

COAL FAMINE FAST SPREADS OVER COUNTRY

Officials Resort To Drastic Measures To Conserve Rapidly Diminishing Reserve Supply Throughout East.

By the United Press.
The coal famine, becoming hourly more serious in the central west, today began to make itself felt in other parts of the country.

All electric display advertising was ordered discontinued in the Philadelphia district, extending from St. Louis eastward to New York and southward to the Potomac.

In New York, curtailment of subway and elevated service and discontinuance of heating of cars on those lines was contemplated.

Officials continued their fight to conserve fuel in the west. Three regional railway directors meeting in Chicago decided to cut all passenger service between that city and the Pacific coast one-third, beginning Monday.

Illinois Stores Closed.
The Illinois public utilities commission ordered retail stores and factories in that state not to open before 9 a. m. the former to close at 4 p. m. and the latter at 3:30 o'clock.

Governor Allen of Kansas intimated that volunteers may be called to replace railway switchmen who refused to handle coal dug by volunteer miners.

Governor Robertson of Oklahoma has declared martial law in four counties to prevent interference with state mining operations.

Operators in Washington submitted to Fuel Administrator Garfield new wage scale embodying a slight increase over the 14 per cent suggested by the fuel administration.

PASSENGER SERVICE TO BE CUT ON TRAINS FROM CHICAGO WEST

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Passenger train service on all western railroads from Chicago to the Pacific coast will be cut one-third beginning Monday, December 8.

This action was decided upon here today at a conference of the three western regional directors—J. H. Ashton, northwestern region; Halie Holden, central western region, and B. F. Bush, southwestern region.

The reduction will effect a one-third cut in train miles, the number of trains eliminating varying with local conditions.

No Special Trains.
No special trains are to be run for business or pleasure traffic. No second sections or regular trains are allowed. Overflow traffic must wait for later trains. No parlor or lounge cars may be used.

Appeals through advertisements in all large cities in the district included in the order will ask the public to refrain from all unnecessary traveling.

The order does not affect mail and express trains except in preventing additional trains to take care of holiday traffic.

Tourist Travel Hit.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 4.—Curtailment of train service from the east to the Pacific coast comes at the height of the heaviest tourist rush to southern California in history.

Already hotels are full almost to overflowing and have reservations weeks ahead.

The Santa Fe had announced that it had reservations from the east sold out in sufficient volume for December to require a two section train every day excepting Christmas and the two days preceding. Practically all trains from the east have been running in two and three sections throughout November.

Explosive Elements In Mexican Situation Bring Ultimate Intervention Preceptibly Closer And Endanger Lives Of Americans

United Press Staff Correspondent.
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 4.—There are explosive elements in the Mexican situation today bringing ultimate intervention preceptibly closer and endangering the lives of thousands of Americans in Mexico. The factors pressing onward to a real crisis between the nations are:

1.—The Fall committee's investigation of Mexico's relations with this country. At hearings scheduled in El Paso, Los Angeles and other cities in addition to evidence the committee will make public, Senator Fall is expected to make good his threat to "astound the world." Interventionists count heavily on the committee's publicity to strengthen their position with the public.

Arms Being Bought.
2.—Enormous shipments of arms and ammunition are reported being planned in Spain for the Carranza government. Attempts to purchase these supplies in Belgium were blocked by the state department in Washington through pressure brought on the Belgian government. It is charged, Carranza is expected to be more successful in Spain. Another sequel like the Vera Cruz occupation in 1914, is similarly caused, may follow.

3.—The Jenkins case. This issue is Fall's resolution in congress to sever diplomatic relations with Mexico, the border today figuratively rang with rumors that the marines would "go in" and get Jenkins and that the war department's plans for invading Mexico were expected to reach headquarters here today so preparations could be made, were products of the rumor factory.

The only visible unusual activity in the border army was arrival of a number of army automobile mechanics who started work of cleaning out carbons in the motors of camouflaged tanks here.

Weather Forecast

Tonight and Friday fair.
Maximum 28.
Minimum 19.
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PARTY SCRAP IS EXPECTED OVER REVENUE LAWS

Agreement Of Administration And Republican Congress Ends With Common Belief In Reed Of Revision.

Washington, Dec. 4.—A new contest between the democratic administration and the republican congress over revision of revenue laws was apparently approaching today. Both administration and congressional leaders agree there must be revision to meet record peace time expenditures but agreement ends there.

Secretary of the Treasury Glass, backed by President Wilson, wants a revision started at once.

Republican leaders say it will not be done at this session of congress.

Excess Tax Opposed.

Glass wants excess profits taxes abolished and an increase in the normal income tax rate and the sur-tax rate on intermediate incomes. Republican leaders say they are doubtful about raising sufficient revenue if this is done. The revenue bill for 1920 was enacted at the last session of the sixty-fifth congress. Glass contends that the present session should frame a bill for 1921 so that business will know in advance what taxes it will have to pay.

There is a tradition that the party which frames a revenue measure just before election faces badly at the hands of the voters, but congressional leaders deny they have this possibility in mind in delaying.

Brains Penalized—Glass.

Glass in his annual report to congress declared the excess profits tax "encourages wasteful expenditure, puts a premium on over-capitalization and a penalty on brains." He also points up that it is a part of the blame for high prices.

"I do not think the ways and means committee is likely to follow this suggestion," was Representative Green's answer to Glass. Green, next to Chairman Fordney, is ranking member of the committee.

"There are many objectionable features connected with the excess profits tax but the reduction in rates will mitigate its application," Green continued.

"It has one merit that only those who are making a high profit pay it."

Green Opposes Plan.

To make up for loss through abolition of the profits tax Glass suggested a rate in the normal income tax rate and a raise in the sur-tax rate on medium sized incomes.

To this Green says:
"It would be extremely difficult to obtain the amount produced by the excess profits tax from incomes. It is well known that the multi-millionaires are already transferring their holdings to tax exempt securities. I think the same result would follow if we undertook to raise intermediate rates as suggested by the secretary's report."

Illinois Stores Ordered To Shorten Business Hours

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 4.—The Illinois public utilities commission today ordered all retail stores in the state, with a few exceptions, to open for business at 9 a. m. and close at 4 p. m. The order is effective today. Factories will open at 9 a. m. and close at 3:30 p. m. in the effort to save coal.

As Others Are Doing

SALEM, in presenting the proposal to raise the salaries of teachers in its public schools, to the taxpayers at a special election to be held next Monday, December 8, is but following the lead of other progressive communities throughout the country.

Salem is following the lead of others in this effort to give teachers a living wage. Many states established large increases last year: New Mexico gave 30 to 40 per cent increases; Colorado, 20 per cent; Arizona, 25 per cent; South Dakota, 20 per cent; Oklahoma, 15 per cent; many counties in Wyoming have minimums of \$900 and \$1,000. Cities, last year, gave large flat increases and without exception raised their minimums. Butte, Montana has a minimum of \$1,200, has given each teacher \$400 increase since 1917, and last year gave each teacher a \$100 bonus in addition. San Jose, California has a minimum of \$1,200, and last year granted a flat sum of \$500 per teacher. Fresno, California has a grade minimum of \$1,050, and last year gave a flat bonus of \$250. Blackfoot, Nampa, and Pocatello, Idaho, have declared \$1,100 minimums. Walla Walla, Washington, has minimum of \$850, and gave this year \$200 bonus.

Salem's minimum is \$765.

Presence of Santa Claus In Home of Every Kiddie Promised by Cherrians

Santa Claus will come to every child in Salem this Christmas. The Cherrians have invited him; and will see to it that he leaves some sort of present in every little girl or boy's stocking the day before Christmas. The Cherrians have arranged for him to bring some candy, or maybe a handsome toy—anyhow, each kiddie will know that he has come, and no youngster in the city will be sorrowful on Christmas day because old St. Nick did not come.

Escorts Are Named.

King Bing Clarke today named a Christmas cheer committee that will act as escort to Santa Christmas eve. The men are: J. F. Hutchinson, John Todd, W. J. Staley, F. E. Tillingham and Frank Deekbach.

And Salem will have a big Christmas tree this year. It will stand brightly illuminated on the court house square. The committee of Cherrians in charge of this feature of the Christmas celebration, (Doc) H. C. Epley, Lee Uruh and Earnest Kaphan, will provide a program. It is understood.

Xmas Cheer Everywhere.

That, with the gorgeous decorations the Business Men's League plan to place on the downtown streets, will make Salem one of the most beautifully garbed cities during the Christmas holidays. Big electric lighted bells will hang at the intersections of the principal streets in the business section of the city; and the lamp posts will be draped with smelly, shining evergreen boughs. And in each shop window a holly wreath will hang. Several merchants have announced their intention of making elaborate window decorations.

Burning Ear Corn.

Ear corn was reported burned for fuel in some parts of Kansas and Nebraska.

Reports today stated that the entire Calumet steel district would close down Saturday if fresh supplies of coal are not received in Missouri today planned to try its hand at running the coal mines, following the example set by Governor Henry Allen of Kansas. Strip mines in Barton county have been seized by Governor Gardner.

PALMER READY WITH EVIDENCE IN STRIKE CASE

Attorney General Puts Data Against Miners Into Shape For Trial; 84 Leaders Are Sought On Bench Warrants.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 4.—A federal grand jury has been called for next Monday morning to investigate charges that coal operators are in league with miners in a conspiracy to violate the Lever act. District Attorney L. Ert Slack announced today.

Washington, Dec. 4.—(United Press)—Attorney General Palmer today had a great mass of evidence in connection with activities of leaders in the coal strike.

Assisted by C. G. Ames, assistant attorney general, Palmer is sorting the evidence for use Tuesday when leaders of the United Mine Workers will go before Federal Judge Anderson in Indianapolis, charged with contempt of court.

Ames May Handle Case.

Ames probably will leave here Sunday for Indianapolis to direct the government's side of the case. This has not yet been settled, however. Presentation of the government's case may be left to Dan W. Shums, of Lafayette, Ind., special United States district attorney.

If Ames remains here it will be because his presence is needed to take charge of the collection of additional evidence officials said today.

Special agents of the justice department were stationed in and near every coal field. These men have been at work since November 8. They have crowded several files at the head of office here with the story of the activities of local miners' leaders, not yet made public. It is understood to be a most exact description of the daily lives of the leaders.

84 Leaders Sought.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 4.—Bench warrants were being sent throughout the country today for the arrest of 84 leaders of the United Mine Workers charged with violation of the government's anti-strike injunction. The technical charge is criminal contempt of court.

John Lewis, acting president of the miners was to appear before United States Marshal Mark Stoen today to answer a \$10,000 bond.

The leaders who were to accompany Lewis to Stoen's office and take the same action were: William E. Green, secretary-treasurer; Ellis Scalet, editor of the *Miner*; Edward Stewa, president of the Indiana district; and William Mitch, secretary for Indiana.

MAN AND GIRL HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE PERMITTED TO WED

if sufficient witnesses that she is old enough can be procured, and it has been established that they have been in this city long enough to obtain a marriage license, Earl West, 20, and Pearl Chevinger, whom authorites here believe to be about 19 years old, will be permitted to marry, and the charges of white slavery pending against West, and the charge of lewd cohabitation held against the pair, will be dropped. This was announced today by Judge Uruh, of justice court, after a careful investigation of the status of the couple.

According to West's story to Judge Uruh, he and the girl ran away from Morton, Wash., coming to this state with a view of getting married, after her parents had displayed opposition to the wedding. He made repeated attempts to get witnesses here, but he claimed, he was unable to do this they lived as man and wife in a local rooming house until such time that they would be able to get married. All the time, he claims, his intentions were good, and at no time did he think of bringing the girl here for evil purposes.

It developed this morning that Mrs. Mary H. Rucker who resides at 2305 Broadway street, is an aunt of the girl.

The matter of Miss Chevinger's age, that is delaying the marriage, was brought about, she claims, by her parents misinforming her as to her correct age. At one time, she claims, they told her that she was 18; and when West expressed his wish to marry her, they told her that she was only 16.

She was out on \$300 bail today, and Miss Chevinger had been permitted to return to the rooming house. During the two weeks that they have been in this city, West has been working for a local contractor.

DECISION ON STATE POWERS UNDER BEAN BARRETT ACT ASKED

In an effort to secure a court interpretation as to what extent the state board of control may go under the authority of the Bean-Barrett act of 1917 in meeting the federal appropriation for post and forest projects a petition in mandamus was filed this morning with the supreme court by J. M. Devers, assistant attorney general, representing the state highway commission.

Prior to 1917 the federal government appropriated funds for post and forest road construction under which the state of Oregon was entitled to \$1,148,955 available for post and forest roads in Oregon up to June 30, 1921.

With a view to taking advantage of this appropriation the state highway commission recently requested the state board of control to issue an additional \$1,000,000 worth of Bean-Barrett bonds.

This request was denied by the board on the grounds that the amount requested was in excess of the amount remaining unappropriated under the authorization of 1917. The state highway commission contends, however, that it is the intention of the Bean-Barrett act that the state shall meet within the state made available by the federal government, and it is with a view to testing out this contention that the action in mandamus is instituted today.

Wilson Sends Nomination Of Alexander To Senate

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson sent to the senate today the nomination of Representative Joshua Willis Alexander, Missouri, to be secretary of commerce to succeed William C. Redfield, who resigned.

Other nominations sent to the senate were:
To be receivers of public moneys: Jas. E. Clark, at Lemmon, S. D.; William K. McMurry at Hannibal, Mo.

To be registers at Miles City, Mont.; Wm. W. Myers at Cheyenne, Wyo.; and Ben R. Gray at Halley, Idaho.

SENATE TAKES INTERVENTION PROPOSALS UP

Foreign Relations Committee Begins Consideration of Fall Resolution to Sever Relations with Mexico

Washington, Dec. 4.—Beginning consideration of Senator Fall's resolution directing the president to sever diplomatic relations with Mexico, the senate foreign relations committee today questioned Henry P. Fletcher, United States ambassador to Mexico, its first witness.

Meanwhile, the state department waited for a reply to its second note requesting immediate release of W. O. Jenkins, American consular agent jailed at Puebla. So far as this government knows, Jenkins is still in prison. Propaganda Charged.

Questioning of Fletcher followed a long statement by Fall, in which he laid before the committee evidence which he said proved that Carranza is back of a propaganda system in this country comparable in extent and viciousness to the German efforts before America's entrance into the war. Fall told the committee that in his opinion, this is warrant for the election of the United States of all Mexican diplomatic and consular agents and for withdrawal of American officials from Mexico.

Fletcher testified before the committee in secret session. Members were reticent concerning his testimony. Senator Hitchcock offered the committee a substitute for the Fall resolution, providing that if President Wilson should see fit to break diplomatic relations with Carranza, congress would back him up.

The committee did not vote on either the Fall resolution or the Hitchcock substitute.

Lansing to Testify.

Secretary Lansing was asked to appear this afternoon. The committee recessed until 2:30 without taking action.

Following the session, Hitchcock stated "there was considerable diversity of opinion" in the committee.

The president is directed to use the army and navy to force settlement of claims held by American citizens against Mexico should that government refuse to participate in a joint commission to liquidate claims in a provision of a joint resolution offered by Senator King, democrat, Utah. The resolution was referred to the foreign relations committee.

The resolution provides that the United States shall request the Mexican government to join in creating a joint commission to consider and settle all claims raised against the Mexican government for damage to property of American citizens. Should Mexico decline to participate the resolution provides that the president appoint a commission of eleven Americans to include army officials and civilians, which shall consider such claims and decide the terms of settlement.

BECKETT LOSES CHAMPIONSHIP THRU KNOCKOUT

Colburn Stadium, London, Dec. 4.—George Carpentier won the European heavyweight championship here tonight.

The Frenchman stopped Joe Beckett, British title holder, in the first round of a scheduled 20-round bout with a knockout.

The sudden termination of the match dumfounded the great audience that filled the stadium.

The applause that greeted the men when they went to the center for the first round seemed barely to have died away when it was over.

Carpentier's remarkable victory, it was generally accepted, earned for him the right to meet Jack Dempsey for the heavyweight championship of the world.

Beckett was helpless before the Frenchman's speed.

MAN WHO CLAIMS TO BE MURDERER SENT TO ASYLUM

William Rignin, sent up from Yamhill county in 1915 for from one to seven years for larceny and who insists that he is the man who murdered William Booth of Hillsboro in 1914 for which crime William Branson is serving a life term and Mrs. Anna Booth, wife of the murdered man, is serving a sentence of from one to fifteen years, was transferred from the state prison to the state hospital for the insane today. His transfer is the result of continued evidence of insanity on the part of the prisoner which is said to have antedated his incarceration and for repeated threats of violence against his fellow inmates.

Rignin was first sentenced to the state prison May 21, 1905, from Josephine county for three years for burglary. At that time he was 23 years of age but his previous record contains several commitments to the state reform school for minor infractions of the law.

Confessed Murderer.

At the time of his second commitment to the state prison, Circuit Judge Belt expressed the opinion that Rignin was weak mentally and perhaps should be in the insane asylum instead of the penitentiary.

On May 19, 1917, Rignin was taken from the state prison to aid in clearing up a safe and postoffice robbery at Hillsboro. On his way to the scene of the crime he is said to have told the sheriff that he knew what he was wanted for and to have told of his connection with the murder of William Booth who he claimed to have shot down in cold blood. His story is said to have gone so far as to indicate to officials and others the exact spot on which the crime was committed as well as other details. All the details of his story are said to have tallied exactly with the circumstances surrounding the crime. Rignin is said to have repeatedly insisted on the truth of the confession made at that time.

Others Pay for Crime.

Both Branson and Mrs. Booth, wife of the murdered man, who were convicted of the crime to which Rignin confesses, have steadily maintained their innocence.

Rignin is said to have confessed to complicity in the murder of the Hill family in Multnomah county several years ago in which an entire family was wiped out, the murderer terribly mutilating the bodies of his victims with an axe. In his confession of his connection with this crime Rignin is said to have told of remaining on watch outside the home while another man committed the murder. For this he claims to have received \$100 according to a statement made by his father who describes the son as a "bad man."

Danger Of Another "Flu" Epidemic Fading, Report

Washington, Dec. 4.—Danger of another influenza epidemic is gradually fading, reports to the public health service indicated today.

The government, however, will continue its fight against the disease until it is under control. Surgeon General Hilo of the public health service said today.

Oregon City, Or., Dec. 4.—Robbers entered the Farmers bank at Wilsonville, Or., near here last night and carried off 75 safe deposit boxes, but returned nothing of value. All money and valuables in the boxes had been removed some time ago to the vault, which the thieves didn't touch.