

THOUSANDS FACE DEATH BY FREEZING

Little Short of Miracle Can Save Chicago.

RICH CITY CANNOT BUY FUEL

Fires Already Out in Hundreds of Residences.

PITEOUS CASES REPORTED

Coal Dealers Absolutely Helpless to Meet Demands—Terrible Possibilities Confront Many Other Cities in Illinois.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Thousands of people in Chicago face the fate of freezing to death within the next 48 hours unless something very nearly resembling a miracle occurs.

This fact stood forth in all its grim terror today when figures showing the city's coal supply had been compiled by the Fuel Administrators, who have been working in feverish haste since the possibilities of the situation dawned upon them.

These conditions were revealed after a conference in the Fuel Administrator's office at which the present Fuel Administrator John E. Williams, Deputy Earl Dean Howard, President Fred Upham, of the Consumers' Coal Company, and other citizens who had been summoned to discuss the plight of the city.

Many Wards Coalless.

In some entire city wards not a pound of coal is obtainable. In hundreds of homes the fires are already out. Coal cannot be bought at any price, and no other form of fuel is available.

One of the worst instances was reported by the Consumers' Company, which stated that 49 families were freezing while carloads of coal on a sidetrack were diverted for the use of a greenhouse.

Another case was reported of a woman who had just given birth to a baby in a room with the temperature below zero. Hundreds of these cases were reported throughout the day, and only promises of relief were given.

Blizzards Delay Fuel Trains.

Substitute supplies could not be had. No coke was available and lumber dealers refused to sell wood for fuel. Hundreds of carloads of coal were on their way from the mines, but, delayed by blizzards and traffic conditions, could not reach the city in time to meet the sudden drop in temperature.

Fred Upham, president of the Consumers' Company, was an early visitor at fuel headquarters, and passed on to the administration the innumerable pleas he had received for coal. He declared it was necessary to close many of his yards because there was not a pound of coal to be had.

Dealers in Despair.

"Chicago is freezing to death and something must be done at once," said Mr. Upham. "The coal dealers are as anxious as anyone to meet the situation, but we cannot deliver coal when we do not get any in our yards."

The thirty-fourth ward was the hardest hit of all, having not a per cent of coal in the entire district. The 19 yards, all of them empty, closed their doors.

While Chicago faced the most terrible possibilities because of the coal shortage, the towns and cities of Illinois were already experiencing famine conditions.

Such cities as Aurora, Crete, Rockford, Antioch, Downers Grove, Fox Lake and other suburbs of Chicago reported themselves without coal and pleaded with the fuel administration for relief.

Many Towns Appeal.

Besides the pleas from the cities, the fuel administration received notice and appeals from the many towns in Illinois that not a pound of coal was in the yards of dealers and that owing up parts of outhouses and old furnaces or freezing were the only alternatives that thousands of their residents had.

Many of these towns report the situation so desperate that the supply of coal will be exhausted in a few hours.

The Central Illinois Coal Bureau was implored to act swiftly, otherwise intense suffering is inevitable among rich and poor alike.

EASTERN TRAFFIC BLOCKED

Storms Have Worst Effect on Railroads in 50 Years.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The movement of freight which the Eastern railroads had succeeded in augmenting during the past week was brought to a sudden stop by yesterday's storm, which, taken with the four previous ones, has created a condition of weather the worst known in 50 years, A. H. Smith, regional director, announced today.

Under a special programme affecting all railroads between New York and Chicago, Mr. Smith said, transportation of congested freight was under way yesterday morning from all yards in the Eastern territory and "a record-breaking movement was generally predicted" by traffic officials.

"At nightfall yesterday," Mr. Smith said, "new snow had fallen, with high winds drifting in deep cuts, banking

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PRUSSIAN WRATH STIFLES DITTMAN

SOCIALIST STATESMAN SENT TO PRISON FOR FIVE YEARS.

German and Austrian High Officials Gather in Berlin to Discuss Urgent Issues.

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 4.—Wilhelm Dittman, the radical Socialist deputy, who was tried by an extraordinary courtmartial on the charge of inciting to high treason, resistance to public authority and transgression of the prohibition against participating in the direction of the general strike, was today sentenced to five years' confinement in a fortress.

Dittman was also sentenced to two months' imprisonment for resisting public authority. Mitigating circumstances and the absence of dishonorable intentions were admitted.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 4.—Dr. Kuhlmann, German Foreign Minister; Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, and General von Ludendorff, the German chief Quartermaster-General, a semi-official announcement from Berlin says, will arrive in Berlin Monday to participate in deliberations on political and economic questions affecting the common interests and territories of Germany and Austria-Hungary. Count Botho von Wedel, the German Ambassador to Vienna, also is expected to attend.

CASUALTIES TOTAL 6354

British Dead, Wounded and Missing Mark Lowest in Months.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The British casualties reported during the week ended today totalled 6354 divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers 51, men 1525.

Wounded or missing: Officers 173, men 4395.

The lowest mark for many months past is reached by last week's casualties. They compare with 5535 the previous week, with 17,042 the week immediately preceding that, and with 9921 for the week ended December 31, the previous low figure for another week in recent months.

FREE POLAND IS DEMANDED

Popular Party in Austria Insists on Complete Independence.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Deputies of the Polish popular party in Austria have announced that they will insist upon a Polish nation, according to an official dispatch today from Switzerland.

They hold that the sole solution of the Polish problem is the unification of all Polish territories as an independent state, with access to the sea. Any other solution, they said, would be dangerous to the peace of the world. Polish representatives at the peace conference also are demanded.

VENDETTA SHADOW STALKS

Italian, Discharged From Union Iron Works, Kills Chief Surgeon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—The grim shadow of vendetta stalked through the plant of the Union Iron Works here today when Felice Prate, a discharged Sergeant of the Italian Lorder guard, shot and killed Dr. W. E. Boell, chief surgeon of the plant, and then inflicted a probably fatal shot wound upon himself.

The only clue to the motive is a note, which read:

"The philosophy that I hold excuses my deed. I die satisfied in my right to vendetta."

OHIOANS "SWAT" KAISER

Crown Prince and Von Hindenburg Share in General Disapproval.

COLEMBUS, O., Feb. 4.—The capital of Ohio took delight today in "swatting" the Kaiser, the Crown Prince and Von Hindenburg.

Large billboards containing the pictures of the Kaiser and his associates were erected in the Statehouse yards, and for 25 cents people were given baseballs to throw at the painted pictures.

Proceeds went into the Columbus war chest.

VETERANS HELD DISLOYAL

Inmates of California Soldiers' Home Dropped From Roll.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 4.—Two veterans were dropped from the rolls of the soldiers' home at Sawtelle today for alleged disloyal remarks. It was announced by Governor P. H. Barry.

Charles G. Jenkins, 75 years old, was dropped for alleged disrespectful comments on Red Cross workers. Henry Gehman was charged with opposing the liberty loan.

T. R. MOURNS OLD FRIEND

Roosevelt Unable to Attend Funeral of John L. Sullivan.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt announced tonight that he would not be able to attend the funeral of John L. Sullivan in Boston Wednesday.

"I had a genuine regard for my old friend, John L. Sullivan," the Colonel said. "He was an old and valued friend and I mourn his death."

WAR BREAD LOAVES AROUSE INTEREST

Bakers Are Instructed in New Duties.

LOOKS TO BE DISREGARDED

"Stale" Loaf Not Least of Problems of Conservation.

"SALES" ARE DISCOURAGED

Five Federal Food Administrators Meet in Portland to Plan for Concerted Action in Food Production and Conservation.

Five Federal food administrators convened in Portland yesterday, to undertake the formulation of a plan for concerted action in food production and conservation. First of all they discussed the bread-loaf, but their inquiries will range widely and the general plan adopted will be in effect for a year or more.

Those participating in the conference are: W. B. Ayer, of Oregon; R. F. Bicknell, of Idaho; Charles Hebbard, of Washington; Royal A. Gunnison, of Alaska, and Ralph Merritt, of California. Other members of the conference are: Dr. E. D. Clark, of the bureau of chemistry, department of agriculture, and W. K. Newell, assistant food administrator for Oregon.

Bakers Join Conference.

Yesterday afternoon, following an executive session, the food administrators met with representatives of the Pacific Coast Bakers' Conservation League, which had completed a forenoon meeting on the wheat conservation problem.

In addressing the bakers, stress was laid upon the importance of preventing bread wastage and the bakers were asked to undertake campaigns in their own territories against waste. Not least of the problems of wheat conservation is the "stale" loaf and steps were urged against over production.

Advertising "Leaders" Discouraged.

California bakers said the practice of advertising bread at sale prices, or as leaders, frequently practiced by department stores in larger cities, should be proceeded against, as it tended to ward great wastage by upsetting the balance of production.

An instance in point was given, where a San Francisco department store asked for 5000 loaves to sell as leaders, under wholesale cost. Several bakers declined the order, but it finally was filled. As the result of this sale, thousands of loaves, baked to supply the normal demand, remained unsold in other stores.

Higher Prices Wanted.

Administrator Bicknell, of Idaho, told the bakers that he had met this problem and settled with it by a ruling that (Continued on Page 7, Column 1.)

BRITISH STATESMAN HOARDS FOOD, FINED

WILLIAM MACCAW'S LARDER IS STOCKED FOR WINTER.

House of Commons Member Assessed £400 and Costs for Keeping Large Supply on Hand.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—William John McGeagh MacCaw, Unionist member of the House of Commons for West Down, was fined £400 and 135 costs today for food hoarding.

According to the attorney for the food committee, this member of Parliament had in his larder at Rocknest, 24 pounds of tapioca, 154 pounds of rice, 53 pounds of semolina, 100 pounds of biscuits, 53 pounds of tea, 100 pounds of sugar, 34 pounds of golden syrup and 21 pounds of honey.

Although it was not contended that people living in country houses should come to London daily for their supplies, this stock of goods was held to constitute a hoard.

The case of MacCaw was one of several hundred pending, while many more have already been disposed of, every class in the country being involved.

Last week Admiral Sir Richard Poore was fined £90 for having in his possession a quarter of a ton of food, while others who were fined included a railway worker, a wealthy widow, and the proprietors of several hotels, the last being charged with exceeding the official ration.

U. S. FLYING CADET KILLED

Wyles B. Bradley Burned When Gasoline Tank Explodes in Fall.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Wyles B. Bradley, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., flying cadet at Ellington Field, was burned to death when his plane fell 30 feet today, the gasoline tank exploding.

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 4.—Bradley fell while trying out his plane on short flights, and probably would have emerged uninjured from the smash had not the gasoline tank exploded, covering him with blazing oil.

PIERPONT MORGAN VICTIM

Art Dealer to Serve Three Years for Forging Financier's Name.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Count Maurice de Boudard, an art dealer, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment today for forging bills of exchange purporting to have been drawn by the late J. Pierpont Morgan.

The prisoner sold a work of art to Mr. Morgan in 1903, thus obtaining the financier's signature, which he forged to two bills of exchange for £11,900, each of which he succeeded in discounting through a friend.

TROOPS TO EAT CABBAGE

Tacoma Firm Gets Order for 60,000 Pounds of Boiled Product.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—The Puyallup & Sumner Fruitgrowers' Association received an order from the government today for a carload of boiled cabbage. This order amounts to 60,000 pounds.

The order is to be shipped to El Paso, Tex. Many different kinds of foods put up by the association are proving to be popular with the soldiers.

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BOLO, ACCUSED AS TRAITOR, ON TRIAL

French Defeat Faces Court-Martial.

REPARTEE DEFENSE WEAPON

Prisoner's Display of Quick Wit Features Hearing.

FULL INNOCENCE AVOWED

Adroit Replies and Professions of Loyalty to Allies Elicited by Questions Asked by Prosecuting Attorney.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—"I am no traitor. I have asked to be judged, and I am willing to die; but not as a traitor."

Thus spoke Bolo Pasha, who was brought to trial by courtmartial today on a charge of treason in having been a chief factor in German propaganda in France. Bolo's quick wit and repartee were features of the sitting, as he tried to extricate himself from the conclusions of the report of Captain Bouchardon, of the Paris military court, who took the preliminary testimony and asked for explanations by Colonel Voyer, the president of the courtmartial.

Other than for the nervous fumbling of his monocle, Bolo was impassive during the reading of Captain Bouchardon's report of the investigation dealing with Bolo's activities in Switzerland and affairs alleged to have been carried out in the United States.

Loyalty to Allies Alleged.

The report dealt extensively with his activities in the United States in connection with Adolph Pavenstedt, who formerly was connected with a New York banking-house, but now is in a Georgia internment camp.

The defense outlined by Bolo's counsel was that Bolo's activities had been wholly in the interest of the entente powers.

When former Premier Caillaux was called, a witness for the defense, Bolo said he would waive Caillaux's testimony, but Darius Pochere, co-defendant, objected to this, declaring that Caillaux's testimony must be heard, if not in the present case, then on behalf of himself.

Prisoner Patronizes Prosecutor.

During the reading of Captain Bouchardon's report, Bolo appeared somewhat bored, but when called upon by the president of the courtmartial to explain discrepancies in his previous testimony, the prisoner soon became voluble.

He spoke with a patronizing air to the prosecuting attorney and the president of the court, admitted many discrepancies, and altogether was considered to have the better of the repartee.

On being questioned by Captain Morgnet, the prosecutor, why, considering

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NURSES IN DEMAND AT CANTONMENTS

TWO THOUSAND HAVE BEEN SENT ABROAD.

Head of Nursing Bureau at Washington Says 40,000 Will Be Needed if War Lasts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—A telegram from Miss Jane A. Delan of the nursing bureau service at Washington, received tonight by Miss Lillian L. White, in charge of the Pacific Division, urged the immediate need of more nurses for work at Army cantonments in this country. Base hospital units had been broken up temporarily into groups, it was said, to aid in caring for this emergency.

"Two thousand nurses have been sent abroad and 2000 more are awaiting mobilization for foreign service," Miss White said. "But our total must be increased to 40,000 if the war continues for a length of time and we must try to meet this military need without demoralizing our organization for civilian work."

The increased demand for nurses in the military service has caused a modification of former requirements for enrollment. The age limit has been lowered to 21 years and women more than 40 years old will be accepted, provided a satisfactory examination can be passed. Smaller schools for nurses have been placed on the accredited lists and applicants are judged on their merits.

AVIATOR BAGS TWO FLYERS

American Boy Makes Good Record on French Front.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—Taking advantage of the fine weather, members of the Lafayette escadrille continued their brilliant exploits over the French front during the last few days, bringing down three German machines and losing none themselves. Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., son of the well-known American turfman, whose home is on Long Island, downed two enemy airmen within a short time of each other; his first victories in the air. David E. Putnam, of Brookline, Mass., brought down his third machine.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Corporal Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., of the French aviation force, is the son of Captain Thomas Hitchcock, executive officer of the aviation field at Mineola, N. Y., who is well known in this country and Europe as a polo player and horseman.

ANACONDA BLOCK ABLAZE

Big Blaze in Montana City Burns Newspaper Plant Out of Business.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 4.—It is reported at the Butte office of the Anaconda Standard that the entire building and plant at Anaconda are a total loss. This has not been confirmed.

ANACONDA, Mont., Feb. 4.—Fire that threatens the entire block of which the Anaconda Standard building forms a part broke out at about 10 o'clock this evening. The indications at 10:20 were that the loss would be large.

The newspaper plant was early put out of commission and all attempts at publication were temporarily abandoned.

The fire department is confronted by the difficult task of saving the buildings already blazing and preventing the spread of the flames.

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SENATE STORM BREAKS ANEW

Administration Is Assailed and Defended.

NEBRASKAN LEADS FIGHT

Williams of Mississippi and Reed of Missouri, Spokesmen for Wilson and Baker, Oppose the Proposed Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Controversy over the Government's war efficiency and the bills for a war cabinet and munitions director was renewed today in the Senate with a debate which occupied virtually the entire day.

Senator Hitchcock, Democratic member of the military committee, delivered a two hours' prepared speech in support of the two bills which the President opposes. He sharply criticized Secretary Baker with unintentionally misleading the country by making "absolutely preposterous and exaggerated statements" regarding the country's ability to get soldiers abroad.

Vigorous Replies Made.

Sensors Williams of Mississippi and Reed of Missouri, Democrats, replied, opposing the war reorganization measures as proposals to usurp President Wilson's authority. The former declared that the "German game is muckraking this Administration" and asserted that efforts to force the bills are futile because of certain Executive veto, urging cessation of agitation.

While praising Senators Hitchcock and Chamberlain as unimpeachable patriots, Senator Reed, another military committee member, argued that the war cabinet bill is unconstitutional.

Defects Said to Be Minor.

He praised the Government's accomplishments in the war, asserting that admitted deficiencies are minor compared to the magnitude of achievements.

"It has been said on the floor of the Senate that the military machine has broken down," said the Missouri Senator. "You can't say that a machine that put 1,500,000 men under arms in so short a time is a total failure."

"You can't say that a machine that has sent thousands of men abroad without a single life lost is a total failure. You can't say that a machine that is constructing enough airplanes to cloud enemy cities from the sun is a total failure."

Wadsworth to Be Heard.

The discussion is to be renewed tomorrow with a speech by Senator Wadsworth, of New York, a Republican committeeman, in support of the war reorganization legislation.

Among other Senators planning addresses are: Thomas, of Colorado, and Kirby, of Arkansas, Democratic members of the committee, and Chamberlain, who said he would speak again in explanation of the committee's measures.

Secretary Daniels today authorized the statement that the Navy is assured of enough transport facilities to make sure that there will be 500,000 American troops in France early this year, as was stated by Secretary Baker recently before the Senate military committee.

Daniels Partly Corroborates.

Mr. Daniels made the statement, when informed that Secretary Baker's forecast of the number of men to be sent abroad had been challenged in the Senate today by Senator Hitchcock.

He would not say whether the Navy Department's outlook for ships was such as to warrant the expectation of having 1,000,000 more men in France by the end of 1918.

Secretary Baker himself declined to comment in any way upon Senator Hitchcock's address.

Upon conclusion of Secretary Baker's cross-examination by the military committee Wednesday, Administration leaders hope to end the controversy and to prevent the proposed legislation from being reported by the committee or receiving Senate consideration.

Baker's Recall Delayed.

Secretary Baker's cross-examination had been planned for tomorrow, but Chairman Chamberlain asked him to postpone it until Wednesday because of tomorrow's debate.

Secretary Baker's recent statement to the Senate military committee that the United States would have half a million soldiers in France early this year and that ships to carry a million more would be ready during the year were characterized by Senator Hitchcock in his address as "absolutely preposterous and . . . so exaggerated as to convey an entirely false impression as to what we can do and what we are doing."

Supporting the committee's bills for a war cabinet and munitions director, Senator Hitchcock declared that Secretary Baker was no doubt sincere, but was misled by lack of information regarding scarcity of ships late making accurate predictions. He said President Wilson himself "does not know the real situation," and cited this situation.

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ONLY UNCLE SAM CAN SAVE THEM NOW—WILL YOU DO YOUR BIT?

