

PASSIVE POLICY TO BE MAINTAINED BY OPERATORS

Will Take Definite Action Later on the Commission Named by Wilson

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 23.—The coal operators of the Central Competitive field will maintain a "passive policy" in regard to the personnel of the commission appointed by President Wilson to investigate the coal situation and the miners' wage controversy...

Asked for his opinion as to the fitness of the persons named on the commission by the President, Mr. Penna said...

The Central Competitive district operators and miners having been the participants in all the wage negotiations up to this time, and the operators in the other sections having agreed to accept their conclusions...

Washington, Dec. 23.—Attorney General Palmer in a statement last night denied the assertions made yesterday by the operators whose position he characterized as "the merest quibble and quite unworthy of the representatives of a great industry."

The operators, the Attorney General said from the beginning had been clamoring for arbitration and had stated repeatedly their willingness to conform to any plan which the President might suggest.

Sleep? Does a dry cough keep you awake? KEMP'S BALSAM will stop the tickle that makes you cough.

LOCAL MERCHANTS SEE NO GOOD IN PRICE MARKINGS PROPOSED BY PALMER

Harrisburg merchants take exception to the plan of Attorney General Palmer for the marking of all goods at the wholesale price, unless the practice of cost markings go all the way back to the producer...

Especially do the local merchants take exception to the statement of the Attorney General that the retailers buy shoes for \$4.50 and sell them for \$18.

C. J. Crego, of the Crego shoe store, said that there has never been so unfair a proposition made to him by Mr. Palmer...

John Kelley, of the Kelley shoe store, declared he believed Mr. Palmer could prove his statement that there were stores doing business in a profiteering manner...

Herbert Parthemore, manager of the local Walker branch, also declared the statement of Mr. Palmer unjust.

William H. Bennethum, manager of Dives, Pomeroy and Stewart, one of the city's largest department stores, said the declaration was the "most unfair, unjust and unreasonable idea that had yet been put forth."

Mr. Palmer has placed some very peculiar plans for bringing down prices before the public, said Mr. Bennethum, and it falls to see how the experts to make success of them.

It is absolutely impossible for the retailer to make any more profit than before the war at the present manufacturer's price of shoes, and in many cases profits are falling away below pre-war figures...

Store Open This Evening Until 9 O'clock. Store Closes Tomorrow Evening at 5.30 O'clock

ASTRICH'S 308 MARKET ST. Pre-Christmas Sale Of Suitable, Practical Gift Things. We are offering these special prices on the most desirable gift merchandise for today and tomorrow only at these low prices.

Blouses of Georgette. Flesh, White, Navy and Brown Georgette Blouses. Beautifully tailored, handsomely embroidered. New attractive designs. Values up to \$12.50. The most acceptable of Christmas remembrances. Special Sale Price \$9.95.

You'll Surely Please "Her" With a Fur Scarf. About fifty-five scarfs of Manchurian Wolf in Taupe, Brown and Black, formerly marked as high as \$45.00. Special Sale Price \$29.50.

Two Hundred and Fifty Envelope Chemise. In Flesh or White, made of Voile, Batiste or Dimity, daintily embroidered, or with neat ribbon and flowered trimmings; others plain, but made with fine lace edgings and inserts; all of these were formerly marked from \$1.50 to \$2.00. Only three to a customer. \$1.00.

Petticoats—Sensible Gifts. PETTICOATS of Mercerized Silk and Cotton, Satin and Heatherbloom. Plain colors of Black, Navy, Copen, Green, Purple, etc., or with floral and figured designs. Regular \$1.98. Special Sale Price, \$1.79.

Fifty Lace and Ribbon Boudoir Caps. Pink, Blue, Maize and Orchid Boudoir Caps. Regular 75c caps. Special Sale Price 69c.

CLOUDY ISSUES IN PROPOSALS ON IRISH QUESTION

Some of the Leaders Unable to Meet the Views of Lloyd George

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HOLIDAY WEATHER IS VERY MUCH A DOUBT

Unsettled Conditions Are the Forecast For Christmas Eve; Heavy Hoar Frost Gives Beautiful Effect to Trees

Just what weather Weatherman E. R. Demain will provide for Harrisburg on Christmas Day, he was loath to tell to-day. In fact, what forecasts he did make were not the most pleasing.

The mercury will rise to-night and its rise will be accompanied by cloudy weather. The weather to-morrow will be unsettled, according to the advance information of Mr. Demain, and this forecast may mean most anything.

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Seek Lair of Wolf Pack That Has Been Terrorizing Countryside

Geneva, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Farmers and others between this city and Waterloo are seeking the lair of a pack of wolves that have been seen there within the last week.

Two men employed by the same company were attacked by the same pack last week while they were repairing their truck beside the road northeast of the city.

The men in the rescue party of yesterday say there are about 20 animals in the pack. Farmers are now laying to the wolves depredations suffered this fall which they had ascribed to other causes.

Shoppers Apently Mr. Demain's weather predictions, frozen rivers, fogs and other incidents, however, are having no effect on the Christmas rush in the city stores. With the shopping hours before Christmas becoming much shorter, city stores are thronged to capacity throughout the day.

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