

UNIONS MEN ASK FOR COAL

Employees of Frankford Arsenal Appeal to Fuel Administrator

ROOMS ARE TOO COLD

Regulations for Keeping Rooms at 68 Degrees

The following rules that will yield a 68-degree room temperature were suggested today to janitors of apartment houses and office buildings by a real estate man, with the approval of Fuel Administrator Lewis:

First. Clean flues every two or three weeks.

Second. Keep temperature at boiler not above 180 degrees.

Third. See that coal is entirely consumed and not wasted as ashes.

An appeal for coal for their homes was made by Frankford Arsenal munitions workers today, with an increase over yesterday of three deaths from pneumonia and a new fuel administration regulation for a 68-degree indoor temperature going into effect.

The armsmakers' appeal was sent to Francis A. Lewis, federal fuel administrator for Philadelphia. It was accompanied by a letter from Col. George Montgomery, commandant of the arsenal, who said that it was imperative that the employees have coal for their homes.

"We beg you to try to accommodate us with a little coal to keep our homes warm and our families protected while we are making munitions for the nation," read the message, which was signed by seventy-five men, giving their addresses.

Investigation has proved that they are in serious plight for lack of coal. Colonel Montgomery's letter read in part: "Fuel is as necessary as food or water to the munitions worker."

Mr. Lewis at once telephoned to the nearest coal dealers and instructed them that the munitions workers should be preferred customers.

Assurance of aid from many sources came today. Samuel T. Bodine, president of the United Gas Improvement Company, informed the fuel administrator that the company yesterday broke its record of gas production by 20 per cent, manufacturing 57,000,000 cubic feet.

The anthracite operators' committee announced that the miners, spurred on by the increased wage scale, are mining an output of 46,000 tons a day.

Directions to janitors of apartment houses under the new regulation, according to a letter received by Mr. Lewis, he instructed them that to achieve a temperature of not more than 68 degrees the hot-water heater should show a temperature of not more than 180 degrees. In normal weather, he said, 150 degrees at the boiler was sufficient. He forbade janitors under him to allow temperatures of 75 and 78 degrees in rooms and gave directions for saving coal otherwise.

"Tenants must not be permitted to suffer and they will not suffer at 68 degrees," he said. "It is going to be patriotic to save coal this winter."

The Government regulation fixing this official indoor temperature requires hotels, apartment houses, private residences and all other buildings to henceforth "go" by the thermometer, not by a feeling of comfort.

Mr. Lewis in declaring his intention to rigidly enforce the order said, "If 68 does not suit the public palate, put on or take off clothing as required. But live by the thermometer."

GARFIELD TELLS OHIO GOVERNOR TO OBEY LAW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Fuel Administrator Garfield today sent a telegram to Governor Cox, of Ohio, "respectfully but firmly" requesting that Cox cease interfering in the coal shortage in that State.

F. C. Baird, handling Ohio coal transportation problems for Garfield, reported that Cox proposed to act independently of the fuel administration.

"Such action would interfere seriously with the fair and orderly distribution of coal to meet Ohio needs," said Garfield. Baird said he sent a representative to Columbus to receive Cox's orders for delivery of coal to meet Ohio's emergency. Together with the State administrator, Baird has arranged for distribution through the State of surplus coal consigned to the lakes, stalled by close of navigation.

Garfield's telegram read: "I must respectfully but firmly request that you do not interfere with the orderly distribution of coal in Ohio under orders issued by my authority by Mr. Homer H. Jones, Federal fuel administrator for Ohio. He has full authority to act, and Mr. C. Baird is cooperating with him. I must insist that the State authority be not permitted to interfere with the action of the United States fuel administration."

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COURT CONFIRMS SALE OF PARK TROLLEY

Road Acquired by Frank Kreis for \$58,000, Subject to Lien of \$750,000

As virtually the final steps for the reorganization of the Fairmount Park Transportation Company, which operates the trolley line from Dauphin street to Woodside Park, Judge Thompson, in the Federal Court today, confirmed the sale of the assets of the company to Frank Kreis, Jr., assignee of Percival W. Foederer, for \$58,000 cash, subject to a lien of first mortgage bond issue of \$750,000.

As the result of financial embarrassments the trolley company was placed in the hands of receivers on March 2, 1912, and since that time has been operated by Samuel M. Clement, Jr., and Frank Stillman, Jr., the receivers.

Mr. Kreis, one of the stockholders, instituted the suit for the confirmation of the sale, the receivers declaring that the price bid was the best obtainable for the property. Judge Thompson confirmed the sale, and in the interests of the reorganization Mr. Foederer, who was also interested in the company, bid \$58,000 for the property at public sale on June 22, 1915, subject to the bond and mortgage indebtedness of \$750,000. Later he assigned his right to acquire the property under the bid to Mr. Kreis, who was also active in the reorganization.

Frank Rogers Donahue, as counsel for the receivers, today presented a petition to the court for the confirmation of the sale, the receivers declaring that the price bid was the best obtainable for the property. Judge Thompson confirmed the sale, and in the interests of the reorganization Mr. Foederer, who was also interested in the company, bid \$58,000 for the property at public sale on June 22, 1915, subject to the bond and mortgage indebtedness of \$750,000.

BAD TASTE IN WATER CAUSED BY GASES

Schuykill Plants Not Provided With Aerating Apparatus, Chief Davis Explains

The bad taste in the water furnished residents of West Philadelphia is due to a lack of aeration, a function of getting rid of gaseous matter held in by ice. The water plants along the Schuykill River are not equipped with aerating apparatus, Chief Davis of the Water Bureau, in explaining the condition today said.

"The gases are generated by algae, growth of vegetation which grows in the river during the summer and decay in the fall. They are not harmful to the human system but result in leaving a nasty taste in the water. The condition is more pronounced when the gases are heaved in by a coating of ice."

HAD MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

Experience of Three Philadelphia Officers on Alecco Related

The miraculous escape of Lieutenant A. J. Drexel Paul and H. B. Leonard, Jr., and Ensign William Frazier Harrison, the three Philadelphia officers on the Alecco, when that vessel was sunk by a German submarine on November 2 is related in letters that have recently been received in this city.

Ensign Harrison was the only one of the trio of officers who was hurt. He was below at the time the torpedo struck the Alecco and was knocked unconscious by the force of the explosion. A sailor, observing his condition, threw him to some wreckage and then jumped to save his own life. Later Ensign Harrison was picked up by one of the small boats.

Lieutenant Paul also had a narrow escape and was able to jump into the sea just before the ship settled and he would have been pulled under by the suction.

The three officers are now in Paris, and it is not believed they will be put back in the service before next spring.

Pelham Folk Without Heat

Many persons folk prominent were forced to go without heat for two days when the plant of the Germantown Steam Company, which supplies heat to 225 homes in Pelham, broke down.



"EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER" MEN ENLIST

Second Lieutenant Frank Fox (above), appointed to the Intelligence Department, has just been ordered to service abroad. Frank Hartzell (below) has just enlisted in the Naval Reserve. Both were members of the editorial staff of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.

U. S. BARS MAKING NEW CONTRACTS FOR "JUICE"

Philadelphia Electric Ordered to Divert All Power to Hog Island for Present

Conservation of electric power to provide energy for the Hog Island shipyard is included in a Government order received by the Philadelphia Electric Company. Under the instructions the commercial department of the company informed prospective customers that pending relief from new power stations no new contracts for meters will be signed.

890 TURKEYS SOLD

Virginia Birds Bring \$3000 at Hatfield Christmas Sale

Live Virginia turkeys—890 of them—were sold under the hammer to the highest bidder today at the annual Christmas turkey sale held in the Keystone Hotel, Hatfield, Pa. The price paid for the turkeys was \$3000. The sale was conducted by M. B. Brenner, of Hatfield. About 200 produce dealers attended the auction.

Dance to Aid Hospital Fund

A musicale and dance will be given tonight at American Hall, East Falls, for the benefit of the War Emergency Fund and St. Timothy's Hospital. Splendid talent has been procured, including a mixed quartet, assisted by the Falls of the Schuylkill Male Chorus. Many prominent women have consented to act as patronesses.

FUND FOR BABIES STEADILY MOUNTS

Hospital Campaign Collectors Report \$57,703 Subscribed Toward \$175,000 Goal

How the groping fingers of little babies struggling for life have reached the heart strings of Philadelphia was revealed today with the announcement of \$57,703 already subscribed toward the \$175,000 ten-day drive for the Babies' Hospital fund.

"Thirteen thousand, four hundred and thirty-four dollars, total receipts for the third day," announced Director Frederick Courtenay Baker, of the campaign committee, amid the cheers of 300 volunteer workers gathered at noon for the daily rally luncheon on the roof garden of the Bellevue-Stratford.

"The champion spoon's banner goes again to Captain Milton J. Schloss, team 22," he announced next. Mr. Schloss's contributions for the day were \$170. The champion banner for the women's team and grand champion banner for the day were awarded to Miss Frances White, captain of women's team 11, on a total of \$215. The champions' card before approaching a prospect with an appeal:

Gigantic cards bearing health regulations for the quiet ordering of a baby's life, even in a war-torn world, were a feature of today's decorations. A mingling of smiles and tears was evoked by Tom Daly, of the Public Ledger, who read aloud his own poem of the "Littla boy who could na' wait till Spring."

"No, the world was too cold," Mr. Daly told his audience. "It is for us to break its chill for these thousands of little Philadelphia babies looking to us for their very breath."

The summary for the day follows: Grand total previously reported \$14,220 TODAY'S RECEIPTS \$4,149 Business men's division \$2,245 Total for the day \$18,369 Grand total to date \$32,789 WOMAN'S DIVISION Team No. 1, Mrs. J. E. Arnton, captain \$182 Team No. 2, Mrs. Isaac B. Chubb, Jr., captain \$106 Team No. 3, Dr. Loda Strawn, captain \$250 Team No. 4, Mrs. G. P. Jenkins, captain \$160 Team No. 5, Mrs. William W. Mott, captain \$300 Team No. 6, Mrs. Frank G. Richards, captain \$280 Team No. 7, Mrs. Harry G. Kiraus, captain \$192 Team No. 8, Mrs. W. T. Tomer, captain \$192 Team No. 9, Mrs. William Gray Warren, captain \$68 Team No. 10, Mrs. G. S. Weiler, captain \$234 Team No. 11, Miss Frances White, captain \$212 Total woman's division \$3,819

Hurt When Trolley Jump Track WELSHAWKEN, N. J., Dec. 12.—Twenty-three and forty persons were injured, some possibly fatally, when a trolley car of the Public Service Railway Company jumped the track today when on a trestle descending the Clifton hill.

EPIDEMIC OF ALIEN DIVORCES PREDICTED

U. S. Wives of Foreigners Rushing for Separations, Say Court Reports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—There is to be an epidemic of divorces separating American wives from German, Austrian and Hungarian husbands during the next year, according to reports reaching the Department of Justice from various courts throughout the country.

There are already on file in many courts petitions for divorce filed by American-born women who have married Germans. Most of the cases are against German husbands. Evidence adduced in some of the cases is to the effect that the German husbands attempted to force their American wives to subscribe to German war loans out of their own funds. Most cases are those in which the German husbands have returned to Germany in response to the call for reservists and have attempted to have their American wives remaining in this country send money or perform service to aid the German cause. There also are some cases in which American women who were living in Germany with their German husbands have returned to this country.

It is expected that courts will grant separations and divorces in these cases. Agents of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice in this city are investigating today the career of Henry Hobeck, formerly attached to the office of the Austrian Consul in Pittsburgh, who was arrested last night in Coatesville. The arrest was made by United States Deputy Marshal Matthew Kelley, of this city.

Hobeck was brought to the Federal Building late last night and questioned by government agents. Later he was locked up in Moyamensing Prison. Federal Agent Garbarino, now attaches of the office of United States District Attorney Francis Fisher Kane would discuss the arrest.

United States Marshal Noonan said today that his office also was conducting an investigation of Hobeck's career. He added that Hobeck would be released if no evidence was found against him, and that he would be interned during the duration of the war if it was found that such a step was to the interest of the Government.

Lieut. Grant Files for Allies

First Lieutenant William D. Grant, of one of the new United States aero squadrons, is in France. He is a son of Mrs. William D. Gross, 410 Preaton street, and at the outbreak of the war he had his name legally changed to Grant because he felt that Gross sounded too much like a German name.

Christmas Cards

John Kendrick Bangs to Lecture

John Kendrick Bangs, the humorist, will be the speaker at the University Extension Society tonight at Witherspoon Hall. His subject will be "Discovering America, or, the Fallacy of the Obvious."

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1226 DEAD, 500 BLIND IN HALIFAX DISASTER

British Government Sends \$5,000,000 for Relief Work in Stricken City

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 12.—It is announced that the official death list places the victims of the munition ship explosion at 1226. From 300 to 500 persons are blind or partially so and 200 children have each lost both parents, according to the American and Canadian workers investigating the situation.

The Boston relief ship Calvin Austin has entered the harbor. A general funeral service for all the dead is to be held Friday. Some of the bodies will rest beside victims of the Titanic and Bourgoyne disasters in Fairview Cemetery. Others will occupy so many graves in Camp Hill Cemetery that this burial ground will be completely filled and will thereafter be closed.

Word was received from Ottawa that the military service counsel had suspended operations of the Canadian military draft in the Halifax district on account of the disaster. It was definitely established that seven men were killed on board the Canadian cruiser Niobe, used as a training ship, and that six others of the crew were killed in a small boat or on a pier.

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