

BAIRD PLANS 6 COAL DEPOTS IN MID-WEST

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—P. C. Baird, representative of the National Fuel Administration, who has arrived here,

believes the coal situation throughout the Central States will be relieved within ten days or two weeks. Baird plans to establish six pooling places or clearing houses for coal in Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati, Columbus, and Indianapolis. He has asked railroad and coal men to aid the plan.

PORTUGAL BANISHES MECHADO LISBON, Dec. 15.—Banishment of former President Machado of Portugal, until the end of his presidential term, was formally decreed in a proclamation issued by the new regime today.

MEATLESS DAYS MAY BE FORCED ON MEADE MEN

CAMP MEADE, Md., Dec. 15.—Meatless days may prevail here. This will not be on account of conservation of food or with any intention to limit the soldiers' mess, but on account of railroad congestion. Meat shipments come in every day, but in the past few days these shipments have been short and growing still shorter. The feeding of meat to soldiers is regarded as of such importance, however, that special trains may be run to bring in the supply if the regular service does not get it into camp at the proper time. All this applies to fresh meat. There is, of course, on hand an enormous supply of canned meat. This supply is kept up to meet any emergency, and thus the meatless days will not be entirely meatless, after all.

Plan Returns By Trolley. The change in the original plan of giving passes to 50 per cent of the soldiers will not seriously affect the men of Baltimore and Washington, although it will probably be a hard blow to the fellows from Philadelphia or remote parts of Pennsylvania. The latest measure is to the effect that no men can go home for Christmas unless they can make the trip by trolley. The Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis, although an interurban line, is a trolley and thus may serve the men who come from three cities it reaches. By other trolley connections it is possible to get almost everywhere in this part of the country, even into Pennsylvania. If some breaks are spanned over by foot or motor cars.

It is certain now that the Christmas at the camp will be bigger than was anticipated. All plans, therefore, are being rushed. Wonderful results have been obtained by the decorators in the barracks. Nearly every company has its recreation hall and takes intense pride in trying to make the hall look as pretty as possible. There is in this piney region an abundant supply of evergreen trees. No one need send a Christmas tree.

Camp Wears Festive Air. Already the camp wears a festive air. The crowds today are bringing down enormous bundles of society gifts, probably unused to carrying any load over five pounds, struggled along with fully fifteen pounds or more of cigarettes, which she distributed to every man in the company in which she had friends. There was much lavish giving of candy and other things, although Christmas is still more than a week off. The postoffice is rushed today, Sunday giving no relief for the force. The mail-early movement has brought an enormous volume of Christmas gifts already.

Society women of Baltimore are acting as godmothers to the men in the 23rd and 24th Infantries. More than 5,000 workers, in all today are "all set" for the getaway of the Washington campaign for memberships in the American Red Cross, which starts at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. At that hour two or more uniformed women will take their places in each of fifty booths, set up in stores, office buildings and Government departments. About 1,200 women will serve in shifts of three hours each, in this feature of the campaign alone.

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EARTH COMES FIRST TO RELIEVE WATCHMAN "I've come to relieve you, Bill," said George H. Reed, of 424 F street southwest to William D. Cousins, seventy-four years old, of 1330 L street southeast, as he entered the offices of Johnson & Wimsatt, wholesale lumber dealers, at Twelfth and Water streets southwest, this morning. But Cousins, seated in a chair, pipe in hand, and seemingly napping, was not to be disturbed. He had been dead some hours from gas poisoning, declared Emergency Hospital physician who answered Reed's call. A half-open gas "let" was found.

Another gas fatality was reported shortly before noon, the victim being Mary Farrell, fifty-four years old, a roomer at 2130 Thirteenth street northeast. She was discovered lying in her bed by Mrs. Dora Walsh, while gas flowed from a tube attached to a small stove. Doctors from Casualty Hospital pronounced life extinct. This is the fifth death from illuminating gas during the last five days.

What U. S. Workers Ask of Congress This Session

H. M. McClarin, president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, today issued the following legislative program for the current session of the Sixty-fifth Congress: First—The enactment of the Keating bill, H. R. No. 7356. Second—The enactment of the Nolan minimum wage bill and legislation providing for an equitable reclassification of salaries and wages. Third—Retirement. Fourth—Discontinuance of unnecessary overtime. At least one day's rest in seven and time and a half pay for overtime work. Fifth—Court of Appeals. The executive council has endorsed the action of the American Federation of Labor Conference of Retirement in appointing a committee to go with President Campers to see the President, it was announced today.

RED CROSS DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS BEGINS TOMORROW

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Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, president of the National Training School for Women and Girls, who is in charge of the District Red Cross campaign among colored residents of Washington, has arranged a mass meeting for this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Colored T. M. C. A., Twelfth street, near S. when Henry P. Blair, chairman of the District campaign, will preside and Rear Admiral R. A. Staunton, president of the District Red Cross Chapter, Emmett J. Scott, and E. F. Fonken, of national Red Cross headquarters, will speak.

All Booths Placed. Robert C. Howard last evening announced that every booth had been placed, and that more could have been located had they been available. The response of Washington business men generally, he said, has been most cordial, and some have offered to mention in their daily advertisements the fact that the booths are to be found in their stores. To the location of the booths already announced the following were added last evening: Civil Service Commission, Woodward & Lothrop, Columbia Theater, Home Savings Bank (all branches), Public Library, Shoreham Hotel, National Metropolitan Bank, Riggs National Bank, T. M. C. A., Municipal Building, Takoma Park (all branches), Brookland post office, St. James Hotel, Navy yard, Columbia Country Club, Washington Club, Droop's music store, Anacostia Bank, Girls' Friendly Society at 215 E. Island avenue, Howard Theater, Banks & Burwell, Moore's drug store, and Prid's drug store.

The Southern Railway has been completely organized, under the direction of William L. Linn, and George E. Fleming has formed his committee, which is seeking to reach the public through banks and brokers, and also is enlisting the services of professional men in the campaign. On Mr. Fleming's committee are: Charles W. Fairfax, A. L. Baldwin, Frank P. Reeside, Dr. Grex Custis Hirdsall, Dr. Edgar P. Copeland, C. Powell Mimsgerode, John C. Hoyt, L. Lee Harban, J. Libonberger Davis, Henry W. Sobon, Edward E. Clement, Mrs. Ellen S. Muesey, Dr. P. L. Hodges, and Dr. W. S. Harban.

Colored People Aid. "We want our race to live up to its traditional loyalty," said Miss Burroughs, in an appeal last evening in connection with the colored people's mass meeting this afternoon. Interest in the campaign is manifested by the effort to take out memberships ahead of time. More than fifty callers applied at headquarters, 615 Fourteenth street, yesterday. Women workers, under Mrs. H. H. Soule and Mrs. William E. Shannon, were so busy with the work of assigning women to booths for the coming week that they could not take time for luncheon. E. H. Melek, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, will organize the campaign among all Pythian lodges of the city.

SUGAR SHORTAGE IN CAPITAL TO END THIS WEEK

Sugar shortage in Washington will be ended early this week. Several carloads, more than 200,000 pounds, of sugar will reach the Capital tomorrow or Tuesday, half of it from New York and half of it from Louisiana. It will be immediately distributed to Washington dealers. Advice from New York to Joseph F. Webber, a sugar broker, are to the effect that 105,000 pounds will arrive early Monday morning. Ten thousand pounds of this sugar was secured from a shipment for the Russian government, confiscated in New York following the overthrow of a stable government. It is cane sugar. The remainder of the shipment is beet sugar, secured especially for this city through Joseph F. Webber, of the Central National Bank Building, representative of refineries. Mr. Webber stated that several large orders had been placed for immediate delivery, and that the shortage of sugar should soon be eliminated in this city.

MISS LAMONT WEDS SOLDIER.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 15.—At a quiet wedding, Miss Katherine Lamont, daughter of the late Daniel S. Lamont, who was Secretary of War under President Cleveland, became the bride of Lieut. James Boyd, of Harrisburg, Pa., yesterday.

MEN IN THIS "AFFAIR" TO DIE, SAYS VANDERLIP

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—Business men of this city were warned of the patriotic duty of not competing with the Government when such competition might interfere with any sort of war work by Frank A. Vanderlip, chairman of the War Savings Committee. He also urged all classes to stop "non-essential expenditures" as wasteful and against the best interests of the nation. "When we are filling workshops with 'we are employing labor and material to make us things that we can get on without. We are interfering with the Government's task. 'You are business men and you say

RED CROSS BRINGS DEMOCRACY TO ARMY

CAMP SHERMAN, Ohio, Dec. 15.—"The democracy of the American army is proved right here at Camp Sherman," Col. Theodore Roosevelt told of scenes in the Red Cross community house here. "This is a bully place," he said. "Private can mingle with officers. That's real democracy."

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FRENCH HORN'S 'POETRY' MADE REAL AT LECTURE

The poetic quality of the French horn in the orchestra was made delightfully real to the hearers of the second lecture of Daniel Gregory Mason on the "brass section" of the "Modern Orchestra," given under the auspices of the Washington Society of the Fine Arts in the auditorium of the National Museum last evening.

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