

### BAN ON TRUCKING IS LIFTED BY MAYOR

All Kinds of Hauling Will Be Permitted To-day Owing to Better Conditions.

### FOOD ROUTES CLEARED

Truckless Day Largely Observed, Though Not to Extent Hyman Desired.

Truckless Monday was not so truckless as Mayor Hyman wished, but nevertheless a good proportion of Manhattan's trucks and taxicabs kept off the street yesterday thus giving the army of snow shovellers more time to think about snow and less to think about dodging wheels.

Mingled with pie wagons, rail trucks, newspaper vehicles, who csa's grocers' vehicles, coal carts and the ever present snow truck were quite a few taxicabs, passenger vehicles and trucks carrying necessities in the morning. By afternoon most of these had been halted and more or less politely ordered back to their garages or stables by traffic policemen. Some obeyed; others pretended to. In the other boroughs, especially The Bronx, the Mayor's mandate was not obeyed so generally, possibly because of the smaller proportion of police in these districts.

In virtually every case the order of the police was outwardly respected, but when it was not no summonses were issued, for the police seemed very much in the dark about just what a man could be accused of on the police blotter for driving a flivver about the city streets. They lectured the offenders most severely, however, and shooed them off in a direction different from the one in which they were headed.

### Taxi Service Cut.

It was not possible to get a taxi from any of the big companies yesterday afternoon. Some companies announced there would be taxi service to-day, however, when the ban against trucks too is lifted. The ban was lifted at midnight and to-day all kinds of trucking is permissible.

Private automobiles were in use yesterday, for in police circles "trucking" as used in the Mayor's order was variously interpreted, but the number of automobiles was fewer than usual. Fifth avenue, closed yesterday from Forty-second street to the Washington Arch for all traffic, rapidly assumed its pre-snowstorm smoothness yesterday under the manufacturing of many pick and shovel men. The important cross streets and Broadway will be the next points of concentration. The volunteer force of various transportation companies working to clear South and West streets below Fourteenth street had almost finished their job last night. These thoroughfares will be in condition to carry the heavy traffic of food and fuel trucks which supply the city to-day, and the emergency workers will go thankfully back to the transportation business.

Harry Hart, head of the Bureau of Snow Removal, announced yesterday that besides the emergency men on South and West streets, who are less than a thousand in number, the department has 2,500 regulars and 2,212 extra men on the job, while the contractors have 2,294 men and some 1,615 trucks. This means that about 12,500 men are at work on the streets of Manhattan, The Bronx and Brooklyn, as far as the department knows, but Mr. Hart said that hundreds of other men of companies and apartment houses were at work throughout the city shovelling snow into sewers and otherwise getting the city in shape.

### Criticism by Nixon.

Not much progress in the extension of street car service was reported in Manhattan, but the companies had many men on the job. Lewis Nixon, Public Service Commissioner, issued a statement in which he said that efforts to resume operations were hampered by the burning out of sections of the channel rail by about circuits. It was necessary to send to Washington for supplies to replace the used up equipment. He also criticized the administration.

He said the trolley lines should have the necessary equipment to start sweeping when snow starts, and added that the city should be prepared to state whether this is a part of the cost of operation or whether the extra cost should be borne by the taxpayers. Mr. Nixon continued:

"The Street Cleaning Commissioner is evidently doing everything he can, but organization cannot be secured after a snowfall. He seems to be the victim and not the cause of existing conditions."

Brooklyn had 2,500 shovellers, including many volunteers, at work with about 800 trucks, and the R. R. T. succeeded in opening several more remote street car sections. This borough, because of its overhead trolley system, has not suffered as much as Manhattan from the snow. Subway and elevated service is about normal.

Hundreds of persons visiting in New York, who had expected to leave the city yesterday, were forced to remain pending the recession of Mayor Hyman's order forbidding the use of trucks on the streets. The visitors had packed their clothing in grips, suitcases and trunks preparatory to sending them to the railway stations. When the order was issued for policemen to stop the trucks the baggage was held up and could not be sent to the stations.

### CHAMP CLARK FOR SENATE.

Is Expected to Announce Candidacy While in Missouri.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. MONTGOMERY CITY, Mo., Feb. 9.—It was stated to-day that Champ Clark, minority leader of the House, will announce himself as a candidate for the United States Senate before he returns to Washington next Monday.

He begins his campaign in the Third district to-morrow to assist in the election of a Democrat to fill the vacancy caused by President Wilson appointing Representative Alexander as Secretary of Commerce in his Cabinet.

### BUMMAGE SALE FOR HOSPITAL.

Prominent Women Plan Benefit for Foundling Institution.

Mrs. Frederic Nielson, Mrs. Henry W. Taff and Mrs. Charles James Welch are among the prominent women who are arranging a rummage sale and auction for the benefit of the New York Foundling Hospital.

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### War Machines That Fought Men Find Snow Difficult to Conquer



### COAL OPERATORS ASK HIGHER SELLING PRICE

Commission Decides to Investigate Justice of Complaint.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Protests of a great number of bituminous operators that they are incurring a loss under the present maximum fixed prices and

the 14 per cent wage increase to miners led the coal strike settlement commission to decide to-day on appointment of a special committee to begin the compilation of data bearing on the necessity for a readjustment of these prices in all fields.

Announcing that the purpose of the committee was solely to facilitate consideration of the price question by the commission, Chairman Robinson emphasized that the commission was yet entirely without authority to order any readjustment of prices. Such author-

ity, he said, would be asked for only if the commission finally concluded that new price levels were necessary. Appointment of the committee, however, following the representation of current losses by many operators was accepted as a substantial indication that the commission believes a readjustment of prices to the public must be included in its final settlement.

Personnel of the committee, upon which will be represented the operators, miners and the public, probably will be announced to-morrow.

### FLAME THROWERS FAIL WITH SNOW

Machines That Drove Back Germans Cannot Clear Ground in Central Park.

### EXPERIMENT IS A FIASCO

Three Army Officers and Three Soldiers Try in Vain to Melt Deposit.

After army flame throwers had folded up their flame throwing apparatus and motored away yesterday an arithmetician present figured out that if the snow in Central Park could be conserved in an unmelting state for the duration of the experiment an army corps composed exclusively of erudite specialists of a grade not lower than Lieutenant-Colonel might, unless the squirrels became obstreperous and massed their strength in the path of science, contrive to burn away all that snow lying upon a surface not to exceed 400 square feet and not deeper at any point than 1 1/2 feet, within 8,762,847,769,411,539,999,999,999,999 years 21 hours 5 and 3-5 seconds.

Otherwise the experiment of fighting Mayor Hyman's snowstorm with army flames was a perfect success yesterday. The park is there to prove it. As duly promised in the press, the experiment was conducted yesterday with Col. W. E. Wilder in command of it, Major William D. Clark second in command of it, and Lieut. Pierre R. Smith third in command of it. The squad commanded by all this power of command consisted of three soldiers from the army arsenal and laboratory at Edgewood, Md., two of them with flame throwing machines upon their backs and the third there because he was there.

After their arrival in army motor cars an hour was permitted to pass while a considerable crowd congregated to watch the experiment. Then the experiment was conducted like this: First, the soldier who had to machine

on his back took the machines off the backs of the soldiers who had machines on their backs. The machines were then held with their nozzles trained upon an expanse of snow which covered one of Central Park's greenwards. Then the flame throwing machines were lighted. One of them sputtered and quit cold. The other sputtered a little also and then emitted for eight continuous seconds a spout of black smoke which—as discovered afterwards—slightly blackened the snow at which it had been directed for about twenty square feet of its expanse.

There was not any more of the experiment. The army officers climbed back into their cars and went away. A few minutes later the arithmetician did his sum in Arabic numerals. Then the observer who claimed to have been sent uptown by the City Hall started back in that direction to report to his Chief that when it comes to snow removing these army boys are well meaning but unconvincing, and the dear old Street Cleaning Department, with its earnest toilers in white suits, the people's best reliance here still.

### Coal Crisis Here Ended.

The coal crisis has passed, Public Service Commissioner Lewis Nixon said yesterday. Further movements, owing to the warmer weather, can again be depended upon and putting coal for public utilities at the head of the preference list will avoid a recurrence of the troubles caused by commandeering.

### LEGION FREED IN I. W. W. RAID

Had No Part in Centennial Attack

Radical Headquarters.

MONTGOMERY, Wash., Feb. 9.—The American Legion to-day was exonerated of any part in the planning of an alleged plot to raid the I. W. W. hall at Centennial by Attorney George F. Vanderveer, counsel for the eleven I. W. W.

defendants on trial here for their lives for the Centennial Armistice Day shooting.

Vanderveer delivered the opening statement for the defense before the prosecution had offered any evidence.

He charged the American Legion members who might have participated in what he alleged was a prearranged affair were catpaws of commercial organizations of Centennial.

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