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FEW PROTEST AGAINST ORDER TO SHUT STORES

General Stores May Open Till Noon to Sell Food Only.

HARD ON FARMERS

Theatre Owners Want Tuesday Heatless Day and May Be Obligated.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The fuel controller's office was overwhelmed today with wires asking for explanation of the fuel regulations issued last night. Protests against the order are few. The majority of manufacturing plants throughout Ontario and Quebec are apparently anxious to fall in line with a view to helping out the fuel situation.

The question has been raised in many cases that the suddenness of the order would prevent farmers from being notified, and that they will be put to considerable inconvenience in driving to town to do their week's shopping, only to find the stores closed. It is admitted here that the point is well taken; but on the other hand, if the order is to accomplish anything for fuel conservation and help to relieve the present serious situation, it is emphasized, immediate action is necessary. It is also emphasized in official circles that the order was not due to pressure from Washington, but was put into force with a desire to improve the situation.

Many inquiries have been made as to whether general stores may remain open on Saturday and Monday. The ruling has been made that they may remain open till noon on the two days mentioned for the sale of food supplies only.

Plants using electricity or wood for heating purposes may remain open. The order applies only to coal.

Many theatre owners, while not protesting against the order, have suggested that, following the American example, they be allowed to close on Tuesday instead of on Monday. The Merchant Association of Canada will interview Deputy Fuel Controller Peterson on Wednesday morning to urge a change of the days upon which they must close their places of amusements.

Mr. E. M. Trovren, secretary, will present a resolution passed at the meeting of the association, declaring that the intention of the fuel controller would be better promoted by closing the places of business on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Feb. 8, 10 and 11.

It is considered as not improbable that the request of the retailers will be accorded to, more particularly as the government and the fuel controller admit that there is a good deal in the contention that many farmers who do their shopping on Saturday may not hear of the order suspending business before that date.

Order of Fuel Controller Considered by Committee at Montreal. Montreal, Feb. 5.—The fuel-less order of the fuel controller, was considered by a committee of the Montreal Stock Exchange this afternoon, but the decision as to whether the exchange would close on Saturday and try to get along without heat, was left over until tomorrow. The general impression appears to be that the exchange would close on Saturday and try to get along without heat.

Socialists Hold Kiev; Opposition Has Fled. According to a report compiled in the office of the secretary of state of the board of education yesterday, the total increase in salaries recommended by the finance committee to be placed in the 1918 estimates amounts to \$231,000. This includes the salary increases to be given to the teachers in the Technical High School, the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes, public schools, caretakers and other employees of the board. This will add one-third of a mill on the dollar to this year's taxes.

FLEET BACKS BOLSHIEVIKI. Petrograd, Monday, Feb. 4.—In reply to a despatch announcing that the central committee at Kiev had traitorously risen against the authority of the soviet of Sebastopol, according to the Bolshievik telegraph agency, have declared their fidelity to the people's commissions.

Fixing of Railway Rates In Hands of President

Interstate Commerce Commission Votes to Give Him Final Authority During Government Control.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The interstate commerce committee voted today to place final authority in fixing railroad rates during the period of government control in the hands of the president.

AMERICANS PREPARE TO SEND AT ONCE BIG FORCE ABROAD

President Holds Important Conference on Shipping Problem.

NEED MORE TONNAGE

Million Men on Fighting Front Require Increased Transport Service.

Washington, Feb. 5.—President Wilson took up personally the shipping problem tonight and at a conference with Chairman Huxley, of the shipping board, went into the great problem of procuring tonnage for the movement of American troops and supplies abroad.

Every phase of the question was discussed. The president was particularly interested in the proposal to obtain additional tonnage by reducing imports probably one-half. A full realization of the extent to which America's troop movement to France depends on tonnage has come not only to this government, but to the allies as well, and it was indicated that the case of the chief topics at the recent session of the supreme war council at Versailles was that of finding ships for that purpose. A big American army is substantially ready to go, but before it is sent the war department wants to be assured it can be supplied. Ships are available to the extent that the government is keeping them furnished with materials with which to fight.

A million men on the fighting front will require from four to seven million tons of shipping in continuous service across the 5,000 miles of water between America and Europe. The United States can lay its hands on about four million tons now and expects to build during the year anywhere from three to six million tons more.

Civil Engineer Frederick R. Harris, of the naval bureau of yards and docks, gave a senate investigating committee an optimistic view of shipbuilding progress. It is possible, Mr. Harris said, for the government to complete this year its original program of 6,000,000 tons of construction.

BARGAINS IN SMALL FURS. A special sale is in progress of small furs at Dineen's. Particularly attractive designs in muffs and neckpieces in fox, wolf, beaver, Persian lamb and Hudson seal. The February clearance sale offers the best attractions of the season. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

TARTARS OCCUPY BIG RUSSIAN FORTRESS

Have Captured Yalta in Government of Taurida.

MAY TAKE SEBASTOPOL

Black Sea Fleet and Naval Base Now Are Threatened.

London, Feb. 5.—A Petrograd despatch, dated Saturday, February 2, says: Tartar forces have occupied Yalta in the Government of Taurida, and are advancing on Sebastopol, Russia's chief fortress and naval base on the Black Sea, according to a despatch received by The Petrograd Evening Post from Sebastopol.

The dispatch adds that the Tartars are dealing mercilessly with Red Guard soldiers and sailors.

Polcs Have Taken Mohilev; Hold Commander and Staff. Amsterdam, Feb. 5.—A wireless despatch received at Berlin from Kiev reports that the Poles have occupied Mohilev, the Russian main headquarters, and have arrested Ensign Krylenko, the commander-in-chief of the Russian "Bolshevik" forces, and his entire staff. The message adds that the Bolsheviki uprising at Kiev has been suppressed by the Ukrainians.

WORK IN HARMONY TO PROVIDE LABOR FOR WAR PURPOSES

Canada and United States Have Reached a Mutual Agreement.

WILL USE SURPLUS

Neither Country, However, Can Import Labor Without Consent of Other.

Revolutionists Take Nijijn.

BIG CONCERNS TO CLOSE

Four Department Stores in Montreal Will Shut Down.

Three Tons of Bombs Dropped On German Targets by British.

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Evidence Given at Trial Shows Receipts for Million Dollars Transferred.

MONEY FROM GERMANS

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CLOSING ORDER MADE CLEAR BY MR. HARRIS

He Makes Statement Regarding Details Little Understood by Public.

RELIEF IS EXPECTED

Offices of Several Coal Companies Were Not Open Yesterday.

Toronto has taken the order of the fuel controller, declaring three heatless days over the coming week-end and a succession of heaviest Mondays thereafter, with a much better grace than the American people received the recent order of Dr. E. A. Garfield, fuel controller of the United States, in only one quarter has serious opposition developed, and that is among the smaller re-ail merchants. Saturday is their most important day from a business standpoint, they say; to lose Saturday's business means more than to lose several days in the middle of the week.

The manufacturers generally are taking the order resignedly; many of them have been expecting it since the United States made similar regulations. The theatras also promise to fall in line faithfully, though they will probably be at effort made to have the heatless Monday changed to a heatless Tuesday.

Many and varied are the puzzling cases which will need special rulings by the fuel controller, R. C. Harris, honorary fuel controller for Ontario, stated yesterday that he would make any necessary rulings for Ontario, referring very complex cases to Ottawa for consideration. Some of his rulings yesterday were: Banks can remain open only for the payment of bills of exchange, etc., falling due on Saturday and Monday. Deposits must not be accepted nor cheques cashed. Only through bank to make the offices comfortable for the few clerks engaged in the special work will be allowed.

The stock exchange must close. Stores selling food products must close at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday and Monday.

Offices in telephone and telegraph buildings, not occupied by the companies themselves, must be closed.

It is not known just how the Labor Temple and similar buildings will be affected. If they do not close, a ruling will be obtained from Ottawa.

BRITISH MAY TRAIN AMERICAN FORCES

General Bliss May Use Hundred and Fifty Battalions in Flanders.

TO ECONOMIZE SHIPS

New Method Would Relieve Congestion at Debarcation Points.

Agreements Reciprocal.

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