

NATION ROCKED BY GARFIELD ORDER; PROTESTS POUR IN

Enforced Closing of Industries for Five-Day Period, Followed by Nine Successive Holidays, Causes Dismay to America's Workers

Thousands of Plants Prepare to Adjust Themselves to Regulations—Millions of Dollars in Wages and Output Affected—7,000,000 Employees Face Grave Hardships

HOW GARFIELD'S DRASTIC ORDER WILL AFFECT NATION'S ACTIVITIES

ALL fuel deliveries cease today except to railroads, domestic consumers, hospitals and charitable institutions, public utilities, ships and Federal, State and local government institutions which are excepted from the provisions of the fuel order. Deliveries to be resumed January 23.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. The fuel administration is prepared to enforce the fourteen coal-saving holidays strictly. This was made plain today, when copies of Doctor Garfield's order were telegraphed to every State fuel administrator with instructions to see that it is obeyed by all that come under its provisions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. America's working world today is reeling under the shock of one of the most drastic steps yet taken by the Government—enforced closing of all but a few industries east of the Mississippi River for five days, starting tomorrow. Thereafter every Monday will be held a holiday and all plants closed on the day for nine weeks.

While violent protests poured into the Capital from all points, 75,000,000 persons and thousands of industrial plants began the gigantic task of adjusting themselves to the new regulation. Millions of dollars in wages and output are affected, but 30,000,000 tons of coal must and can be saved by the order, it is stated.

Problems arising from the hardships faced by more than 7,000,000 employees in the affected territory are admittedly great. Appeal will be made to industries not to curtail wages for the "rest" period any more than is absolutely necessary. Extra precautions already have been ordered to prevent outbreaks of any kind resulting from enforced idleness of millions of workers for five days.

PROTESTS AGAINST ORDER POUR IN As the country awoke to the full significance of the tremendous step ordered by the Government after conferences between Fuel Administrator Garfield, Secretary of War Baker, President Wilson and State fuel administrators, there was a violent blast of protest.

Congress, the White House and various departments fairly shook under the reaction from the order. That Garfield had exceeded his authority was charged both in Senate and House circles, and demands were made for revocation of the order.

Despite this, however, there was no indication that the order would be revoked by the President.

COAL BAN TO INDUSTRY ON TODAY Distribution of coal to all establishments except public utilities and a few indispensable institutions was stopped this morning.

All factories east of the Mississippi River, even those working on war contracts, and excepting those manufacturing perishable food or food necessary for immediate consumption must suspend operations entirely tomorrow and continue in idleness until next Tuesday night under the fuel administration order.

The next nine Mondays will be virtual holidays, when all industry and amusements must close. The order is compulsory and carries a fine of \$500 or one year's imprisonment for violation. It will be enforced by State fuel administrators.

Hopeless scarcity of fuel, combined with congestion of shipments caused by the recent storm tie-ups in the Middle West, forced the fuel administration to take this sudden and far-reaching step.

Summarized, the provisions of the fuel administration's order are as follows: Domestic consumers, railroads, hospitals, charitable institutions, public utilities, ships, Government buildings, manufacturers of perishable foods, or foods necessary for immediate consumption, may operate continuously.

During five days, from January 18 to 22, no manufacturing industry east of the Mississippi may operate, even if it has coal on hand. Factories engaged in war work not excepted.

All States east of the Mississippi River, including Minnesota and Louisiana, included. These regulations, with additional prohibitions on theatres and amusement places, to apply each Monday until March 25.

Penalties of \$5000 or one year's imprisonment provided under the Lever act giving authority for this step.

WORK ON WAR SUPPLIES TO CEASE Even in the face of pressing need of war supplies it was thought wise to suspend all production, and so tomorrow the work of making bullets and guns and uniforms for American fighting forces will halt while the country takes a hitch in its belt and straightens out its coal trouble.

Without such a radical step, it was pointed out, more damaging delays might have occurred unexpectedly at later critical moments.

All details of the gigantic stroke are not yet made public. It is believed that some modifications may be necessary, or further elaboration of the orders. Hundreds of conditions will arise unexpectedly. Doctor Garfield will rely on State fuel administrators to handle these on their merits so as to effect the greatest saving of fuel with the least disturbance or loss of industry.

But it was made clear today that America faces a desperate situation which only desperate steps can remedy. Every industry will have to bear its share of the burden, the fuel administration declared, and even industries west of the Mississippi River will naturally be affected somewhat by the cessation of production in eastern plants. However, they will profit by the saving of coal.

ALL FUELS INCLUDED IN ORDER Doctor Garfield's prohibition extends to fuel oil users and establishments using gasoline power as well as coal and coke. Water power, however, may be used at all times, as this will not add to the fuel consumption. Offices and stores will be allowed to keep fires sufficient to prevent freezing and attendant disturbance of fire risks, but no temperatures higher than 22 degrees Fahrenheit are allowed. Stores which can operate without the use of coal for heating purposes may reopen. Grocery stores are not affected by the order, since they handle perishable foods.

TEXT OF COAL SAVING ORDER

(1) Until further orders of United States fuel administrator all persons selling fuel of whatever capacity shall give preference to orders for necessary requirements.

(a) Of railroads, (b) Of domestic consumers, hospitals, charitable institutions and army and navy cantonments.

(c) Of public utilities, telephones and telegraph plants.

(d) Of ships and vessels for bunker purposes.

(e) Of the United States for strictly governmental purposes, not including orders from or for factories or plants working on contracts for the United States.

(f) Of municipal, county or State Governments for necessary public uses.

(g) Of manufacturers of perishable food or of food for necessary immediate consumption.

That on January 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1918, no fuel shall be delivered to any person, firm, association or corporation for any uses or requirements not included in the foregoing list until the requirements included in the list shall have been first met.

On January 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1918, and also on each and every Monday, beginning January 23, 1918, and continuing up to and including March 25, 1918, no manufacturing plant shall burn fuel or use power derived from fuel for any purpose except:

(a) Such plants as from their nature must be continuously operated seven days each week, to avoid serious injury to the plant itself or its contents.

(b) Manufacturers of perishable goods.

(c) Manufacturers of food not perishable and not in immediate demand who may burn fuel to such extent as is authorized by the fuel administrator of the State in which such plant is located or by his representative authorized therefor, upon application by the United States food administrator.

(d) Printers or publishers of daily papers may burn fuel as usual excepting on every Monday from January 21 to March 25, 1918, inclusive, to such extent as is necessary to issue current numbers of magazines and other publications periodically issued.

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On, each Monday, beginning January 21, 1918, and continuing up to and including Monday, March 25, 1918, no fuel shall be burned (except to such extent as is essential to prevent injury to property from freezing pipes) for the purpose of supplying heat for:

(a) Any business or professional offices, except offices used by the United States, State, county or municipal governments, transportation companies or which are occupied by banks and trust companies or by physicians or dentists;

(b) Wholesale or retail stores, or any other stores, business houses or buildings whatever except that for the purpose of selling food only, for which purposes stores may maintain necessary heat until 12 o'clock noon; and for the purpose of selling drugs and medical supplies only stores may maintain necessary heat throughout the day and evening;

(c) Theatres, moving-picture houses, bowling alleys, billiard rooms, private or public dance halls, or any other place of amusement.

On the above specified Mondays no fuel shall be burned for the purpose of heating rooms or buildings in which liquor is sold on those days.

No fuel shall be burned on any of the foregoing specified Mondays for the purpose of supplying power for the movement of surface, elevated, subway or suburban cars or trams in excess of the amount used on the Sundays previous thereto.

This order provides that nothing in this order shall be held to forbid the burning of fuel to heat rooms or such portions of buildings as are used in connection with the production or distribution of fuel.

The State fuel administrators are authorized by the order to issue orders on special applications for relief, where necessary, to prevent injury to health or destruction of or injury to property by fire or freezing.

The order is effective in all of the territory of the United States east of the Mississippi River, including the whole of the States of Louisiana and Minnesota.

WHERE FIRE SNUFFED OUT FOUR LIVES



Four members of the family of George Negro were burned to death today when fire swept through their house at 840 Carpenter street.

RUSSIA WONDERS IF CZAR ESCAPED

Petrograd Starts Inquiry to Ascertain Ex-Ruler's Whereabouts

STORY WIDELY SPREAD SMOKE FOILS RESCUE

PETROGRAD, Jan. 17. Reported escape of the former czar and his family led to the people's committee to telegraph to the czar and his family to return to Petrograd.

No details were available here as to the truth of the reports, which nevertheless were circulated everywhere.

The czar and his family have been under careful guard at Tobolsk, capital city of western Siberia, during the past six months or more, following their removal from Tsarist-Siberia.

On several occasions attempts have been made to force transfer of the whole royal family to the more secure fortress of St. Peter and Paul, in Petrograd, but the Kerensky and Bolshevik Governments both resisted such movements.

Two days ago dispatches from Petrograd reported that a widespread movement was about to bring the czar and his entire family to trial on charges of treason, meanwhile detaining them in the fortress of Kronstadt.

There have been several rumors of the czar's escape in the past, but all proved groundless.

4600 STEEL MEN IDLE THROUGH MILL'S CLOSE

Illinois and American Wire Companies Forced to Close Through Lack of Fuel

JOLIET, Ill., Jan. 17.—Forty-six hundred employees of the Illinois Steel Company are out of work as a result of the shutdown of the company's local mill, caused through a shortage of coal.

The Joliet and Steel street mills of the American Steel and Wire Company were also closed because they are unable to get rods from the steel company. Other mills in this section are operating on small supplies.

38 GERMAN OFFICERS DIE IN NAVAL MUTINY

Dispatch to London Newspaper Reports Sailors' UNprising at Kiel

LONDON, Jan. 17.—A dispatch printed today by the London Express asserts that thirty-eight officers were recently killed in a mutiny among German naval forces at Kiel.

STEAMSHIP TEXAN AFLOAT

Disabled Oil Vessel Being Towed to Port—Crew Reported Safe

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Officials of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company announced today that the steamer Texan, which was disabled in a collision off the Atlantic coast last Monday, is still afloat. The vessel is being towed to an Atlantic port and should reach port today or tomorrow.

QUICK NEWS

WILSON ASKED FOR DEFINITE RUSSIAN POLICY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—President Wilson was asked this afternoon to formulate a definite Russian policy which will counteract German propaganda in Russia and convince the Russian people that the United States is the best friend of the newest of republics. The request was conveyed to the White House by leading Senators and Representatives.

POLICE TO ENFORCE FEDERAL COAL ORDER

Enforcement of the Federal coal shutdown order will be aided by the police, according to a statement by Director of Public Safety Wilson today.

TURKISTAN DECLARES ITSELF FREE RUSSIAN ALLY

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 17.—Turkistan has proclaimed independence as an autonomous, separate republic, allied with a "Russian confederation," according to word received here today. A Mohammedan general congress, appointed by the Provisional Government, is part of the scheme.

20 MORE SHIPS ORDERED AT BRISTOL PLANT

Contracts for the building of twenty additional steel ships have been awarded by the Government to the Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation, of Bristol, Pa., making a total of sixty that this concern now has under contract. An expenditure of \$1,500,000 for homes of workmen at Bristol will be made by the Government.

SUBURBAN RESIDENTS' GAS SUPPLY MENACED

Three times within the last few days residents in the section lying north of Oak Lane on the York road and in every town in North Penn above Jenkintown have narrowly escaped having their supply of gas cut off through inability of the Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company to obtain materials and supplies, and officials of the company have warned consumers to use gas sparingly and have notified them that an increase in rates at an early date is inevitable.

WILSON POTTER IS COMMISSIONED A MAJOR

Wilson Potter, clubman, athlete and big game hunter, who served through the Spanish-American War with Battery A, of Philadelphia, has been commissioned a major in the ordnance transport service and has reported to Camp Meade for duty. He is a nephew of William Potter, State fuel administrator, and recently returned from a shooting trip to his game preserves in Quebec Province, Canada.

READY TO CLOSE BARS IF ORDERED

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STOCKS TUMBLE IN EARLY DEALS

Declines were the order for industrial shares all along the line at the opening of the New York Stock Exchange today, as a result of Fuel Administrator Garfield's drastic order closing industrial establishments temporarily and declaring Monday holidays for virtually all business. Other issues were also affected, as the whole market was nervous and excited, selling being the rule for many stocks, with the result that irregular prices prevailed for nearly everything in which transactions took place.

MARKET BRACES LATER

Dealings in railroads showed uncertainty, with leading declines more than a point. Pennsylvania was slow in starting, but was off also when it came out.

Naturally there was much interest in trading started on a large scale. First sales were recorded as 10,000 shares from 89 1/2 to 90, against 91 1/2, yesterday's close. Bethlehem "B" sold down also, losing 1 1/2 points to 74 1/2, and General Motors dropped four points to 109 1/2, other industrials were off large fractions to two points and more.

Very soon, however, the market became more steady, as a wave of big buying by professionals followed the selling movement, and a good part of the early losses were recovered before the end of the first hour.

Thus far so special a meeting of the managers of the New York Cotton Exchange has been called to consider what action should be taken with regard to the order of Fuel Administrator Garfield on the closing down of industries.

Members of the board early this morning expressed their opinion that there was no likelihood of closing the exchange in the next five days and that it is probable that business will be carried on without lift and heat if necessary.

So far as the following ten Mondays are concerned these members stated that the action of the managers would probably depend on what was done by Governor Whitman, who might proclaim legal holidays on those days.

USES TRUCKS TO HAUL EMPLOYEES TO PLANT

GloUCESTER Concern Finds Trolley Service Hopelessly Inadequate to Carry Workers

The Welshbach Company, of Gloucester, hauled 200 women to their plant this morning in motorbuses, due to lack of trolley service. The trucks will be run each morning until the trolley company puts on enough cars to bring the women employees to the plant. One truck runs from Federal street and another from Knight's avenue.

The women were only recently put on in places of men who were relieved for war work. They have been late at the plant nearly every morning, being unable to get on the trolley cars, were loaded with shippers' workers.

FIREMEN DO QUICK WORK

Quick action and good work by the firemen prevented a fire which started today at the home of Arthur G. Bleiser, 92 East Chelton avenue, from doing serious damage. The flames were extinguished after causing a loss of about \$100.

POTTER CALLS FOR OBEDIENCE TO COAL ORDER

Rules for City and State Now Being Drafted

EXPECTS CHEERFUL COMPLIANCE HERE

Fuel Controller Prepares Statement Explaining Edict's Application

LABOR WILL PROTEST

How Garfield Order Affects Philadelphia

MILL'S closing order shuts down 10,000 plants. 650,000 Philadelphians idle for five days. Estimated daily loss in Philadelphia zone \$1,500,000. Monday holiday order closes stores and shops.

Hits theatres, saloons and office buildings. Surface, subway and elevated lines will run on Sunday schedules. Munitions and war work plants affected. Speculation as to effect on ship-building.

Details of carrying out order to be announced today by Philadelphia fuel administrator.

Organize police force to prevent possible disorder.

It is not probable that the Philadelphia Stock Exchange will observe Monday holidays, according to a statement made by Secretary Lee when asked concerning the effect of Fuel Administrator Garfield's order today.

The local stock market will naturally follow the course taken by the New York Stock Exchange officials, and early reports indicated that they would keep that market open even if the brokers were compelled to wear overcoats.

Official orders directing how Philadelphia and the State shall observe the sweeping action of the national fuel administrator, closing all industrial plants beginning tomorrow, were prepared today by William Potter, Federal fuel administrator for Pennsylvania.

Confusion in the business and industrial life reigned in the meantime. The official order, with interpretations of it as applied to Pennsylvania, will be issued this afternoon, it was said at the office of the State fuel administrator in the Bellevue-Stratford.

"Every possible question arising from the order will be thoroughly considered," was the message that Administrator Potter sent from behind closed doors.

"We ask that the people have patience. Every issue is being considered, and a forward special and extraordinary cases will be taken up if they are not covered in the general interpretation."

Shortly before this he issued the following typewritten statement: "It is a clarion call to all Philadelphia and citizens of the East to make patriotic sacrifices. In my capacity as Federal fuel administrator it is my duty to enforce the order. This will be done without fear or favor."

WAGE QUESTION UPPERMOST The questions of wages and of operation of shipyards, a vital industry in this State, were in the minds of Philadelphia while Mr. Potter conferred with Federal and city fuel officials, armed with copies of the order transmitted from Washington.

Labor will protest against the shutdown, leaders indicated today. Saloonkeepers will follow out the Government's orders to the letter.

The anterooms of Mr. Potter's office in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel were scenes of wild confusion. Many manufacturers who hold Government contracts appealed to the State controller to exercise his authority to make special rules governing unusual conditions, so that their contracts would not be null and void.

The appeals were so many and so varied that Mr. Potter, who admitted that he was temporarily "up in the air" as to how these details are to be worked out, summoned Francis A. Lewis, chairman of the Philadelphia coal commission.

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BIG WASTE OF CRUDE OIL

READING, Pa., Jan. 17.—Fully 25,000 barrels of crude oil went to waste when the main of the Tuscarora Oil Company from the west to Tidewater broke under high pressure on Daniel Schantz's farm near Bally. The oil ran into the Perkiomen Creek and Schuylkill Rivers.

It took fifteen men thirty-six hours to make repairs. Much farm land was damaged by the oil.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Fair tonight and Friday; slightly colder, with lowest temperature tonight about 25 degrees; partly variable winds tomorrow.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises 7:11 a.m. Sun sets 5:00 p.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET High water, 4:56 a.m. High water, 5:00 p.m. Low water, 11:58 a.m. Low water, 12:26 p.m. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

Table with 24 columns representing hours of the day and 2 rows of temperature data.

Today's Installment of Governor Pennypacker's Autobiography

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