

LEWIS TALKS OF COAL SITUATION

Union President Presents Views in Crisis Over Wages Increase.

Discusses Freight Rates as Element—Shut-down Widespread in Effect.

(By Bob Dorman, N. E. A. Writer.)
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 8.—Should there be a coal strike, every industry in the country will be affected, directly or indirectly, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, told me "At present there are some 125,000 men employed in the anthracite mines. Conservatively, they and their dependents will number at least 500,000."
"With a shutdown, these men will immediately be compelled to retrench in their buying in preparation for a prolonged struggle. Purchases will be cut down to the bare necessities of life. Food purveyors, clothing dealers and manufacturers—in fact, all who sell to the family will find a falling off in their business."
"And those who will not be alone in their loss of trade. The normal purchases of the mining industry—for example, rails, explosives, tools, lumber—will be shut off. All these things must be added to the cost of a coal strike."
"The miners are not asking the impossible in their wage and other demands. Statistics of the government show a steadily increasing cost in foodstuffs and other necessities. The mine workers must have increased wages to cover the cost of living."

TALKS OF COSTS

"If all their demands should be granted it would mean the addition of not more than 50 cents a ton to the cost of anthracite coal. This would mean that the labor cost of a ton of coal would be around \$5.
"And don't overlook this point—the labor cost of a ton of coal before the last wage increase averaged \$4.12. To this the last award added about 41 cents. But the operators added to the price of coal 50 cents to \$1, a clear profit to them of 40 to 50 cents a ton."

"Even were the miners granted the 50-cent per ton raise in wages, the operators would still be making as much money as they did two years ago. Instead of seeking to lower costs by reducing wages, the operators should seek other means of lowering costs."
"With a labor cost of \$4.55 per ton, coal sells for \$9.50 f.o.b. cars at the mine. Where does the profit go that is made from there to the consumer? Coal is selling in New York and Boston for from \$15 to \$16.00 per ton."

FREIGHT RATES

"Freight rates are too high for one thing. It costs twice as much to ship a ton of anthracite for half the distance that a ton of bituminous travels."
"We have asked the operators to co-operate with us in a request to the Interstate Commerce Commission asking for a lower rate on anthracite coal. They have consistently refused."

"And there is another point that should be taken into consideration. There are high and low-cost producing mines. Yet the operators' prices are based on the high-cost mines exclusively, even though there is supposed to be competition in the industry."

"When the cost of production rises above a certain point, that mine is uneconomic. If there were real competition, such mines would be forced to close because of inability to compete with lower cost mines."
"There is plenty of anthracite coal as yet untouched whose cost of production would be much lower than in these almost worn-out mines. Plenty such fields are to be found in the neighborhood of Pottsville, Pa."
"Let the operators open up these fields and base their price on the cost of producing coal from them and not upon mines where the cost of production has become extravagant."
"And one should not forget that we are asking nothing more than a living wage for men employed in an industry

Speaks For Miners



JOHN L. LEWIS.

London Tours Cheaper For American Tourist

LONDON, Aug. 8.—"Seeing London" is to be made cheaper for American tourists.

The tramway lines have, corresponding to the electric street railway lines in an American city, are shortly to issue "one day passes" good over any or all of their lines without restriction as to the distance traveled. The price of the passes will be one shilling, approximately 25 cents.

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DEAUVILLE RESORT GETS NEW THRILL

Reckless Plunging by Famous Divorcee Makes Many On-lookers Gasp.

DEAUVILLE, Aug. 8.—Tired of matrimonial ventures, four of which ended disastrously, Mrs. Jean Nash, fascinating New York blonde, called the best-dressed woman in the world and known from Mayfair drawing rooms to Cairo's inner social shrines, is now seeking distraction at the gaming tables of this famous resort.

Mrs. Nash's play is giving Deauville the first real thrill of the season. She has worked out a "system" which so far has been uniformly lucky, and aroused the envy of routine habitués of the tables.

Mrs. Nash's coming causes a stir always. She arrives in a magnificent limousine, and steps majestically forth, clad in last-minute styles of the Paris ateliers. Taking a place at the "Chemise de Fer" table, where the limit is 50,000 francs, she draws from her large handbag a pile of thousand-franc notes, carefully clipped together in piles of 5,000.

With an ultra feminine abandon, she places her money in mad plunges. Her fingers are flashing with diamonds, and her arms are covered with costly rings.

Some of her plunges make onlookers gasp, but her excitement is only manifested by her knitting of an amazing string of pearls which figured in her last divorce from her Egyptian prince husband. He had thrown them from a

window in the Ritz, causing the much-married Mrs. Nash to observe:—"I can get a husband anywhere, but such pearls are valuable."

Iodine Tells If Corn Is Not Sweet

BEVERLY, N. J., Aug. 8.—The woman who goes marketing may in the future slip a vial of iodine into her vanity case as a first aid to successful selection of the sugar corn she buys.

Experiments made by Federal and State agricultural agents indicate the practicability of the test.

"Farmers say that not all is sweet corn that masquerades as such in the market. Some is merely white field, or horse corn in its green stage. Complaints of consumers brought about the test. Ears of different varieties of corn were used. A few kernels were split and a dab of iodine applied. Field corn turned a light brown. The poorer kinds of sweet corn became a darker brown, while genuine sugar corn changed to black.

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ENGINEERS PLAN WAGE CAMPAIGN
New York's Municipal Engineers Receive Less Pay Than Street Foremen.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—An important corps in New York's great "white collar" working army recently raised the standard of revolt.

The municipal engineers, 3500 strong and representing the largest single aggregation of their profession in the world, outside of military establishments, completed an organization which has for its object improvement of salary and working conditions "comparable with the dignity, training and responsibility of the position."

Demand Increase

Cast aside the restraint of "professional ethics" which has been held to prevent direct, concerted action, the engineers have formed the Association of Engineers of New York, which, at a meeting representing every city department, approved the re-submission to the city authorities of their demand for a flat increase of 25 per cent. in salary and for amelioration of working conditions which, they assert, have prevented professional employees from reaping the benefits of civil service protection.

Statistics prepared by the engineers for use in missionary work among

civic organizations show that 88 per cent. of the men holding professional certificates under the city government receive less compensation than a foreman of a street labor crew, that 76½ per cent. get less than the city mechanics and 10 per cent. less than the city laborer.

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