

Cheap Coal and Calamity.

It is a fact that would never have been guessed at by the unassisted mind of ordinary man that the great coal combination was an expression of the benevolence of the men who made it. This wonderful truth is, however, made plain in the various published interviews of the reporters with the coal magnates—mine owners, heavy dealers, railway men and speculators. These gentlemen shake their heads sadly over the dangers that menace the public because coal is cheap.

The combination is the benevolent institution that keeps the price at a certain definite line of exorbitancy. Sometimes coal might be ten dollars a ton and sometimes two, and the combination kindly keeps it always at seven—losing three dollars when it goes up and pocketing five dollars when it goes down—always on its own account. As it would go up for three months in a year and down for nine, this benevolence has its pleasant side to those who practice it, and virtue is its own reward. It is the admission, therefore, that the combination has for its great purpose to prevent the fall of the price of coal by preventing production, or, in the slang of the speculators, preventing "overproduction."

In Great Britain the yearly yield of coal is just three times the yearly yield of coal in the United States, though the coal fields of the United States are more than thirty times as great as those of Great Britain. Here is at once a sufficient reason why the average price in England is about half what it is with us. There is about the same demand in both countries, but in England the supply is equal to it—in the United States it is unequal, and the price is consequently kept high, and those who cannot pay it are stinted or frozen. It is an infamous admission that in a so-called enlightened age a ring of great capitalists is formed to prevent the production of a commodity that is necessary to life, and thereby to enrich themselves by the misery they cause.—*New York Herald, Sept. 1.*

Hushing in Montreal.

Montreal is the favorite resort for those who leave the United States for the good of the United States, being so accessible. It is barely two hours ride from the frontier. Accordingly, hardly one week passes that some American citizen does not put up at the hotels, who travels under a false name and in possession of some one else's property. Hence lawyers who affect extradition cases have always a large and lucrative practice. Not very long ago there occurred a very scandalous case, that, of course, hasn't been made public yet, and won't in all likelihood. A young man at Boston robbed his employer of some \$35,000 worth of jewelry and watches and a considerable sum in cash—\$11,000, I believe—and fled to Montreal. His first step was to engage a leading criminal lawyer to defend him, giving him a retainer of \$1,000. His employer followed him and consulted a veteran adviser, who said, "Let's go and see his lawyer." They did, and the consultation was held with closed doors. "Now," said the adviser, "this gentleman has been robbed and wants to recover his property. You can make trouble of course, but if you don't so much the better. What did so and so (naming the fugitive) give you?" "A thousand," answered the lawyer. The Boston merchant counted out five crisp new treasury notes of \$1,000 each and said, "When the (naming the fugitive) is over at St. Albans in my custody these are yours." "It's a go," said the lawyer, and he trotted over to the hotel where his client was stopping. "See here, my friend," said he, your employer and a detective are here. Now, if I want to take your money for nothing, I can keep you in jail here for three or four weeks before they can get the necessary papers to extradite you, and put them to a great deal of bother, but you'll have to go at last. If you agree to surrender yourself informally and waive the scandal I guess you can compromise." His client took his advice and at 3:30 that afternoon, the thief, the merchant, the lawyer, and the detective went to St. Albans together, where the matter was compromised. The lawyer got \$6,000 of the stolen money; the detective got some, so did the culprit; the merchant got the remainder and the jewelry, and all was hushed up.—*Letter in Chicago Times.*

CANADA TO PREPARE FOR THE SIOUX. — New York, September 12. — The *Herald's* Washington special says: The Canadian Government has notified the Washington officials that it has signified to the Blackfoot Indians that they are authorized if necessary to arm and equip for the defense of the employees of the Canadian Government. Two thousand of their tribe are to be used in defense of their interest and homes should they be attacked, as they apprehend, by Sitting Bull and his warriors. Provisions have accordingly been made by them, in the event of the hostile Sioux going into British territory for refuge or warlike operations, to meet them with armed resistance, and it is understood that the United States Government will also make a demand for their capture and surrender to its forces. When found they are to be punished for the transgression and outlawry they have been guilty of on the plains. This the Blackfeet, it is expected, will also aid in carrying out. From these facts and the movement of the Sioux north, away from Generals Crook and Terry, it is believed that Sitting Bull will be heard of ere long in the British Possessions. — *S. F. Chronicle.*

The man in London who suddenly deserted his family and lived for fourteen years just round in the next street, is a standing instance of the complete isolation which it is at any time possible to command in the largest cities.

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