

# COAL SITUATION BRIGHTENS AS WEATHER WARMS

## Allotment Will Be Increased; Nonessential Industries Are to Be Closed.

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scanned rows of coal cars on the stretches of tracks west of the Twenty-fourth street viaduct. The commanding view from the viaduct gives this coal an inviting appearance.

There were nearly 200 cars at this location yesterday, and this represents the bulk of Omaha's present supply on tracks. The coal arrived this week from southern Wyoming mines and is all in charge of the terminal fuel committee, which is ordering its distribution according to the provisions of the Garfield order, which means that only the most essential needs will be supplied.

**Must Approve Deliveries.**

Even deliveries to home through retail dealers must first be approved by the terminal committee.

The committee explained that some of the coal on track here is destined to nearby points.

A. V. Dresher, president of Dresher Brothers' cleaning and dyeing establishment, states that he can muster a volunteer organization of 1,000 men in Omaha for mine work.

"I am ready to go myself and if the cars can be furnished for transportation of coal to Omaha we can get the coal," he said. "I know that I can enlist 1,000 strong men without difficulty and these will be men who can mine coal, particularly in the Kansas mines. It is time for the governor of our state to take some real action, for if we don't get relief there are going to be many cold and starving women and children in Omaha within a few weeks."

It is time that we thought of the women and children of our city.

"I advertised for a fireman this week and received 500 answers. I know what I am talking about when I say I can get 1,000 men ready in short order and we can get the coal if we will be assured of transportation facilities."

Charitable organizations and labor bureaus report a steadily increasing number of applicants for work and aid.

A mother with three small children called yesterday at the Associated Charities and pleaded for clothing, shoes and coal. Mrs. G. W. Doane ordered a ton of coal.

# Time-Conserving HOUR SALE

To comply with the demand for shorter hours, and also to enable us to reduce our stock of Coats, Suits, Dresses, Skirts and Blouses to normal size by January 1, we have inaugurated for December this

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- 10 A. M. to 11 A. M.—SUITS
  - 11 A. M. to 12 M.—DRESSES
  - 12 M. to 1 P. M.—COATS
  - 1 P. M. to 2 P. M.—BLOUSES
  - 2 P. M. to 3 P. M.—SUITS
  - 3 P. M. to 4 P. M.—SKIRTS
  - 4 P. M. to 5 P. M.—PETTICOATS

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# SCANDAL OVER KIRK FURLOUGH WILL NOT DOWN

## State Officials Stirred—Say Peculiar Order of Release Never Heard of Before.

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that if successful, he (the attorney), would receive a "nice fat fee."

Lieutenant Governor Barrows, yesterday acting governor in the absence of Governor McKelvie, stated that a complete probe of the case would probably be ordered by the governor upon his return from Denver.

However, if the procedure leading up to the release of Kirk proves to be all right, it will be allowed to stand, said Mr. Barrows.

**Barrows Starts Probe.**

A probe into Kirk's release was begun Wednesday by Lieutenant Governor Barrows. Governor McKelvie declared he knew nothing of the order effecting Kirk's release.

As far as can be learned, Kirk did not come to Omaha following his release. He left the penitentiary in company with his wife, who since her husband's commitment in prison has been making her home with her sister, Mrs. Peter Lesch, of East Omaha.

Mrs. Kirk left her home on Monday to go to Lincoln. Mrs. Lesch said yesterday, "She has not yet returned, and I haven't heard from her."

Efforts to learn Kirk's present whereabouts from acquaintances were to no avail.

According to statute, Kirk had not yet served the required time in prison to qualify him for furlough. He had served 18 months of a 20-year sentence given him for second degree murder.

**Former Efforts in Vain.**

Persistent efforts of his wife and State Senator Petrus Peterson of Lincoln to obtain parole for Kirk were in vain. Last June Kirk was refused parole by Governor McKelvie and also by the pardon board.

Though the order for Kirk's release, written on a "scrap of paper," was signed by State Senator Bushe on September 8, Governor McKelvie or other state officials were unaware of the case until after Kirk was released.

**Unknown to Attorney General.**

Attorney General Davis, when called by long distance telephone, stated yesterday morning that the first he knew of Kirk's release was the stories in the papers. His knowledge of the affair is restricted to that, he said.

The order for furlough, on which Kirk was released from the penitentiary, had not been seen by Mr. Davis, he said. As far as he knows, the action would stand as it is, he declared.

From the fact that Governor McKelvie was in Lincoln at the time of the release of the man from prison, Mr. Davis inferred that no action toward an apprehension of Kirk would be taken. The attorney general's office has received no instructions from the governor on the case, Mr. Davis said.

Rooney was killed in a gun battle in a cottage on North Fourteenth avenue on the night of January 30, 1918, when detectives discovered the gang dividing loot taken out of the Malashock jewelry company, 1514 Dodge street, in a daylight holdup of two clerks in the place.

Martin, Stone and McKay were wounded in the gun fray. Rooney was shot in the abdomen and died the next day.

**To Constitutional Convention.**

Attorney General Davis stated yesterday that he considered urging the state constitutional convention, now in session in Lincoln, to take action denying the right of appeal in criminal cases, were cases are how frequent when prisoners under criminal charges are paroled before their cases are entirely settled by court. This action by the attorney general comes as the result of the freeing of Kirk Tuesday.

Commenting on this suggestion by the attorney general, Lieutenant

# AMERICANS IN MEXICO Fear Break Is Coming

## Federal Judge Orders Investigation Into Alleged Conspiracy of Owners And Miners.

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With the declaration of war with Germany, it was said, constituted a more embarrassing because it was a part of Germany's war game to stir up trouble for the United States on this continent. Mr. Lansing was said to have added that in these premises the administration felt it should go a long way in conserving its resources for the struggle with Germany.

**Follow Wilson's Course.**

After peace negotiations had been concluded, however, it was pointed out a note was sent to Carranza declaring pointedly that unless more regard were given American rights there would be a radical change in the course of the United States government.

This step, Mr. Lansing is said to have declared, was decided on with great deliberation and constituted a definite policy in which there has been no deviation.

The secretary is understood to have added that in the circumstances he saw no real urgency for demanding the president's attention to the Jenkins case since in dealing with it the department only had been pursuing the course Mr. Wilson had endorsed.

In questioning the advisability of the action suggested in the Fall resolution, Mr. Lansing was quoted as saying that the Jenkins correspondence seemed about to bring a real test whether Carranza meant to heed warning given some months ago, and that it might be wiser to let this question be answered before breaking off relations. Such a break, he is said also to have suggested, might not only endanger the effort to obtain Jenkins' release, but also to place other American lives and interests in jeopardy by the withdrawal of diplomatic representatives.

**Advantage Gained.**

In addition, doubt was said to have been raised as to what practical advantage might be gained by such a withdrawal.

Both the secretary and Ambassador Fletcher went before the committee at its request and gave their statements behind closed doors. Mr. Lansing was at the committee table more than an hour and a half and afterward the members resumed consideration of the resolution with the democrats asking for delay. At first they proposed indefinite postponement and then postponement until the next regular meeting, to be held Wednesday. Both motions were voted down by the republicans.

A recent charge by Senator Fall that the Mexican ambassador, Ignacio Bonillas, had attempted to spread bolshevist propaganda in this country, drew a denial tonight from the ambassador, who said in a statement that he had done nothing to encourage disturbing elements in the United States or Mexico.

The action of the committee in deciding to send representatives to see the president brought to a focus much cloak room speculation as to the extent to which Mr. Wilson's illness has handicapped him in the discharge of his official duties.

**Fire Starts Sprinkler.**

Fire in the Paxton-Gallagher Co. store at 5 yesterday afternoon set off the sprinkler system fire extinguisher and caused damage estimated at \$300.

# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Denounces Release Of Kirk From Prison

## Spurred by the release of Beryl C. Kirk, jewelry bandit, sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary for connection with the murder of Detective Rooney, the public affairs committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, Universal confidence in the administration of justice and the certainty of adequate punishment of crime is essential to the well being and orderly conduct of society, and

"Whereas, The granting of hasty and unmerited pardons and paroles, weakens all respect for law, stimulates crime, invites mob violence and prompts individuals to redress their own real or imaginary wrongs instead of relying upon the orderly process of law; therefore,

"Resolved, That we denounce the course of the inexecutable action by which a notorious criminal was recently liberated from the state penitentiary before serving even the period which the law requires previous to application for a parole. In our opinion such action was a blow at civil government, a stain upon the good name of Nebraska, and a crime against society."

The committee also formally approved the action of the national Chamber of Commerce taken with regard to the shipping policy.

# COAL OPERATORS FACING PROBE OF GRAND JURY

## Most Drastic Action of the Day Was the Order for a Reduction in Railroad Passenger Service of One-Third in Train Miles in the North, Central and Southwestern Railroad Regions.

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today, although for two days there have been reports of return to work of small numbers of men in scattered localities. Production had increased somewhat, it appeared, but in much of the nation the reserve stocks were being reduced so rapidly that a virtual famine existed in many communities and drastic action was taken by railroads and fuel officials.

The most drastic action of the day was the order for a reduction in railroad passenger service of one-third in "train miles in the north, central and southwestern railroad regions." The order means cancellation of more trains, curtailment of luxury equipment and increase of cars for trains remaining in service. There is to be no suspension of express or mail trains.

Industries continued to close, more drastic conservation rules were made in many states and cities and a number of state executives took action intended to aid in relieving the acute shortage.

While the larger mining corporations announced at Washington that they had agreed to pay the miners slightly more than the 14 per cent wage advance promulgated by Fuel Administrator Garfield, the operators were said to be awaiting the result of the government's legal action at Indianapolis.

**Consider 25 Per Cent Raise.**

J. C. Wells, editor of a coal trade publication, announced in Chicago that private advices from Washington were that operators were considering a 25 per cent advance offer to the miners, elimination of Dr. Garfield's plan, and an advance in cost of about 30 cents a ton to consumers. No announcement of consideration of such a plan was made in Washington.

Governor Gardner of Missouri announced the seizure by the state of 15 mines in that state. Mining volunteers under troop protection similar to the system used in Kansas will be undertaken.

Governor Cox of Ohio, called a meeting for tomorrow of Ohio operators and miners in an effort to settle the strike in that state.

Governors Shoup of Colorado and McKelvie of Nebraska and Carey of Wyoming at a conference in Denver, called upon the national fuel administration to appoint administrators in each state.

**Fails to Reopen Mines.**

Governor Sleeper of Michigan sought to arrange a reopening of mines in that state on a basis of the Garfield 14 per cent advance temporarily, any further increase to await final settlement. Operators agreed that coal mined under such an arrangement would not be shipped from Michigan.

Volunteer miners under troop protection will start work tomorrow in Oklahoma.

Kansas volunteers were hampered by rain that froze as it fell. In that state the governor has received word that a fuel famine exists in many cities. Municipal wood piles are in operation in many towns.

J. C. Lewis, president, and John Gay, Secretary, of the Iowa district of mine workers, were arrested to-day on citations of contempt issued at Indianapolis.

State troops were ordered withdrawn from the Trinidad, Colo., district today.

Nonessential industries generally are cut off from all fuel except enough to prevent fire and freezing. The Chicago packers were ordered today to arrange for a common cold storage plant and shut down others.

**Denver Restrictions Drastring.**

Denver today adopted drastic restrictions on business and industry similar to those ordered in Chicago yesterday.

Denver's stores will close at 4 p. m., except groceries, markets and bakeries, and the theaters will eliminate two matinees a week.

Chicago's office buildings went on the six-and-one-half-hour basis today and the stores will adopt the 11 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. schedule tomorrow. The theaters will be allowed five nights and one afternoon performance a week. Electric light, both exterior and interior, was greatly reduced.

# WHOLE COUNTRY PUT Under Coal Rations

## No definite stand was taken on a collective policy. It was said the majority preferred to await the result of the renewed efforts by the government to prosecute the leaders of the striking mine workers in the federal courts for violating the Lever law.

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Coal production was said to be continuing at a slight advance over the last week, according to the reports available in advance of the geological survey's weekly summary.

The railroad administration, since the fuel shortage became acute in the middle west, has been sending coal westward on fast schedule. In the last week, approximately 20,000 cars have moved to districts west of the Mississippi river. Of the total 7,654 cars were consigned to communities in the central western region and 3,881 cars to the northwestern region.

Officials said that within the last week an average of 800 cars a day had been sent to each of the three areas. This was expected to represent about the maximum amount which will be shipped because of the general lowering of reserves in the east.

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Ft. Dodge	1:23 a. m.	12:28 p. m.	8:13 p. m.
Ar. Mason City	3:58 a. m.	3:19 p. m.	.....
Ar. St. Paul	8:10 a. m.	8:10 p. m.	.....
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