

C.C. TO MAKE SURVEY OF COAL CARRYING RATES Question Lowering Bunkering and Not Local Coal HEARING MARCH 20 Total of 1188 Cars of Coal Loaded on Friday

West Virginia Legislature to Be Asked for New Coal Mining Building at W. V. U. Head of University Department Makes Announcement AT MINE SCHOOL HERE Instruction Work Discussed at Meeting Last Evening

Information was received today by the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' association that the interstate commerce commission will not act on the reasonableness of reducing the bunkering rate to the same point for local coal. The commission has called a meeting on the subject for Washington, D. C., on March 20. Daily Coal Loading. A total of 1,188 cars of coal were shipped by the mines of Northern West Virginia on Friday. The production by divisions was as follows: B. & O.—Monongah, 510 cars; Connellsville, 28 cars; Cumberland, 43 cars; Charleston, 87 cars; Monongahela and Morgantown, 409 cars; Wheeling combined, 409 cars; Western Maryland—Bellington and Warner, 63 cars; West-Helen's Run, 52 cars; Morgantown and Kingwood, 16 cars. Operations along the Monongahela railway in Pennsylvania on Friday loaded 403 cars of coal. Daily Shipments. Daily shipments of the Monongahela division, B. & O., on Friday consisted of 18 cars to the Lakes, 16 cars to Arlington pier. A total of 304 cars of coal were loaded and 45 west. Of the 22 cars of coal loaded yesterday there were 7 cars to the Lakes and 15 to the west. Daily Fuel. Daily fuel loading of the Monongahela division, B. & O., on Friday consisted of 140 cars of which 94 were B. & O. fuel. Total of 34 cars of railroad fuel were loaded on the Charleston division, B. & O., on Friday. Working Conditions. Sixty-nine mines were at work today on the three railroads in the Fairmont region. Fifty-one of these were on the Monongahela division, B. & O.; one on the Western Maryland; and 17 on the Monongahela railway. Today's Empties. A total of 538 empties are ordered today on the three railroads in the region as follows: B. & O., 44; Western Maryland, 5; and Monongahela, 385. Mines on the Charleston division, B. & O., ordered 90 empties while 416 were (Continued on Page Four)

The West Virginia Legislature will be asked to appropriate sufficient funds to erect a new building for the coal mining engineering department at West Virginia university at Morgantown, declared Prof. A. C. Callen, head of the department of mining engineering of that institution, last night in an address to the Fairmont mining school at the Fairmont high school annex. The influx of students, especially at the summer course in coal mining, has almost made it a physical impossibility to carry on the work due to lack of room, Professor Callen said. West Virginia is rapidly coming to the front as a coal mining state and it is essential to train men for the coal mining industry, he added. It is understood that the alumni of W. V. U. have been appealed to in a formal letter, which was issued yesterday. The need of a new building was seen by the men who attended the short coal mining course at the university last summer, who as citizens and taxpayers signed petitions to the state board of education and the state board of control. The building no doubt would also contain the chemical department, which is closely allied with the course in coal mining due to the analysis of coal and tests made in fuel generally. Some work is being done in coal washing, according to Prof. Callen. These are with the coals in the Morgantown section, where an effort is being made to determine if by coal washing whether or not the coals in that region can qualify as coking coal and for by-product uses. The sulphur and ash contents are too high as they come from the mine, but by the process of washing an effort is being made to determine as to whether the sulphur and ash contents can be reduced sufficiently to come in the realm of coking coal. Lack of sufficient funds from the state in the way of appropriations hinders extensive work at the university in coal washing. Extension Schools. Great progress has been made in the mining extension school work in the state, and more than 500 men are now availing themselves of the opportunity to receive this course of training. Last week in the Mt. Hope section, there were 131 men in the classes in five classes and another class is about to be started on Saturdays in that section of the state. The great development of the work in the Fairmont region has been an incentive for the southern end of the state. There is a friendly although spirited rivalry on between the two sections for attendance honors. Mining regions of the state that now have schools in progress are Logan, Pocahontas, Kanawha, Mt. Hope, Beckley and Fairmont. Engineers from the coal mining (Continued on Page Four)

STRIKE BALLOTS RECEIVED HERE BY MINE UNIONS Locals Will Begin Referendum on Monday Night 137 LOCALS HERE Voting Will Continue in Sub-District Until March 5

Strike ballots for members of the United Mine Workers of America to record their preference whether or not there will be a cessation of work in the coal mines after April 1, were received today by a number of local unions in Northern West Virginia. Commencing on Monday night and continuing until March 5, the members of the various locals will participate in the referendum vote. Provision is made that the cards containing the vote of the individual local shall be returned to the local secretary of the United Mine Workers of America, 1107 Merchants' Bank Building, Indianapolis, on or before March 15th next. There are 14,000 members of the union in sub district 14, it is claimed by the officers, and Monongalia, Marion and a portion of Harrison county is included in the sub district. There are 137 locals in the sub district. In sub district 3 there are 9,000 members, which brings the total membership in Northern West Virginia up to 23,000 miners. Seventy-five locals are included in the sub district. Sub district 5 consists of Taylor, Braxton, Preston, Barbour, Randolph, Lewis, Gilmer, Upshur, Wabster and a portion of Nicholas counties. Kanawha Operators Act. CHARLESTON, Feb. 25.—Declaration for the open shop and against the check-off, coupled with an invitation to the mine workers for a conference with the scale committee of the Kanawha Coal Operators' association, turned attention here today toward the union headquarters. (Continued on Page Four)

Extra Show to Be Offered by Elks Tonight An extra performance of the Elks minstrels will be given tonight at the Hippodrome theatre in response to many demands for either a matinee or night show today. All through the week the show has played to capacity business, thus preventing many who wanted to attend from obtaining seats. The extra performance tonight will enable the large Saturday night crowd to see what has scored as a distinct hit. The prices for tonight have been lowered and a capacity show is expected again. Downstairs chairs are being sold at \$1, and balcony seats at 50 cents.

BISHOP GRAVATT TO SPEAK HERE Tomorrow Will Be Last Day of Revival Campaign A feature of the church services tomorrow, the final day of the union evangelistic campaign here, will be in appearance of the Right Rev. William Loyal Gravatt of Charleston, bishop of the West Virginia diocese of the Episcopal church, who will preach at the Christ P. E. church in the morning. The last union service of the revival campaign will be held at the First M. E. church in the evening. Bishop Gravatt will conduct the services at the Christ P. E. church in the absence of Rev. E. S. Towson, who has been ill at his home in Benoni avenue for the past week. There will be no early morning or evening service, but there will be Sunday school, morning prayer and the sermon. Ending four weeks of strenuous effort on the part of those in charge, the union evangelistic campaign will close tomorrow night. As a fitting climax to the series, tomorrow has been designated as Go-To Church Sunday and all the members and the cooperating churches have been requested to attend their respective places of worship for the morning services. Earnestness born of the realization that the end of the campaign is near characterized the sermon last night, which was delivered by Rev. R. T. Brown, chairman of the campaign. Choosing for his text Jeremiah 8:20, "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended, and we are not sowing, the speaker said that in all probability this is the last revival some who were present last night will ever attend. All through the service there was sounded a note of regret that more had not taken advantage of the opportunities offered by the campaign. "One of the bitterest forms of suffering is hell," he said, "must be the consciousness of neglected opportunities to be saved. Good intentions, unless put into effect, get you nowhere. You intend to be (Continued on Page Four)

PACIFIC TREATY APPROVED TODAY BY COMMITTEE Ordered Reported Favorably With Reservation 10 TO 3 VOTE TAKEN Naval Limitation and Submarine Treaties Agreed Upon

(By the Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The four power Pacific treaty, together with its supplements and a reservation and the naval limitation and submarine treaties, were ordered favorably reported today by the senate foreign relations committee. The reservation attached by the committee to the four power pact embodies the compromise suggested after conferences with President Harding and declares that nothing in the treaty shall be construed as forming an "alliance." It was approved by a 10 to 3 vote. Also by a division of 10 to 3 with Senators Borah, Idaho and Johnson, California, republicans and Shields, democrat, Tennessee, voting in the negative, the four power treaty then was ordered reported to the senate. The vote by which the naval limitation and submarine treaties were favorably reported was unanimous. Several other votes were taken on proposed substitutes to the committee compromise reservation, but the administration leaders secured the defeat of all of them and the reservationists abandoned all attempts to further qualify the four power and other treaties in committee simply meant, however, that they were ready to transfer their fight to the open senate. On adoption of the reservation, Senators Kellogg, Williams and Pomeroy voted in the negative, Senators Hitchcock, Nebraska, Pittman, Nevada, and Swanson, Virginia, all democrats, were absent. Approval of the declaration, accompanying the four power treaty signed at the same time, was included in the favorable action on the treaty itself, but a separate vote was taken on the supplemental treaty by which the principal islands of the Japanese empire were excluded from the scope of the agreement.

Fine Damages Basement of Intelligencer WHEELING, Feb. 25.—Fire early this morning damaged the Intelligencer building here to the extent of \$15,000. The flames were discovered shortly after 3 o'clock in the basement of the building and they ate their way to the first floor. Between twenty and twenty five tons of white paper stored in the basement of the building were ruined by the flames and water. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

DAVIS CALLS COAL MEN TO CAPITAL Northern West Virginia Thus Far Receives No Notice According to a dispatch from Washington, the coal operators and miners in the central competitive fields will probably be called into conference by Secretary of Labor Davis, at the suggestion of President Harding, to consider renewal of the wage and working conditions contract expiring April 1. Nothing has been heard in Fairmont about this matter, according to George S. Brackett, secretary of the Northern West Virginia Operators' association, and it is not expected that this district will be included in the conference. "One can not say what we would do in answer to such a hypothetical question. We haven't been included in such matters for so long that it is hardly necessary to tell how we would cross the bridge before it's built," said Mr. Brackett. "Every right thinking man knows that it is to the interest of the operators to have their employees earning such wages during the year that will enable them to live comfortably and well," said C. D. Robinson, president of the Robinson Coal Company, in discussing the situation. "I haven't heard anything about such a conference to bring this about, nor do I expect to hear. As Mr. Brackett has said, we are not likely to be included." "At this time I would like to say that I regret there has been a widespread feeling that a conflict in interests exists between the operators and miners. There never was a time when their interests were more in common. For some time only 100 of the 550 mines owned by the operators of the Northern West Virginia Operators' association have been working. It is in everybody's interest that they should all be working. Two things are essential in the coming year. The operators must use the greatest efficiency and a reasonable scale of wages must be arranged so that we can enter competition in the open market."

FAIRVIEW STILL BIG FAVORITE IN VALLEY TOURNEY Buckhannon and Morgantown Play This Afternoon VICTORY NOSED OUT Eight Contenders Eliminated in Morning Contests

MORNING RESULTS Morgantown 31, Victory 29, Buckhannon 36, Fairmont 15, Washington Irving 26, Weston 12, Elkins 26, Lumberport 6, East Side 31, Shinnston 21, Grafton 22, Kingwood 6, Blacksville 23, Bellington 8, Fairview 24, Jane Lew 16. Tri-Finals Morgantown vs Buckhannon, Washington Irving vs Elkins, East Side vs Blacksville, Grafton vs Fairview. Semi-Final Favorites Buckhannon vs Washington Irving, East Side vs Fairview, Final Favorites Buckhannon vs Fairview. (By LARRY) Favorites got a jar or two in the third round of the Monongahela valley high school tournament this morning and as a result some unexpected newcomers are entitled to play in the tri-finals this afternoon, starting at 8 o'clock. Morgantown high school continued its splendid form yesterday and took Victory down school of Charleston into camp this morning 31-29. The most exciting game of the season, Victory was a favorite to land the game, but the powerful offensive of the Monongahela county, had counted in the pinches. A hold basket by Lepera in the final minute of play broke a deadlock and kept the game from going an extra period. Buckhannon, the state champions, ran true to form in the second game of the round, better than doubling the score on Fairmont, the final count being 36-15. Washington Irving pulled a surprise party in the next number when Weston was downed by the wide margin of 26-12. The game had been figured about a toss by many of the critics, but Washington Irving completely outclassed the Lewis county quintet. Elkins walked through Lumberport 26-6; East Side upset the dope again by beating Shinnston 31-21 without having to work very hard to gain the decision. Blacksville trimmed Bellington 23-8; Fairview downed Jane Lew 24-16 and Grafton took over Kingwood 22-6. One of the features of the tournament to date is the showing of the East Side team of Fairmont, which has worked up to the tri-finals and is practically certain of getting into the semi-finals. Favorites in the tri-finals this afternoon are Buckhannon, Washington Irving, Fairview and East Side. It is still the general opinion of many fans that Buckhannon and Fairview will meet in the championship game late tonight. If Buckhannon defeats Morgantown this afternoon, they will likely be called upon to face Washington Irving in the semi-finals tonight, as it is generally conceded (Continued on Page Four)

WEST VIRGINIAN WANT ADS TELL A LONG TALE IN A FEW WORDS LOOK FOR THE THINGS YOU NEED ON THE CLASSIFIED PAGE

Big Dance Tonight Masonic Temple Dancing 8:45 to 12 Mack's Orchestra Held Over By Request ELKS MINSTRELS will show tonight at the HIPPODROME ALL SEATS RESERVED Lower Floor—\$1.00 Balcony 50c Phone Orders Accepted—Phone 1023 Time of Performance, 8:15

BUILDING TRADE STILL TIED UP Conflicting Claims Made by Contractors and Unions Conflicting claims were made today regarding the tie-up in building construction here, brought about by a wage disagreement between the contractors and the local building trade union. At a special meeting of the Fairmont Builders' exchange last night, it was claimed that practically all of the local contractors were working on an open-shop basis, while the union leaders contradicted this with the statement that the only extensive construction work in progress was being done by union labor. The union plasterers have voluntarily reduced their wages to the scale decided upon by the builders' exchange, it was pointed out at the meeting last evening. The bricklayers, however, have not met the scale in reducing their wages to \$1.25 an hour, it was said, the rate set by the exchange being \$1 an hour. The principal issue involved in the dispute, it is believed, is whether the contractors will adopt an open-shop basis. No action to put the work on an open-shop basis has yet been formally taken by the contractors, although it has been intimated that such action is contemplated. Various angles of the building tie up in the city were discussed at the meeting of the builders' exchange in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce last evening. The conditions of the city were discussed purely from a business angle rather than a building slant as the speakers are not familiar with the questions involved in the controversy. The speakers included R. T. Cunningham, Fred Helmick, O. S. McKinney and M. L. Brown. The exchange will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the rooms of the Monongahela Valley Engineering corporation. The union forces say they are standing pat on what they call a lock-out proposition. The M. E. South church, the Freeman property at East Park avenue, the work at the normal school and the residence of H. B. Robinson, which they claim are the chief building operations now on, are progressing on union labor entirely. The union men claim they have work generally speaking and that they are more busier now than usual at this time of the year.

DIES IN HUNTINGTON A message was received here yesterday of the death of Mrs. Mary L. Stalnaker, of Huntington, which occurred Wednesday. Mrs. Stalnaker was formerly a resident of this city when her daughter, Miss Elizabeth, taught in the Fairmont State Normal school. While a resident of this city Mrs. Stalnaker was very active in the work of the First Presbyterian church. MANY VISIT JAIL Today was visitors' day at the county jail and Jailer Frank Reed was kept busy all day admitting relatives and friends of the prisoners into the jail. Notwithstanding the fact that three days each week are designated as visitors' days, the number of visitors is always at the highest on Saturday. The visitors bring choice bits of food, fruit, tobacco, cigars and clothing to the prisoners and it all has to be examined before being taken into the jail. ASK EXTENSION OF NOTE WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul asked the interstate commerce commission today to extend for ten years a \$10,000,000 note held against it by the government, which falls due January 1, 1923.

California Officers Doubt Field's Story LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25.—Interest resulting from the "confession" of Harry N. Fields in Detroit, as to certain alleged details of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film-director, was subsiding here today with out spoken expressions by officials of the disbelieved in Fields' statements. They declared they had been unable to substantiate any of the allegations Fields made to the Detroit authorities. The investigation resolved itself locally largely into a resumption by the police of rummy to ground the tips on the mystery that were said to be reaching the various officials as frequently as during the days immediately after the discovery of Taylor's body on February 2.

Harding Says Personnel of Navy Should be 80,000 WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President Harding is understood to have told Republican members of the house naval committee at a White House conference that while he felt some reduction should be made in the navy personnel the total number of enlisted men ought not be cut under 80,000. The president also is said to have strongly urged legislation for conversion of two battle cruisers into airplane carriers. While the question as to whether the 540 members of the first year class at Annapolis, to be graduated in June should be commissioned, was not considered in detail, it was stated that the president advocated a sharp reduction in the number of men to be admitted to the academy each year in the future. IN DYING CONDITION Attorney Charles H. Leeds of this city is in a dying condition today at the Fairmont State Hospital.

BOOZE ARRESTED WITH FIVE PINTS Two Fined in Police Court and Two Charges Dismissed Edward Booze is a prisoner in the county jail awaiting a trial on a charge of having whiskey in his possession. Booze was arrested last night as he got off a Monongahela train at the local station by William Toothman and when searched a whiskey belt was found around his waist under his clothing containing five pints of red whiskey. Booze was brought to the local jail and locked up in default of a bond for his appearance for trial. The officers had been looking for Booze for some time and caught him with the goods last night, literally speaking. County officers going along the county road near Norwood last night enroute to a place in that section of the county where they were going to make a raid met two men in the road carrying peculiar looking packages. The officers stopped the men who were Sherman Legg and J. M. Gregory and searched the packages, which proved to be four gallons of moonshine whiskey. The officers returned to the city and locked the men up in the county jail in default of bond for their appearance for trial on the charge. The whiskey was locked up to be used as evidence against them. Later in the night the officers went to the Gregory home in the Winfield district and made a search of the place for a still as they had been informed that the whiskey was manufactured at the Gregory home. No still was found and the men will be tried on a charge of having the whiskey in their possession. Two in Police Court Two prisoners faced Mayor W. W. Conaway at today's session of police court. Both men, Andy Piscoe and Mike Miller, were charged with being intoxicated in Madison street, and they entered pleas of guilty to the charge and were sentenced to pay fines of \$5 (Continued on Page Four)

Child Burned Friday Dies in Hospital Here Teresa Bruzo 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Bruno, who was severely burned at her home on Chestnut street yesterday, died this morning at Cook hospital. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon. Complete arrangements have not been concluded. Undertaker R. C. Jones is in charge. CONFESSES TO MURDER MILWAUKEE, Feb. 25.—Frederick L. McBride confessed on a train speeding back from Akron, Ohio where he was arrested Thursday, that he killed Edwin Thielen of Racine, his 24 year old chum, on the afternoon of November 20, according to Jefferson county officials, who today returned to Wisconsin with McBride a prisoner.

THE OPTIMISTS' CLUB Here's a thought: If you can't talk cheerfully wait a minute and you will have forgotten all the gloomy stuff you intended to hand out. Why waste valuable time tell somebody your troubles? Your business hasn't gone to the demijohn bow-wows AND YOU KNOW IT. If the volume is less than last year and the year before, remember that you are selling things for less. And also remember that you are PAYING MUCH LESS for the things you sell. Merchants who are readjusting their ideas with the readjustment of business conditions are sensibly comparing the number of transactions now being made to the number in former years, instead of comparing revenue against revenue. Test the pulse of your business along those lines. But what we started to suggest is this: Talk cheerfully and more people will find out that it's pleasant to shop in your store.

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