

## **Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7**

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## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

Dec. 11, 1919.

Major Dunkel,  
Pittsburg, Kas.

Dear Sir:

Confirmation telephoned Bräivogel to Lieut.

McGrath:

We have surplus of fifteen men at B. R. & H.  
Coal Mine. Please have brought to Normal Camp.

Very truly,

B:BD.

GEN. MGR. FOR RECEIVER OF COAL MINES



## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

Dec. 11, 1919.

Major Dunkel,  
Joplin, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Confirmation telephone Breivogel to Lieut.  
McGrath, Supt. at the Dean Coal Co. Mine reports to us  
that Mr. Huggins, who had charge of the men there is try-  
ing to disorganize them and leave the plant.

For your information.

Very truly,

B:BD

GEN. MGR. FOR RECEIVERS OF COAL MINES

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### COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

Pittsburg, Kas. Dec. 11, 1919

Samuel Griffin, Major,  
Medicine Lodge, Kas.

Drew draft covering coal Two Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars Six  
cents Frisco Seventy-seven four thirty-three, <sup>Eight</sup> Fifty-Eight Thousand  
Four Hundred, at Five Fifty-Five.

S. B. Gaitskill & C.D. Sample, Receivers

Send paid and charge to Receivers' Account.



## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

### COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

Pittsburg, Kas. Dec. 11, 1919.

Clyde M. Reed, Sec., to the Governor,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Wire 10th. Consignee coal shipped Effingham, Kansas, C. M.  
Snyder, Mayor.

S. B. Gaitskill & C. D. Sample, Receivers

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## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

Pittsburg, Kas. Dec. 10, 1919 .

Major Dunkel,  
Pittsburg, Kas.

Dear Sir:

Confirmation telephoned Breivogel to Capt. Williams:  
Please arrange for bedding and mess four shovel men at Carbon  
No. 3 Mine. These men after going to the mine yesterday,  
had to return account inadequate facilities. They are moving  
back to this mine this A. M.

We understand there is a building on this coal pro-  
perty partly filled with hay that we believe would make good  
quarters.

Very truly,

B:BD

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GEN. MGR. FOR RECEIVERS OF COALMINES



## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

December 10, 1919.

Empire Gas & Fuel Company,  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

G entlemen:

Replying to yours of the 8th inst. beg to say that we are, today, billing one car of coal to the Mayor of your City by order of Governor Allen, which application, we presume, was made in keeping with the suggestion which you have outlined in your communication.

If for any reason you do not receive the benefits from this car which you have suggested, it would be well if you would wire immediately to Governor Allen outlining briefly this matter as we are only billing coal to the various communities through his direction.

Yours very respectfully,

s/o

\_\_\_\_\_  
Receivers.

## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

EMPIRE REFINING COMPANY  
BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.

December 8, 1919.  
File #364-E.

The Receivers of the Kansas Coal Mines,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Sirs:

We are advised by Mr. James A. Kimble, Business Manager of the state of Kansas, that you are the proper channel through which to secure coal.

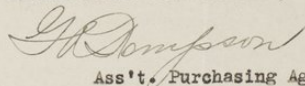
We are very badly in need of one car load of coal immediately in that part of Butler County, Kansas where we are operating that there is no gas. In these sections our employees are wholly dependent upon coal for fuel in their homes.

We will distribute whatever coal we may receive in such quantities only as to fill their needs for a few days at a time, and to only those having no other kind of fuel to use.

We have also taken this matter up through the City Administration at El Dorado, Kansas. Kindly advise if you can do anything for us.

Yours very truly,

EMPIRE GAS & FUEL COMPANY,



Ass't. Purchasing Agent.

GAT:MEP.



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Genl. B. E. Fox, M. T. O.,  
City.

The bearer, Mr. Walter Hendricks, of Sumner County, has arrived  
with five trucks and five men.

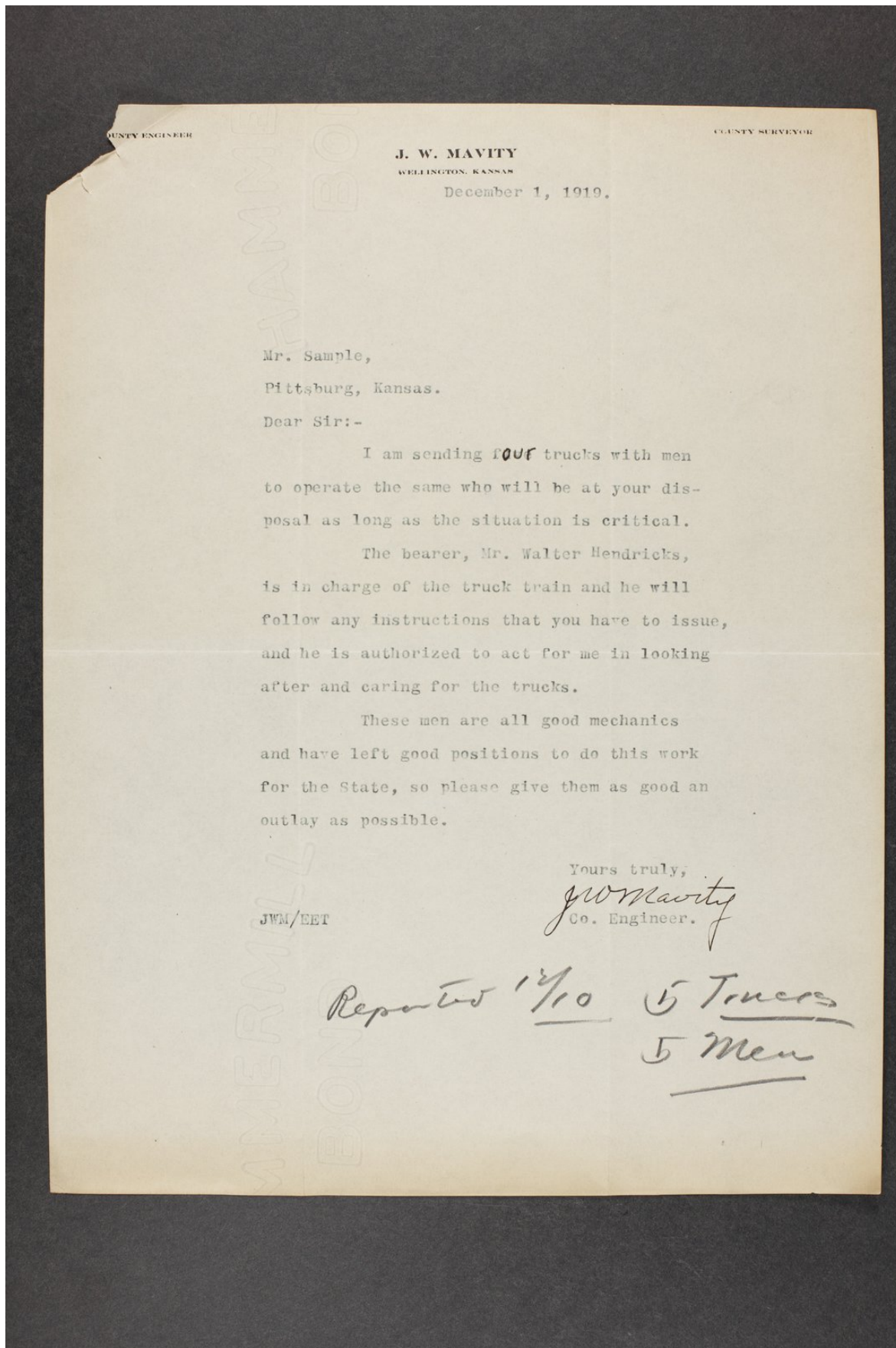
I am instructing him to report to you.

Yours truly,

Receiver.



## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7



J. W. MAVITY  
WELLINGTON, KANSAS

December 1, 1919.

Mr. Sample,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I am sending ~~four~~ trucks with men  
to operate the same who will be at your dis-  
posal as long as the situation is critical.

The bearer, Mr. Walter Hendricks,  
is in charge of the truck train and he will  
follow any instructions that you have to issue,  
and he is authorized to act for me in looking  
after and caring for the trucks.

These men are all good mechanics  
and have left good positions to do this work  
for the State, so please give them as good an  
outlay as possible.

Yours truly,

*J. W. Mavity*  
Co. Engineer.


JWM/EET

Reported 12/10 5 Trucks  
5 Men



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Form 1217

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED			Receiver's No.
Fast Day Message			Check
Day Letter			Time Filed
Night Message			
Nite Letter			

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**WESTERN UNION**  
**TELEGRAM**

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT  
GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, VICE-PRESIDENT BELVIDERE BROOKS, VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

12/10/19.

*Sample* J. A. Richards,  
316 W. Wall,  
Ft. Scott, Kansas.

If possible please report here train this evening. Wire your action collect.

C. D. Sample, Receiver

Send paid and charge Receivers' account.

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To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a telegram should order it REPEATED, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeatable telegram rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED TELEGRAM AND PAID FOR AS SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the telegram and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any UNREPEATED telegram, beyond the amount received for sending the same; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any REPEATED telegram, beyond fifty times the sum received for sending the same, unless specially advised; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure telegrams.
2. In any event the Company shall not be liable for damages for any mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of this telegram, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS, at which amount this telegram is hereby valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing hereon at the time the telegram is offered to the Company for transmission, and an additional sum paid or agreed to be paid based on such value equal to one-tenth of one per cent. thereof.
3. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this telegram over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.
4. Telegrams will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.
5. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning telegrams until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a telegram is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.
6. The Company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the telegram is filed with the Company for transmission.
7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.
8. No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY  
INCORPORATED  
NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

### CLASSES OF SERVICE

#### FAST DAY MESSAGES

A full-rate expedited service.

#### NIGHT MESSAGES

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

#### DAY LETTERS

A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard day message rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rate for each additional 10 words or less.

#### SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

- a. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.
- b. Day Letters shall be written in plain English. Code language is not permissible.
- c. This Day Letter may be delivered by the Telegraph Company by telephoning the same to the addressee, and such delivery shall be a complete discharge of the obligation of the Telegraph Company to deliver.
- d. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day

Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

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#### NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to midnight for delivery on the morning of the next ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard day rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard day rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

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- a. Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.
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FORT SCOTT, KANSAS.

Dec. 3 - 1919.

Mr. C. D. Sample  
Pittsburg, Kan.

My dear Sample:

You know the writer and his experience, in organizing and directing labor for efficient results, also his practical experience and training as a construction and mechanical engineer. We dont want a sincere, an office job, or a fat salary; We will take 85% hard WORK, furnish 15% hot air and a corduroy suit.

We have recovered from the nervous breakdown, and will not take up our new work until the middle of Jan. If in the meantime we can be of any assistance to you in the production of coal, either in the maintenance of machinery, or else where, we are at your service,


It looks as if a crisis had been purpose-ly forced, by a malcontent minority, and the issue involved is pregnant with to great a possibility of disaster, to State and Home, for any red blooded American to stand aside: Besides we want to keep the "Kiddies" warm; So,-- "Im rarin to go".

Sincerely.

*H. Richards.*  
*#316 W. Wall.*

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

12/10/19.

C. C. Skilling,  
Kiowa, Kansas.

Car of coal to your Mayor billed and shipped forth.

Send paid and charge to  
Receivers' account.

C. D. Sample  
B. S. Gaitskill  
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### Bank of Kiowa

J. L. B. ELLIS, PRESIDENT  
O. P. T. EWELL, VICE PRESIDENT L. E. MCCLURE, CASHIER

CAPITAL \$40,000.00.  
SURPLUS \$15,000.00.

KIOWA, KANSAS.

December 5th, 1919.

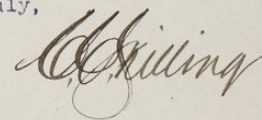
Mr C. D. Sample,  
Fort Scott, Kas.

Dear Clarence:-

Just a minute of your time. Monday, Chris Olson, our Mayor, wired for a car of coal to the Governor at Topeka and has received the usual acknowledgment. I wanted to explain that the City Council desires to lay aside the most of this car of coal to use only for the dependent poor and the cases of sickness arising, and which will arise, where it is imperative to get fuel quickly. We do not feel entitled to anything out of our turn for ordinary applicants but these cases of destitution will have to be looked after.

If you can do anything for us in an early delivery of this one car we will certainly appreciate it. No dealer in the town has a pound of coal.

Yours truly,





## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

*Sample*

Pittsburg, Kansas, Dec. 10, 1919.

The Central National Bank  
Topeka, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

In keeping with telegram received this morning from  
Judge James W. Finley, Attorney for Receivers for Coal Mines  
State of Kansas, we are, today, drawing on you for \$25,000.00  
representing amount due account of sale of five Receivers'  
Certificates of \$5000.00 each.

If this is not entirely in accordance with arrange-  
ments made by Judge Finley, please advise us by wire.

Yours very respectfully,

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Receivers.


S/o

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Form 1204

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Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

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# WESTERN UNION

# TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT      GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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99 KS N      23 NITE

PK-TOPEKA KANS DEC 9 1919

C D SAMPLE

CARE HOTEL STILWELL PITTSBURG KANS

DRAW ON THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF TOPEKA THROUGH YOUR PITTSBURG  
BANK FOR TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AM LEAVING FOR WICHITA ABOUT  
MIDNIGHT

JAMES W FINLEY

957P



## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

12/9/19.

Reliance - Dinky and pipe lines frozen up. Loaded nothing. Will load tomorrow.  
 Patton - Loaded two cars. Will load tomorrow.  
 Superior - Pipe lines frozen up. Loaded nothing. Will load tomorrow.  
 Menghini - Loaded two cars. Will load tomorrow.  
 B. R. & H. - Dinky broken down. Will be idle tomorrow.  
 Acme - Loaded nothing account too cold for men to work. Will load tomorrow.  
 Wilson - Pipe lines frozen up. Loaded nothing. Will load tomorrow.  
 Carbon #1 - Moving tracks. Loaded nothing. Will load tomorrow.  
 Carbon #2 - Loaded 5 cars. Will load tomorrow.  
 Carbon #3 - Loaded 1 car. Will load tomorrow.  
 Crowe #22 - ~~stripping~~ Stripping. Will load tomorrow.  
 Fleming #5 - Loaded one car. Will load tomorrow.  
 Dean - Driving entry. Loaded nothing account cold. Will load tomorrow.  
 Coalvale - Cleaning up pit. Will not load tomorrow.

Number of mines loading today: 5  
 Number of cars loaded : 11  
 Possible mines loading tomorrow: 12

*CS*

## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

Pittsburg, Kas. Dec. 9, 1919.

Major Dunkel,  
Headquarters, Stilwell Hotel,  
Pittsburg, Kas.

Dear Sir:

Confirmation telephoned Breivogel to Capt. Williams  
evening of Dec. 8th:

Kindly arrange for guard service at the Dean Coal  
Company Pumping Plant. If possible to use present system,  
we would be glad to continue it.

Very truly,

B:BD

GEN. MGR. FOR RECEIVERS OF COAL MINES



## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

Pittsburg, Kas. Dec. 9, 1918.

Major Dunkel,  
Stilwell Hotel,  
Pittsburg, Kas.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone Breivogel to Williams, please  
arrange movement ten men Pittsburg Y. M. C. A. to Acme Coal Co.  
1 P. M. today.

Very truly,

B:BD

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GEN. MGR. FOR RECEIVER OF COAL MINES

## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

Pittsburg, Kas. Dec. 9, 1919.

Major Dunkel,  
Headquarters Stilwell Hotel,  
Pittsburg, Kas.

Dear Sir:

Please arrange to hold up movement coal for  
Hospital until further advised.

Very truly,

CC Major Going

ONE. MGR. FOR RECEIVERS OF COAL MINES



## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

Pittsburg, Kas. Dec. 9, 1919.

Major Going,  
Headquarters Business College,  
Pittsburg, Kas.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephone this A. M. Breivogel to  
Going, the Overland car borrowed from you this A. M. is  
located one-half mile North of Wilson Mine with broken rear  
axle. Please handle as suggested.

Very truly,

B:BD.

GEN. MGR. FOR RECEIVERS OF COAL MINES

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12/9/19  
Reliance- Dinky & Pipe line Frozen up,  
Not loading.  
Patton- Loading.  
Superior Loading.  
Monghini- Loading.  
B. R. & H.- ~~Working~~ Dinky broke down, will not  
load today.  
Acme. - Loading  
Wilson- Loading.  
Carbon #1 Loading.  
Carbon #2- Loading.  
Carbon #3 Loading.  
Crowe #22- Stripping, will load nothing today.  
Fleming #5- One pump frozen up and one burned  
out will not load today.  
Dean- Not Loading, Driving entry some men not  
working account of cold.  
Coalvale.- Cleaning up getting ready to load.



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### COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

12/9/19

C. C. Miller, U. S. District Attorney

We, the Receivers, are organizing the business of producing coal in this field and have employed V. W. Dalton as Superintendent of Machinery. His presence continuously on the job is vitally necessary to the success of our work and we ask that you do not require him to be in court at this time and away from his duties here.

C. D. Sample  
A. J. Gaitskill  
Receivers.

Send paid and charge to Receivers' account.

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12/9/19.

Judge A. L. Williams,

We, the Receivers, are organizing the business of producing coal in this field and have employed V. S. Bolton as Superintendent of Machinery. His presence continuously on the job is vitally necessary to the success of our work and we ask that you do not require him to be in Court at this time and away from his duties here.

C. D. Sample  
B. B. Galtchill  
Receivers.

Send paid and charge to Receivers' account.



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### COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

12/9/19

James S. Davenport,  
Vinito, Oklahoma.

We, the receivers, are organizing the business of producing coal in this field and have employed V.S. Felton as Superintendent of Machinery. His presence continuously on the job is ~~absolutely~~ <sup>vital</sup> necessary to the success of our work and we ask that you do not require him to be in Court at this time and away from his duties here.

C. D. Sample  
B. S. Geithill  
Receivers.

Send paid and charge to  
Receivers' account.

## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

Pittsburg, Kas. Dec. 8, 1919.

Major Dunkel,  
Headquarters, Pittsburg, Kas.

Dear Sir:

Confirmation telephoned conversation December  
7th:

Please cancel former instructions. Now request  
move eleven laborers Mangini & Constantino Coal Co. to  
Acme Coal Co. instead of taking to Normal. These men  
must be supplied with bedding and tents.

Yours truly,

B:ED.

Gen. M. F. For Receiver of Coal Mines



## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

Pittsburg, Kas. Dec. 8, 1918.

Major Dunkel,  
Headquarters,  
Pittsburg, Kas.

Dear Sir:

Confirmation telephoned, conversation Dec. 7th:

Please arrange to move eleven laborers Menghini  
& Constantino Coal Co. to Normal.

Very truly,

S:ED

GEN. MGR. FOR RECEIVERS OF COAL MINES

## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

Pittsburg, Kas. Dec. 8, 1918.

Major Dunkel,  
Headquarters, Pittsburg, Kas.

Dear Sir:

Confirmation telephoned, conversation December

7th:

Please arrange to move twenty-six laborers Italiani  
Coal Co. to Normal.

Very truly,

B:BD

GEN. MGR. FOR RECEIVERS OF COAL MINES



## Governor Henry J. Allen, correspondence files, box 7

Pittsburg, Kas. Dec. 6, 1919.

Major Dunkel,  
Headquarters, Pittsburg, Kas.

Dear Sir:

Confirmation telephoned this A. M. We have abandoned  
Italiani Coal mine, and you may move soldiers and equipment  
from that point.

Very truly,

B:BD

GEN. MGR. FOR RECEIVERS OF COAL MINES