

Today's Developments in Acute Coal Situation

MAYOR SMITH sends telegram to Federal Coal Administrator... Garfield, petitioning immediate attention to the coal needs of Philadelphia.

Secretary of Navy Daniels orders Navy Yard commandant to give away refuse wood to poor for fuel.

Department of Agriculture is urged to limit production of potatoes... to meet the demand for food.

Allied Chiefs Plan Reply to Germany

views and later issuance either of a joint repledging of allied aims or possibly a reply statement issued directly to Russia, pointing out the weakness in the German "concessions."

Hertling Permitted Hand in Peace Move

The Kaiser agreed that Chancellor Hertling should participate in selecting the German peace conference, according to a State Department dispatch from Copenhagen dated December 26, made public today.

This step, the first recent move even remotely resembling stronger democratic representation in the German Government, was regarded here, however, as insincere.

A New War Course for Women

Women desirous of entering business or the Governmental service may prepare, in from six to ten weeks, to operate a calculating machine.

Many Passenger Trains to Be Cut

Continued from Page One Ohio they had received no word as late as 4 o'clock this afternoon of any changes in their present schedules, but are hourly awaiting instructions.

Table with columns for direction (Northbound/Southbound) and station names (Allentown, Downingtown, etc.) with corresponding times.

LEHIGH VALLEY BRANCH NORTHBOUND—Weekdays and Sundays... Leaving Allentown 9:50 a.m.

EAST PENN BRANCH EASTBOUND—Weekdays... Leaving Reading 3:02 p.m.

PERKIOMEN RAILROAD NORTHBOUND—Weekdays... Leaving Philadelphia 2:08 p.m.

LEHIGH VALLEY BRANCH WESTBOUND—Weekdays... Leaving Reading 4:55 a.m.

EAST PENN BRANCH WESTBOUND—Weekdays... Leaving Reading 4:35 p.m.

MIDDLETOWN AND HUMMELSTOWN BRANCH NORTHbound—Weekdays... Leaving Middletown 3:20 p.m.

GETTYSBURG AND HARRISBURG RAILWAY SOUTHBOUND—Weekdays... Leaving Carlisle for Mount Holly Springs 7:56 p.m.

SHAMOKIN DIVISION NORTHBOUND—Weekdays... Leaving Tamaqua 2:55 a.m.

Record Cold Wave Passing; Two Killed

Continued from Page One The Delaware River between Torresdale and Delair, N. J. was completely frozen at 11 o'clock this morning with the ice boat Joan Weaver trying to break the ice.

Other ice breakers were navigating the Delaware River at other points shattering the ice. Freight steamers in the Horse Shoe and outside of the Cape were stalled at dawn by huge floes which according to some shippers, resembled "solid icebergs."

Reports from the suburbs today gave marks as low as 8 below zero. It was 8 below at Green Tree on the Main Line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. At Paoli it was 6 below zero this morning.

Camden also shivered under the cold. Temperatures ranged a few degrees below zero to 2 above at 7 o'clock. The thermometer of T. L. Bear, at 204 Market street, which is considered by "candies" an official, stood at 2 above at 11 o'clock.

Buck Fisher, eighteen years old, of 208 South Second street, Camden, was taken to the Cooper Hospital from his room suffering from frozen hands, feet and face. His condition is not serious.

One man in Philadelphia today who felt the chill of the cold wave was Charles Darrow, paying teller of the First National Bank, who announced that at 5 o'clock today he will swim and dive in the Delaware at Riverton, N. J.

Hundreds of workmen at Hog Island failed to report for duty today, owing to the cold weather. The same conditions existed at the plant of the Eddy-stone Ammunition Corporation, Remington Arms Company and in other plants.

There is one grain of comfort for suffering Philadelphia, and that is that other cities suffering from the cold wave are suffering from it with a minimum of four degrees below zero in this city. New York was nine degrees worse off with thirteen below, while Norfolk, Va., touched with forty below.

Other extreme temperatures were at Albany, with eighteen below; Syracuse, twenty below; and Binghamton, twenty-two below. Freezing weather extended as far south as New Orleans, where the thermometer registered twenty above, and Charleston, S. C., where it was twelve.

POUR BELOW ZERO HERE In Philadelphia the low mark was reached at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, when the weather bureau thermometer recorded 4 degrees below zero. Although the sun shone brightly all day Sunday, the highest temperature was only 19 above at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gleason, eighty-nine years old, of 1824 South Front street, was struck by a piece of flying metal which extinguished the many fires to which she had been summoned. She attempted to start a fire in the kitchen range and the frozen boiler exploded.

Four other explosions, less serious in their consequences, occurred in different parts of the city. Benjamin Rosen, of 901 South Third street, was overcome by gas from the leaky tube to a gas stove which he had lighted because there was no coal in the house. He was taken to St. Paul Hospital, and it is believed he will recover.

Mrs. Ida Thomas, forty-two years old, is threatened with the loss of the sight of her right eye as the result of the explosion of a frozen boiler at her home, 3817 Pennings street. She was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital.

The hospitals of the city were called upon to treat scores of persons suffering from frozen ears, toes and fingers, an almost unprecedented condition in the relief work due to cold weather here.

Aside from the property loss due to fires directly traceable to the cold weather, the loss from frozen plumbing will run into considerable figures. Bursting pipes and flooded cellars added to the acute discomfort of the situation in Philadelphia.

NEW YORK SUFFERS IN RECORD COLD WAVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 31. With eight deaths already recorded and untold suffering reported, New York today was still in the grip of the worst below-zero weather in the history of the city.

At 8 a. m. the mercury was 8 degrees below zero. Since Saturday, when the cold wave set in, it has not once been above the zero mark. The lowest point, 13 below, which was touched early yesterday, broke all existing records of the local weather bureau.

The coal situation is the most serious factor; while the poor are suffering most, the wealthy also are affected and unless more coal arrives at eastern tide-water points additional deaths are feared.

The east side tenement district was virtually a scene of horror. Many poor people did not have even a lump of coal. Cases were reported in which mothers desperately smashed their furniture in an effort to furnish heat to babies, almost perishing with cold and hunger.

One little mite of a baby, William A. Westervelt, nine months old, died in his crib while the father was frantically scouring the neighborhood for coal. Several other persons froze to death out of doors, four of them in a small open boat in Jamaica Bay.

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