

INDUSTRIES IN OMAHA ARE GIVEN LONGER HOURS

New Order Goes Long Way Toward Taking Off Coal Ban Here—Must Still Conserve Fuel.

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ers, brokers and commission merchants, 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Laundries, 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Banks, office buildings and offices, 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Amusements 7 to 11.
Theaters, movies, dance halls, pool and billiard halls, bowling alleys and all other public places of amusement, 7 to 11 p. m.
Schools, colleges and other institutions of education may reopen with coal now on hand.

Churches may hold services on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week until further notice.
All other public meeting places, including public auditoriums, libraries, clubs and places of fraternal organizations may be reopened, but no coal or coke will be supplied by the local committee until further orders are issued.

Dealers in Automobiles.
Dealers in automobiles, automobile supplies and accessories and filling stations and repair shops, 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Drug stores, 10 a. m. to 6 p. m., with privilege of prescription clerks being in attendance during other hours.

The order also reads:
"All lighting of advertising signs, window display, store fronts and all other ornamental and unnecessary lighting is prohibited."

The new order contains the following paragraph:

"All places of amusement, public meeting places, churches and non-sessional industries cannot be furnished with bituminous or lignite coal or coke, but will be furnished power and light during the respective restricted hours. They will be required to operate on their present supply of fuel or provide fuel other than bituminous or lignite coal or coke."

Coal Committee Statement.
In connection with the new re-

strictions the coal committee issued the following public statement:

"The committee feels that in granting the relief provided in the foregoing order it is its solemn duty to warn the people that even if the new restricted rules for the use of fuel are observed by everybody and the use of fuel conserved to the utmost limit many people in this community may suffer from the lack of coal."

"There is very little coal in dealers' bins."

"The usual reserve supply of fuel in the hands of industries is exhausted. Production in severe weather never has been able to supply current needs. Under these conditions current production of coal will be consumed as rapidly as it comes from the mines. There is likely, therefore, to be times during the winter months just before us when the supply of coal will be exhausted."

"We would not be doing our duty to this community if we withheld this warning. This committee is the servant of the community and will do as well as it is permitted by the people to do to provide for the health and safety and prosperity of the community in this crisis which is not passed by ending of the coal miners' strike."

Library to Reopen.

The public library, which has been closed under the non-sessional order of the coal committee, will be reopened Monday morning at 9.

High school officials stated that it is probable that the High School of Commerce will be reopened December 29, on account of this institution having an all-year schedule. No action has been taken by the board of education to change its recent announcement that other public schools will be closed until January 5, which arrangement the superintendent of schools believes will stand.

The management of Creighton university will not be reopened until January 5 and no change in that order will be made, although the university had considerable coal on hand when the closing order was issued by the coal committee.

Union Pacific officials received information yesterday all except six of 29 mines in the Rock Springs district southern Wyoming are being operated.

Burlington railroad officials reported that miners have returned to all the Sheridan mines in northern Wyoming where the average daily production under normal conditions is 300 cars.

SUPREME COURT ORDERS PROBE OF BANDIT CASE

Governor McKelvie Is Still Away and Lieutenant Governor Says His "Hands Are Tied."

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general, he and are hereby directed to a thorough investigation of the matters involved in said communication and report their findings and recommendations without further delay."

Members of the state bar commission are Walter L. Anderson of Lincoln, secretary; A. B. McCandless of Wymore; Bernard McNelly of Red Cloud; John Ledwith of Lincoln and Joseph B. Fradenberg of Omaha.

"I am a new member of the commission, have attended but one meeting, and have no idea as to how it proceeds in such a case," said Mr. Fradenberg.

Under normal conditions, the commission conducts a private investigation of matters so referred to it and recommends action by the supreme court, if it deems that proper.

The supreme court's action is the first step taken by any state authority to investigate the Kirk "furlough" and punish those guilty of irregularity, if such exists.

What effect this order will have on the investigation, which officials expected Governor McKelvie would order on his return to Lincoln, can not be ascertained until his arrival. A special dispatch to The Bee from Washington last night, states that Governor McKelvie and R. W. DeVoe, republican state chairman, and the man to whom the bandit is supposed to have been "furloughed," left for New York yesterday afternoon, the governor elated with the success of the republican conclave in Washington just adjourned.

Holds Up Probe.

In a statement from Lieutenant Governor Barrows in which he explains why he has not acted as acting governor in the Kirk matter, it is revealed that Governor McKelvie asked that the release of the bandit be allowed to stand until his return. Mr. DeVoe, with whom the governor is traveling to New York, is the law partner of Senator Petrus Peterson, who had Senator Bushie sign the "scrap of paper" order for the release of Kirk.

Lieutenant Governor Barrows, in a public statement, tells what he would do, if his hands were not tied by the governor.

Statement by Barrows.

"If Governor McKelvie, just prior to his leaving for Washington for the republican conclave, had not requested me to let the Kirk matter stand until his return I would have declared the bandit a fugitive from justice at once and ordered his return to the penitentiary," declared Lieutenant Governor Barrows, answering statements in newspapers that public sentiment denounced lack of action in the matter.

"I would have ordered these men who say they know where Kirk is to bring him back to the prison, and if they refused to make public hiding place I would have found some means of making them do so."

"When the governor went away the first of the week he asked that the Kirk matter be left alone until his return, when he said he would institute a thorough investigation to get at the bottom of the case."

State circles are still stirred over the "furlough" of this notorious criminal, and are now expressing fear that unless some action is taken at once, it will soon be too late to act, as it is practically admitted by Kirk's former associates that he has fled this section of the country.

Peterson Remains Silent.

Senator Petrus Peterson, legal partner of R. W. DeVoe, to whom it is claimed that Kirk was furloughed, has apparently decided to remain silent on the affair, refusing to discuss the matter these days.

Sen. B. K. Bushie, acting governor September 8, on whose order the Omaha bandit was released from the penitentiary three months later, has retired to his home in Kimball after issuing a public statement last Sunday to the effect that he considered his skirts clear of any wrong doing.

The report on Kirk's record made by E. M. Johnson while secretary of the state pardon board, which was reported missing from the governor's files last Tuesday one week following the release of the bandit, has not yet been found.

California Sugar 15 Cents.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 12.—The wholesale price of sugar in the Los Angeles market has been increased to approximately \$12 a sack. The price at retail will be 14 1/2 to 15 cents a pound.

To Heal A Cough.

Fake HATEN HEALING BONEY. See per bottle.

75 Per Cent of Miners Back to Coal Digging

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president as yet had acted. The work of the fuel administration, it was said, probably would be transferred to the railroad administration. Dr. Garfield refused to discuss the matter.

Criticism Settlement.

Operators representing the central Pennsylvania district, one of the largest in the United States, were the first to act today upon the settlement proposal, and while accepting it, criticized its terms with the utmost vigor.

The method proposed by Dr. Garfield for settlement of the strike was interfered with by government officials who knew little of the situation, "the operators' statement said. "The problem was taken out of their hands. The public and the operators, as a result, have been deluged into the hands of the United Mine Workers."

Raise Coal Cost.

F. E. Harkness, counsel for the fuel administration, announced during the day that prices of fuel contracted for by purchasers prior to the resumption of government price fixing could be legally raised to absorb the cost of the 14 per cent increase in miners' wages granted under the settlement.

Coal mined on contract, it was said, in most cases bore a price below the government maximum of \$2.35 per ton mine-run, and contracts ordinarily carried a clause binding the purchasers to pay additions in labor costs incurred after their making.

Fuel administration statistics, it was said, indicated that even after the addition of extra labor costs created by the 14 per cent increase the largest portion of the contract coal still would be sold below the \$2.35 maximum.

The government itself, through the railroad administration, which consumes normally 31 per cent of the coal mined, will pay the largest amounts under the ruling, it was pointed out. The War department contracts were said to give power to the secretary of war to make adjustments and as the settlement had the support of the administration, it was assumed that Secretary Baker would approve the increase.

Consumers to Pay.

Much of the navy department's coal is being commandeered and some of the supply is mined in the Pocahontas field which is nonunion. Private and industrial consumers, supplied by contract coal, will in most cases pay the increase. A small amount of high-class coal, under the ruling it was explained, will be sold for a higher price than the government maximum.

Director General Hines' statement on modifications of the conservation order, said:

"The conservation order of December 8, 1919, restricting the use of heat, light and power generated or produced from bituminous coal or coke, was issued to make uniform in all parts of the country the restrictions which had already been adopted in many parts of the country, and to save coal and coke. Until the production of bituminous coal becomes normal, it is virtually necessary that it be conserved in every way possible and even after production reaches normal, it will be necessary to continue to conserve coal because of the loss in production of between thirty and thirty-five million tons during the strike. It is important, therefore, that the public exercise the greatest caution in the consumption of coal."

Increase in East.

"It being the desire to remove restrictions just as rapidly as possible, the conservation order of December 8 has been modified today to permit the resumption as conditions warrant of the supplying of light, heat and power restricted by this order. Coal is not being moved and will continue to be moved from the east to the west in large quantities as the relative situation in the two sections permits."

"The first increase in production that has resulted from the termination of the strike of the miners has been in the east, where already the bulk of the production was being obtained. Conditions in the several regions differ and accordingly the order of the director will be modified on recommendation of the regional directors as their respective situations may permit."

Regional directors have been instructed today to restore all train service removed or curtailed because of the strike situation as soon as the general coal supply, in their respective regions, justifies in their judgment doing so, subject to such exceptions as may be ordered by the railroad administration in Washington.

Probe Sanity of Woman

Who Shot Little Daughter

Denver, Colo., Dec. 12.—George and Rowland Lippincott of Wynette, Pa., brothers of Mrs. Emily L. Powell, filed proceedings before Judge Ira G. Rothgerber in the county court asking appointment of a commission to investigate Mrs. Powell's sanity. The woman on Tuesday last shot and killed her 10-year-old daughter.

SUIT PRICES IN CHICAGO DROP TO \$25 AND BELOW

Shoes Offered at Less Than \$5 and Other Articles in Proportion at Large Stores.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The first "fair prices" on clothing were listed today by the Chicago clothing subcommittee of the Illinois fair price committee to show that dependable merchandise can be bought at reasonable prices. The prices were not

fixed as maximum or minimum prices.

As long as present stocks last women's suits can be purchased as low as \$25, dresses at \$15.25, shoes at \$4.95; men's shoes at \$4.95; suits and overcoats at \$24.50 each. These prices were made by the subcommittee consisting of five executives of some of Chicago's large stores and their statement said the figures were "fair prices for serviceable articles in the various lines mentioned," but that "replacement orders at present market prices will increase these figures."

Five of Chicago's biggest retail stores prepared the price list, which follows:

Men's suits	\$25.00
Men's overcoats	\$24.50
Men's shoes	\$4.95
Men's hosiery	\$1.25
Men's underwear	\$1.25
Women's suits	\$25.00
Women's dresses	\$15.25
Women's coats	\$18.90
Women's shoes	\$4.95
Women's hosiery	\$1.25
Women's underwear	\$1.25
Toy suits	\$5.00

Boys' overcoats

Children's hosiery

Children's underwear

Children's shoes

The first effect of the fair price list will be to bring about a drastic decrease in the price of suits, overcoats, hats, shoes and all other staple articles of clothing, the committee declared.

Sentenced for Sending

Bomb to Wanamaker Home

New York, Dec. 12.—A prison sentence of from one year and three months to two years and six months was imposed on Ernest A. G. Kurth for sending a bomb to the Tuxedo park home of Mrs. Rodman Wanamaker last September. Kurth was formerly a butler in the Wanamaker home.

Equipped with its own electric light, a camera has been designed to enable police to photograph finger prints.

Mexican Propaganda For Russia Sent to New York, Says Youth

New York, Dec. 12.—Literature prepared by Mexico City communists was received by left wing socialists in this city, according to testimony given before the legislative committee investigating radical activities.

John Chabrow, a young student detained after a raid on communists, said several copies of the Mexican communists' programs had been received in August.

Chabrow testified that his brother, Nathan, had been assisted in going to Russia as a representative of the communist party of America by Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled soviet ambassador to the United States.

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Trimming Dept.

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Attractive designs in blue, pink and yellow spreads, double bed size; those with scalloped edges and cut corners are priced, \$10—hemmed, \$8.45 each.

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In the World of Gloves

In single and double-clasp gloves, Trefousse excels with his fine French kid and clever embroideries on the backs. All the favored shades are present, with a marked predominance of browns, dark brown, particularly. There are soft suede gloves in gray and beaver, as well. Prices are \$3.75, \$4 and \$4.75 a pair.

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Art Dept.—Second Floor



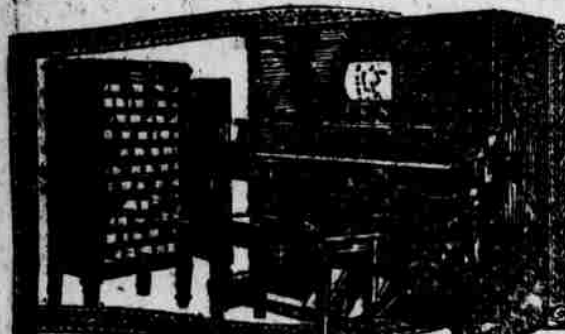
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