

ENGINEERS ARE BUYING MINES

Locomotive Brotherhood Invests \$2,000,000 in West Virginia Coal Fields to Solve Pressing Problem.

(By Associated Press)

CLEVELAND, O., June 17.—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has tackled the coal problem, according to a statement by Albert F. Cayle, editor of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' Journal. "The Locomotive Engineers are making a \$2,000,000 investment in West Virginia and Kentucky coal mines," said Mr. Cayle, "which means not only a fair deal for the miners but better and cheaper coal for the consuming public."

"The leading officers of the Brotherhood have obtained control of more than 6,000 acres of the best coal land in the United States, situated on the

local River in Boone County, West Virginia, and in Floyd County, the heart of the Big Sandy Coal District near Princeton, Kentucky.

"The Coal River Collieries, as the new company is called, is owned by hundreds of locomotive engineers throughout the country, who have subscribed in small amounts to the capital stock of \$2,000,000.

"The Engineers are not only going into the business of mining coal; they are also planning the establishment of retail yards to sell their coal at reasonable prices to railwaymen and other workers in the large cities. Locomotive engineers and their friends have already organized these auxiliary coal yards in Ohio and Michigan, and have placed contracts with their coal companies for delivery direct from the mine pits to the consumers.

"Without such bare of trumpets or band music, the experiment of the Engineers promises to revolutionize the coal industry. First, they have cut out watered stock and over-capitalization, organizing a company whose sole purpose is efficient production and not financial exploitation of its coal resources. In the second place, they have laid down the doctrine that the miners ought to share in the prosperity of the industry. Then they have employed the most competent mining engineers obtainable and have given them a free hand in the technical development of their properties. Finally, they are going to reorganize their own co-operative co-ops, cut out middlemen's profits, and sell their own coal to themselves at cost."

Modern machinery, including powerful electrical locomotives, is called for. It is estimated that the mines will have a capacity exceeding 6,000 tons a day.

TREE FALLS ON TENT AND BOY

ENTERPRISE, June 17.—While the family of J. R. Bird were fishing in the Wallowa river at Minna last Sunday, they were caught in the violent storm and they at once started with team and wagon for the tent where they were camping two miles up the river. Fred and Robin were horseback and went on ahead. They had just got into the tent when a large tree fell across it. The boys started to run out and Robin escaped but Fred was caught under the tree and his right leg was broken in two places, at the ankle and above the ankle.

The Bird family moved from Joseph four weeks ago to work on the highway. Fred had just come from Lemhi, Idaho, on a visit to his parents and family.

SWINDLERS GET MILLIONS.
BRUSSELS—Gangs of swindlers posing as owners of war-damaged goods are reported to have made millions of dollars without a single arrest being made.

EARTHQUAKES MORE INTENSE

TOKIO, June 17.—The residents of Tokio and vicinity who experienced the earthquake of April 26, when their houses rocked like ships in a heavy sea and movable articles fell from tables and sideboards, have hardly been re-assured by the statement of Dr. Fusakichi Omori, famous seismologist and professor of the Imperial University, that future shocks will at their greatest be about double the force of the last quake. The late one was considered bad enough. A wall around the Imperial Palace which had withstood shocks for 800 years fell into the surrounding moat; modern granite walls were damaged and a new reinforced concrete building, one of several under construction by American firms, and which are believed to be earthquake proof was slightly cracked. However, Dr. Omori says these buildings being on more fragile ground than other Tokio buildings have proved their ability to withstand any shock that might in future visit the city although the last quake was only one-sixth the intensity of the shock of 1855 when 50,000 houses were destroyed and 6,700 deaths resulted.

Dr. Omori's predictions are based on the known scientific fact that earthquakes are the phenomena accompanying the removal of weak cleavages thus binding the strata and preventing the occurrence of severer shocks.

There are an average of 1,450 earthquakes yearly or about four daily felt in Japan, not including minor ones which are recorded only on the most delicate instruments and in 1,500 years there have been 234 more or less disastrous ones. Most of these originated under the Pacific. During the last 20 years, said Dr. Omori, the origin of the earthquakes felt in Tokio has been always about 45 or 20 miles distant from the city, there being no case in which Tokio or its vicinity was the origin. "It follows that these quakes had nothing to do with Tokio as a centre," adds the professor, "but it must be feared that, as these quakes decrease in number in the future, Tokio will be, in its turn the centre of vibration. As a rule, however, points several miles distant from the centre of vibration feel the quake more severely than the point of origin. For this reason, Tokio, Yokohama and Chiba, built largely on reclaimed land vibrate more than the scene of origin."

FACTORY GIRLS GO TO COLLEGE

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 17.—One thousand girls from factories and offices in six states today began a week of campus life as guests of Vassar, the oldest women's college.

Lantern fetes by the lake, basketball games, hoop rolling, and a "Pageant of Woman's Opportunity" will give collegiate color to this first gathering of representative industrial and academic workers.

The occasion for this meeting of working girls and students is the annual convention of the National League of Girls' clubs, a federation of societies whose members number 100,000.

Henry Noble MacCracken, president of Vassar, in his address of welcome said:

"The democracy of the curriculum is the unique achievement of the American college. We recognize no royal road to learning. It remains for us to break with one more barrier of the academic tradition—the barrier that separates those reared in the atmosphere of college from those in the great industrial heart of America.

"By means of just such organizations as the National League of Girls' clubs it will be possible to suggest that college life in America is not exclusive, but inclusive. It is Vassar's aim to share with you in these days a taste of the best that is in college spirit, and we bid you welcome to your own feast. It was an ancient custom that every guest brought his food with him to the castle of the host, so you bring to our college campus the joyous spirit of living well together that you have achieved in your club organizations.

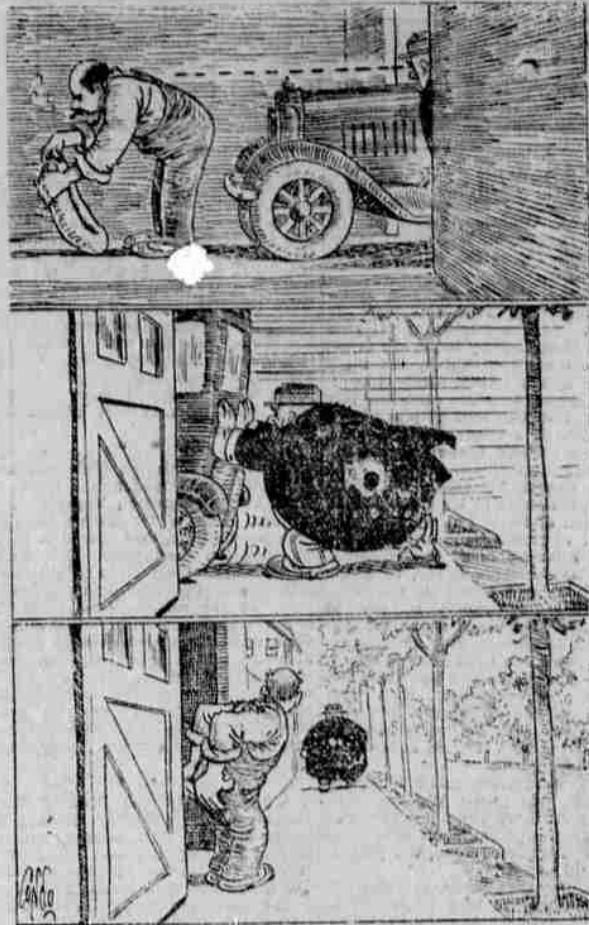
"That is all there is in college spirit, and we know that you have learned its lesson so that it will be easy for you to extend the same spirit to the groups from all these cities here today. Our students and officers who will live with you here this week will, I know, learn much from you. Out of such contacts we shall build better colleges."

Girls from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York are attending the convention.

MOSCOW NOW CHEERING UP

MOSCOW, June 17.—Moscow is cheering up. To the foreign visitor it is noticeable that lugubrious expressions are no longer the rule, but are in the minority on the faces of the constantly increasing street crowds. Prices still soar and money depreciates in value, nevertheless shops are opening in increasing numbers, the people appear better dressed from day to day and for all their troubles there is an air of lightness rather than despondency in the demeanor of the pedestrians.

THE OUBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE—by Condo



TITHE IS CHIEF REVENUE SOURCE

(By Associated Press)

TIRANA, Albania, June 17.—The Biblical tithe is the chief source of Albanian revenue and has constituted until the present time a "single tax" policy. A new fiscal policy is being introduced and prominent among the many items proposed for taxation are beds, for in this primitive country a bed is regarded as a luxury.

The origin here of the tithe can be traced to the Turks, who for centuries have collected it from the people of Albania. It being a simple method of levying and a circumstance to which all the inhabitants had become accustomed. It was adopted by the new independent government as a means of revenue. The new government, however, has not found it a very productive kind of tax because of the ability with which the taxpayers are able to conceal their incomes. So skillful are the inhabitants in evading a large share of the tithe, that new methods of taxation are being put into effect.

"The tithe is still our chief source of revenue," said Koi Thaci, Albanian minister of finance, to the correspondent of The Associated Press. "We depend upon it for the current expenses of the government but we find that it does not render sufficient return to let our taxing stop there. We are already planning a new scheme of taxation. It is proposed to place a tax on beds, for to us the bed is not an absolute necessity. Our people have been used for centuries to sleeping on the floor and continue to do so to this day. Today we see that beds are gradually being introduced

by those who can afford them, so we are proposing to place a tax on these beds as an article of luxury."

Age of Sheep Told by Teeth.

The approximate age of sheep can be told by the teeth. All the baby teeth are present soon after the birth of a lamb. The two permanent front teeth appear when the lamb is twelve to fourteen months old. The next pair, one on each side of the front ones, comes at about twenty-two to twenty-four months. The third pair appears a year later, and at the end of the fourth year the sheep has a full mouth with all permanent teeth present. As the animal grows old the teeth spread and show wear and finally come out.

Country Club Notes

High Lights About the Links, Club House and Natatorium.

It appears that about 12 members of the La Grande Country Club will spend tomorrow in Baker accepting the invitation of the Baker Country Club to participate in an inter-town tourney. Several ladies are taking the trip with their husbands.

With the warm weather rapidly settling down on the Grande Ronde Valley there is now immediate need for the Country Club swimming pool and arrangements to open it as soon as possible have been made.

Miss Magnuson house hostess at the Club, announces a brief increase in number of dinners and luncheons being served recently, as announced in yesterday's paper, she now has a regular schedule of luncheon and supper hours with which the membership is rapidly adjusting itself.

RADIO EXPLAINED

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TYPES OF CRYSTAL DETECTORS.

Crystal detectors are divided into two broad classes, one requiring a local battery for best operation and those which operate without such a source of local electromotive force. Carborundum is an example of the first type, and silicon sometimes works better when a local potential is applied. The carborundum crystals are silicon carbide and are made in an electric furnace. When the carborundum crystals are pulverized they are used for grinding wheels and so forth. When carborundum is used as a radio detector a rather blunt metal point is caused to bear against the crystal with some pressure. With silicon a finer point is best and the contact is much lighter. Silicon is also a product of the electric furnace.

Galena, or lead sulphide, is probably the most popular crystal in present use. It comes in the second general classification, since it works to very good advantage as a rectifier without a local battery. When used as a detector, the galena crystal is usually held in a clamp or set in a cup with "Wood's metal" and a rather fine wire point is allowed to rest lightly upon its surface. Galena is quite sensitive, but does not usually retain that property as long as do some other crystals. It is more sensitive, but not stable in adjustment as carborundum, iron pyrites, or iron sulphide, while they are not ordinarily as sensitive as galena, they usually retain their sensitiveness longer. A combination of zinc, (natural regor-

Monkey in a Muff.
A monkey was used by a clever woman thief to commit a series of thefts from jewelers' shops in Paris. The creature was so tiny that she carried it in a big muff. Then while its mistress was standing at such distance from the counter as disguised suspicion, the monkey would thrust out a long, spider-like arm and snatch and conceal a ring or brooch. It was a shop detective, hidden in a gallery above and watching with the aid of reflecting mirrors, who at last detected the trick.

Little Dissertation on Gossip.
Western Paper—Gossip is a humming bird with eagle wings and a voice like a foghorn. It can be heard from Dan to Beersheba and has caused more trouble than all the fleas, ticks, mosquitoes, coyotes, rattlesnakes, cyclones, earthquakes, blizzards, gout and indigestion that this United States has known or will know when the universe shuts up shop and begins the final inventory. In other words, it has got both war and hell backed up in a corner yelling for ice water.—Boston Transcript.

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