

Talbot says Corby is overrated. Just here...

Boal is the piston in the Orestes Castellane's chest.

The man who says he is not worthy of her, too frequently proves his point.

English public opinion has smothered the British soap trust in its own mud.

The indications now are that Santa Claus is going to carry every state in the union.

Crown Prince George of Serbia is said to be mentally sound—that is, for a crown prince.

Paint heart never wins fair lady; but, for that matter, neither does the fatist bank account.

The man who manufactured chewing gum is dead, but the evil that he did lives after him.

Not only is the cost of living increasing, but the families are increasing at the usual rate.

New York burglars who travel in automobiles are doing what they can to make thieving a fine art.

They have found an asbestos mine in the Klondike. They would be glad to trade it for a coal mine.

This new disease called auto heart is probably produced by suddenly telling a man the price of the machine.

With peas, pickles and confectiory under suspicion, the public may yet have to subsist on breakfast food.

Japan is conquering Manchuria commercially which is a more substantial and lasting way than shooting holes through it.

A Berlin official in Germany has slept for two years. It would almost be worth while now to wake up and draw his salary.

Rev. Hugh Black, of Scotland, says "Hades is very much like New York." Dr. Black talks like a man who has been there and ought to know.

Dehorned spelling will never do. We "jerinists" would never consent to having our time-honored slogan converted into "The pea is milder than the sord."

The Buffalo Times tells of a boy who took several boxes of rough-ricers without suffering any evil effects; but it appears that he worked in a drug store and took it to a customer.

There are expressions of disapproval among eminent Japanese of the education of women in this country. But Japan may be depended on to accept this phase of our culture along with the rest in the course of time.

The so-called soap trust in England is said to have been "natted" by boycott. The method seems to be simple and effective. No trust, however big and presumably powerful, can succeed if the public refuses to purchase its products.

A Boston girl at Vassar told her classmates that so far as she was concerned, she had no other man than to do her duty by the man she expected to marry and the children which were born to her. Isn't this a dangerous line of anticipation for a Boston girl?

Prof. Galloway of the department of agriculture some time ago grafted a Japanese orange shoot on a Florida orange tree. When he picked the supposed oranges from the reconstructed tree he found they were lemons. Even nature has begun to hand lemons to grafters.

The Geological Survey having discovered that there are sufficient coal deposits in the United States to last 5,000 years, should continue its researches to determine whether there are enough of the precious metals, or even gems, in the earth to pay the coal bills through these centuries.

You can get to the north pole by drifting with the current, but it will take two or three years to reach there by this method, says a scientist. However, those who have plenty of time on their hands may try the plan proposed and trust to luck to get back to civilization and fertilization.

The auto is winning its way everywhere. It has shown the best of trips across the American continent. It has made a tour around the world, carried passengers to the frigid north and captured the fancy of the Grand Lama of Tibet. And now a restoration enthusiast is to re-visit the horseless vehicles through the desert of Sahara, auto supposed to be given over to the camel caravans.

Gayzy Smith apparently believes that religion and humor can go well together. And why not? There is nothing gloomy about genuine piety. Heaven lies above us and childhood, and it might all the rest of our lives if we were not so blamed pessimistic.

When a man can pull an oar for 70, or can a 60-year-old Eliot, it seems as if Dr. Coker's President Hunt had been wiped out.

If a man doesn't amount to any thing himself, he boasts of his ancestors.

CAR SHORTAGE GRAY

FUEL FAMINE IS WIDESPREAD AND MOST SERIOUS. WITNESSES ARE HEARD

Some Seek to Excuse the Railway Before the Commerce Commission—Testimony Taken at St. Louis.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Startling have been the revelations at the hearings of the interstate commerce commission in session in this city. Also the commission has been startled by the replies received in the telegrams of inquiry sent out to the country, which is suffering from lack of fuel as well as lack of cars to transport the grain to market. A scarcity of fuel widespread, far-reaching in effect, and serious in the extreme is indicated. Reports of general but not specific conditions that preceded the investigation, suggested the probability of early alarm and over-solicitude, and even the possibility of exaggeration, but the commission's own advisers show that there has been no general overstatement of the situation and that it is a matter of first importance. The testimony Tuesday regarding car shortage in transit and the effect brought out matter indicating a condition of affairs in the general sense even more worthy of attention than the commission had at first supposed when it decided to take up the inquiry. Investigation at St. Louis.

St. Louis.—The interstate commerce commission convened in its federal building Tuesday morning to begin its investigation of the car shortage of freight cars. The hearing is expected to continue Wednesday afternoon, when the members of the commission will go to Kansas City and resume the investigation. Commissioner C. A. Proby presided, and witnesses were examined by P. J. Farrell, attorney for the commission. J. C. Lincoln, commissioner of the Merchants' Exchange traffic bureau, was the first witness. He declared that the delay in the movement of freight was due not so much to an insufficiency of cars as to a lack of motive power and facilities for handling the cars. He emphasized the need of better facilities to eliminate the delays at junction points and terminal points. Lightham Asks Relief. Topeka, Kan.—The state board of railroad commissioners Tuesday morning received a telegram from Lightham, Reno county: "Town is out of fuel. Please take steps to have a supply sent here at once." Mr. Taylor appealed to the Rock Island railroad to send a train load of coal to southwestern Kansas points at once. Letters from business men along the Rock Island report whole trainloads of loaded cars standing on the sidings because the company has not sufficient motive power to move them.

Ohio, N. H.—The coal famine in Nevada is about at an end. In answer to an appeal from the people of the mining camps and railroad towns, a trainload of coal was started from Reno Monday and seven carloads were shipped Tuesday morning. Tonahap, Goldfield and other mining centers have been without coal for several days, and much suffering resulted. CAPTAIN OF DIX BLAMED. Inspectors Revoked His License For Disaster at Seattle. Seattle, Wash.—The United States inspectors who investigated the recent collision of the steamer Dix, in which many lives were lost have finished their report. It exonerates Capt. F. H. Mason, master of the steamer Dix, and revokes the license of Capt. Perry A. Lermond, master of the Dix. It was held that the sinking of the Dix was due entirely to the negligence on the part of those handling her. Peoria Banker Found Guilty. Peoria, Ill.—Conrad Tuppen, on trial for embezzling funds of the Teis Smith bank, was found guilty by the jury. Attorneys for the defense immediately filed notice of appeal. The case is a celebrated one and has caused much excitement through weeks in Pekin. The bank failed for half a million dollars and Tuppen was found guilty on one charge of the embezzlement—accepting funds after the bank was insolvent. Fatal Accident to East Train. Canton, O.—The Pennsylvania Limited, enroute for Cleveland, was derailed at the Canton yards Sunday night and Engineer John Ray and Fireman George Nichols, of the freight, were fatally injured. No passengers were hurt. Serious Fire in Oshen, Ind. Oshen, Ind.—The most disastrous conflagration that ever visited this city broke out Tuesday evening, when the Jetterson block was totally destroyed. The loss will approximate \$150,000. Indictment for Repeating. Toledo, O.—The United States grand jury Tuesday returned indictments against the Ann Arbor railway and the Toledo Ice and Coal company for giving and accepting rebates on ice shipments.

DEFENDS GREAT FORTUNES

CHANCELLOR DAY WRITES ON "MILLIONAIREPHOBIA."

Explores Destructive Regulation by Government and Protection Traffic Great in Business World.

New York.—Chancellor Day of Syracuse university, whose championship of Mr. Rockefeller and the Standard Oil company was a widely appreciated contribution to current political discussion, continues to do so warmly the movement for legislative control of aggregations of wealth. This movement he terms "millionairephobia," in the forthcoming issue of Leslie's Weekly, and says: "For some time we have been in the grip of this mighty spear over corporate wealth and swollen fortunes. These fortunes are from high sources. All of our national life are being stung in this formula: Down with the rich. Punish the greedy fortunes. Make the poor poor and all the poor will be rich. Destroy the corporations, hamper them, obstruct them. See them in the courts. Assail them in the press. That is the message that is being put in to them in congress and blind them, and the individual can have a chance. "Make the returns of great business sufficiently small and men will be able to pay the taxes imposed by petty legislative restrictions and control and we shall not be troubled by the genius of a Rockefeller, a Hill, a Morgan, a Carnegie. Now a little men will be big enough for the little things remaining to be done. It is a crime for several men to have developed the power of giving employment to 50,000 or 100,000 men. "Fortunes are not the only things that have swollen," he declares, "but salaries and wages as well, while those who are better off than the great mass of the population. Make it another way of swelling wages. "He says that the men who would reduce these fortunes had nothing to do with swilling them, and could not manage them any better than those who are chattering about predatory wealth would not refuse to take over corporation stock even in Rockefeller's propositions. Destructive regulation preceded by government ownership, then if the government owned the property it is proposed to supervise, "we can take them down to the level of the common man," he predicts, "we are passing through an epoch that will stand in future times for our everlasting disgrace and shame. We are blessed with abundance of Providence. We are staided by the calm confidence and signal ability of the greatest men ever known in the commercial world. But if this mania continues it is not for us to crash that will carry down all confidence, confuse all property rights, block the wheels of all progress and wreck not only the millionaire's fortune but the fortune of the common man." Swollen fortunes are a thousand times less dangerous to our land and people than swollen democracy. CRUISER MONTANA LAUNCHED. Warship Glides Into Water at Newport News, Va. Newport News, Va.—The United States armored cruiser Montana was successfully launched at the Newport News yard Saturday in the presence of a large number of people. The vessel was christened by Miss Minnie Conrad, daughter of W. G. Conrad, of Montana. Gov. Toole, of that state, was represented by Martin Mastaglio, territorial delegate, in congress. Senator Carter and Representative Dixon also were present. The navy was not officially represented. After the launching the sponsor's party was entertained at breakfast. The Montana is about 58 per cent completed and is a sister ship to the North Carolina, launched here Oct. 5. She is to be completed in 22 knots. The Montana is the last warship on the stocks here. Elevated Cars Burned. Chicago. Fire threatened to destroy 50 cars of the West Side Metropolitan Elevated road, valued at \$75,000, and ruined three motor cars and one coach at the yard of the Metropolitan road, Huntzinger boulevard and Milwaukee avenue. The firemen and elevated employees fought for hours to prevent the destruction of the cars, but by 11 o'clock the fire had spread to the burning yards, while a large crowd of spectators cheered the firemen. Might Blow Up Mikado's Ships. Honolulu.—The Japanese consul here says that the visiting squadron, which will arrive in Honolulu in February, will go on to San Francisco, originally intended, because a repetition of the Matse disaster is feared, owing to the alleged overwrought condition of American feeling. Counterfeit Is Killed by Marshal. Bokoshe, I. T.—Monday night Deputy United States Marshal Gray and his men, at Bokoshe, I. T., destroyed counterfeit money. McClain opened fire and was shot and killed by Gray. Fought a Million Chinese Starving. Hangai.—The famine in Kiangsu is growing worse. According to reliable reports received here 500,000 destitute persons are expected to die, and many have arrived at Hankang.

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BIG AS STATE ELECTION

VOTING IN INSURANCE COMPANIES IS REMARKABLE. Both Sides in New York Life and Mutual Life Claim Victory—Count May Takes Election.

New York.—The election in this city Tuesday of trustees of the Mutual life and the New York Life insurance companies was the most remarkable affair of the kind that ever took place in America. In a number of ballots cast and in the expenditure of time and money, the election of both the New York Life and the Mutual companies declared Tuesday night that the administration tickets had without doubt been elected by large majorities. The total vote cast in both companies will approximate \$16,000, of which about 500,000 will be in the New York Life, in which the contest has been more vigorous and more bitterly fought than elsewhere. It will be some weeks before the votes are counted and the results of the campaign known. In the case of both the New York Life and the Mutual companies declared Tuesday night that the administration tickets had without doubt been elected by large majorities. The total vote cast in both companies will approximate \$16,000, of which about 500,000 will be in the New York Life, in which the contest has been more vigorous and more bitterly fought than elsewhere. It will be some weeks before the votes are counted and the results of the campaign known. In the case of both the New York Life and the Mutual companies declared Tuesday night that the administration tickets had without doubt been elected by large majorities.

ATTEMPT TO SLAY DUBASOFF.

Terrorist Makes Unsuccessful Effort to Kill Russian Admiral.

St. Petersburg.—Another attempt on the life of Admiral Dubasoff, ex-governor general of Moscow, was made Saturday afternoon, but he escaped with slight injuries. Dubasoff was driving at one o'clock in the afternoon in Sergeevsky street, on his way to the Taurida palace, when two men hurled a bomb at his carriage. It exploded with great force but only slightly wounded the admiral. The would-be assassins were arrested. Dubasoff had a remarkable escape. The Terrorists made a very determined attempt upon him. One man approached the admiral and fired several shots at him with a revolver but missed. The Terrorists then threw a bomb at Dubasoff, which exploded and wounded the admiral in the leg. A bystander seized the admiral's assailant, whereupon a second Terrorist appeared and went through exactly the same performance. The second bomb thrown, however, did not explode and Dubasoff, although injured, closed with the Terrorist and held him until he was taken into custody.

WAR ARE TOO EXPENSIVE.

Senators Deplore Great Cost of the Army and Navy.

Washington.—Senators Warren and Hale indulged in a discussion in the senate Tuesday deploping increasing expenditures in the army and naval establishments. Senator Hale said: "I don't suppose the people of the country appreciate it. I don't know that the senate does, that two-thirds of the revenues of the country to-day are devoted to the payment of the burdens of past wars, like pensions, and expenditures in view of future wars. Of all the taxes that are laid and all the revenues collected nearly two-thirds are expended for the military in a broad way." The senate passed the bill authorizing a loan of \$1,000,000 to the James town exposition. The house passed the Indian appropriation bill. Date Set for Thaw Trial. New York.—Harry Kendall Thaw will be placed on trial on Monday, January 31, in the criminal branch of the New York state supreme court in the murder of the architect Stanford White. This date was set Tuesday by Justice Newburger when a motion made by Thaw's counsel for the dismissal of the indictment against him on the date of the date for the trial was to have been argued.

Fatal Accident in Mine.

Wheeling, W. Va.—One man was killed, three fatally injured and a number of others slightly hurt Tuesday night when a motor car in the Bell street Work mine of the Carnegie steel company ran off the track, causing a cave-in.

Gen. John M. Hood Is Dead.

Baltimore, Md.—Gen. John M. Hood, president of the United Railways and Electric company, and for many years president of the Western Maryland railroad, prior to its sale to the Denold interests, died Monday.

Russian Officer Maimed by Bomb.

Radom, Russian Poland.—A bomb was thrown at Col. Piotta, commander of the gendarmes of Radom, Sunday. His leg was torn off by the explosion. A student, who threw the bomb, was arrested.

Commission Concern Falls.

Columbus, O.—The Interstate Commission company, which has headquarters in Columbus, closed its doors Tuesday. The company was organized about a year ago with a capital stock of \$100,000.

Sutton Defeats Willie Hoppes.

New York.—George Sutton still holds the world's championship at 125 lb. half line billiards, having Tuesday night successfully defended the title against Willie Hoppes. The score was 200 to 225.

TO EXPLAIN

SENATOR HANDBOOK FOR PARERS OUTLINES OF A BILL.

NEW RATE LAW BLAMED

Wanted more explanation of the senator's handwriting—Treason by Newbury for a Fool.

Washington.—Senator Hanström, of North Dakota, who has taken an active part in the case, regarding the situation caused by the car shortage, particularly in the northwest, has prepared the outline of legislation which, he believes, if enacted into law, will do the most for the alleviation of the present condition of affairs. These have been shown to the president, at whose suggestion the senator's ideas were sent to the chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission. They contemplate legislation along the following lines: Giving the interstate commerce commission power to inquire into the equipment, especially the string of extraordinary requirements, of all interstate railroads. Giving the commission authority to require shipping holding cars in demurrage to be used to carry other cars within 24 hours after the cars have been placed in a position to be unloaded. Making it a misdemeanor for common carriers to conduct traffic in an attempt to move trains containing tonnage in excess of the registered tonnage capacity of the engines hauling them. Authorizing the commission to require the temporary use of life equipment of any railroad line to supplement the overtaken equipment of another railroad line.

Senator Kittredge, of South Dakota, expressed the opinion Wednesday that the coal famine in the northwest is the result of the requirement of the interstate commerce law for 16 days' notice before changing a rate, and also the result of the action of the retailers in putting off shipment of coal until they could have the advantage of the new rate. Minneapolis, Minn.—Coupled with reports of fuel famine in the northwest come reports of still another cause of suffering—shortage of food supplies. Inadequate service has been interrupted by the cold and blizzards on the western prairies, and now there are towns which are not only suffering from want of fuel, but even for food. A telegram from a citizens' committee of Ambrose, N. D., is as follows: BOAT BLOWS UP, MANY DIE. Explosion on Mississippi River Steamer—Costs Sixteen Lives.

Vicksburg, Miss.—One of the most disastrous accidents in the history of the Mississippi river occurred at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning when the steamer W. T. Scovill, plying in the Vicksburg trade, was struck by a small boat, which caused the trade, was destroyed by an explosion. Owing to the large number of negroes on board it is impossible to ascertain the exact number of dead and injured, but officers of the boat who arrived here Wednesday night state that not less than ten nor more than 16 were killed. They say a like number were injured. The white dead list as follows: Captain J. R. White, master of the boat; Vice-master, Clerk W. V. Quackenbush, master of the boat; Wicksburg, Miss. Clerk W. V. Quackenbush, Vicksburg, Miss. Clerk W. V. Quackenbush, Vicksburg, Miss. Clerk Joseph Smith, Yazoo City, Miss. The accident occurred at Gold Dust landing, about 17 miles south of this city. The boat was at the landing taking on freight when an explosion came and the boat was blown to pieces. Many of the timbers were thrown hundreds of yards and the boat began to sink immediately. PROTEST BY WHISKY MEN. They Object to Secretary Wilson's Ruling on Blending. Washington.—An emphatic protest was made Wednesday by the secretary of the agricultural department, by the manufacturers of whisky, known as neutral spirits, against a tentative ruling of the department respecting the blending of whisky. They requested all of the independent agents of the United States, with an invested capital of more than \$20,000, to sign a petition. The ruling of which complaint was made is in effect that the mixture of neutral spirits and bourbon and rye whisky, to which harmless coloring and flavoring ingredients have been added, is to be branded "blended" whisky, or, indeed, whisky at all. Blush McCabe Is Dead. New York.—Blush George C. McCabe, of the Methodist Episcopal church, died in the New York hospital at 5:30 a. m. Wednesday. Death was due to apoplexy, with which he has been stricken several days ago.

Prison for Bank Robber. Great Bend, Kan.—Joseph S. Kerr, captured here recently after holding up a local bank, was arraigned Wednesday, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the state penitentiary for a term of from ten to 12 years.