

## COAL SHORTAGE IN THE NORTHWEST

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### SOME STARTLING REPLIES.

Received by Interstate Commerce  
Commission, Which Finds It Has  
Acted None Too Soon.

Minneapolis, Dec. 18.—The interstate commerce commission, which is investigating the coal and coal shortage in the northwest, has been startled by the replies received to the telegrams of inquiry sent out to the country which is suffering from lack of fuel, as well as lack of cars to transport grain to market. A scarcity of fuel, widespread, far-reaching in effect and serious in the extreme, is indicated by the commission's report, which also shows that there has been no general overstatement of the situation.

The testimony today regarding coal shortage, delays in transit and the effect, has brought out matters indicating a condition of affairs in the general sense even more worthy of attention than the commission had at first supposed when they decided to take up the inquiry.

James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern road, arrived late today to attend the hearing and appear as a witness, but owing to the lateness of the hour he was decided that Mr. Hill would be called tomorrow morning.

The second day of the interstate commerce commission inquiry brought out facts of first importance relative to the effect upon the country of the grain blockade. The commission had sent out telegrams of inquiry to many points, asking as to the coal supply.

The telegrams which poured in today made it clear that the commission had acted none too quickly in securing the promise of co-operation by coal companies and railroads, for in some localities farmers have been burning fences, outbuildings and valuable lumber for fuel. Farmers came in large numbers from North Dakota to tell the commission how wheat prices have been depressed abnormally because elevators were full and they either had to sacrifice their price or haul it home again.

The commissioners expressed themselves as startled at some of the reports.

### BEER HALLS PROFITABLE.

In Several Homes for Disabled Soldiers  
Netted Good Profits.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Beer halls in several branches of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers netted profits to the government agencies to the amount of \$165,454 during the last year according to the annual report of Col. John L. Chamberlain, inspector general, whose annual report to the secretary of war, is one of the strongest recommendations made for the retention of the canteen feature of these homes. He says:

"The beer hall I believe to be a most valuable agent in furthering the comfort, contentment, health and general welfare of the members. Nearly all members are of advanced age. Their habits are formed and fixed beyond possibility of change. Their pensions furnish the means where with to get drink and those who desire drink can and will get it. In the beer hall they obtain beer of the purest and best quality and the amount consumed can be, and is strictly regulated. Should the beer hall be abolished the money now spent at the beer hall—in fact, a much larger sum—will be spent in the neighboring saloons and dives, and instead of pure beer they will get cheap beer and bad liquors. The profits which now are expended for the pleasure, comfort and general welfare of members will be lost to them and will go into the pockets of saloon keepers."

### NIPPON MARU FINED

For Bringing Passengers From Honolulu to San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Collector of the Port Frederick Stratton yesterday imposed a fine of \$1,000 on the Nippon Maru, which brought five passengers from Honolulu, it being contrary to the law for a boat of foreign register to carry passengers between American ports. As is usual in such cases, the passengers had to pay the fine in addition to their passage money.

Among the passengers brought on the Nippon Maru were Frank B. Sargent, commissioner of immigration. It is said, however, that his payment will be remitted when he reaches Washington.

### ENTOMBED MINER

Hicks in Good Spirit But Work of Rescue Very Slow.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 18.—A telephone message from Edison camp No. 1 this morning, says that the work of rescuing the entombed miner Hicks is impeded by a huge boulder. The tunnel will be built around this and it is hoped to reach Hicks by tonight. The miner is in good spirits today, and said this morning he would almost rather have a chew of tobacco than to get out.

### FRENCH OFFICERS PREFER SHOOTING TO SACRILEGE.

Lille, France, Dec. 18.—A court-martial here today tried and degraded Capt. Magniere for refusing to obey orders in connection with taking the inventory of the chapel of St. John. Magniere before the court said:

"I am a Christian and I prefer to be shot rather than commit a sacrilege. No one has the right to make me renounce the vows I took at my first communion."

### NEWEST AMERICAN PEERESS.

London, Dec. 18.—The newest American peeress is Hermione, daughter of the late E. W. H. Schenley of Pittsburgh, Pa., who was married in London this afternoon to Lord Ellenborough, a retired commodore of the royal navy. The bride wore a robe of white velvet, draped with old lace and a white velvet toque. The bridegroom, who had long been regarded as a confirmed bachelor, participated in naval operations in the Baltic so long ago as the Russian war of 1855.

### FAMINE IN CHINA.

Stories of Want and Suffering Are Confirmed.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Official advices received here from the prefect of Huaihsu regarding the famine in North Kiangsu, China, confirm the stories of suffering and want among the people of the section. The crops are reported as being almost a total failure in Tao Yuen and it is stated that by

the new year the meager supply of provisions will be exhausted.

The conditions in An Tong and Fung-tow are still worse, the crops being practically a total failure. The country everywhere is under water and for a distance of 50 miles the people were compelled to wade through water from knee deep to waist deep and in some places up to their necks.

The prefect states that in the stretch of country immediately west of Taling Ho, what formerly was a fertile plain covered with good crops and prosperous hamlets, is now a vast lake, extending 20 miles at the narrowest point and stretching for over 40 miles toward the southwest.

"Here and there," the prefect says, "are the groups of cottages which arise above the sheet of water and can only be reached by boats. The people are in a state of absolute destitution, not only their crops but also the reeds which constitute their fuel, being destroyed by the floods."

An urgent appeal is made to the people of all foreign lands for aid for the stricken people whom state department advices already have placed at 15,000,000.

### TO DEDICATE LEHI ORGAN.

Fine New Instrument to be Heard Publicly on Thursday, Dec. 27.

The Lehi tabernacle has just been equipped with an up-to-date organ, which has been built by the Kimball company, and preparations are under way for a fine public recital. This will be given on Thursday evening, Dec. 27. A number of Salt Lake artists have been engaged for the occasion, and altogether a musical event of uncommon importance may be looked for in the sugar factory city. The Salt Lake artists who will assist in the dedication are J. J. McClellan, tabernacle organist; Willard Weber, soloist, and Mr. Fred C. Graham and Mrs. Bessie Brown, vocal soloists.

### LATE LOCALS.

Bank Clearings.—Today's local bank clearings amounted to \$1,151,798.05 as against \$892,916.49 for the same day last year.

Examination Tomorrow.—The mental examination of applicants for Senator Smoot's appointment to West Point will be held tomorrow, Friday and Saturday in the office of State Supt. of Schools Nelson in the City and County building.

New Company.—Progress is reported in the organization of the company to take the place of the First infantry of H. company, departed this life; and it is believed that the new command can be mustered in by Jan. 1.

Fisher Buys Property.—A. Fisher has bought \$210 third on Second South street, between Third and Fourth West streets for \$2,000 from Contractor Williams for investment, though he may decide to put up a building there. This purchase adjoins the Short Line holdings.

Christmas Dinner.—Menu cards for the Christmas dinner of the Commercial club are out today. They are attractively gotten up in colors with holly ornaments, and include 46 articles of food. The secretary wishes that members of the club desiring plates at the table would notify him.

Real Estate Deals.—The following transfers were recorded yesterday afternoon: John DeG. Dixon to R. G. Adamson, lots in Jefferson street subdivision, \$2,000; Prudence Beardsley to R. E. Miller, 165x35 lot at Fifth South and State street, \$4,700; Annie Engdahl to M. L. Singrey, 52x165 feet, on Twelfth East, between First South and South Temple streets, \$5,300.

Clear and Cold.—The weather took an unexpected shift last night. The low barometric pressure in the northwest, instead of traveling east as it should have done, dropped down over this section with cloud and some precipitation. While the high area took a sudden hike to the far east, and today, is hovering over Boston. A high area is on the way here from the southwest coast, so that tonight and tomorrow ought to be clear and cold. There were no minus signs on the weather map today.

Handball Games.—All handball enthusiasts of the Y. M. C. A. will meet in the association gymnasium Saturday night at 7:30 to form a handball club among the seniors or older members for the carrying on of the game this winter. For some time past several boys have been practicing daily. Some fast single and double games have been contested. Officers will be elected Saturday night and a permanent organization will be perfected. The game promises to prove one of the most popular of the indoor activities this winter.

Harry Burton Back.—Harry Burton has returned from his Los Angeles trip, and is once more behind the Knutsford counter. He says Los Angeles has grown beyond the local administration, and public service there is very crude, particularly the telephone service which he characterized as rotten. Mr. Burton found Chester (Hunstead), formerly of the Knutsford and now manager of the Angeles, recovering his health which had become impaired by too close application to business and the requirements of his position.

Colored Man in Trouble.—Rudolph Taylor was arrested this morning by Officer Chambers on a warrant sworn to by Annie Hall charging petit larceny. Taylor, so the complaining witness says, entered her room, 237 south State street several days ago and carried away a fine overcoat. Mrs. Hall is a colored widow, her husband having been buried in Ogden a short time ago. She claims that Taylor entered her room, and after abusing her, ordered her to get his dinner. This she refused to do and then he picked up the overcoat and marched out. All efforts to have the coat returned have failed and his arrest followed.

Congressman Shaffroth.—Former Congressman Shaffroth of Denver was in the city yesterday afternoon, en route from Ogden where he had been called on legal business, and gave the "News" office a pleasant call. Mr. Shaffroth served his state and country in Congress for 10 years, but resigned after his election to the senate, when he was led to believe the election was clouded with doubt. Mr. Shaffroth is in law partnership with Judge Platt Rogers who is known in this city, and was formerly district judge in Denver, and is one of the best known and most capable attorneys in the west.

### WEATHER REPORT

Record at the local office of the weather bureau for the 24 hours ending at 9 a. m., today:

Temperature at 9 a. m., 33; maximum, 38; minimum, 24; mean, 31, which is 3 degrees below normal.

Total excess of the daily mean temperature since the first of the month, 64 degrees.

Precipitation since the first of the month, .79 inch, which is .21 inch below the normal.

Excess in precipitation since Jan. 1, .32 inches.

Relative humidity, 85 per cent.

FORECAST TILL 6 P. M. THURSDAY.

Local forecast for Salt Lake City and vicinity:

Clearer and colder tonight; Thursday fair.

R. J. HYATT,  
Section Director.

### PERSONALS.

J. Fred Odell, sales manager for the Consolidated Wagon and Machine company, accompanied by Mrs. Odell, left for New York and the east over the Rio Grande yesterday.

Prof. Swenden has gone to the Strawberry tunnel on government business. Prof. A. P. Davis of Washington who was to have gone with him, has been suddenly called to Yuma. It is believed in connection with the efforts to turn the Colorado river back into its former channel. The situation is looking desperate down there.

### AFTERNOON ON EXCHANGE.

This afternoon's sales on the regular call of the mining exchange were:

Carlsbad, 100 at 65.

Lower Mammoth, 500 at 1.02 1/2.

May Day, 500 at 1 1/4.

Black Jack, 1,000 at 95; 100 at 70.

Little Chief, 3,000 at 1.00; 1,000 at 1.02.

seller 95; 1,000 at 1.02; 1,000 at 20, buyer 60.

### DINKELSPIEL MORALIZES.

But Mein Lieber Son, Looney—Ye hat received your letter from your resting place by der sea waves, and ve vas glad to know dot you vas lifting on vegetables dis summer and getting fat because doreet.

I don't read so much about petrified canned meat any more in der newspapers, so I supposition it vas just a nine days wonder; and many peoples, vich hat nearly drowned demselves in tomato soup vill now go back again to hand-painted clipped beef and under such lighsuries.

Vot is it der poet speaks it. "Wice is a sea serpent mit such a face dot fairst ve pity der see, den ve vade out and embrace!"

So it is mit dis wonderful pupple. Evils crawl out of der money-lined caves and grovel and stare at us, and ve let a yell out of us you could hear for ten miles.

But der Evil stays dare because it has no ears, and vot is a loud yell to something vich is unhearable?

Pretty soon ve get bronchitis from der severe scream vich ve used velle still der Evil sits dare, grinning at us.

After a velle der Evil grows more amiable and vags its tail and ve begin to say to ourselves, "How foolish to sprain der vindpipe mit such a yell! It might be a worse Evil, perhaps."

Vun lid on vun eye der der Evil drops down and den back again quick, and ve smile and say, "Nice Evil, please excuse our emotional insanity because ve yelled at you!"

Der Evil nods its awful head politely at us, but no longer do ve look for a stone or a policeman.

Ve put it on der back and say, "Please took der freedom of der city, der Evil, and make yourself as comfortable as possible. If you need any money yell at you!"

Tud doreafter der Evil goes about unyelled at, and only here and dare in der hearts of does dat hate inahustice can be found a voice vich says, "Raus mit ihm!"

Oxcoos me, Looney, dot I interruption your vacation mit dis egression into der side streets of veldity affairs, because I know you vould radder be out gadder a new bunch of freckles on your shoulder blades.

But some day ven you and me, Looney, vas not so big as a fly speck on der memory of man dese dings vill be different, aretley.

Den ven Evil comes crawling from its gold-plated cave and tries to make a monkey pizness, annuder and less patient public vill grab a club and beat der cosmopolitan daylight out of it sure! Yours mit,

D. DINKELSPIEL,  
per George V. Hobart.

## Correction of an Error made in one of McDonald's Talks on Chocolates.

Butte doesn't pay \$200,000.00 annual tribute to the excellence of McDonalds chocolates. It's Montana that gets on an average of 24 cars—\$200,000.00 worth annually. The young man who prepared the copy labored under the impression that Montana was a superb to Butte. The error is excusable in that Butte is the leading distributing center for the State.



But \$200,000.00 for a state sparsely settled speaks volumes for the quality of McDonald's chocolates.

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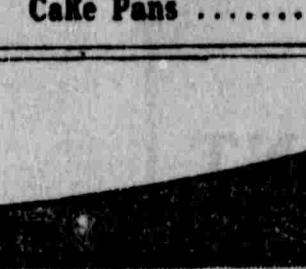
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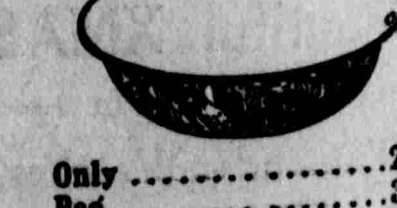
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