

FUEL SITUATION IN EAST DESPERATE

Weather Coldest Known in Generation and One Day's Coal Supply in Sight.

HEATLESS DAYS TO STAND

Programme of Suspending Industry Likely to Be Expanded - Railroads Reported to Be in Worst Shape of the Winter.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—With the East facing the most acute coal shortage since the winter and in the grip of the coldest weather in a generation, the Government decided today that the heatless Monday programme cannot at this time be abandoned.

The conclusion to continue the closing regulation 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 tomorrow.

There had been every indication up to last night that the Monday holiday would be over, but reports brought to Washington by the state fuel administrators that throughout most of the East there is on hand but 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.

McAdoo Won Over.
Even Mr. McAdoo, who up to this time is understood to have opposed the closing plan, was said tonight to have acquiesced in the order, which 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, officials pointed out tonight, that even had the Monday closings been abandoned industry would be forced to close down to a considerable extent. In fact, reports to the Fuel Administration tonight showed that in many states plants already are closing down in large numbers.

For the first time since coal began to run short Fuel Administration officials said that until the weather permits the Mississippi to the Atlantic reported but a few hours' supply of fuel on hand and prospects poor for obtaining anything like the quantities needed.

No Hope in New England.
In New England transportation was declared hopeless. Trains were crippled and an Atlantic storm had halted coal movement by water. In Pennsylvania mines were idle, cities were without coal and trains were unable to move.

All industry in Indiana, it was said, was about to shut down and the situation in Ohio was so critical Governor Cox planned to come to Washington to make a personal appeal for aid.

The railroads were declared to be in the worst shape they have been at in any time. Law enforcement made it impossible in some instances for the trainmen to work and the general freight movement was said to be about 50 per cent of normal.

Further Action Possible.
There are some indications that if better weather does not come to improve the situation, officials will take up for consideration an amendment to the closing order prescribing two four-day shut-downs, one covering the period of Lincoln's birthday anniversary and the other Washington's birthday.

Prospects for material improvement in the next few days were gloomy. Railroad administration officials advised that at least a number of slightly higher temperatures moving eastward from the West, but they pointed out that it will take days for the railroads to recover from the demoralizing influence of today's low record temperatures.

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REDRESS IS IN SIGHT

U. S. CASHIER COMPANY LOSERS MAY RECOVER THEIR MONEY.

Decision of Baker County Circuit Court Paves Way for Litigation Over Transfer of Stock.

Persons in Oregon holding stock in the United States Cashier Company, a widely advertised corporation which at one time held valuable patents on money-handling devices, will be gratified to learn that by a decision just handed down by Judge Anderson, of the Baker County Circuit Court, stockholders have hope of recovering capital stock of the present value of \$625,000.

Directors of the company are charged with having made a virtual gift of 35,000 shares of the stock to the International Money Machine Company, which purchased rights and properties of the Cashier company.

By Judge Anderson's decision the way is opened for trial in the courts of the contention that transfer of the stock was illegally made.

Gay H. C. Corlett, of Portland, who has represented stockholders' interests

LAUDER AIDS Y. M. C. A.

MASS MEETING IN HELIG THEATER NEXT WEEK, WEDNESDAY.

Loss of Son on Battlefield of France Starts Famous Scotch Singer Along Red Triangle Road.

Hoot, Mon!
Harry Lauder will address a mass meeting Wednesday morning, February 13, in the Helig Theater.

The meeting is arranged under the auspices of the local Y. M. C. A. Admission will be by invitation tickets and a lively scramble for invitations is anticipated. Soldiers will have first choice.

Harry Lauder had an only son, who was a sacrifice of the war, and now the famous Scotch singer is taking a great interest in Y. M. C. A. work, doing his bit as he goes along to cheer the boys.

The meeting will be from 12 to 12:45 o'clock. Seats will not be held even to ticket holders after 11:45 o'clock. Since his son's death, Harry Lauder has been sinking and preaching to the soldiers in the concentration camps in

England and in the camps behind the battle-line in France and Belgium. He will do the same thing in this country under the auspices of the International Y. M. C. A. in nearly every city that he visits. All of his spare time, and particularly his Sundays, will be taken up in addressing large audiences which the Y. M. C. A. have gathered for the purpose of hearing Lauder's wonderful tales of his experiences on the French battle-front.

22-YEAR ROMANCE ENDED

T. D. Sullivan Marries Eugene Woman He Saved at 10 Years.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special)—A wedding ceremony in St. John's Catholic Church here today, uniting Timothy D. Sullivan, a member of the Seattle police force, and Miss Amelia Miller, of Eugene, marked the culmination of a romance begun 22 years ago in

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HIGHWAY BOARD INDORSED

Lincoln County Court Praises Work of Commission.

TOLEDO, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special)—The Lincoln County County Court at a meeting recently adopted resolutions endorsing the work of the State Highway Commission and deploring any attempt to make state road work a political pawn.

In the resolutions adopted by Judge Miller and Commissioners Wakefield and Hurt, besides endorsing the Highway Commission, the court commended Governor Withycombe for "loyalty to the people and his unbiased selection of public servants."



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