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Carolina — Probably  
snow or rain tonight  
or Sunday; slightly  
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## NATION ADJUSTING AFFAIRS TO MEET FUEL CONDITIONS

Application of the Order Not  
So Drastic as Was First  
Believed

FURTHER EXEMPTIONS  
ARE TO BE EXPECTED

Dr. Garfield Bends Energies  
to Working Out Plans  
Along the Seaboard—  
Pay Employees

Washington, Jan. 19.—Although much of the confusion attending the enforcement of the Fuel Administration's five day closing order continued today, it was evident that its application would be far less drastic than first believed.

A list of interpretations in specific cases which probably will be given in general application, was being prepared by fuel officials from which minor exemptions may result to supplement special rulings made yesterday.

In addition it was announced that State Fuel Administrators may be expected to make further exemptions in the case of food producing plants and related industries.

Backed by vigorous defense of President Wilson who yesterday gave his full support to the closing order as imperative to release coal to move supplies to the American army and the Allies, Dr. Garfield today gave his attention to the situation at Atlantic ports. Fuel Administration agents have been sent to seaboard points and will remain there until all ships held up are bunkered.

On instructions from Director General McAdoo to cooperate with the Fuel Administration, railroad officials set about directing coal shipments to the preferred class of shipping, interests, householders, hospitals, public utilities and others whom the order does not affect. Suggestions that a railroad embargo be placed on shipment of goods from factories shut down was overruled by the Director General.

Few violations have been noted by fuel officials and these it was believed, were due to misunderstandings. In some cases even State fuel administrators have not understood the order.

The government's desire that plants affected by the order pay their employees wages during the closed period was emphasized today in the following telegram to State Administrators signed by Dr. Garfield:

"Will you kindly give public expression of my appreciation of the public spirited and patriotic action of employers in the State who may determine to pay the wages of their employees during the suspension period specified in the regulation of January 17. They are bearing their share of the sacrifice which we are all called upon to make to the common good."

## BOLSHEVIKI LOST IN FIRST VOTE

Petrograd, Friday, Jan. 18.—The long delayed Constituent Assembly was opened today. On the first test of strength of the Bolsheviks were defeated by the Social Revolutionists.

M. Tchernoff, Minister of Agriculture in the Kerensky government, and the nominee of the Social Revolutionists of the right, for chairman of the Assembly, was elected by a vote of 244 to 151. The candidate of the Bolsheviks was Maria Spiridonova, long a prominent revolutionist, who was released from exile in Siberia, after the overthrow of the Romanoffs.

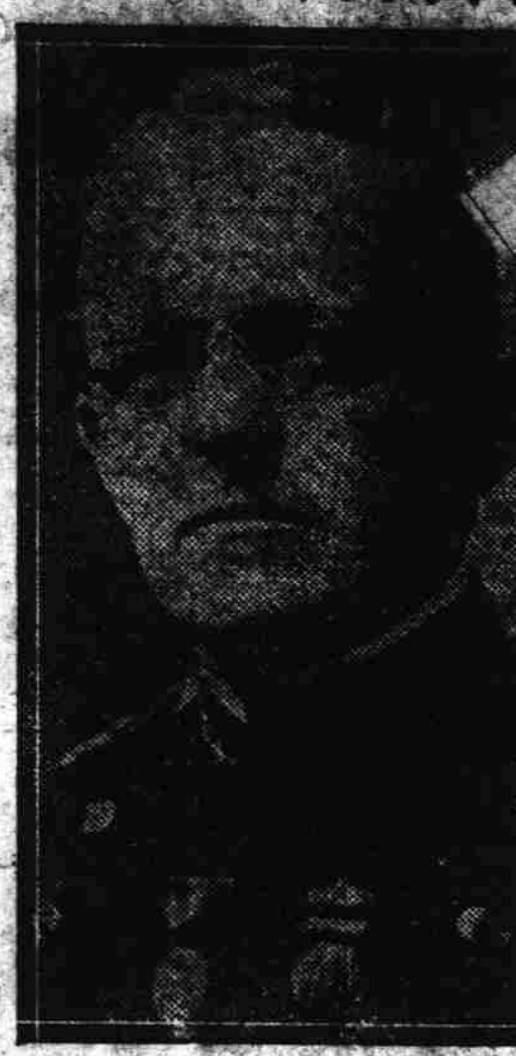
The opening of the Assembly was set for noon, but a controversy over registration caused delay until 4 o'clock. Slightly more than 400 members were in their seats. Of those the Bolsheviks and the Social Revolutionists of the left who are working together, have about 150 votes and the Social Revolutionists of the center and right the remainder.

## FUNERAL OF JOHN E. RAY HELD TODAY

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 19.—The funeral of Supt. John E. Ray, of the State School for the Blind, who died here suddenly Thursday night, will be held from the First Baptist church this afternoon.

Mr. Ray's death, while no great surprise to those familiar with his health conditions, nevertheless was a shock to the entire city and State, as he was considered one of the foremost educators and members of the Baptist denomination in the State. He retired Thursday night apparently in usual health. Later in the night, Mrs. Ray heard his labored breathing, and upon investigation found that he had already expired. He had been a sufferer for some time from high blood pressure and other infirmities.

## MAN WHO CUT "RED TAPE"



Col. Edgar Jadwin, commander of one of the engineer regiments in France, who faces reprimand or commendation for getting his command equipped and across the sea, without waiting on the countless formalities of the war department. The record made by Col. Jadwin in having his men speedily ready for service is the subject of widespread comment in army circles.

## REGISTRANTS MAY BE ENLISTED IN SERVICE

Recruiting Officer Calls Attention to Section of Regulations

Men who are registered under the selective service act, and who desire to immediately enlist in the United States Army, may do so within certain restrictions. The regular army units are in need of recruits now, before the next call comes under the selective service act, and the officer in charge of the recruiting station for this district calls attention to the following section of the regulations: "Any registrant, not an alien enemy, whose order number is so low that he is not within the current quota of his local board, may be inducted immediately into military service on his own written request by complying with the following requirements: (a) If he is class II, III, or IV, he shall file with his local board a waiver of all claims of deferred classification. (b) If he is Class IV, on the ground of dependency, he must accompany his application and waiver with a waiver from those in behalf of whom he was so placed in Class IV. No waiver from children or persons non compos mentis shall be recognized by a local board.

"Upon receipt of such application and waiver, the local board shall examine him physically and, if he is found qualified for military service, shall immediately induct him into such service by issuing, in respect of him, the usual order of induction into military service, specifying the date desired by him (but not later than seven days after the date of his application) for induction into military service. The local board shall thereupon send him in the usual manner to the nearest mobilization camp for assignment to duty, but not as or with any part of the current quota of such local board.

## TROTZKY PROTESTS AGAINST REPORTS

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—Via London, British Admiralty per Wireless (Press).—M. Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, has sent an energetic protest against the distortion of the minutes of the Brest-Litovsk peace conference, especially the misrepresentation of the Russian declarations made in the German official statements, which he says are intended not to be informative but to mislead the German public.

Trotsky calls attention to point seven, in the negotiations, which reads: "Our government has written at the heads of its program the word 'peace,' but at the same time, has undertaken the obligation to sign only a just and democratic peace."

He says that only the first half of the phrase is cited in the German reports.

## SOUTHERN STATES HONOR BIRTHDAY OF GENERAL LEE

One Hundred and Eleventh  
Birth Anniversary of Lee  
Suitably Observed

NOTABLE CELEBRATION  
HELD AT CAMP LEE

Pennsylvania Troops Joined  
State of Virginia in Pay-  
Respect to Memory of  
Confederate Leader

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 19.—Both the Blue and Gray united today in taking part in celebrating the one hundred and eleventh anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee, the Virginia State Senate and Representatives of the House of Delegates joining the Pennsylvania soldiers of the 319th Infantry in the exercises at Camp Lee, having accepted the invitation of Colonel Frann S. Cocheu, the commanding officer, to be present.

The Senate, accepting the invitation, commended the desire on the part of the 319th Infantry to "wipe out in time of national stress" sectional feeling and to show admiration for the great Southern soldier. Lieut. Barrett O'Hara, former Lieutenant Governor of Illinois; former Governor William Hodges Mann, who fought under Lee in the defense of Petersburg, and Brigadier General Lloyd M. Britt, who succeeded General Cronkhite in command at Camp Lee, were the chief orators of the occasion.

Exercises in Charleston. Charleston, S. C., Jan. 19.—Lee's birthday will be celebrated here this evening with exercises under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, with Confederate Veteran camps as special guests, and also Charles Edward Russell and members of the French nobility touring the South; Marquis and Marquise de Polignac and Marquis and Marquise de Courville. The Rev. Melton Clark, of Charleston, will deliver the annual address. A holiday is being observed by banks, county and city offices and the cotton exchange.

## ATLANTIC COAST LINE ELECTS NEW TREASURER

Mr. John T. Reid Chosen Successor to the Late James F. Post

Mr. John T. Reid, of Norfolk, Va., well and favorably known here to a large host of friends, will succeed the late Mr. James F. Post as secretary and treasurer of the Atlantic Coast Line Company. He was elected to that position at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the company of the company held in New York last Thursday, announcement of his election will be made by President John R. Kenly in the next day or two.

Mr. Reid is about 50 years old and is a railroad man of large experience. He entered the service of the old Norfolk and Carolina Railroad when still a boy, and has been in railroad work ever since. He has made frequent visits to Wilmington, since the consolidation of the N. and C. with the A. C. L. In a short time he expects to remove his family to the city.

## REPORT ON COTTON SEED AND PRODUCTS

Washington, Jan. 19.—Cotton seed received at mills in the five months ending December 31, the Census Bureau today reported, amounted to 3,172,252 tons, crushed, 2,117,187, and on hand December 31, 1,038,992.

Cotton seed products produced during the five months and on hand December 31, were:

Crude oil produced, 636,217,360 pounds; on hand, 170,406,638.
Refined oil 417,265,367 and 158,755,122 pounds.
Cake and meal 1,012,987 and 89,493 tons.
Linters, 534,837 and 248,738 bales.
Hull fibre, 104,905 and 6,443 bales.

## MAJOR VINCENT COCRE- ATOR OF FAMOUS LIBERTY MOTOR



Major J. O. Vincent shares with Major Hall the distinction of creating the famous Liberty Motor that is expected to prove an important factor in winning the war for Uncle Sam. Before entering the National Service Major Vincent was vice-president of the Packard Motor Car Co., of Detroit. His home is in Detroit.

## FUEL CONGESTION THROUGHOUT EAST IS CLEARING UP

Enough Coal Expected in the  
Next Few Days to Supply  
All Ships

## PROTESTS CHANGED TO APPROVAL OR EXPRESSIONS OF WILLING- NESS—THEATRES TO HAVE ANOTHER DAY

Washington, Jan. 19.—Reports to the Fuel Administration today showed transportation congestion throughout the East being cleared, and bunker coal being unloaded in increasingly large quantities.

Few empty cars however, have begun to move back yet to the coal mines.

Enough bunker coal will reach the docks within the next 3 or 4 days, it was said to supply all ships now awaiting fuel. Fuel Administration officials predicted it would be at least a week before coal mines began to receive empty cars necessary to keep production at a maximum.

It was made clear today that industries producing materials in which munition plants are dependent are exempted from provisions of the closing order.

The Fuel Administration today ruled that lumber producing concerns working on orders for the Emergency Fleet Corporation and for the aircraft production board are exempt.

Fuel Administration officials said the tone of telegrams coming was entirely different from those of yesterday and that most of them either approved the government's action or expressed willingness to co-operate.

It was definitely ruled today that all laundries are exempt from the closing order on Mondays as well as during the five day closing period.

Theatres will be permitted to close some other day than Mondays—probably Tuesdays—under a decision today by the Fuel Administration. The day will be announced later.

Postmasters' Salaries. Washington, Jan. 19.—The comptroller of the treasury announced today that the regular procedure of advancing postoffice salaries is not affected by the order suspending for the duration of the war all salary increases of postmasters. Changes of classification of postoffices, based on receipts for the four quarters ending December 31, 1917, will be made public about May 15.

## ANOTHER BREAK IN PEACE DISCUSSION AT BREST-LITVSK

The Russian Delegates Are  
Reported Returning to  
Their Capital

ASSEMBLY BEGINS  
ITS DELIBERATIONS

No Great Demonstration At  
the Opening—Relations  
With Rumania  
Critical

With the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk again broken off temporarily, the Russian Constituent Assembly has opened its session in Petrograd. The Bolshevik government controlled the opening which was not attended by members of the Constitutional Democratic party who, with a majority of the Social revolutionists, form the opposition to the followers of Premier Lenin. Demand that the Assembly approve Bolshevik peace terms and land laws was made in the opening declaration of Temporary Chairman Sverdlov, representing the Congress of Workers' and Soldiers' Delegates. Demonstrations against Bolshevik efforts to control the Assembly were not as large as expected, although two persons were killed when they fired on a group of paraders.

Another halt in the Russo-German peace negotiations is reported in a news dispatch received in London from Petrograd, which says that the Russian delegates are returning to their capital. The German representatives at Brest-Litovsk are said to be endeavoring to force the Russians to break off the negotiations finally on a minor point so as to cast the blame on the Russians.

Relations between the Bolsheviks and Rumania are at the breaking point. The ninth Russian army has demanded that the Rumanian army on two hours notice permit the Russians free passage through Jassy. King Ferdinand, whose arrest has been ordered by Premier Lenin, is reported to be under the protection of the Entente Allies.

In Italy as in France the fighting fronts have settled down to the usual winter routine of raids and artillery duels at various points. There has been no break in the monotony on the Western front, the British portion of which is now a sea of mud, the snow having disappeared.

British laboring men have been told by Premier Lloyd George that the new man-power bill is urgent and that Great Britain "must either go on or go under."

He praised the war aims of President Wilson and declared he wanted to be informed if any man could find an honorable and equitable way out of the war without fighting it through to victory over German militarism. The Premier said he was willing to appeal to the country on the army issue.

## PRICE OF NITRATE IS PUT AT \$75.50 PER TON

This Price to North Carolina  
Farmers is F. O. B. Wil-  
mington

Washington, Jan. 19.—A price of \$75.50 a ton f. o. b. seaboard for the nitrate for fertilizer which the Department of Agriculture has purchased in Chile for sale to American farmers at cost, was announced by Secretary Houston. The farmers must pay the freight charges from ports and the State tag fees and payments must be in cash.

Ships carrying the nitrate will be directed to the most convenient ports including Norfolk, Savannah, Wilmington, N. C., and Charleston. The Secretary said, and the nitrate will be handled at seaboard by representatives who will serve without compensation. In the farming districts county agents assisted by local business men chosen by them, will handle the shipments and in the counties where there are no agents a committee of three or more local business men will be appointed. Farmers will be required to file their applications with the agents or committees not later than February 4. At the same time they must deposit the money covering the cost of the nitrate they wish with the local bank, association or individual to be designated by the Department.

## NEW PRESIDENT OF THE NAVY LEAGUE



W. Cameron Forbes, former Governor-General of the Philippines was selected President of the Navy League to succeed Colonel Robt. M. Thompson.

## NEW YORK TODAY AGAIN BANKED ITS INDUSTRIAL FIRES

A Slow But Steady Improve-  
ment Was Noted in the  
Coal Situation

MONDAY WILL MARK  
A FURTHER CESSATION

Office Buildings Will Be De-  
serted, and Holiday Rules  
Will Apply—About  
1,000,000 Idle

New York, Jan. 19.—While industrial New York again banked its fires today, slow but steady improvement in the coal and transportation situation was apparent.

According to A. H. Smith, Assistant Director General of Railroads, encouraging progress has been made in the last 24 hours toward relieving the vast congestion of freight at docks, railroad terminals and sidings; movements of both anthracite and bituminous coal to and from tidewater are more frequent and an increasing number of ships at this and other nearby ports have been loaded.

The second day of the five-day period of suspension of industry, found between 38,000 and 40,000 concerns in the metropolitan district closed, and from 800,000 to 1,250,000 workers idle, according to estimates by various organizations.

Today United States marshals and the police aided the administrators in detecting violators of the rules and warnings were issued that prompt prosecutions would follow all arrests. Office buildings generally operated today, but heat was reduced to a minimum and elevator service greatly curtailed.

In the skyscraper district, many buildings will be virtually deserted on Monday. The Woolworth Building will operate only one elevator on that day, and least will be furnished only to State and city offices.

Trolley and subway service has been cut down considerably, and railroads announced that on the Monday holidays their trains would be operated on Sunday schedules.

Some distress has been reported on the East Side and employment bureaus throughout the city have been swamped by workers, especially women and girls anxious to obtain work to tide them over the enforced holidays.

Labor officials report that probably 80 per cent of the workers in the city will lose their pay during the idle period.

Many large establishments have evolved a plan to make up for the time lost by working over time on the regular working days as a means of reducing hardships upon their employees. The Young Woman's Christian Association, the Salvation Army and kindred organizations have taken steps to help working girls threatened with destitution by the order.

## GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE CERTAIN SHORT RAILROADS

Only Those Necessary for War  
Purposes Will Be Taken  
Over and Compensated

DIRECTOR GENERAL  
BEFORE COMMITTEE

Mr. McAdoo Explains Gov-  
ernment's Administration.  
Little Roads Holler-  
Too Soon

Washington, Jan. 19.—Director General McAdoo was summoned before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee today to explain the operation of government administration of railroads.

Mr. McAdoo said that certain so-called short line railroads would be released from government operation as soon as investigations now underway determined it was not necessary. In explaining the purposes of the administration's railroad legislation, Mr. McAdoo said he did not propose to keep control of any unnecessary lines nor have the government compensate those not taken over.

"As far as I can see after three weeks preliminary investigation," said Mr. McAdoo, "I don't contemplate taking over any roads not necessary for the government's war purposes, and if some interests necessarily get hurt by it, they will have to stand it."

Director McAdoo said if it should develop that operations of roads were necessary they might be taken over. He added that operation will also be extended to inland waterways.

Director McAdoo was told by Senators that small independent lines feared bankruptcy if the government took control of the large trunk lines and that the government should take over all railroads, large or small.

"I can't tell yet," McAdoo replied, "what will be essential for the purposes of the war. The treasury, already over-burdened, can't be called upon to reimburse for real, imaginary or indirect injury. I don't think the government should draft into its service a needless railroad any more than it should draft a cripple into the military service."

"There is no intention to do any injustice to the short lines. They will be helped as far as possible consistent with the needs of the nation."

Chairman Smith suggested that the short lines are in a difficult situation because of the sudden transition of the transportation systems from a competitive to a controlled basis.

"It seems to me," McAdoo replied, "that the short lines are hollering before compensation for railroads to provide compensation for railroads only that are really used and injured."

"Do you consider those short lines are part of the continental system?" asked Senator Smith.

"I would consider them so," Mr. McAdoo replied, "if they form a part of the system utilized for war necessities. I have assumed that the bill will not deal specifically with questions as to what should or should not be taken over by the government under the President's proclamation. That has got to be determined after an investigation. My own opinion is that it is the duty of the Director General, as quickly as possible, to determine what railroads or parts of railroads are needed by the government and to notify the carriers. That is now in process."

"As to railroads taken over, compensation is provided under the law we are going to pass. As to those outside it seems to me any injury is a matter for the courts to determine. I don't believe the law should require compensation to railroads whether the government needs them or not."

"There is no disposition to give anybody up the back. It's the government's desire to treat small as well as big roads as equitably as is possible, as far as is compatible with public use and interest. All the lines excluded from government control ought to be kept going, encouraged and treated by the government with utmost fairness and consideration."

## LOW TEMPERATURES FOR NEXT WEEK

Washington, Jan. 19.—Snow or rain over the Northern, and rain over the Southern districts Sunday, except in the East Gulf States, was forecast today for the South Atlantic and East Gulf States. Rain or snow again about the middle of the week, to be followed by fair weather there after, is indicated. It will be somewhat warmer Sunday in the South Atlantic States and colder Sunday night generally. Temperatures below normal will prevail generally during the week.