

CITY CATERERS OBSERVE FIRST WHEATLESS DAY

WHEAT BREAD ABSENT FROM BILLS OF FARE OFFERED MONDAY.

RYE IS SUBSTITUTED

Customers Who Expected Corn Bread and Hot Muffins Were Disappointed.

Columbians who dine at public places experienced their first wheatless day Monday, for while other cities have been placing the ban on wheat bread one day each week ever since a request to that effect was made by Food Director Hoover local hotels and restaurants did not commence to observe the edict until Monday.

The menus offered patrons of restaurants were a little disappointing, for while proprietors of these establishments had promised to serve hot corn bread and the promise was not fulfilled, rye bread having, in most restaurants, been substituted for wheat bread. The ban extended to every edible in which flour constitutes a component part, and patrons who have been accustomed to eating pie or cake daily were denied this privilege.

Up to last Monday the restaurants had not refrained from selling cigars on heatless days, but on Monday their cigar counters were temporarily out of business, and those who sought to purchase cigarettes, cigars or chewing tobacco were politely but firmly informed that there was "nothing doing." Most of the local users of tobacco in its various forms had purchased sufficient supplies before hand, though a few who did not know that the order would be so rigidly observed experienced some inconveniences.

Tuesday was observed as a meatless day, and local restaurants found it much easier to please patrons than on Monday, as under the regulations promulgated by Food Director only beef, pork, ham and other meats which can be easily preserved and transported across the seas are banned, and it was permissible to serve oysters, fish, chickens and other fowls. All these foods were available in practically unlimited quantities, and those who dine at public eating places experienced no difficulty in satisfying their appetites.

MISS LENA HURY CALLED BY DEATH

DIES FROM APOPLEXY AFTER ILLNESS OF ONLY 24 HOURS' DURATION.

Miss Lena Hury, a highly respected maiden lady died at her home on Main street at an early hour Tuesday night, her death having followed an illness of only about twenty-four hours duration, and having proven a severe shock to her family and friends. While dressing to go to a moving picture show Monday afternoon Miss Hury was seized with an attack of apoplexy, and never recovered, having grown gradually worse until the end came. She is survived by a sister, Miss Kate Hury, of this city, and two brothers, Mr. Joe Hury, of Birmingham, and Mr. George Hury, who resides in Tennessee.

The funeral will be held this morning at 10 o'clock from the Church of Annunciation on College street and interment will take place at Friendship cemetery.

Lieut. Murdock Euen, of New York, N. Y., arrived in Columbus last night and will spend several days here with his mother, Mrs. E. P. Wilkinson, before going to Camp Gordon, Ga., where he will do special eye work. He is being cordially welcomed home by his many friends.

There will be a meeting of the Civic League Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at the Chamber of Commerce. All members are urged to be present.

FUELLESS DAYS WILL NOT YET BE ABANDONED

ACUTE SHORTAGE OF COAL PREVENTS CANCELLATION OF ORDER.

SITUATION IS BAD

Transportation is Tangled and Many Cities Have Scant Supplies on Hand.

Washington, Feb. 6.—With the east facing the most acute coal shortage of the winter and in the grip of the coldest weather in a generation, the government decided that the heatless Monday programme cannot at this time be abandoned, as had been hoped.

The conclusion to continue the closing was reached at a conference between Fuel Administrator Garfield and Director General McAdoo, attended by a dozen state fuel administrators. There was no official announcement, but a joint statement probably will be given out later.

There had been every indication up to Monday night that the Monday holidays were over, but reports brought to Washington by the state fuel administrators that throughout most of the east there is on hand only one day's supply of coal, coupled with the weather situation, were accepted as convincing proof that the present is no time to lift the closing order. Even Mr. McAdoo, who up to this time is understood to have opposed the closing plan, was said to have agreed that until the weather permits an improvement in railroad transportation the order should be continued in force.

The blizzard has cut coal production and movement to such an extent that officials pointed out that had the Monday closings been abandoned industry would be forced to shut down to a considerable extent because of a lack of fuel. In fact, reports to the fuel administration showed that in many states plants already are closing in large numbers.

It was emphasized that the fuel administration is determined that what coal is unloaded and distributed shall go to householders first. State fuel administrators have been given all most unlimited authority to divert coal from other consumers to keep the people warm in their homes.

For the first time since coal began to run short fuel administration officials admit that the situation is alarming. Report after report came during the day-telling of cities all the way from the Mississippi to the Atlantic with only a few hours' supply of fuel on hand and prospect poor for obtaining anything like the quantities needed.

Poll Tax Collections Good.

The period in which citizens could pay their poll taxes and retain their right to vote closed February 1, and the books of John B. Williams, sheriff and tax collector of Lowndes county, show that collections were good, the amount taken in having been larger this year than last. Definite figures are not yet obtainable but Sheriff Williams states that collections were unusually large, the increase in the number of citizens who paid their poll taxes being especially notable.

Soldier Seriously Ill.

The many friends in Columbus of Mr. Lee Nobles learn with much regret of his serious illness from meningitis at Camp Beauregard. News of this effect has been received here by Mr. Nobles' sister, Mrs. Jim Roper.

Mr. Nobles is a member of the ambulance corps at Camp Beauregard, having left Columbus last fall. He is well known here and has numerous friends who sincerely hope that his condition will improve each day.

Mrs. Walter Baker Harris, of Corinth, spent yesterday with friends in Columbus en route to Tuscaloosa. Mrs. Harris is pleasantly remembered here as Miss Lenella Wallace.

Dr. W. R. McKinley left Monday for Waco, Texas, where he again goes on duty at the base hospital at Camp McArthur.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hayslett regret to learn of the illness of their little son, Charles.

QUESTIONNAIRE IS FOUND MUTILATED

UNKNOWN PARTY DESTROYS DOCUMENT SENT BY UNCLE SAM TO WM. MOORE.

Federal officers are likely to be called upon to investigate the mutilation of the questionnaire of Wm. Moore, which was recently found on the court house grounds torn almost literally into shreds. Late in November Moore, who came here from Birmingham, was convicted before Mayor McClanahan on a charge of agrancy and was sentenced to serve 90 days on the county farm. He recently completed his sentence, and soon after his return to Columbus was informed that his questionnaire had been found in a mutilated condition. The document reached Columbus while he was a prisoner on the farm, and no one seems to know who took it from the postoffice.

After consulting with Mr. John B. Williams, sheriff of Lowndes and ex-officio member of the local exemption board, Moore executed an affidavit in which the circumstances attending the mutilation of the questionnaire were set forth and forwarded the document to the proper authorities.

This is the second time that Moore has been enmeshed in draft complications, a registration card found on his person when he was arrested here last November having showed that he registered in Birmingham, while he possessed no papers showing that he had ever appeared before an exemption board for examination.

M. A. L. Stanley Dies.

Mr. A. L. Stanley died at his home on North Second avenue Monday night, his death having resulted from pneumonia and having followed an illness of two weeks' duration. He was a member of a family well known in local political circles, having been an uncle of Mr. E. A. Stanley, superintendent of education for Lowndes county, and the step-father of Mr. Z. P. Goolsby, who was formerly deputy chancery clerk and who is now employed in the sheriff's office. He was 62 years old and is survived by his widow and two sons, Messrs. Raymond and Ernest Stanley. Funeral services were held at the family home at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, having been conducted by Rev. T. L. Holcomb, pastor of the First Baptist church, and having been followed by interment in Friendship cemetery.

Funeral This Afternoon.

The body of Mr. Quay Robertson, who died Monday at Shreveport, La., arrived here over the Mobile and Ohio railroad Wednesday, and was taken to Caledonia, the birthplace of the deceased, for interment. Mr. Robertson, who was an expert machinist, made his home in Columbus for several years, having at different times been employed at the plant of the Columbus Lumber Company and at the local shops of the Southern Railway. He was a young man possessed of many fine qualities and his death is a source of regret to all who knew him.

The funeral will be held about 1 o'clock this afternoon at Egger cemetery, and quite a number of Columbus people will be in attendance.

Uithoven—Gupton.

Mr. John Uithoven and Miss Winnie Gupton were married at the parsonage of the Central Methodist church on South Fourth street Sunday afternoon, the ceremony having been performed by the pastor, Rev. T. E. Gregory. Mr. Uithoven is a prosperous young planter residing in the Cherokee neighborhood, about six miles northeast of Columbus, while his bride is an attractive young lady of the same section.

Mr. Grady Betts, of Caledonia, was among the visitors to Columbus yesterday, and while here bought War Savings Stamps for his young son, Henry Grady.

Mrs. F. W. Heyer, of Norfolk, Va., is spending several weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bailey.

Mr. Clayton Hackleman's many friends regret to learn of his illness the past several days.

Mrs. Lucy J. Sparks, of the Dunbar neighborhood, visited relatives in the city Tuesday.

Rev. Jas. McCaskill has returned from Jackson, where he spent ten days on business.

WILLIAMS IS AGAINST WAR CABINET PLAN

WRITES LETTER TO HON. E. R. SHERMAN, STATING REASONS.

UPHOLDS WILSON

Says Constitution Gives President Right to Command the Army and Navy.

Hon. E. R. Sherman, a prominent Columbian who has long been a close personal friend of Senator John Sharp Williams, is in receipt of a letter from that distinguished statesman in which he states that he is unalterably opposed to the plan providing for a war cabinet and gives forceful reasons for the stand which he has taken regarding the measure. The letter follows:

United States Senate, Committee on the Library, January 30, 1918.

Mr. E. R. Sherman, Columbus, Miss.

My dear Sir:—

I have your letter of the 23rd. You are exactly right. There isn't a particle of sense in the so-called War Council or War Cabinet proposal. It would be just one more link in a chain that is already too long, and is made weak by its length. In so far as the War Department needs reorganization, the President is a better judge of how and where to organize it than Mr. Chamberlain or any other Senator, or any other Representative. The whole thing is, as you say, "vicious in principle." More than that, it is of doubtful constitutionality, because the Constitution itself vests in the President not only the obligation, but the duties of Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy in war.

I am glad you wrote me and glad you agree with the idea which I have always entertained. The Continental Congress came very near spoiling George Washington's campaigns during the Revolution. Lincoln's cabinet ruined half a dozen Union Generals, and would have ruined Grant if Grant hadn't made a bargain that they would have nothing to say after he was appointed; and towards the closing of the war, the Confederate Congress wanted to interfere with Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee, either one of whom knew more about how to defend the South than the whole Confederate Congress put together.

I am, with every expression of regard,

JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS

Noted Story-Teller Coming.

Professor Schutze, of Tulane University, the noted story-teller, will give an interesting program at the College Chapel, Friday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The audience will receive a personally conducted tour into the land of "make believe." Such an experience will prove a refreshing contrast to the given realistic of these strenuous times.

This is Professor Schutze's third visit to the college and those who have heard his inimitable interpretations of Kipling, Hans Christian Anderson, Joel Chandler Harris, and others will welcome his return. Story-telling (not "fibbing," of course) is regarded today not only as a form of entertainment, but as an important phase of educational policy in the home and in the school. The lecture-recital will be free to the public. Parents, bring your children and your childhood to the chapel Friday night.

Vivian Martin in "Fair Barbarian" at Princess Today.

The attraction at the Princess for today is dainty little Vivian Martin in a clever little romantic drama "The Fair Barbarian" from the story by Frances Hodgson Burnett, one of America's best known writers. The story deals with a willful little American girl who finds herself in England with a titled suitor, but she can't see anything that isn't American. It is one of those clean wholesome stories that is bubbling over with humor.

Matinee at 3:00 and 4:15. Night at 7:30 and 8:45. Admission—Children 5c, Adults 15c.

ITEMS OF INTEREST OVER THE COUNTRY

GIST OF THE NEWS GATHERED HERE AND THERE AND PRESENTED IN BRIEF FORM.

According to information received in Washington, butter is selling in Berlin at \$2.25 a pound, sugar at 56 cents a pound, ham and bacon at \$2.11 a pound, and Ivory soap at five bars for \$1.12.

The entire wheat crop in France has been requisitioned by the French government.

According to a report by the American consul at Geneva, Swiss livestock quotations near the end of 1917 were: Oxen, each \$230; bulls, \$170; cows, \$260; calves, \$180; young pigs, \$14; sheep, \$14; fat hogs, per pound, 32 cents.

The Department of Agriculture estimates that only one-third of the marketable surplus of the potato crop had been moved by January 1, 1918. Last year's potato crop was the largest ever produced in the United States.

For the unit of women telephone operators to be sent to France a distinctive uniform is being provided. Salaries range from \$50 to \$125 a month, with allowance for rations and quarters. Successful applicants must speak both French and English with ease.

There is nothing in the fuel order of January 17 to prevent the operation of automobiles, motor vehicles of all classes being considered as coming under the head of public utilities. In keeping with this ruling garages have been exempted.

Following suggestions made by farmers willing to employ high school boys, the educational authorities of Illinois have arranged an extensive farm course, from February 1 to May 1.

Reports from state and local directors of the Smilage campaign received in Washington indicate that more of these coupon books will be sold than have been printed. The fuel order delayed all printing six days, but the books are being rushed through and all purchasers who have not received books will be supplied shortly. Smilage books contain coupons good for admission to the entertainments held in Liberty theaters and tents at the camps and cantonments.

World's Supply of Ships Now About 20 Per Cent Short of Normal.

The Food Administration estimates the total number of ocean-going vessels now afloat at 30,000, having a gross tonnage of 45,000,000 tons. Losses of shipping during the war have totalled about 8,783,080 tons, and the supply of ships is about 20 per cent short of normal.

Shipbuilding in France has been at a standstill since the beginning of the war. France's output is less than that of the United States. The American shipbuilding industry is being hampered by the war.

Money For Monument.

At its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night the city council decided to donate \$100 to the fund which the members of the Stephen D. Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, are raising to pay off an existing debt on the Confederate monument which was erected several years ago on the court house lawn.

Lipsey Now Owns Store.

The dry goods establishment for many years known as Lipsey and Chapsky has been bought by Mr. John A. Lipsey, and he will be in charge of the business in the future. Mr. Lipsey is each day receiving shipments of spring and summer stock and cordially invites everyone to call in and see his display of goods.

Alumnae Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the local chapter of the I. I. and C. Alumnae Association at the home of Misses Fant, Kern, Boyd and Caulfield this evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present and those desiring to become members will be cordially welcomed into the organization.

Small Roof Fire.

The fire department was called to the home of Mr. J. W. Joyner, on North Third avenue, Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock. The flames, which were on the roof of the home, were quickly extinguished, the loss amounting to about \$20.

Hon. R. L. Bradley, of New York, is spending a few days in Columbus with his family.

MANAGEMENT LOCAL UNIT OF RAILROADS DEFENSE BODY BAD IS ALLEGED IS ORGANIZED

TRAINMEN CHARGE ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

MORE OVERTIME OFFICERS NAMED

Union Leaders Declare That Transportation Has Been Purposely Handicapped.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Inefficient operation of the railroads, resulting in traffic congestion, with its grave attendant evils, was charged by union leaders at a hearing Tuesday before the railroad wage commission to a desire on the part of the management of the systems to discredit the eight-hour law and to make a failure of government control.

This situation, the commission was told by W. G. Lee, head of the trainmen; A. B. Garretson, head of the conductors, and other witnesses, explained why the transportation system of the country, including such roads of splendid record as the Pennsylvania, suddenly collapsed. The brotherhood leaders used such vigorous expressions as "rotten railroad" to convey their opinion of the way the business has been carried on since the government took charge and they offered to produce scores of instances of delayed crews, changes in personnel and misuse of rolling stock to prove their statements.

The ordinarily quiet course of such a hearing was ruffled from the very outset. Lee and Garretson appearing to present the claims of their brotherhoods for wage increases, found several railroad representatives present and entered an immediate protest, declaring they did not propose to deal with two sets of employers. The commission explained that the railroad men were there by special invitation to supplement not to antagonize, the information presented by the employes.

This question hardly had been smoothed over before discussion of the working of the eight-hour law and the effect of government supervision of the roads precipitated charges by Lee that the managements were doing their utmost to discredit both. He said overtime has been doubled and tripled to make the effect of the Adamson law more expensive and to represent that the workers were obtaining large wage increases. Furthermore, he declared that every effort was being used to handicap the transportation to create dissatisfaction with the government's part in the business.

"I would go back to about four banks in New York if I wanted to find out the real cause for this," he said.

Director General of Railroads Will Issue No List of "Nonessential" Farm Products.

No list of nonessential farm products to be denied transportation facilities, has been prepared by the Director General of Railroads, and the issuance of such an order is not contemplated.

It is believed that under the plan now being formulated it will be possible to provide adequate transportation for farm products this year. Farmers are instructed to place orders for cars when needed with local freight agents, as heretofore.

Cabin Roof Burned.

The roof on a cabin occupied by Mack Butler, a negro, and located on the corner of Tenth street and Seventh avenue, south, was destroyed by fire about 4:45 o'clock yesterday morning. The house was owned by Mr. John Burns, and the loss which amounted to about \$100 was covered by insurance.

Mayor McClanahan has appointed Dr. J. D. McCullough as a member of the city board of health to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. W. H. Barton, which was recently tendered. The board now consists of Dr. J. W. McClain, Dr. J. D. McCullough, Messrs. F. C. Owen and Carroll Hackelman.

Mr. L. I. Brook's friends are glad to learn that he is improving after several days' illness.

Mr. J. V. Mitchell, of Artesia, spent yesterday in the city.

MEETING HELD AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

OFFICERS NAMED

Practically All Ladies' Organizations Were Represented At The Meeting.

At a meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon the Lowndes County Unit of the Mississippi Division of the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Council of Defense was organized. Mrs. William Baldwin, chairman for Lowndes county presided over the meeting, and the following additional officers were elected: Vice-chairman, Mrs. W. W. Durden; secretary, Miss Mary Billups; treasurer, Mrs. N. W. Hutchinsson.

Practically all the ladies' clubs in Columbus were represented and the meeting was a most satisfactory one, a vast amount of enthusiasm having been displayed by those in attendance. The organization will meet once each month and members of different local civic, literary and patriotic organizations will be urged to attend these meetings and participate in the work.

The work was divided into sections and the following committee chairmen appointed to see that it is officially performed:

- Committee on Food Production and Home Economics: Miss Marguerite Mallon, chairman.
- Committee on Education: Mrs. B. A. Lincoln, chairman.
- Liberty Loan Committee: Mrs. H. P. Simrall, chairman.
- Child Welfare Committee: Mrs. J. C. Meadows, chairman.
- Committee on Women in Industry: Miss Martha Eckford, chairman.
- Committee on Food Administration: Mrs. Battle Bell, chairman.
- Finance Committee: Mrs. N. W. Hutchinsson, chairman.
- Publicity Committee: Miss Mary Billups, chairman.

These chairmen will name the members of their committees later.

DR. O. B. SEARS IS TO GO TO FRANCE

RESIGNS POSITIONS HERE TO TAKE UP WORK AS OFFICIAL INTERPRETER.

At the earnest solicitation of the federal government, Dr. O. B. Sears, who since last fall has been serving as pastor of the First Church of Christ in this city and as an instructor in the department of modern languages at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, has resigned both positions and will soon go to France to act as an official interpreter for American soldiers now engaged in battle there.

This is the third call received by Dr. Sears, who speaks several languages fluently and whose services as an interpreter will therefore be very valuable, and while he hated to relinquish the positions which he held here he felt it to be his duty to aid the government to the extent of his ability, and therefore decided to take up the work in France.

Dr. Sears leaves today for his former home in Missouri, where he will spend a short time looking after personal interests there and reviewing French text books for the purpose of increasing his familiarity with the language. He will then become a full-fledged member of the U. S. Public Service Reserve Forces, and soon will sail for France to take up his new duties.

Mrs. Sears will continue to reside in Columbus and will remain in charge of the Practice School at the Industrial Institute and College.