



MILLION AUSTRIANS OUT ON STRIKE; HEAVY STORM AGAIN HITS EAST

SHIP BLOCKADE IN NEW YORK HARBOR BROKEN; MUNITION VESSELS CAUGHT IN ICE JAM

East in Clutch of Another Raging Snow Storm; Rail Traffic Tied Up and Many Communities Suffer from Severe Cold; Five-Day Shutdown Ends Today.

New York, Jan. 22.—No essential ship in New York harbor is being prevented from sailing for lack of fuel, according to J. E. Parsons, coal expert detailed by the United States shipping board to supervise the bunkering of vessels here.

ALLIES' SHIPS LEAVE.
He said that of 213 ships awaiting coal in this port a week ago but 81, none of them "vital to the needs of the allies," remained to be coaled today.

This was the first word to come from authoritative sources in New York indicating that the fuel situation had been relieved materially through the five days' industrial suspension and its resultant curtailed coal consumption and loosening of freight congestion.

LARGE SHIPS SUPPLIED.
Thirteen large steamships were supplied with bunker coal yesterday, and transportation officials expected that many more steamers would be bunkered before night.

Veteran harbor men say they cannot remember a time when the ice menace here was so great.

ANOTHER STORM IN EAST.
Washington, Jan. 22.—Snow was falling today throughout the eastern half of the country north of Georgia and promised to tie up the country's transportation systems as badly as they were before the beginning of the five-day industrial shutdown, designed to aid the railways in clearing their lines of congested traffic and to place coal in communities suffering from the severe cold.

From the New England states southward along the Atlantic coast to Georgia and extending inland to the Mississippi river the storm rages. It began during the night and the snow fell steadily in most sections. Weather bureau officials said it would continue tonight.

Railroads Hampered by Cold.
Large supplies of coal were moving freely to eastern householders and trans-Atlantic shipping interests today as the result of the fuel administration's closing order, but clearing of the railroad congestion still was hampered by unfavorable weather conditions.

With manufacturing plants east of the Mississippi facing the fifth day of the shutdown and reports here indicating that the first heatless Monday had been strictly observed, Fuel Administrator Garfield declined to say whether an extension of the closing period would be necessary.

The fuel administrator pointed out that Washington's birthday, which falls on Friday, was taken into consideration by the administration when Monday was selected for the closing day. Since many plants give a Saturday half holiday, officials expect a four-day shutdown in February.

Reports here said New York already had on hand enough coal to fill the bunkers of fifty vessels loaded with supplies for the American army and the allies and more than 100 ships in Hampton roads were being coaled rapidly.

Officials who recently sought a railroad embargo on general freight declared again that this step would have to be taken if the freight tangle is to be straightened out.

Protect Alaskan Fisheries.
Washington, Jan. 22.—Regulation and protection of Alaskan fisheries is proposed in a bill introduced today by Delegate Sulzer of that territory.

The Weather

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.	
6 a. m.	12
7 a. m.	10
8 a. m.	10
9 a. m.	10
10 a. m.	11
11 a. m.	12
12 m.	12
1 p. m.	16
2 p. m.	17
3 p. m.	19
4 p. m.	20
5 p. m.	20
6 p. m.	20
7 p. m.	20
8 p. m.	20
9 p. m.	20
10 p. m.	20
11 p. m.	20
12 m.	20
1915, 1917, 1916, 1915.	
Highest yesterday.	21
Lowest yesterday.	10
Mean temperature.	15
Precipitation.	0
Temperature at precipitation.	
Normal temperature.	20
Deficiency for the day.	5
Total deficiency since March 1.	628
Normal precipitation.	.61 inch
Deficiency for the day.	.61 inch
Total precipitation since March 1.	22.11 inches
Deficiency since March 1.	7.62 inches
Deficiency for the year.	1916 12.45 inches
Deficiency for the year.	1915 1.76 inches
Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.	
Station and State.	Temp. Wind. Rain.
Omaha, clear.	20. 0. 0.
Chicago, clear.	18. 0. 0.
Davenport, clear.	18. 0. 0.
Des Moines, clear.	18. 0. 0.
Dodge City, clear.	22. 0. 0.
Lander, partly cloudy.	14. 0. 0.
North Platte, clear.	22. 0. 0.
Omaha, cloudy.	20. 0. 0.
Pueblo, clear.	20. 0. 0.
Rapid City, partly cloudy.	20. 0. 0.
St. Louis, clear.	20. 0. 0.
Santa Fe, clear.	20. 0. 0.
Shirland, cloudy.	20. 0. 0.
St. Paul, clear.	20. 0. 0.
Valentine, clear.	24. 0. 0.
T indicates trace of precipitation.	
—Indicates below zero.	
J. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.	

TROLLEY CAR CONDUCTORS LOSE LIVES IN A COLLISION



JOSEPH J. BRADEHOFF



JAMES HUTCHINSON

WOMEN ASK CITY COUNCIL TO CLOSE PUBLIC DANCE HALLS; SAY "IMMORALITY CENTERS"

Representatives of Omaha Association for Betterment of Girls and Boys Recommend Action as War-Time Measure; Welfare Board Recently Reported Conditions as "Satisfactory."

Twenty women, representing the Omaha Association for the Betterment of Girls and Boys, appeared before city council Tuesday morning in support of a written recommendation that public dance halls be closed as a war measure.

The women arraigned these places as "centers from which has sprung much of the immorality of the city among both girls and boys."

TAKE ACTION MONDAY.
Dr. Jennie Callias, president of the association, handed the communication which was read by city clerk to city council. Announcement was made that on next Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, the matter will be called up for hearing, when it is expected that Mayor Dahlman will be present.

Superintendent Ohaus of the Board of Public Welfare last week stated that conditions at dance halls were satisfactory. Public dance halls are now under the supervision of the welfare board.

The letter submitted by the Association for the Betterment of Girls and Boys follows:

Cause of Downfall?
"The Omaha Association for the Betterment of Girls and Boys respectfully requests your honorable body to close all public dances in Omaha as a war measure. The evils of the public dance halls have doubtless come to your attention, a. they have to ours. For many years they have been a center from which has sprung much of the immorality of the city among both girls and boys. Of the many cases of fallen girls who recently came under our observation a great majority attribute their fall to the dance halls. They were allowed to go unattended and met men indiscriminately without introduction and were led astray. "High school boys and young men frequent these places whose sisters would not be permitted to go. All of the usual evils of the dance halls are more aggravated in war time. We appeal to you to close all public dance halls and to substitute for them wholesome dances. "We know that you have at heart the welfare of the young people of the city and we believe that if you will encourage neighborhood dances at community centers and ask the parents to go with the girls and boys they will follow your advice. "Many parents will become interested in their children's amusements who now allow them to go where they please unattended. We look to you with confidence that you will stamp out this evil and substitute for it clean and innocent amusement."

Millions Are Needed.
Levin will advocate immediate measures for the rehabilitation of (Continued on Page Two Column Five.)

Send Radio Message From U. S. Station To Italian Capital
Washington, Jan. 22.—Direct radio communication between an Italian government station in Rome and the Arlington station of the United States navy here has been successfully established and is being used daily for communications passing between the two governments and their diplomatic representatives and foreign offices.

The daily statements of the Italian war office will be received by radio from Rome and issued here for publication in the United States.

MURDER SHOCKS PEOPLE AT TRIAL OF NEGRO SMITH

Revolting Details of Nethaway Crime Revealed in Crowded Court Room; New Evidence Introduced.

Shocking details of the deeds committed by the murderer upon the body of Mrs. Claud L. Nethaway, killed Sunday, August 26, in the railroad cut a short distance from her home, while she was on her way to meet her husband, were touched upon in the testimony of Dr. S. McCleneghan Tuesday morning in the trial of Charles Smith, negro, accused of the crime.

Crescent-shaped finger nail marks where the cruel claws of the murderer had seized the naked flesh of the murdered woman's thighs, were discovered when the body was examined. Dr. McCleneghan testified. From a microscopic examination he said he was unable to state the nature of the assault other than it had been a murderous one. Her throat was gashed with two short knife jabs, evidently inflicted before the murderer cut her throat causing instant death, he said.

Testify of Robbery.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Milgate, 5614 Blondo, testified that on returning home Saturday night preceding the crime they found the house had been broken into through a window and ransacked from cellar to attic.

The razor-keen hunting knife found near the scene of the murder was identified by them as the knife which had been stored by John Lucas in his trunk in the attic of their home. The trunk was broken into, they testified, the belt and holster belonging to the knife beside it. The knife was missing. Mrs. Milgate's rings and 50 cents in change was also stolen.

Husband in Court Room.
Mr. C. L. Nethaway, husband of the murdered woman, and his sister, Lulu Nethaway, listened to the testimony. The evidence offered by the prosecution, while along the same lines as in the first trial in November, was more concise. Several additional points were picked up and definitely fixed, particularly as to the identification of the knife and the evidence of Dr. McCleneghan as coroner's physician.

The members of the jury will not be allowed to return to their homes from the time the taking of evidence began this morning until a verdict is rendered.

In the first trial the jurors were allowed their freedom and their evenings at home until the time they went into the jury room to find their verdict. They were unable to agree, the vote standing nine to three on the first ballot and for 42 hours after. They were thereupon discharged and a retrial was made necessary.

Silk Manufacturers Will Discuss Proposed War Tax

New York, Jan. 22.—Twenty-five or more manufacturers and men interested in the silk industry were in attendance today at the opening of a two-day conference here with the United States tariff commission, called at the request of that body.

The object of the meeting was not made public, but it is reported the discussions will hinge about the subject of a special war tax for the industry or a tariff revision.

Chicago Grade Schools Close for Another Week

Chicago, Jan. 22.—All parochial and private schools, while the grade public schools, closed for a week and schedule for reopening tomorrow, also will remain closed until next Monday at the order of County Fuel Administrator Raymond E. Durham, who regards the coal situation as serious enough to warrant his action.

High schools will continue to operate.

Prophet Kills Himself When Kaiser Refuses to Die

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 22.—Having prophesied that "the Kaiser would die January 18," and despondent because the emperor failed to make the prophecy good, 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."

Piano Tuner Bound Over on Charge Of Violating Espionage Act

C. C. Mickey, piano tuner, was bound over to the federal grand jury after a hearing before United States Commissioner Neely on the charge of violating the espionage act.

Mickey stated that his "city residence" is at 2424 Wirt street, and his "country place" is four miles west of Springfield, Neb. At the latter place he lives in a tiny shack in most primitive manner.

He was tuning a piano at the home of Glenn B. Bagley at Springfield one day last week when he gave Mrs. Bagley a typewritten booklet of which he is the author. Inside the booklet was a leaflet entitled, "The Price We Pay,"

WORKERS DEMAND PEACE AND FOOD; ANGRY MOBS LOOT SHOPS IN VIENNA

Count Czernin Holds Emergency Conference With Emperor Charles, After Which Government Officials Are Dispatched to Berlin; Desperate Shortage of Grain and Potatoes in Bohemia.

(By Associated Press.)
Geneva, Jan. 22.—News of a reliable nature has begun to trickle across the Swiss frontier which seemingly proves that Austria-Hungary is in the throes of the greatest economic crisis since the war began.

It is estimated that more than 1,000,000 workmen and women have struck.

A majority of these were employed in the war industries, and only a small section of them have returned in answer to the bait of higher wages.

The remainder, it is said, are assuming a more threatening attitude and daily are demanding peace and cheaper food.

\$400,000,000 IN CERTIFICATES OFFERED BY U. S.

Federal Reserve Banks Will Receive Subscriptions Until Jan. 29; May Be Tendered in Payment for Bonds.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Secretary McAdoo offers for subscription at par and accrued interest (through the Federal Reserve banks) \$400,000,000 of treasury certificates of indebtedness, payable on April 22, 1918, with interest at the rate of 4 per cent from January 22, 1918.

Subscriptions will be received at the Federal Reserve banks. Subscription books will close at the close of business Tuesday, January 29, 1918.

Allotments in full will be made in the order the subscriptions are received in the several districts. Payments at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on or before January 29, 1918, to the Federal Reserve bank through which subscription may have been made.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of certificates applied for, and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice.

The certificates will be in denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$100,000.

Exempt from Taxation.
Certificates will be exempt, principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any state, or any of the possessions of the United States or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate and inheritance taxes and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes and excess profits and war profits taxes now or hereafter imposed by the United States upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations.

The interest on an amount of bonds and certificates authorized in said act, the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000, owned by any individual, partnership, association, or corporation shall be exempt from the taxes provided for in clause (b) above.

Upon 10 days' public notice given in such manner as may be determined by the secretary of the treasury this series of \$400,000,000 may be redeemed as a whole at par and accrued interest on and after any date occurring before maturity of the certificates set for the payment of the first installment of the subscription price of any bonds offered for subscription by the United States hereafter and before the maturity of the certificate.

Accepted for Bonds.
Certificates of this series, whether or not called for redemption, will be accepted at par, with adjustment of accrued interest, if tendered in payment on the subscription price then payable of any such bonds subscribed for by and allotted to holders of such certificates.

Cut Railway Service.
Railway facilities on the Western and the Francis Joseph railways have been reduced. Trains have been cancelled, and at the same time the cost of the transportation of goods and passengers was raised.

The official announcement read as follows: "The transportation of all kinds of goods will be more expensive, in so far as the goods will be classified one class higher than hitherto." (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

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