

ARREST SUSPECT AFTER WAR DEPOT FIRE

Weather—Probably snow to-night. Cold to-morrow.



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CITY COAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY 56,000 TONS

Russian Assassin Tries to Kill Lenine

Dictatorship of France Was Planned by Caillaux; Lansing Exposes Plotting

Cablegrams From von Bernstorff Intercepted by U. S. Made Public in Washington.

PLANS FOUND IN ROME. Arrest of President Poincare Part of the Scheme to Overthrow Government.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—A wireless message received here to-day from Rome declares documents found in the strong box of former Premier Caillaux there show Caillaux planned to assume dictatorial powers if he was made Premier of France, planned the arrest of President Poincare, Premier Briand and other statesmen.

Caillaux also planned the dissolution of the Chamber of Deputies, it was charged. Gen. Sarraill, recently recalled from Macedonia, was to be appointed Commander-in-Chief of the French armies. Two regiments to be recruited in Corsica were to be brought to Paris under the command of two Generals, both friends of Caillaux. Then, after a military effort, Caillaux planned to submit the question of peace to a popular referendum.

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THEATRICAL WAREHOUSE BURNS; FIREMAN MISSING

Many Overcome Fighting Blaze at W. A. Brady's Storage Building—Loss \$100,000.

Fire swept through William A. Brady's theatrical storage house at No. 343 and 345 West Thirty-sixth Street this afternoon. Heavy smoke from oil and paint-covered stage scenery, including Metropolitan Opera House properties, sent firemen reeling from the building. Several were overcome and one, Fireman Trooper of Engine Company No. 54, was taken to a hospital, severely injured. It is believed he is dead. Reserves from the East 15th, West 20th and West 31st Street Stations cleared out the residents of the whole block, as the walls were beginning to crack and there was danger of a collapse. The loss was placed at \$100,000.

Fireman John W. Keecher of Engine Company No. 54, who was in the building, has not been accounted for, and it is believed he is dead.

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"He speaks contemptuously of the President and the rest of the French Government, with the exception of Briand. He sees through the policy of England perfectly. He does not anticipate the complete overthrow of France. He sees in the war now a struggle for existence on the part of England.

ASSASSIN FIRES AT PREMIER LENINE; WOUNDS A FRIEND

Attack Follows Address to Red Guard—Army in the Field Starving.

PETROGRAD, Monday, Jan. 14 (By the Associated Press).—An automobile carrying Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik Premier, is reported, was fired upon to-night, when he was driving to a meeting of the Council of People's Commissaries. Four shots were fired. Premier Lenine was not hurt.

The attempt on the life of Premier Lenine was made just outside the hall in which he had been addressing 8,000 of the Red Guard who were going to the front. As his automobile swung through the crowd four shots flashed in the darkness. One of the bullets missed its mark by only a few inches and another lodged in the hand of a Swedish Socialist who was in the automobile. Scores of arrests were made.

An appeal to the public signed by the Council of People's Commissaries for War and the Central Committee for Army Supplies says: "To all. Immediate help is necessary. The army which is standing patiently and bravely on guard for the freedom of the country is perishing from famine; their provisioning has ceased. Several regiments are entirely without bread and horses are without fodder. Every citizen of Russia in this fateful hour, do your duty immediately."

The Government's Provisioning Committees are told it is their duty to assume responsibility for the buying and sending of food to the armies "without sparing any means and immediately with all your revolutionary energy in friendly co-operation to do what you think is necessary, including the ordering of compulsory work."

Railway men and others concerned with transportation are warned that if found guilty of violence or disorder or attempts to capture military food-stuffs they will be punished severely.

BRITAIN WILL TREAT WITH BOLSHIEV ENVOY

Balfour So Announces in Commons, but Says Government Is Not Yet "Recognized."

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Foreign Minister Balfour announced in the House of Commons to-day that Great Britain was about to "establish official relations with Minister Kiselev," representative in London of the Bolshevik Government.

The Foreign Minister was careful to say that the Government had not yet recognized the Bolsheviks but that they had received "official" revelations through an agent of the embassy in Petrograd.

MAY BECOME A FELONY TO BELITTLE U. S. FORCES

Bill Would Also Penalize Obstruction to Sale of Government Bonds or Securities.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—A bill making it a felony to disclose false reports with the intention of interfering with the operation or success of American military or naval forces or obstructing the sale of Liberty Bonds or securities, was introduced to-day by Senator Culberson and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

MORE COAL ARRIVES HERE THAN SINCE FAMINE BEGAN; TIDEWATER RECEIPTS GROW

Total of 56,000 Tons Reaches City To-Day—Plan to Close Private Electric Plants.

Before dark to-night New York will have more coal in its yawning bins than on any day during the last three weeks. At 9 o'clock to-day 24,000 tons—anthracite and bituminous—had already arrived from Jersey tidewater and barges carrying 22,000 more tons were scheduled to arrive before the end of the day.

This record was made by speeding up all along the line of tidewater coal docks, by the return of fine weather and the freeing of the harbor channels of ice to a large extent, despite the fact, too, that out of 186 railroad engines engaged in towing barge barges across the harbor, thirty have been laid off through ice damage and 305 empty coal barges still await cargo on the New Jersey shore.

Here are the figures on coal arrivals and coal coming, as given out to-day by A. H. Smith, Director of eastern railroads. They indicate, in some measure, the decreasing of coal shipments due to the big storm of Sunday.

Table with 4 columns: Coal type, To-day, Yesterday, Tons. Includes Anthracite, Bituminous, and Coal waiting in vessels.

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TALKS OF SHUTTING DOWN PRIVATE ELECTRICAL PLANTS

Owners of manufacturing plants generating their own electrical energy expressed a difficulty to-day over a circular letter received from State Administrator Wiggin. The circular nation set forth the circumstances as Wiggin viewed it.

"As I am reluctant to discuss existing conditions," Wiggin's letter concluded, "I am not now prepared to make an order on the subject. I write to inquire whether you would find it feasible to draw to a large extent from the street supply; whereas, in your opinion, this would result in a saving of coal and whether this is practicable and would not subject you to serious inconveniences and loss."

Owners of privately operated electrical plants characterized the State Administrator's plan as "challenging to-day." It was said that owners of such plants use the national supply for heating, when their generating plants are closed down during winter.

Fuel Chiefs of City Bankers and Lawyers; Only One Coal Man!

HERE are some of the heads of the Fuel Administration in New York, with the business of each when he is not fuel administering.

Chairman of the National Fuel Conservation Committee, Pierrepont B. NOYES, SILVERSMITH—President of the Oneida Community, Ltd., of No. 15 Maiden Lane.

State Fuel Administrator, Albert H. WIGGIN, LAWYER with offices at No. 62 Cedar Street.

Assistant State Fuel Administrator, G. M. DAHL, BANKER—Vice President of the Chase National Bank.

Manhattan Fuel Administrator, Reeve SCHLEY, LAWYER with offices at No. 62 Cedar Street.

Brooklyn Fuel Administrator, F. E. GUNNING, EDITOR of the Brooklyn Times.

Queens Fuel Administrator, Cyrus C. MILLER, LAWYER with offices at No. 55 Liberty Street.

Chairman of the local Fuel Conservation Committee, HARRY T. PETERS, WHOLESALE COAL DEALER, with offices at No. 1 Broadway.

100 CARS OF COAL FOUND BY WHITNEY, EMPTY YARDS NEAR

Standing Untouched on L. I. Tracks—17 Cars Also Held for Water Works.

Public Service Commissioner Travis H. Whitney went on an inspection tour of railroad yards in Brooklyn yesterday. This is what he says he saw:

"In the Long Island Railroad yards in East New York were nearly 100 cars loaded with coal standing untouched on the tracks. At one end of the yard were two private coal pockets, both empty. The dealer had received seven cars of coal that morning, which was distributed immediately in small lots. The 100 cars on the tracks close by were urgently needed, but they were consigned to other coal pockets somewhere in the region.

U. S. AGENTS SEIZE PLUMBER WHO ADMITS TORCH STARTED \$1,000,000 FIRE IN WAR DEPOT

Big Store of Food and Rubber Destroyed in Brooklyn Waterfront Blaze—Arrested Man Declares It Accident.

United States secret agents arrested Michael Ruggiero, a plumber's helper, after \$500,000 worth of foodstuffs and raw rubber, belonging in part to the Federal Government, had been destroyed by fire this morning in the Robinson Store of the New York Dock Company, extending along the Brooklyn waterfront from Congress to Warren Street.

The total damage, including the building, is estimated as high as \$1,000,000. Millions of dollars worth of shipping was endangered, and there was a chance of an even greater disaster, because only two piers away lay the ship against whose presence Mayor Hylan had protested yesterday after learning that it was loading with acids and powerful death bombs. The work of removing these bombs was quickened when the fire broke out.

Whether the new loss must be added to the \$50,000,000 fire losses already accumulated to German agents since the entry of the United States into the war is a question not yet settled. The arrest of Ruggiero is but one incident of the investigation being made by national and city authorities. Every employee of the company is being questioned.

Plumbers have been at work for several days trying to thaw frozen pipes in the warehouse, and Ruggiero was one of them. Fire Marshal Brophy said he believed the fire may have been started accidentally, but he has assigned his entire staff to continue the inquiry.

The increasing number of fires in areas set aside for war work makes every blaze the object of suspicion until definite proof of accidental origin is found.

ARRESTED MAN ADMITS HIS TORCH STARTED FIRE.

Ruggiero was questioned in the office of United States District Attorney France and then turned over to the Fire Department for further investigation.

"I live at East Seventh Street and Avenue T, Brooklyn," Ruggiero said. "I was trying to thaw a pipe with a torch and the woodwork caught fire. I tried to put it out with my hands, but it got away from me. Then I went up to the third floor and bored a hole through so I could pour water down on the blaze, but that did no good. Then I told the foreman, and he turned in the alarm."

Chief O'Hara responded to the first alarm and turned in three more, bringing out all the borough apparatus. Three fireboats tried in vain to break through an ice lockade. The best they could do was to get near enough to land their hoses, which was attached to high pressure hydrants.

Thirty streams were played on the building, but the firemen were handicapped because the heart of the fire was on the pier side and they had to work from a distance. The coats and helmets of the firemen took on stains of ice from the freezing spray.

The food supplies included bread

BREAD AT \$2.50 A POUND; SUGAR \$5 IN GERMANY

Aviator Reports Many Deaths From Starvation—Mutinies in Army of Frequent Occurrence.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Bread at \$2.50 a pound and sugar at five pounds for \$25 in Germany is reported by a German aviator who deserted recently, official Greek despatches to-day said.

When questioned by military authorities at Athens the aviator declared the morale of the German Army was declining daily. "Mutinies and threats against officers are frequent occurrences," he said, "and soldiers are deserting by the hundreds. Deaths from starvation in interior Germany and Austria, are occurring in large numbers."

The deserter, who travelled through Moscow and Thessalonica, told these details of the most appalling tragedy awaiting every European "taking blame to-day." "Deaths between the years of seventeen and forty-seven years have been noted by the thousands in the Balkan army," the cables quote the aviator as saying. "The civil population—practically all of whom are Greeks—is being exterminated by starvation."

BAKER FAVORS RELIEVING MEN OVER 31 FROM DRAFT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Secretary Baker has advised the Senate Military Committee the War Department favors discharging from draft liability men who have passed the age of thirty-one since registering on June 5, 1917, and without having been called to the colors.

TRANSPORT TEXAN SAFE.

Word was received to-day at the office of the American Hawaiian Steamship Company, No. 8 Bridge Street, from the Navy Department, that the freight transport, Texan, which was in collision on Monday morning about 60 miles to the east of Sandy Hook, was safe.

A vessel proceeding to the assistance of the Texan reported that the Texan had been damaged badly, but indicated that the crew was safe aboard.

The ship's steering gear is disabled and there is a hole in her side.

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