

RAILROADS INSTRUCTED TO MOVE COAL FIRST

Abandonment of Passenger Service in West Imminent

Continuance of Trains Depended Upon Abatement of Storm Last Night. Tariffs to be Changed on One Day's Notice.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The railroad administration today met the storm that is prevailing throughout the country with formal instructions to railroads to move coal first wherever possible and to reduce energies so as to keep locomotives in running order.

High winds, low temperatures and snow in the middle west caused the section and west of Chicago would have to be abandoned.

A. H. Smith, director for eastern lines, reported to the director-general late today that meagre advices from the west indicated the continuance of passenger service depends of abatement of the storm tonight.

In the east, traffic conditions were better, but officials were worried over the eastward movement of the storm. The disruption of traffic in the west and south was only temporarily serious, it was pointed out, since congestion could be cleared up quickly when normal weather is restored, but in the east it would take weeks to eliminate the storm's effect.

The railroad's policy of eliminating priority orders was affirmed today when officials refused the request of steel and oil interests for special preferential movements.

The interstate commerce commission today cleared the way for railroads to haul freight over the shortest routes and establish new receiving or delivery points, by reducing from 30 days to one day the period of notice to be given before changing tariffs.

LIGHTNING RODS MUST HAVE APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER

All Firms Dealing in Protectors Should See Insurance Department.

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—In an effort to protect both the citizens of the state and the manufacturers and dealers, Insurance Commissioner Young has sent the following letters to all dealers in and manufacturers of lightning rods in North Carolina:

"The general assembly of 1917 placed the licensing and supervising of the lightning rod business in this state under the insurance commissioner. The commissioner recognizes the value to the citizens of the state of a good lightning rod properly erected and is anxious to have this business placed upon a high plane in the state, and the manner in which it is conducted recognized as fair and just.

"The statute, while incomplete in its provisions of machinery, yet provides that each dealer selling or erecting rods shall be licensed, that each agent representing a dealer shall be licensed, and that the commissioner shall pass upon and approve all rods before sold or offered for sale in the state.

"The commissioner believes that by a compliance with the letter of the law, as well as its spirit, as interpreted by his rulings all results desired can be obtained, and promulgates the following rulings:

"1. All manufacturers must file in the department a sample and full description of all rods manufactured by them and deliver to the commissioner in the state, with a full statement of the make, quality, etc. Unless this is done no application will be considered from any dealer to sell or offer for sale this brand of rod.

JASSY PRESENTS MANY FEATURES OF INTEREST

Few Cities More Profoundly Affected by the War

From Municipality of Less Than 75,000 It Has Quickly Swelled Into a City of More Than 300,000 People.

Jassy, Rumania, Nov. 30.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Few cities in Europe have been more profoundly affected by the war than the little city of Jassy, now the provisional capital of Rumania. From a quiet, tranquil municipality with population of less than 75,000, the place has suddenly grown to such proportions that the government authorities have found it difficult to provide comfortable living quarters for the civil population, which now numbers over 300,000.

After the evacuation of Bucharest, this modest little city became almost overnight the home of the king and queen and the seat of the entire government. Here also are located the legations of all friendly foreign governments and the headquarters of the Russian forces.

Before the war Jassy was known chiefly as the ancient capital of the province of Moldavia and as a center of interesting churches and historic associations. It is now the center of all official, commercial and military activity in the unoccupied territory of Rumania.

When Bucharest and the southern portion of the Little Latin kingdom were evacuated, a large part of the population of that section sought refuge here. Schools, colleges, churches, stores, barracks, and indeed myriads of refugees, had to be converted quickly into living quarters to provide for the great influx of homeless people who fled before the invading Germans.

Provision had also to be made for the various departments of the government and for the many branches of the army. To the American observer the city presents many features of uncommon interest. Along the main streets are to be seen great throngs of Rumanian, Russian and Serbian officers or soldiers in uniforms so varied in color and pattern that all strict standards of uniformity seem to be sacrificed to utility and comfort.

The American Red Cross officer in his distinctive garb of yellow gives added color to the animated scene. Numerous military automobiles bearing generals, colonels or other officers on important missions dash back and forth at feverish speed.

Scores of motor lorries, laden with the materials of war, make their lumbering way through the streets, with their drivers and the comfort of pedestrians. Now and then a Red Cross motor ambulance, fresh from an errand of mercy to the front, stops in front of a hospital and discharges its burden of sick and wounded. In a few minutes it is off again to the rear line trenches to gather another batch of the country's crippled soldiers.

Marching up a side street, under guard, is a large number of Austrian and German prisoners, just in from the front, some of them ragged, thin, unclean and disheveled, but all apparently happy at being relieved from the hardships of war. In another section of the city, accompanied by several armed guards, is a small company of deserters or slackers, most of them dejected and spiritless, with crowds of curious onlookers commenting derisively on the lack of courage which made them seek freedom from military service.

At the railroad station a long train of cars enters, bearing hundreds of Rumanian Transylvanians captured by the Russians from the Austrians and sent to the Rumanian front. Military authorities for service under the Rumanian flag. The men seem happy at the prospect of serving the country of their nativity, but are conscious of the grim fate that awaits them if taken prisoners by the Germans or Austrians; for if re-taken by the Teutonic forces they will be summarily shot as traitors.

Not far from the center of the city are the residences of the king and queen, which in times of peace were the quarters of military companies. In keeping with the tendency of the times, they are severely plain in all their appointments and surroundings, and it is difficult for the visitor to realize that within the plain, rude walls are housed the sovereign heads of the nation. The queen may be seen almost any day setting out from the royal residence in an automobile, unguarded and attended only by one of the ladies-in-waiting from the court. The king likewise is a familiar figure on the streets of Jassy. He usually travels by motor, accompanied by one of his generals or military aides. The royal family is much loved by the people, an dboth he and the queen mingle among their subjects with a spirit of democracy and catholicity that is deeply impressive to the visitor from other countries.

In the poorer quarter of the provisional capital is a large public market place where hundreds of farmers and their families gather daily to dispose of their meagre wares. Of most striking interest perhaps is the fact that the ordinary method of paying for goods with money has given way in many cases to the primitive custom of barter and exchange; for in the present scarcity of food in Rumania money has come to have but little value. At this market place may be seen an itinerant merchant trading a bushel of potatoes for a quantity of wood, a peasant woman exchanging a pound of butter for a package of sugar, or a farmer swapping a sucking pig for a few pieces of leather.

While the city has many picturesque aspects it is not without its scenes of sorrow and depression. Making its way slowly along a narrow street is a shabby, dilapidated, boxlike vehicle, so small that it resembles a toy wagon, which is being pushed by a young man, and which is bearing to final repose the body of one of the late residents of the city. Drawn by a single horse, pitifully decrepit and lame; the hearse is followed by a young man and foot. Then, in turn, comes a crude gray cart, on which it seated a patriarchal figure, bent with the weight of years.

RUMANIA'S PLIGHT IS EQUAL TO BELGIUM'S

Suffering in the Little Country is at the Extreme

Americans Are Doing Excellent Work But Are Handicapped by Lack of Supplies—France and England Also Helping.

Jassy, Rumania, Dec. 1.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Only relief measures on a scale equal to those carried out in Belgium would effectively meet the extreme conditions of poverty and suffering existing in Rumania. Nevertheless the American Red Cross commission which has been in Jassy since the middle of September, although it has not adequate means to cope fully with the situation is endeavoring to the limit of its capabilities to give relief at least to the hospitals and the sick with a handful of supplies it has at its disposal.

The medical unit consisting of 13 American doctors and 12 American nurses is doing splendid work at Jassy, 50 miles from Jassy, and about 45 miles from the Austrian-Rumanian front, where it has established the first American hospital with a capacity of 500 beds. The chief difficulty in carrying on the work has been the problem of getting medical supplies through Russia.

The British Red Cross has been of the greatest assistance to the American commission which came here virtually empty handed and was handicapped by the non-arrival of medical supplies shipped from New York. In this emergency the British organization, which had been operating in Rumania for more than a year, turned over to the commission the hospital in Roman.

Queen Marie of Rumania, has taken particular interest in the work of the hospital and was invited to partake of a Thanksgiving dinner with the American staff there. She and her family have felt the food privations which prevail in Rumania and the Thanksgiving dinner was the first real substantial repast they had since their arrival. The chairman and the staff eat at army headquarters and have meat only three times a week.

France has rendered Rumania medical and military relief on a scale so great that the common feeling here is that this little kingdom would scarcely exist today if it had not been for the generosity of her French ally. France reorganized and revived the Rumanian army, she has sent here nearly one thousand officers who have been teaching the Rumanian soldiers modern military tactics as used on the western front.

In medical relief the French government has sent more than 80 doctors. Some of these died heroically in the typhus scourge of last winter, others are doing fine work at the front and in the hospitals in the small towns and cities. France undoubtedly stands first in the affections of the Rumanians; then comes the United States, and England. French is spoken here almost as commonly as Rumanian; in fact, it is almost the sole language in government and in social circles.

In spite of the grave possibility of Russia concluding a separate peace one of the cabinet members has declared that Rumania will stick with her allies until the last and will never make separate terms with Germany. The Rumanian government naturally takes a pessimistic view of events in Russia. If Russia, which has nearly 1,000,000 troops assisting the Rumanians in preventing further invasion by the central powers, should conclude a separate peace, by no possibility could the Rumanian army, now numbering a little over 300,000, hold the line against the Germans.

If this should happen and the Teutonic forces as a consequence should take the remaining portions of Rumania, the Rumanian government and the royal family would probably go to England or France, and conduct a nominal administration from there similar to the course followed by Belgium and Serbia.

In the event of the evacuation of this territory the American Red Cross would probably work its way down to Mesopotamia by way of Persia or possibly go to England or France. Automobiles are kept at hand to take the evacuation out of the first real signs of danger.

It is understood that the United States government has given its military attaché here \$10,000 to spend in propaganda work among the Russian soldiers. Although this is recognized as an excellent motive, it is feared that it has come too late to be effective because the demoralization and disaffection in the Russian army has gone too far. It is felt, before the allied governments took measures to check and overcome it.

Turned Out Horse to Freeze. Asheville, Jan. 12.—A case under the cruelty to animals law was precipitated by the arrest of Claud Dodson, a drayman living on Clayton street, who is charged with turning a horse out to freeze to death.

It is charged that Dodson drove the horse, which was old and ill, out of the stable and locked the door during the recent cold snap, when the thermometer was registering near zero, and that the horse remained out for over two hours before neighbors discovered it and notified the police. Dodson was warned to give the horse shelter at once. He afterwards called the police and wanted it shot. The police refused to shoot the animal and forced the drayman to feed and shelter it.

Further action in the case yesterday resulted in the arrest of the drayman, who will give a hearing on the charge of cruelty to animals, his being the only statute under which he can be tried.

Narrowly Escaped Electrocutation. Lexington, Jan. 12.—Numa Beck, a mechanic at the Foy and Shewell garage here, barely escaped electrocution when he came in contact with a heavy wire that had become grounded by a cross with another wire. The workman was standing in water at the time and was unable to turn loose the wire when he touched it. He accidentally touched a live wire nearby and quickly pulled the switch. Beyond severe burns on one hand he suffered slight injury.

MORE MESSAGES OF GOOD CHEER COME IN BY EVERY MAIL

WANTS EVERYONE TO KNOW HIS JOY

Florence, S. C., Man Sends a Message to Those He Cannot Reach Personally and Tells His Experience.

Hardly a day passes now but what the mail brings out more letters to the Peplac Medicine Company, telling how the Peplac Tonic has brought health and happiness back to men or women, as the case may be.

One of the more recent vouchers of Peplac's praise comes from Florence, S. C. It reads as follows: "I suffered from indigestion. My appetite was such that I did not care about eating. When I got up in the mornings I had a bad taste in my mouth and my tongue was coated. I was losing flesh right along and fell off ten pounds in two months. In fact, I was in a tired out, run-down condition."

"I had heard of the good work Peplac was doing for others but put off getting it until one day I met an old friend of mine, and was telling him of my condition. He told me that he was taking Peplac and that he was working wonders for him. And knowing him to be a highly honest man I lost no time in getting me a bottle for he told me just what Peplac would do."

"It may seem a little funny, but actually I gained two pounds on my first bottle of Peplac and in a short time I was feeling like a new man. I did not have that old taste in my mouth every morning and wake up hungry. It was not long before I had a good appetite. That old tired feeling is gone. I am so grateful for the good Peplac has done me that I wish I could personally tell every sufferer just how much I think of it."

(Signed) "R. C. SMYTH, 'Traveling Salesman, Florence, S. C.'"

Peplac, the new medicine that your neighbors are talking about, is sold at the Bellamy Drug Store and at all other leading drug stores in Wilmington and neighboring towns. A bottle bought today will convince you that it is all that is claimed for it.—Adv.

COUNTRY HAS COLDEST WEATHER IN 19 YEARS

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Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 12.—Virtually all sections of the southeast tonight were in the grip of the coldest weather of the winter, which followed in the wake of a series of tornadoes that swept through northeastern Alabama and over central Georgia yesterday causing the death, according to reports, of at least a score of persons and injuries to more than fifty others.

The mercury in Atlanta today was hovering near the zero mark, this city experiencing one of the coldest spells for many years. The local weather bureau reported zero weather would prevail over a greater part of Central Georgia Sunday morning. Suffering from a lack of fuel was intended here and elsewhere, because of the lack of fuel.

One death was reported in Atlanta today from the cold and a number of persons were injured by falls on the frozen sidewalks.

Temperatures of from 15 to 17 degrees were predicted by the Jacksonville weather bureau for points as far as 150 miles south of that city. The heaviest property damage in this state from yesterday's storms was at Macon, where the tornado apparently struck in full force. Damage estimated at \$100,000 was caused by a storm which struck upon Fla., but no loss of life was reported at that place.

Some tents were blown down at Camp Gordon and at the Black-Jack mountain artillery practice grounds. No soldiers were reported injured, however. Several hundred tents were reported blown down at Camp Hancock.

NEGRO WOMAN IS KILLED WHEN HOUSE IS WRECKED

Chester, S. C., Jan. 12.—Loss of one life and property damage estimated at \$50,000 was reported from the territory surrounding Chester, as a result of last night's storm. A negro woman was killed when her residence near here was blown down. The heaviest property damage was at Lowryville.

THE PENNSYLVANIA PLACES EMBARGO ON TICKET SALES

Philadelphia, Jan. 12.—The Pennsylvania railroad announced tonight that it had placed a temporary embargo on the sale of tickets to all points on the main line between Pittsburgh and Chicago because of the severe storm in the Central West.

Tickets on the Panhandle road, between Pittsburgh and St. Louis, and on the Pennsylvania line, between Pittsburgh and Cleveland, were sold subject to delay.



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We have recently gone over our stock and found several broken lots of Ladies' Shoes which we have assembled for convenient selection and offer them at remarkably low prices to early shoppers Monday and Tuesday.

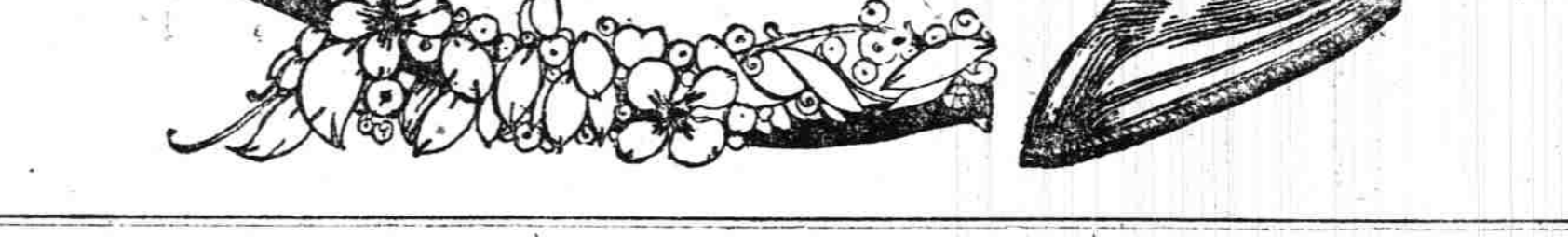
If you appreciate a real money saving opportunity, this is the time. Come early and take advantage of the extra low prices which we quote on the shoes to move them from our shelves.

REMEMBER, ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF SHOES OF CERTAIN NAMED SIZES AT THE PRICES QUOTED. READ CAREFULLY AND GET A GOOD PAIR OF SHOES AT A REAL SAVING

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- Pat. Vamp White Buck Top, high heel, sizes one 3, two 4, and two 6..... \$4.48
- Pearl Gray Cloth Top, with battleship gray vamp; high top and heel; one 2 1/2, one 3, one 3 1/2, two 4, one 4 1/2, one 5 1/2; price..... \$3.69
- One 3 1/2, one 4 Wing Tip, dark mahogany Tan English Walking Shoe... \$4.93
- Pearl Gray Cloth Top-Shoe, one 2 1/2, two 3; only \$3.98
- One 2 1/2, one 3 1/2, one 4 chocolate tan English Walker, military heel \$4.98
- New arrival black Vici, military heel, 9-inch top, size 4 to 7..... \$5.48

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ALL TRAINS ARE TIED UP AT CHICAGO 20 HOURS OR MORE

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Not a passenger or freight train will leave Chicago terminals for at least 20 hours, according to a prediction made by operating officials of railroads entering this city tonight. The intense blizzard that for days paralyzed all traffic of the middle west, tonight had completely paralyzed all its transportation lines.

FRENCH COMMISSION AT RALEIGH ON WEDNESDAY

Among the Visitors Will Be Daughter of Prince de Polignac, Who Fought for the South.

(Special Star Correspondence) Raleigh, Jan. 12.—All is in readiness for the visit of the distinguished French commission to Raleigh, Wednesday and Thursday of the coming week. The members of the party will arrive here at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. They are Marquis de Crequi-Montfort de Courtivron and Marquis de Courtivron, Marquis de Polignac and Madame Polignac and Dr. Charles Edouard Russell.

Of special interest is the visit of Marquis de Courtivron, whose father, Prince de Polignac, took a distinguished part for the Confederacy in the Civil War and especially requested at his death that his daughter visit the southern states. He rose to the rank of major general in the service of the Confederacy. The party is traveling under the auspices of the United States government.

Richmond, Raleigh, Charleston, Savannah, Montgomery and New Orleans are the points that will receive special visits from this party. Immediately on the arrival of the party at Raleigh they will be given a luncheon by the Rotary Club. This will apply to the gentlemen of the party. At the same hour the ladies will be tendered a reception and luncheon by the Woman's Club. At night there will be a public meeting at the city auditorium, the principal address to be by Dr. Russell. Governor Eckett will welcome the party and there will be brief remarks by the two Frenchmen of the party. Thereafter there will be a public reception at the governor's mansion.

Thursday there will be automobile rides about Raleigh and the surrounding places of interest. At 4 o'clock that afternoon the party will be entertained at the home of Mrs. W. A. Linnehan on Blount street.

SHERMAN WAS RIGHT

My Tuesdays are meatless, My Wednesdays are wheatless, I'm getting more eatless each day. My home it is heatless, My bed it is sheetless, They're all sent to the Y. M. C. A. The barrooms are treatless, My coffee is sweetless, Each day I get poorer and wiser. My stockings are feetless, My trousers are seatless, My God! how I hate the kaiser! —Kamerad.

Rubber Boots—Big lot just received at Peterson & Rulfs.

WOMAN SAID TO BE 101 YEARS DIES IN YADKIN COUNTY

Yadkinville, Jan. 12.—Mary Eliza Gross, doubtless the oldest person in Yadkin county, died at the home of Lewis McKnight three miles south of Yadkinville Wednesday night. She was 101 years, eight months and five days old and her age is well established. Her many years and feebleness in this world had exhausted all her earthly possessions and for many months she had been granted a monthly allowance by the county. She had lain in one position so long that physicians said she would die immediately if moved to the county poorhouse. She has one daughter living at the same place who is now about 70 years old and who has not spoken a word in more than two years and so far as observers say she has not opened her eyes in that time.

RUSSIANS NEGOTIATING FOR A SEPARATE PEACE

(Continued From Page One). settlement that might be reached would be binding upon the Ukraine only if accepted by it, and declared the same principle applied "to the other Russian republics."

Mid-winter quiet of the infantry continues to prevail on the various battle fronts. The artillery has been active in some sectors, notably north of Verdun, where the firing was reported heavy between Beaumont and Bezonaux. The British carried out a raid east of Loos and captured a few prisoners.

The British navy lost a war vessel Wednesday morning, when the destroyer Raccoon ran on the rocks off the North Irish coast and sank with all hands.

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YOU'RE BILIOUS! LET "CASCARETS" LIVEN LIVER AND BOWELS

Don't stay headachy, constipated, sick, with breath bad and stomach sour.

Get a 10-cent box now. You men and women who can't get feeling right—who have headache, coated tongue, bad taste and foul breath, dizziness, can't sleep, are-bilious, nervous and upset, bothered with a sick gassy, disordered stomach, or have a bad cold. Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascarets, or merely forcing a passage every few days with salts, cathartic pills or castor oil? Cascarets work while you sleep; cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested, fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry out of the system all the constipated waste matter and poison in the bowels. A Cascaret tonight will straighten you out by morning—a 10-cent box from your drug store will keep your stomach sweet, liver and bowels regular, and head clear for months. Don't forget the children. They love Cascarets because they taste good—never gripe or sicken.—Adv.

ORGANIZATION OF STATE AUTO OWNERS PROPOSED

(Special Star Correspondence) Raleigh, Jan. 12.—W. S. Wilson of this city, is heading a movement for the formation of a state association of automobile owners that it is hoped will materialize ere long in the formation of an association that will benefit a big majority of the 60,000 automobile owners in the state. Letters are just sent out asking the opinion of prominent auto owners on the organization of such an association. It would give special attention to promotion of road building and maintenance, enforcement of automobile laws, the protection of automobile owners, legislation as to automobile regulation and the like. It would be fully officered and have county branches that would seek to enlist the interest of every owner of a machine and extend the benefits of the work of the association to all.

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