

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 coal.

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.

The German liberal press regarded the Kaiser's move joyfully. There was general agreement that he has headed in the right direction by nominally, at least, giving the Reichstag a chance to express the people's will.

Government officials placed little stock in the Kaiser's sincerity. They felt that he is still the guiding power at the peace conference and that he is not yet ready to relinquish to the people his power to control their destiny.

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.

The trains cut from the other divisions are as follows: MAIN LINE NORTHBOUND—Weekdays: 41—Allentown Local... 2:08 p.m.

WESTBOUND—Weekdays: 14—Allentown Local... 6:50 a.m.

LITTLE SCHUYLKILL BRANCH NORTHBOUND—Sundays: 30—Leaving Port Clinton... 10:40 a.m.

PERRIMON RAILROAD NORTHBOUND—Weekdays: 41—Allentown Local... 2:08 p.m.

LEBANON VALLEY BRANCH WESTBOUND—Weekdays: 11—Leaving Reading... 4:55 a.m.

MIDDLETOWN AND HUMMELSTOWN BRANCH NORTHbound—Weekdays: 10—Leaving Middletown... 3:20 p.m.

GETTYSBURG AND HARRISBURG RAILWAY SOUTHBOUND—Weekdays: 27—Leaving Carlisle for Mount Holly Springs... 7:56 p.m.

SHAMOKIN DIVISION NORTHBOUND—Weekdays: 11—Leaving Tamaqua... 2:55 a.m.

SHAMOKIN DIVISION SOUTHBOUND—Weekdays: 14—Leaving Williamsport... 11:30 p.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 John 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 at 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 are suffering more. 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.

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.

The Postoffice ran out of coal yesterday, and it was only by the utmost effort that sufficient fuel was obtained to keep the fires going for the time being.

The police boat Ashbridge, with eight policemen on board, one of whom was a woman, attempted to make the trip from the Race street pier to the House of Correction when it became wedged in the ice of the river.

The prisoners were then taken in a patrol wagon to the Seventh district police station, at Third street and Fairmount avenue, but there it was found that the supply of coal had been exhausted.

Suburbanites have been put to great inconvenience in getting into the city for their work, especially those living in sections not reached by the trolley cars.

Difficulty in attaching hose to frozen plugs and the rapid freezing of water hampered the firemen seriously in their efforts to extinguish the many fires to which they were called, and it is considered remarkable that the property loss from this source was no greater than it was.

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 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.

The residence of Roger Cross, Lancaster, was damaged by fire early this morning, due to a stove waterback exploding.

Get Ready to Speed Up Housing Plan LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 31. Reports from all parts of Lancaster County show that this is the coldest December on record, the mercury at some places being 24 degrees below zero.

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While these facilities are being enlarged to accommodate between 6000 and 8000 men they will continue to be temporary quarters for a mere clearing house toward living quarters outside the works.

As tomorrow begins the new year, Councils could get money to provide improvements to the new section through the passage of another Council's loan such as the one just being passed.

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