

FUEL BOARD PUTS END TO COAL FAMINE

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KERENSKY CONTROLS RUSSIA

MORE U. S. TROOPS TO FRONT

More Rigid Zone Rules For Aliens

Following Cabinet Meeting at Washington the Local Police Will Probably Keep Index of Alien Enemies.

Washington, Nov. 14—The recurrence of disastrous fires at war and waterfront plants has aroused the Department of Justice.

Following the Cabinet meeting yesterday let it be known that within a few days important modifications to the regulations with regard to the movements of aliens within restricted zones will be put into effect.

What these changes will be Mr. Gregory refused to indicate. It is generally considered, however, that they will consist in a tightening of the regulations under which permits for aliens to enter the barred zones are issued and the development of plans in co-operation with local police authorities for the more stringent enforcement of the regulations and a more adequate inspection of the persons who enter and leave the barred zones.

The problem, so far as Bridgeport with its large foreign population is concerned, is admittedly a grave one. It is practically impossible to remove all foreigners from within certain distances of the local waterfront and the various war plants, and a condition arises which can hardly be coped with under the present method of regulating movements in barred zones. The laxity of some employers in hiring men of questionable reliability is partly at fault here.

Every alien enemy in Bridgeport, regardless of his past, will be placed under constant Government surveillance as the result of a co-operative plan which will be adopted by the police and the federal authorities. Thus, about 700 residents of this city may be affected.

Names, residences, occupations, and police records, if there are any, will probably be filed at the police stations in the precincts in which the aliens live, and they will be required to report all changes in this respect. In addition, they will be watched, and their homes will be liable to inspection by Federal agents.

9,000,000 IN DRAFT PLACED IN 5 CLASSES

Washington, Nov. 14—The five classes into which 9,000,000 men registered for military duty, and those who are registered hereafter, are divided, and the order in which they will be called for service was officially announced today in the provost marshal general's questionnaire which every registered man must fill out and file. The order shows some change from the tentative draft recently published.

Contrary to some published reports, it does not exempt married men as a class. The questionnaire indicates, however, that only men of the first class will be called to the colors in the gravest emergency.

The questions on the subject of dependents are framed to meet every possible circumstance and to draw out every bit of information that might be of value to the boards in fixing the class to which a man is to be assigned.

A general outline of the complete content of the questionnaire is published on page 2 in this newspaper.

COAL FAMINE IS RELIEVED BY FUEL BOARD

The coal shortage in Bridgeport is going to be relieved. The Fuel Board, including Carl F. Siemon, chairman; John J. Fisher and R. A. Beers, finds that by not fixing a price on coal, the situation will be greatly benefited, because dealers during the last several months have refused to buy coal, fearful that the board would fix a price so low that they would be forced to sell it at a loss.

Bridgeport dealers have been requested to buy as much coal as possible and the board, having faith that they will not take advantage of the situation, will not interfere in the matter of setting a price.

"The situation in Bridgeport is worse than any other city in the state," said Chairman Siemon today, "and we believe that our method will prove to be a better way of relieving the situation than by setting a price." Siemon said the shortage at the present time is approximately 25,000 tons less than was in the city a year ago, at which time there was a shortage.

"Bridgeport people will pay any price for coal," said Siemon, "because they need it and need it badly, but we firmly trust that the dealers will not charge exorbitant prices. The dealers are pleased with our method and are willing to co-operate with the board."

Coal dealers in this city have lost hundreds of dollars during the last three months, as was proven by the board's investigation of the dealers' books. "It's a wonder to me," said the chairman, "that some of these dealers didn't close up their yards."

Because of the situation the street peddlers, who Siemon alleges are a "necessary evil to the people who can't afford to buy a ton," have practically passed out of existence, because dealers have refused to sell them coal. The board has this matter in consideration and will arrange for the street peddlers to get supplies, but will regulate a price for its sale by the hundredweight.

The local board is continually in communication with William D. Russell, head of the State Fuel Administration and James W. Storrow, head of the New England committee, who

SUSPICION OF FOUL PLAY IN CASE OF NEGRO

Indications that foul play is suspected in connection with the death of an unidentified negro who succumbed to opium poisoning at St. Vincent's hospital, early this morning, appear in the fact that the hospital authorities are referring the case to Coroner John J. Phelan.

The victim was found lying unconscious, yesterday, in a room in the boarding house conducted by Mrs. Margaret Modosky, at 532 Broad street, and was at first thought to have been overcome by illuminating gas. Later, symptoms of opium poisoning developed, giving rise to the theory that the man had taken an overdose of the drug.

Every effort was made to save his life, but without success, and death resulted today. At the hospital, no information beyond the fact that the man is supposed to have died of opium poisoning, was given out, it being stated that the case was in Coroner Phelan's hands.

The coroner, this afternoon, said that he had up to that hour received no formal report of the matter, though he felt certain that foul play must be suspected if the case is being turned over to him.

U. S. MISSION RECEIVED IN PARIS BY PRES. POINCARÉ

Paris, Nov. 14—The American congressional delegation which is visiting France was received this morning by President Poincaré in the palace of the Elisee.

THE WEATHER.

Connecticut—Fair tonight and probably Thursday; moderate north winds on the coast, probably increasing.

Italians On Piave Front Hold Lines

Strong Enemy Attempts to Cross Stream Fail—Huns Plan to Drive Wedge Between Trentino and Piave Armies.

(Late Bulletins) Berlin, Nov. 14, via London—The capture by Austro-German forces of the towns of Primolano, in the Sugana valley, and Feltré, west of the upper Piave river, is announced today by army headquarters.

"We wish to state that our investigation establishes a condition which would not be improved by the committee making a price at the present time. This is due to the fact that the stock of coal on hand, both hard and soft, is not only way below the stock on hand last year, but way below stocks carried at this time of the year during normal times."

"Investigation has conclusively shown that due to the reduced arrivals of shipments of coal in the last three months that dealers in this city have been operating at a loss."

"The situation briefly stated then is this: That the City of Bridgeport is not so much interested in a price on coal at the present time as it is in securing an adequate supply through the dealers which will carry them through the winter."

"Where any severe cases of want exist, due to a shortage of coal in families, such parties are asked to report to any of the members of this committee and we will use our very best endeavors to alleviate the situation."

"By continued co-operation of all we expect to 'Keep the Wheel turning and the Home Fires Burning.'"

GOVERNMENT IS CONCENTRATING ALL GOLD COIN

Efforts of the government to protect the gold reserve of the country has resulted in the almost total disappearance of gold coins from the coffers of the local banks. In addition to concentrating the gold reserve in federal reserve banks the government has requested the non-usage of the gold coins as Christmas presents this year.

Liberty bonds are suggested as appropriate substitute for gold coins as Christmas gifts.

According to prominent local bankers it is necessary to the well being of the standing of the United States as a financial center that adequate protection be given at the present time to the gold resources of the country.

The matter of concentrating as far as possible all gold in federal reserve banks is adopted by the government to prevent gold from eventually finding its way to foreign countries as a holiday gift.

NEW ORDERS FOR REMINGTON CO.

An additional order for 200,000 rifles and 160,000 extra barrels and receivers today supplements the large contract under which the Remington Arms Co. has been turning out guns for the Russian government. The plant is at present producing rifles at the rate of about 100,000 a month, and bayonets to the amount of 10,000 a day.

M'NICHOLO DEAD.

Philadelphia, Nov. 14—State Senator James P. McNichol, a prominent Republican leader, died today.

CAPITAL ALONE DEFIES FORMER PREMIER

Stockholm, Nov. 14—Premier Kerensky has entered Petrograd, according to a dispatch from the correspondent of the Swedish news agency in Haparanda, on the Russian border.

London, Nov. 14—The Finnish telegram bureau says the whole of Russia except a small part of Petrograd is now in the hands of the provisional government.

Premier Kerensky is now in Petrograd and has taken virtually the entire city, the announcement of the Finnish telegram bureau says.

The provisional Russian government referred to in the foregoing is the government of Premier Kerensky, which the bolsheviks attempted to overthrow.

According to these advices, which were received in a cablegram filed at Stockholm at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Premier Kerensky defeated the bolsheviks at Tsarskoe Selo. The Cosacks are reported to have destroyed the Red Guard. The telegraph lines are now in Kerensky's hands, the telegram bureau reports.

For the last three days reports have

Y. M. C. A. FUND CLAIM GARAGE WOULD DAMAGE THEIR ESTATE

Reports of the teams which are canvassing for the \$25,000 fund for the Y. M. C. A. of the county, of which Bridgeport is to raise \$125,000, shows that the total subscriptions in this city to date are \$71,818. Of this sum the subscriptions reported today show \$28,317. Fairfield has reported total subscriptions of \$10,512.

Honors for the largest subscriptions received by a ladies' team today go to the team headed by Mrs. David S. Day, with \$748. Of the men's teams that headed by T. C. Hawley leads with \$693. The Citizens' committee reported subscriptions for today of \$4,400. The Boys' division reported subscriptions of \$2,290.

Plans for the luncheon and the reports of the teams at The Stratfield today, Sergeant Gibbons, a member of the Canadian forces in the great war, made a very enthusiastic address in which he urged support of the Y. M. C. A. and told of the immense benefit it has been to the forces in the field. Sergt. Gibbons has been through a large portion of the war, his regiment having been reduced from about 3,500 to 300 men, and he was wounded and a prisoner in the hands of the Germans.

Sergt. Gibbons was in such a condition that he was exchanged by the Germans, as they believed he would never be able to walk again, and would be of no further military service. He has recovered sufficiently to engage in recruiting service, and is giving his aid to the campaign of the Y. M. C. A. in Bridgeport and other cities of the county.

H. HARRIS ASKS \$5,000 DAMAGES FOR AUTO SMASH

Damages of \$5,000 are claimed by Henry E. Harris, head of the Harris Engineering Co. of this city as result of an automobile accident Nov. 2 when an automobile he was driving was struck by one driven by Axel Swanson of Trumbull at Main and Grant streets in this city. Harris was driving north in Main street, and Swanson west in Grand street. The machines collided, Harris blaming Swanson for the accident. Harris was injured on the leg, and claims his automobile was also materially damaged. Swanson and Mrs. Swanson were both thrown from their machine and severely injured. The suit was filed today in the Superior Court.

Americans Anxious to Enter Fight

Sammies Returning from Front Line Trenches Have Many Scores to Settle With Huns—3rd Battalion in Action.

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, Nov. 13—(By The Associated Press)—The third series of American battalions is now occupying the first line and the second American detachments to enter the trenches have returned to their billets. The relief was accomplished on a brilliant starlit night without the knowledge of the Germans.

Included among the returning troops is the company that bore the brunt of the recent raid on the American trenches. At retreat this evening this company lined up in a little muddy street in a village nestling under a hill some miles from the front. Their clothes were caked with mud and the roofs and fences nearby were hung with wet blankets and equipment.

Openings here and there in the ranks showed how many men had been killed, wounded and made prisoner in the trench fight. After the company was dismissed an officer of the battalion watched the men splash off through the mud and said: "There goes the scrappiest bunch of soldiers in France. They are mad all through and are just biding their time till they get a chance to repay the Germans for what happened to their comrades. They will get their revenge before this war is over. You can depend on that."

The second return battalions today were going through the same series of bathing and cleaning as the first detachment. The men are to enjoy several days of rest before taking up the training work again.

CURRAN DEFIES ALL ORDERS OF HEALTH BOARD

Defying the Board of Health in all its orders, William Curran, a dairyman, of Stratfield road, refused to appear before the board last night and as a result a special meeting will be held and Curran will be summoned to appear. If he fails a deputy sheriff will be sent after him. Curran had previously refused to allow his milk to be inspected at the demand of health inspectors.

The board drafted an ordinance providing a fine of \$100 as penalty to parents who neglect their children's health. A delegation of painters appeared and asked for the passage of an ordinance that will compel tenement house owners to strip old paper from the walls before repapering them. Paperhangers are subjected to contagious diseases.

Dr. L. A. Wilkes, director of school hygiene, explained his card index system to the board members, showing that by the reports of school nurses he can keep track of the health of each school child.

SUSPECTED DRAFT EVADER IS HELD

Awaiting information from his home town to determine his true age, the police are today holding in custody William F. Conway, of Dorchester, Mass., on the suspicion that he has evaded draft registration. Conway walked into headquarters, last night, and asked for lodgings, but when called upon to show his registration card, was unable to comply and told conflicting as to the reason for his being without one.