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THE WEATHER

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# RUSSIA NOW FACES FAMINE

# LABOR UNREST SPREADS IN AUSTRIA AS LEADERS FAIL TO APPEASE HUNGRY PEOPLE

Censorship Hides Dual Empire When Situation Threatens to Overwhelm Government; Germany's Attitude on Peace Terms Adds to Difficulties; Brit-

ish Workingmen Discuss Plans.

(By Associated Press.)

With more than 1,000,000 workers on strike and widespread reports of disorders in Austria and Hungary, the situation in the dual monarchy is beclouded, the censorship having stifled all news.

The German censorship also has prohibited German newspapers from telling of the situation in Austria.

SEVEN-HOUR DAY

Asserts Universal Short Work-

ing Hours Preferable to Pres-

ent Spasmodic Suspension

of Industries.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 23.-A uni-

versal seven-hour day during the

period of the war, instead of present

president of the American Federation

He prefaced his declaration for a

seven-hour day with a defense of

those in high governmental station

takes was asking the impossible.

No Excuses for Railroads.

trial and commercial plants of our country one additional day each week.

day such as Monday idle and involv-

Would Get Results.

Continuing, he said:

no help for that.

or modified.

merce.

neutrality in this war.

FOR WAR PERIOD

STATESMEN FAIL. Efforts of Austrian statesmen to GOMPERS URGES mand for peace apparently failed of their purpose and the censorship, which permitted the promises of the government's spokesmen to reach the outside world, again has resumed its

The trouble is said to be deepseated and is a mixture of war weariness, hunger and anti-Germanism. Germany Balks at Peace Plans.

Seemingly the one strong hope of Austrian leaders in quieting the tumult is in the success of the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk with Russia and the Ukraine.

The German attitude on occupied territories has balked the conclusion of peace with Russia and the central powers have been unable to agree to a treaty with the Ukraine.

A peace with the Ukraine would the food-producing territory of little Russia to the Austrians, who and relieve railroad congestion, was have been refused food by Hungary. suggested today by Samuel Gompers, Little news has come from Ger-

many on the political situation there, but it is indicated that the Austrian of Labor, in a speech to the convenemperor is not unmindful that the tion of the United Mine Workers. trouble in his own land may force Emperor William to change his atti-It is reported that further pan-Ger-

man attempts to hold meetings in administration. Germany have been broken up by peace adherents. The refusal on the part of Germany

to give a guarantee of the evacuation. of occupied territories is emphasized who may have made mistakes. They in a long statement dealing with the are promoted, he said, by the patriotic peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk issued through the Bolsheviki telegraph agency.

The statement speculates on the attitude of the Germans during the negotiations and adds that the significance of the pour parlers is that it stripped the imperialists of their false pretentions to democratic principles. Little Fighting at Fronts.

On the fighting fronts the situation is unchanged. Small raids and spirited artillery actions at various points are the only activities on the western and Italian fronts.

There have been no further Bulgaian attacks in Macedonia, but in Albania the French have repulsed enemy reconnaissances in the Skumbi

The British labor party opens its annual conference at Nottingham today. Labor's attitude toward the carrying on of the war and peace aims will be discussed,

The food situation in England. which has resulted in the ordering of two meatless days a week by the food controller, is expected to be the subject of several resolutions.

#### Dodge Pioneer Dead.

Fremont Neb., Jan. 23 .- (Special Tel-

#### The Weather

For Nebraska-Fair; colder. Hourly Temperatures.



Comparative Record.

1918, 1917, 1916, 1915, Highest yesterday... 46 28 51 5 Lowest yesterday... 16 6 35 7 Mean temperature... 31 17 43 -1 Precipitation 0 0 0 0 Precipitation ...... 0 6 0 0 Pemperature and precipitation departures from the normal: Normal temperature ...... 

Deficiency since March 1..... 7.63 inches Deficiency for cor. period, 1916 12.46 inches Deficiency for cor. period, 1915... 1.76 inches Reports From Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State Temp. High- Rain-of Weather. 7 p. m. est, fall. Cheyenne, clear.......25 32 .00 Davenport, cloudy .....30
Denver, clear .....32
Des Moines, cloudy .....40 Dodge City, clear ..... Salt Lake City, pt cloudy 24 Santa Fe, clear 20 Sheridan, clear 25 Sloux City, cloudy 32 Valentine, clear ....

- indicates below zero. "T" indicates trace of precipitation L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist. He's Been Telling 'Em



# spasmodic suspension of industries by fuel administration to conserve total RETAILERS ASK OF HIGH PRICES

#### sonable and Unjustified; Endorse Late Opening and Early Closing.

purposes to win the war and to think The Nebraska Retailers' Conservathat the great transition from peace tion council will ask congress to into war could be made without misvestigate the rapid advances now being made in prices of necessities. This they resolved to do in the inter-"The order issued a few days ago est of the consuming public. This regard as an absolute necessity. You was included in the resolution adopted know there is now a discussion to at the Hotel Fontenelle Wednesday.

repeal or modify the Sherman anti-"We believe that the present market price on all cotton, wool, and many other manufactured products are unreasonably high and unjustified, "the resolutions ran. "We favor the reg-"I am not going to offer any excuses for the railroads; they have been lax so long, but the Sherman ulation of price on raw cotton and wool, and an investigation of manulaw forbade them to do what now the facturing costs. director general of the railroads has

The retailers further endorsed the late opening and early closing rule "The jam had occurred and was increasing and something had to be of the stores for the conservation of done to relieve the situation. If the fuel; endorsed the one-delivery-a-day ice king has interfered there can be proposal, and urged that where possible the merchants use the co-operative delivery plan, and pledged them-"I think there is one mistake in the making, and I trust it will be changed selves to use the utmost endeavor to see that these requests are put into "I refer to the closing of the indusoperation.

The association pledged its loyal support of the president, to Governor Neville and others associated with the I think it is a mistake to have a whole state and national movements for the ing from Saturday afternoon until prosecution of the war, praised the Tuesday morning. I believe if the record of Nebraska in war stamps, egram.)—Wesley Frantz, 69 years of order were changed so that instead age, a resident of Dodge county for ov- of there being ten, nine or eight hours association and Knights of Columbus. er a third of a century died at the home of his son, Archie J., near Ethan, S. claim a universal seven-hour day during the war better results would fol- who are willing to serve the state irrespective of politics.

#### Ross Hammond's Address. "We would have virtually the same

Theodore Roosevelt for the cabinet, results in the conservation of fuel or at least to help Baker, is what Ross and all other needful commodities. It L. Hammond of Fremont urged in his would not do violence to the history, address before the 500 delegates of Dog. the traditions, the work and the prac- the retailers war council at the Hotel Mr. Hammond, who was recently in "I trust that the suggestion may France with a congressional commitfind lodgment somewhere and bring tee, talked of the war situation and about that change, but if it doesn't I gave his experiences in France.

am going to obey like a soldier of "I am with the administration,

am going to obey like a soldier of America; I am going to yield my concluded Mr. Hammond. "I don't judgment to the judgment and the ac- want to be considered a critic, The tions of the men in whose hands the time is past for partisan politics. destinies of our republic are placed." But I suggest the advisability of a Mr. Gompers said there can be no coalition war cabinet. I would take from Secretary Baker some of his "You have got to be either for au- present duties and place them in the

tocracy or democracy," he declared. hands of Theodore Roosevelt, the one Labor must make victory sure for man to send chills down the spines democracy, but sounded the warn- of the German war lords. ing that labor would not surrender "I would also prohibit the publithe standard of life except to save the cation of all papers in a foreign lanrepublic; that no sacrifices would be guage. I would prohibit the teach-(Continued on Page Two, Column Three.) (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

#### United States Troops Are to Guard Omaha's Big Industries

on the location of guard units, army officers are confident that Omaha inby at least 300 soldiers from the ages of 31 and 41. Previous military dustries are of sufficient importance regular army recruiting stations.

United States Guards are now being of the United States.

Omaha industries will be guarded organized from men between the

in war time to be given federal pro- Spanish-American war veterans are especially being urged to enlist. All The German home has been offered men enlisting in this branch will be to the government for use as a bar- stationed as near their homes as pracracks and will probably be used for tical. The duties of this organizathese troops. Two battalions of tion will not take its members outside

# OF FATAL SMASH

Tragedy Die in Hospitals; Eight Injured Are Resting Easily.

Four dead and eight injured is the toll to date of Monday night's street car tragedy, when a runaway cinder car on the Missouri Pacific Belt Line crashed into a trolley at Twentyfourth street.

Two more victims died Tuesday Frank Krasek, a passenger on the ill-fated car, died at a hospital as a result of injuries suffered in the crash. His home was at Twenty-ninth and Dupone streets.

#### Little Girl Dies.

Mary Tighe, 15-year-old girl, died late Tuesday night in a hospital. She was so badly injured in the accidentthat physicians entertained no hopes for her recovery. He home was at 1412 North Nineteenth street.

James Hutchinson, 3915 Iwenty-fifth street, and John Bradehoft, 3532 North Twenty-eighth avenue, were instantly killed in the crash. Both were street car con-

Paul Steinwender, deputy in the office of County Attorney Magney, exbe held over the bodies of the vic-

#### Injured Are Recovering. The following injured are reported

by physicians to be recovering: Oscar Brugman, 1324 North Twen y-second street, motorman.

Walter Moraine, 4807 Seward street. Belle Sprague, 2567 Ames avenue. Mrs. Jennie Brennan, Twenty-

seventh and C streets. Mrs. Irene Faulkner, 2610 Patrick Charles Litton, 1513 South Twen-

ty-fifth street. John H. Paulson, 4719 North Eighteenth street. Edward Warstat, 1138 North Twenty-second street.

#### Spinal Meningitis Takes Two Balloon School Men

deaths from cerebro-spinal meningitis at Fort Omaha on Tuesday prompted Health Commissioner Connell to visit the fort to confer with Captain Poole of the medical de-

William A. Watson and Charles R. Koontz of the balloon school were reported as having succumbed to

#### Oldest Indian In America Attends

Automobile Show Chicago, Jan. 23.-Kabenawwoywence, a Chippewa Indian, said to be 130 years old, who is here from his home at Cass Lake, Minn., to attend the automobile show which

opens next Monday, does not like the white man's bed. Although he occupied a room with a bath at a leading downtown hotel last night, he slept on the floor. He said that beds in hotels and berths in sleeping cars give

one a cramp According to the records at the Indian agency, where Kabenawwoywence lives, he is the oldest Indian in America.

# MANY FORMS OF FREIGHT

Three Big Eastern Railroads Ordered by McAdoo to Rush All War Shipments, Food and Fuel.

Washington, Jan. 23.-An embargo on all freight except food, fuel and war munitions on the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh, Baltimore & Ohio east of the Ohio river, and the Philadelphia & Reading was authorized today by Director General

The action was taken on recommendation of A. H. Smith, assistant director general in charge of trans- a month. portation in the east.

## Garfield Ignored.

tor Garfield. The embargo is temporary and is expected to last only a few days.
"On account of the extremely severe weather, which has particularly affected operation of railroads crossing the Allegheny mountains," said the railroad administration announcement, "Director General McAdoo, upon the recommendation of Regional Director Smith, has authorized him to place an embargo upon all freight except food, fuel and such war munitions and war supplies as are specifically approved by the War de-partment, upon the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh; Baltimore & Ohio east of the Ohio river, and the Philadelphia & Reading, for the purpose of enabling those lines, which are the heaviest bituminous coal carriers, to continue specializing upon coal for the double purpose of supplying the acute conditions in New England and the harbor of New York

Embargo Only Temporary. "This embargo is a temporary one. It should last but a few days, if the

and elsewhere, and in the provision of

empty cars for mines and coke ovens.

weather moderates.' The practical effect of this order Assert That They Are Unrea- Two More Victims of Monday's the last few days, it was stated by railroad administration officials, since local embargoes already have been declared by many eastern railroads.

#### Passengers Warned Not to

Daily Mail from The Hague says it is tration to embargo all freight except reported that some of the passengers | coal and food for the rest of the week on board the Holland-America liner at least, to insure an adequate move-Nieu Amsterdam have received anon- ment of these commodities. mous warnings not to sail for the United States on her. The correspondent adds that the warnings are similar to those issued before the today after the five-day shutdown, owners.

sunk. The steamer has been lying in the harbor at Rotterdam since . January 16 with 2,000 passengers on board, make the trip on the liner.

#### No Labor Shortage in Pacific Ship Yards

hipbuilding districts was declared un- nois. ounded today by the employment officio coroner, said no inquests will service of the Department of Labor, service of the Department of Labor, which issued a general warning to skilled workmen in other parts of the country not to attempt to seek employment in those yards without first communicating with the federal emoloyment office at Portland.

#### English Working Men to "Fight On;" Will Back Premier

Nottingham, England, Jan. 23 .-At the opening today of the annual labor conference Frank Purdy, the president, said that if Germany would not accept the terms President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George and the the labor party had laid down as the minimum, "we must President Purdy said that in view

of the declarations of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George, Germany could claim no longer that it was fighting a defensive war. "We see no signs yet," he added,

that Germany and its allies are willing to accept the principles enun-ciated by Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Wilson and the labor party."

# EMBARGO ON SLAVS UNABLE TO OBTAIN SUPPLY OF FOODSTUFFS

Railroad Congestion in Large Centers Stops All Shipments; Soldiers Interfere With Rail Traffic;

> Shortage of Bread Threatens to Create Distress Among All Classes.

Petrograd, Jan. 23.-Moscow, Petrograd and all the larger

cities of north Russia have little bread. The bread allowance in Petrograd today has been reduced to a quarter of a pound daily and the food commission has limited eggs to children under 3 years, each child to have four eggs

### No reference was made to the recommendation for an embargo submitted last night by Fuel Administrator Garfield **BUSINESS WITH CONDITIONS BAD**

Adverse Weather Upsets Plans of Fuel Administration to Relieve Congestion During Five-Day Period.

Washington, Jan. 23 .- America's industries, idle for the last five days under the fuel administration's clos- of the closing of the banks. ing order, resumed operations today in the face of a congested transportation situation east of the Mississippi threatening daily to become worse from adverse weather conditions.
At the end of the five-day restriction period no official could say today just what were the effects of the in-

#### dustrial shutdown except that it had got coal to seaboard for ships.

Fewer Complaints Received. Homes in many parts of the councomplaints were fewer than they had

been for weeks. Railroad congestion has not been much relieved, but it was impossible These have been made on the in-itiative of individual railroads with the general approval of Mr. Smith. to say whether the closing order helped or not. Bad weather nullified much of the good effects the general to say whether the closing order much of the good effects the general closing might have had in clearing

the railroads. At the same time Director General Sail on Nieuw Amsterdam McAdoo of the railroads was consid-London, Jan. 23 .- A dispatch to the ering proposals of the fuel adminis-

#### Chicago Still Crippled.

Chicago, Jan. 23.-Industries in the Cunard liner steamer Lusitania was with the problem of fuel still confronting them.

Consumers were warned that the most rigid economy in the use of coal would be necessary if the factory among them 30 Americans. Augustus wheels were to be kept moving. Hope Phillips, the new Netherlands minis- was been in the prediction of the ter to the United States, intended to weather forecast of warmer weather for tonight and tomorrow, with some

prospect of a January thaw.
According to John E. Williams. state fuel administrator, the shortage of coal is 1,000,000 tons now, due Washington, Jan. 23.-Reports of a to further snowfalls and continued eneral labor shortage in the Oregon zero weather in the coal fields of Illi-

## TWO SHIPS WITH LOSS OF 718 MEN

Mediterranean about three weeks ago, ere officially today. The amnouncement was made in

the House of Commons by Thomas MacNamara, financial secretery of the admiralty.

Mr. MacNamara's announcement gave the first news received here of any heavy loss of life in recent sinkings in the Mediterranean. A dispatch from Tokio on January 4 showed that an attempt had been made by hostile submarines to attack British transports convoyed by Japanese warships n the Mediterranean on December 30. The Japanese admiralty announcement stated that the submarines were repulsed and that the warships were

#### Dances of Yesterday to Be On Program at Next Muny Dance Washington as soon as plans are com-

dances has been planned by the Board other days will not be forgotten. of Public Welfare for the next com-munity dance in the Auditorium on of the Welfare board, intends to factor in the proposition is to draft Monday night, February 4.

Many requests have been received of the poetry of motion. Sophus for a terpsichorean carnival such as Neble and Jack Walters, members the merry villagers of 50 and 60 years of the board, are looking forward

of the village belles. Square dances, much in vogue in of the numbers just as they played Omaha 50 years ago, will be favored, them in the good old days hereabouts. sas producers.

A revival of the old-fashioned Polkas, minuets and the waltzes of dance some of these old-time forms the order so that it will apply to all

ago enjoyed. This program will be with interest to this recrudescence of made up almost exclusively of the what they regard as real dancing. dances of yesterday, when partners They regard a Virginia reel as the bowed gracefully, tripped back and last word in dancing, expect perhaps forth, held hands now and then and, a minuet if it is done gracefully. during some of the steps, the young One of the numbers of the program Lochinvars were permitted to place will be for the "boys and girls" who their arms gently around the waists were nimble of their feet 50 years ago.

Old-fashioned fiddlers will play some

REDUCE ALLOWANCE.

But eggs are not obtainable at any The commission also has limited

fresh meat to children between the ages of 3 and 12, with a half pound monthly to each child, Potatoes have been substituted for bread at Novgorod and many other places in north Russia, but the cost

is equivalent to 18 cents per pound in Petrograd and consequently the masses of the people cannot buy them Since the dissolution of the constituent assembly and the disappearance of any immediate hope of reconciling the striving political parties public attention in north Russia is centered on the bread shortage, the breakdows of transportation and the commercial stagnation as the result

A general suspension of passenges trains began today in an effort to speed the transportation of foodstuffs from Siberia and south Russia to the

#### Railroads Are Crippled.

Members of the railway men's unions are remaining at their posts trying to maintain transportation, but locomotives and cars are badly disabled and traffic is hindered by the masses of wandering soldiers from all sections of the country who in-sist that their trains have precedence-

over freight. Virtually all trains arriving at Petrograd are crowded with solders, the windows in many of the passenger coaches having been broken by the passengers to get air.

Former bank employes in Moscow and Petrograd still refuse to work under the direction of the Smolny in-stitute. Withdrawals on checks are limited to 500 rubles to each depositor daily and long lines form at the banks because of the long delays and difficulties in getting money.

Bolsheviki agents are opening safe deposit boxes and confiscating hoarded gold and silver for the government and turning hoarded paper Chicago district resumed operations money into current accounts for the

#### Street Cars Suspended.

Street cars and lighting plants have suspended operations frequently in Petrograd because of the lack of fuel, and car lines, when operating, are so crowded with soldiers and refugees that much of the rolling stock is broken down. In Moscow the car lines are in .

vorse condition than here. Soldiers and sailors have become peddlers throughout north Russia and are making excursions into the country and returning to the cities with bread, meat, tobacco and sugar.

Although the city shops are without stocks, the streets are lined with soldiers offering supplies at high prices. Illuminating oil is not obtainable in Petrograd and candles are selling at 75 cents per pound. One pound of sugar is allowed each person monthly by card at 22 cens per London, Jan. 23.—By the sinking of card costs 75 cents a pound. Flour is unobtainable at any price and black two steamers by the enemy in the bread when bought with cards costs 5 cents a pound, when available. Dis-718 lives were lost, it was announced patches from many points in the Samara and Moscow districts report starvation.

Thousands marched yesterday in a peaceful demonstration following the funeral services for M. Logvinoff, Siberian member of the constituent assembly, and the other victims of last Friday's demonstration. The city was quiet during the day, the holiday anniversary of "Bloody Sunday," January 9, 1905

### U. S. to Have Sugarless as

Well as Eggless Days Chicago, Jan. 23 .- In addition to present meatless, wheatless and porkless days the people soon will be compelled to observe sugarless and eggless meals, according to Harry A. Wheeler, federal food administrator for Illinois.

pleted," Mr. Wheeler said today.
"To what extent the food conservation rules will be made more stringent has not as yet been determined equally.

Mr. Wheeler said the new order probably would not be applied to households, but its observance by hotels and restaurants would likely be made compulsory.

#### Oil Producers Complain.

Washington, Jan. 23 .- Independent Oklahoma oil companies complained today to the Interstate Commerce commission that rates to Montana were discriminatory in favor of Kan-