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The Mine That Built Town

The story of the Sons Boi Mine, the town of McCutain and the mine's owners, U.S. industrialists Henry Clay Frick, Andrew Carnegie & Andrew Mellon

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McCurtain, Indian Territory

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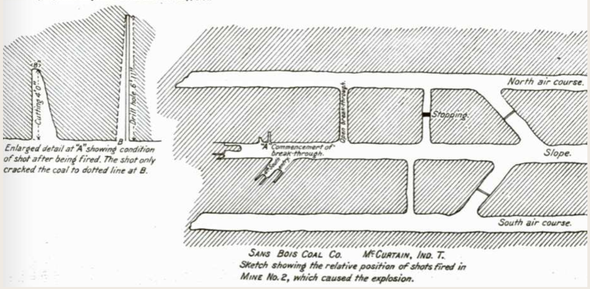

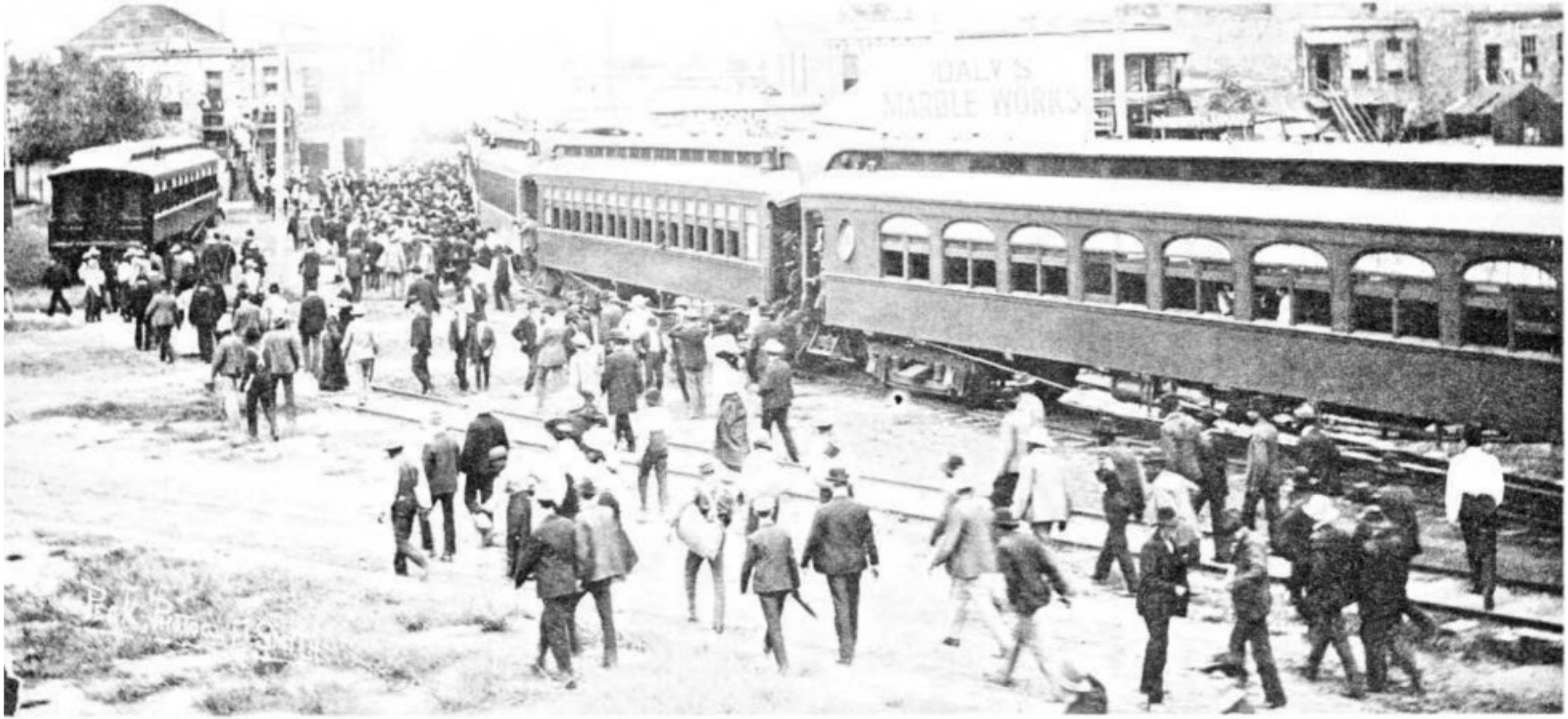

Looking northward into rear of F.S. & W. passenger depot at Tenth Street and Garrison Avenue in Fort Smith. F.S. & W. official car Sans Bois is parked at the extreme left. Daly's Marble Works in background. John B. Fink Collection, University of Oklahoma.

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Photograph of Mine Number Two, the Sans Bois Mining Company's site for the 1912 explosion.

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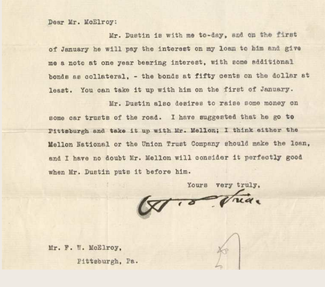


October 7, 1916.

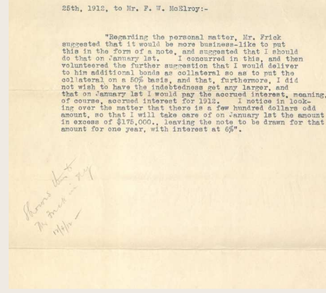
Dear Mr. McElroy:

Mr. Dustin is with me to-day, and on the first of January he will pay the interest on my loan to him and give me a note at one year bearing interest, with some additional bonds as collateral, - the bonds at fifty cents on the dollar at least. You can take it up with him on the first of January.

Mr. Dustin also desires to raise some money on some car trusts of the road. I have suggested that he go to Pittsburgh and take it up with Mr. Mellon; I think either the Mellon National or the Union Trust Company should make the loan, and I have no doubt Mr. Mellon will consider it perfectly good when Mr. Dustin puts it before him.

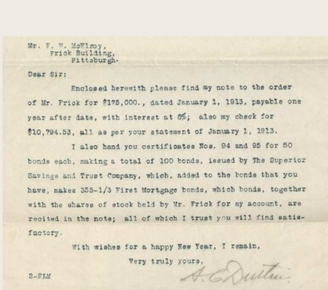
Yours very truly,

Mr. F. W. McElroy,
Pittsburgh, Pa.



Extract from letter of A. C. Dustin, dated November 25th, 1916, to Mr. F. W. McElroy:-

"Regarding the personal matter, Mr. Frick suggested that it would be more business-like to put this in the form of a note, and suggested that I should do that on January 1st. I concurred in this, and then volunteered the further suggestion that I would deliver to him additional bonds as collateral so as to put the collateral on a 50% basis, and that, furthermore, I did not wish to have the indebtedness put any larger, and that on January 1st I would pay the accrued interest, meaning, of course, accrued interest for 1916. I notice in look-ing over the matter that there is a few hundred dollars odd amount, so that I will take care of on January 1st the amount in excess of $175,000., leaving the note to be drawn for that amount for one year, with interest at 6%.



Mr. F. W. McElroy,
Frick Building,
Pittsburgh.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find my note to the order of Mr. Frick for $175,000., dated January 1, 1913, payable one year after date, with interest at 6%, also my check for $10,794.52, all as per your statement of January 1, 1913.

I also hand you certificates Nos. 94 and 95 for 50 bonds each, making a total of 100 bonds, issued by The Superior Savings and Trust Company, which, added to the bonds that you have, makes 333-1/3 First Mortgage bonds, which bonds, together with the shares of stock held by Mr. Frick for my account, are receited in the note; all of which I trust you will find satis-factory.

With wishes for a happy New Year, I remain,

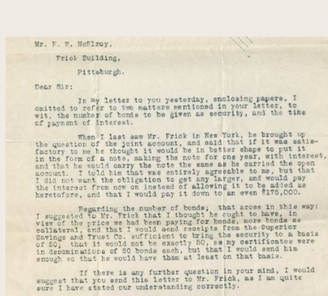
Very truly yours,

Z-FLM

P.S.

I was in Oklahoma, as I previously wrote you, and I am going there again on New Years day, to attend a hearing before Judge Campbell on the 4th of January. Upon my return I will write to Mr. Frick a full account of the situation in the Southwest. In a general way, it looks to me as though things were picking up.

A.C.D.



Mr. F. W. McElroy,
Frick Building,
Pittsburgh.

Dear Sir:

In my letter to you yesterday, enclosing papers, I omitted to refer to two matters mentioned in your letter, to wit, the number of bonds to be given as security, and the time of payment of interest.

When I last saw Mr. Frick in New York, he brought up the question of the joint account, and said that if it was satis-factory to me he thought it would be to better shape to put it in the form of a note, making the note for one year, with interest, and that he would carry the note the same as he carried the open account. I told him that was entirely agreeable to me, but that I did not want the obligation to get any larger, and would pay the interest from now on instead of allowing it to be added as heretofore, and that I would pay it down to an even $175,000.

Regarding the number of bonds, that arose in this way: I suggested to Mr. Frick that I thought he ought to have, in view of the price we had been paying for bonds, more bonds as collateral; and that I would send receipts from the Superior Savings and Trust Co. sufficient to bring the security to a basis of 50; that it would not be exactly 50, as my certificates were in denominations of 50 bonds each, but that I would send him enough so that he would have them at least on that basis.

If there is any further question in your mind, I would suggest that you send this letter to Mr. Frick, as I am quite sure I have stated our understanding correctly.

Very truly yours,

Z-FLM



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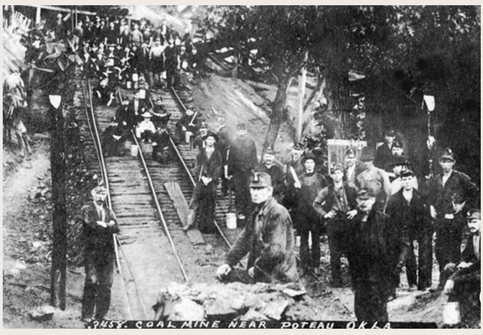

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Settlements to be made with Mr. A. C. Dustin at January 1st, 1913. See about December 20th, 1912.

(Also in regard to borrowing money from Mellon National or Union Trust Co.)

RETURN TO
H. C. FRICK,
FRICK BUILDING,
P.O. Box 109, PITTSBURGH, PA.
IF NOT CALLED FOR WITHIN 5 DAYS.

Own handwriting.

Not dated.
Stamped: Answered Feb.17,1890.
President's Office
H C Frick Coke Co.

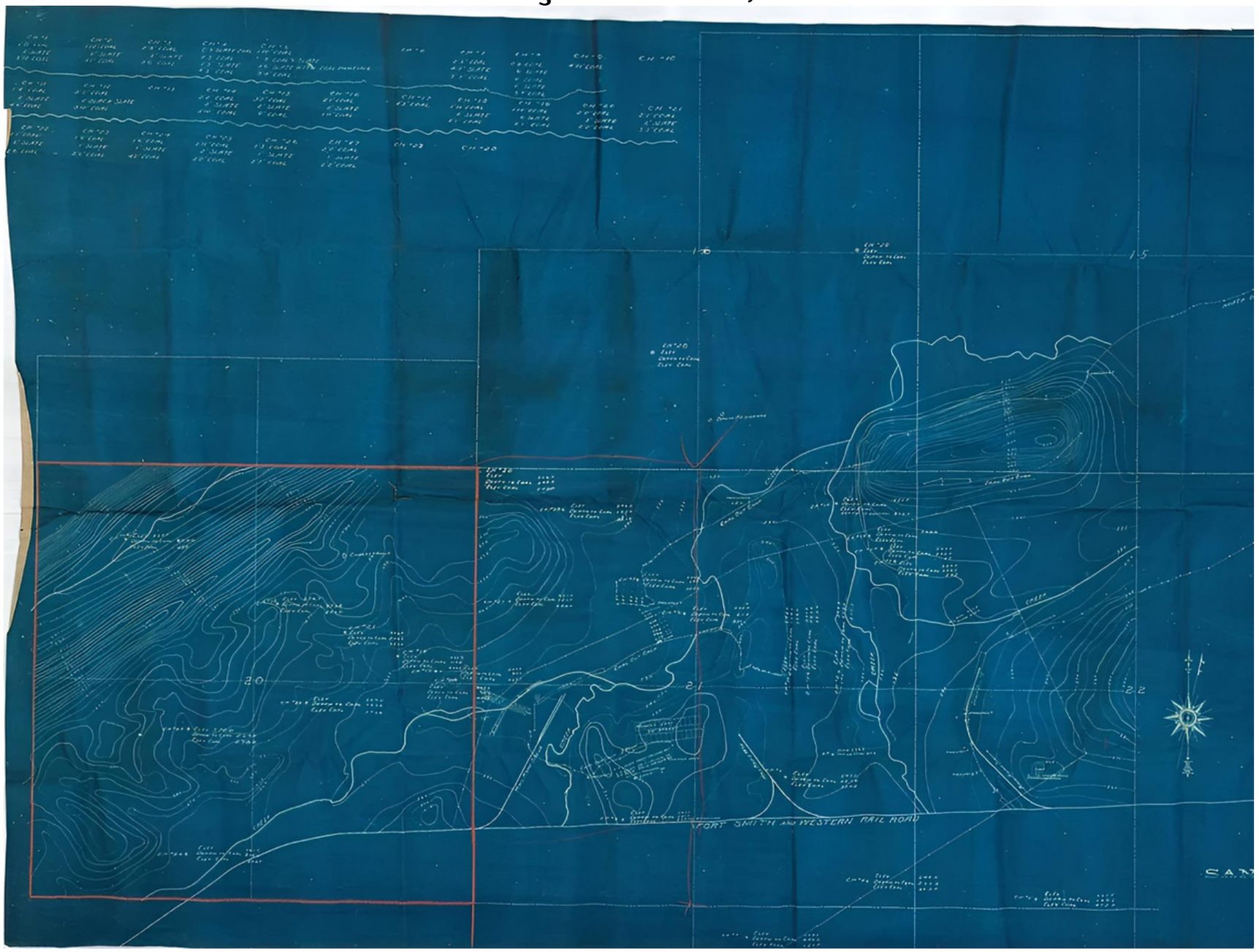
H C

I favor buying the P & W from Semple No use fooling with it We should get control.

When all is fixed we can no doubt make it an object to Semple to trade notes etc. Dont like going more in debt. We owe lots - I think a million could be made available cutting down stocks at every Mill, now is the time.

A.C.

I think Humphreys doesnt go till Wednesday eve. You can get option before that.


FORT SMITH and WESTERN RAIL ROAD

MEN TRAPPED IN MINE RESULT OF EXPLOSION

Fears Expressed That 85 Workers Perished in Oklahoma Colliery.

FORT SMITH, Ark., March 20.—Mine No. 2 of the San Bois Coal Company at McCurtain, Okla., was wrecked today by an explosion of gas in the ninth level, and fire and smoke have thus far prevented any effective work of rescue.

One body has been brought out, and it was so badly burned that experienced miners believe there is little hope any of the eighty-five men composing the day shift at the mine at the time, will escape alive.

Physicians Hurried to Scene.

A special train left here at 11 a.m., carrying all available doctors and nurses, and with orders to pick up other doctors at intermediate points for service at the McCurtain mine disaster. Reports to the mining company headquarters indicate a heavy loss of life.

Meager News at McAlester.

McALESTER, Okla., March 20.—Mine Inspector Burgess, with rescue apparatus, left here this afternoon for McCurtain. Beyond an urgent message to come quickly no intimation was given him as to the seriousness of the catastrophe.



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105 ENTOMBED IN MINE EXPLOSION

M'CURTAIN HAS AWFUL DISASTER

ALL HAPE GIVEN UP FOR THE MEN BURIED IN THE BOWELS OF THE EARTH.

MINING CAMP PARALYZED

NEARLY EVERY HOME IN THE ABOVE TOWN HAS FEAT THE TRAGEDY.

RESCUERS NOW AT WORK

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TEDDY MAKES A REPLY TO TAFT

IN FIRST SPEECH OF HIS CAMPAIGN HE REFERS TO TAFT'S MARKED TALK.

AGAIN HE WAS PERSONAL

[illegible]

OUTLAWS STILL EVADE CAPTURE

ONE WEEK ELAPSED SINCE THE TRAGEDY AND THE MEN DEBRIS ARE STILL FREE.

DEATH LIST MAY GROW

THE LIST OF VICTIMS WILL BE INCREASED TO SIX SOME FIRE TODAY.

THE CHASE IS RELENTLESS

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BLIZZARD USHERS IN SPRINGTIME

BLINDING SNOW STORM IN THE NORTHWESTERN SECTION FIRST DAY OF SPRING.

TRAFFIC IS PARALYZED

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CITY CAMPAIGN IN FULL SWING

REFERENCES HAVE STRONGEST HEART EVER PRESENTED IN THIS CITY.

THE ISSUES ARE UNKNOWN

[illegible]

SIMMONS IS GAINING FAST

[illegible]

TAFT OPPOSITION NEAR COLLAPSE

DEVELOPMENTS OF THE WEEK GIVEN EVIDENCE IS FATHER TOOLS STRENGTH.

BUSINESS MEN FOR TAFT

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OPERATORS AND MINERS DISAGREE

[illegible]

BOTH SIDE STANDPAT

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TAFT CONFERENCE PUT OFF

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OFFICE OF H. C. FRICK

Letter from Iowa Bois Coal Co.

dated Feb 19-1909

on subject of Company will not be able on Mar. 1st to pay the semi-annual installment of interest.

filed in "Ft Smith & W. R.R Co" file- Safe 33-

dated Feb 19-1909.

OFFICE OF H. C. FRICK

Letter from Sans Bois Coal Co.

dated Apr. 17-1909
May 22-1909

on subject of Subs for $4000 for a washery at Sans Bois Coal Co. coke oven plant at McCurtain, Oklahoma.

filed in Fort Smith & Western Slide File — Safe 33

dated as above

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Letter from Sans Bois Coal Co.

dated June 23/09

on subject of Construction of a washery @ McCurtain, Oklahoma.

filed in Fort Smith & Western Slide File – Safe 33

dated as above

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Letter from Sans Bois Coal Co.

dated July 23 - 1909

on subject of Construction of a machery.
Requesting payment of 1st installment.

filed in Fort Smith & Western Slide File - Safe 33

dated re above

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Letter from Sans Bois Coal Company

dated Aug 17-1909

on subject of Company not able to pay interest due Sept 1st, 1909.

filed in Slide file Safe 33 marked "Ft Smith & Western R.R. Co"

dated as above

OFFICE OF H. C. FRICK

Letter from Sans Bois Coal Co.

dated Nov. 4-1909
Nov. 11-1909

on subject of 2nd & 3rd Call on
Subs to washery.
Acknowledgment of 2nd & 3rd payments

filed in Fort Smith & Western
Shelf File — Safe 33

dated as above

OFFICE OF H. C. FRICK

Letter from Sans Bois Coal Company

dated Aug 17-1909

on subject of Company not able to pay interest due Sept 1st, 1909.

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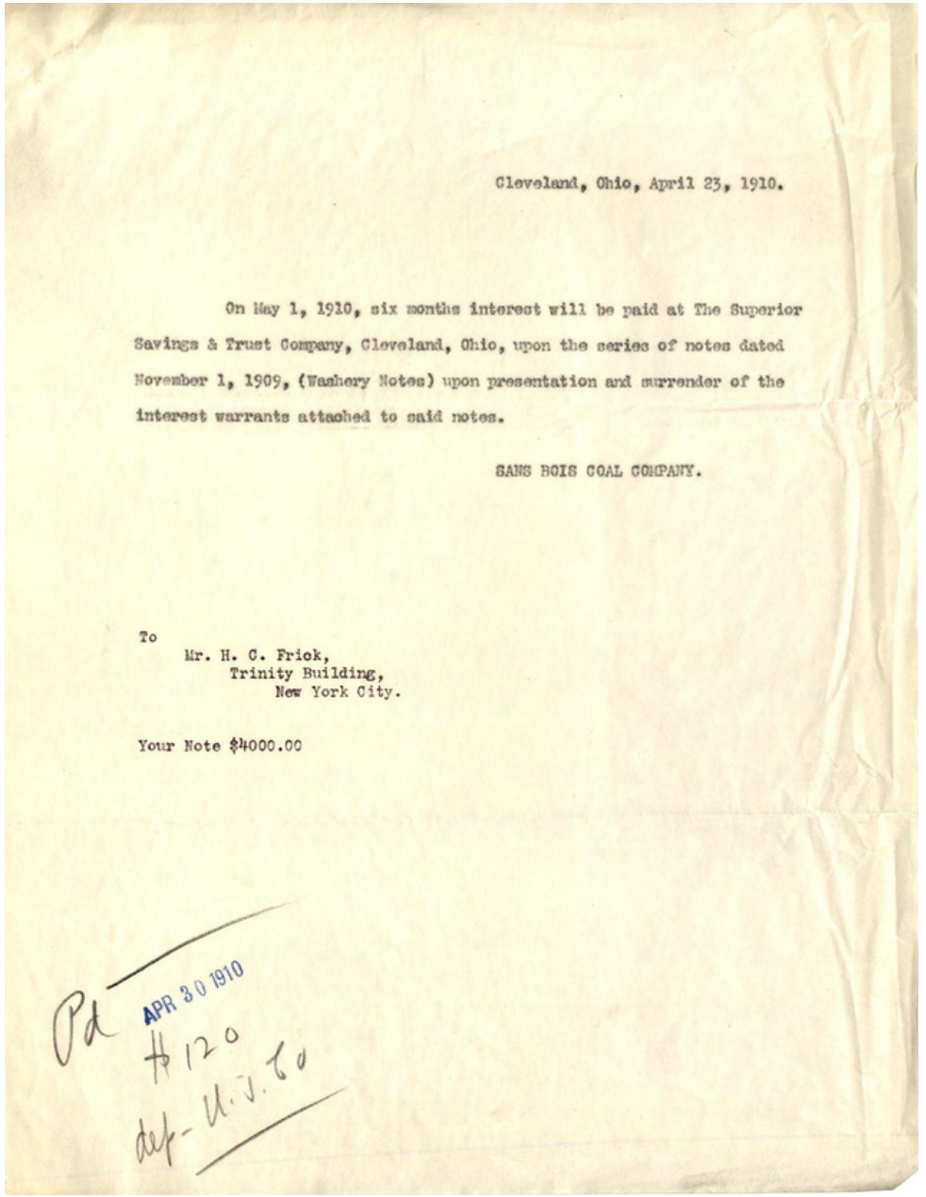

Cleveland, Ohio, April 23, 1910.

On May 1, 1910, six months interest will be paid at The Superior Savings & Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, upon the series of notes dated November 1, 1909, (Washery Notes) upon presentation and surrender of the interest warrants attached to said notes.

SANS BOIS COAL COMPANY.

To
Mr. H. C. Frick,
Trinity Building,
New York City.

Your Note $4000.00

Pd APR 30 1910
$120
dep - U.S. Co

OFFICE OF H. C. FRICK

Letter from Sans Bois Coal Co.

(Correspondence with Mr. Dustin)

dated May & June 1913

on subject of Receiver's Certificates

Sans Bois Coal Company

filed under name of A. C. Dustin

dated June 9th, 1913.

FORT SMITH & WESTERN RAILROAD CO.

Road operated, Fort Smith and Western Junction, I. T., to Guthrie, Okla., 216 miles, of which 20 miles is trackage over Kansas City Southern Railway, Junction to Fort Smith. The company controls the St. Louis, El Reno & Western, Guthrie to El Reno, Okla., 43 miles, which is operated separately. Locomotives, 14; passenger cars, 23; freight cars, 1,017.

This road was planned to develop large coal deposits in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma. In 1910 holders deposited their securities in the Superior Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, as depositary for a committee with power to sell or exchange the same.

Stock.....Par $100.....Authorized, $5,000,000.....Issued, $5,000,000

FUNDED DEBT

1st mort., 4 per cent., due April, 1954, April and Oct..... $6,240,000

The 1st mortgage is $7,500,000, authorized. Trustee and agent for the payment of interest, Superior Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland. The issue was created in 1904 to retire $5,000,000 of old 5 per cent. bonds and provide for the company's other requirements.

EARNINGS—Year ending June 30

	Gross	Net
1909-10	$663,085	$76,110
1910-11	804,760	192,664
1911 12	768,789	181,209
1912-13	726,307	103,375
1913-14	667,148	82,461

President and Treasurer, Alton C. Dustin, Cleveland. Vice-President, W. E. Crane, St. Louis. Secretary, W. C. Merrick, Cleveland. Assistant Treasurer, J. D. Phelps, Fort Smith. Auditor, H. B. Herendeen, Fort Smith.

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Main office, Fort Smith. Executive office, Superior and Water streets, Cleveland. Annual meeting, first Tuesday in February.

Fort Smith & Western RR.—*Deposit Agreement.*—The "Cleveland Leader" of Feb. 15 had the following:

Circulars in the shape of an agreement to deposit bonds with the Superior Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, and vesting in the committee (V. 91, p. 1446) the power to take absolute charge of the business, have been sent to bondholders of the Ft. S. & W. and the San Bois Coal Co. The agreement is effective if signed by 70% of the bondholders, and is good for three years. It confers on the committee the power to vote all the stock of the signers of the agreement. The stock of the San Bois Coal Co. has been deposited with the Mercantile Trust Co. of N. Y. for the benefit of 1st M. bondholders. The agreement also authorizes the committee to sell, exchange or dispose of the property of the Fort Smith, the bonds deposited, or the San Bois Coal Co., as it may consider best, although the understanding is that no sale or exchange is to be made nor money borrowed in excess of $100,000 without the unanimous vote of the committee.—V. 91, p. 1446.

FORT SMITH & WESTERN RR (Independent).—Inc. Jan 25, 1899, in Ark.; first section of road, Coal Creek to McCurtain, 20 miles, opened in Dec, 1901. Extension to Crowder City was put in operation on Aug 17, 1902; road completed as below in 1903. and guarantees interest on that company's bonds (see appended statement). Coal properties are developed at McCurtain, Okla., producing an average of 30,000 tons per month. Line of road owned: Coal Creek to Guthrie, Okla., 196.24 miles; branches, 4.82 miles—total, 201.06 miles; trackage, Fort Smith, Ark., to Coal Creek, Okla. (Kan. City So. Ry), 19.3 miles; in city of Guthrie, Okla. (A., T. and S. F. RR), 0.8 mile—total operated, 221.16

miles. Sidings (owned), 20.97 miles. Gauge, standard. Equipment: Locomotives, 17, Passenger cars, 16. Freight cars—coal, 891; box, 508; flat, 19—total, 1,418. Service cars, 7.

Bondholders' Committee.—In Nov, 1910, holders of the securities of the Ft. Smith & Western RR, and the San Bois Coal Co. were asked to deposit their holdings with a committee composed of W. L. Brown, A. W. Mellon, Colgate Hoyt, W. H. Canniff, W. G. Mather, J. J. Sullivan, Geo. S. Russell, James H. Hoyt, S. H. Tolles, C. C. Bolton, and A. C. Dustin.

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Capital Stock.—Authorized and outstanding, $5,000,000; par, $100.

Bonded Debt.—$6,240,000 First Gold 4s; dated April 1, 1904; due April 1, 1954; int. April & October 1 (unpaid since October 1, 1907). Coupon, $1,000; principal may be registered. Authorized issue, $7,500,000; of this amount $5,833,000 were issued in exchange for $5,000,000 gold 5s; $400,000 are reserved for the construction or acquisition of a line from Fort Smith, Ark., to Coal Creek, Okla., issuable at not exceeding the rate of $20,000 per mile, $400,000 for the purchase of equipment and the balance for other corporate purposes. The bonds are a first lien on the property now owned and will be secured on any property acquired hereafter by the issue of bonds secured by the same mortgage. Mercantile Trust Co., New York, Trustee.

Equipment Trusts.—Outstanding as of June 30, 1910, three series as follows: $291,435 5½% Series B, dated Feb 1, 1906, covering 3 locomotives, 600 coal and 250 box cars; $106,969 6% Series C, dated May 17, 1907, covering 200 box cars, and $14,832 6% Series D, dated Oct 1, 1907, covering 3 locomotives.

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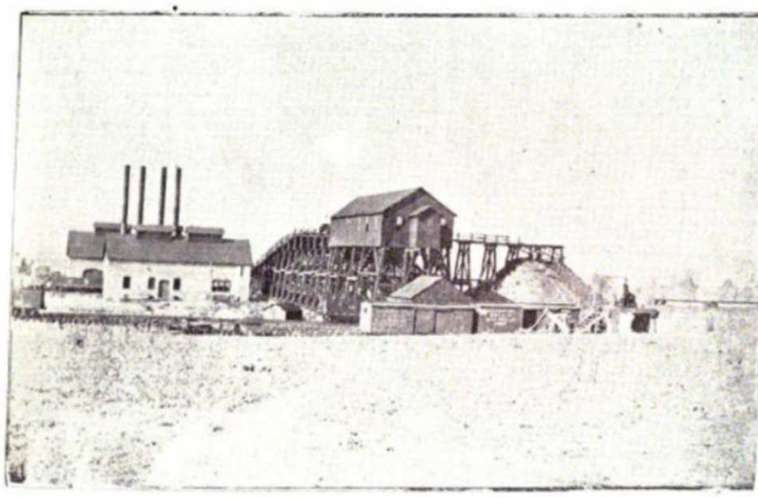
A Great Mining Plant in Operation in the Indian Territory.

Few coal men in the country have any idea of the very rapid advancement that has occurred in recent years in the coal development of the Indian Territory. This is especially true in the east, where little is heard concerning the modern mines being equipped and the vast coal areas that are being opened up and developed. The advancement of Indian Territory in the past few years has been little short of marvelous. Mines have been opened which contain every modern improvement obtainable, which produce a large daily tonnage and which sell their production in a dozen different states. And even with the large developments which have already occurred the work of opening up the coal of this great territory has only just commenced. In the years to come the area which is now Indian Territory is destined to ducing areas of the world, rivaling and possibly excelling Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Illinois, which now rank as the three great coal producing states. Indian Territory has an area underlaid with coal of more than 500,000 square miles, and one can judge from this that it has fuel resources which ought nearly to supply the world.



MINE NO. 1 OF SANS BOIS COAL CO., M'CURTAIN, I. T.

ONE OF FOREMOST PRODUCING COMPANIES.

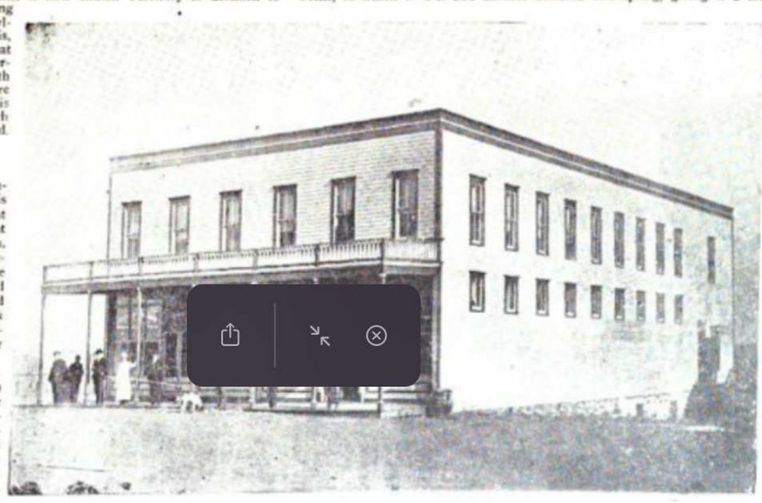
One of the great mining companies of the Indian Territory is the San Bois Coal Co., located at McCurtain. This town is about forty miles west of Fort Smith, in the northern part of the Choctaw nation. Two years ago the Fort Smith & Western railroad was completed to McCurtain and with its completion active work was commenced on the development of the mining property under description.

The tract of land which is being developed contains about 6,000 acres and is under lease. These cases are held by prominent stockholders of the railroad corporation, the officers of the Sans Bois Coal Co. being largely eastern capitalists as follows: President and treasurer, A. C. Dustin; secretary, I. S. Haselton; vice president, J. niff, J. H. McBride, W. G. Mather, H. H. McKeehan, H. A. Kelley and A. C. Dustin, most of whom reside in Cleveland, Ohio.

The company has prosecuted development work vigorously ever since it commenced the enterprise and now has three mines in operation, each with an average daily tonnage of 1,300 tons of coal. A fourth operation is under contemplation and will be developed, in all probability, the present year. The headquarters of the company are at McCurtain, and at that point the company has erected a very large department store, which it operates. It owns 180 well built and commodious miners' cottages and has laid out the town on lines of magnificent distances and with proper regard to the complete comfort of its inhabitants. The company never does anything in a half way manner and this is indicated by the character of the miners' houses which it has built. These houses have three and four rooms, they are thoroughly well built, are nicely plastered inside and are pleasing in exterior appearance. At present they house about 400 miners, who are earning from $4 to $7 a day.

COAL PRODUCED IS OF HIGH QUALITY.

The Sans Bois coal is designated as smokeless by the producers and it is entitled to this designation, a careful analysis revealing that it is not misnamed. It analyzes as follows: Fixed carbon, 74 to 78 per cent; sulphur, three-quarters of one per cent; volatile matter, 13 to 19 per cent, and ash, 5 2-8 per cent. The coal produced at these mines will compare favorably with the best bituminous in the world and is said by experts to equal the best Pocahontas produced in West Virginia. It cokes nicely and from experimental tests, it is believed that it is the best to be found in the southwest for foundry and smelting purposes. The company already has in operation a battery of 100 coke ovens, to which it will add another hundred this spring, giving it a total



of 200 ovens. The coke produced meets with a ready sale and is always in active demand in territory contiguous to the mines.

The coal produced by the Sans Bois Coal Co. is sold through the McAlester Fuel Co., of South McAlester, I. T., this company acting as general sales agent. The coal meets with a ready demand in Texas, New Mexico, Mexico, Arizona, Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

MINES ARE ALL HEAVY PRODUCERS.

Mines No. 1, 2 and 3 now in operation are all heavy producers of coal. Their production per day is as follows: No. 1, 1,500 tons; No. 2, 1,000 tons; No. 3, 1,500 tons, making a total production of 4,000 tons daily, which with the new mine in course of development will amount to over 5,000 tons daily.

These mines are equipped with the best and most modern machinery that could be bought and in a general way are modelled in this regard after the modern mines in the Pittsburg district of Pennsylvania. The equipment of boilers, hoisting apparatus, fans, etc., is the same as is used in the Pittsburg district, no money having been spared in this direction. An idea of the extent of the equipment can be obtained when it is known that twenty-five Harrison mining machines are in service in the work of undercutting. The buildings constituting the upperworks are all of the most substantial character. The engine house building is entirely of brick and stone and the tipple is fireproof and built to secure durability and good service.

Near the office buildings of the Sans Bois Coal Co. is located its general store, which should be dignified by the name of department store, so varied in assortment is the stock. This store carries a complete line of all descriptions of goods and it requires eight people to conduct it, so large is the patronage.

The company has also provided nicely for the children of its employes in the matter of educational facilities. A large school building is maintained by the company, having an enrollment of 250 children and employing a principal and two teachers.

STOCKHOLDERS INTERESTED IN THE COMPANY.

The capitalists interested in the company are located in Cleveland, Pittsburg and Chicago. The management is vested in C. S. Bankard, who has charge of the mines and the operating department. Mr. Bankard is one of the most experienced coal operators in the country. He secured his experience and training in the Connellsville district of Pennsylvania, where he had charge of the coke plants of the H. C. Frick Coke Co., the American Steel & Wire Co., and other large companies. He has been largely instrumental in obtaining for this company the start which it has attained and it is also due to the ability which he has displayed that the development of the field has been so rapid and the operations completed have been so efficient.

Of the many companies in the Indian Territory field the Sans Bois Coal Co. is the largest producer and has the most encouraging prospects for the future. It has a large area of undeveloped coal, with a thick vein and other advantages in the matter of production. In addition to these the coal is of superior quality and meets with a ready sale in half a dozen different states in which a market has already been developed. The company will not rest content with occupying its present markets. It is pushing out for business at every point where it can secure favorable freight rates. It means to sell its coal throughout the entire Missouri river valley and already has a large business in that territory as well as to the southwest, south and southeast of its mines. Its prospects are most encouraging in every possible respect.

In The Field of The Retail Dealer.

Written for The Black Diamond.

There are a few odds and ends which might be mentioned as pertaining to the commencement of the new coal year.

Did you ever visit a retail office and note in front of it a display of the different descriptions of coal sold by the retailer?

In the smaller cities and in the country where thieves are not as numerous as they are in Chicago the dealer has a row of boxes outside his office on the sidewalk, usually, in which he displays different samples and kinds of coal.

These display cases are a sign of his business and if they are properly used should attract some trade.

In addition they are a convenience to the customer as affording a means of designating the coal which is to be purchased; this being especially true with such customers as are not fully posted concerning sizes, etc.

I think that such a display box is a good thing—when it is properly used. I think it is a bad thing when it is used as one which I witnessed in my travels in Indiana recently.

There I called at a coal office on a downtown corner. This office was well located. The exterior was resplendent in a new coat of paint and the interior wore a business-like aspect. The scale beam which extended into the office shone as burnished brass should shine when it is well taken care of. The bookkeeper was neat in appearance and there were no loose papers or odds and ends hanging around anywhere. It was about as neat as any coal office I ever visited.

But the display boxes on the outside! They were bad enough to drive business to the next town.

APPEARANCE OF THE SAMPLE BOXES.

In one of the boxes, buried in dead leaves and mud were a few samples of egg bituminous coal. It was so discolored and dirty looking that it would have been difficult to tell from appearances whether it came from Indiana or Egypt. The next box contained a few samples of what was once Block coal, while the third was a mixture of old newspapers and mine run.

Then followed three boxes containing what were once samples of stove, nut and egg anthracite. In appearance they resembled mud-coated briquettes of irregular form.

But the climax was reached in the last box.

Presumably, five or ten years ago it was filled with samples of gas house coke. A few months after the coke was placed on display, judging from appearances, it was used by the hens of the neighborhood as a nesting place, for white feathers abounded and a little later it must have become the sleeping place of the family cat, for cat hairs covered the coke that was to be seen among the chicken feathers.

It was the worst looking mass of coke that was ever discovered and if it were to be placed on exhibition where a wandering scientist could get at it it would be given a Latin name and designated as a new discovery.

Imagine, if you will, a coal man trying to run the business with such a headless as this.

If you are going to display coal, Mr. Dealer, display coal of the kind that you sell. Do not think that you are honest when you are displaying a poor coal in your sample boxes and selling a better one to your trade. You are dishonest to yourself which is taking advantage of the wrong—because a man who is dishonest to himself is weak—and that is about the worst sin on the list.

Mr. Dealer, if you have permitted your display boxes to remain unchanged for the past year or longer and if they have accumulated a supply of dead leaves, cat hairs, mud, feathers, old and soiled newspapers, not to mention worse things, don't you think it is about time to start a reformation? I do. I believe it will increase your tonnage quite a bit the coming year if you act on this advice.

Date for Naming New Retail Prices.

A good many dealers have peculiar ideas as to when they should name new retail prices.

If the shipper of coal reduces his prices on April first, the retailer does the same thing the same day.

It does not matter to the retailer that his yard is half full of coal which he bought at a price fifty cents to one dollar higher per ton, down goes the price and he sells it out at the minimum figure. There is an idea prevalent among consumers that coal men whether they are operators, shippers or retailers are all magnates of the first degree.

Some of the acts of retailers confirm this opinion. They deliberately give their money away to customers without any thought of how they are going to get it back again.

I am mentioning these things this year for two reasons. One of them is that the price of all kinds of soft coal has been reduced under the opening figures a year ago, and most retailers, if they have any coal left over from the previous year are bound to lose money on it. This is the special reason. The particular reason is that dealers do the same thing year after year and it is about time they began to learn better.

If the new mining year opens on April first, the retail year with minimum prices ought to open May first.

The intervening month will be of advantage in this respect that it will enable the dealer to clean up some of his old coal, to clean up his yard and get ready for the new coal which will be in to arrive the latter part of the month and will give him at least a few days' breathing spell during which he can forget all about business after he has ascertained what his profits are.

I hear someone back in the amen corner declaring that to sell coal in May at the minimum price for the year would be as much losing money as selling March coal at the April circular.

That is just where you are wrong, my friend.

Did you ever stop to think that the most of the coal you sell arrives in your yard from four to eight weeks in advance of the time it is moved

FATAL MINE EXPLOSION.

McCURTAIN, I. T., July 27.—Two men were killed and two others seriously burned by an explosion of gas to-day in one of the Sans Bois Coal Company's mines, one mile west of here. The dead are Andrew Dazell and James Brown. The names of the two injured men have not been learned.

The four men were in the mine, 900 feet from the opening, when the explosion occurred. It was followed a moment later by another of less force. It is presumed the gas was ignited by one of their lamps.

Sans Bois Coal Co., Mine No. 2, Chant, Okla.

Steven Merasco, age 28, nativity Italian, shot-firer, was killed in Sans Bois Coal Co., Mine No. 2, Diamond Township, Haskell County, on January 3rd, 1910. On December 30th, 1909, an explosion, supposed to be caused by a windy shot, occurred at Mine No. 2 of the Sans Bois Coal Co., resulting in the death of Joe Resez, the shot-firer, by suffocation. There was no apparent damage done to the mine workings, with the exception of some stoppings being blown out. On the 3rd day of January, 1910, the management got another man to fire the continuation of this round of shots, resulting in a violent explosion which, according to the best of my judgment, originated in room 2 of the eighth north back entry, wrecking the mine and killing Steve Merasco, the shot-firer, by concussion. It is possible that the management did not exercise due caution in sprinkling the mine in the interval between the first and second explosions.

Joe Resez, age 47, nativity Austrian, shot-firer, was killed in the Sans Bois Coal Co. Mine No. 2, Haskell County, on December 30th, 1909. Joe Resez was found at the face of the seventh north

stub entry. He was apparently suffocated by after damp, resulting from a windy shot in room No. 6. This room is about 100 feet back from the face of the entry, where his body was found. It appears from this that he remained too near the place in which he had lit the shot or shots. It is believed that dynamite was used in the shot which caused the windy shot.

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT, YEARS ENDED DEC 31.

	Passenger Earnings. $	Freight Earnings. $	Total Operating Revenue. $	Operating Expenses and Taxes. $	Net Earnings. $	Gross Income. $	Fixed Charges. $	Deficit for Year. $
1916.....	236,989	638,948	927,145	784,392	142,753	159,802	345,041	185,239
1917.....	278,846	801,019	1,179,849	989,909	189,940	302,840	350,367	47,527
1918.....	302,487	897,393	1,296,857	1,174,703	122,154	249,118	351,847	102,729

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, DEC 31.

Assets—	1918.	1917.	Liabilities—	1918.	1917.
Invest. in road, equipment, etc.	$11,994,581	$11,955,278	Capital stock	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
Stocks & bonds owned	64,837	64,837	Funded debt	6,285,562	6,317,115
Other investments ...	87,752	87,752	Receivers' certificates.	227,500	350,000
Materials and supplies	182,283	165,205	Current liabilities ...	3,643,546	3,351,308
Cash	130,713	139,796	Deferred liabilities ..	11,974	18,418
Other current assets.	176,513	197,445	Unadjusted credits ..	453,956	419,300
Deferred assets	3,489	4,654			
Unadjusted debits ...	66,212	36,645			
Profit and loss.....	2,916,158	2,804,530			
Total.....	$15,622,538	$15,456,141	Total.....	$15,622,538	$15,456,141

Capital Stock.—Authorized, $7,500,000; outstanding, $5,000,000. The remaining $2,500,000 not actually issued is held in treasury. Shares, $100. Annual meeting, first Tuesday in February, at Fort Smith, Ark.

Funded Debt.—$6,240,000 First Gold 4s; dated April 1, 1904; due April 1, 1954; int. A & O 1. Coupon, $1,000; principal may be registered. Superior Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, O., Trustee. Authorized, $7,500,000; of this amount $5,833,000 were issued in exchange for $5,000,000 old 5s; $400,000 are reserved for the construction or acquisition of a line from Fort Smith, Ark., to Coal Creek, Okla., issuable at not exceeding the rate of $20,000 per mile, $400,000 for the purchase of equipment and the balance for other corporate purposes. Secured by first lien on the property now owned and will be secured on any property acquired hereafter by the issue of bonds secured by this mortgage. April 1, 1908, and subsequent interest defaulted.

Bondholders' Committee.—In Nov. 1919, holders of the bonds of the Fort Smith & Western RR were asked to deposit their holdings with a committee composed of W. L. Brown, A. W. Mellon, Colgate Hoyt, W. H. Canniff, W. G. Mather, J. J. Sullivan, Geo. S. Russell, James H. Hoyt, S. H. Tolles, C. C. Bolton and A. C. Dustin. Depositary: Superior Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, O.

Deposit Agreement.—In Feb. 1911, circulars in the shape of an agreement to deposit bonds with the Superior Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, and vesting in the above-named Committee the power to take absolute charge of the business was sent to bondholders of the Fort Smith & Western RR, and the San Bois Coal Co. The Agreement is effective for three years, if signed by 70% of the bondholders, and confers on the committee the power to vote all stock of signers of the agreement. The agreement was extended for two years to Jan 1, 1915. The stock of the San Bois Coal Co. was deposited with the Bankers Trust Co. of New York for the benefit of First Mortgage bondholders. The agreement also authorized the committee to sell, exchange or dispose of the property of the Fort Smith & Western RR Co., the bonds deposited or the San Bois Coal Co., as it might consider best, although the understanding is that no sale or exchange is to be made nor money borrowed in excess of $100,000, without the unanimous vote of the committee.

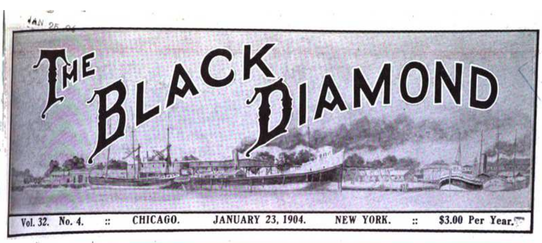
Operations, year ended Dec 31, 1918.—Revenue train mileage—passenger, 333,212; freight, 161,168; mixed, 39,932; special, 38—total, 534,350 miles. Passengers carried, 291,235; carried one mile, 10,878,624. Tons freight moved (revenue), 519,290; moved one mile, 49,683,369. Operating revenues: Passenger, $302,487; freight, $897,393; other, $96,977—total, $1,296,857. Operating expenses—maintenance of way and structures, $200,901; maintenance of equipment, $341,131; traffic expenses, $37,287; transportation expenses, $466,657; miscellaneous operations, $5,253; general expenses, $69,246—total, $1,120,475. Net revenue from operations, $176,382. Less: Tax accruals, $53,816; uncollectible revenues, $412—total, $54,228. Total operating income, $122,154; non-operating income, $126,964—gross income, $249,118. Deductions: Rentals, $62,178; interest on funded debt, $272,443; other interest, $17,226—total deductions, $351,847. Deficit for year, $102,729; previous deficit, $2,804,530; miscellaneous debits, $9,979—total debits, $2,917,238. Miscellaneous credits, $1,080. Profit and loss deficit, Dec 31, 1918, $2,916,158.

DELAWARE CHARTERS.

Special to The New York Times.

DOVER, Del., March 2.—These charters were filed today:

Continental Breweries, Inc., Dover, Del., malt liquors, malt syrups—Prentice Hall, Inc., of Delaware .....$950,000; 70,000 shs com
Fuel Products Co., Wilmington, Del., coal, other minerals—Delaware Registration Trust Co. .....$400,000; 6,000 shs com
Magic City Placer Co., Wilmington, Del., mining—Colonial Charter Co..... $500,000
Ozite Products Co., Wilmington, Del., floor covering, rugs, carpet, felt, cushions—Corporation Trust Co. 500,000
Ideal Distributing Co. of Pennsylvania, Wilmington, Del., weighing machines—Corporation Trust Co. .....5,000 shs com
American Treasury Corp., Chicago, Ill., stocks, bonds—Prentice Hall, Inc., of Delaware .....$40,000; 4,000 shs com
I. A. Morris Co., Inc., Wilmington, Del., patents—Colonial Charter Co..... 200,000
Sans Bois Coal Co., Dover, Del.—Arley B. Magee, Inc., Dover, Del..... 25,000
Finkelstein & Co., Inc., New York City, catch and smoke fish—Aaron Levitt, Wilmington, Del. 20,000
Steel City Crystal Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., glass, glass products—Capital Trust Co. of Delaware .....$2,500; 250 shs com
Ligno-Cellulose Corp., Wilmington, Del., patents—Delaware Charter Co.....300 shs com
The Duette Manufacturing Co., Wilmington, Del., dry cleaning and washing machines—Corporation Trust Co. 7,500
Hine-McKinley Co., Wilmington, Del., consulting, contracting engineers in relation to steam, electric railways, buildings—Corp. Trust Co.....$100,000; 1,000 shs com
Metropolitan Cement Corp, Long Island, N. Y., brick, lime, sand, cement, stucco—United States Corporation Co.....2,500 shs com
Land Holding Corp. of Florida, Laurinburg, N. C., realty—Corp. Service Co....2,000 shs com
Beverly Hill Golf Club, Philadelphia, Pa.—United States Corp. Co..... 50,000
The Hayden Corp., Wilmington, Del., patents—Corporation Trust Co.....1,000 shs com
The Earley W. Adams Co., Wilmington, Del., printing, publishing—George W. Lilly, Wilmington, Del. 35,000
Parcelman's, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., pelts, furs—Colonial Charter Co..... 24,000



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