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ITALIANS ATTACK THE AUSTRO-GERMAN FRONT

They Have Made Good Gains in the Monte Asolone Region and Along Southern Course of the Piave

TEUTONIC ALLIES OFFERED STRONG RESISTANCE

Yarmouth, England, Was Bombarded Monday Night by a German War Craft, Three Persons Being Killed and Ten Injured—The British Labor Party Has Issued a Message to the Russian People Renouncing Annexations for British Government—It Calls Upon the People of the Central Empires to Force Their Governments to Renounce Annexations in Europe—Von Tirpitz Holds That U-Boats Will Force Great Britain to Seek Peace.

After days of inactivity, due to heavy snows and very severe cold, the Italians have again attacked the Austro-German front in the Monte Asolone region and made goodly gains of ground. Likewise along the southern course of the Piave river they have added materially to their bridgehead each of Capo Sile, pushing back the enemy from several trenches, which were held by the Italians in spite of furious counter-attacks.

In the hill region the Austro-Germans offered strong resistance, but the Italians, who were ably supported by their artillery, would not be denied, and in addition to inflicting extremely heavy casualties captured eight officers and 283 men.

On the other fronts the fighting, except for the artillery, continues below normal, although the Canadians again have raided German trenches north of Lens, blowing up their dugouts and taking prisoners and a machine gun.

Another attack from the sea has been made by a German war craft on an English east coast town. Yarmouth was bombarded Monday night, three persons being killed and ten injured. Some twenty shells fell in the town.

Probably with the purpose of laying further plans to meet the anticipated stroke of the reinforced armies of the Germans on the western front, there will be an early meetin gin plenary session at Versailles of the supreme allied war council.

Of great moment on the political side of the war is a message issued to the Russian people by the British labor party. The message announces that the British people are one with the Russians on the principle of self-determination of peoples and no annexations for the British empire, particularly in the middle east, in Africa and in India. It also calls upon the people of the central empires to force their governments to reounce annexations in Europe "with the same good faith in which we are renouncing them in Asia," and not let them drive the British people, as they are driving the Russians, into the "terrible choice between continuing the war and abandoning the only principle that can save the world."

As for Turkey, the message says the sovereign independence of the Turkish people in their national home is respected, but that the Turkish government's domination over other peoples is a hindrance to the national development of the Turks. The formation of an international organization to take over the responsibility of governing certain peoples, such as the Arabs, the Palestinians and Armenians, is called for.

The political pot in Germany continues at full boil, with the militaristic element in the ascendency, but with the moderate section of the people still hotly opposing them. Notwithstanding the seeming impasse that has arisen in the peace negotiations between the Russians and the central powers owing to objections by the Russians to the demands of Germany and her allies, announcement has been made in the reichstag that no aiternation has been made in the instructions given to the chief German representatives in the pourparlers.

A meeting of the annexationist party in Germany has been broken up by the independent socialists, who passed a resolution declaring for a general peace by understanding, while at another meeting, in Frankfort, a resolution was adopted declaring that a peace safeguarding Germany's vital economic interests would be possible only along the lines of the reichstag peace resolutions.

Meanwhile Admiral Von Tirpitz, father of Germany's submarine warfare and one of the leaders of the fatherland party, in speeches is endeavoring to bolster up the case of the Pan-Germans. In his latest address he still held to his dream of forcing Great Britain to seek peace as a result of Germany's submarine campaign and dwelt upon the ability of Von Hindenburg and his chief aide, Von Ludendorff, to bring about a peace acceptable to Germany by force of arms.

CHARGED WITH IMPLICATION IN WEST HAVEN MURDER

Frank Durso on Trial — Three Men Have Been Convicted.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 15.—In the superior criminal court here today a jury was chosen to hear the case against Frank Durso, of New York, who is on trial charged with being an accomplice in the killing of Morris Goldstein, a West Haven tailor, some months ago. Three witnesses are men already convicted in this case, two of them being under death penalties and the third under a life sentence. They were brought here from the state prison at Wethersfield, where the two to be hanged are held on reprieves until after the Durso trial.

The commonwealth alleges that Durso taught the actual slayers how to shoot and planned the holdup and the murder of Goldstein. When arrested Durso maintained that he knew nothing of the killing. He is represented by Public Defender Ford and Judge William L. Bennett is presiding at the trial.

STATE TO TAKE OVER WEST PEAK, MERIDEN

Park Commission is to Turn It Into a State Park.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 15.—The Connecticut Park Commission has now completed all plans for the taking over of West Peak in Meriden. The recent agreement of Cornelius J. Danaher to sell the Peak has been ratified and the price is to be paid soon and the property turned into a state park. Condemnation proceedings are to be started at once to acquire for the state a part of Sherwood Island, off Westport, where a public shore park is to be laid out. Some of the island is now in possession of the state and eventually the whole 21 acres in it will be taken over.

TWO SISTERS FOUND SMOTHERED IN A TRUNK

They Had Climbed in While Playing—Lid With Spring Lock Closed.

Boston, Jan. 15.—Catherine Avassa and her sister Adeline were found by their mother suffocated in a trunk in their home in the South End district tonight.

While playing about the house they had climbed into the trunk and closed the lid which has a spring lock. It was more than an hour before they were missed.

HIGHEST TIDE IN YEARS ON BOSTON WATERFRONT.

Water in Buildings Along Atlantic Avenue Fires Were Put Out.

Boston, Jan. 16.—The highest tide in years inundated the waterfront section of this city today. The water rose thirteen feet, nearly two feet above the usual high water mark. In buildings along Atlantic avenue fires were put out and goods in basements damaged.

GREAT BRITAIN HAS NOT RECOGNIZED FINLAND

Waiting to Hear What the Russian People Think of the Situation.

London, Jan. 15.—Arthur J. Balfour, secretary for foreign affairs, was asked in the house of commons today whether Great Britain knew that France and the Russian government had recognized the republic of Finland, and if so why there was delay on the part of Great Britain in doing likewise.

Mr. Balfour said that the British government was aware of the recognition accorded Finland by France and the Russian government, but it was the government's view that before taking the formal step of recognition it would be desirable to ascertain what the Russian people think of the situation.

TO CUT DOWN SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AT DEVENS

Too Much Dancing and Too Many Women About the Camp.

Ayer, Mass., Jan. 15.—The New England soldier at Camp Devens dances too much, in the opinion of officers expressed today. At a conference of camp officials it was decided to take steps to cut down the social functions which are almost nightly occurrences. It was the judgment of those present that the mind of the soldier was districted by too many galieties. This impression was confirmed, it was said, by the comment of a British officer who recently inspected the cantonment. He was quoted as saying:

"There is too much women about this camp."

FOOD CONDITIONS IN BERLIN ARE BECOMING WORSE.

It Has Become Necessary to Reduce the Potato Ration.

Stockholm, Jan. 15.—Food conditions in Berlin have become so much worse, according to advices reaching here, that the population is compelled to exist almost entirely on the rationed quantities of bread, meat and potatoes. Virtually no vegetables or fruit are reaching the city and no game is to be had.

Some of the greater Berlin municipalities, it is stated, have been forced to reduce the potato ration from seven pounds to six pounds.

NO ALTERATION IN THE GERMAN PEACE OFFER

Baron Von Dem Bussche-Haddenhausen so Informs Reichstag Main Committee.

Berlin, via Lonton, Jan. 15.—Baron Von Dem Bussche-Haddenhausen, under-secretary for foreign affairs, informed the reichstag main committee today that there had been no alteration in the instructions given to Foreign Secretary Kuehlmann for the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk.

Cabled Paragraphs

Serbians Resent Enemy Overtures

London, Jan. 15.—The Reuter correspondent at Serbian headquarters reports that the Bulgars are making vain efforts at fraternizing and that the Germans are sending leaflets into the Serbian lines devoted to efforts to detach Serbia from the allies.

PRINT PAPER CONTROL DEFEATED IN SENATE

Attacks Were Made on the Resolution by Members of Both Parties.

Washington, Jan. 15.—After the defeat in the senate of the resolution placing the print paper industry under federal control, Senator Smith of Arizona, who was in charge of the resolution, announced that he would continue his efforts to have the message adopted. He said he would seek to have the house adopt and send to the senate a similar resolution in slightly changed form.

During the final day of debate attacks were made on the resolution both by democratic and republican senators. Senator Knox termed it incomprehensible and "vicious in its purpose." No institution has shown more loyalty to the government than the press, he said, adding "that as the newspapers seem to understand the viciousness of this bill, the more they are inclined to oppose it."

Senators Harding and Hitchcock, both newspaper owners, also opposed the measure, the former declaring that it would only hinder the importation of pulp from Canada and embarrass the publishers.

Senators King and Fernald argued that it was not a war measure but a bill to turn private enterprises over to the government, while Senator Reed classified it as a "disgrace" to the senate and Senator Smoot asserted it would prove the greatest censorship ever imposed.

On the final vote 27 democrats and five republicans supported the resolution and twelve democrats and 24 republicans opposed it.

The federal trade commission is now preparing to fix news print paper prices under an agreement reached by the manufacturers with the commission and the department of justice.

DRAFT REGISTRATION OF MEN AS FAST AS THEY BECOME 21

Age Limit Is Not to Be Placed Above 31 Years.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The government has decided on draft registration of all young men as fast as they become twenty-one years old as the means of keeping filled the ranks of the war army. It has decided against the raising the draft age limit above thirty-one years.

An administration bill was introduced today, at the request of the war department, by Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military committee, to register for draft all men who have reached 21 since June 5, 1917, when the draft law became effective. The administration's support seems to assure its prompt passage. The bill agrees with the recent recommendations of Provost Marshal General Crowder.

Other administration bills introduced today by Chairman Chamberlain, at the request of the war department, will supplement the draft law to make it workable under conditions that have developed. One would permit furloughing of national army troops for harvest work or other civilian duty; another would eliminate enemy alien population from basis of calculations for draft quotas, by making the basis for each state, the number of men available in class one.

HOUSE MEMBERS SORROW FOR DEATH OF MAJOR GARDNER

It Is Proposed That Funeral Services Be Held at the Capitol.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Aroused by the death from pneumonia of Major Augustus P. Gardner, formerly one of their number, the house today began congressional investigation of camp and hospital conditions not only at Camp Wheeler, where the former congressman died, but generally throughout the country. Representative Gard of Ohio introduced a resolution to that purpose, drawn in broadest terms and many members indicated their support. A precedent-breaking wave of sorrow and sympathy swept over the house today at news of Major Gardner's death. Democratic Leader Kitchin announced that if Mrs. Gardner agreed to the plan when she arrives here with the major's body tomorrow, there will be funeral services at the capitol where the body would lie in state.

No such mark of respect has ever been paid to a former member of congress.

The senate adjourned in the afternoon in respect to the memory of Major Gardner, after hearing a eulogy by Senator Weeks, who held up Gardner's career as an example of patriotism to the young men of the country, and adopting a resolution of sorrow and sympathy for the family.

CAPTAIN WHISLER GOT AWAY WITH $62,826.61

When He Robbed the Bank at Camp Funston Last Friday.

Camp Funston, Kas., Jan. 16.—An official check of the funds of the army bank at Camp Funston shows Captain Lewis Whisler stole $62,826.61 when he robbed the bank last Friday night, slaying four men with an axe and injuring a fifth. The accounting is final and was given out at division headquarters this afternoon.

William Huttig of Kansas City, Mo., president of the national reserve bank of that city, of which the army bank was a branch, announced through divisional headquarters that the stolen money will be replaced by him as owner of the bank. He already has made good on deposits of $50,000, he said.

Three operatives of the department of justice followed a lead to Salina, but one of them left there after stating that no clew had been discovered.

TESTIFIED HOW THE NAVY PREPARED FOR WAR

Rear Admirals Taylor and Griffin Before the House Committee.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Further testimony about how the navy prepared for war in advance of its declaration was given the house investigating committee today by Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of construction and repair, and Rear Admiral Griffin, chief of the bureau of steam engineering.

They said they began contracting for adequate supplies a month before congress passed the war resolution and that there now is on hand all material that may be needed in repairing warships.

Middletown High School Girl Missing

POSSES SEARCHING THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY.

ESTHER STRICKLAND

Officials Are Inclined and Believe the Girl is Either Being Forcibly Detained From Going Home or Has Met With Foul Play.

Middletown, Conn., Jan. 15.—Searching posses are being organized here to scour the region around Portland and the outskirts of this city for Esther Strickland, a 17 year old high school girl who has been missing since Monday afternoon. She is the daughter of Frederick Strickland, who operates a quarry in Portland. The girl was last seen after school closed yesterday.

Employe Also Missing.

Also missing and sought for is an employe of Mr. Strickland who is reported to have been seen in the girl's company after she had left the Portland school. At first it was thought that the pair had eloped but information which has reached officials in Portland now inclines them to believe that the girl is either forcibly detained from going home or has met with foul play. Tomorrow the quarry district of Portland will be thoroughly gone over by organized bodies of men in the attempt to find a trace of the missing girl. Police in other towns have been sent a description of the missing man.

GERMAN AIRMEN INTERESTED IN AMERICAN CENTERS.

They Have Repeatedly Attempted to Bomb Their Buildings.

With the American Army in France, Jan. 15—(By The Associated Press.)—Enemy air raiders are showing an increased interest in the American aviation centers, especially those nearest the lines. During one of the most recent incursions the German airplanes descended within 200 feet of the ground, endeavoring to make sure that the several bombs which they dropped should hit their targets, which in most cases were buildings in which men were billeted. Luckily, the German aim, even at such close range, was poor, for no Americans were killed.

Another German machine which flew over the position later dropped a bomb from a higher altitude at a hangar. The bomb missed its mark, but dug a great hole in the adjoining field.

At a certain place near by an enemy squadron descended within 300 feet of the earth and sprayed an anti-aircraft position with a hail of bullets, but did not hit any of the gunners, all of whom were French.

The Americans at the most advanced aviation camp have found a novel mounting for the machine guns used for defense against enemy airplanes.

When the guns for the newly dug pits arrived it was discovered that only field carriages had been provided. These were unsuitable for aircraft defense work, so swivels were constructed from old motor truck springs. These improvised mounts are said to be as good as any used.

PNEUMONIA CAUSED 149 DEATHS AT TRAINING CAMPS

In This Country During the Week Ending Jan. 11.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Pneumonia caused 149 of the 235 deaths reported among the national guardsmen and national army men training in this country during the week ending Jan. 11. The weekly report of the division of field sanitation, made public tonight, shows that 88 guardsmen died during the week, as compared with 169 the week before, and 147 national army men, as against 167 the previous week.

Both the hospital admission and non-effective rates in the guard and national army camps increased during the week, with pneumonia generally prevalent. Among the guardsmen there were 342 new cases of pneumonia and in the national army 340. The meningitis situation continued to improve both in the guard and national army, while measles continued to decline in most of the camps. Epidemics of German measles and mumps prevailed in many camps, with scarlet fever increasing in the national army and decreasing in the national guard.

CORN CROP OF 1917 IS GOING TO WASTE.

Director General McAdoo of Railroads Urged to Move the Crop.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Priority orders have discriminated against corn to such an extent that a large part of the nation's bumper crop of 1917 is threatened with serious deterioration if not destruction, Director General of Railroads McAdoo was told today by Representative McCormick of Illinois, who, backed by a letter from Food Administrator Hoover, urged immediate appointment of a railroad executive experienced in handling corn shipments to devote all his time to the movement of the crop. Mr. McAdoo took the matter under advisement.

Reports to the food administration, it was announced, showed that country elevators have been filled for months and millions of bushels are rotting in the fields because the farmer has no place to store the crop.

SPECIAL WAR MEDAL OF AERO CLUB OF AMERICA

Awarded Major William Thaw of the Lafayette Flying Squardon.

Paris, Jan. 15.—Major William Thaw of the Lafayette flying squadron, who recently received his commission in the reserve of the American army, has been awarded the special war medal of the Aero club of America.

The stecial war medal of the Aero club of America had previously been awarded to the late Captain Guyenmer and Major Raoul Lufbery.

The club also has voted a medal to the families of eleven American aviators who were killed while fighting for France.

The committee has voted to confer a medal on Lieutenant Charles Nungesser, the present leader of the French "aces," and to the family of Captain Albert Ball, the famous British aviator, who was killed after bringing down forty-five enemy machines.

Struggling to Open Main Travel Routes

HARD WORK FOR GOVERNMENT RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

TRAINS ARE WITHDRAWN

The Worst General Snow Storm and Ice Storm of a Generation is Impeding Traffic—Only Coal and Food Are Kept Moving.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Against the worst general snow storm and ice storm of a generation, the government railroad administration today struggled in an effort to open main travel routes and keep coal and food shipments moving over the lines best able to handle them.

Traffic-Paralyzing Weather.

The situation tonight was regarded as worse than at any time within the last week of traffic-paralyzing weather. On top of an accumulation of snow in the middle west, from blizzards of several days ago, came fresh snowfalls today. Snow plows went to work on the new drifts, while gangs of laborers, drawn from every occupation from which they could be spared, tackled yards and terminals already cleared once of snow within the week.

Wires Down, Trains Withdrawn.

Temperatures were rising in most sections tonight, but it was not warm enough to release cars frozen to sidings or to thaw thousands of cars of coal caked in their carriers. Telegraph and telephonic wires went down under weight of snow and ice and many passenger trains whose schedules had been re-established yesterday were withdrawn once again lest they meet the fate of scores of others stalled behind drifts.

LIEUT. WALTER SPOERMANN BROUGHT TO BALTIMORE

Brother of the Alleged German Spy Also Under Arrest.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 15.—Lieutenant Walter Spoermann, the alleged German spy, arrested on the aviation field near Norfolk last week, was brought to Baltimore this afternoon. He was rushed from the railroad station to the United States marshal's oce and thence lodged in jail.

Two hours previous to his arrival, his brother, Frederick H. C. Spoermann, who was arrested here last night, was sent to jail today.

Another man, Marius Aisch, of this city, was taken into custody today by the federal agents and there was a considerable display of activity and conferences at the federal offices with rumors that other suspects were being bagged.

Aisch, it developed, held some papers belonging to Lieutenant Spoermann. He himself volunteered the information to the Baltimore police and he was taken in charge by United States officers until the papers were seized.

Little, apparently, of any incriminating nature was discovered among the papers. Aisch explained that he had been acquainted with Spoermann for some time, and that Spoermann left a suitcase with the papers with him to keep for Spoermann. At that time, Aisch said, he was working in a lunch room and Spoermann merely asked him to take charge of the suitcase. Aisch has been sent to jail also.

ADVISORY COUNCIL OF WAR LABOR PROGRAM.

Six Men and One Woman Named by Secretary Wilson.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Six men and one woman were named by Secretary Wilson tonight to form the advisory council that will assist in the administration of a war labor program entrusted to the department of labor by the president. John Lind, former governor of Minnesota, is chairman of the council and representative of the public, and the other members are:

Representatives of employers—Waddill Catchings, president of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron company, Birmingham, Ala., and of the Platt Iron works, Dayton, Ohio (chairman of the war committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States), and A. A. Landon, general manager of the American Radiator company (vice president of the aircraft production board and president of the Buffalo, N. Y., Chamber of Commerce).

Representatives of employes—John B. Lennon of Illinois, treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, and John J. Casey of Pennsylvania, former member of congress.

Economist—Dr. L. C. Marshall of the University of Chicago.

Representative of women—Agnes Nestor of Chicago, president of the Woman's Trade Union league, member of the defense council's woman's committee and former president of the Glove Workers' union.

LIBERTY LOAN CLERK CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

G. W. M. Bailey of the Springfield, Mass., National Bank.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 15.—G. W. M. Bailey, Liberty loan clerk at the Springfield National bank, was arrested here today on a warrant charging him with the larceny of $10,000 from the Guarantee Trust company of Boston.

He was associated with Edward Radding, a contractor, in real estate development, and it is alleged they jointly borrowed $10,000 from the trust company, giving a mortgage on land of a realty trust as security. Mr. Radding was arrested Monday on a similar charge. It is alleged the mortgage was without value. Both men are being held for hearing on Jan. 30 under bonds of $13,000 each.

WOODBURY PASTOR GETS $300 BEQUEST FOR KINDNESS

In Suspending Ringing of Church Bell During Illness of Testator.

New York, Jan. 15.—In remembrance of kindness shown by St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church, Woodbury, Conn., in suspending the ringing of the bells when he was suffering from injuries in a nearby hotel in 1864, Charles T. French, whose will was filed here today, left $300 to the pastor of the church.

The accident made Mr. French totally blind. He died in Brooklyn last November.

Condensed Telegrams

President Wilson gave his approval of the daylight saving bill.

American citizens residing in Canada are subject to the income tax law.

A blizzard at Watertown, N. Y., has covered the ground with about two feet of snow.

The submarine chaser fleet for the United States navy will be completed March 1, 1918.

A fund of $500,000 has been raised by Christian Scientists for the relief of war sufferers.

Russian officers of the demobilized Russian army have been ordered to report in Petrograd for service.

The Kaiser wants to have his birthday on Jan. 27, be celebrated in a quiet manner, he announced.

The Pennsylvania Steel & Iron Co., Lancaster, Pa., closed down because of a lack of coal and freight cars.

The Turkish Government has broken the armistice between the Bolsheviki government and the Central Powers.

Arrangements have been announced for the sending of 400,000 bushels of grain to France from an Atlantic port.

The Navy Department announces that a naval trawler recently struck a rock and was sunk. No lives were lost.

Charles O'Neill, Irish Nationalist member of Parliament for South Armagh, died at Coatbridge. He was 69 years old.

Supplemental war appropriations of $185,000,000, of which 150,000,000 is for barracks and quarters, were submitted to Congress.

Westchester County golf clubs are to be closed. A report of the coal on hand will have to be made to the fuel administrator.

One man was killed and 10 others injured when an Erie train crashed into a jitney bus running from Passaic to Newark.

Sinn Fein executives initiated a referendum on an independence appeal for Ireland to be addressed to the peace conference.

A search is being made for the accomplice of the suicide, Captain Lewis R. Whisler, who robbed the Camp Funston Bank, Tex.

A conference will be held in Washington Jan. 21, when the details of levying war tax on baseball games will be threshed out.

A quantity of army supplies, $1,000,000 worth of food and the quartermaster warehouse were destroyed in a fire in Washington.

According to official dispatches to Washington, Germans are removing the bronze statues from the cemeteries in Belgium for war use.

President Wilson made a personal call on the heads of the departments of the Shipping Board and the War and Navy Departments.

A Rumanian socialist by the name of Nakousky has arrived in Petrograd to discuss the possibility of a revolution against King Ferdinand.

The House naval investigation subcommittee announced that 1,100 vessels have been armed against submarines since March, 1917.

All divisions of the Pennsylvania Railroad lines west of Pittsburgh were operated for traffic only, with the exception of a few branches.

France has besowed the Croix de Guerre on six American officers and nine soldiers for gallant defense on the nights of November 2 and 3.

A German officer, who deserted and came to the Russian lines reported that 250 German troops refused to go to the West front and were shot.

Dr. Milenko Vesnitch, head of the Serbian Mission to this country, urged several hundred Serbians at Indianapolis to join the American army.

German authorities have confiscated the issue of "Die Zukunft" because an article in it by Maxmilian Harden supports President Wilson's war aims.

The Bolsheviki government is making strenuous efforts to clean up the city of Petrograd. More than 200 gamblers and drunkards were taken in one raid.

More than 75,000 food retailers have signed pledges of the Food Administrator to give customers fair and moderate prices, with no more than a reasonable profit.

A strike of the minority members of the Peruvian Senate, caused two special sessions of Congress to expire without action because of inability to obtain a quorum.

The Greylock mills at North Adams, Mass., manufacturers of cotton goods, shut down last night for lack of coal, for the balance of the week. The concern employs about 400 hands.

The Municipal Council in Vienna has threatened to resign and disclaim all further responsibility of feeding the people, declaring that the permanent reduction of flour cannot be borne by the population.

It was announced at the state capitol that the office of the state insurance commission would be closed on Thursday out of respect to Edwin L. Scofield, of Stamford, a former insurance commissioner whose funeral will be held on that day.

Privates Michael Dina and Harold T. Andrews, of the engineer corps, previously reported missing after the battle in which American engineers assisted General Byng's forces in stemming a German attack around Cambrai November 30, were killed in action.

THEATRES AND SALOONS IN INDIANAPOLIS CLOSED

By the Federal Fuel Administrator For the City.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 15.—All theatres, saloons, pool rooms and places not absolutely necessary, where heat and light are used, were ordered closed immediately until further notice this afternoon by Dr. Henry Jabeson, federal fuel administrator for the city. The order was issued after every other effort to provide coal for domestic consumption had failed.

WEEK SHUTDOWN OF LESS ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES

Included in Plan of Government Officials to Relieve Coal Famine in the East

PREFERENTIAL LIST FOR FUEL ADMINISTRATORS

It Was Proposed to Ask President Wilson to Declare Monday a Legal Holiday in the Eastern States for an Indefinite Period, But Fuel Administrator Garfield Favors a Complete Shutdown of the Non-Essential Industries for a Week—Order of Priority is Householders, Public Utilities, Ships Transporting War Supplies, and War Industries.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Denial of coal supplies to the less essential industries for a period of a week or longer and a railroad embargo against the shipment of non-essentials are included in a plan under consideration today by government officials studying means of relieving the coal famine in the east.

A proposal that President Wilson be asked to declare Monday a legal holiday in the eastern states for the next eight or ten weeks and that only industries supplying the public with necessaries be permitted to operate on that day came to Fuel Administrator Garfield from a meeting of fuel administration officials at New York.

A general plan for dealing with the situation probably will be announced by Dr. Garfield tomorrow after he has conferred with P. B. Noyes, head of the fuel administration's conservation division, who attended the New York conference.

Already Dr. Garfield has prepared a preferential list for the guidance of fuel administration officials in distributing coal which directs that fuel supplies be apportioned in order to householders, to public utilities, ships transporting war supplies and war industries. Consumers who do not come within these classes will be the ones whose supplies will be held up if drastic measures are attempted.

It was believed tonight that Dr. Garfield would decide to shut down entirely the less essential industries for a period rather than to ask President Wilson to declare Monday an industrial holiday, because it would fit in better with the proposal that rail shipment be denied to the products of certain industries. The rail embargo proposal was placed before Director General McAdoo today. It would stop the operation of many factories, but those which have coal supplies on hand could continue running until their reserves were exhausted.

This plan, it is contended, would go far towards relieving railroad congestion and would give the roads an opportunity to turn their efforts to moving coal. Railroad officials believe it would be the best arrangement if put into force in connection with cutting off coal shipments to the less essential industries.

Little hope was held out at the fuel administration's offices today of relief for the middle west. Snowstorms have checked the movement of coal trains and the situation is not likely to improve, it was said, until weather conditions are better.

Reports to the fuel administration told of much suffering in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana cities. Many industrial plants in many of these cities have shut down. Some of the mines in the middle west which ordinarily supply these towns have not moved coal cars for nearly a week. Mines in West Virginia which were ordered to give preferential shipment to Ohio and Michigan for ten days are shipping 70,000 tons of coal less a day than they usually move.

BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF UNITED MINE WORKERS

Whole Hearted Support of the Government Expressed in Reports.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 15.—Wholehearted support of the government in the war against the central powers and criticism of the federal courts for decisions adverse to the union, expressed in the reports of officers, received the vigorous approval of the fifteen hundred delegates attending the biennial convention of the United Mine Workers of America which opened here today.

"There must be no half-way allegiance on the part of the coal miners in giving the best that is in them for the preservation of the ideals and principles of a democratic people," exclaimed President Frank J. Hayes, in addressing the men. Tremendous applause swept through the hall.

"Let us in this convention firmly resolve," he continued, "that every atom of energy we can contribute to the winning of the war will be given gladly, freely and in the same loyal spirit as those who go out to give their lives. It is a matter of particular pride that approximately 20,000 members of our organization have enlisted in the military forces of our nation. Our hearts go with them across the sea, and we know that these heroes of ours, who have faced the perils of the mines year in and year out, risking their lives in the production of coal, will not be found wanting when they face the foreign foe."

No less patriotic were the declarations of William Green, secretary-treasurer and a former state senator of Ohio.

CAPTAIN "BILL" M'DONALD, TEXAS RANGER, DEAD.

Was Personal Friend and Bodyguard of Several Presidents.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Jan. 15.—Captain "Bill" McDonald, noted Texas Ranger and personal friend and bodyguard of several presidents, died here tonight.

McDonald, who was United States marshal for northern Texas, was famous for his control over the most desperate characters of the Mexican border and Texas.

On the recommendation of Colonel House, close friend and personal representative of President Wilson, McDonald had been twice named by the latter as marshal of the northern district of Texas and personal bodyguard of the president.

AWARD IN FAVOR OF NEW HAVEN ROAD

In Controversy With Engine Service Employes Over Wage Schedule.

New York, Jan. 15.—An award in favor of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad and its subsidiaries in the controversy with their employes in the engine service over the wage schedule was filed by the arbitration board in the federal court here today.

It was decided that the service described was paid for properly and that the payment for services at freight rates for the mileage run, with overtime on the same basis for yard enginemen called for this service, was in accordance with the schedule.

House of Lords Supports Suffrage.

London, Jan. 15.—The anti-suffragists in the house of lords suffered another rebuff today by the rejection of an amendment proposed by Viscount Halifax to the franchise bill that the question be decided by a referendum of the women.

FALSE REPORT OF TWO BOYS ON AN ICE FLOE

Called Out Fireboat, Police Reserves and Women With First Aid Kits.

New York, Jan. 15.—Adrift on an ice floe in the Hudson river, two small boys were seen frantically waving their arms, and their pitiful cries for help were heard by a passing steamer, which was unable to rescue them—so went a report which attracted thousands to the riverfront in upper New York today, called out a fireboat, a hook and ladder company, police reserves and women with blankets, hot coffee and first aid kits.

The report had every indication of being well founded, for, surely enough, two moving black objects that might well have been small boys were actually to be seen on an ice floe that was being swept northward with the tide. The crowds watched anxiously while the fireboat steamed to the rescue, only to be turned back by ice. It seemed as if the lads were doomed, until Captain Brown of the fire department took a long squint at them through the marine glasses.

"Stung!" exclaimed the captain. "They're only a couple of loose cakes of frozen slush, jammed upright and swaying in the wind."

The hot coffee was distributed to the firemen.

PERSONAL INSPECTION OF SHIPYARDS EAST AND SOUTH

Will Be Made by Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board.

Washington, Jan. 11.—A personal inspection of ship yards in the east and south for the purpose of ascertaining the progress of merchant shipbuilding will be made by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, and Charles Piez, general manager of the emergency fleet corporation. Weekly three day excursions to the shipbuilding centers will be made until all have been visited.

The first trip will be made this week. On Thursday Mr. Hurley and Mr. Piez will visit the government fabricating yards at Hog Island, Newark bay and Chester. The next day they will inspect yards around New York and on Saturday they will go to yards in Delaware. Next week they will go to New England and the week following to yards in the south. Yards producing both steel and wood ships will be visited.

THIRTY-EIGHT MEN IN A LUMBER CAMP POISONED

Frank Zinback, a Chore Boy, Is Held for the Crime.

Mountain, Wis., Jan. 15. — Thirty-eight men in a lumber camp here are seriously ill as a result of being poisoned Sunday night. Frank Zinback, a chore boy, has been arrested and the federal authorities have been notified.

When arrested, Zinback carried passports from Switzerland countersigned by Former Ambassador Von Bernstorff. It is said that he is a German. He arrived in the camp two days before the men were poisoned.

WORST STORM OF THE SEASON HITS VERMONT

Trains on the C. V. From Three to Seven Hours Late.

Montpelier, Vt., Jan. 16.—The worst storm of the season hit Vermont today, the heavy snow drifting before a high wind and seriously impeding railroad traffic. Tonight more than a foot had fallen and it was still snowing.

Trains on the Central Vermont railroad were from three to seven hours late.