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EMERGENCY FUND ASKED

Colest Weather in 30 Years and Lack of Fuel Combine to Cause Suffering.

BUTTE, Dec. 7.—The shortage of fuel has caused the most critical condition which ever confronted Butte. Mayor Stoddard has been authorized by the city council to set aside an emergency appropriation to provide for hundreds of families in the mining camp who now are in dire circumstances. Thousands of men in Butte are out of work and unable to provide their families with either fuel or other necessities of life, because of the closing of mines for want of fuel. Every pound of coal available has been sent north to the hardy pioneers. The Boy Scouts in a canvass of the city obtained 500 tons of coal from willing donors, all of which today has been exhausted and tomorrow will find Butte with hardly a pound of coal.

Wood, obtained from old demolished sheds, has been delivered as rapidly as possible, but that source of supply also is exhausted.

Some coal is expected to reach Butte tomorrow over the Union Pacific from Utah. One of the means of temporary relief contemplated by the city fuel administration and the general committee is to establish public soup kitchens to supply the needy with food. With the coldest winter weather prevailing in Butte in the history of the city for the last 30 years, the combination of circumstances is one of the most drastic with which the authorities ever have contended.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 7.—Movement of 100 cars of coal from the head of the Great Lakes to Montana began today, according to a telegram received by M. H. Gerry Jr., state fuel administrator. The coal will be distributed to Montana points most in need of coal or to the states of Idaho and Apportionment of the coal is yet to be determined.

Communications were sent to the boards of county commissioners and timber counties of the state asking that they organize their counties at once for wood camps in the mountains by placing as many county employes as possible in camps and enlist the services of farmers and stockmen.

With continued cold weather, forecast for Montana Monday and Tuesday, suffering because of the extreme coal shortage will be intensified, it is anticipated. Floods of appeals for fuel are being received by M. H. Gerry Jr., state fuel administrator, and an effort is being made to get coal to relieve extreme cases in the northern part of the state, where suffering is most acute. Governor Stewart, governor, reports no new developments in the coal strike situation in the state tonight.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Serious danger of a famine in La Grande is seen in the coal shortage. Several train cars already have been laid off, sawmills and other industries are closing down, throwing several hundred men out of work, and unless there is speedy relief the situation there will be widespread famine.

While the city is on a coal ration, it is but a step to ample wood if really needed, and the city faces no serious consequences from fuel shortage. The most direct result here of the national coal shortage is the curtailing or suspension of sawmill and railroad activities.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Immediate resumption of coal mining in this and other states can not follow acceptance by the national officers of the United Mine Workers of the proposal of settlement coming from President Wilson, says Ernest Newsham of Seattle, secretary-treasurer of district No. 16, of the United Mine Workers of America, which includes the entire state of Washington.

When informed of the contents of the press dispatches from Washington, D. C., announcing that James Y. Lewis, acting president, and William Green, secretary of the United Mine Workers, had agreed to recommend acceptance of the president's peace proposal and that the recommendation would be made to the general assembly committee, the national executive board and other union leaders next Tuesday. Secretary Newsham gave it as his opinion that any compromise of the strike demands would have to be ratified by a reconvened national convention of the United Mine Workers before it would be accepted by the rank and file of workers.

If the conference next Tuesday resulted in a decision to accept the peace terms, Secretary Newsham said, a reconvened national convention of the United Mine Workers central city within less than a week, provided free use were made of the telegraph in notifying the delegates.

MYSTICS' WORK EXPOSED

TRICK OF RECEIVING "SPIRIT" MESSAGES ALSO SHOWN.

Dancing Table, Slate Writing and Secrets of Mysterious Cabinet Explained to Crowd of 4000.

All of the stock tricks of the spiritualistic medium, mind readers, hypnotists and others claiming mystic and supernatural powers were exposed by Professor Canning, who styles himself "the man who knows," in an entertaining and instructive exhibition at the public auditorium last night.

The dancing table, the particular pet of the spiritualist, was made openly ridiculous when Professor Canning showed the 4000 people at the auditorium the belt attachment which he said was invariably used to cause the table to move and jump and to arise at the touch of the spiritualist operator.

Likewise he showed how spiritualist readers try to pry into the so-called messages from the spirit world which are written by some unknown spirit on a slate. The secret panel in the slates was shown after the audience had been mystified by the messages which had been written before they were let in on the secret of how the trick was worked.

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