

## FIVE KILLED AS RUSSIAN ASSEMBLY OPENS; U. S. BREAKS BLOCKADE; SHIPS TO GET FUEL

### RAILROAD TIEUP IN EAST RELIEVED AS COAL CARS ARE RUSHED TO DESTINATION

Enforcement of Five-Day Closing Order Results in Little Disturbance to Business; Food and War Industries Are Not Affected By Fuel Administrator's Recent Drastic Ruling.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Reports to the fuel administration today showed transportation congestion throughout the east being cleared and bunker coal being unloaded in increasingly large quantities.

Few empty cars, however, have begun to move back yet to the coal mines.

#### CONFUSION CONTINUES.

Although much of the confusion attending the enforcement of the fuel administrator's five-day closing order continued today, it was evident that its application would be far less drastic than first believed.

#### FOOD INDUSTRY EXEMPT.

A list of interpretations in specific cases which probably will be given general application was being prepared. In addition food administrators are expected to make further exemptions in the case of food producing plants and related industries.

Food Administrator Hoover yesterday interpreted the closing order to mean that no check would be put on the manufacturing or distribution of any essential food product.

#### War Work Not Affected.

Considerable relief was expressed by officials here when it was learned that most of the plants engaged in government war contracts had been exempted. The country at large was ignorant of these exceptions however, until late yesterday, when administration officials admitted that important war work would not be affected.

Dr. Garfield then made public the list prepared by Secretaries Baker and Daniels including manufacturers of gas masks, explosives, machine guns, rifles, small arms and ammunition; forging, electrical supplies and tool steel for the government; destroyers and destroyer parts; aircraft and aircraft parts; signal corps equipment; steel tubing, locomotives, ship equipment; woollens for uniforms; tenting and optical supplies.

#### Ship Yards Under Special Ruling.

Ship yards were not named in orders, but will continue to operate under special ruling, as will virtually all ore producing mines.

There will be no more general exemptions, it was announced, except over the signatures of Secretaries Baker and Daniels. Liberal interpretations, however, will be given to rules applying to raw materials. Backed by vigorous defense of the president, Dr. Garfield today gave his attention to the situation at Atlantic ports. Immediate improvement in the situation is expected and more than a million tons of shipping detained will be on its way in a short time.

#### Backed by Wilson.

In the face of President Wilson's statement that the order was issued with his full knowledge and approval and another explanation from Dr. Garfield declaring that the railroad congestion is threatening the fuel supply, vigorous opposition in congress apparently has spent itself.

On instructions from Director General McAdoo to co-operate with the fuel administration, railroad officials set about directing coal shipments.

Few violations have been noted by fuel officials and these, it was believed, were due to misunderstandings.

#### Serious Consideration Given By Fuel Administrator.

Garfield today to the request of theaters that they be permitted to close on Tuesdays rather than on Mondays.

#### It was indicated that the change might be made.

#### Wilson Opposes Creation Of Munitions Director

Washington, Jan. 19.—It was stated officially today that President Wilson's opposition to the creation of a minister of munitions with a cabinet rank extends to the proposed creation of a director of munitions and establishment of a war council of three.

He is said to feel that the proposed laws would have the same effect as that to which he was opposed.

#### The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; continued cold.

#### Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Temp.	Dir.
6 a. m.	21	11
7 a. m.	21	11
8 a. m.	21	11
9 a. m.	21	11
10 a. m.	21	11
11 a. m.	21	11
12 m.	21	11
1 p. m.	21	11
2 p. m.	21	11
3 p. m.	21	11
4 p. m.	21	11
5 p. m.	21	11
6 p. m.	21	11
7 p. m.	21	11
8 p. m.	21	11
9 p. m.	21	11
10 p. m.	21	11
11 p. m.	21	11

#### Comparative Local Record.

1918	1917	1916	1915	
Highest yesterday	15	45	27	31
Lowest yesterday	9	23	14	17
Normal precipitation	12	32	22	21
Precipitation	12	32	22	21
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal	.....	.....	.....	.....
Normal temperature	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deficiency for the day	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total deficiency since March 1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deficiency for the season	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deficiency for the year	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total rainfall since March 1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deficiency since March 1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deficiency for the year	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deficiency for the period 1917-1918	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deficiency for year, period, 1918	.....	.....	.....	.....

### CUT PASSENGER TRAINS TO SPEED FREIGHT HAULS

McAdoo May Take Drastic Step to Release Locomotives for Needed Service in Easting Tie-Up.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 19.—The railroad situation in the middle west is so serious that Secretary McAdoo, director general of the railroads, may suspend half of the present passenger trains for two days to release locomotives for freight.

At the same time the railroad administration was rushing locomotives out of repair shops and from railroads in the west to help get trains through the heavy snowdrifts in states along the Ohio river.

#### Speed Ship Loading.

Freight congestion on wharves along the Atlantic seaboard, officials said, will continue until ships are bunkered and set free. The shipping board and the War and Navy departments turned their attention to speeding up loading arrangements and perfecting a plan for more efficiency in loading and unloading.

Theaters today won their appeal for a modification of the closing order to permit them to remain open on the Monday holidays and close on Tuesday.

The fuel administration today ruled that lumber mills working on emergency fleet contracts are exempt from the order, but at the same time it refused to exempt a long list of industries which government officials wanted exempted because they are declared to be working on war orders.

A few reports of violation of the fuel administration today. These were turned over to the Department of Justice for investigation.

#### Fuel Flows to Homes.

A steadily increasing flow of fuel to ships, homes and public utilities was reported to the fuel administration today as a result of the second day's enforcement of the fuel restriction order.

Apparently the railroad congestion had not yet been much affected by the order, but milder weather conditions had improved the situation in the east and at the same time bad weather paralyzed traffic again in the middle west.

Business interests today seemed to feel better about the government's action and hundreds of telegrams reached the White House and the fuel administration assuring the government of co-operation and a willingness to undergo sacrifices as a patriotic duty.

#### Coal Reaches Seaboard.

Coal was reported today reaching the seaboard in greater volume than any time in the last few weeks. The movement, if kept up, it was declared, will make it possible to bunker and send out all ships now held in port by lack of fuel.

#### Homes and public utilities were receiving supplies of fuel diverted from the industries closed down.

Coal production for the next few days probably will be far below normal, but fuel administration officials expect it to increase as soon as the flow of empties is under way.

#### Fliers Stage Balloon Flight.

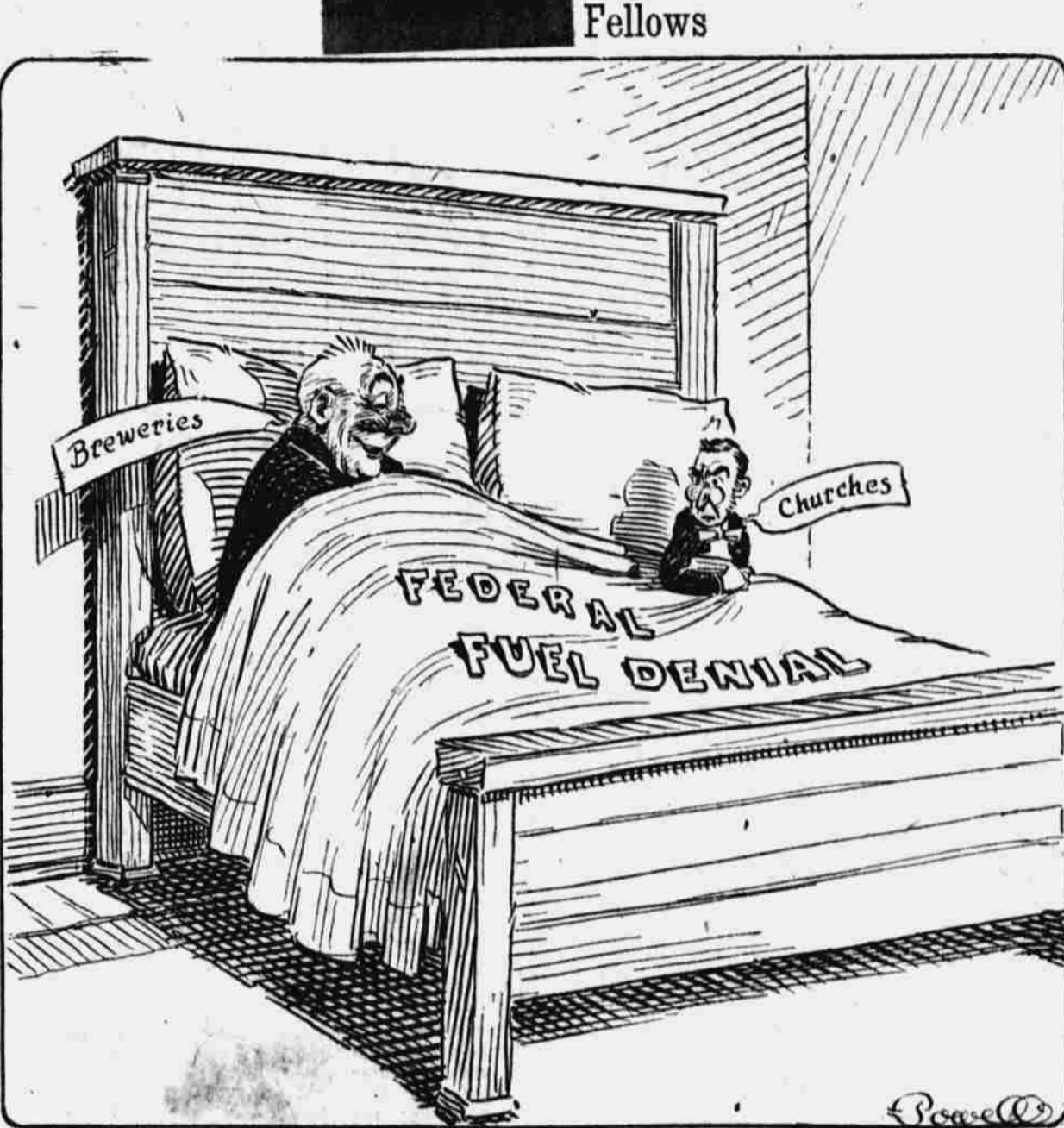
A free balloon flight was made Saturday from Fort Omaha. Lieutenant L. B. Schrif piloted the big gas bag. The northwest wind carried the balloon into southeastern Iowa.

### McGuire and Fitzgerald Mix Over What Constitutes a Home

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Lucille Reed, fourteenth and Jackson streets, was tried on a charge of illegal possession of intoxicants. She was defended by Lloyd Magney and entered a plea that a bottle of whisky which was found in her place was taken from her "home" within the meaning of the prohibitory amendment. She testified, however, that she maintained a rooming house and a policeman testified that he had known respectable women to frequent her place.

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### WAR STAMP MARK NEARS MILLION AS DRIVE CLOSES

Hundreds of People Volunteer to Sell "Baby Bonds;" Subscriptions Pour into Campaign Headquarters.

Omaha committee of the war stamps drive has gone over the \$750,000 mark in subscriptions. It is expected that when figures are totalled sometime after midnight tonight the total will be found crowding closely upon the heels of \$1,000,000.

Omaha people have responded with a generous spirit, and the workers fairly tumbled over themselves to get to serve on the teams selling the stamps. So many volunteered that the committee was unable to find places for all of them, though "shock troops" were organized momentarily and sent out to certain districts which the committee had special reasons for wanting to canvass at the moment.

Hundreds of people who had not been solicited came into the headquarters of the committee voluntarily and bought stamps and certificates. Many \$100 subscriptions came in this way.

Following are some of the more recent subscriptions of \$1,000 and \$500: \$1,000—James E. Ludlow, W. R. Adair, Guy L. Smith, Alvis Garrotti, Fideleffo Cationi, Mrs. Frank Colpeter, James B. Kilkenny, Paxton hotel, Klapp-Bartlett Printing company, Joe B. Redfield, Mrs. H. H. Fish, H. H. Fish, C. L. Farnsworth, Billings Dental Supply company and Major Walter Stern.

\$500—Waite H. Squier, Nicholas Oil company, S. A. Houser, George F. Reim, Western Motor Car company, C. L. Gould, Studebaker corporation, Jones-Hansen-Cadillac company, Joseph C. Weeth, M. G. Colpeter, Richard Kitchen, W. F. Holmes, J. M. Hogan, Waters-Barnhart Printing company, H. E. Milliken, G. F. Jones and Postal Telegraph company.

### Railroads Want Increased Rates From Missouri River

Washington, Jan. 19.—Railroads today applied to the Interstate Commerce commission for permission to increase export rates slightly on packing house products from Chicago, Milwaukee, Louisville, St. Louis, Denver, Fort Worth and Missouri river points to gulf ports in order to restore pre-existing relationships with rates to New York and other Atlantic ports.

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### Japs Land Troops At Vladivostok To Check Disorder

Washington, Jan. 19.—Although two battleships, one British and one Japanese, are in the port of Vladivostok, reports to the State department do not indicate any condition ashore to warrant landing troops.

It is assumed here that the landing of patrols from the Japanese cruiser as reported last night, was due more to a fear that disorders might occur and in order to be prepared if they did, than to any actual change in the situation.

### HEAVIEST SNOW OF WINTER OVER WESTERN LINES

Railroads Prepare to Battle Blizzard if Storm Becomes Worse; Perishable Freight Held Back.

The heaviest snowstorm of the winter in general over western Nebraska and west to the Rocky mountains, according to reports to the railroads.

Burlington reports indicate that along the Wyoming line the snow began falling early Friday night and up to Saturday morning had attained a depth of 10 to 20 inches over the area lying between Edgemont, S. D., and Billings, Mont. Temperatures are 20 to 30 degrees above zero.

Along the Burlington the Montana and Wyoming storm extends over into Nebraska, with three to six inches of snow as far east as Alliance.

#### Temperatures Around Freezing.

The Northwestern reports six to 15 inches of snow all the way across country from Crawford, Neb., to Landers, Wyo., and still snowing. Temperatures are around freezing, or above.

On the Union Pacific the morning reports indicated six to 18 inches of snow from east of North Platte to as far west as Ogden, Utah, with three feet in Echo canyon, and at every point along the line it was still snowing.

At no place along the lines is the snow drifting. There is a little wind, but nothing alic, to a blizzard. Should the wind rise, a blizzard is certain, say the railroad men and in order to fight it successfully no chances are being taken. Snow plows are being put in condition and they are to be run out on the lines upon the appearance of the first signs of trouble.

While the railroad officials are not anticipating a blizzard, they are taking all possible precautions that they may be prepared for one. The loading of live stock is not being encouraged at country stations and perishable freight is being held back.

Railroad men assert that the country to the west is in good shape to withstand the effect of a storm. The cities and towns are well supplied with provisions of all kinds and as a rule the stocks of coal, while not large, are sufficient to run several days in the event trains should be held up and unable to reach destinations.

### Gets Thirty Days Upon Charge of Breaking Up Home

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Oscar E. Sallee, a carpenter, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail on a charge of vagrancy. Sallee was arrested on complaint of Judson Wren of North Platte, who charged Sallee with breaking up his home.

### BIG SUM RAISED FOR PREACHERS BY PROTESTANTS

Omaha Methodists Subscribe More Than \$23,000 in National Campaign; All Churches Back Move.

Omaha Methodists have already subscribed more than \$23,000 in the national campaign for a Protestant preachers' pension fund, according to Rev. U. G. Brown, superintendent of the Omaha district of the Methodist church.

The Methodists lead all Protestant denominations in the amount subscribed in the national campaign. Rev. M. Brown says the fund the Methodists have subscribed is already \$12,000,000 of the \$34,000,000 total thus far subscribed throughout the United States.

"We might have had a great deal more subscribed in Omaha had not so many other campaigns for money intervened," said Rev. Mr. Brown. "Omaha has done splendidly on this as it has on the many other campaigns for the Red Cross, Young Men's and Young Women's Christian associations, Liberty bonds, war stamps, Armenian relief, and a lot of other important work that came in since our campaign for the preachers' pension has been in progress."

Nebraska Quota \$400,000.

"The campaign still continues and will continue for some time. The quota for the Nebraska conference was fixed at \$400,000. Omaha's quota was \$50,000, as was also the Lincoln quota. Many of our Omaha men subscribed \$1,000 apiece."

Other Protestant churches in the city are working also on this campaign. (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

### German Owned Yacht Is Seized by U. S. Marshal

New York, Jan. 19.—The steel pleasure yacht Joyeuse, said to be owned by Emil H. Kleuge, an unaturalized German of Englewood, N. J., was seized here today by United States Marshal McCarthy.

Federal authorities said the yacht, equipped with wireless, with Kleuge on board and manned by Swedish crew, had been cruising recently along the Atlantic coast.

### General Haig Announces New Chief of Staff

London, Jan. 19.—Among the many drastic changes Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig is making at British headquarters in France, according to the Times, is the appointment of Lieutenant General Sir Herbert A. Lawrence as his chief of staff.

### Price Fixers of Food Body Slash Cent Per Pound Off Cornmeal

Cornmeal has been reduced 1 cent per pound by the price-fixing committee in Omaha. The new schedule of flour prices recommended by the committee lists cornmeal at 5 cents per pound, whereas it was 6 cents formerly.

Rye flour is listed at \$1.30 for a 24-pound sack, which is 10 cents cheaper than the former figure. Eggs are listed at from 5 to 6 cents per dozen higher. Storage eggs are listed at 55 and 52 cents for the best

### RED GOVERNMENT LOSES IN FIRST TEST OF POWER AS SLAV CONGRESS MEETS

Five Killed in Petrograd Riots; Social Revolutionists Gain Control of Constituent Body and Elect Former Kerensky Minister Chairman; Bolsheviki May Ignore New Government.

London, Jan. 19.—The Bolsheviki members of the constituent assembly and those belonging to the left wing of the social revolutionists withdrew from the constituent assembly in Petrograd at its first meeting, according to a Russian wireless report of the session received today.

(By Associated Press.)

Petrograd, Jan. 18.—Five persons were killed and a dozen wounded by Red guards today in an attempt to quell disorders attendant upon the opening of the long-delayed constituent assembly.

BOLSHEVIKI DEFEATED.

On the first test of strength the Bolsheviki were defeated by the social revolutionists.

M. Tchernoff, minister of agriculture in the Kerensky government and the nominee of the social revolutionists of the right for chairman of the assembly, was elected by a vote of 244 to 151.

The candidate of the Bolsheviki was Maria Spiridonova, long a prominent revolutionist, who was released from exile in Siberia after the overthrow of the Romanoffs.

DEMOCRATS KEEP AWAY.

This defeat was administered without the help of the constitutional democrats, whose members did not attend the opening session.

Much uncertainty exists as to what effect the convening of the new body will have upon the foreign and domestic policies of Russia.

There have been intimations from the Bolsheviki side that the new body would be ignored by the Bolsheviki and an independent legislative body set up if the assembly should definitely challenge the Bolsheviki power.

Chairman Was Under Fire.

It is recalled that the chairman of the assembly, M. Tchernoff, was under fire as a member of the Kerensky government, being accused of pro-Germanism and of having relations with the enemy.

He was afterwards rehabilitated, however, and continued a strong influence in social revolutionary circles. In November he was one of the political leaders who attended a conference at Russian headquarters when an effort was under way to form a new government in opposition to the Bolsheviki.

Some disorder preceded the opening of the assembly, five persons being killed and a dozen wounded in street fighting.

Relations between the Bolsheviki and Roumania are at the breaking point. The Ninth Russian army has demanded that the Roumanian army on two hours' notice permit the Russians free passage through Jassy.

Allies Protect King.

King Ferdinand, whose arrest has been ordered by Premier Lenin, is reported to be under the protection of the entente allies.

In Italy, as in France, the fighting fronts have settled down to the usual winter routine of raids and artillery duels at various points.

There has been no break in the monotony on the western front, the British portion of which is now a sea of mud, the snow having disappeared.

British laboring men have been told by Premier Lloyd George that the new man power bill is urgent and that Great Britain "must either go on or go under."

He praised the war aims of President Wilson and declared he wanted to be informed if any man could find an honorable and equitable way out of the war without fighting it through to overthrow German militarism.

The premier said he was to appeal to the country on the army issue.

### Peace Negotiations At Brest Halted

London, Jan. 19.—The negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been interrupted temporarily, according to a Petrograd dispatch, and the Russian delegation is returning to Petrograd.

The Germans, it is added, appeared to be maneuvering to force the Russians to break the parley over a minor point, so as to throw the blame on the Russian representatives in the eyes of the Russian people.

### Body of Frank H. Young Drowned at Pensacola, Found

Broken Bow, Neb., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—A telegram was received here today by H. Lomax stating that the body of Frank H. Young, lost off the coast of Florida between December 24 and 26 last, has been recovered and turned over to an undertaker at Pensacola. James Lomax, Young's son-in-law, leaves here tonight for the latter place to identify and bring home the remains. Alpha Morgan, who was the last to see Young alive, returned to Broken Bow the first of the week after having conducted an active search for the body.

### Third Balloon Squadron Leaves for Atlantic Port

The Third Balloon squadron, in training at Fort Omaha for several months, left Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock for an Atlantic seaport. The squadron consisted of about 500 officers and men. Baggage for the detachment left several days prior to the departure of the men.