

END OF COAL STRIKE BELIEVED IN SIGHT

NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS IS CURTAILED BY PROCLAMATION ORDERING 9 O'CLOCK CLOSING

Dealers' Coal Supply Completely Exhausted; Mayor Urges Saving; City Schools Will Aid by Readjustment of Hours, Churches May Co-operate by Holding Union Services.

All restaurants, soft drink establishments, pool halls, bowling alleys and pool halls in Pendleton are closing at 9 o'clock, commencing tonight and continuing tomorrow, by proclamation of Mayor John L. Vaughan. Other non-essential places will be closed early in the morning, in the meantime urged by the mayor to be as saving of fuel as possible.

Chief of Police Roberts ordered to see that the closing order is strictly observed during the present emergency and he personally notified affected places of business today. The closing order will hit all eating and drinking places, dances in connection with restaurants, hotel dining rooms, and gaming places.

Motion picture theaters, which close at 10 o'clock, and the Oregon theatre, are not included in today's proclamation. Neither are the business houses or stores curtailed, although the mayor intimated that in a few days such action might be necessary.

"Dealers have no coal whatever," Mayor Vaughan said. "There are but 249 cords of wood on hand in three yards. This supply is diminishing rapidly. The school board has released 25 tons of coal, to be distributed in 500 pound lots."

Dances were not included in the proclamation, although it is highly probable that they will be asked to suspend. Grade schools are aiding in the emergency by cutting the noon hour from 75 to 45 minutes, effective tomorrow. The grades will close at 2:30 instead of 4 o'clock. There are tentative plans for the churches to have union services on Sunday. The high school has offered the auditorium for these services.

The coal situation in Pendleton today is pronounced more acute than at any time since the strike took effect. Zero weather during the night made inroads on the last remaining supply in a number of homes already prepared for the emergency and there are reported cases of persons without fuel and unable to get a new supply.

School district No. 18 announced this morning through H. E. Bickers, clerk, that measures will be taken at once to relieve those in dire need of fuel. The schools have a full winter's supply of coal and from those stocks which are not yet inside the building will be apportioned out coal in 500 pound lots.

Wood Is Poor

No coal has arrived here for general consumption for several days and that which is en route has been ordered weeks in advance. The wood on hand in the city is of poor quality but being sold in small lots so that there will be enough to go around for three weeks.

The Eastern Oregon state hospital is still operating with coal and its supply is about holding its own. A carload of coal is en route but there is no telling when it will arrive. The agent of exchange of the coal supply there, the hospital can burn oil, of which it has one month's reserve supply, according to Dr. W. D. McNary, superintendent. The hospital, however, is in no position to share its fuel, as the school district plans to do.

Trains Held Up

Trains from both east and west are delayed from one to five hours owing to the snow and the difficulty in getting locomotives to steam. Added express business, due to the announcement of trains and the coming holiday season, makes an added burden on trains now running. No. 6, from Portland, was delayed until 8:45 in arriving and No. 19, due at 6:45, arrived at 10 o'clock. No. 18, last evening, was delayed because of the removal of the local No. 2, between Biggs and here. hvch,eyon,lnlow2tr

COUNTRY PLACED UNDER NEW AND DRASTIC REGULATIONS BY FUEL ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—New and drastic fuel regulations are effective under an order which Administrator Garfield issued last night, despite expected termination of the coal strike this afternoon.

Garfield said the order was issued because the coal shortage will continue after the miners return to work. It practically prohibits the use of coal to manufacture heat and light for non-essential industries, but guarantees fuel for homes.

The order provides the coal will be delivered through the railroad administration only to domestic buyers and those who need it to produce necessary foodstuffs. It also provides: Ornamental and unnecessary street lights must be extinguished. Dance halls, cabarets and pool rooms may burn lights only between 7 a. m. and 11 p. m. Offices may burn lights only until 4 p. m. Stores only six hours a day, and factories for the time prescribed for the use of power.

RABBIT POISONING DRIVE LAUNCHED IN WEST END

This morning saw the opening of the rabbit poisoning campaign in the west end of the county, where farmers are putting out \$1000 worth of strychnine, mixed with three and a half tons of hay, as a means of killing the rabbits which menace the wheat fields.

The snowy weather, says Fred Bennion, county agriculture agent who is active in the poisoning campaign, is ideal and Mr. Bennion estimates that each ounce of the poison will kill from 100 to 250 rabbits. When the present supply of poison is exhausted, it is probable that another \$1000 worth will be used. The strychnine is shipped from the U. S. Biological Survey office in Portland.

The Umatilla county court advanced the money for the purchase of the poison, but each farmer pays for a share so that the money is really in the nature of a loan. The poison was mixed at various mixing stations and then distributed.

HIGH SCHOOL CARNIVAL PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

The Athletic Carnival, which comes next Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the high school gymnasium, is the big topic of interest at Pendleton high school this week, as nearly every student is going to take part. The program was completed this morning by Miss Morgan, girls' instructor and Earl E. Fleischman. It is as follows: but is subject to change: Gymnasium 7:30 Basketball, finals of class games first half. Clown stunts. Basketball second half. Boys' military march. Wall scaling. Introduction of new color marching song. Assembly 8:15. The circus clown. A Spanish dance. Patter wrapping contest. Comedy. Pillow fight from gym nurse. The highland fling. Boxing match. 3 rounds. Girls' vaudeville. "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Battle royal wrestling. Finale: Pyramine, featuring Esther East as "Liberty." The general public is invited to attend this carnival. The admission price for adults is 50 cents. Many weeks of preparation have been put on the affair and it promises to be interesting.

Will Remodel Dwelling.

A permit for the remodeling of a dwelling was issued today to L. C. Arburn. The estimated cost is \$200.

GRIDIRON WILL BECOME OPEN-AIR SKATING RINK; "NAT" MAY FOLLOW SUIT

First steps toward making the Pendleton high school football field into a big open-air ice skating rink were taken today when the field was sprayed with water. When this freezes more water will be let in and the work will continue until the depth of the ice reaches a foot.

Flooding the Round-Up park, say Round-Up officials, was proved to be impractical when the plan was tried in the past. In spite of all efforts and the expenditure of considerable money by the Round-Up board, the scheme failed because the cold snap did not last. It was discovered that great care was necessary when attempting to flood the arena with water, as the seepage was great.

Skating enthusiasts also recommend that the natatorium be filled and the water allowed to freeze. The small size of the natatorium as a skating rink is the principal objection heard to this

FAILURE OF U.S. DOES NOT ALTER ALLIED DEMANDS

Stiff Front Maintained by Nations in Supreme Council, Yet Notes Regarded as Meeting Enemy Objections.

GERMAN DELEGATE SAYS NO U. S. AID EXPECTED

Britain is Credited in London With Responsibility for Attitude Finally Adopted; France Favored Ultimatum.

By HENRY WOOD (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The allies today present a stiff front in their demand that Germany accept the peace treaty protocol. Both British and Italian delegates received notifications from their government that they stand ready to execute the prescribed penalties should the Germans refuse to sign.

There is a feeling of confidence in both Paris and London that Germany will sign. It is believed the Germans have concluded that failure of the United States to ratify the treaty has not put the allies in a position where they are forced to back down on the original demands. A distinct softening in the German attitude is apparent.

Concession Apparent.

"We have no false hopes over the situation in Washington," one member of the German delegation admitted today.

He intimated that Germany's attitude concerning the protocol was never based upon hope that the United States would come into a breach in behalf of the German republic.

"We know that Senator Lodge is not a friend of Germany," the delegate admitted.

Objections Considered

The allies' demand in notes delivered to the German delegation yesterday considered in partial meeting of the German objections and voting of the complete determination of the allies to stand by their course of justice, no matter how harsh it may be to the Germans.

The Cava Flow note, which agreed to submit this matter to the preparation committee in a "spirit of equity" is regarded as a partial concession to Germany. The return of German war prisoners, however, is denied. This being one of Germany's biggest complaints. The allied demand for surrender of German guilty of crimes against the rules of civilized warfare was also renewed.

TEEL PROJECT DISPLAY HAS BEEN CALLED OFF

The celebration planned by the Echo Commercial club for Wednesday to show the people of Umatilla county over the Teel project lands, was called off today, according to telephone word from Fred George, president of the club. The curtailment of train service, together with the wintry weather, is responsible.

There was no definite date set for the celebration, but Mr. George said that it would not be held until spring. It was planned to show visitors over the Hermiston, Stanfield and Teel lands, provide them with a luncheon at Echo and hold a meeting with addresses in the afternoon.

Mail Again Carried on No. 17

Since the withdrawal of trains No. 20 and 21, a mail car is again being carried in westbound No. 17. This service permits of the mailing of letters at the depot until the arrival of No. 17, where previously it carried only closed pouch mail.

Daughter Here From Portland

Miss Gladys Irene Brownfield arrived here from Portland on No. 12 yesterday afternoon to be with her father, C. W. Brownfield, who is in St. Anthony's hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

SNOW BLANKET FALLS ON NORTHERN OREGON, LOGGING WORK STOPS

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—Portland awoke this morning to find a three-inch blanket of snow covering the ground, and the temperature at 7 a. m. above zero. The snow is local, being confined to northern Oregon and southwestern Washington.

Logging operations have been suspended in various parts of the state, due to the blizzard. Some of Portland's shipyards are closed for the same reason.

There are six inches of snow at Salem, three at Astoria, seven at St. Helens and five at Albany.

19 Below at Denver.

DENVER, Dec. 9.—It is 19 degrees below zero here today during the fourth cold wave to strike Colorado within six weeks. Telegraph and telephone service between Denver and the outside world is seriously crippled, due to the snapping of wires from extreme cold. Some trains are stalled due to storm conditions in the east.

West Slope Shivers.

The western slope today reported an extremely heavy snowfall with subzero temperatures. Heavy snow and low temperatures are reported from the Rocky mountain states, generally, extending southward into New Mexico and Eastward into Nebraska and Kansas. It is predicted the cold spell will last another day.

SLIGHT COLLISIONS AND TUMBLES ARE FREQUENT

Sureness of foot and of wheel took flight with the heavy snowfall of last night and today and as a result frequent falls and slight collisions of vehicles were reported. So far as known, no serious injury has resulted, however.

W. J. Clark, hardware dealer, fell and dislocated his elbow this morning and had it set at the hospital. Several other persons bruised their knees and got rough jobs by falling to the pavement while crossing glass skylights in the walks.

Harry Forshaw's head was cut in a collision between his machine and one of Pendleton Brothers' trucks at the corner of West Court and Aura streets at 5 last evening. He was not badly injured but was obliged to remain at home all of this morning. His two sisters in the car with him were uninjured. The left side of the car was badly bent.

A car belonging to the Oregon bakery collided with the James Johns machine at Alta and Court streets last evening, due to skidding of the delivery machine. No one was hurt.

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES SPECIAL SESSION FOR ACCIDENT ADJUSTMENT

Members of Commission Advise Executive That Present Low Rates of Compensation are Inadequate for Needs.

SALEM, Dec. 9.—Governor Olcott today announced that he will issue a call for a special session of the legislature to be convened on the second Monday in January, 1920.

His decision to call a special session at this time was reached, he asserts, after he had been informed by members of the state industrial accident commission that the present low rates of compensation are inadequate to meet the needs of injured workmen who have families dependent upon them for support.

Many Complaints.

The governor was advised by the commission that a large number of complaints are being received from that department from the injured workmen who are dependent upon their compensation allowance for meeting living expenses while they are incapacitated for work. These workmen say it is impossible for them to meet the bare living costs with the compensation allowed.

In addition, the commission's investigation discloses the fact that many leading employers, who are contributing to the industrial accident fund, are satisfied that the rates of compensation are too low and should be increased.

Employers Add to Fund.

It has also been found that a situation exists where a great number of large employers are so well satisfied of the inadequacy of the compensation rates that they are supplementing out of their own funds the compensation payments.

"In conjunction with the members of the industrial accident commission, I have given much thought and study to the difficulties and hardships which are being endured by injured workmen who come under the compensation act," said the governor.

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