

COAL DEALERS APPREHENSIVE

Consumers Warned to Buy Early and Avoid Shortage and High Prices

The combined coal dealers of the city and suburbs to-day issued the following statement regarding fuel conditions:

"The fuel administration again urges early buying of coal in its announcement:

"If the winter just ended had been a severe one, the large stocks which the industries and domestic consumers had on hand last fall, would now be entirely used up, assuming that production had continued unchanged.

"Should next winter be much more severe than the one just past, a state of shortage is likely to result, unless coal is mined and transported during the coming spring and summer.

"Inquiry developed the fact that mine production of coal is running fifty per cent below full-time output, because there is such light demand.

"Local coal men emphatically confirmed the statements of the fuel administration. Their views are practically unanimous. They say that there must be demand on the part of the consumer or the coal will not be produced. This is so because the anthracite producers have storage facilities for only ten per

AUTO IS THROWN 50 FEET IN AIR BY SQUALL; 1 DEAD

St. Louis, April 10.—One man was killed and three others seriously injured last night when an automobile in which they were riding on a country road five miles west of here was caught in the vortex of a violent squall and hurled fifty feet in the air.

cent of the year's output and the dealers of the country can store about another ten per cent. The storage space for soft coal is practically all in the consumer's bins. It is evident that the consumers must buy and receive the coal, therefore, or it will not be produced. And even if it could be produced in the six fall and winter months, the railroads would be unable to handle this concentrated over-production.

"The anthracite operators have already announced an increase of ten cents each month beginning May 1, up to and including September. This plan will be followed by all the companies, the early buyers will not only be sure of their coal, but save money.

"The dealers emphasize the necessity for orders, and frankly confess they do not know what prices will be, although not one could be found who would say he looked for reductions. Several dealers were so impressed with the seriousness of the situation that they intend to announce through the press just what they know about conditions so that the consumer may at least be fully informed on the subject.

"Personally, we believe we shall order our coal. We well remember the fall of 1918!"

General Scott Quits as Commander of Camp Dix; Hale His Successor

Washington, April 10.—Major General Hugh L. Scott, former chief of staff, was relieved to-day of command of Camp Dix, N. J., effective upon the arrival of Brigadier General Harry C. Hale, his successor. He was ordered to proceed to his home for return to the retired list of the army, from which he was recalled for war service.

Brigadiers General Hale, George H. Shelton and Charles H. Cole were ordered to report to the headquarters of the northeastern department at Boston for temporary duty with the 26th Division in connection with the parade of that organization.

General Hale came home from France as commander of the 26th and with the temporary rank of major general. He now has resumed his regular rank as brigadier, and the division on parade is expected to be under his old command. Major General Clarence R. Edwards, now commanding the northeastern department.

THREE KEYSTONE UNITS TO PARADE

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efforts to this end will be made by the War Department. Most Harrisburg men of the division are members of the 112th Regiment.

"We put Philadelphia's Department attitude the plan of combining the Keystone Division parade with that of the seventy-ninth Division, made up largely of Pennsylvanians, is now being considered. This division is leaving its front position in France to-day, but information as to its return is still withheld.

"We put Philadelphia's plea for a welcome to the entire Twenty-eighth Division before Brigadier General Edward D. Anderson, of the War Department, and asked him for a definite ruling," said J. Jarden Guenther, executive secretary of the Philadelphia Council of National Defense.

"The answer that we got was such that while it is possible other regiments may be included in the parade, it is highly improbable that they can be.

"General Anderson said that New York and Boston had failed to carry out their parade in a manner satisfactory to the War Department and that consequently all other divisional parades will be canceled," it was reported by Admiral General Frank D. Beary, who interviewed General Anderson.

"There will be a parade in Philadelphia, but it will not meet the demands of the State. Not more than 5,000 men will be available for parade purposes.

"Holding men for the parade at New York led to congestion at cantonments, both here and in France," they explained. "New York promised that the men would not be held more than six days, but they actually were tied up for twenty-seven days."

Officials in charge of the return of the troops were disgusted at the action of the War Department when the clipped program was announced. Virtually every one of them declared himself as having been led to believe by the War Department that everything was satisfactory for holding a big parade.

"The War Department now says that it never promised us anything at all," Mr. Guenther said, "but it led us to believe that there would be a parade if it were possible, and that they would co-operate with us. Now they say that we can have only these three regiments."

Nurses who served overseas will be accorded the place of honor in the parade when it is eventually held, it has been decided.

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MOB STORMS OPENING DOORS AT BIG SALE

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stove-pipe hats looked sad before the doors opened. But twenty-undertakers assistants and six colored preachers gobbled them up in minutes. The men's clothing department, with Mrs. Mercer B. Tate, chairman, was mobbed from the top of gong and the bargains there were beyond belief.

Some of the men had the misfortune to be trying on somebody's splendid tailor-made coat and turned around to find their garments had disappeared, with his insurance papers and some other cherished things. Small chance of recovering.

Starting in on the port side of the auction, the men's clothing sale the like of which had never been displayed. Mrs. C. Howard Sauer is chairman of this counter and her assistants have a number of professional. "Come on now, folks, here's your fifty gait socks; come on, lad, a fine catcher's mit, only 25 cents. Almost anything in the sporting line is to be had at perfectly silly prices. George Bogar was most generous in filling up this counter.

A feature of this year's sale is that men and women get a fair deal. Just as many things for the "he" and the "she." The booths of women's clothing, hats and shoes, were the scene of a perfect stampede, not to mention the long array of shoes. To ogle the display is an eye-opener for the very poor who would never think of contributing articles in such prime condition. Take, for example, the man who rushed in just after the opening with a magnificent set of false teeth.

Even False Teeth "It's all I can give," he gasped, pressing them upon Miss Creighton, who emphatically refused them for \$250 as they fit most anybody. Curiously enough these teeth attracted more attention than any other article on the counter and finally a purchaser.

Hats! You should see the display. "How much do you want to spend?" ask the saleswomen. "The answer for \$2; costs \$12 at the store. Do you take it or not?" The latest spring styles are there: bargains de luxe. And every auxiliary of the military business has its place. A huge bunch of hampers rescued from the floor of the Colonial Theater invite the buyer at a mere trifle.

The rug department was demoralized temporarily this morning by an excited man who had for a couple dollars secured many yards of excellent matting, long in bulk, and he swung it around, capsizing the whole department in his zeal to get it out and transport it to his house.

The house furnishing emporium, with its lamps and clocks from five cents up, attracted thousands to-day and many persons about to start housekeeping were able to purchase for small sum their whole equipment.

Matching Popular "What I want, lady," is a rhinestone band for 'mah hair' called a robust colored woman, whose voice could be heard above all. "I want it to match my new evening gown."

The laugh was instantly turned on the crowd, for there roosted just what was wanted, a rhinestone band for the hair. "If I can get slippers to match, now" meditated the buyer in the same stentorian voice, "I sure-gone to cut a shine to-night."

Some of the patrons wanted even more than was so generously offered. In selling a statue Miss Mary Heister had some beads attached to her own frock torn off. "Hey, don't them beads go with the statue!" demanded the purchaser hilariously. "No," retorted Miss Heister, fully aroused. "They go with me."

Magnificent clocks, cut glass, brass beds, and everything to fit a housekeeper are in abundance and are still coming in, for the sale will not close until Saturday night. To-morrow from 12 noon until 1 o'clock there will be held an auction sale with some uncommon offerings, namely, a pedigreed Airdale terrier, a giant blue rabbit, an antique clock, a cut glass pitcher, ball dress, bronze statues and a number of antiques.

Mrs. Detweiler, who receives the cash, asked that it be emphasized that cash contributions are most acceptable. Persons who have not the time or inclination to send in goods are requested to do their bit for the hospital by sending in cash. About \$200 came in to-day in this shape, much more.

Rummage sale committees are as follows: Executive—Mrs. Martin E. Olmsted, chairman; Mrs. Anne McCormick, Miss Mary Heister, Mrs. Meade D. Detweiler, treasurer.

Merchants—Mrs. Herman Astrich, chairman; Otto W. Plack, sales manager and decorator.

Transportation—Mrs. John Fox Weiss, chairman; Mrs. Frank Payne, publicity—M. H. James.

House Furnishing—Mrs. E. Z. Gross, chairman; Mrs. George M. Whitney, vice-chairman; Mrs. George Kennedy, Mrs. Robert L. Lamberton, Mrs. Spencer C. Gilbert, Mrs. George D. Ramsey, Mrs. Walter H. Gaither, Mrs. Henry S. Gross, Mrs. Henry B. McCormick, Mrs. W. H. Spooner, Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. William Jennings, Mrs. W. D. B. Ainey, Mrs. Kent Gilbert, Mrs. William Paul Starkey, Mrs. E. F. Dunlap and Mrs. David S. Fink.

Furniture—Miss Buehler, chairman; Mrs. J. Milley Jones, Mrs. Edwin S. Herman, Mrs. H. C. Ross, Mrs. J. N. Moore, Mrs. W. E. Stovance, Mrs. C. E. Etter, Mrs. G. B. Trippe, Miss Kate Cox, Mrs. William Galbraith, Miss Etter, Miss Espy, Miss Rachel Pollock, Miss Jennings, the Misses Sieber, Miss Quigley, the Misses Shunk, the Misses Seiler, Mrs. E. L. Heiser, Mrs. Hinton, Miss Martha Snavelly, Mrs. Guy A. Colt, Mrs. S. B. Cameron, H. A. Heister, Louis J. Housal.

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Shoes—Mrs. Ed. Simms, chairman; Mrs. Jacob Miller, Mrs. Al Simms, Mrs. Porter Hammond, Mrs. Charles Troup, Mrs. S. Kades, Mrs. Charles Adler, Mrs. William Wambaugh, Mrs. Feul Sides, Mrs. George M. Herman Tausig, Mrs. E. C. Rauck, Mrs. B. I. Rubin, Mrs. T. S. Keet, Mrs. W. C. Metzger.

Men's Clothing—Mrs. Mercer B. Tate, chairman; Mrs. C. Ross Bogar, Mrs. J. W. Bowman, Mrs. T. Park Campbell, Mrs. C. E. Covert, Mrs. F. M. Gilbert, Miss Anna Hershey, Mrs. Simon Hirsch, Mrs. Joseph Kaufman, Mrs. Edgar Mark, Mrs. J. W. Milhouse, Mrs. E. T. Murray, Miss Mary MacReynolds, Mrs. Joseph Nachman, Mrs. A. S. Patterson, Mrs. W. S. Seel, Mrs. J. L. Shearer, Jr.; Mrs. Frank C. Sites, Mrs. Frank C. Thompson, Mrs. W. Frank Witman.

Women's and Children's Clothing—Mrs. H. P. Miller, chairman; Mrs. W. H. Nell, Mrs. S. Hiney, Mrs. W. F. Derby, Mrs. L. H. Haehlen, Mrs.

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