

MANY ORDERS FOR COAL MEET SHORT SUPPLY

Indianapolis Dealers Doubt Ability to Fill Bins for Winter.

STILL ON FAMINE EDGE

Indianapolis learned her lesson in the fuel famine of the winter and would like to stock up her coal cellar long before cold weather sets in, but whether she is going to get the bin filled in time is problematical.

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"In addition to this action I have directed a committee of members of the international executive board to proceed to District 14 to make investigation into intolerable conditions existing there and report to me their findings."

"I expect, sir, that prior to the arrival of this committee you will exercise your influence as officer of that district to effect immediate resumption of work, and that you will co-operate with the aforementioned committee upon its arrival."

FAIR START MADE IN ILLINOIS DISTRICT

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 4.—With union officials and operators predicting that a solution of Illinois mine troubles will be found by the end of this week, a fair start toward normal production of coal is made today.

Some miners' officials even predicted that tomorrow would see all mines in the state in full operation.

Mines working since Sunday, however, produced but little coal, the first two days being spent in clearing mines in preparation for digging.

On the other hand, the operators estimate that but 50 per cent of the miners have returned to work and to date these mostly in the Springfield and Belvidere districts.

The Peoria, Danville, Pana and Staunton districts remain for the most part closed.

It is understood a summary order may be issued by union leaders threatening local charters if the men persist in ignoring orders to return to work after today.

INDIANA MINES 100 PER CENT BUSY

TERRE HAUTE, Aug. 4.—Practically 100 per cent of the mines in Indiana are working today, according to the latest reports reaching here.

Four hundred miners in the Clinton field held a meeting last night and voted to return to work for fifteen days pending negotiations.

At the expiration of that time, they have not been granted a minimum wage of \$8 per day it is their intention to again quit work, it was said today.

President Ed Stewart of the mine workers stated this morning that from 95 to 100 per cent of the miners in the Terre Haute and Clinton fields were at work today and that there had been no direct refusal to go to work unless the \$8 a day demand was granted.

ONLY 3 MINES IDLE IN SOUTHERN FIELD

Special to The Times.

EVANSTON, Ill., Aug. 4.—Only three mines in the southern Indiana coal fields are idle today according to reports to Harry W. Little, secretary eastern Indiana coal bureau.

It is expected these mines will resume operations sometime this week.

Four other mines in the southern districts are closed because of lack of power, car shortage and various other reasons not connected with the strike.

Credit Men to Name Officers Thursday

At the weekly luncheon of the Indianapolis Association of Credit Men Thursday noon, at the Claypool hotel, the names of the members selected for the following positions will be announced for approval of the association: National chairman of the credit committee, vice chairman of the national committee on commercial arbitration, vice chairman of the national committee on business literature.

There will be a general discussion of the subject of trade and discount abuses and their remedies.

Harry J. Hayes, in charge of arrangements for the meeting.

It was announced today that nearly 700 tickets have been sold for the picnic of the association, which will be held at Turner park next Saturday afternoon and evening.

In addition to the program already announced, there will be a colored quartet with a large selection of plantation music.

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