

INDUSTRIES OF COUNTRY FACE SHUTDOWN NOW

Sweeping Curtailment of Passenger Traffic Now Expected.

Chicago Packers Can Operate Only Two Weeks More.

WAR RATIONING SPREADS

Chicago & Northwestern Latest Railway To Be Put on List.

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Chicago, Nov. 21.—The increasing coal shortage had begun today to menace additional industries and threaten slightly the nation's food supply, with the further prospect of a sweeping curtailment of passenger traffic within twenty-four hours.

As the 425,000 bituminous coal miners rounded out three weeks of idleness, it became known that a statement here by the regional coal committee that he big Chicago packing plants "have about two weeks' supply" of coal left and that "when they have used that the committee will not be able to release any coal to them."

The immediate future of the steel industry today was causing concern, according to one Pennsylvania manufacturer. In the Chicago district the Corn Products company announced

suspension of plants at Pekin and Argo, Ill. The regional coal committee indicated it expected shutdowns during the next ten days unless production on a large scale was resumed. Walker D. Kines, federal director general of railroads, announced it became known today that he would lay the facts of the coal situation before the cabinet, so that he might be relieved of any personal responsibility for curtailment of industry. In keeping with that, many of the federal railroad managers here said they expected sweeping reductions in the number of passenger trains within 24 hours.

Little change was apparent at the mines today, indications pointing to no increase in production.

Operators Take First Step.

Action of the operators at Washington in offering the miners an increase of 15 cents a ton for coal mined and 20 per cent increase for day workers, while being regarded by the miners' leaders as of no consequence as a forward step in the negotiations with the Washington authorities with optimism. More practical negotiating was expected to follow that concrete offer. Governors of all states possessing bituminous mines today had telegrams from Governor Harding of Iowa, suggesting concerted action to take over the mines and grant the workers a substantial increase pending the result of the joint wage conference at Washington. In Colorado, where a second strike had been called for today an order restraining the district officials from putting it into effect was in force.

Now strikes in the New River field of West Virginia were reported spreading, however.

The week's supply ration for Chicago and the northeastern region, which extends to the Pacific coast, was in effect today. This followed an order placing the southern states east of the Mississippi river on a ration basis which limited purchases for home use to one ton.

K. C. Supply Nearly Gone.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 21.—Two hundred and fifty users of light and power have been requested to close factories and stores or reduce operation during peak hours, to conserve the fast diminishing coal supply.

Three Kansas conference football games played Thursday afternoon had no particular bearing on the title race except that Pittsburg Normal kept itself in a position to grab the laurel if College of Emporia loses to Kansas Normal Turkey day.

The Pittsburgers played the heavy Friends' eleven and managed to come out of the scrimmage one point in the lead. This kept them in the 1,000 per cent class.

A football conference standing is considered the result of the games Thursday did not change the standing of the teams to any great extent. Southwestern by virtue of its victory over the Swedes of Bethany raised its percentage from 71.4 to 75.0, putting it on a par with St. Mary's for fourth place. Bethany by losing lost a percentage of .65 points, going into the 333 class along with Friends.

The single other change resulting from Thursday's battles was a loss of fifty percentage points by Kansas Wesleyan, which leaves Kansas Wesleyan in the standing and drops Wesleyan to thirteenth.

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