

FIVE COAL BARGES, CAUGHT IN HEAVY ICE OUTSIDE HARBOR, SUNK TODAY

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FACTORY FUEL SUPPLY AGAIN CRITICAL SHAKE-UP FOLLOWS FAILURE OF HUN OFFENSIVE

RESCUE DOG AT RISK OF OWN LIVES

Crew of Tug Save Pup Drifting Out to Sea on Ice Floe.

Taking a big chance with their lives in a small boat the crew of the tug McWilliams put off at daybreak from their ship today, to rescue a small collie pup which was half frozen and drifting out to sea on a cake of ice in the Sound. After a hard battle with the icebergs the boat was brought alongside and the trembling little animal tenderly lifted to safety.

Great rivalry existed among the entire complement from captain down to the crew as to who should have the care of the little patient and it was finally decided that the chief engineer should be nurse, doctor and protector of the pup, and in deference to "Old Crankshaft" as he is called the pup was christened "Sparks."

"Sparks" now lies in the sick bay of the tug and every one of the crew takes a keen delight in smacking into his comfortable quarters and bestowing all kinds of attention upon the little animal. There is one thing certain, "Sparks" is leading a "dog's life," but a life that many humans would more than relish this cold winter.

It has been decided to adopt the little founding as the mascot of the tug, and in all her future voyages and battles with the elements the McWilliams will have "Sparks" as part of her crew. Soon "Sparks" will be sufficiently recovered to romp around the decks of the boat and maybe he will help his thanks to his rescuers in his best puppy language.

HARDEN URGING SETTLEMENT IN ALSACE MATTER

Amsterdam, Jan. 22.—Germany should not take any territory from the Russian empire and might give back Alsace-Lorraine to France, Maximilian Harden declares in Die Zukunft. He says:

"He who wishes to tear away Poland, Lithuania, Esthonia and Livonia from the Russian empire makes of this empire a mortal enemy, for Russia will not always have Leninistic feelings. These countries would bring us no advantage. A Slavic strain through Germany would endanger the country, not merely the life of that Prussia."

With regard to Alsace-Lorraine, Herr Harden writes:

"Neither Premier Lloyd-George nor President Wilson believes Germany is willing to surrender Alsace-Lorraine to France at the present moment, but what about Germany's attitude two or three years after the armistice, when there can be a fair consultation with the people? It was admittedly a mistake to take possession of Alsace and Lorraine. Must we always carry this burdensome inheritance of our forefathers?"

NO WARNING IN CHINESE FIRING UPON MONACACY

Peking, Friday, Jan. 18.—The attack yesterday on the American gunboat Monacacy, in which one sailor was killed and two were wounded, was made near Kien Lih-shan and came without warning. The attackers hid behind a dike on the north bank of the Yangtze Kiang.

The Japanese steamer Talaan also was subjected to a fusillade.

BREST-LITOVSK NEGOTIATIONS ON PEACE HELD UP

Washington, Jan. 22.—American Minister Reinech dispatches to the state department today reporting the attack on the gunboat Monacacy contained no additional details to those already received in news dispatches. Minister Reinech said he had made representations to the Chinese government.

The commander of the Monacacy reported today that he returned the fire and silenced his attackers.

SHOOTS HIMSELF AS PROPHECY OF KAISER FLIVVERS

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 22.—Having prophesied that "the kaiser will die, Jan. 18," and despondent because the kaiser failed to make good the prophecy, Lombardus Muller, a retired sea captain, killed himself by shooting here today. He left a note which read: "I have been a false prophet, therefore I have sinned against God."

PASSENGER TRAIN SCHEDULES CUT TO RELEASE ENGINES

Washington, Jan. 22.—Heavy snows over the entire east today compelled the abandonment of scores of passenger train schedules. Locomotives so released were diverted to coal traffic.

All reports reaching the fuel and railroad administrations indicated coal moving to Atlantic seaports in adequate quantities to bunker ships and to cities where domestic supplies were low.

The fuel administration declared plenty of empty cars were delivered to mines in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and other coal regions, and that loading was going ahead steadily. Mines' output was restricted today, however, by refusal of miners to work, or sickness caused by cold weather.

Most available motive power was used on coal trains with the result of an even greater congestion of general freight. All hopes of clearing up the situation before normal weather comes were abandoned by railroad officials.

Local fuel administrators reported railroad co-operating very well in diverting coal shipments from plants shut down by the fuel restriction or to the power, iron and steel industries and seaports. Recommendations that passenger traffic be ordered further reduced in order to supply more engines and labor to freight are considered.

ALL EFFORTS TO MAKE KOSKOWITZ SOBER NO AVAIL

George Koskowitz, a Hungarian, cannot be scared with threats of incarceration at the State Farm for inebriates at Norwich. No, not even with a threat of being kept there for three years. Superintendent of Public Charities Thorne is quite willing to testify to this fact, because he tried it and it has failed to keep George sober.

Koskowitz was an inmate of the Farm for a period of four months and the authorities chose the unfortunate date of New Year's Day to release him. George has been in a state of coma ever since, and Superintendent Thorne thought it would be a good thing to scare him into sobriety by threatening to send him back to the Farm for three years, which is the duration of the second commitment, but George simply smiled and said, "Oh, Joy! when do I start. The cats are simply grand on the Farm."

Superintendent Thorne is now considering a more drastic method to induce Koskowitz to remain on the straight and narrow.

The names of seven Americans appeared on the Canadian casualty list.

THOUSANDS OF TONS OF COAL LOST IN ICE PACK

After a terrific battle with the ice in the Sound and in the vicinity of New York, the tug McWilliams struggled into Bridgeport today with the news that a tow of eight barges laden with coal eastward bound, was broken up off this port and that five of the barges laden with bituminous coal which was bound for this port. They say that it is almost impossible except for a specially constructed vessel to smash through the heavy ice fields that simply smother the navigable channels in the Sound and that the outlook for immediate relief is very remote.

GEN. BOROEVIC NAMED AUSTRIAN COMMANDER OVER MARSHAL'S HEAD

Situation on Southern Front Results in Junior Officer Taking Leadership From Von Hoetzendorf—Policy of Defense Warfare Predicted by Italians.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Monday, Jan. 22.—(By the Associated Press)—Gen. Szelgva Boroovic has been appointed to succeed the Archduke Eugene in command of the entire enemy front against Italy and it is believed that the change may have a considerable effect on the campaign. The two conspicuous figures on this front have been Field Marshal Von Hoetzendorf, commanding the mountain front, and Gen. Boroovic, commanding along the Piave. Gen. Boroovic is the junior of the field marshal and his passing over him is in the nature of a disgrace, probably growing out of the operations on this front.

Field Marshal Conrad Von Hoetzendorf retains the command on the mountain front. He has represented the extreme element opposed to Italy as chief of the Austrian staff sought to provoke a collision with Italy during the Tripolitan war and has even been charged with using the Messina earthquake as a pretext for Austrian intervention in Italian affairs.

Gen. Boroovic's tactics on the Italian front have been uniformly defensive, rarely offensive. For two years on the Isonzo front he maintained a defensive and took the offensive only when German reinforcements compelled an advance. Since the formation of the new Piave line his policy has been chiefly defensive.

The appointment of Gen. Boroovic, therefore, is construed as confirming reports that the enemy proposes to maintain a defensive attitude on the Italian front for the present. It is regarded also as a concession to the Slav element of Austria, as Boroovic is of Slavo-Croatian origin. Gen. Boroovic stands entirely outside the military court favorites like Conrad Von Hoetzendorf, who, up to this time, has directed the Austrian military policy against Italy.

DENUNCIATION BY WILSON MAY KILL WAR BUREAU BILL

Washington, Jan. 22.—Prospects for the enactment of legislation providing for a war cabinet and a munition administration were dimmed today as a result of President Wilson's unequivocal denunciation of the program.

The senate military committee today planned to proceed with the program despite the president's opposition, but generally it was felt that the measure were destined to meet defeat.

"BOOZELESS" DAY IS OBSERVED BY LOCAL SALOONS

After having passed safely through meatless, wheelless, lightless and workless days Bridgeport awoke this morning to find itself in the face of its first "boozeless" day. Every saloon in the city was closed just as tight as they are on Sunday.

Through a misunderstanding the Bridgeport saloonkeepers did not learn of the action of the state saloonkeepers' association to close yesterday, but conforming with the order, closed before sunset last evening. When informed that other cities had closed their saloons, the Bridgeport men readily consented to close today to "make up."

Fuel Administrator Carl F. Siemon highly commended the saloonkeepers for their willingness and the patriotic spirit they have shown during the present crisis.

BAN LABOR ADS.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Peremptory directions to many large industrial concerns to cease widespread advertising for help which was thought to be unsettling the labor supply and working hardship on individuals who answered the advertisements, have been sent out by the department of labor.

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PLANTS CRY FOR COAL; 70,000 MEN TO RESUME LABORS BY TOMORROW

Siemon Says Coal Situation in City is Worse Than Previous to the Enforced Closing of Plants—Bridgeport Schools Have Fuel to Last Them Only Another Week.

Despite the drastic five-days' closing order of Fuel Administrator Harry A. Garfield and the Monday holiday, Bridgeport's industry and hundreds of families suffering from want of fuel, have derived no material benefit, according to Local Administrator Carl F. Siemon in a statement today, who says, "In fact we are worse off than before the shutdown as we have less coal on hand." The closing period ceases at midnight and tomorrow Bridgeport's entire working population of approximately 70,000 men will be back at their work.

No important exemptions were granted today, the only one being given to the Berkshire Fertilizer Co., which employs about 40 men.

The coal dealers and the fuel committee have gone along from day to day in hopes that one or more of the government's relief promises might materialize, but today finds the city in the grasp of a coal famine. More than 12,600 families are absolutely without coal and the city's supply was down to its last pound this morning when two barges arrived, consigned to dealers, but which will be distributed by the committee.

In a telegram to the assistant fuel administrator at Washington today, the Manufacturers' association states that the supply of factory coal is very near exhaustion. Bridgeport schools have only two weeks' supply ahead, the city hall used its last allowance at noon, and there is great scurrying to keep the fire houses supplied.

The Bridgeport Bread Co. made an appeal to the committee this morning for an immediate supply.

When asked for a statement on the effects of the five days' close-down today, Administrator Siemon said: "It has not benefitted Bridgeport one bit; in fact we are worse off than before the shutdown as we have less coal on hand. It would have been far better not to allow any plants to operate for two weeks' supply ahead, the city hall used its last allowance at noon, and there is great scurrying to keep the fire houses supplied."

The railroads are tied up," Siemon went on, "and these factories are exhausting supplies of raw material and there is bound to be a break in production."

Siemon intimates that some factories will be forced to close not only because of coal lack, but also for the lack of materials, none of which have come into the city, since the closing order became effective.

The administrator has telegraphed twice to Washington demanding knowledge regarding relief for this city, but neither telegram has been answered. As a result, the mayor, Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers' association have appealed by telegram to Assistant Fuel Administrator E. B. Noyes, pleading for replies to Siemon's queries.

The Manufacturers' association sent a telegram today as follows: "Of utmost importance that business."

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TREBLE DAMAGE SOUGHT FROM FORMER SHERIFF

Joseph Lesser's suit against Abe Levy, a former city sheriff, was commenced this afternoon in the Common Pleas Court. In this suit Lesser claims damages of \$750, or treble damages on the allegation that Levy mulcted him excessively for work done in his official capacity. Lesser employed Levy, then city sheriff, to make an attachment, and conduct a case in which considerable work was done. At its conclusion Levy presented a bill for \$164.66, which Lesser disputed, but Levy demanded settlement, which was given. The suit was brought to recover treble damages as allowed by law on the ground that the fees charged were illegal. Attorney Henry Greenstein represents Lesser, and Foster & Morgan appear for Levy. The defense is that the fees charged were legal.

JEWELRY STORE BANDITS STEAL \$60,000 IN GEMS

Detroit, Jan. 22.—Three bandits entered the jewelry store of Ralph Dewey, in the downtown district, this forenoon, bound W. R. Granger, the manager, and escaped with stock said to be worth \$60,000.

FACTORIES WILL WORK OVERTIME

Machinists, Corset Workers And Others Will Not Lose Pay.

Overtime hours in several of the plants affected by the fuel administrator's orders are being resorted to as a means of making up for lost time by closing on Monday of each week. The employees in these factories will work in some cases two hours daily but in all cases will work until 5:30 on Saturday afternoon.

This morning union leaders and officials of the various factories of the city were in conference for the purpose of reaching a compromise on working conditions. The machinists unions agreed to work two hours overtime daily and to accept time and a half in payment. It is understood that this agreement was accepted by the employers.

The Corset Workers Union agreed that its members might work 48 hours a week. The piece workers to turn in the actual production of the hours worked and the day workers to be paid for 48 hours as per the agreement with the employers.

According to the information from one of the larger manufacturers the matter of making up for the hours lost on Monday has been taken up with the federal government at Washington and the sanction of the administration has been given.

Most of the factories affected by the agreement reached a compromise between the manufacturers and their employees will open tomorrow morning after the five day lay-off following the fuel administrator's order.

ORDER REVENGE FOR KILLING OF TWO DIPLOMATS

Petrograd, Jan. 22.—Premier Lenine and Secretary of State Bonch-Bruyevich have ordered the Red guard and soldiers to comb the city for "the motor car with Red guards and sailors who killed Shingoff and Kokoshkine." The murder of the former ministers has created a feeling of protest and revulsion among the Bolshevik officials, who are anxious to prevent the situation from getting beyond their control.

The Petrograd council of workmen and soldiers' delegates has adopted a resolution of the strictest censure of the murderers, declaring it never could approve summary justice and that no crimes had been committed by those killed. The resolution urged all soldiers to search for the murderers.

It has been learned that the sailors who were among the assassins were not part of a crew stationed in Petrograd, but had recently arrived from Finland, where they had been attached to the Baltic fleet.

Four other members of the Kerensky government, patients in another hospital, were transferred today to a prison by the Bolshevik authorities.

ADMINISTRATION DRIVE AGAINST VICE A JOKE

Putting the spectacular raids of last Saturday night down as pure political bunk and the feeble effort of a discredited administration to redeem itself, police officers of Bridgeport are today smarting under the added imputation made by alarmists that they will be unable to cope with the crime wave which is predicted as a result of cutting down the lighting of the white ways.

"Bridgeport was never as clean as it is now," were the emphatic words of one officer, and in continuation he said: "The results of all the secrecy, planning and hippodroming of last Saturday night's fiasco proves my contention beyond a shadow of a doubt. Every place that was raided yielded practically nothing to warrant all the parade and grandstand effect which was displayed by the administration aided by a crowd of outside carried away with fanaticism or professional hypocrisy."

"It is not fair to the police department, that outside investigators of the Mrs. Humiston case should be imported for the purpose of planting decoys, in many cases young girls, who are being wronged much more by be-