

GARFIELD BLAMED FOR FUEL CRISIS

Closing Order Is Culminating Blunder, Says Gould, Engineering Expert.

(New York Tribune.) "I am startled into incoherence," said G. P. Gould, vice-president of the Fuel Engineering company of New York, which represents 300 industrial consumers of coal throughout the country using annually 3,000,000 tons, when he learned of the Garfield order. "It is the culminating act of a fuel administration which has heaped blunder on blunder from start to finish. The coal administration has all but wrecked the industries of America. It is responsible for 75 per cent. of the trouble that it now seeks to remedy. The situation, or, rather, the abyss of despair, into which government bungling has plunged the country is the fitting and perhaps inevitable culmination of a folly that has been headed toward disaster from the start. "I shudder to think of what it means to throw millions of persons out of work for a total of fifteen days in the next eleven weeks. The great majority of them have no reserve, and most of them are subscribers to liberty bonds—on the installment plan, at that. Think of the commercial and industrial troubles that will follow! Think of the domestic hardship and suffering! "This is the last atrocity in a series of crimes against the nation that would almost drive the people to frenzy. National administrative incompetence wrecked the great system of coal distribution that had been built up through years of experience by the great producers, wholesalers and railroads, imposed a fixed price, which it never tried to enforce, and has left the country to a reign of extortion as to price and fraud as to quality of coal that is almost unbelievable. "Mr. Gould roughly estimates that the five-day shutdown will save a trifle over 4,000,000 tons of coal. The ten following short day shutdowns will save 10,000,000 tons. This is less than 2 per cent. of the country's coal production, but it is about 4 per cent. of the total yearly consumption of coal by the industries affected—estimated at 200,000,000 tons—and may be sufficient to create a reserve which will enable the industries to resume operations at the end of the period of restriction on a normal basis if, in the meantime, the system of distribution be repaired and restored to its original efficiency.

HE'S GOING BACK TO HIS GOLD MINE



David B. Brewer, aged 78, of Saxton, Pa., is shown in this picture about to leave for Montana to take control of the gold mine he discovered back in 1864. At that time a band of Indians came whooping down and chased him. Now he has relocated the mine, he says, and expects that he will be permitted to work it in peace.

RUSSIAN ASSEMBLY IN SESSION AT LAST

Demonstrations Against Bolshevik Lacking—Applause and Hoots Meet Proposal.

Petrograd, Jan. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The long-delayed constituent assembly was opened today. In the first test of strength the bolsheviks were defeated by the social revolutionists. M. Tchernoff, minister of agriculture in the Kerensky government and the nominee of the social revolutionists of the right for chairman of the assembly, was elected by a vote of 244 to 151. The candidate of the bolsheviks was Maria Spiridonova, long a prominent revolutionist, who was released from exile in Siberia after the overthrow of the Romanoffs.

Over Four Hundred Seated. The opening of the assembly was set for noon, but a controversy over registration caused delay until 4 o'clock. Slightly more than 400 members were in their seats. Of those the bolsheviks and the social revolutionists of the left, who are working together, have about 150 votes, and the social revolutionists of the center and right the remainder.

Petrograd, Jan. 15.—(Friday.)—(By the Associated Press.)—The constituent assembly opened its first session at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the Tauride palace, with President Sverdlloff, of the central executive committee of the congress of workmen's and soldiers' delegates, presiding.

A proposal to have the oldest delegate, who was a social revolutionist, preside was howled down. M. Sverdlloff read a declaration from the congress of workmen's and soldiers' delegates demanding that the constituent assembly approve bolshevik laws concerning peace and land.

This was applauded loudly by the bolshevik delegates and hooted by the right and socialists. Delegates belonging to the constitutional democratic party were absent from the opening session.

Small Groups Parade. Threatened demonstrations against bolshevik control of the opening session of the assembly were confined to parades of small groups of men and women. These groups were composed of well dressed people, except in one instance, where there was a larger number of soldiers and peasants.

At a corner near the American embassy this group was fired upon and dispersed by the red guards. Five persons were killed and a dozen wounded. "For the most part, however, the streets were quiet throughout the morning and afternoon, being under a heavy patrol of bolshevik troops. Most of the shops were closed, shutters and bars being up.

Palace Under Guard. The Tauride palace, in which the delegates to the assembly began to assemble early in the morning, was under a very heavy guard. Difficulties in the registration party discussions delayed the opening of the assembly, which had been set for noon, for four hours.

The constituent assembly, according to a proclamation issued by the revolutionary government last March, "will issue fundamental laws, guaranteeing the country the immutable rights of equality and liberty." Failure to issue a call for elections to the assembly was one of the causes contributing to the downfall of the Kerensky government.

The bolshevik government issued a call for elections soon after the success of the revbit last November. The elections were completed early in December.

Early Elections Unsatisfactory. An attempt to open the assembly was made on Dec. 12 but no progress was made. The results of the elections were unfavorable to the bolshevik element, the social revolutionists, of which party former Premier Kerensky is a member, gaining the greatest number of delegates. A number of constitutional democratic delegates to the assembly were arrested early in December by the bolsheviks who had been reported to be using various measures to gain control of the assembly, even going as far as to call special elections to replace opponents of their ideas.

Believe Opposition Increased. A dispatch to the London Daily News from Petrograd on Jan. 15 said that it seemed probable then that the assembly would contain a majority against the bolshevik. On the previous day the social revolutionists had issued a manifesto denouncing the bolsheviks as usurpers. The constitutional democratic party was formerly one of the strongest in Russia, its leader being Paul Miliukoff, former foreign minister.

UKRAINIANS WILL SEND NEW SET PEACE ENVOYS

Petrograd (Thursday), Jan. 17.—Responding to the plea of the Smolny institute government, the new Ukrainian rada, composed of bolshevik and which was organized at Kharkov in opposition to the Kiev rada, has determined to send a new set of peace delegates to Brest-Litovsk. The Russian delegation asserted that the Ukrainians had been holding secret and traitorous negotiations with the Austro-Hungarians regarding boundaries.

ACTION IN LINE WITH INSURANCE CONTROL

London, Jan. 15.—Lloyd's underwriters yesterday accepted war insurance on transatlantic cargoes at rates much below the rate of the British government, according to the Times. This action probably is connected with the proposal to extend the government's scheme, which, in effect, the Times says, would make such insurance on cargoes in British ships a government monopoly.

COTTONSEED RECEIPTS TOTAL 3,172,252 TONS

Washington, Jan. 15.—Cottonseed received at mills in the five months ending Dec. 31, the census bureau today reported, amounted to 3,172,252 tons, crushed 2,117,187 and on hand Dec. 31, 1,055,065. Cottonseed products produced during the five months and on hand Dec. 31 were: Crude oil produced, 635,217.260 pounds; on hand, 170,406.638; refined oil, 417,365,367 and 158,755,122 pounds; cake and meal, 1,012,987 and 82,492 tons; Hinters, 534,857 and 248,000.

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FIGHTER WILL TAKE ON TWO MILLS FOR EVENING

Milburn Saylor Says He Can Knock Out Paris and Johnson and Then Run Up Mountain.

The Union Athletic club, corner of Ninth street and Georgia avenue, is offering for local boxing fans probably the best boxing card of the season on next Wednesday night. The management has secured the services of no other star than Milburn Saylor, who has, up to this date, fought practically every leading fighter of his division. Saylor comes here to knock out two of the best scrappers of the post in four rounds each or he will lose the decision to the one he does not stop before the expiration of the fourth round. This is a new stunt to the fight followers of Chattanooga and interest in this handicap match is steadily growing. Saylor will attempt to stop Kid Paris, who held Jake Abel to two draw bouts here recently and Charley Johnston. Fans can hardly imagine Saylor stopping two such husky athletes, but Milburn says he can do it, and Manager Joe Levy has given him the opportunity. Two other star bouts will be on the same bill, which will make up the finest boxing show given by the local club. Earl Wester and George Reif will alternate as referees.

FAST BASKETBALL PROMISED FOR TONIGHT

The 1916 basketball season in Chattanooga, so far as the preparatory schools are concerned, will open Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the Armory. Fourth and Market streets, with a double-header between City High and Baylor and Central vs. McCallie. The indications are that some fast going will be the order of the evening. The games will be refereed by Lieut. Farris, of the Fifty-fourth infantry, and Nelson Lawing, veteran Y. M. C. basketball player, will act as umpire. It is expected that the contests tonight will be well attended.

BURST WATER PIPE BASIS FOR LITIGATION

F. Goldberg, a merchant, filed suit in circuit court Friday against the Cash-Melton company for \$2,500 damages. Goldberg is represented by Attorneys Hammoock and Altaffer, and alleges that a burst water pipe damaged his stock of goods.

FIRST FAILURE AGAINST KELSEO-NEAL SHOE CO.

An account in Friday afternoon's News concerning the bankruptcy petition of the Kelseo-Neal Shoe company, which failed twice, was corrected. Mr. Neal, who has been associated with J. D. Kelseo in the business, said Saturday morning that the statement was not correct. He explained that the Walter Neal Shoe company on East Seventh street was not owned by him, but by the Bell-Richards Shoe company, of Spartanburg, S. C. He stated that he has been in the shoe business in Chattanooga since 1877 and that the Seventh street store, that account, was operated in his name. According to Mr. Neal, the Bell-Richards Shoe company failed, and the local store paid about one-half of the company's entire indebtedness. Mr. Neal stated that when Mr. Kelseo came to Chattanooga he bought stock in the Spartanburg shoe firm and lost money along with the rest of the stockholders. Messrs. Neal and Kelseo have been associated in the Kelseo-Neal company. The store is open for business and is being operated by these two men for C. M. Preston, the trustee. Mr. Neal said that he has not yet planned for the future. He came to Chattanooga during the yellow fever period and contracted the dreaded disease. He has been here since that time, and for twenty-two years was connected with the H. Schwartz shoe store. He is one of the best known Junior league workers in East Tennessee and for many years has evinced an active interest in league work among the young people of the M. E. church, south.

BLUE AND GRAY UNITE IN TRIBUTE TO LEE

One Hundred and Eleventh Anniversary of Birth Confederate Leader Widely Observed

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 15.—The blue and gray united here today in celebrating the one hundred and eleventh anniversary of the birth of Gen. Robert E. Lee, the Virginia state senate and representatives of the house of delegates joining the Pennsylvania soldiers of the Three Hundred and Nineteenth infantry in the exercises at Camp Lee, at the invitation of Col. Frank S. Cocheu, the commanding officer. The senate, in accepting the invitation, commended the desire on the part of the Three Hundred and Nineteenth infantry to "wipe out, in time of national stress, sectional feeling and to show admiration for the great southern soldier." Lieut. Barrett O'Hara, former lieutenant-governor of Illinois; former Gov. William Hodges Mann, who fought under Lee in the defense of Petersburg; and Brig-Gen. Lloyd M. Brett, who succeeded Gen. Cronkhite in command at Camp Lee, were the chief speakers.

CHARLESTON HONORS HERO

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 15.—Robert E. Lee's birthday will be celebrated here tonight with exercises under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, with Confederate veterans as guests of honor. The Rev. Melton Clark, of Charleston, will deliver the annual address. A holiday is being observed by banks, county and city offices and the cotton exchange.

DAY IS LEGAL HOLIDAY

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 15.—Today being a legal holiday in Alabama, all banks were closed in honor of the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Special exercises were held in Mobile public schools yesterday in honor of the southern hero.

LAUNDRIES EXEMPT ON MONDAYS; FIVE DAYS ALSO

Washington, Jan. 15.—It was definitely ruled today that all laundries are exempt from the closing order on Mondays, as well as during the five-day closing period.

PNEUMONIA CLAIMS ANOTHER SOLDIER VICTIM

Benjamin F. Lehman, a private in the medical department of the Fifty-sixth infantry, died Saturday morning at Fort Oglethorpe of pneumonia. His home was at Burbank, S. D., and the body, accompanied by his mother and sister, who arrived here Friday, will be sent there for burial. The body of the deceased was brought to Chapman's undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. Private Lehman's father is Horace Lehman, of Burbank.

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REMEMBER THE FIGHTERS Hang Up the Service Flag Clubs, Lodges, Societies, Stores, Factories and all kinds of organizations and establishments, no-doubt one or more of your members have joined the colors. Don't let us forget the boys that are fighting for us. There is no better way to keep the fighters in our minds than to DISPLAY A SERVICE FLAG A Service Flag with four stars hanging from a window at Sagamore Hill proclaims that Colonel Roosevelt has four sons now fighting for Uncle Sam. LET THE SERVICE FLAG WAVE in front of your home, club, lodge, factory, store or any place where a soldier hails from.

SPAIN WOULD BUY U. S. COAL; CRISIS IMPENDS

Havana, Cuba, Jan. 15.—The Havana agents of the Spanish Steamship company have received a cablegram from Spain asking them to ascertain if it is possible to obtain coal here and in the United States for their ships. If the coal cannot be obtained, the company says it will be forced to suspend service. One of the company's largest steamers, which is expected to dock at a Cuban port shortly, is said to have only enough coal to bring her into port and will require 2,700 tons for her return journey. The agents report that unless a coal supply can be obtained, the liner Reina Maria Christina, which should leave Spain next week for a Cuban port, will not leave her home port.

MINERS TO DEBATE WAGE AGREEMENT

Indianapolis, Jan. 15.—Another long debate was in prospect today when the delegates to the biennial convention of the United Mine Workers of America resumed consideration of the question of ratifying the Washington bituminous wage agreement. All of yesterday was taken up in the discussion of the automatic penalty clause, which stands in the way of approval. The clause is a part of the agreement giving the soft coal miners of the middle west a substantial increase in wages. It penalizes miners for failure to abide by their contracts and also provides for fines against the operators in the event they do not enforce the penalties against the workers. Despite the vehemence with which the opponents of the clause are fighting the proposition, influential leaders say, there is no doubt the agreement will be ratified.

Cured His RUPTURE

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that quickly and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no loss of time, no trouble. I have nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you may find a complete cure without operation. If you write to me, Eugene M. Fulton, Carpenter, 714 Duane street, New, Massachussetts, N. J. Better cut out this notice and show it to any other man who has a rupture, or a life of misery or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation.—(Adv.)

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