

FEDERAL PROBE OF TOPEKA FUEL PRICES IS ASKED

Hopkins Would Stage Bout Between Willard and Robertson. Declares Former Prize Fighter Profiteering in Wood.

BREAKS LEVER LAW, CHARGE HACKNEY URGES WASHINGTON TO INVESTIGATE OIL PRICES.

Increased From \$1.45 to \$4 a Barrel Here, He Asserts.

The department of justice was today asked to investigate Jess Willard's wood prices and the increase in the price of fuel oil.

Richard J. Hopkins, attorney general, posed a matchmaker for a finish fight between the federal government and Jess Willard, former world heavyweight champion and alleged wood profiteer.

Under the Lever act hitting in the clutches of the federal government, Hopkins alleged that the former square ring fighter has smashed the public several times in dealing on the wood market.

Above Commission's Prices. The letter sent to the district attorney points out that Willard has asked \$1.50 a cord for wood from his farm.

It is the desire of Hopkins as fight promoter to stage a finish contest between the United States district attorney's office and Jess Willard.

McNeill said today, after his investigation, that he estimated Willard's income from the wood business at \$100 an acre.

Ed T. Hackney, of the state fair-price committee, also made a report to the department of justice.

WOMEN MAKE PROTEST

Prominent New York Women Want Clearance for Ships to Russia.

New York, Dec. 12.—Scores of prominent New York women mobilized in lower Broadway this morning for a noon invasion of Wall street in protest against the United States government's refusal to issue clearance papers to vessels for Russian ports.

JNO. D. GETTING POORER

New York, Dec. 12.—John D. Rockefeller, Sr., has sworn off his personal tax assessment in New York City from \$5,000,000 to \$1,000,000.

STOPPED TRAIN; SAVED BOY

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 12.—The Chesapeake & Ohio passenger train No. 25 arrived in Louisville last night fifteen minutes late, but John Calvins, engineer, apparently soothed the anger of the Louisville officials with a report that he "stopped the train just outside of Frankfort, Ky., to save the life of a boy who had fallen in an 'ice' pond."

KEEP FUEL BAN ON FIRM STAND BY

Won't Even Modify Topeka Law, Commissioners Say. Three Weeks Before Conditions Completely Relieved Here.

COMMITTEE IS PESSIMISTIC Forecast Kansas City Will Have to Return Lid.

Santa Fe Releases Extra Cars to Aid in Local Crisis.

Thirteen cars of coal were released to Topeka today by the Missouri Pacific railroad upon orders received from the regional director at St. Louis to release all coal.

The city fuel ban will not be lifted or even tilted, was the sentiment prevailing at the city hall late this afternoon. The fuel situation is too serious to even consider removing the restrictions, city officials believe.

At the Chamber of Commerce today two of the city commissioners, Standard and Moffett, met with the citizens' coal committee to get Chairman Dudley's report on the situation outside of Topeka.

The situation in the Kansas coal fields is badly muddled, according to the operator. He says "it is up to the men back to work, they will return at once; if he says stay out, they will be correspondingly obedient."

Relief for industries was seen in a wire received at the governor's office from W. M. Corbett, superintendent of the Kansas City railway terminal, that ten cars of Arkansas slack had been delivered to the Union Pacific consigned to Governor Allen.

The coal promised from Pittsburg, for domestic use, has not been received. Upon the Santa Fe railroad, the fuel situation is apparently depends the salvation of the city for cars being released by the Santa Fe.

Economic measures must be redoubled if the city is to be saved from severe suffering, he warned.

Another dealer was appealed to for some coal by a woman with several children. There was no fuel in the house.

TO PREVENT GOBBLING

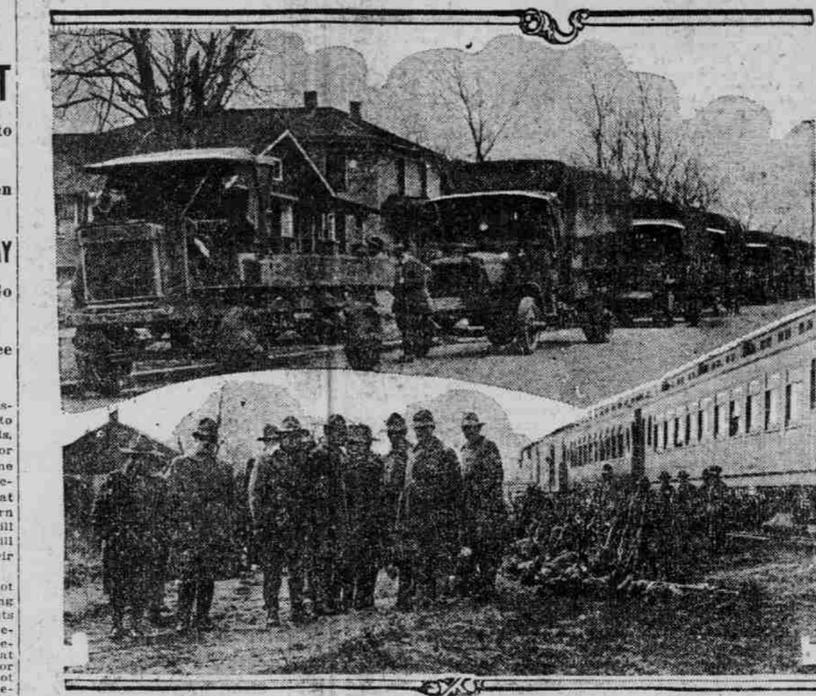
Senator Would Charge Extra Postage on Extra Size Papers.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senator Jones, New Mexico, today introduced a bill to restrict use of newspaper paper by making the postal rates on newspapers of more than 24 pages five times the present rate.

WRESTLED TO DRAW DECISION

Oskaloosa, Iowa, Dec. 12.—Johnny Meyers, middleweight champion and Paul Prehn, challenger wrestled two hours to a draw here last night.

TOPEKA TROOPS AT PITTSBURG



Army trucks bringing in supplies in Pittsburg, Kan., district and Company H of Topeka of Fourth regiment, detrainning at Pittsburg.

GARFIELD IS OUT

Cannot Agree With President on Strike Solution. Sees Chance for Public Being Made Goat.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The resignation of Dr. H. A. Garfield as fuel administrator tapered last night, was forwarded to President Wilson this morning by Secretary Tumulty.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 12.—Labor leaders estimated close to 30 per cent of the union workers in western Pennsylvania coal fields returned to their tasks today.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 12.—Miners in the Ohio coal fields were returning to work today in increasing numbers.

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 12.—Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas miners, will arrive in Pittsburg at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 12.—Every miner in the Hartford district returned to work this morning, according to reports from the state.

MAY PLAY FRESHMEN TO RECOGNIZE IRELAND

Kansas Athletic Conference in Topeka for 1920 Schedules.

An effort was to be made today to permit all schools in the Kansas conference to play freshmen on varsity athletic teams.

HOUSE COMMITTEE HOLDS HEARING ON NEW DIPLOMATIC VENTURE.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Hearings on a bill providing for a diplomatic venture between the United States and Ireland was set for today by the house foreign affairs committee.

LOSS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS REPORTED BY BRITISH FIRMS.

New York, Dec. 12.—Loss of millions of dollars on cured pork products as a result of purchases by British firms in excess of what British ships, labor, docks, harbors and warehouses could handle efficiently, confronts the British ministry of foods, according to a statement of the Institute of American Meat Packers today.

MINERS ARE RETURNING

Only in Scattering Localities Are the Union Men Refusing to Obey New "Strike-Off" Order.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 12.—Practically all union coal miners of Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma will find their places at the mines today.

Miners in this district are expected to return to work today following meetings held by all local last night, when it was voted to abide by the Indianapolis decision.

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SNOW, ZERO AGAIN

Ten Degrees Below Saturday Morning, Flora Predicts.

Below zero weather will prevail in all parts of Kansas tonight. Snow, in advance of the cold wave began falling in Topeka shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, and continued this afternoon.

COAL PILES TO DWINDLE AGAIN

Tonight Under Storm Lash.

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Temperatures ranging from possibly a degree or two above zero to about ten degrees below, accompanied by snow, to prevail through the entire state tonight, were announced this morning by S. D. Flora, state meteorologist.

NATION'S FUEL SUPPLY MELTING AWAY TOO RAPIDLY.

Disaster Feared if Production Is Not Increased at Once.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The general fuel situation and restrictions on the use of coal were under review today by the central coal committee to determine whether more drastic conservation measures were necessary.

CANADA SHIPS GOLD

To Check Depreciation of Exchange. Sends \$10,000,000 to New York.

New York, Dec. 12.—The Canadian government is shipping \$10,000,000 gold to this city, it was announced today, for the purpose of meeting obligations here and also to check the depreciation in Montreal exchange.

OPERATORS BALK WON'T LIFT BAN ON NATION UNTIL MINERS GET BUSY

Declare President's Solution of Strike No Solution. Pennsylvania Mine Owners Say Wilson "Butted In."

Garfield's Efforts Would Have Had Complete Success. One Illinois Operator Won't Open Mine to Miners.

Washington, Dec. 12.—While accepting the government's proposal for the settlement of the bituminous coal strike, mine operators of the eastern Pennsylvania district declared in a statement today that the "settlement is no settlement at all of the principles at stake in the controversy" and that "it is merely a postponement of a showdown which in our opinion is bound to come."

Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois miners, said today that while several locals of the U. M. W. A. had protested against the terms of the settlement, he expected the majority of miners to be back at work by Monday.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—General increase in production of bituminous coal today, was indicated by reports from all coal fields in some sections, principally Illinois, however.

Other instances of deferred resumption of the Pittsburgh district where union leaders continued officially to notify the owners of coal fields in West Virginia where new operators were countered because of the old question of the "check off" system.

Amplifying the resolution the operators' statement said the miners strike was in direct violation of a wage contract, and that the present settlement left them free to violate any other contracts they may make to take its place.

The public under the form of settlement adopted in the strike, was in any time to the discomfort and distress through which it is now passing, it was added.

Most sections would be fortified against it by renewal of coal supplies. It was believed that the strike would be a central competitive field, where there was little or no output yesterday, an upward swing in output in favor of a quick return to normal was indicated in reports and statements of union leaders and virtually all mines, except the Illinois district.

In the southwest, Kansas was the only state where it seemed doubtful that operations would begin. The miners in Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas were reported ready to return to work today.

The Kansas situation depended upon the outcome of a conference at Pittsburg today between the governor and Alexander M. Howat, president of the Kansas miners concerning withdrawal of the volunteer army troops. It was understood an agreement was reached yesterday to withdraw the troops.

On the other hand Frank Farrington, state president of the miners, expressed confidence that the men would resume production and said that the state organization would use every means to force recalcitrant locals to abide by the settlement.

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BAN PLEASURE PASSES

Railroad Employes Must Prove They Have Good Reason for Trip.

Railroad employes must pay cash for a pleasure trip, according to orders received from the regional director, Chicago, by F. C. Fox, general manager for the Santa Fe.

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