greatest comment was the placing of restrictions in connection with the use of bituminous coal and coke in supplying light, heat and power to stores, office buildings, manufacturing establishments, etc. These regulations were put into effect by the railroad administration on the advice of the central coal committee and under authority of the fuel administrator. They were put into effect primarily as a coal conservation measure and because prior to their issuance local regulations, sometimes more stringent than these regulations, had already been laid down in many sections of the country. Prior to the issuance of these regulations the fuel administrator had issued a request that coal for light, heat and power be conserved as much as possible. Just as soon as the Indianapolis settlement was reached the attorney general, following out a prior arrangement, immediately notified the railroad administration, and plans were at once begun to modify restrictions, with the result that within two days after the strike was formally ended, instructions were issued to regional directors permitting them to remove the restrictions as to the furnishing of light, heat and power, and also permitting them to restore passenger trains which had been taken off as a coal conservation measure.

The receipt of the word from Indianapolis was also the signal for the releasing of instructions already prepared for the turning of empty cars towards mines which were expected to begin operation in order to transport the maximum production of all such mines at once.

## ONE OF THE THINGS WILHELM COVETED



This is the great terminal in Constantinople of the Bagdad railway which loomed so large in the schemes of the Kaiser for domination of the East.

## BEAUTY GETS ITS REWARD

Photograph Not Entitled to Prize in Contest, Spanish Court Decides.

Madrid.—The Spanish courts have just decided that the subject of a photograph and not the photographer is entitled to the prize in a beauty contest. In countries where these contests are no novelty it is not likely that the question would arise, but

these affairs are new in Spain and when the prize in a recent contest was awarded the photographer who took the picture the winner decided that the prize should go to him.

The question was fought out in the courts and resulted to the discomfiture of the photographer.

**Rabbits Bring Wealth.**  
Marquette, Mich.—Demands from Eastern concerns for unlimited quantities of rabbit pelts has revived a former industry in northern Michigan. One concern notified commission men that it is in the market for 10,000,000 rabbit skins during the 1919-1920 season. Farmers' children in farming sections who have decided to fill small orders are sending their addresses to the department of agriculture, which transmits such information to fur and pelt dealers. State and county officials are encouraging the killing of rabbits, which were numerous and destructive in agricultural districts this summer.

## SQUEEZED TO DEATH

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No Thought for the Morrow. Farmer—Want to hire out for a month? Hobo—Gosh, no—I want to live today as if I expected to die tomorrow!

On Cutting Wood. Elizabeth, reading that the ex-kaiser had sawed his twelve thousandth log in exile, drew a lesson from this fact. "How much better it is," she moralized, "to start out in life cutting wood, as Lincoln did, and die a ruler, than to start out a ruler of Germany, and end up sawing wood!"

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Possible Explanation. Harry and Evelyn were neighbors and both members of our Sunday school. Evelyn was always clean and trim looking, while Harry was the despair of his mother. One day when he had an unusual amount of mud on him his mother asked: "Harry, why is it that you are always dirty and Evelyn always right with you and yet she is always clean?" Harry replied: "Well, I don't know, unless it's because boys were made out of dirt and girls were made out of nice clean bone!"

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A man should have plenty of backbone for himself—and plenty of backbone for the rest of the family. Some people are so constituted that they are unhappy unless they have something to worry about.

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Here's Dodson's guarantee: Ask your druggist for a bottle of Liver Tone and take a spoonful each night. If it doesn't start your liver a bright eye you right up better than calomel and without griping or making you sick I want you to go back to the store and get your money.

Take calomel today and tomorrow you will feel weak and sick and nauseated. Don't lose a day's work. Take a spoonful of harmless, vegetable Dodson's Liver Tone tonight and wake up feeling great. It's perfectly harmless, so give it to your children any time. It can't salivate so let them eat anything afterward.—Adv.

Seems So. "Things you worry about never happen." "Then it must pay to worry—a cheap way of staying out of trouble."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**"CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP" IS CHILD'S LAXATIVE**  
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Her "Sorrow Clothes." Mary Ellen had just finished dressing a clothesline in black for Halloween and she said, "That clothespin has lost her husband and has on her sorrow clothes."

## FIVE YEARS OF SUFFERING

Eupora Lady Broke Down and Was Most Miserable, But Cardui Brought Relief and Now She Is Well.

Eupora, Miss.—Mrs. B. E. Teider, recently spoke as follows: "About five years ago . . . I broke down and took to my bed.

What I suffered no one knew, I was in so much pain from my knees to my waist, cramping and drawing, until I thought I would certainly die. I grew so weak I couldn't eat, and so dizzy and faint and every time I stood on my feet I had the most miserable and heavy feeling in the lower part of my body.

I began on Cardui. It strengthened me after a few doses and diminished the . . . after the first bottle. I commenced to feel better. I regained my appetite . . . I took the Cardui right along . . . I am well and strong. That has been four years. I can do all my work and feel fine."

Cardui has been found to be a valuable tonic for women. It is composed of harmless medicinal ingredients, which act in a mild and gentle way on the system and help to build up the body and nerves. Your druggist sells Cardui. Try it.—Adv.

Changed. "Times have changed." "They surely have. You used to show your gentlemen friends your art treasures in the den upstairs; now the first thing you show them the stock you have in the cellar."

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Disregard Desired. "My landlord refuses to speak to me." "So does mine. And I wish he wouldn't write to me, either."

**RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.**  
To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 1/4 oz. of glycerine. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the desired shade. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and will make harsh hair soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.—Adv.

**Voices of the Night.**  
Two buddies ran across each other while on duty. The night was very dark. "What's that you have?" inquired Sam. "A searchlight," replied Pete. "What are you looking for?" "Morning," he said. "Stick around awhile and I'll dawn upon you," suggested Sam, and they parted.—American Legion Weekly.

**Sad News.**  
"Poor Godspur! His hands trembled when he opened that telegram from his wife." "That showed genuine feeling. He probably feared she was ill or hurt in an accident." "No. It was what he suspected, an urgent request for money coming as the finishing blow, just after he'd dropped \$800 in a poker game. You know, the average married man simply can't understand why his wife has to have \$50 or \$60 at a time like that."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**Their Opinion.**  
"My friend," began the party with the overhanging brow, "how do the farmers of your region feel toward the proletariat?" "Well," frankly replied the gent from Jimpson Junction, "such of 'em has have took it, that I've heard express themselves, admit that it ain't no better for the rheumatiz than a buckeye in the britches pocket."—Kansas City Star.

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