

16 MEN GO EAST.

BY FREIGHT CARS AND SOME ON TRACKS

More Than a Hundred Who Were Thrown
Out of Work in Colorado Call on
Chief Speers for Aid—Many
Go East Via Omaha.

The exodus of penniless miners and laboring men from Colorado has had little effect in Kansas City for the reason that Chicago has been the common objective point, and Omaha, and not Kansas City, is on the most direct route from Denver to Chicago. Therefore thousands of the laborers are said to have passed through Omaha in the last ten days.

Park Ford, freight conductor on the Burlington & Missouri River railway, discovered twenty-seven men riding in an empty fruit car that he had in a train of empties near Plattsmouth, Neb. yesterday. The men refused to leave the car when he commanded them to do so, and had no money or tickets for transportation. The conductor did not make a very spirited demonstration, for he saw the men were determined to ride through to Kansas City, and really deserved to be carried under the circumstances. Railway men say high officials of the Denver lines have instructed trainmen to wink at such violations of the rules.

About 6:30 o'clock last night about 150 men who had been thrown out of work in Colorado, called in a body on Chief Speers at the city hall and asked if he could do something to help them on their journey toward the East. They said they had come to Kansas City in various ways, some had even ridden on the trucks of railway trains, but a small percentage endured that hardship.

Chief Speers advised the men to leave Kansas City and told them there was little work to be had here and if they remained they would probably be worse off than they were in Denver. He said he regretted that he could not give them some material assistance in the way of railway tickets or food.

The men went away and it is believed many of them continued their journey.

The railways in Denver have made a rate of \$5 for the men, who can establish the fact that they were victims of the financial upheaval in Colorado, and for that sum have carried many men to Kansas City or Omaha. The men do not all seem to be without money. About twenty of them arrived this morning on a Santa Fe train from Denver and many of the lot took their grips and hand baggage to the check stands in the Union depot, well knowing they would be expected to pay ten cents a parcel for the storage.

About 400 men have come to Kansas City from Colorado, and the majority of them have not remained longer than twenty-four hours in the city. There was a report today that a train load of unemployed laborers would arrive in Kansas City on the Union Pacific railway to-night but it could not be verified at the general office of that company, and in fact railway men generally seem to believe a very small percentage of the Colorado exodus will reach Kansas City.