

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

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C D SAMPLE  
29 PITTSBURG KANS

IF NOT ALREADY SHIPPED HOLD UP BIRDCITY CAR REGIONAL FUEL  
DIRECTOR PROMISED TO RELIEVE THIS SITUATION BEFORE WE COULD POSSIBLY  
REACH IT LOCATION BEING EXTREME NORTHWEST

CLYDE M REED

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*Simple*

Pittsburg, Kansas, Dec. 9, 1919.

Governor Henry J. Allen,  
Stillwell Hotel, City.

My dear Governor:

Relative to the slack shipments concerning which you called our attention this morning, beg to advise that the list, which you submitted to us, we are attaching hereto, the original appearing to have been received from Topeka and re-copied by your office, and consisting, as we understood, of only shipments to be made covering slack and in keeping with which we billed out eight cars to the following, as of date December 7th:

Forbes Milling Co., Topeka	- 1 car.
Mayor James S. Naylor, Holton	- 3 cars.
Mayor A. D. Millirons, Concordia	- 1 car.
Mayor Geo. E. Conrad, Sabetha	- 1 car.
Mayor W. B. Harris, Ottawa	- 1 car.
Mayor H. C. Cowgill, Burlington	- 1 car.

From the above billings, on account of three cars having been unloaded at the mine, cancellation was made of the following:

Forbes Milling Co., Topeka	- 1 car.
Mayor James S. Naylor, Holton	- 1 car.
Mayor A. D. Millirons, Concordia	- 1 car.

leaving five cars which went forward to the following, all of which were slack:

Mayor James S. Naylor, Holton	- 2 cars.
Mayor Geo. E. Conrad, Sabetha	- 1 car.
Mayor W. B. Harris, Ottawa	- 1 car.
Mayor H. C. Cowgill, Burlington	- 1 car.

We do not appear to have a list which contains the instructions covering the Crosby Milling Company at Topeka, and our records do not show that there was another list delivered on the same date from your office, other than the one herein referred to.

We are enclosing copy of telegram to Mr. Reed covering the cancellation of these cars and which should straighten him out in connection with the slack shipments.

Very respectfully yours,

S/O

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Receivers.



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Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dec. 9, 1919

Mr. C. D. Sample, Rec.  
State of Kansas.  
City.

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am attaching list  
of consignees and towns we were instructed to ship  
slack coal. Also copy of my wire to Clyde M. Reed,  
Secretary to the Governor concerning billing on three  
cars on this list.

Yours truly,

*R. M. Thompson*

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### COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

12/9/19.

Clyde M. Reed, Secy to Gov.  
Topeka, Kansas.

Shipped to Mayor Girard, name J. E. Walsh and Cyrus Duley  
Mayor of Preston by order of Governor.

B. S. Gaitskill, Receiver.

Send paid and charge Receivers' account.



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Pittsburg, Kas. Dec. 9, 1919.

Henry J. Allen, Gov.,  
Stilwell Hotel,  
Pittsburg, Kas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to statement Dec. 8th by Ernest H.  
Retschlag relative conditions at Fleming Mine No. 3:

Enclosed herewith statement 'phoned by Col.  
Marr to O. S. Hubert 10:30 A. M. Dec. 8th, which is self  
explanatory:

Very truly,

B:BD.

GEN. MGR. FOR RECEIVERS OF COAL MINES



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

*Sample*

December 10, 1919.

Clyde M. Reed, Secy to Gov.  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Reed:

We are very much pleased to receive your communication as of the 6th inst. and we have accordingly made draft on the Abilene National Bank, Abilene, Kansas, for \$5000.00, attaching one Receivers' Certificate of like amount and have sent the same forward in the usual manner.

We certainly appreciate the spirit of this subscription and as time goes along, we doubtless will receive others of like character.

Yours very respectfully,

S/O

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



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CEYDE M. REED  
SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR

STATE OF KANSAS  
HENRY J. ALLEN, GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

December 6, 1919.

Mr. C. D. Sample,  
Mr. B. S. Gaitskill, Receivers,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

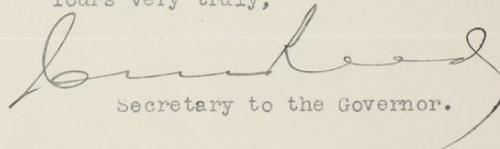
Dear Sirs:

Governor is in receipt of telegram from Mr. G. A.  
Rogers, President of the Abilene National Bank, Abilene,  
Kansas) which reads as follows:

"We are anxious to give you all the support  
we can in your effort to mine coal for the suffer-  
ing people of our state and we will be pleased to  
carry a receivers certificate for five thousand  
dollars forward the certificate at any time and  
draw on us for the amount the people of our county  
are with you in your efforts and they always will keep  
with the man who does things."

This for your information in case you have not com-  
pleted financial arrangements.

Yours very truly,



Secretary to the Governor.

CMR-m



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### COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

12/13/19.

Clyde M. Reed, Sec. to Gov.  
Topeka, Kansas.

Three cars consigned to City Schools of Winfield yesterday.  
Will draw on Earl M. Hartley, Clerk.

C. D. Sample  
B. H. Gitskill  
Receivers.

Send paid and charge to Receivers' account.

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

### COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

12/15/19.

Clyde M. Reed, Sec. to Gov.  
Topeka, Kansas.

Total cars shipped to Clay Center two. One on eleventh one on  
twelfth.

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

Send paid and charge Receivers' account.



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ed to you.

You asked for a comparison of possible general results with the figures on which we based our dealings with the operators, and which as I stated to you, I am at this time unable to give and really do not care to hazard a guess as I am frankly of the opinion that there will be some little variance when the final report has been compiled.

Our collections on account of coal shipped are resulting quite satisfactorily, in fact with possibly one or two exceptions all of our difficulties have been ironed out. There has been some little complaint on account of price as also in some few instances the quality of the coal; both of which, of course, was not unexpected and these difficulties have been, by using a little patience, successfully overcome.

Yours very respectfully,

s/o

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DEAN COAL MINING COMPANY.

Kansas City, Mo.,

Dec. 22nd, 1919.

B. S. Gaitskill and C. D. Sample, Receivers,  
City.

We charge your Account as follows:-

*Coal  
Journal*

Mine Run Coal	- 283.4 Tons	- @ \$3.05	-----	\$955.88
Lump Coal	- 84.05 "	- @ \$3.30	-----	277.37
Nut Coal	- 44.5 "	- @ \$3.30	-----	146.85
Mill Coal	- 38.3 "	- @ \$2.95	-----	112.99

Material and Supplies used by Volunteers,----- 414.58

\$1907.67

(Itemized Statement attached)

*Chg. Kans. Nat. Assoc 30.00*  
*Gene exp. 384.58*

*414.58*



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DEAN COAL MINING COMPANY.

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STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING INVOICE DATED DEC. 22ND,  
1919.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>CAR.</u> <u>NUMBER.</u>	<u>INITIAL.</u>	<u>KIND OF</u> <u>COAL.</u>	<u>WEIGHT.</u>	<u>PRICE.</u>	<u>AMOUNT.</u>
<u>1919.</u>						
Dec. 16th.	--27439----	KCS-----	Mine Run--	89900----	\$3.05----	\$137.10
" "	--27006----	"-----	" "	91400----	3.05----	139.39
" "	27420-----	"-----	" "	91600----	3.05----	139.69
" "	27174-----	"-----	" "	93200----	3.05----	142.13
" "	27014-----	"-----	" "	93300----	3.05----	142.28
" "	26062-----	"-----	" "	71900----	3.05----	109.65
" 18th.	27721-----	"-----	" "	95500----	3.05----	145.64
" "	27394-----	"-----	Com. Lp.--	89800----	3.30----	148.17
" "	50180-----	W.M.-----	" "	78300----	3.30----	129.20
" "	27226-----	KCS-----	Nut	89000----	3.30----	146.85
" "	22991-----	"-----	Mill.	76600----	2.95----	112.99
TOTAL, -----						\$1493.09
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#	50 - 4x6x5 Oak Ties - @ 37¢					\$18.50
150#	Dynamite - @ 18¢					27.00
200	Explosives - @ \$6.05					12.08
5	gal. Cylinder Oil - @ \$.40 <sup>8</sup>					2.04
1	" Engine " - @ \$.23 <sup>8</sup>					.24
#	2 Old Buildings,					30.00
1	ton Timothy Hay,					25.00
Uncovering 315½ tons coal - @ 75¢						236.62
Royalty on " " " - @ 20¢						63.10
						\$414.58
TOTAL, -----						\$1907.67

*changes*  
*12/22/19*  
*WFB*  
*QOH*

*bill rendered this date to Military Dept*

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© H. Pauply B. Baitskill } Receivers		To - Dean Coal & Mining Co. Inc.
Dec. 22	Material & Supplies used by volunteers + Royalty + uncovering charge	41458



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UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION  
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILROADS

ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD

J. M. CONNELL,  
GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT  
E. J. SHAKESHAFT,  
ASST. GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT

PASSENGER DEPARTMENT

TOPEKA, KANSAS, Dec. 12, 1919.

IN REPLY PLEASE MENTION FILE X-9-7

SUBJECT: Movement Laborers to Pittsburg:

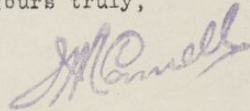
Messrs. C.D. Sample And B.S. Gaitskill,  
Receivers, Kansas Coal Mines,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

On request of Commissioner of Labor, Mr. J.H. Crawford, we have furnished numerous tickets to Pittsburg for coal mines at Pittsburg. On taking the matter up with Governor Allen for information concerning manner in which transportation will be paid for, he advises that cost of transportation should be charged to the account of C.D. Sample and B.S. Gaitskill, Receivers appointed by the Supreme Court to operate the mines for the receivership, and suggests that we communicate with you as to manner in which the account should be rendered.

Shall, therefore, appreciate it if you will advise me in what manner you desire to have us proceed.

Yours truly,



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JOHN H. CRAWFORD, COMMISSIONER

WILL F. WILKERSON, CHIEF CLERK

STATE OF KANSAS  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY  
FACTORY AND MINE INSPECTION  
FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU  
TOPEKA

December,  
Twenty-third,  
1919.

Henry J. Allen, Governor,  
BUILDING.

My dear Governor:

I am attaching letter from Mr. J. M.  
Connell, General Passenger Agent, A. T. & S. F. RR.  
Company, regarding war revenue tax on transportation  
furnished the volunteers to the coal fields.

I would infer from his letter that  
the company will insist upon the payment of war tax  
for such transportation.

Yours very truly,

*J. H. Crawford*  
Commissioner of Labor.



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GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT

PASSENGER DEPARTMENT

E. J. SHAKESHAFT,  
ASST. GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT

TOPEKA, KANSAS, Dec. 22, 1919.

IN REPLY PLEASE MENTION FILE X-9-7.

SUBJECT:

Mr. J. H. Crawford,  
Commissioner of Labor,  
Topeka, Kansas.

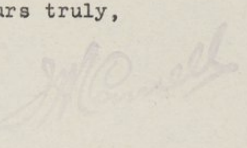
Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge your letter  
19th relative to transportation furnished  
volunteers to coal fields at Pittsburg:

The War Revenue Tax Law under the  
heading "Exemption for services rendered  
the United States, States and Territories"  
provides that "No tax shall be imposed upon  
any payment received for services rendered to  
the United States, to any State or Territory,  
or to the District of Columbia". We interpret  
the word "rendered" to mean, transportation for  
which the State pays, hence as it is our under-  
standing from advice received from the Governor  
that the State Receivers will pay for all  
transportation furnished laborers, we do not  
feel that we are in a position to waive the  
tax on tickets furnished.

As soon as possible, will present bill  
for all tickets furnished plus tax.

Yours truly,



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SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR

STATE OF KANSAS  
HENRY J. ALLEN, GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

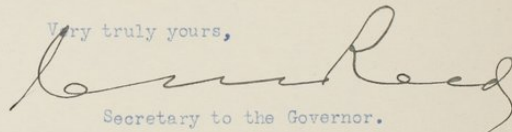
December 24, 1919.

Judge J. W. Finley,  
Attorney for the Receivers,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

My dear Judge Finley:--

Herewith letter from the General Passenger Agent  
of the Santa Fe Railroad, through whose office arrangements  
were made for necessary transportation in moving the vol-  
unteers to the mining district. As a legal question is  
involved will you kindly handle the matter in a way  
that seems proper.

Very truly yours,



Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.



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CLYDE M. REED  
SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR

STATE OF KANSAS  
HENRY J. ALLEN, GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

December 19, 1919.

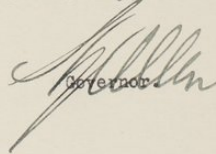
Messrs. Gaitskill & Sample,  
Commerce Building,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I send you herewith communication which has just come from Labor Commissioner Crawford. You will note what he says about the point of there being a slight addition to this.

You will also note what he says about the possibility of 8% tax. There is, as you know, a federal ruling which allows the state officers to travel upon the business of the state without the payment of this tax. It would seem to me that these men, traveling to Pittsburg under orders of the state, would put their operations under the exemption which the federal government allows for state business.

Yours sincerely,

  
Governor

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JOHN H. CRAWFORD, COMMISSIONER

WILL F. WILKERSON, CHIEF CLERK

STATE OF KANSAS  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY  
FACTORY AND MINE INSPECTION  
FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

TOPEKA

December,  
Eighteenth,  
1919.

Henry J. Allen, Governor,  
BUILDING.

Dear Governor:

In compliance with your request, following is  
a list of transportation issued to volunteers for the coal  
emergency work in the Pittsburg district:

Number of Tickets	From	To	Amount
1	Winfield	Pittsburg	\$ 5.25
3	Fredonia	"	7.23
3	Garden City	"	37.29
1	Sylvia	"	8.18
2	Larned	"	19.08
2	Colony	"	4.92
5	Lincoln, Neb.	"	50.45
101	Lawrence	"	454.50
1	Salem, Neb.	"	9.48
50	Baldwin	"	202.50
1	Atchison	"	5.32
15	Lecompton	Kansas City	32.80
2	Fredonia	Pittsburg	4.82
273	Topeka	"	1,444.17
1	Augusta	"	4.52
1	Syracuse	"	13.98
1	Sublette	"	12.43
1	Zenda	"	7.69
2	Moline	"	7.82
2	Kansas City, Mo.	"	10.82
1	Mildred	"	2.18
4	Chanute	"	6.52
1	Great Bend	"	8.77
1	Liberal	"	16.26
160	Kansas City	"	867.20
16	Hutchinson	Wichita	24.96
147	Wichita	Pittsburg	231.70
119	Manhattan	Topeka	198.73
46	Lawrence	Pittsburg	207.00
24	Columbus	Wichita	102.06
27	Topeka	Pittsburg	157.68
30	Kansas City	Pittsburg	162.60
1	Richland to	"	
1	Jewell City	"	
Total.....			\$ 4,358.14



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Henry J. Allen, Governor---2

The above list includes so far as I am able to ascertain all transportation ordered by myself or Mr. Watson, Highway Engineer. No doubt some of the transportation wired to various towns in Kansas was not used, but we will be unable to find out until the agents make their report to Mr. Connell of the Santa Fe Traffic Department.

The above total, \$4,358.14, does not include war tax. Should it be necessary to pay the war tax, 8 per cent should be added.

Yours very truly,

*J. H. Crawford*  
Commissioner of Labor.

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V. H. Pelton.

Pittsburg Kans 12-1-1919.

Supt of Mchry.

Pls select two men out of each crew to take charge of crew. Have roll call each day while crew stationed at Normal. Have name, occupation and <sup>where</sup> from. written in ~~in~~ time book. These books to be turned over to Supt of plant, when crew reports for work. The names of each crew to be same Coal Co where they report and to be known by that name.

Ed Hubert Gent  
For Recivers

Ed gave  
him personal  
instructions in this  
direction  
this morning  
J.H.H.

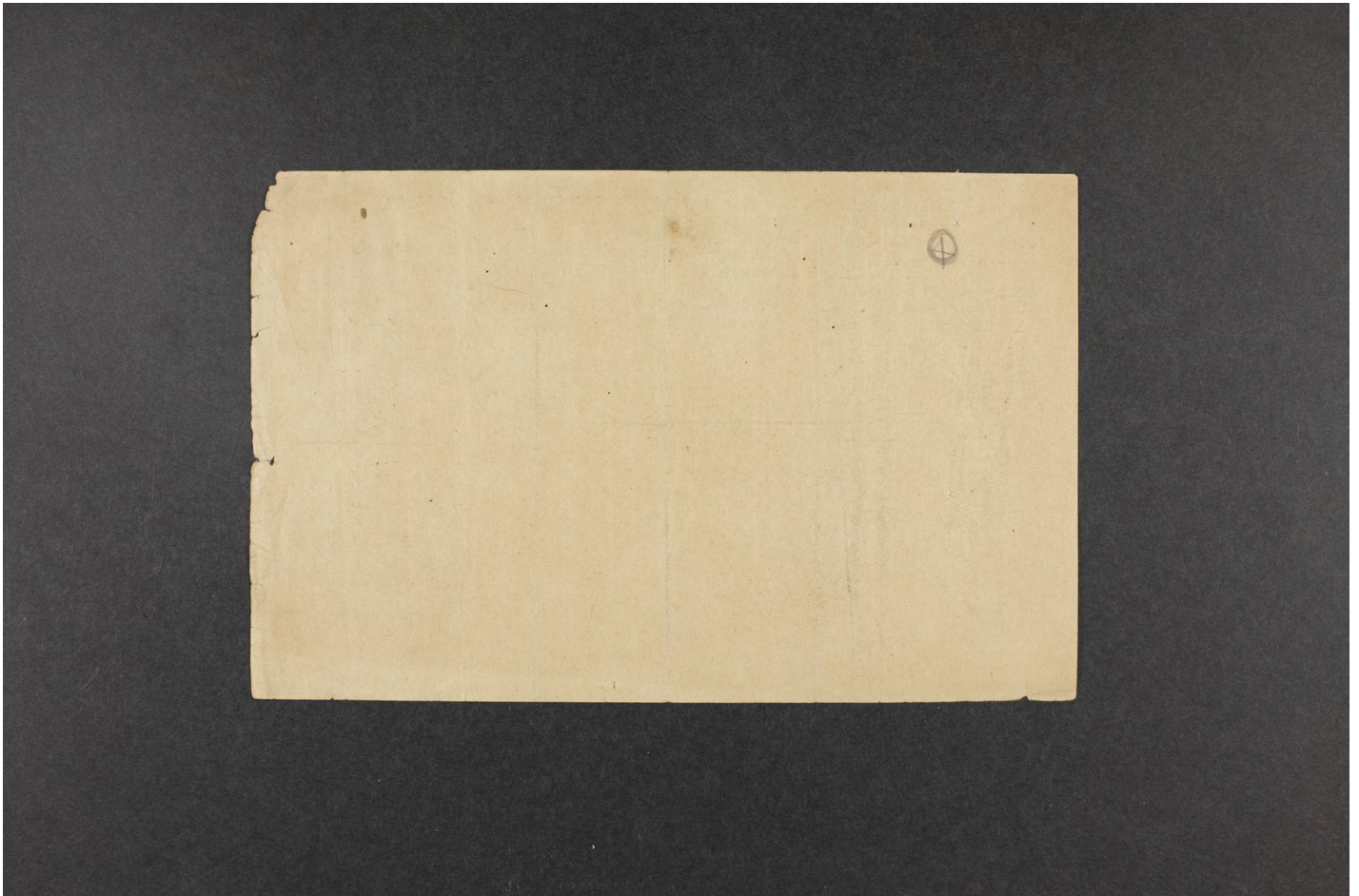


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Carbon #1 Men working but Martin reports he thinks no coal will be  
loaded today 10:20 AM  
Carbon #2 Loading good Estimate 4 or 5 cars  
Carbon #3 Pumping water. Will have water out tonight or early tomorrow  
Can load ~~xxxx~~ tomorrow if have man for loader.  
Dean No Reports  
Acme Loading. Reported one car this morning.  
Fleming #3 No Report. Expect some coal Today. — *1 car this afternoon*  
Wilson Bros Loading  
Crowe 22 No Report  
Italiano Pumping Water  
Reliance Pumping Water  
Patton Fixing Motor

*Report up to 12 AM*

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Mines have been placed as follows:  
 Dec 1st Aome Coal Co.  
           Wilson Bros Coal & Mng Co.  
 Dec 2nd Carbon #1  
           Carbon #2  
           Fleming #3  
 Dec 3rd Carbon #3  
           Reliance Coal & Mng Co  
           Italiano Coal Co.  
           Dean Coal Co.  
           Fatten Coal Co.  
 Dec 4th Superior Coal Co.  
           Crowe C & Mng Co #22  
           Do #23  
           Menghini Coal Co.

*Report up to 12 AM*

*To move*

*BN + R*

*Menghini Construction Co.*

*Coalville Coal Co*

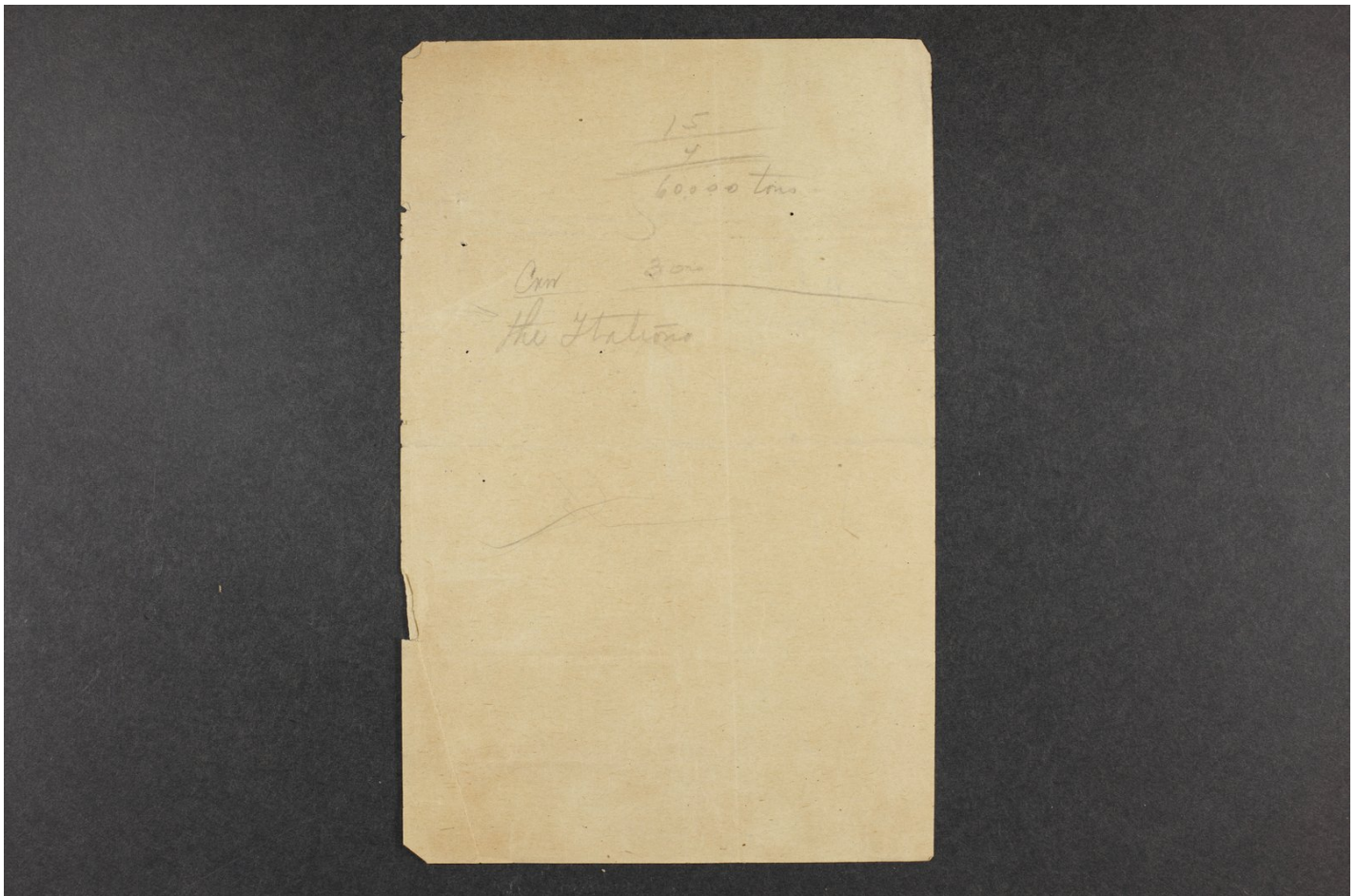
*Under Construction*

*Southern Kansas C & C*

*Whittman. Con Co*

*Holding 9c*  
*Quality Coal*  
*Shimmo Patterson Co*

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Superior: Men arrived at noon. Firing up boilers and will be ready to load in A. M.

Acme: Loaded one car, ✓

Wilson: Loaded one car. ✓ Will be in shape for good day tomorrow.

Carbon #1: Short water. Will load in A.M.

Carbon #2: Phone line down. No report. ✓

Carbon #3: Pumped all day. Will load tomorrow.

Crowe #22: Had no crew at noon.

Flaming #3: Loaded no cars out. Will load tomorrow.

Dean: Loaded nothing. Will load tomorrow.

Italiani: Pumping water.

Reliance: Pumping water.

Menghini: Men are at mine getting in shape for tomorrow.

Patton: Fixing motor.

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*Later Report*

December 4th, 1919

Mines Working Today

Acme Coal Co.		Cars loaded to-day
Wilson Brothers Coal Co.		2
Carbon Coal No. 2	Telephone out.	1
		2
		Reported in forenoon working good.

Mines Ready To Load Coal Tomorrow

Acme Coal Company,

Wilson Brothers Coal Co. Prospects good.

Carbon Coal Co. #2 Prospects good.

Carbon Coal Co. #3 May load a little.

Fleming Coal Co. #3 Ready to load. *Should working dirt today*

Dean Coal Co.

Menghini Coal Co.

Mines Preparing For Work

Crowe Coal Co. #22 Men reached mine this P.M.

Italiani Coal Co. Pumping Water.

Patton Coal & Mer. Co. Work on Motor and pumping water.

Special Report Fleming #3 By E. Retchleg. 5:45 P.M.

Only 1 blanket to each man.

Track torn up in East entry leading to pit by unknown parties. Repairs made today. Track tools were stolen.

This mine has underground haulage from strip pit through old mine. There are two or three entries opening into pit. These openings should be guarded all the time. Claim they have insufficient guards to properly protect property on account of peculiar plan of mine and haulage.

*2 Cars from Carbon 2. One to Nowa and one to Muscota h.*



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Have made arrangement  
to move Surplus crew  
from Superior Coal Co  
to Fleming 3 -  
Number of men transferred  
15

Have made arrangement  
to move Italiano Shovel  
Crew to Crow 22 - this  
afternoon -

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### PROTECTION OF DEEP MINES.


Military Dept. to furnish two guards, the company to furnish two men as guards. These men furnished by company to be paid ~~and~~ sheltered and ~~by~~ provisioned by company.

This information given Mr. Richardson about 9:00 A.M. December 6th, 1919, who said he would arrange ~~xxx~~ for a meeting with operators and handle.

*Report to Capt White Located  
at carbon No 2 - Supt office +  
arrangement by the operators*



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TO CHAS S MARTIN

COLONT KANS

REPORT AT ONCE TO O.S. HUBERT GENERAL MANAGER FOR RECIEVERS OF COAL MINERS PITTSBURG KANS HAVE FIREMAN LYON ACCOMPANY YOU PRESENT THIS TELEGRAM TO SANTA FE AGENT FOR TRANSPORTATION.

( COPY OF ORIGINAL TELEGRAM)

HENRY J. ALLEN GOVERNOR