

# BUSINESS MEN OF NATION REGISTER OBJECTION TO GOVERNMENT ACTION TAKEN TO CONSERVE COAL

## FILE PROTESTS AGAINST FUEL SAVING ORDER

Business Men Aroused at Garfield's Drastic Action; Criticize Ruling as Unnecessary At This Time.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 17.—Protests against the fuel administration order closing down industrial plants began pouring into the White House and congress today from all over the country. Business men everywhere, aroused at the prospect, objected to its enforcement and suggested many other remedies.

### FORMAL ORDER PROMISED.

The fuel administration meanwhile hurried on the machinery for carrying out the plan. Fuel Administrator Garfield assembled all his legal staff and began preparation of the formal order, which, it was promised, would clear up many points which were indefinite or conflicting in the abstract and statement issued last night.

It developed that the order actually had not been drawn when Mr. Garfield made his announcement and when the fuel administration issued an abstract of what it was expected to be.

It was said that the full text of the order could not be prepared in time to be given out much before this afternoon and there was some doubt as to whether its text would be ready for publication in evening papers today.

### Startling Announcement.

New York, Jan. 17.—Fuel administrators today frankly admitted they were not prepared for such a startling announcement from Washington and that it would be some time before they could familiarize themselves with the complex details of the plan.

Many business men and officials criticized the order as unnecessary and as furnishing no real solution of the problem, while others were inclined to the belief that stern measures were needed to cope with the situation and that the saving of coal, while working hardships on thousands, would be worth the sacrifice.

### Wage Earners Affected.

"It's up to us to carry out our orders," said Reeve Schley, fuel administrator for New York county, "for these are war times. We must consider ourselves soldiers here just as much as if we were in the trenches."

In the opinion of industrial statisticians approximately 3,000,000 wage earners in New York state will be affected by the temporary shutdown of industry. Of this number more than 1,900,000 live and work in this city. The wage loss for the 15 days, according to conservative unofficial estimates, will be \$102,528,150.

### Women Workers Hard Hit.

Officials of various trade unions have issued hurry calls for emergency meetings throughout the state to consider ways and means for the relief of members who may be left without funds. Some concern is expressed for the thousands of women needle workers in this city who are paid only for the labor actually performed.

### Shoe Industry Tied Up.

Boston, Jan. 17.—Many business and labor leaders commenting today on the fuel administrator's order for coal conservation declared the situation did not seem to them to demand the hardships which they pointed out would follow the five-day closing of industrial plants.

### Too Drastic for Illinois.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Nearly 400,000 workers in the Chicago industrial district are affected by the order of the national fuel administrator. The number of manufacturing plants in the Chicago district which will shut down in compliance with the order to conserve coal is 8,857.

The order forestalled a plan which the state fuel administration was to announce today making the Saturdays and Mondays of the next two weeks holidays. While the national order is regarded as too drastic as applying to Illinois, the officials here at once sent word to Washington pledging co-operation.

Outside of the Chicago district it is estimated more than 3,000 plants employing approximately 150,000 men throughout the state will be closed by the order.

When news of the order was received here more than 100 manufacturers and prominent business men were in attendance at a meeting at which State Fuel Administrator Williams presided.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted and ordered sent to Washington: "We express our regret of the necessity for this action and respectfully extend our cheerful co-operation and wholehearted compliance as a patriotic duty."

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Merchants, manufacturers and others assure Dr. Garfield of their hearty co-operation. Many manufacturers doubt whether the order applies to them and have wired Washington for information.

The closing of the Baldwin locomotive works, with its 20,000 workers, it was said, would mean the loss of 17 locomotives for each day of idleness.

## Garfield Asks Pay For Employees Laid Off

Washington, Jan. 17.—Dr. Garfield will issue, probably during the day, a public appeal to employers to continue the pay of their employees during the time they are idle because of the fuel order. The government has no power to enforce this request, but will call on employers to take the step as a patriotic duty.

## GARFIELD ON GRILL FOR NEW COAL RULING

Fuel Head Defends Drastic Measure During Examination by Committee of the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 17.—"The purpose of the fuel order," Dr. Garfield informed the senate committee this morning during the investigation into the reason for the startling ruling, "is not to interfere in the slightest degree with the loading of coal at the mines. This is made clear in the amplification of the abstract."

A modification decided on this morning, Dr. Garfield said, put all consumers in the preferential list on an equal basis with no preference shown to any one class.

Dr. Garfield said that the plan was to permit certain war industries to operate despite the order.

Shipbuilding, he said, was one of them, but if the industries to be exempted were classified in the order it would cause a storm of protest and embarrass the fuel administration.

Dr. Garfield said Secretaries Baker and Daniels were preparing such a list.

The list of exempted industries, Dr. Garfield said, would include those immediately necessary in the conduct of the war. Aside from shipping and airplanes, he said, he did not know what the list would contain.

### Postpone Further Debate.

While Dr. Garfield was being examined by the senate coal committee, the senate agreed to postpone further debate on the Hitchcock resolution until 4 o'clock.

The order was made necessary, Dr. Garfield said, by transportation conditions, which had made it impossible to supply industries and at the same time furnish homes and public institutions. The necessity for moving ships, he said, was so great that drastic measures were compulsory.

"This order was issued because of a lack of coal for private consumers and utilities," he said. "This was not caused by lack of production, but, as we all know, by conditions we have faced since December 8."

The fuel administrator evidently referred to weather conditions.

"The purpose of the order is not to interfere with loading cars with coal and sending them forward," he continued. "We do not interfere with the mines from consigning coal during the five days in the normal, natural way. And it does not affect delivery of coal by dealers."

### Companies Must Pay Wages.

The section of the order marked as "G," published today, has been changed to make that clear, he said. All coal mined and arriving at destination in the five-day period under contract will be turned over to the state fuel administration.

"I have been discussing this with business men for a month," said Dr. Garfield. "If companies fail to pay wages for these idle days they will not be doing their part."

Senator Reed adjourned the hearing at 3 o'clock and the committee then returned to the senate.

As Dr. Garfield came from the committee room a delegation from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States intercepted him and they entered the room for a conference.

"We want to find out what it all means," said Waddill Catchings of New York. "We knew nothing of the order until we read about it in the newspapers this morning."

## Giant Fuel Act Becomes Effective In Spite of Protest

(Continued From Page One.) portions of buildings, as are used in connection with the production, transportation or distribution of fuel.

### Protect Property From Freezing.

"Section VIII: "State fuel administrators and their representatives specifically authorized to do so are hereby empowered to grant such relief as may be essential to prevent injury to health or to prevent destruction of or injury to property by fire or freezing.

"Section IX: "This regulation is effective throughout the United States east of the Mississippi river, including the whole of the states of Louisiana and Minnesota.

"Section X: "Any person, firm, association or corporation which violates or refuses to conform to the above regulation may be liable to the penalty prescribed in the aforesaid act of congress.

(Signed.) H. A. GARFIELD, U. S. Fuel Administrator."

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## BALLOU WEEDS OUT NEGRO REGIMENT

Percentage of Rejections on Account of Physical Imperfections Will Run to Twenty; Many Sent Home.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—About 175 Alabama negroes, members of the 366th infantry, are being sent home on account of physical disability. The regiment is being weeded out and when all cases have been decided the percentage of rejections will be about 20. Major General Ballou is inspecting the negro regiment and announces that he is well pleased with the progress that has been made.

### Probe Dakota Draft Board.

Methods used by local draft boards in North Dakota in selecting men for service with the 88th division of the national army at Camp Dodge are to be investigated by army officers. It is reported at Camp Dodge that many men were sent to Camp Dodge from North Dakota in the first increments who are physically unfit and who had dependent relatives. Four officers in two groups have been instructed to visit towns in North Dakota to "investigate the methods used in selecting drafted men, to advise the members relative to the physical examinations made and instruct them in the manner of procedure," according to special orders issued by Brigadier General R. N. Getty, acting division commander. The officers, who are all members of the medical corps, will visit Grand Forks, Devil's Lake, Rugby, Minot, Williston and New Rockford.

### No Federal Fuel Investigation.

The United States fuel administration has turned down the request of the Iowa State Council of National Defense for a federal fuel investigation in Iowa. In a telegram to Secretary Metcalf of the state council today United States Federal Administrator Neale declares that it would be unfair to coal producers to ask them to make public their costs of production in a public hearing. However, Administrator Neale declares that the cost-statements submitted to the department at Washington by the coal operators will be gone over carefully to discover whether or not the profits now being enjoyed by coal operators in Des Moines are too high. Resolutions were passed by the state defense council at its meeting at the state house January 11 and forwarded to H. A. Garfield at Washington declaring that federal regulation of coal prices in Iowa had resulted in prices generally in excess of their costs of production, and that the cost of production plus a reasonable profit. The resolutions urged the federal fuel commission to conduct an open hearing at the state house, at which "witnesses shall be compelled to attend and give evidence, under oath," as to the cost of production. The resolutions further urged a revision of the coal prices based on the findings of this hearing.

Officials today were at work on an attempt to move several thousand skilled workmen, including machinists, from western railroad territory to the east to assist in repairing locomotives and cars.

Difficulties were encountered, however, when a number of western railroads declined to release large numbers of employes.

### Home Guards at Edgar.

Edgar, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—An organization of Home Guards was perfected here last night. Forty men signed the roll and the constitution and rules of the county were adopted. Captain West, of Clay Center, was present and made a talk, explaining the purpose of the organization. C. P. Avery was elected captain, J. G. Walley, first lieutenant, and Clair Voorhees, second lieutenant.

## SENATE MOVE FAILS TO KILL COAL ORDER

(Continued From Page One.) am shown that it is necessary I will apologize for what I may say. He described the coal situation in Ohio, which he said was "due, perhaps, to the way the situation has been handled."

"The fuel administrator refers to the Ohio situation as 'psychological,' but with this psychological situation before him he orders that persons with coal cannot use it," added Senator Pomerene.

Senator Smith, democrat, of South Carolina, said a South Carolina manufacturer communicated with him today, asking if plants using water power were affected by the order.

"I called the fuel administration office on the telephone and was informed the order affected all plants not excluded by the order," said Senator Smith.

"That damned clerk again, I guess,"

### Bolsheviki Seize Irkutsk After Ten Days' Battle

Petrograd, Tuesday, Jan. 15.—The Bolsheviki forces have seized Irkutsk, in eastern Siberia, after a ten days' battle. All the Cossacks and military cadets were disarmed and the authority of the workmen's and soldiers' government proclaimed.

Orenburg, a claimant, also has been occupied by the Bolsheviki. The edict of the Siberian republic of Omsk, prohibiting the export of food to Russia, until the constituent assembly is called to order, became effective December 28.

### Arrest of Roumanian King Ordered by Russians

Petrograd, Jan. 17.—An order threatening the arrest of King Ferdinand of Roumania has been issued by the Bolsheviki.

Premier Lenin today signed an order for the arrest of King Ferdinand of Roumania, who is to be sent to Petrograd for imprisonment in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul.

The order for the king's arrest described in detail the way it is to be carried out and in which the king is to be guarded. The Bolsheviki believe they have sufficient forces on the Roumanian front to carry it out.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The conference of diplomats in Petrograd with Premier Lenin regarding the arrest of the Roumanian minister will not be construed by this government as recognition of the de facto character of the Bolsheviki government.

## COAL MOVEMENT SUSPENDED BY SNOW STORMS

Trains Buried by High Winds and Fresh Snow; Four-Day Delay in Restoring Normal Conditions in West.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Bad weather reduced coal movements between the Appalachian mountains and the Mississippi river today to less than at any time within the last week, according to reports reaching the railroad administration.

To clear up the congestion of shipping at principal Atlantic ports resulting from the famine of bunker coal, Fuel Administrator Garfield has selected a special assistant to take charge of bunkering at the ports.

### COAL TRAINS BURIED.

Fresh snows and high winds in the Pennsylvania mountains buried scores of coal trains and rails previously opened to coal mines were again covered with high drifts.

In the middle west tracks to mines were opened but the supply of empty cars was greatly reduced.

Indications were that the loading of coal in the Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana fields would not be restored to normal for four days.

## Thousands of Loaded Freight Cars Tied Up on Omaha Roads

Local railroad officials assert that they are unable to see how the shutting down of industrial and manufacturing plants east of the Mississippi river is going to have any effect upon the business of Omaha trade territory and the central west.

Omaha railroad men say that right now there is a freight embargo on shipments of practically every commodity to Chicago and points beyond. This embargo exempts dressed meats, other foodstuffs and everything in the way of munitions or government supplies. Thus, with the manufacturing plants shut down in the territory east of the Mississippi river, could mean nothing more than tightening the embargo up perhaps another notch.

The embargo is already felt by the local roads. Right now the Union Pacific has more than 2,500 loaded freight cars tied up along its lines. They are loaded with commodities for Chicago and beyond. The Burlington has more than half as many and the Northwestern has close to 1,000, with the other Omaha-Chicago lines coming along with 300 to 800 cars each.

To tighten the embargo, say the railroad men, would be simply serving notice to shippers that their consignments could not be delivered at destination and the probability would be that there would be a lessening in the demand for empty cars.

### Referred to Assistant.

Senator Pomerene previously had said he was unable to see Dr. Garfield and was referred to an assistant.

Senator Kellogg, republican, of Minnesota, denied that the northwest was receiving coal, declaring that much of the coal loaded on the lakes was transported to Canada when it was impossible for people living at the head of the lakes to get coal. Senator Pomerene said he had been told that the people of Canada had sufficient coal to last until July.

"If it is an unwise order, has congress been reduced to such a position that it can only make a request of the fuel administrator?" demanded Senator Borah.

### Oppose Postponement.

Senator Knox, republican, wanted the resolution addressed directly to the president.

Senator Lewis, democrat, moved that it go over until tomorrow, but that met with immediate opposition.

Senator Hoke Smith, democrat, said he believed it "utterly unwise" to postpone action until tomorrow, because with the information at hand he believed the order should be suspended.

## Three Dead and Six Burned in Farm House at Sargent

(Continued From Page One.) cued were horribly burned and lived but a few hours.

The roof caved in on the other child, whose body was found in the ruins.

The father, a well-to-do Polish farmer, and the two elder children, a boy and a girl, are in a hospital at Sargent. They are terribly burned and suffered glass cuts when they attempted to leave the house through a window.

### Daughter Will Die.

The daughter will die, doctors say. A 11-year-old daughter suffered severe burns on the face and hands. She is being cared for in a private home by a trained nurse. Two other children were seriously burned. Two little boys, the only members of the family who escaped burns, suffered frozen feet and hands.

Neighbors are caring for the survivors. Dr. Fenstermacher, Dr. Taylor and Nurses Toland and Ailshie have volunteered their services in caring for the unfortunate people.

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## Kills Himself as the Police Start Search

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The police reported he had shot himself.

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