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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

MONDAY STILL HEATLESS

PRESENT PROGRAM WILL BE CONTINUED

At Conference Yesterday Secretary McAdoo and Director Garfield Decided Not to Abandon the Fuel-Saving Program—Conditions in the East Are Acute.

A Washington dispatch dated Tuesday and appearing in this morning's papers says:

With the east facing the most acute coal shortage of the winter and in the grip of the coldest weather of a generation, the government decided today that the heatless Monday program cannot at this time be abandoned, as had been hoped.

The conclusion to continue the closing was reached at a conference between Fuel Administrator Garfield and Director General McAdoo attended by a dozen state fuel administrators. There was no official announcement, but a joint statement probably will be given out tomorrow.

There had been every indication up to last night that the Monday holidays were over, but reports brought to Washington by the state fuel administrators that throughout most of the east there is on hand but one day's supply of coal, coupled with the weather situation, were accepted as convincing proof that the present is no time to lift the closing order. Even Mr. McAdoo, who up to this time is understood to have opposed the closing plan, was said tonight to have agreed that until the weather permits an improvement in railroad transportation, the order should be continued in force.

BLIZZARD CUTS PRODUCTION.

The blizzard has cut coal production and movement to such an extent that officials pointed out tonight that even had the Monday closings been abandoned, industry would be forced to close down to a considerable extent because of a lack of fuel supplies. In fact, reports to the fuel administration tonight showed that in many States plants already are closing in large numbers.

It was emphasized that the fuel administration is determined that what coal is unloaded and distributed shall go to householders first. State fuel administrators have been given almost unlimited authority to divert coal from other consumers to keep the people warm in their homes.

For the first time since coal began to run short, fuel administration officials admit that the situation is alarming. Report after report came during the day telling of cities all the way from Mississippi to the Atlantic with but few hours' supply of fuel on hand and prospects poor for obtaining anything like the quantities needed.

IN WORST SHAPE YET.

The railroads today were declared to be in the worst shape they have been in during the winter. Low temperatures made it impossible in some instances for tractors to work and general freight movement was said to be about 50 per cent of normal.

There are some indications that if better weather does not come to improve the situation officials will take up for consideration an amendment to the closing order prescribing two four-day shut-downs, one covering the period of Lincoln's birthday anniversary and the other Washington's birthday. Lincoln's birthday, February 12, falls on Tuesday, bringing a three-day holiday over Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. If Saturday, usually observed as a half-holiday, were made a complete holiday, this would give a four-day closing.

Washington's Birthday, February 22, on Friday, offers another opportunity to make Saturday a complete holiday and thus give another four-day closing period.

Railroad administration reports today said freight movements had been cut in half, and passenger traffic suffered equally. Coal formed the bulk of the freight which struggling roads were able to move through cold winds and drifting snow, but deliveries everywhere were far below normal demands.

PROSPECTS GLOOMY.

Prospects for material improvement in the next few days were gloomy. Railroad administration officials seized eagerly on forecasts of slightly higher temperatures moving eastward from the west, but they pointed out that it will take days for the railroads to recover from the demoralizing influence of today's low record temperatures, with their accompanying of high winds which blew accumulated snow in deep drifts over tracks which only a few days ago had been shovelled clear.

Of the hundreds of factories which probably will have to suspend operations for several days this week, owing to lack of coal, the first to be affected will be those standing low on the fuel administration's list of preferred industries. Coal dealers selling to domestic consumers, public institutions, ships and manufacturers of food and war supplies will get the coal delivered by the crippled railroads under priority orders. Even some of these may suffer, however, as a result of the complete stoppage of traffic in many localities today.

JUDGE JONES IN CHARGE

OF EXEMPTION OFFICE

Judge A. C. Jones has been appointed chief clerk to the local exemption board and assumed his new duties the first of the week. He succeeds Mr. W. Lyle Smith resigned. The clerical force and all records have been moved from the Craig & Wilson building to room 201 on the second floor of the Realty building. Judge Jones will spend most of the time in this office. When not there he can be found in his own office on the same floor.

Assisting Judge Jones are Mr. H. P. Lineberger, Mr. Bismarck Capper, Miss Mary Ratchford and Miss Ruth Morris. Mr. Stephen B. Dolley, whose office is on the same floor, has taken over the occupational classifications. He is assisted by Profs. Wray and Sisk and a number of city school teachers.

Notices have been mailed to 96 registrants to appear for physical examination next Monday between the hours of 9:30 a. m. and 5 p. m. The examinations will be held on the second floor of the Realty building.

NEWS FROM ALEXIS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

ALEXIS, Feb. 4.—Mr. E. E. McAlister spent the week-end with relatives in Gastonia.

Miss Edna Black spent the week-end at her home in Lucia.

Miss Carrie Emma Stroup, principal of the Rutledge school, spent the week-end in Mount Holly.

Miss Virginia Moore, principal of Zion school, was a week-end visitor at home here.

Mr. J. W. Abernethy was a week-end visitor here.

Miss Lula Belle Black, of the Iron graded school faculty, spent the week-end at her home in Lucia.

Last Friday night the Antontion Literary Society debated the subject, "Resolved, That character yields a greater influence than money." The affirmative won the decision.

Rev. W. W. Rimmer, of Lincolnton, fills his usual appointment at the Alexis Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. D. T. Ferrell attended the teachers meeting in Gastonia Saturday.

The people around Alexis have made many sacrifices on account of the war. Some have bought Liberty bonds; others have bought Thrift Stamps. Many a father and mother within the bounds of Alexis are sending up their prayers for their sons, some of whom are in the training camps; others in the navy, and by this time it may be possible that some boy from Alexis has sailed for France to carry "Old Glory" to the battle front. At present there are possibly 25 boys from this community wearing the uniform. Quite a number of these have been volunteers. That is a good record for Alexis community, when one considers that the population of the community is relatively small in comparison with other districts. As a matter of fact, Alexis is making as great sacrifices as other sections of Gaston county, if not greater.

Robert Dellinger, of Alexis, joined the Navy Friday.

Dairy School Postponed.

The dairy school that was to be held in Stanley next Tuesday has been postponed because of the meeting called by Governor Bickett to be held in Raleigh next week. Those scheduled to conduct the school were asked to attend the Raleigh meeting. This meeting will be held later on. The date will be well advertised.

Cash-Kister.

On Saturday evening, February 2, Mr. Claud Cash, of LaGrange, Ga., and Miss Eula Kister, of Lincolnton, were united in marriage by Rev. W. G. Moore, pastor of the Mount Holly Baptist church, at the residence of Mr. J. L. Thomas in Mount Holly. The groom is stationed at Camp Greene and has the rank of First Sergeant.

SAVE THE HENS.

Special to The Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Every laying hen sold from the farms before the first of May means a loss of about 30 eggs to the food supply of the Nation. These eggs are valuable food, manufactured largely from insects, weeds and grass, garbage and waste. The eggs, therefore, are almost wholly a net gain in human food. Moreover, the hen is just as good meat after she has laid these eggs as before.

Save the hens is the message that the United States Department of Agriculture is sending broadcast through press notices and posters, and through its county agents, especially in the southern poultry-raising sections.

Branner Gilmer, of Waynesville, son of former Attorney General Robert E. Gilmer, has been appointed special attorney in the department of justice. He will make his headquarters in New York and work under Bruce Bielaski, chief of the division of investigations.

AMERICANS DRIVE OFF GERMAN AIRMEN

(By International News Service.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 6.—Throughout Tuesday afternoon German airmen tried to fight their way through the American barrage fire to observe operations in the rear of the American lines. Each time they were driven back and the success of the American gunners caused much elation. The first two German planes which tried to cross the lines, when they were driven back, took to the air, but they, too, met defeat. Barrage firing was active all day Tuesday, but the firing suddenly ceased at sunset.

CIVIL STRIFE NOW THREATENS RUSSIA

(By International News Service.) COPENHAGEN, Feb. 6.—There has been a great spread of civil strife in Russia during the last 48 hours. The Bolshevik government probably will face its gravest trials within the course of the next week. Polish troops are reported to have captured the Bolshevik commander-in-chief, Krylenko, with his entire staff. Nearly a half million armed men are in the field against the Bolsheviks in South Russia. Hard fighting is reported from Sebastopol. Kiev is reported captured by the Ukrainians. The Finns have won victories over the rear guard in recent fighting.

END OF WAR NOT IN SIGHT—WADSWORTH

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Warning the nations that the end of the war is not in sight, Senator Wadsworth, Republican member of the military committee, called on Congress this afternoon to order a reorganization of the war management to safeguard against further mistakes. He urged the passage of the war cabinet and munitions dictatorial bills. He stated that red tape is causing serious delays and that team work is impossible with the present system. He charged that a million three hundred thousand tons of munitions and supplies has been rushed helter-skelter to Atlantic sea ports where it is piled up without ships to move it.

Charlotte Extends Quarantine.

This morning's Charlotte Observer states that at a conference of the Charlotte city commissioners and health officials held last night it was decided to continue the present quarantine in force until February 14, one week longer than originally ordered. Health officers reported that conditions were steadily improving, but recommended the extension of a week as a measure of precaution.

Private W. J. Smith, of the service school, Post Headquarters Department, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., is here on a 15-day furlough which he is spending with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith, and his brother, Mr. W. Lyle Smith, at the latter's home on South street.

MORE MEN IN FRANCE THAN PLAN CALLED FOR

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—America had more men in France January first than the original schedule called for. Secretary Baker told the Senate during his cross examination today. He said that about 40 per cent. were non-combatants. Secretary Baker was extremely cautious in his replies to the volleys of questions from committeemen. He declined to answer many questions in open session. He said he did not know how much shipping was required per man to maintain a force in France, nor did he know how much tonnage was available for the movement of the army. His suggestion that the committee go into secret session brought on a heated argument among the committeemen. Senator Hitchcock insisted that Secretary Baker give the basis for his statement that the United States will have a million men in France this year, but the Secretary declined to answer the question.

SERIOUS CAR STRIKE IN ST. LOUIS.

(By International News Service.) ST. LOUIS, Feb. 6.—Violence characterized the local street car strike situation today. Police guards shot three switchmen who stoned a car. The switchmen were injured by the fire of the police.

DID NOT APPOINT A SUPREME COMMANDER.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Feb. 6.—Premier Lloyd-George is expected to make a statement in the House of Commons next week. The war council's report was followed by an announcement that the council did not appoint a supreme commander for the front.

HOOVER STOPS SPECULATION IN COFFEE.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Food administrator Hoover issued a rule prohibiting speculation in green coffee on the New York coffee exchange at a price above 8 1-2 cents per pound for the number seven grade. This action was taken after a conference with the representatives of the exchange in which they volunteered to put this rule into effect.

GERMAN RAID FAILED.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Feb. 6.—German raiders attempted to penetrate the British trenches on the Merricourt Sector last night but were driven off. Some prisoners were taken.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The cotton market opened this morning with March contracts selling at 30.62; May 28.10.

—We are asked to announce that Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will preach at New Hope Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—The Bank of Gastonia has a large display advertisement in this issue which should prove of especial interest to the farmers. If you wish to borrow money with which to put in your crop, use the coupon. There is absolutely no obligation in the matter. You may get information that will be worth money to you.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Dallas Dots.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

DALLAS, Feb. 5.—A new movement concerning Thrift Stamps has been started by Prof. J. B. Henson in the local schools. When ten members of a grade buy stamps they are allowed to form a company. This company is also allowed to have a captain, lieutenant, etc., the officers winning their positions by selling stamps to the most people. At the present time the faculty of this school is entitled to have a company and Company A has been organized by the students. No doubt more companies will be organized.

The Boy Scouts held their regular meeting last Thursday night. Three new members were taken in and two boys passed their tenderfoot tests. The scoutmaster explained to the boys about the "Point and Honor System," which will be installed at the next meeting.

The teachers of the graded school are planning to give a negro minstrel or something along that line next Saturday night to raise money enough to buy a flag to place on the school building. The teachers have been very successful in the past and there is no doubt but that we shall see "Old Glory" floating over the graded school building soon.

Hughes Durham, of Camp Sevier, was at home Saturday and Sunday. He reports that this is his last time at home.

It is rumored that Joe Taylor, of this place, is in France. It is thought he joined the army in Cincinnati, or else went across in a boat and joined over there. He was formerly a member of Company B.

Rev. Mr. White, of Charlotte, preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday night. He preached a very interesting sermon.

Some of the friends of Miss Kathryn Rudisill were entertained at a birthday party at her home two miles out of town Friday night. Many highly enjoyable contests were held and ruck was played.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Fritz have been visiting out of town for the past week.

In the meeting of the Vance Literary Society Friday morning the Washington birthday program was outlined and adopted by the society. This will be given Friday morning, February 22nd, in the graded school auditorium. The members of the Glenn Literary Society have been invited to attend.

During the past few days the jitneys which have heretofore plied between Gastonia and Dallas have stopped running on account of the bad condition of the roads. Few automobiles at all dare to try to make the trip.

Stanley Happenings.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

STANLEY, Route 1, Feb. 5.—The home of Mr. J. R. Rogers was made sad Sunday when the news came of the death of their son, Mr. William Rogers, of Thomasboro. Mr. William Rogers was 29 years, 9 months and 11 days old. He was sick only one week with pneumonia. He was willing and ready to go when the summons came. He joined the Methodist church when 14 years old, and was highly esteemed and much loved by every one in this community, where he was raised. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Zettie Sifford, and four children. Also his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rogers, and seven brothers and three sisters, viz.: Messrs. Thomas, James and Samuel Rogers, of Charlotte; Mr. Walter Rogers, of Chicago; Mr. Richard Rogers, of Newport News, Va.; and Edward and Charlie Rogers, of Lucia. The sisters are Misses Maggie, Hattie May and Rosa Belle Rogers, of Lucia. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Castania, near here, yesterday afternoon. Rev. J. A. Sharpe preached the funeral. The Jr. O. U. A. M. held a very impressive burial service at the grave. May they all trust the same guiding hand so that they may be able to leave the same comforting words behind them that he left: "I am willing and ready to go."

Miss Wilma Beatty has pneumonia.

Miss Velma McIntosh returned to her work in Charlotte yesterday.

Miss Gladys Dellinger, teacher at Killian's Chapel, spent the week-end with Mrs. T. S. McIntosh.

Misses Lula Belle and Edna Black spent the week-end at home. They also visited Mrs. T. S. McIntosh.

Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Black, has been sick the past few days.

There was a mistake in the "Lucia Local's" last week. It should have been "Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grice, of Lowesville, spent Tuesday with Mrs. N. A. McIntosh." Instead of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Black.

Mr. Amel Harbey has moved to Mr. J. A. Kelly's for another year.

Mr. T. S. McIntosh and Miss Gladys Dellinger went to Gastonia on business Saturday.

Shelby Highlander.

Gaston county finds itself in the throes of a Palmetto-style Democratic primary campaign. The woods are full of candidates, and they are most avid and numerous in their pursuit of the shrievalty. But when the primary ballots are counted we have a hunch that that princely gentleman, W. Neal Davis, the present sheriff, will have copied the coveted prize.

NEGRO FACES CHARGE OF LARCENY AND ARSON

Waddell Wilson, a negro who lives on West Franklin avenue, was arrested Monday afternoon on a charge of larceny and arson, it being charged that he stole a wagon load of corn from Mr. John R. Rankin's farm on the New Hope road a couple of weeks ago and then set fire to the house where the corn was stored. He was given a preliminary hearing before Esquire S. S. Morris Monday afternoon and was bound over to court in the sum of \$500. In default of bond he was committed to jail to await trial.

Wilson, who is a brother-in-law of Joe Thompson, the negro who lives on the Rankin farm, sold the corn, fifty bushels or more, to W. H. Rodgers, a drayman living in East Gastonia. On the plea that he couldn't get off until night he got Rodgers to take his wagon to the Rankin farm after dark to get the corn. After it was loaded, the evidence showed, the negro remained behind, set the house afire and caught up with the wagon after it had gone about a mile. Rogers saw the light from the fire but did not know what it was. It is stated that Wilson was mad at his brother-in-law and probably thought he would kill two birds with one stone by stealing the corn and destroying what was left in the house.

This morning Wilson was arraigned before Judge Jones in municipal court on a charge of stealing wood from the city and was given 30 days on the roads. After completing that sentence he will be tried in Superior Court on the more serious charge.

SMALL INCREASE IN MERCHANT VESSELS SHOWN IN TEN YEARS.

By VICTOR ELLIOTT, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—There were 37,894 American-owned merchant vessels of five tons net register or over, of all classes, operating during 1916 on the coast or inland waters of the United States, including Alaska, or between ports of the United States and foreign countries. These figures were brought out in a compilation made by Eugene F. Hartley, chief statistician in charge of a water transportation inquiry, and made public today by the Federal Census Bureau. These vessels had a gross tonnage of 12,250,000.

The geographical distribution of this gross tonnage was as follows: Atlantic coast and Gulf of Mexico, 6,509,000; Mississippi River and its tributaries, 1,621,000; Pacific coast, including Alaska, 1,186,000; Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River, 2,738,000; canals and other inland waters, 196,000. The distribution, according to method of propulsion, was: Steam and other power, 6,998,000; sail, 1,089,000; unrigged, 5,063,000.

The figures bring out the fact that the increase in number of vessels as compared with 1906 was equal to only 11-2 per cent, and the gross tonnage shows a decrease amounting to 5 per cent. This is accounted for by the marked falling off in the number and tonnage of sailing vessels and in tonnage of unrigged craft.

The proportional increase during the ten-year period in number of vessels was most pronounced on the Pacific coast, where it amounted to 61 per cent, but the greatest rate of increase in tonnage, 34 per cent, appears for the Atlantic coast and the Gulf of Mexico, as against 21 per cent for the Pacific coast. For the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River the increase in tonnage was 14 per cent. On the other hand, a great decrease in tonnage, from 4,412,000 to 1,621,000 or 63 per cent, took place on the Mississippi River and its tributaries, and a decrease of 24 per cent appears for canals and other inland waters.

Despite the very small increase in number of vessels and the falling off in total gross tonnage throughout the ten-year period, the figures for value of vessels, gross income, wages paid and freight carried show marked increases, amounting to 89 per cent, 91 per cent, 44 per cent and 42 per cent, respectively. The number of employes, however, increased by less than 9 per cent and the number of passengers carried shows a decrease of not quite 10 per cent. The decrease in number of passengers carried is due to the reduction in ferry traffic resulting from the establishment of the "tube" service in Greater New York.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan delivered his famous lecture, "The Prince of Peace," before a large audience at Burlington Saturday night. He was introduced by Hon. A. T. Brooks, of Greensboro.

Secretary Baker's cross-examination before the Senate military committee, which was scheduled for yesterday, was postponed until today.

All manufacturers and dealers in mixed feeding stuffs must secure license from the U. S. Food Administration before February 15th.

But He's Not A-Runnin'.

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