

COAL HANDLED BY ZONE PLAN BRINGS RESULTS

Western Oregon and Washington Are to Continue to Supply from the States Named.

ALL CONTRACTS ARE LIMITED

President or Fuel Administrator May Cancel Any Agreements That Are Made.

Western Oregon and Washington will continue to be supplied with coal from mines operated in the two states, during the year 1918, and possibly for a longer period, say officials of the federal fuel administration. Users of Black Springs, Black Hawk, King coal and other products of mines in Wyoming and Utah will be obliged to content themselves with coal mined near home.

Local fuel dealers, who have been handling coal mined in Utah, Wyoming and Montana, complain that they will be obliged to build up a new business in coal mined in Washington and Oregon, or retire from the business altogether. The United States fuel administration is now putting into effect plans which will place the entire coal industry on a war basis. These plans will be wholly effective beginning April 1, when contracts for this year's supply for the most part expire.

Zone System Established
In this connection the fuel administration is establishing a zone system of distribution. Under this system the output of a given coal field will be assigned to a given territory. It is arranged that the coal field and its consuming territory shall be connected by the shortest possible transportation distance. This will eliminate so far as practicable all cross-hauling of coal on the way to market and will relieve congestion of transportation and shortage of coal cars, according to information announced today by Federal Fuel Administrator Fred G. Holmes.

In order that the whole coal output, including that which the mines contract to deliver, shall be under the direct control of the fuel administration, an order has been issued regulating the terms of contracts for the future delivery of coal.

Contracts Are Limited
The order makes it plain that all contracts for the sale of coal or coke are subject to cancellation by the president or by the fuel administration acting by his authority. The order limits contracts by providing that no contract shall call for the delivery of coal or coke for a period of longer than one year and directs that the year period thus allowed shall terminate not later than 15 months from the date the contract is made.

Contracts must be placed at the prices fixed by the president and the fuel administration and must provide that the coal or coke affected by the order is subject at all times to requisition or diversion by the fuel administration. Contracts of the nature prescribed in the order will fill a need felt generally throughout the coal industry for some instrument which will enable large coal consumers to make arrangements in advance for the regular delivery of their coal supply.

Conditions Are Imposed
The order, however, insures the fuel administration against a recurrence of the present conditions under which no free coal has been available for distribution by the administration at the government's fixed prices. Contracts made under this order will not be recognized if they involve railway cross-hauling of coal, except in the case of gas coal or coke to be used for by-product purposes.

This provision will eliminate one of the transportation difficulties now confronting the fuel administration, and will insure a movement of coal from mine to consumer along the shortest possible transportation lines.

The coal year of 1917 was well under way before the fuel administration was created. The distribution of the coal output which was largely under contract for delivery during the year had already been arranged on a peace time basis. It was necessary that these peace time arrangements should be so altered as to meet the war demands, but it was quite as necessary that no action should be taken which would throw the entire fuel situation into chaos.

President Gives Views
President Wilson, in announcing his original schedule for bituminous coal, recognized this condition and said that there will be no immediate wholesale interference with contracts already made. Prices were at their highest when most of these contracts were made and up to date there has been but a small proportion of the coal output available for distribution outside of these contracts. Many contracts, of course, have run out, but a large majority of the coal mined is still sold under contracts running until April 1, 1918.

The fuel administration found it was in need of free coal to distribute to important government plants, to public utilities and institutions and to domestic consumers.

Operators Offer Aid
The distribution department of the fuel administration, starting with a small amount of free coal available, as a difference between contracts and the output of the mines, set out to meet this emergency. Many of the coal operators offered their aid. In many places the plans of the fuel administration have diverted coal at government prices from mines which were unable to deliver under contracts calling for a much higher price.

The fuel administration has undertaken so to direct the peace time arrangements of the coal industry that they will temporarily meet the war emergency. Many of the steps taken in this direction are wholly temporary and of an emergency nature. They are designed to carry the country through the present winter with the least possible distress.

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- Meat at Frank L. Smith's, 225 Alder
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- 1-cent kidneys and ox tails.
- 1-cent fine cut beef.
- 1-cent soup meat and brisnets.
- 1-cent prime quality round beef.
- 1-cent 7-bone steaks, venison choice.
- 1-cent round steak and rib steak.
- 1-cent pure pork and veal sausage.
- 1-cent pure corned beef.
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Grocery Specials
Royal Baking Powder, 5-lb. cans \$1.90, pound can 39c.
Wesson Oil (limit two cans), large size \$1.43, medium size 73c, small size 37c.
Old Dutch Cleanser, doz. 95c, can 8c.
—Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.

Skirts Cut FREE
We will cut to measure FREE any style tailored skirt you may select from materials purchased in our Woolen Dress Goods Shop. We will baste, fit and make skirts ready to finish for \$1 upwards if materials are purchased here.
—Dress Goods Shop, Second Floor

Tomorrow--The White Sale and January Sales of 1918

White Sale Undermuslins, Laces and Embroideries and other White Goods Enters on Its Second Week The January Sales of Personal and Home Needs Continue to Bring Great Savings All Over the Store

This Is "Baby Week"

Beginning tomorrow and continuing until Saturday will be Baby Week in our Infant Shop. NOW is assuredly the time to look to all of baby's requirements. HERE is the place to buy them—this week—and profit by the reductions.

We carry Reubens, Arnold and Vanta Pinless garments. Dresses, petticoats, shoes, bibs, carriage robes, blankets, kimonos, jackets, shawls, quilts, furniture, baskets and novelties of all kinds. All good merchandise at "old" low prices—some at VERY SPECIAL prices. We mention a few items:

INFANTS' DRESSES
Domestic dresses of soft nainsook. High and round-neck styles. Trimmed with embroidery, tucks and insertions. Bottoms have hems. Tucks with ruffle of embroidery or laces. Many have panel fronts and are elaborately trimmed. Sizes 6 months, 1 year and 2 years. 79c, 98c, \$1.29 to \$3.95.

INFANTS' DRESSES
Infants' hand-made dresses of fine soft nainsook. Daintily-trimmed with hand embroidery, tucks and feather-stitching. Six months to 2 years. \$1.29, \$1.59 to \$6.00.

FRENCH DRESSES
French hand-made dresses of nainsook. Six months to 2 years. \$2.75 to \$12.

INFANTS' MOCCASINS
Infants' kid moccasins in tan, pink and blue. Sizes 0, 1, 2 and 3. 75c, 85c and \$1.00 values.

INFANTS' KIMONOS
Long flannel kimonos, also short jackets. Trimmed with machine or hand embroidery and feather-stitching. \$1.29 to \$3.98.

INFANTS' SACQUES
White wool crocheted sacques with fancy stitching. Pink and blue trimmed. 98c values 59c.

INFANTS' ROBES
Infants' padded robes specially priced 98c to \$3.98.
—Infants' Shop, Second Floor.

BASSINETTE QUILTS
Infants' padded and quilted bassinette quilts in size 27x30. Priced \$1.98 to \$2.49.

NEW! Women's Flannelette Kimonos
\$1.25 - \$2.59

The prices on these popular flannelette kimonos are much lower than you would expect for kimonos of such quality. Women's flannelette kimonos in pleasing floral designs. Many have elastic waistlines, others in straight-line styles. Scalloped collars and cuffs, embroidered in silk. Also ribbon-trimmed collars and cuffs. All sizes. Moderately priced from \$1.25 to \$2.59. Also a good assortment of flannelette kimonos in extra sizes—48 to 52—priced from \$1.25 to \$2.98.
—Kimonos Shop, Third Floor.



APPAREL SALE!

Whether your wish be for a new coat, suit or dress, here is a glorious opportunity to secure at great savings a selection from a broad assortment of the best of this season's modes.

\$25 to \$35 Coats \$17.65
Just 75 women's and misses' coats in cheviot, serge, covert cloth, plush, burella and tweeds. Full length loose and belted models. With large cape collars of plush or self material. In black, navy, green, brown, tan and mixtures. On sale tomorrow at \$17.65 instead of \$25.00 to \$35.00.

\$37.50 to \$45.00 Suits \$25
Women's and misses' high-grade suits in serge, gabardine, twill, broadcloth, burella and tweed. Semi-fitted, belted and Norfolk models. In black, navy, green, brown and fancy mixtures. Many ideal for early Spring wear.

Women's and Misses' Dresses \$14.85
Large assortment of dresses for street, office and afternoon wear. Serge, poplin and satin. Straight and pleated models, many tunic and overskirt effects. Black, navy, green, brown, tan and copen. Regardless of former prices, we will sell these fine dresses tomorrow at \$14.85.
—Apparel Shop, Fourth Floor.



Second Week of Our White Sale Embroideries

Thousands of thrifty women took advantage of the special prices on embroideries and laces last week—the first week of the White Sale of 1918. In addition to last week's specials we offer the following new bargains.

At 69c 85c to \$1.25 values. 500 yards of 27-inch lawn and baste embroidery flouncing. This is by far the best offering we have made this season in our embroidery section. Scores of patterns to select from. Dainty floral designs with filet edge, solid work and eyelet effects, etc. Suitable for baby wear, children's dresses and women's wear. Yard, 69c.

At 69c 85c to \$1 values. 36-inch organdy dress embroideries. Designs worked to a depth of 15 inches. Both conventional and floral effects. All white and with colors. Yard, 69c.

At \$2.19 \$2.50 values. 40-inch imported organdy embroidery flouncings that are especially desirable for graduation frocks. These are shown in lovely combinations of filet and elaborate floral patterns. Yard, \$2.19.

AT 15c 20c to 25c values. Narrow edges of Swiss, nainsook and cambric. Embroidery edges, heavy cambric and longcloth, 3 to 6 inches wide. For baby wear, children's undermuslins and women's wear. Cambric embroidery skirtings, 15 inches wide. Yard, 15c.

At 25c 35c to 45c values. Lawn and cambric skirtings, eyelet and blindwork, 17 inches wide. Lawn embroideries with Venise edge, 15 inches wide. Swiss, cambric and nainsook embroideries, 6 to 12 inches wide. Corset cover embroideries, 17 inches wide. Yard, 25c.

8c to 10c Wash Laces 5c
French Val, Filet edges and insertions. Heavy Filet laces. Cotton Torchon and Cluny laces. Barman laces. The widths range from 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches. Good 8c to 10c laces in our annual White Sale at, yard, 5c.
—Lace and Embroidery Shop, Main Floor.

Tomorrow Will Inaugurate Another Memorable Week in Our January Sale of Furniture

In Which We Offer Many Suites and Separate Pieces at **15% to 50% Off**
Living-Room Dining-Room Bedroom Furniture

will be found between these two price reductions as well as samples of **LAMP SHADES** for both table and piano lamps (these in our Furniture Gift Shop, Ninth Floor). Besides, we have 20 new **DAVENPORTS**, made in our own shops, covered in tapestry, damask and velours, very special values at \$49.85 to \$145. On this, as on all other furniture purchased at Meier & Frank's, our most liberal credit offer applies—

"Make Your Own Terms In Reason"
—Furniture Shop, Eighth Floor.

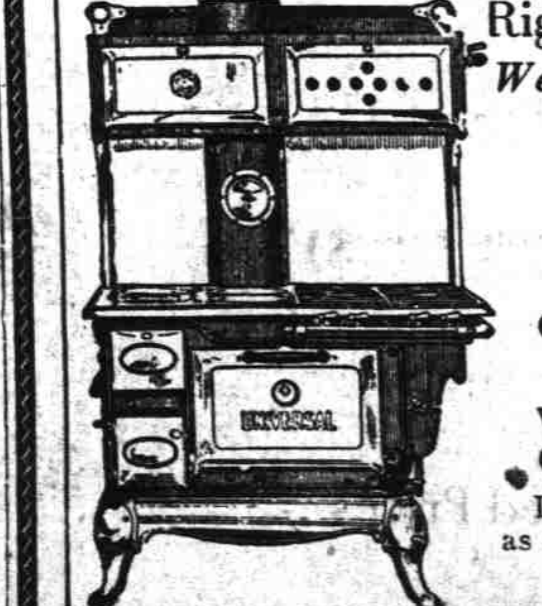
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—Third Floor, Sixth Street.



GREAT WHITE Sale of Undermuslins

What is, in many respects, our greatest White Sale of undermuslins enters on its second week with fresh assortments brought forward from our reserve stocks to insure full supplies of wanted new kinds and styles for those who have left off purchasing until now. To mention a few:

French hand-embroidered combinations tomorrow only **\$2.95**.

A splendid assortment of night gowns, made of excellent quality nainsook, beautifully trimmed with narrow fine Val. and Filet lace and embroidery, tucks and insertions. At **\$3.57**.

Envelope chemise trimmed with Val. and Filet laces, tucks and insertions, many with ribbon over shoulders. Mostly large sizes. At **\$2.95**.

Lingerie petticoats trimmed with fine embroidery and laces, tucks and insertions. Well made, late models. At **\$2.98**.

Gowns of good quality trimmed with embroidery, some lace trimmed, also tucks and insertions. At **98c**.
—Undermuslin Shop, Third Floor.



Wonderful Bargains in Our Needlework Shop

In this limited space it would be impossible to enumerate the savings we offer on stamped needlework. Hundreds of bargains at half price and even less than half our regular low prices. Just a hint of the savings:

- Children's Dresses, 75c values for only 49c
 - Children's Dresses, to 60c values, only 19c
 - Odd Center Pieces, to \$1.00 values, for 39c
 - Bureau Scarfs, regular to 75c values, at 19c
 - Shepherd Yarns, odd balls, to 65c vals. 38c
 - Tea Aprons, to 35c values, special only 23c
 - Bath Towels, to 75c values, special only 45c
 - Huck Towels, to 65c values, special only 29c
 - D. M. C. Perle, assorted colors, 7c values 3c
- Needlework Shop, Second Floor.

Shoes for the Whole Family Reduced

For four days, beginning tomorrow, very special prices will be in effect on good quality shoes taken from our regular stock. All short and discontinued lines of good shoes of every description. Remarkable values, considering present market conditions. Read and profit by these savings:

- SHOES \$4.45**
Women's shoes—patent with black cloth or kid tops. Plain leather with black cloth or kid tops. Dark brown with white nubuck tops. Leather Louis, Cuban, or medium low heels. Lace or button styles.
- SHOES \$3.85**
Men's black shoes, lace or button styles, with leather or rubber soles. English and medium-toe lasts. Nearly all sizes in the lot.
- SHOES 89c**
Children's shoes in plain and patent leathers. Mostly black, but a few in tan. Broken sizes. Sizes 2 1/2 to 5, pair, 89c. Sizes 5 1/2 to 8, pair, \$1.39. Sizes 8 1/2 to 11, pair, \$1.79. Sizes 11 1/2 to 2, pair, \$2.19.
- SHOES \$3.15**
Women's and big girls' shoes. Plain leather with kid or cloth tops. Patent with black kid or cloth tops. High or low leather heels. Lace or button styles.
- STORM BOOTS \$3.15**
Boys' black and tan high-top shoes in a broken line of sizes. Lace styles. These will give the utmost in service at the price.
—Shoe Shop, Third Floor.

