COAL FAMINE IN OMAHA GROWING WORSE HOURLY

Terminal Fuel Committee Says Additional Restriction Must Be Imposed On Industries.

ation in excess of three days a week, on the basis of present working

May Control Oil. Considering the fact that coke is to be distributed on the same basis as coal, and that fuel oil probably be within the jurisdiction of the

fuel administration, the coal com-mittee believes that this latest order will have a far-reaching effect upon Omaha's industrial life unless a decided improvement in the general fuel situation occurs within the next few days. The committee announced yester-

day that greenhouses will be protected to the extent of keeping stocks from freezing and that cold storage plants will be supplied with coal for refrigeration and for protection of foods. Meat packers will be furnished coal from day to day for slaughtering and for refrigeration and are expected to install

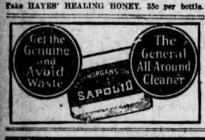
Creameries will be protected under the priority list and buildings industrial plants which are closed on account of fuel shortage will be allowed to maintain sufficient heat to protect stocks and sprinkler

Burlington officials yesterday received information that the Sheridan group of mines in northern Wyoming were closed with the excep-tion of a mine known as "Model," which is being operated to 20 per cent capacity.

Why Theaters Are Closed.

In response to a query as to why schools and theaters are open in Kansas City and closed in Omaha, Mr. Snyder of the coal committee explained: "Omaha is depending largely on Wyoming mines for coal supply and these mines are practi-cally all closed. Kansas City is in the heart of the fuel oil district." J. M. Gillan of the industrial bureau of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday announced that hauling fa-

ilities will be furnished through his department for bringing dry wood To Heal A Cough



to Omaha from a radius of 25 miles. He asks all who have dry wood for sale to advise him of location, quan-

y all of our calls have been for dry wood. I wish to be advised of all wood. I wish to be advised of all nonessential industries that have been closed or may be closed on acbeen closed or may be closed on ac-count of fuel shortage and which could be operated if wood can be

The Nebraska Power company reported to the coal committee that it can see its way ahead two weeks, with fuel supply now on hand and under the restricted demands for

This public utility company has not received orders from the fuel administration to discontinue service to any industry. The company has been receiving cars of fuel oil during the last few days and has other cars on the way.

Washington Disappointed That Strike Not Settled

Washington, Dec. 9.—Proceedings at Indianapolis, where the United Mine Workers' Union leaders were considering President Wilson's proposal for the settlement of the coal strike, were followed with tense interest here today and the night adjournment without a decision aused keen disappointment. At the White House and the fuel administration and also at a meeting of coal operators, reports from the miners' gathering were closely scanned.
An official message sent to the

White House by Attorney General Palmer in Indianapolis was misconstrued and thereby resulted in a premature announcement that the miners had agreed to the president's proposal for the settlement of the strike. The message, which was sent by Mr. Palmer, just as union representatives were beginning their meeting, as revised said the miners "promptly acquiesce in the

president's plan."
Fuel Administrator Garfield refused comment throughout the day and would say nothing officially tonight. It was noted, however, that the president's proposal included the immediate wage increase of 14 per ent which was suggested by Dr. Garfield at the recent joint meeting here of the miners and operators.

The coal operators, at an informal session, discussed the president's proposition at length but adjourned until itomorrow without reaching any agreement. While they generally withheld comment on the terms of the proposal, there were intimations that provision for retroactive wage awards to the miners without compensating increases in the government's fixed prices for coal would meet with disfavor. The operators, however, already have ac-cepted the straight 14 per cent wage increase, which was rejected by the Restrictions on the consumption

of coal and power generated from coal were not relaxed or abated in any degree, nor were official steps taken looking toward their abatement. The central coal committee of the railroad administration continued to give its attention to details of distributing fuel.

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tity and price. "Many people," he said, "are afraid to use green wood and near-

Conservative Element Predicts Acceptance of President's Proposal After Arguments Are Concluded.

(Continued From Page One.) Treasurer William Green of the miners called upon him Saturday afternoon and were shown the president's statement. The union leaders, Mr. Palmer said, finally agreed to urge their general committee to accept the president's plan and cailed the meeting here today.

Postpone Hearings. In order that the plan for settle ment might be submitted to the general committee this afternoon, the government this morning asked and obtained postponement of hearing of charges of criminal contempt pending in federal court here against the 84 union heads who form the general committee. At the same time Judge Anderson granted a motion by government attorneys for postponement of a federal grand jury investigation of operators. The contempt proceedings are set for hearing next Tuesday and the grand jury investigation for the following

Attorney General Palmer was in the court room this morning when the contempt cases came up for trial. but took no part in the proceedings. The government's request for post-ponement was made by C. B. Ames, assistant to the attorney general and by L. Ert Slack, U. S. district attorney. Judge Anderson made no comment on the contempt cases or the government's request beyond remarks as to when they should be brought up again.

Some Hot Arguments. The opposition to acceptance of and indicated that the attitude of some of the delegates undoubtedly was delaying final decision in favor of ending the strike.

During the day Acting President Lewis received a message from Secretary of Labor Wilson, urging the miners to accept the new proposal and it is known that this message together with the president's proposal and a memorandum agreed upon by Lewis and Green and the attorney general was read at the niners' meeting.

Palmer Won't Talk. Attorney General Palmer would make no statement tonight on the situation, except to say that he ex-pected to remain in Indianapolis until the miners reach a decision. The attorney general had planned to leave tomorrow afternoon, but tonight cancelled his reservations in
view of the possibility of the conference of union, men lasting through
where the state of the st None of the men bers of the general committee would used for cold storage, and the top talk of today's discussions, but re-marks dropped by them tonight led poultry and eggs as the packing many to believe that the conservative members of the workers' executive organization will eventually win their fight for adoption of the plan. pleted. It is known that international officers of the miners, including President Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer Proposal of President Green, strongly urged acceptance of the plan to end the strike today and tonight they apparently still were optimistic about reaching an agreement tomorrow.

Omaha City Directory

Will Be Out February 1

R. L. Smith, local manager for R. L. Polk and Co., city directory publishers of St. Paul, Minn., announces that the Omaha directory for 1919 will be out February 1.

"We expect to complete the canwass this week and then start the compilation work," Mr. Smith said.

"We believe we have made the most thorough canvass of Omaha that has ever been made. We have visited eery home, factory, office and ited every place where people live not now settled to their satisfaction.

War Risk Insurance Bureau

Agent Coming to Omaha Soon Dan J. Connell, manager of the Dan J. Connell, manager of the Knights of Columbus information order to force the government to increase the price of coal to the puband employment bureau for sol-diers, sailors and marines, 116 South Fifteenth street, has been notified that the representative of the War Risk Insurance Bureau will be in Omaha Friday to take up matters of compensation and vocational training. Returned service men wishing further information may receive same by calling at the above

Wales in the manufacture of as- turn to work. phalt, bricks, abrasive soap, glass

entrusted with the investigation of along the Union Pacific west of the packing fields for the Armour North Platte was 20 degrees below interest in Australia, South Amerca and Canada and located the first were running two to four hours late of the Armour South American and some branch line trains were plants where the volume of business flow almost equals that in the United States.

and some branch line trains were held waiting for snowplows to be pushed through. Burlington trains held at terminals for snow clearance were eight to 10 hours late. · Public Spirited Omahan. Five to six inches of snow fell

When the National Packing Co. was dissolved, Mr., Howe was also given the responsibility of appraising the company's many extensive plants.

Mr. Howe is well known as one

of the most active and public spirited of Omaha's leading business men, being a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and otherwise identified with all of the larger business activities of the city.
Mr. Howe is a director in the
Union Stock Yards Co., the Stock
Yards National Bank, the Howe

Coal Co., Faulkner Coal Co., Megeath Coal Co. and vice president advantage of the street car space f the Union Rendering Co. Mr. Howe will particularly devote his efforts to managing the packing house end of the Skinner

interests and will at once extend this branch of the business which will mean other plants in the near future and it also means that Omaha will be the headquarters and the home of a large and extensive midwest packing company. Aim Is High.

Mr. Howe states it is his ambition to build up here in the middle west, where live stock is produced, a packing company that will be second to none in this country. There is no doubt but that Mr. Howe's prestige and experience combined with the wonderful plants, and capital and energy of the Skinner interests will shortly make the companies among the world's largest distrib-utors of food products.

The Skinner interests are at present represented by three large com-panies. The Skinner Baking Co. operates at Council Bluffs, Ia., one of the largest wholesale bakeries in this territory. This plant has been the president's plan developed soon operating continuously for some 40 after the miners' session convened, years and under the Skinner manwas evidenced by scraps of speeches which could be heard outside the hall in which the meeting was being held in a hotel. The argument during the afternoon was very heated and in the near future this plant will and in the near future this plant will be practically doubled.

Plan Great Growth. The Skinner Manufacturing Co. operates in Omaha the world's largest and most modern macaroni plant. This company does a national business in macaroni products and has 10 years of successful operation back of it. The macaroni company owns adjoining ground acquired for doubling the factory. All plans for this work are complete and the construction of the new addition will go forward as soon as ground can be broken.

The Skinner Packing Co. has just completed on the South Side at Omaha, one of the largest independent beef and pork packing plants ever constructed. At Twelfth and Douglas streets, in this city, packing company, five floors will be company has an extensive produce new building as soon as it is com-

To End Miners' Strike (Continued From Pare Con) To End Miners' Strike (Continued From Pare Con)

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crease of 14 per cent in wages, so spreading eastward and southward that the public would pay not to with zero temperatures as far exceed the present price fixed by the fuel administrator, and thus a cold weather is forecast in the cast way is opened to secure the coal of which the people stand in need, if

thorough canvass, of Omaha that stantial increase in wages and are further assured prompt investigation I must believe that with a clear understanding of these points they will promptly return to work. If, nevertheless, they persist in remaining on strike they will put them-selves in an attitude of striking in A continued drop was predicted for the central and the plain states, with the possibility of 5 below zero temperature by Wednesday morning.

The lowest temperature recorded officially was at Billings, Mont., where the mercury dropped to 36 lic, so as to give a still further increase in wages at this time rather than allow the question of a further increase in wages to be dealt with in an orderly manner by fairly constituted tribunal representing all

parties interested. Duty to Return to Work.

"No group of our people can justify such a position and the miners owe it to themselves, their families, A British company has been their fellow workmen in other informed to utilize the slate waste of dustries and to their country to re-"Immediately upon a general re-sumption of mining I shall be glad

Howe Chosen General Manager of Skinner's Plunge as Weather Clears OF ORUEL TIPE OF CRUELTIES IN (Continued From Page One.) ARMY ON TAP

northwest part of the state.

traction service.

Omaha for 20 years

caster, stated that the amount

ceeded anything experienced

Snow Throughout State.

ling coal supply of the state.

Burlington railroad officials a

to clear away snow drifts.

The storm did not seriously inter-

Burlington Line Reopened.

braska, was resumed today and con-

ditions will be normal by tomorrow

unless further unfavorable weather

develops, it was announced at the

road's offices here tonight. Snow

plows were used to clear the lines

of new drifts making it possible

to move trains on the lines between

Denver and Chicago and St. Louis

and Billings, Mont., which had been

detained by the storm at various

Nebraska points.

Trains detained were: Two from St. Louis for Billings, Mont.,

at Lincoln; two from Billings, at

Ravenna; two from Denver for Chi-

cago, at McCook, while two others

Temperature of 36 below zero,

Weather In U. S. Predicted

Washington, Dec. 9-A prolonged

country is indicated, the

period of cold weather over the en-

The cold wave in the west is

Eastward and Southward

Chicago, Dec. 9.-The western cold wave was spreading eastward Tuesday night over the Mississippi valley and southward over the west

gulf states. Low temperatures will be general east of the Mississippi by Wednesday, reports indicated. With the coal shortage increasing,

men began cutting wood in many places to fight the cold. Frigid blasts had reached Chicago

and vicinity Monday and sent the temperature down to 9 above zero

Temperatures below or near zero were recorded Tuesday night over

Wisconsin, northwest Illinois, north-

west Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Colo-tado, Wyoming and Montana and

10 degrees or more below over the

to aid in the prompt formation of such a tribunal as I have indicated

to make further inquiries into this

whole matter and to review not only

northern states of this group.

below zero.

Cold Wave Spreading

reported at Gordon, was the low-est in the state this season.

Prolonged Period of Cold

Omaha.

west of Hastings, Neb.

Brutal Treatment of A. E. F.

Members Charged to Capt. K. W. Detzer, Inalong the railroad lines in the diana Man.

New York, Dec. 9.—Another court - martial, involving charges of brutal treatment accorded mem-No snow was reported falling in Nebraska yesterday morning. Three inches of snow fell in Omaha during Monday night. It was bers of the American eqpeditionary of a fine quality and was drifted during the night. The street railway torce, at which the evidence is expected to eclipse even the sensacompany operated 11 sweepers all ions developed at the trial of Lieut. night and was able to maintain a 'Hard Boiled" Smith, will begin tofair service during the early hours of the morning. Wings attached to morrow at Governors Island.

A special investigation of the the sweepers pushed the snow back charges was ordered by Secretary of War Baker and the case was from the car tracks. Trucks took handled by Maj. Gen. Frank McIntyre, assistant chief of stag. More and in many instances when these trucks were turned aside to let street than 100 witnesses have been brought cars pass, they became stalled in the here from France and virtually all deep snow and frequently delayed states in the union, and officers directing the prosecution estimated Snow drifts in the streets are also oday that not less than \$25,000 had impeding the work of coal deliveries. been expended. L. A. Welsh, local weather fore-

Capt. Detzer Defendant.

The defendant is Capt. Karl W. snow which has fallen in Omaha Detzer, a former newspaper man during the last few weeks has exof Fort Wayne, Ind., who, while attached to the 308th military police company, had charge under the provost marshal of all criminal investi-Reports from Lincoln state that gation in the Le Mans area, the train service throughout the state largest American concentration cenwas seriously affected by a heavy fall ter in France, through which more than 1,000,000 men had passed. It of snow and temperatures below zero. These conditions are forcing s charged that by various methods increased reductions of the dwindof "torture" he sought to extort confessions from prisoners in order that he might win favor in the eyes Lincoln reported through passenger trains detained at Nebraska points of his superiors by the number of confessions he obtained. while snow plows were being used

First Sergeant Up Too.

At the close of Detzer's courtfere with telegraphic service. The martial it is planned to place on trial on similar charges his first Western Union reported interruption of service between Cheyenne sergeant, U. S. Madden of Pittsand Pine Bluffs and also in a few loourgh, a nephew of John E. Madcations east of Omaha. The Postal den, Kentucky horseman. Sergeant company experienced wire trouble F. L. Hoyt, who is alleged to have aided and abetted Detzer and Madden, was said by members of the Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 9.—Traffic on main lines of the Chicago, Burlingjudge advocate's department to be a desepter in France. He has not ton and Quincy Railroad tied up since last night by a storm in Neyet been arrested.

Methods which Detzer and his subordinates are alleged to have employed to wring "confessions" from their prisoners resulted, it is said, in sending many men to the hospital for several weeks. Officers of the judge advocate's department admitted that many of the men Detzer had to handle were "hard characters," often with long criminal records. Brutal Measures Used.

The methods are said to have included orders to stand at attention for 36 hours, 10 minutes on and five minutes off; withholding food and



prisoners to their feet by the hair. striking them in the face and threatening them with pistols. It also is charged that once Detzer compelled Private Marcello Gonzales, of the 110th machine gun

battalion, to swallow a lighted cigarette which he was smoking against orders. In all Detzer faces 28 specifica-

tions under charges of assault and conduct unbecoming an officer and general charges.

Faces Life Sentence. If convicted on all counts, Major Wm. E. Kelly of New York, advo-cate, declared Detzer faced the maximum sentence of life imprison-

The offenses with which Detzer s charged are alleged to have been committed over a period of several months, beginning last February.

The detail for the court comnrises: Colonels Wm. H. A. Allaire, Wm. T. Wilder, Samuel C. Jones, John L. Bond and Robert S. Knox. and Majors William A. Carleton and Robert G. Rutherford, jr.

Assisting Major Kelly in handling the case for the prosecution are Captains Robert E. Hanney and John M. Weir. Counsel for the defense are Lieut. Thomas L. Hefferman and the New York law firm of Felder, Gilbert, Campbell and Barr & co, of which Newton W. Gilbert, formerly vice governor general of the Philippines, is a member.

Spare tire carriers which can be attached to a car without tools are new in the automobile accessory

drink from prisoners until they Lift Order Forbidding acknowledged their "guilt," pulling Use of St. Louis Hotel To Liberal Conferees

St. Louis, Dec. 9.—A restraining order forbidding the management of a hotel to withhold the use of its dining hall from the conference of liberals was handed down in the circuit court Tuesday.

The action of the hotel management followed a complaint from the Kansas City Post of American Legion to Mayor Kiel, protesting against the meeting of the confer-

After the restraining order had been issued the management announced that the order forbidding the use of the room had been countermanded.

In opening the convention, Allen McCurdy of New York, secretary of the committee of 48, under whose auspices the conference is being held, protested the loyalty of the organization and asserted it stood for "100 per cent Americanism.

Fail to Reach Agreement

On Exchanging Prisoners

London. Dec. 9.-No agreement has been reached with soviet Russia on the exchange of prisoners question, according to an announcement by Lord Stanmore. The conditions proposed by Maxim Litvinoff, the bolshevik plenipotentiary, were too comprehensive to be accepted by the British government, Lord Stanmore said.

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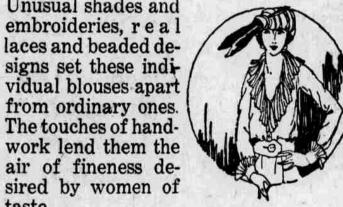


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