

FUEL CHIEFS MEET PATHETIC APPEALS

Supply Coal Quickly When
Genuine Distress Is
Reported.

MAIL PLEAS SADDEST

Designated Dealers Keep on
Hand Stocks Available
in Emergency.

LANDLORDS DISTRESSED

Problem of Warm Houses and
Full Bins Within Law Is
Perplexing.

While the telephone of the Fuel Administrator is clamoring incessantly these wintry days and the number of his personal callers is legion, many of the most pathetic appeals that reach him come through his voluminous mails.

With the approval of William H. Woodin, State Fuel Administrator, and with the understanding that names and addresses in personal cases be suppressed, George J. Eitz, administrator for Manhattan, placed at the disposal of *This New York Herald* yesterday his letter files. Those of recent date disclosed scores of instances of acute distress summarily relieved. Only a few specimen instances can be cited:

A plaintive letter from the Association for the Aid of Crippled Children, 186 East Twenty-second street, bespoke aid for a family living in West Thirty-sixth street, "in which family is a crippled child in whom the association is interested." The letter went on to say: "This family is without coal and is unable to procure any, though the man has money to pay for it and has repeatedly applied to a coal dealer, but without success. The child's case is one of infantile paralysis. She is very helpless and shut in and for that reason we are most anxious that the home be kept warm."

Home No Longer Cold.

That child's home no longer is cold. Some "emergency" telephoning was done, and Mr. Eitz's letter of assurance was prompt, but the load of coal reached the chilly house almost as soon as the reassuring letter reached the association.

Here is another of recent date. From an address in East Thirty-fourth street an elderly woman wrote: "I am a paralytic and unable to go about. After trying in vain to obtain coal to heat this house I am asking you to try to secure some for me at your earliest convenience."

The invalid named her physician. Mr. Eitz called him up and learned that the case was one of genuine urgency. Before sundown a requisition blank was in the woman's hands. All she had to do was to serve it upon the Stephens

Coal Company, Thirty-fifth street and First avenue, and coal was delivered promptly.

In every part of Manhattan—and the same system is followed in the other boroughs—are certain dealers who have coal held subject to emergency calls like this from the Fuel Administrator. They are constantly in close touch with him and he is kept informed daily of just what stock they have in the various domestic or other areas.

A special order of this kind served upon Burns Bros. relieved the critical situation depicted in a letter which came from a home in East Seventeenth street. "Dear sir," it said, "my daughter Marjory has just come down with typhoid fever and we have almost no coal in the house."

What with the coal shortage and the menace of a jail sentence or fine if they fail to keep their tenants reasonably thawed out, some of the apartment house owners think they are between the devil and the deep, empty coal bin. Mr. Eitz some time ago summoned a lot of them and gave them an educational talk on the use of substitutes for anthracite. But recently he received a letter from the Harlem Property Owners Association, signed by its vice-president, Harry Herhoff, who asked: "May we place an order for future delivery at the rate of one ton every two weeks?" Their requirements were met.

Another situation recently relieved was brought to notice in a letter from Warren S. Fisher, National Commander of the United American War Veterans. He wrote that in headquarters, 148 East Forty-sixth street, they had "no coal on hand." Realizing the pressure from all directions, the veterans modestly requested only one ton at a time, but asked: "May we place an order for future delivery at the rate of one ton every two weeks?" Their requirements were met.

Advice Taken as Joke. "Some of the magistrates seem to think the advice of the Fuel Commissioner is a joke and they are taking the law into their own hands. I realize what you told us at the time of our meeting, that we could use soft coal, but the Fire Department and the Board of Health in many cases have ordered it removed from the premises, as it is a fire hazard when stored in quantities. Several magistrates have told landlords that unless they furnish a complete supply of hot water and steam, they would penalize or arrest them. This we consider high handed action."

The Fuel Administration has refused to presume to instruct the magistrates concerning their duties. In conclusion, Mr. Eitz wrote: "The situation is critical at the present moment, but we have every assurance that in two weeks from this time there will be considerably more coal shipped to this market and available for delivery. In the meantime we will assist you in getting coal, if you will report to us when in urgent need."

Samuel Drummond, assistant administrator for Brooklyn, said yesterday that he is receiving from 600 to 800 appeals daily. "But a large number," he said, "come from persons who refuse point blank to use buckwheat sizes of anthracite or other substitutes for nut, stove and egg. In contrast with these, however, are many pitiful appeals from families with young children, elderly persons and the sick. These we attend to promptly. They are the most deserving of the victims of the coal shortage."

NO RECOUNT FOR FRANK.

Justice Marsh in Supreme Court yesterday declined to allow Henry I. Frank a recount of the ballots in the Twentieth Congressional district, where he was defeated by Florio H. La Guardia, Republican candidate. Mr. Frank was the Democratic candidate.

EQUITY OFFERS AID TO BERLIN STRIKERS

Leading German Stars Play in
Gas Lit Halls to Help
Maintain Strike.

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New York Herald Bureau,
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Mabel Garrison, American soprano, made her debut here to-night at a packed house at the National Opera, while the leading stars of the German stage played in gas lit halls, without scenery, to raise a fund to maintain the actors' strike. The walkout, which darkened thirty leading theaters of Berlin, over a difference of \$2.50 a month between the minimum wage demanded and the award of a court of arbitration has developed into a siege that threatens to last all winter.

Leading actresses have sold their jewels, their homes and their cars to help their poorer associates, and the owners of the theaters have raised a fund of millions of marks to combat the stars in their demand for a minimum of \$8 a month. The strikers were encouraged to-day by the receipt of a cablegram from the Actors Equity in New York, expressing sympathy and announcing that funds would be forthcoming. The theater workers' unions threaten a sympathy strike. An American actor has donated 200,000 marks to the strike fund.

Five theaters are defying the strike order, but their artists are so few that stage managers and press agents are taking parts in the accompaniment of jeers from picketers in the audience. A group of noted actors surrounded one playhouse shouting "Ta bouche" (shut your mouth in French argot), and sang their song hits and spoke their lines as the crowds were going into the theaters, nearly closing the show, until the police clubbed them away.

SMITH AT ATLANTIC CITY.

On Way Home After Southern
Visit—At the Hotels.

Special Dispatch to *The New York Herald*.
ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 28.—Gov. Ellet and Mrs. Alfred E. Smith arrived at the Seaview Golf Club this evening on the way to New York from Hot Springs, Va. They will remain until Sunday as the guests of Mr. William H. Todd, the Brooklyn shipbuilder. With them were Dr. and Mrs. B. D. Harrington, Mrs. John Gilchrist and Miss Agnes McNulty. The party arrived by automobile.

Mrs. Coleman du Pont accompanied by Mrs. Hollyday S. Meeds, Jr., arrived from Wilmington at the Brighton to-night.

New York folk at the hotels include: Ritz-Carlton—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bloomingdale, Mrs. Edward B. Corey, Mr. Russell B. Corey, Miss Virginia S. Nottingham, Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley and Mr. S. H. Kress. Ambassador—Miss Octavia Benjamin, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tribblehorn, Mr. John McCenlogue and the Revs. John J. O'Donnell and Eugene J. Callahan. Traymore—Miss Elizabeth Mary Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Porter, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Von Elm and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Stephen. Strand—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lucas, Messrs M. C. Shields and M. M. Stern. Dennis—Mr. and Mrs. James Vick, Mr. William B. Marshall and Miss Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Regan, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Sherwin and Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Cummings. Breakers—Mrs. Sophia Jacobs, Mrs. A. A. Jacobs, Mrs. Logis Gur, Miss Mae Greenberg, Mrs. Charles Forster and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Liehtentau.

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A LETTER to a certain portly old gentleman

Dear Santa Claus:

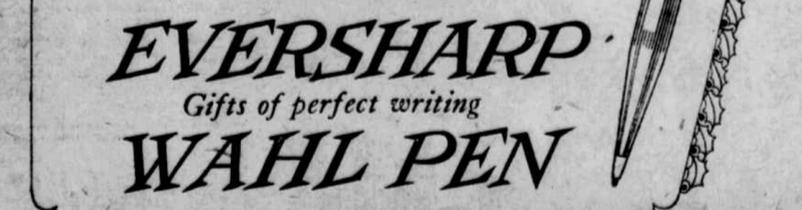
Knowing the difficulties you have had in pleasing certain persons at Christmas time, we make the following timely suggestion:

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