

Temperatures to Moderate Slightly in the East, Is Washington's Prediction

By Associated Press Washington, Dec. 18.—Below zero temperatures were registered last night and early to-day in parts of New York state and New England. The lowest temperature reported to the Weather Bureau was 22 below at Northfield, Vt., while the next was 26 below at Canton, N. Y. Zero temperature was registered in New York city, at Boston it was 6 below; at Albany, 8 below and at Buffalo, 9 below. Philadelphia and Atlantic City

showed 4 above; Baltimore 8 above and Washington 10 above. The Weather Bureau's forecast said temperatures would moderate somewhat in the Middle Atlantic and New England states to-night and Friday, but cold weather would continue for the present and the outlook was for snow flurries in the Middle Atlantic and New England states to-night and to-morrow. Cold weather continues general over the West plateau, but comparatively mild temperatures prevail over the west gulf states and on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains.

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STRIKE CLAUSES IN RAILROAD BILL ARE UP AGAIN

Agreement to Vote on Provisions Fail; McCormick Has Substitute

By Associated Press Washington, Dec. 18.—The anti-strike provisions in the railroad bill were to come up in the Senate again to-day, although an agreement to get a vote on these clauses at noon have failed. It was said it would depend on the consideration of the sugar bill. A substitute for the anti-strike clauses was introduced yesterday by Senator McCormick, Republican, Illinois. His plan is similar to the Canadian law and would prohibit strikes or lockouts of employees until sixty days after decisions by an arbitration board. The McCormick plan also would require the arbitration board to dispose of all controversies within ninety days. The Senate tentatively accepted an amendment by Senator Jones, Republican, Washington, designed to prevent foreign-owned railroads and ship lines from discriminating against American carriers by cutting their rates on shipments to points within the United States. Senator Jones explained that the amendment was aimed especially at certain Canadian railroads over which, because of reduced rates, much American goods is shipped in bond through Canada to Pacific coast cities of the United States, and also at railroad-owned ship lines touching Alaskan ports.

By a vote of 28 to 20 the Senate adopted an amendment by Senator Frelinghuysen, Republican, New Jersey, providing for a revolving fund of \$500,000,000 from which the government could make loans for rehabilitation of railroads upon their return to private ownership.

Mind of President Is 'Still Open' on Return of Railroads

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Heads of the railway brotherhoods and representatives of some farmers' organizations appeared in a body at the White House late yesterday and left a petition for retention of the railroads under the control of the government for at least two years, with Secretary Tumulty, for presentation to the President. President Wilson's mind is still open on the question of returning the railroads to private control, Secretary Tumulty told the delegation. This was the first authoritative expression on the subject which had come from administration quarters since the President informed Congress last May that he planned to relinquish Federal control by January 1.

The President, Mr. Tumulty said, would be glad to get the views of the labor and farmer representatives, who insisted that a fair test of Government operation in peace time should be given.

CURTAINS MINING Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 18.—In exposed places in this country to-day the thermometer registered 19 degrees below zero. As a result of the extreme cold weather coal mining throughout the anthracite region was greatly curtailed.

RAILROADING UNPLEASANT Reading, Pa., Dec. 18.—Railroading during last night with the temperature hovering around zero, was anything but pleasant. Reports received in the office of General Superintendent Keffer of the Reading Railway, show that the mercury was nine degrees below zero at Weatherly Junction. At St. Clair, Cresona and Keffer it ranged from 5 to 6 below. There was but slight delay to passenger traffic but the freight and coal movement was slow.

24 BELOW Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 18.—Balls Mill, near here, was the coldest spot in Lycoming county this morning, 24 degrees below zero being reported at that place.

State Enters Suits in the Bank Cases

Two suits looking to the recovery of money to be used as assets of the wrecked North Penn Bank were begun at Philadelphia yesterday by Lieutenant Colonel Fred Taylor Pusey, special deputy Attorney General, representing the State Banking Commissioner, John S. Fisher. One was against Charles A. Ambler, the former State Insurance Commissioner, and the other is against seventy of the stockholders in the North Penn Bank. In the suit against Ambler, the state is seeking made to recover \$160,000 which it is claimed that he owes the institution. A statement of claim will be filed to-day. Ambler has made numerous payments to the receiver of the bank, and the present action is to bring about a "show-down," so that the exact amount of his indebtedness may be fixed. Ambler is under arrest and indictment in connection with the collapse of the bank.

Banking Commissioner Fisher, in the equity proceedings against the seventy stockholders, asks the court to decree that the defendants, under the law, are liable for an assessment of 100 per cent. of the par value of their holdings in consequence of the insolvency of the bank. The par value of the shares to which the defendants subscribed is \$100.

Capitol Hill Notes

Capitol Hill people were to-day much interested in the statements in Philadelphia newspapers that the Vire element would not contest the control of the City Council in Philadelphia, which will go a long way toward pacifying peace. Similarly, the idea is getting abroad that there will not be much of a mix-up over the Republican nominations for State offices or State chairmanship. David G. Garver was last night appointed alderman of the Eighth ward of York.

From all accounts John C. Winton, the publisher, could have been named as Director of Public Works in Philadelphia. Mayor J. Hampton Moore is beginning a series of conferences to select deputy directors. Men well known on the Hill are being considered.

OAK TROOP TO MEET Oak Troop, No. 4, Girl Scouts, will meet in special session this evening at 7:15 o'clock in St. Stephen's Memorial Methodist church.

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\$1,000,000 LOSS IN FIRE AT BIG ARMY ARSENAL

Flames Follow Explosion in Laboratory at Picatinny; Shells Burst

By Associated Press Dover, N. J., Dec. 18.—Causes of the spectacular fire which swept over part of the Picatinny arsenal following an explosion in the research laboratory late last night were made the subject of an official investigation by Army officers to-day. The fire destroyed four buildings, entailing a loss estimated as high as one million dollars. Five men were injured, one possibly fatally, but so far as could be ascertained there was no loss of life. The plant was said to be deserted at the time, save for guards.

Heard 40 Miles Away The explosion rocked buildings in this town and was heard forty miles away. Major O. L. Miller, in charge of the plant, summoned volunteer firemen from Walton and Rockaway

and marines from the nearby barracks at Lake Denmark. The work of fighting the fire was made hazardous by exploding shells and it was several hours before the flames were brought under control. Private Oliver McCormick, of Akron, Ohio, one of the men injured by the explosion, died early to-day at the Dover General Hospital. Paul Green, of Boston, and Ralph Lacey and E. B. Butler, whose addresses are unknown, are reported to be in a critical condition. All men were quartered at the marine barracks at the arsenal. Shells burst at intervals during the fire, sending great tongues of flames high in the air which could be seen in a radius of forty miles. Marines at the barracks braved the barrage with lines of hose.

COLD IN NEW YORK Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Northern New York is experiencing the coldest weather of the winter. The official minimum temperature recorded here during the night was 18 below zero, while much lower official marks were reported at other places.

BELOW IN ADIRONDACKS Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Reports from the Adirondacks this morning are to the effect that the temperature of early morning ranged from 20 to 27 degrees below zero. The low mark was recorded at Stark, St. Lawrence county.

Senate Coal Committee to Hold Meeting Soon

By Associated Press Washington, Dec. 18.—The Senate committee investigating the coal situation will hear either to-morrow or Saturday, Attorney General Palmer's explanation of the basis of the agreement which ended the strike of bituminous miners and resulted in the resignation of Fuel Administrator Garfield. Mr. Palmer was in Chicago when the committee decided to hear him and he immediately canceled his speaking engagements in Little Rock, and Oklahoma City, where he was to speak on the high cost of living.

REFLOAT STEAMER By Associated Press New York, Dec. 18.—The British freight steamer Grampark, which ran aground Saturday in the heavy fog near Point Lookout, was refloated to-day. The vessel came here in ballast from the Azores, where she discharged a cargo of coal, to load a general cargo for the west coast of South America.

BIG TRIPLE BURNS West Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 18.—The double lift triple of the Crescent plant of the Pittsburgh, Coal Com-

pany, said to be the largest in the world, was destroyed by fire here to-day. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

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