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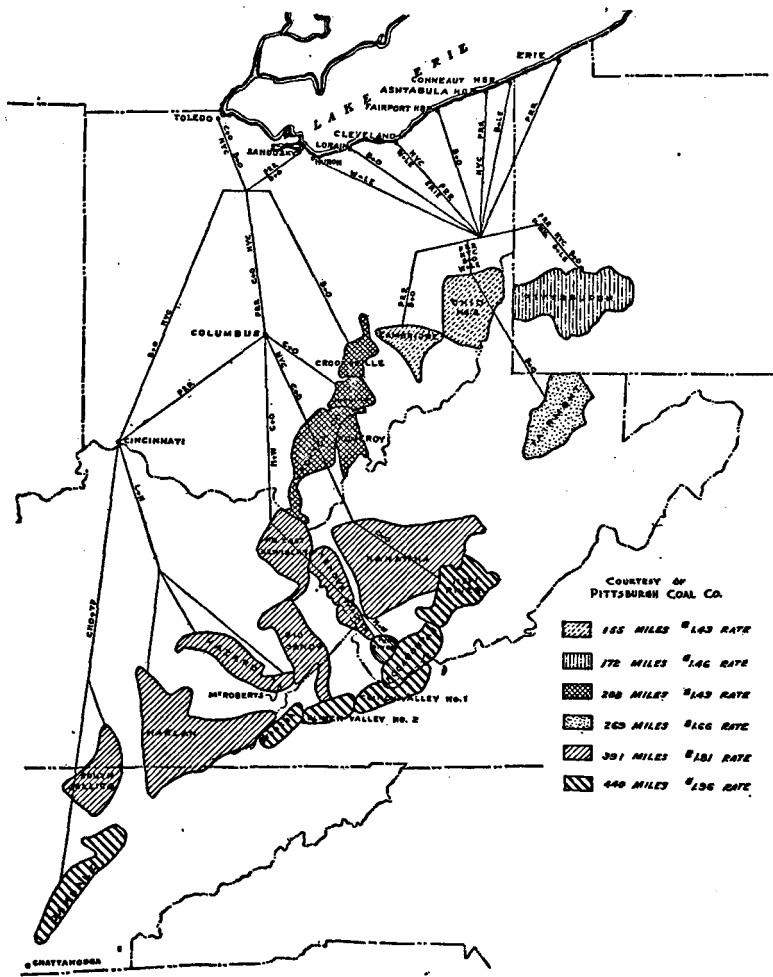
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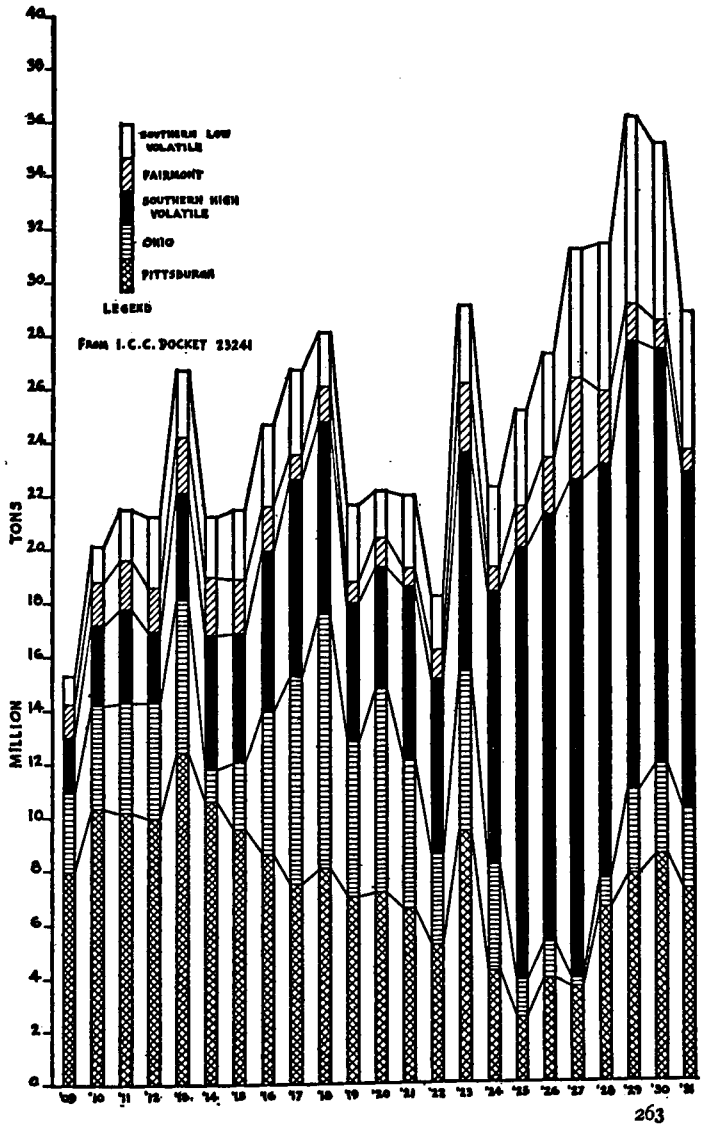
LAKE CARGO COAL SHIPMENTS, 1909-1931 (IN MILLIONS OF TONS)

(Figures from U. S. Bureau of Mines)

Year	Pennsylvania	Ohio	Fairmont	Southern High Volatile	Southern Low Volatile	Total
1909	8.055	2.918	1.277	2.026	1.035	15.331
1910	10.442	3.768	1.611	2.946	1.397	20.267
1911	10.228	4.110	1.784	3.499	1.963	21.627
1912	10.053	4.318	1.687	2.607	2.611	21.310
1913	12.562	5.646	2.162	3.941	2.486	26.830
1914	10.640	1.247	2.214	4.952	2.294	21.384
1915	9.620	2.484	2.030	4.832	2.515	21.507
1916	8.768	5.302	1.618	6.008	2.986	24.693
1917	7.548	7.821	1.029	7.263	3.154	26.829
1918	8.149	9.537	1.317	7.142	2.011	28.157
1919	7.080	5.840	.828	5.133	2.851	21.756
1920	7.270	7.607	1.285	4.540	1.668	22.391
1921	6.661	5.538	1.015	6.502	2.640	22.364
1922	5.291	3.386	1.370	6.524	1.938	18.578
1923	9.560	5.953	3.170	8.262	2.895	29.840
1924	4.281	4.004	1.404	10.247	2.984	22.981
1925	2.481	1.452	2.384	16.205	3.692	26.333
1926	3.933	1.421	2.469	16.079	4.116	28.162
1927	3.613	.346	4.605	18.736	5.410	32.858
1928	6.631	1.053	3.600	15.642	6.209	33.324
1929	7.874	3.209	2.085	16.830	7.655	37.772
1930	8.573	3.362	1.482	15.659	7.180	36.399
1931	7.272	2.979	.990	12.697	5.728	29.805

NOTE: Fairmont figures include Moundsville; Southern Low Volatile includes Winding Gulf. These two are not included in the chart. Small shipments from Cumberland-Piedmont and Tennessee and Virginia are included only in totals.

LAKE CARGO COAL SHIPMENTS, 1909-31



CHRONOLOGICAL STATEMENT OF LAKE CARGO COAL RATES FROM PRINCIPAL
DISTRICTS TO LAKE ERIE PORTS

(per net ton)

	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Pittsburgh</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>Fairmont</i>	<i>Kanawha</i>	<i>Pocahontas</i>
	Before 1912	\$0.88	\$0.85	\$0.96 $\frac{3}{4}$	\$0.97	\$1.12
Boileau Case	May 1, 1912	.78	.75	.90	.97	1.12
War Increase	Apr. 16, 1917	.93	.90	1.05	1.12	1.27
1917 Case	Aug. 13, 1917	.93	.90	1.08	1.18	1.33
War Increases	June 25, 1918	1.30	1.27	1.45	1.55	1.70
Ex Parte 74	Aug. 26, 1920	1.86	1.83	2.01	2.11	2.26
Reduced Rates	July 1, 1922	1.66	1.63	1.81	1.91	2.06
Docket 15007	Aug. 10, 1927	1.46	1.43	1.71	1.91	2.06
Southern						
Reductions	Apr. 20, 1928	1.46	1.43	1.71	1.71	1.86
Northern						
Reductions	June 18, 1928	1.26	1.23	1.51	1.71	1.86
Compromise						
Rates	Apr. 18, 1929	1.46	1.43	1.66	1.81	1.96

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