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SCHOOLS HERE MAY CLOSE!

Five Billion Congress is Convened!

COAL SITUATION IN WEBSTER CITY IS VERY SERIOUS

City Council to Meet Tonight and may put Drastic Conservation in Force.

LIGHTS OUT AT 8 Compelled to Furnish gas Company With Coal Supply, Also.

Although one car of coal was released to the city this morning by the fuel administration, from the Illinois Central railway company, this will last only a short time and the council at its meeting this evening will probably authorize City Manager G. J. Long to shut off lights at 8 o'clock and power at 5 o'clock each evening, beginning tomorrow.

The city had previously contemplated turning off the current for lights at 9 o'clock, but the situation has become so serious that a still further curtailment has been found necessary.

By adopting these measures and with the cooperation of the people in saving lights, it is believed there will be enough coal to keep the plant running for probably a week and a half or two weeks longer.

Schools May Close. The school board is to hold a meeting also this evening and will discuss the question of closing the schools of the city. While there is plenty of coal at the school heating plant to keep these institutions open, if the seriousness of the situation continues this coal could be partitioned out to the city and thereby relieve the shortage considerably.

No action as to closing of churches has been taken, but they may be asked to hold union service Sundays, thereby heating only the one church.

At present, with strict conservation, there is enough coal on the tracks here to furnish householders until January 1, but this has not been released and cannot be released unless such an order is received from the railway administration.

Cut Down Heat. The Central Heating company is prepared for about one more week, and unless coal is received before the end of that time, it will be forced to close down. At present only one boiler is being kept in operation, although generators to heat the business houses and flats. Patrons of the company are bearing the inconvenience of less heat with few complaints, realizing that it is better to have a little heat than none at all.

Railway trains coming into this city today were all late, due to the fact that it is becoming difficult to secure steam coal to operate the trains. However, the passenger schedule on both roads and on the interurban has not been cut.

Gas Company Low. Another important phase entered into the situation today when the gas company reported that it had coal enough on hand to last only three days. The city, however, has agreed to take care of the company's interests and to help supply it with coal as long as the city plant has coal. This makes an added reason for city conservation.

Unless strict conservation of gas is also observed, patrons may be without this necessary commodity if coal is not secured.

SOCIALISTS LEAVE CHAMBER AS ITALIAN KING GIVES SPEECH

(By The Associated Press.) Rome, Dec. 1.—When King Victor Emmanuel entered the parliament today to deliver his speech with loud cheers, Premier Nitti requested the audience to be seated. Upon this the extreme socialists shouted: "Vive socialism," and left the chamber. Their seats were immediately taken by other deputies.

DR. REDDISH GOES ON TRAIL FOR HIS FATHER'S MURDER

(By The Associated Press.) Jacksonville, Ill., Dec. 1.—The case of Dr. Horace Augustus Reddish of Jerseyville, Ill., charged with murder in connection with the death of Stephen M. Reddish, his wealthy father and Rachel Cisco, negro housekeeper, was called up in the Morgan County Circuit Court here today.

Judge Elbert S. Smith, of Springfield, presided. John M. Mackelden, of St. Louis, Mo., Dr. Reddish's uncle is in jail here under indictment, and charged with being an accomplice of Dr. Reddish in the murders.

Stephen M. Reddish and Rachel Cisco were found murdered in the Reddish home at Jerseyville April 3, last. Clarence Reddish, son of Stephen M. Reddish and cashier of the Jersey State Bank, discovered the tragedy when making a visit to his father.

Two Indicted. Dr. Reddish, arrested shortly after the discovery of the murder and John M. Mackelden, were indicted by the Jersey County Grand Jury, September 26, last. Mackelden when indicted was in New York. He surrendered to the Jersey county police Sept. 28.

Stephen M. Reddish, the murdered man, was one of the wealthiest residents of Jerseyville, his fortune being estimated at more than \$500,000. He owned much farm property and was a stockholder in the Jersey State Bank. He was 68 years old.

Denied Bail. Circuit Court Judge Jones at Jerseyville August 9 last denied an application for bail for Dr. Reddish. The judge said in passing upon the application, that the presumption of Dr. Reddish's guilt was so strong as to render the acceptance of bail inadvisable.

Dr. Horace Augustus Reddish lived at his father's home in Jerseyville. For a short time he practiced medicine in Oklahoma, but because of some defects in his qualifications under the state law he was not permitted to practice in Illinois.

Clarence and Dr. Reddish were the only children of Stephen Reddish.

WANT AMERICANS TO STAY UNTIL GERMANS SIGN THE PROTOCOL

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, Dec. 1.—The French representatives at the peace conference are urging the American delegates to delay their departure for home until the protocol is signed, putting into effect the peace treaty with Germany, it was learned today.

German Socialists Without a Leader

(By The Associated Press.) Berlin, Dec. 1.—The death of Hugo Haase, president of the independent socialist party, leaves that party apparently without a leader of sufficient calibre to prevent it from being engulfed by the German bolsheviks.

Haase died from wounds he received October 8 when he was shot three times by an Austrian as he was entering the Reichstag building.

Women Players Wearing Knickerbockers

(By The Associated Press.) San Francisco, Dec. 1.—Mrs. J. S. Osborne, member of the California Golf club here, has adopted a golfing costume which substitutes knickerbockers for the skirt generally worn by women players.

San Francisco newspaper writers predict her example will be generally followed.

Breeches have been almost universally adopted by the hundreds of girl and women hikers who are seen each week end on ferries carrying them across San Francisco bay for trips into the woods of Marin county.

UNUSED CHURCHES BECOME THEATERS

(By The Associated Press.) London, Dec. 1.—Conversion of several churches in various parts of England into moving picture theaters has resulted from decreasing church attendance and the consequent disorganization or amalgamation of congregations. At Torquay one former place of worship has been turned into a laundry.

RENEW REQUEST FOR LIBERATION CONSUL JENKINS

Unverified Report Circulated in El Paso That Consul Jenkins has Been Released.

STRONG NOTE IS SENT Government Insists Upon the Immediate Release of American.

(By The Associated Press.) El Paso, Texas, Dec. 1.—An unverified report was current here today that Wm. O. Jenkins, American consular agent at Puebla, had been liberated from jail.

Andres Garcia, consular general for Mexico here, said he had heard the report but no verification of the rumor had been received.

Request Renewed. Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Renewing its request for the immediate release of Consul Agent Jenkins, imprisoned at Puebla, the latest American note to Mexico, made public here today, arraigns the Mexican government's conduct in severe terms and characterizes it as a "studied attempt to ensure the American consular agent in the intricacies of Mexican legal proceedings."

No ultimatum was served, and no indication was made of what the American government's course would be if Jenkins is not immediately released.

The American note to Mexico in the case begins by saying the United States declines to be drawn into a discussion of irrelevant or unimportant matters, and says the request for the consular agent's release is founded on "right and justice."

"More Excuses." The United States, the note says, is "constrained to the opinion" that Carranza's arguments that the case is being investigated and that Jenkins has not taken opportunity to be released on bail are "mere excuses."

This government does not admit, the note says, that it is necessary to keep Jenkins in jail while his case is being investigated and this government "fails to discern" that the "intricacies of the Mexican penal law" have been applied with impartial regard to Jenkins.

Not to Defend Request. The United States is not to be driven by "subtle arguments" says the note, "in a defense of its request for the release of Mr. Jenkins." It is for Mexico to show cause for his detention; not for the United States to show cause for his liberation.

Then the note says "stripped of extraneous matters with which the Mexican note of November 20 endeavors to clothe it, the case of Jenkins stands forth." The note then reviews the history of the case, and declares "while the outlaws who endangered his life and took away a large part of his fortune enjoy their freedom, the Mexican authorities now deprive Jenkins of his liberty."

That Jenkins is supposed to have given contrary testimony is merely an opinion by the Mexican government.

Government Indignant. "It appears," says the note, "to have been the purpose of the Mexican government to assume a whiffling indifference to the feeling of the American people that have been aroused to the point of indignation by the exposure to hardships and physical sufferings by Jenkins during his abduction and subsequent trial at the hands of the Mexican government."

HURRICANE LEVELS WIRES, SHUTTING UP SCORES OF PLANTS

(By The Associated Press.) Detroit, Mich., Dec. 1.—Scores of industrial plants here and in other cities of the state are temporarily closed, or their production curtailed, because of a hurricane which swept across southern Michigan late Saturday, according to reports early today.

Miles of electrical power wires were levelled to the ground by the wind, which reached a velocity of 84 miles an hour here and from 70 to 80 miles an hour at Port Huron, Flint, Grand Rapids, Pontiac and other points.

As wire communication is being restored, fresh details of damage are being received, but the list of deaths early today remained at six.

D'ANNUNZIO MAY ATTEMPT TO TAKE SEBENICO, REPORT

(By The Associated Press.) Belgrade, Dec. 1.—Great activity prevails at Fiume. A destroyer left here Saturday presumably for Zara, according to the Serbian press bureau. The merchant vessel, Adria, followed with 1,000 shock troops.

Reports from Fiume stated that "Admiral" Rizzo, commander of the D'Annunzio fleet there, has gone on board the destroyer and proposes occupying Sebenico.

RAISE MONSTER VEGETABLES AT ARCTIC CIRCLE

(By The Associated Press.) Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 1.—A turnip weighing twenty-two pounds is a monster vegetable when raised anywhere. When raised almost on top of the Arctic circle it is an event.

A turnip weighing exactly that was grown this year in the Hudson's Bay Company's garden at Fort Good Hope, a few miles south of this point where the Arctic circle cuts the Mackenzie river.

At Fort Resolution in the same latitude as the extreme top of Labrador, potatoes as big as cantaloupes were raised which yielded six and a half pounds to the hill. In the Mission garden at Hay River, cabbages grew so large that a three-year-old child could hide behind one of the heads. Onions, lettuce, rhubarb, peas and all the other vegetables familiar in gardens of lower latitude grew in abundance and to great size.

The explanation of the wonderful crops of the far North is the long days with their almost continuous sunshine. Actual records show that at Port Simpson there are 570 hours of sunlight in June and only twelve hours less in July. In the four months from May to August there are 2,147 hours of sun as compared with 1,805 at Ottawa.

Nineteen hours of sunshine a day work magic in gardens and fields.

COAL OUTPUT 50 PER CENT OF NORMAL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—The pinch of the coal shortage promised to-day to force the adoption of drastic measures to avert an actual famine, a vacation of one month by the soft coal miners has brought on conditions like those prevailing during the war in many sections, but war time restrictions have not altogether checked the drain on coal piles.

Not much hope was held out by officials tonight for early production of bituminous coal in quantities sufficient to permit the maintenance of the present reserves, under supervision of the railroad administration's central coal committee. The latest authentic figures show that last week's soft coal output did not reach 50 per cent of normal production. This meant, officials explained, that local needs must be met from the supplies being distributed through the central committee, whose stocks aggregated about 22,000,000 tons when the miners quit work. No figures were available today as to the exact amount now on hand.

READY-MADE HOUSES SOLVE THE PROBLEM

(By The Associated Press.) Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 1.—A British Columbia company is preparing to send ready made wooden houses to Great Britain to help solve the acute housing problem over there. The houses are being built on 90-acre site in the Yancouver. Security of homes is said to have caused British residents to change their attitude toward frame houses.

The British government also has contracted for 70,000,000 feet of British Columbia lumber to build hundreds of houses.

Fuel Lid on Tight Today in Grinnell

(By The Associated Press.) Grinnell, Iowa, Dec. 1.—Fuel saving restrictions went on again in Grinnell today. Offices are open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., and restaurants close their doors two hours earlier. Dance halls, theaters, lodge rooms are closed at 5 p. m. All stores, including confectioneries, close at 5 p. m. All public schools are closed.

Grinnell college is closed.

VOLUNTEER MINERS START WORK IN KANSAS MINES

First Contingent of Volunteer Miners, Many Wearing Uniforms, Begins Work.

LEWIS IS SILENT Little or no Attention Paid by Iowa Miners to Offer of Raise.

(By The Associated Press.) Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 1.—Wearing army uniforms, many of which bore insignia of overseas divisions, the first contingent of the volunteer workers who are to dig coal in the Strip pit mines of the Pittsburg field, arrived here early today.

A train with United States national guardsmen and volunteer coal workers on route here was derailed at Humboldt last night. Reports indicated that the train ran into an open switch. No one was reported injured.

Lewis Silent. Springfield, Ill., Dec. 1.—John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America, refused this morning to make any comment on the future course of miners in the bituminous coal strike, or to discuss the possibility of a settlement.

No Mining in Iowa. Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 1.—Little, if any, attention was paid by miners to the notices of Iowa operators of the 14 per cent increase in wages, posted at mines and advertised in newspapers, according to early reports today to the headquarters of the State Operators association here. No reports received indicated any resumption of mining.

In all parts of the state the scramble for coal continued today.

KOLCHAK FORCES RETREAT; UNABLE TO ERECT DEFENSE

(By The Associated Press.) London, Dec. 1.—The forces of Admiral Kolchak, head of the all-Russian government, are retreating with such rapidity that they are unable to construct defensive works of which there are none west of Irkutsk, says a wireless dispatch from the soviet government at Moscow today.

Partisan bands continually harass Kolchak, who has formed a body guard of 3,000 to protect himself, the dispatch adds.

FIND IDEAL IOWA AREA TO RAISE POULTRY

(By The Associated Press.) Fertile, Iowa, Dec. 1.—There is a small area of land here bordering Lime creek and lying adjacent to Fertile on the east, south and west that is said to lead all the state of Iowa in the production of eggs and poultry. Owing to the natural topography of the region, with its south lying slopes and its dense growth of native timber, it is particularly adapted to the raising of domestic fowl, with the result the industry has increased year by year until at present Fertile is said to rank as the leading poultry market in northern Iowa.

For a period of eleven months, ending November 24, marketing from Fertile roughly was: eggs, \$48,700; live poultry, \$21,000. The eggs go to market three times weekly—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

TRY TO MAKE PEACE TREATY WITH HUNGARIA

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, Dec. 1.—An attempt to make a peace treaty with Hungary through the new Hungarian government was decided upon by the supreme council today.

COMPLETE LATTER DAY SAINTS CHURCH ON HAWAIIAN ISLES

(By The Associated Press.) Honolulu, T. H., Dec. 1.—Completed at a cost of approximately \$150,000 the magnificent new Mormon temple at Laie, 40 miles from Honolulu on this island, Oahu, stands a monument to seventy years of effective work by the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Hawaii. It was dedicated yesterday.

On December 12, 1850, only three years after the great migration of the Mormons to Utah, the first party of Mormon missionaries landed at Hawaii, a little more than 30 years later than the first Christian missionaries from Boston.

Sanitized Hawaii. Joseph F. Smith, the late president of the church, came to Hawaii in 1854 as a missionary being but 16 years old at that time. He remained in the islands four years and returned in 1860 for a stay of two years, during which his son, Elias Wesley Smith, now residing here as president of the Hawaiian Mission, was born. Twenty years ago President Smith made his last visit to Hawaii.

At present the Mormon Church has more than 50 places of worship on the different islands of Hawaii, with a membership among the natives of approximately 10,000. Its property, including the big sugar plantation at the Laie settlement, is worth millions of dollars. A year ago the church paid \$200,000 for 800 acres of sugar cane land, adjoining its plantation, eleven miles of railway and an irrigation system.

Beautiful Scenery. The new temple at Laie has a beautiful setting in a tropical garden of five acres, crowning a small hill. The temple, constructed of pulverized lava rock and reinforced concrete, is built in the form of a Greek cross, occupying a space of 75 feet square. It is said to be an exact replica in design and dimensions of Solomon's Temple, and is rather suggestive of the Aztec style of architecture.

Favor Vigorous Steps Toward Mining Coal. Chicago, Dec. 1.—Governors of seven soft coal producing states at a conference here yesterday agreed that the state governments should take all possible steps to obtain the production of coal and recommended that the federal government that a complete fuel administration with an administrator for each state recommended by the governors be perfected immediately. The state executives also request equitable distribution of coal under uniform and rigid regulations in all states.

Butter and Eggs Luxuries in Sweden

(By The Associated Press.) Johannesburg, Dec. 1.—The high cost of living is creating irritation here. Butter and sugar are becoming absolute luxuries, while farmers are making fortunes out of wool and skins.

ONE KILLED AND OTHERS INJURED IN STEEL RIOTING

(By The Associated Press.) Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 1.—One steel striker was killed, Sheriff W. E. Clayton of Marshall county, shot and seriously wounded and a deputy and another striker suffered gun shot wounds in rioting when a mob of strikers and their sympathizers clashed with a sheriff's posse at the gates of the River Side mill of the Marshall Tube company at Beawood near here this morning.

Garden City to be Suburb of London

(By The Associated Press.) London, Dec. 1.—Proposals for the purchase of a big tract of land in the eastern part of the country of London, and for the development of a garden city of 120,000 people have been approved by the London county council. The plan provides for the erection of 24,000 houses.

Wrestling men Start Work at Ames College

(By The Associated Press.) Ames, Iowa, Dec. 1.—(Special.) Four veteran wrestlers and a small host of aspirants to the Iowa State college wrestling team answered the call of Coach C. W. Maysner, for the opening work-out of the mat season today.

CONGRESS MEETS FOR LONG SESSION IN CAPITOL

Secretary Glass Presents Appropriation Estimates of Five Billions Dollars!

ARMY AND NAVY MOST COSTS FIVE TIMES AS MUCH AS YEAR PRECEDING THE WAR.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—The Sixty-sixth congress met today in its first regular session which was expected to continue until just before the presidential election next fall. There was a large attendance both in the senate and house when the gavel of Vice President Marshall and Speaker Gillett fell promptly at noon.

In accord with an agreement reached by the Republican and Democratic leaders before the session opened, the usual formality of appointing a committee to notify the president that congress was in session was dispensed with because of the president's illness. A form of notification was, however, dispatched instead.

Five Billion Appropriations. Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—The record billion-dollar congress of ordinary peace times faded into the past today when Secretary Glass presented the annual estimates proposing appropriation of practically \$5,000,000,000 for conducting the peace time activities of the government during the fiscal year 1921.

According to these figures it will cost more than five times as much to conduct the peace time affairs of the government as it did the year immediately preceding the war.

Army and Navy. The greatest individual expenditure will go to the army and navy. The yearly interest on the war debt is \$1,017,000,000, which is more alone than all the appropriations for all purposes whatsoever of any peace time congress.

All in all, the estimates justify the predictions made on the floor of congress during consideration of the war tax bills that the present generation would not see the government conducted at an expense of less than \$4,000,000,000 a year.

Many Months' Work. (By The Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 1.—Many months' work on a great variety of important subjects, international and domestic, (Continued on Page Eight).