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SPEED MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT CARS

Fuel Administrator Urges Co-Operation in Speedily Handling Cars

One of the ways to aid in winning the war is to speed up the movement of freight cars by loading and unloading the same as rapidly as possible.

In connection with the need of doing everything possible to help clear the situation Mr. M. S. Willard, Fuel Administrator of New Hanover county, today gave out the following statement:

"The United States Fuel Commission is urging the local fuel committees to do all they can to speed up the car movement on the railroads.

The fuel commission asserts that one of the chief causes of the present coal shortage is the inability to provide sufficient cars. They urge the instant unloading of loaded cars and prompt movement of them, working nights, holidays and even Sundays.

Anything to empty and move coal cars promptly, for the unnecessary holding of coal cars is going to mean suffering for somebody. Every hour of delay in unloading coal cars adds to the heavy burden America is carrying.

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MAKING EFFORTS ASKS COUNCIL TO LIFT QUARANTINE

Health Committee of Chamber of Commerce Held Meeting Yesterday

The committee on health and sanitation of the Chamber of Commerce held a meeting yesterday at 1 o'clock for the purpose of considering the quarantine now being maintained against the city by Fort Caswell.

Dr. Arnold Stovall, county physician, stated that the health conditions in the county were never better. Last year at this time there were 56 cases of measles in the city, while there are only eight cases at this time.

Dr. Stovall said that the general public should assist the Health Department in maintaining quarantines against infectious diseases. He further stated that the officers connected with the department are making a house to house canvass over the city to ascertain if there are any infectious diseases not yet reported.

Dr. Stovall said that of the eight cases of measles reported, two of them are of the German variety, which are much milder than the ordinary measles. "There is no reason for the slightest alarm," concluded Dr. Stovall.

In addition to the quarantine against this city in force with regard to Fort Caswell, similar action has been taken by Southport, permits being required for those traveling between the two points. This information was contained in a letter from Dr. D. I. Watson, health officer of Southport, yesterday afternoon, who writes as follows:

"December 20th, 1917. Editor Dispatch, Wilmington, N. C. Gentlemen: In order to prevent a recurrence of the epidemic of measles from breaking out at Fort Caswell as it has in other camps, it is deemed best to restrict the passenger traffic between Southport and Wilmington for a few days. Persons wishing to go from Southport to Wilmington will be required to have a permit signed by the health officer at Southport to the effect that they have not been exposed to measles. Persons desiring to come from Wilmington to Southport will be required to have a certificate from the health officer at Wilmington to the same effect. At present Fort Caswell is quarantined against Southport and Wilmington, and this conclusion is agreed at after conference with the medical authorities at Fort Caswell, and is done purely for the purpose of helping the military authorities at Fort Caswell to maintain the high health record at the Fort. All persons are requested to obey the rules strictly for the next few days.

"Very truly yours, D. I. WATSON, Health Officer, City of Southport." The following is the letter sent from the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon in regard to the situation:

"December 21st, 1917. Col. A. W. Chase, Commandant, Fort Caswell, N. C. Dear Sir: Your letter of the 19th inst., to President Jacobi in regard to the quarantine on account of measles, has been received and carefully noted.

"The health and sanitation committee of the Chamber of Commerce held a meeting today, and after a thorough and careful investigation, substantiated by the findings of the board of health, deny absolutely that any epidemic of measles exists in Wilmington, there being only eight cases here and those under strict quarantine. However, we realize your great responsibility to our nation in safeguarding the welfare of the troops under your command and the great care necessary in the conservation of the health of our boys, and it was the sense of the meeting that your action is justified in making these restrictions and that we will have to forego the pleasure of having them with us this Christmas.

"We wish to assure you of our cooperation and trust that you will raise the quarantine at the earliest practicable date. Yours very truly, DR. A. H. HARRISS, Chairman, Health and Sanitation Committee." Farmers who chop wood to save coal in our cities this winter will be making the chips fly for freedom.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS

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In order to establish a stable market for wood in the city and to encourage its being brought in from the rural sections, a resolution asking City Council to guarantee a price for this fuel commodity was adopted at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

The fuel situation in the city has improved very little during the past few days, the supplies of coal and wood both remaining very short, and all the dealers being behind in the deliveries of orders. The resolution as adopted follows:

"Resolved, That the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce, realizing the serious shortage of fuel and the unusual difficulty at this time to secure an ample supply of wood, which will doubtless be the case throughout the winter months, petitions the city council to guarantee to shippers in the surrounding country a specified price on the cars on their siding up to February, and turn same over to dealers in the city for distribution at a reasonable profit to them, to the general public, in order to protect the city against the serious emergency that has existed here during the past ten days. We feel that the wood situation would be materially improved if the city would furnish free wharfage for wood-flats."

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SUGAR FAMINE IS NOT YET RELIEVED

Shipments Received by Wholesalers this Week Went to Other Places

While it is true, that three cars of sugar were received by local wholesale houses during the week, the sugar famine among the retailers of the city remains unchanged, none of the sugar received having gone into local canals of trade.

A number of the retail stores are daily expecting shipments that will enable them to supply the local demand. Practically every store in the city is without an adequate supply, and most of the stores are entirely without any stock on hand.

It is stated that the three carloads which were received by wholesale houses were for out-of-town customers. Local retail stores order from other sources and do not depend upon the local jobbers for supplies.

Our President has declared for the continuation of sport, but it's a pity to a town of sugar he didn't have the St. Louis Browns in mind.

RECTOR GRANTED LEAVE

Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church Relieves Rev. R. E. Gribbin

At a special meeting of the vestry of St. John's Episcopal church held last night an indefinite leave of absence was granted to the rector, Rev. R. E. Gribbin, in order that he may accept service as a volunteer chaplain of the church, under the direction of the War Commission. While keen regret was expressed at having to give up the services of the popular rector, even for the period of the war, the vestry realized that the call coming to Mr. Gribbin was for an unusual service and the leave was granted.

A special committee was appointed to confer with Bishop Darst with regard to caring for the pastoral needs of the parish during the absence of the rector.

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