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FUEL RATIONED AS FATAL BLIZZARD SPREADS; CARS, TRAINS STALLED

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increasingly grave. One train of 27 cars loaded with coal, was stalled in a drift near Canton, Ill., with delivery of many others threatened by diversion along the way. Trucks plowed the drifts to all available wagon mines in Illinois and Iowa, but long hours of waiting were necessary to procure loads.

Virtually all highways in Iowa, Wisconsin and northern Illinois were made impassable by drifts that ranged up to 10 feet. Most roads in Nebraska, Minnesota and North Dakota were closed.

Rural schools and churches were closed. Suffering increased as the cold wave roaring down from the frozen tundra of the Canadian northwest spread south and east. Low temperatures included:

Williston, N. D., -30; Havre, Mont., -26; Huron, S. D., -24; Valentine, Neb., -20; Sioux City, Ia., and Evansville, Ill., -18; Des Moines, -12; Marquette, Mich., -12; Chicago and Kirksville, Mo., -10; Moorhead, Minn., -8; La Crosse, Wis., Detroit and Ft. Wayne, Ind., -5.

The sub-zero belt extended from the continental divide to Ohio. It reached as far south as St. Louis. Freezing weather was reported in the gulf states from Texas to Atlanta.

The Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie railway reported its system was tied up completely. The Northwestern said service had stopped on all its lines in Wisconsin except those operating between Chicago, Milwaukee, the Twin Cities and Madison.

Bus Trips Canceled
Six trains were locked in Iowa drifts. Only through trains operated in Nebraska. Several were stuck in Minnesota. Service was hampered in South Dakota. No engine has trundled into Livingston, Wis., since last Monday.

A major bus company canceled trips north and west out of Chicago. Similar cancellations were ordered in other states. Airlines resumed flying out of Chicago but reported strong head winds made refueling necessary on the Omaha-Chicago leg.

Many communities were isolated. Nantucket island off the Massachusetts coast and Tangier island in Chesapeake bay were cut off by ice blockades.

Icelandic cold accompanied fuel shortages at many places. Maryville, Mo., faced a fuel famine. Gov. Guy Farkes ordered two carloads of

coal shipped to Maitland while the situation remained acute at several other Missouri towns. A shortage impended in northwestern South Dakota. The supply was depleted at Kewanee, Ill. Coal was rationed in some communities in Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Idaho. Beds were set up in public buildings at Des Moines for fuelless families.

No trace was found of a plane reported to have circled above blizzardbound Ironwood, Mich., Saturday night. Hundreds of residents claimed they had heard the motors.

August Warner and his son, Julius, were rescued after they had drifted 13 hours in a mail boat off South Manitowish island in Lake Michigan. Efforts to locate Earl Cunningham, coast guardsman, and two fishermen—Claude Beardsley and Clayton Brown—on an ice floe in the lake near Charlevoix, Mich., were unsuccessful. The 165-foot ice breaker Escanada was dispatched from Muskegon to aid in the search.

Trains arrived in New York as much as three hours late due to heavy snow. More than 1300 snowplows and 22,000 men attacked the ice sheathing Manhattan's streets.

Nitrate Ship Stalled
Steamship Hannah, laden with nitrates, wedged in the ice 30 miles below Richmond, Va., in James river. The master wirelessly "The President of the United States" for assistance.

Trains from the west coast labored into Chicago from 6 to 12 hours behind schedule. Northwestern officials said rail traffic was at a standstill in South Dakota and western Minnesota. The Illinois Central reported a complete tie-up west of Waterloo, Ia.

Whistling winds pressed great delay in restoring transportation. As fast as rail and highways were cleared, they were filled with snow.

Milk shortages were reported in several towns in Iowa, where the mercury dipped to 25 below at Eagle Grove. Fifty-eight men were stranded in a coal mine at Jefferson and 20 were marooned near Granger.

TRAPPED PASSENGERS O. K.
TWIN FALLS, Id., Feb. 9 (A.P.)—Seventeen passengers and 25 railroad men who were marooned three days on a snowbound Union Pacific train near Sumner Camp, Nev., arrived today none the worse for the experience.

A rotary plow and a shovel crew freed the marooned Wallace-Missoula Northern Pacific train after it

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Drivers Seek Refuge
Many trains were stalled in deep drifts and thousands of autos were abandoned on highways as drivers sought refuge from the cold—unable to reach their destinations.

The eastward advance of the blizzard found steamers already jammed in ice-choked rivers and islanders

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9 (A.P.)—Nature double-crossed the weatherman today in a visitation of balmy, spring-like temperatures. The bureau had predicted the "coldest" week-end of the winter.

marooned and supplied with food and other necessities by air.

Midwest highways were choked with snow. Crews labored to break open trails through the hard-packed drifts, but the going was slow and in many places maintenance crews were ordered in.

The official forecaster in Chicago said there was little possibility of a let-up before Wednesday. Continuation of frigid temperatures, coupled with snow-blocked highways, made milk deliveries uncertain in some areas and the fuel situation became

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