



LOCAL MUNITION PLANTS MAY RESUME OPERATIONS AT ONCE

PART PARALYSIS OF ALL INDUSTRIES EFFECTIVE TO-DAY

AMERICA FEELS PINCH OF WAR FOR FIRST TIME

Manufacturing Plants in the East Are Closed For a Five-Day Period

CRITICISM VERY BITTER

Failure to Heed Senate Request May Mean Direct Appeal to President

Washington, Jan. 18.—America felt the pinch of war perhaps for the first time to-day with its industries hanging idle under the fuel administration's order issued to relieve the coal shortage and release fuel for ships loaded with supplies for the American Army and the allies.

In the face of protests predicting disastrous consequences and a formal request from the Senate to stay its execution temporarily the order was signed last night by Administrator Garfield with the approval of President Wilson.

Schools Exempt From Coal Saving Program, Downes Wired From Washington

Schools are exempt from the general closing orders issued by the Federal fuel administration, Dr. F. E. Downes, superintendent of city schools, to-day was informed by telegraph. This means that the schools will not have to close Monday when office buildings must turn off heat.

Dr. Downes telegraphed to Dr. Garfield as follows for a ruling: "Does recent order close public schools on Mondays? School buildings already closed Monday, Saturday and Sunday. All Harrisburg schools have sufficient coal. Think closing schools will be a great mistake. Please wire."

Pennsylvania Cuts More Trains; Sunday Schedules Start Tonight at Midnight

Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—The Pennsylvania railroad will put into effect its regular Sunday schedule on local trains for passenger service tomorrow, Sunday and Monday under the fuel conservation plan. Announcement to this effect was made this afternoon. The regular schedule for through passenger trains will not be changed.

WEATHER FORECAST

Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and colder to-night, with low temperature about 10 degrees; Saturday fair, continued cold.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy and colder to-night, probably snow in northeast portion; Saturday fair, colder in southeast portion; Sunday to moderate shifting winds.

\$4.12 Means \$5.00 Ask Your Letter-Carrier.

Fuel Order Interpreted

These interpretations of Doctor Garfield's order were announced by William Potter, Pennsylvania administrator and his associates yesterday: "Mr. Potter, Federal fuel administrator for Pennsylvania, makes the statement that Doctor Garfield's order is intended to facilitate the delivery of coal at points where needed, and on that account so far as possible, such interpretation will be given to Doctor Garfield's order as not to interfere with the free movement of coal in transit."

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2,000,000 in Pennsylvania Affected by Temporary Closing of Industries

Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—Approximately 2,000,000 workers in Pennsylvania will be thrown out of employment during the five-day shutdown of industries affected by the Federal fuel administrator's order, according to statistics compiled by the State Department of Labor and Industry at Harrisburg. One million and a half workers will be similarly affected on the Monday holidays and the approximate loss in wages was placed at \$114,000,000.

Many of the department stores and manufacturing interests in Philadelphia announced to-day that they would pay their employees during the enforced suspension.

The general committee of anthracite operations issued an appeal to-day for 25,000 additional men to work in the hard coal mines of Pennsylvania.

"Although last year's production of anthracite exceeded 77,000,000 tons nearly ten million tons more than ever before," said the appeal, "production must be further increased. The high record output has proved that the anthracite industry is capable of being operated regardless of the enlarged war-time demands. More labor is essential now. The industry is short-handed. It has only 152,000 men being operated regularly in 1918. The mining operations are developed sufficiently to enable an immediate increase in production, work being operated regardless of the five-day suspension period order by National Fuel Administrator Garfield. Some of the plants ignoring the order appear to be within the fuel saving ruling, others have shut off heat and power and face losses of thousands of dollars.

Reserve police in the city and state are being held in readiness for any disturbances which might accompany the enforced idleness. Workers are accepting the "lay off" philosophically although few rulings have yet been made offering pay to employees for the five-day idle period.

Fuel Holiday Enables Railroads to Clean Up Miles of Congested Sidings

Reading, Pa., Jan. 16.—Because of the fuel holiday the railroads started to-day to clean up miles of sidings which are congested with coal and freight cars. General Superintendent W. H. Keffer, of the Reading Railway, with headquarters in this city, returned from the anthracite fields Thursday evening after having spent an entire day there in getting the tracks in shape to handle the coal traffic. "In all my experience," said Mr. Keffer, "I never knew conditions to be worse than they are now, because of the heavy snow and ice which blocked the tracks all through the region."

"We had about 1,000 men employed clearing away the ice and snow and it required hard work, but it was accomplished, and conditions to-day are very good. Notwithstanding the great difficulties encountered, the output from the mines reached 1,100 cars yesterday and it is expected that this number will be increased to-day."

FACTORIES AND MILLS CLOSED BY FUEL ORDER

Scores of Big and Little Plants Shut Down For Enforced Holiday

MAY WORK IN THE OPEN

National Order Applies Only to Workers Using Coal or Power

Modification of the general closing order by Fuel Administrator Garfield to-day permits the Steelton plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company and the mills of the Central Iron & Steel Company to continue operations.

Modification of the order was made with the understanding that the plants work to full capacity on steel plate orders for the Emergency Fleet Corporation. Word was received here from the general offices in Bethlehem that instructions would be followed out.

At the Central plant, the entire force cannot be put back to work until Monday, it was said, because it will take that time to get back the employees. At both the Steelton and Central plants between 30 and 50 per cent. of the men were working to-day keeping the blast furnaces hot.

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Do You Want a Clean Collar and Table Linen? Well, Write to Garfield

"I don't believe your Uncle John ever had a collar on," hummed a spruce lad to-day as he approached his laundryman. "Well, he won't get any here," scowled the latter. "A five-day shutdown will have everybody turning their neck over. Low neck will probably be the style and you know what that would do to us."

The restaurant lost no time in making provision for the cessation of laundry establishments, sending in big orders for paper napkins and heavy paper table cloths. The amount of washing needed to keep a first-class eating house is so considerable that restaurant men say they cannot get their regular washing done and will have to rely on paper material.

Little Snow Forecast, Although Weather Is to Continue Unsettled

Harrisburg has had snow on the ground never less than six inches, since December 8, and at the present time there is just an even foot of it. The greatest amount was a little over twelve inches. The town was properly camouflaged in white for the first time on December 8, although there were three or four flurries in November. That month closed with the streets covered with 3.8 inches and since then the various falls have been heavy enough to make a foot of it.

The snow sift of to-day does not promise to develop into anything but a light shower, said Mr. Demain. It will probably disappear this afternoon and may be followed with a trifle colder weather. The general prediction calls for "unsettled" weather, with no warm wave on the way.

BIG SHAKEUP IN BERLIN PREDICTED



According to recent reports from Berlin, important changes in the government are to be made in the near future. The Crown Prince, Marshal von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff were summoned to council recently by the Emperor. The outcome of the conference was the downfall of the "peace party" in Germany and the promise of military dictatorship by von Hindenburg.

RUSSIA FACES NEW PROBLEMS--- CIVIL CONFLICT SPREADS

Deadlock in Negotiations With Central Powers; Threatened War With Rumania and Hostility of Ukraine Are Present Problems

An apparent deadlock in the peace negotiations with the central powers, threatened war with Rumania, and the hostility of the Ukraine are difficulties faced by the Bolshevik government, to which has been added the assembling in Petrograd of the delegates to the Constituent Assembly. There is also a report from a Swedish newspaper that the relations between Premier Lenin and Foreign Minister Trotsky daily become more strained.

Germany has refused to accept Russia's attitude concerning the right of the occupied territories of Poland, Courland, Lithuania and Estonia to self-determination along lines advocated by the Bolsheviks. Until a general peace, the Germans say they cannot evacuate the territories. The Bolshevik stand is declared by the Germans to be one-sided and the Russian delegates are asked to agree to the German view, Foreign Minister Trotsky's answer to the German proposals is not yet known.

Rumania not having replied to the [Continued on Page 10.]

GARFIELD SAD FAILURE, HOUSE CRITICS AVER

Madden and Lenroot Lead a Vigorous Attack on National Administrator

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Senate last night, in unprecedented action and a majority of 19, approved the resolution offered by Senator Hitchcock, Democrat, of Nebraska, requesting Fuel Administrator Garfield to suspend for five days his order halting the consumption of coal in the east for that length of time.

The resolution was approved after Doctor Garfield had been summoned before the subcommittee of the Senate committee on manufactures to explain the necessity for it and after many hours of bitter debate between a few administration supporters and a majority of the Republican and Democratic members.

Fuel Administrator Garfield's coal order hit the House of Representatives like a bombshell. The yell of [Continued on Page 6.]

GROSS GIVEN HEARING Commissioner E. Z. Gross, charged by John P. Guver with the violation of the election expense return law, was given a hearing late this afternoon before Alderman Landis, before whom the suit was brought.

CITY REACHES AN ACUTE STAGE IN COAL SHORTAGE

Men and Women With Bags and Baskets Swarm Oyer Car Sent Here

DEALERS' YARDS EMPTY

Emergency Orders Given to Homes Where There Is Sickness

The coal shortage in Harrisburg has reached the most acute stage that it has assumed at any time during the winter. Contrary to the expectations of Ross A. Hickok, fuel administrator of Dauphin county, who expected a fair shipment of coal over the Pennsylvania lines yesterday, no coal was received from either the Susquehanna Coal Company, which comes over the Pennsylvania Railroad, or the Reading Coal and Iron Company, yesterday.

Families without coal, are besieging the police station and the Chamber of Commerce offices, with demands for coal. Dealers' offices are thronged with consumers, bringing bags and baskets for small supplies of coal.

Mr. Hickok said that a few cars of coal have come into the city over the Pennsylvania lines to-day. One dealer, he said, received three cars, but he could announce no other shipments. He has been telephoning to Mr. Potter, state fuel ad- [Continued on Page 14.]

GOVERNOR SEEKS TO RELIEVE FUEL ORDER HARDSHIPS

Seeks Advice of Industrial Leaders as to Means of Preventing Suffering

Governor Brumbaugh to-day telegraphed to chairmen of the public safety committees of the industrial counties of Pennsylvania and men prominent in industrial affairs such as Charles H. Schwab, of the Bethlehem Steel Company, and A. A. Herr, of the Westinghouse interests, for their opinion as to the effect of the "shut down" order of the national fuel administrator, as he phrased it. During the day the Governor discussed the situation with other men prominent in affairs over the telephone and called to his office leaders of the railroad brotherhoods and [Continued on Page 10.]

PATRIOTS MUST DIE FOR IDEALS, SAYS PREMIER

Urgency For Raising More Men Is Self-Evident, Declares Lloyd George

London, Jan. 18.—Premier Lloyd George, addressing the labor delegates to-day said no man standing on the watch tower could deny the urgency of the need for raising more men.

The prime minister said the democracy has ever long survived the failure of its adherents to be ready to die for it. Mr. Lloyd George said that he and President Wilson without previous consultation—there was no opportunity—had laid down substantially the same program of demands for the termination of the war.

Must Restore Belgium There was no man willing to make peace without complete restoration of Belgium. [Continued on Page 10.]

Grand Juries Investigate Charging of 'Gouging' by Retail Coal Dealers Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—Federal grand juries in many districts are investigating complaints that coal operators, and wholesale and retail dealers, have violated the Government's fixed prices.

LATE NEWS

MANY FIRMS EXEMPTED Washington—The fuel administration to-day made public a list of more than one thousand firms exempted from the fuel restriction order as being necessary to the national interest.

LAND PURCHASE BILL PASSES SENATE

Washington—The administration bill authorizing the expenditure of \$50,000,000 from the funds of the shipping board for government purchase of lands near ship yards upon which to erect houses for the use of shipyard employees was passed to-day by the Senate after brief debate. The bill now goes to the House.

BALDWIN WORKS TO RESUME

Washington—Balwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, may resume work at once.

MARKET CLOSES IRREGULAR

New York—Steels, coppers and equipments made further recoveries in the last hour. The closing was irregular. Liberty 3 1-2's sold at 98.60 to 98.48, first 4's at 97.06 to 96.8 and second 4's at 96.22 to 96.10. The new conservation order acted as a check on trading in to-day's narrow stock market. Sales approximated 475,000 shares.

CUBAN SUGAR DISTRIBUTED

Washington—President Menocal of Cuba, by decree, has permitted distribution throughout the world of the entire Cuban crop by the International Sugar Committee which works with the food administration.

WAR COUNCIL BILL APPROVED

Washington—The bill to create a new war council of three civilians and the Secretaries of War and Navy was approved late to-day by the Senate Military Committee and will be introduced in Senate on Monday.

DIRECTOR OF MUNITIONS BILL

Washington—A bill to create a director of munitions, not having cabinet membership but with broad authority to centralize control of all war munitions, was reported favorably to-day by the Senate Military Committee. Another bill to establish a war council was nearly completed.

PRESIDENT WILL NOT INTERFERE

Washington—It was stated officially early to-day that President Wilson is not even considering interfering with the fuel restriction order and feels that the country will be satisfied with its necessity.

MUNITION PLANTS MAY WORK

Washington—All the principal munitions plants will be permitted to work at full capacity under the fuel restriction order. As announced last night by the fuel administrator.

MORE THAN 500,000 IDLE

Chicago—More than one billion dollars in capital and some 500,000 workers are idle to-day in the Chicago district, as a result of the conservation order of the federal fuel administration.

URGE 6 DAYS' WORK IN FIVE

New York—The doing of six days' work in five during Mondayless industrial weeks is recommended to members of the National Boot and Shoe Manufacturers Association in a bulletin telegraphed to them to-day by John S. Kent, president.

TEXAN REACHES PORT

An Atlantic Port—The Hawaiian American line steamship Texan which was in a collision at sea last Monday, arrived here safely to-day under her own steam. It became known that she was rammed by a convoying warship which punched a large hole in her port side.

ASK FOR 25,000 ADDITIONAL MINERS

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SCHOOLS ARE EXEMPT

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles B. Schwartz and Mrs. Jennie Rinehart, Mifflin; James L. Wilson and Pearl L. Schwab, Pittsburgh; Lee McQuague and Ida White, Harrisburg.