

OUTPUT OF HARD COAL IS SHORT 41 MILLION TONS

Five Years' Steady Operation will be Required to Eliminate Deficit Caused by Five-Month Strike—Work Still is Hindered.

New York, Dec. 5.—Failure of the anthracite mines to make up any appreciable part of the coal shortage since mining was resumed almost three months ago is indicated in the figures on hard coal production announced by the United States Geological Survey for the week ended November 26. The report shows that up to date of its issuance 44,000,000 tons of anthracite were produced this year, as against 84,000,000 tons for the same period in 1921, making a deficit of 40,000,000 tons from the 1921 production. On September 11, when mining was resumed following the settlement of the five-months' coal strike, this deficit amounted to 42,500,000 tons.

That is, it has taken two and one-half months to decrease the deficit by 1,500,000 tons, a rate which will require steady operation of the anthracite properties for more than five years to make up the deficit caused by the strike.

Another Walk-Out Scheduled.

The biggest of the strikes has been called for today, when it is expected that 10,000 men employed in the Bituminous coal fields near Pittston will leave their work unless efforts now being made by union and mine officials to bring about peace are successful. The miners' grievances against their foremen and have demanded what is known as a "checkerboard" strike-up, or a general shifting of the foremen, in order that each gang will have a new boss.

The mines affected in the strike order were for many years virtually the only pits in the hard coal region where the miners were not members of the United Mine Workers. The men were organized in the strike of 1920 and since then have become the reputed radical element in the ranks. Their leader, Cappelli, has been at odds with the officials of the union on several occasions, and his followers led the move to prevent the ratification of the settlement which ended the strike in September.

Unless the strike move is thwarted the shutting of work of 10,000 miners will mean a loss of about 100,000 tons in the weekly production. Just how much coal production has been lost by the numerous smaller strikes cannot be computed. It is safe to assume, however, that the failure to make up the huge deficit or any substantial part of it is traceable to this cause, for the most part. The men have quit, in most instances, on what is known in the anthracite region as a "button strike," and have returned to work after three or four days with the "button" restored or lavished by law from compelling men to join the union. The closed shop has been effectively maintained by the men refusing to work with any miner who is not a member or, as the miners put it, does not wear a button. Buttons are changed upon each payment of union dues, on a given day, "button day," when all of the men must have the new button. If one miner fails to pay his dues and appears without the button a strike is called and continues, usually, until he has put himself in good standing once more. Many of the mine superintendents will discharge a workman or compel him to pay his dues rather than have their mines closed down by a strike.

Holidays Cut Production.

The long drought in the section of the region around Shamokin also has impeded production, and in around Scranton several of the larger collieries have been forced to suspend by the Kohler mine care law prohibiting operations under the city.

These various causes have resulted in the more than 40,000,000-ton shortage being made up at a rate of less than 150,000 tons a week and have made it extremely difficult to get even emergency quantities of domestic size anthracite into New York. The difficulties of the Fuel Distributors have been added to by the shutting down of the mines on Election Day and Armistice Day, cutting production an additional 200,000 tons, and a further loss of 280,000 tons for Thanksgiving Day. The operating schedule in the anthracite field calls for an output of 68,000,000 tons for the year ending December 31, which is 34,000,000 tons or about 40 per cent. short of last year's production. In order to keep up to



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this 60 per cent. schedule of production the mines must now turn out and load more than 2,000,000 tons a week—an average they have not maintained even with no holidays to curtail production.

BEGGAR SAYS HIS WIFE TAKES ALL HE COLLECTS

New York, Dec. 5.—When Aaron Cohen, 76 years old, of 520 East 108th street, was arrested at Hester and Essex street for soliciting alms it developed that his wife holds the key to the tiny bank he uses in his trade and also holds the key to the City Prison as far as her husband's incarceration is concerned.

Every morning Cohen's wife gives him the bank and 5 cents, Cohen told Magistrate Thomas F. McAndrews in Essex Market Court, and then he goes forth to beg. When he returns home he hands over the bank to his wife. Cohen was fined \$10, with the alternative of spending three days in the City Prison. Lacking the necessary money, he went to jail until officials communicate with Cohen.

WU PEI FU WARNED MUST ACCOUNT FOR KIDNAPPED PEOPLE

Peking, Dec. 4.—General Wu Pei Fu, the military power of North China, has been told that he is equally responsible with the Chinese government for the safety and release of several foreign missionaries, who were kidnapped by a bandit army of 80,000 in Honan province on November 16. The warning came from Peking diplomatic representatives of Great Britain, the United States, France and Italy.

HOT NOONDAY MEALS BENEFIT CHILDREN

Report of Medical Officers of Health Shows Improvement in Conditions

Coburg, Ont., Dec. 5.—Dr. E. W. Hayden, Medical Officer of Health for the township of Hamilton, has just presented his annual report for the schools in that municipality. Dr. Hayden secured the consent of the Provincial Department of Health for Miss Vrooman, who had just completed a demonstration public health clinic and examination of the pupils in the Coburg public schools, to inspect the children in the Hamilton township schools.

Out of eighteen schools twelve expressed their desire to have this inspection. This has been done, and the report presented.

One interesting feature is that one school, where a hot lunch is served at noon, had the best nourished children, who were most nearly up to the standard in weight.

The Medical Officer gives the opinion that the most common disorders are of a defective teeth and emphasizes the necessity of dental examination twice yearly. Tonsils were another common cause of trouble, and there were many cases of malnutrition in children.



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WEEKS SAYS U. S. ARMY TOO SMALL

War Secretary Declares Their Enlisted Man "is the Best in the World."

Washington, Dec. 5.—The present authorized regular army strength of 135,000 officers and 125,000 men is "inadequate" for national safety, and further cuts would be "inevitable," Secretary Weeks declared in his annual report to Congress.

"We should seize the first opportunity to bring the regular army back to the proportions which are required," he wrote. "We can not ever again make the mistake of expecting good soldiers to rise overnight and good officers to be turned out in quantities in three months' periods."

Declaring the officers corps, "is really the backbone of our military system," Mr. Weeks said that security for the future must rest "upon the foundation of our leadership."

"I do not belittle the enlisted men—ours is the best in the world," he continued. "It is because I appreciate him that I emphasize the need for officers to give the soldier his best opportunity to fight for his country and for his life. We must have officers sufficient to handle the great army of the United States. We have not these officers now."

"I earnestly advocate reconstituting of our officer body to a minimum of 18,000 at the earliest date."

Reverting to the present status of the military establishment, Mr. Weeks said that "under the stress of economy"

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every member of the army's preparedness programme "in any sense non-essential" had been eliminated and there remained only the "bare framework" of the machinery of defense created by the National Defense Act.



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