

BLIZZARD BRAGS; COAL IS LACKING

People of Prairie States in Danger of Freezing to Death.

MILITIA MAY HAUL TRAINS

North Dakota Towns Bare of Fuel and Farmers Burn Buildings to Keep Alive—Vain Appeal Sent to Mines.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 14.—With the cold wave signal flying, the coal shortage in the Northwest becomes not only a cause of severe suffering, but an absolute menace to human life.

Farmers Burn Buildings.

Farmers are burning their outbuildings for fuel. The Glenburn, N. D., Commercial Club in a telegram received here today says: "Our local dealers have coal ordered over two months, which is not even shipped yet."

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Mines Cannot Get Cars.

"We will write our Senators at Washington today asking their interest with the Federal Government. We cannot put our words strong enough to convey the chance of getting railroads to haul special trains of coal into these sections suffering. We telephoned the Burlington mines and asked if they would not let us have five cars if we sent men to load them."

TRAINS LOST IN NORTH DAKOTA

Great Snowstorm Is Raging and Drifts Are 20 Feet High.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 14.—The worst snowstorm in years is reported by the railroad companies, which have West-bound extensions. The trains in Western North Dakota on every line are snowed out, and in some cases more than 1000 ft. is even reported that some of the Great Northern through trains cannot be located.

GREAT MEXICAN MERGER

GOVERNMENT TAKES CONTROL OF PRINCIPAL LINES.

New Company Will Hold Majority of Stock in 10,000 Miles—Deal Is Financed in New York.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 14.—The details of the railway merger, by which the Mexican government takes control of all the important lines in the republic, are now known. By the terms of the contract, the government secures absolute control of the Mexican Central, the National, the International, the Interoceanic and Hidalgo & Northeastern, all of which will be merged into one great railroad system.

BUILD HOUSE FOR WIDOW

Woodmen of the World Will Engage in Muscular Charity.

STATE RATE LAW A FAILURE

Texas Commission Says National Law Is Only Hope.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 14.—A feature of the session of the Constitutional Convention was an address on the rate law legislation by Hon. Oscar B. Colquitt, a member of the Texas Railroad Commission. Mr. Colquitt said that while the Texas Railroad Commission act is a good law, rate regulation in Texas has been a failure, except in producing uniformity, and he quoted Mr. Hayfield, of the same commission, as acknowledging that it had been "almost a failure."

would become the "forerunner of Bryan." "It is my deliberate judgment," said Mr. Colquitt after exhaustively reviewing railroad rate regulation in Texas, "that the principal, if not the only substantial ground of the commission law of Texas, as administered, has done the people, is the giving to them to each person and place—uniform rates."

Mr. Colquitt said that "Roosevelt, with a master mind and hand, foresaw that something must be done, and that, if strong, courageous men were kept on the Commission and their actions were not negated by applications of the railroad commission for restraining orders, the country may be contented. But, if reverse take place, then it will not surprise me if Roosevelt does not become the forerunner of Bryan, and a preparer of the way for a different solution of the transportation question."

Will Sell All Its Coal Mines.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Formal announcement was made yesterday by the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway of the sale of all its coal company stock to the Mahoning Investment Company, a new corporation, the stock of which will be distributed pro rata to the shareholders in the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway.

Harriman Officials Called.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 14.—Joseph P. Smith, president of the Mormon church and director of the Union Pacific Railroad Company; W. H. Bancroft, vice-president and general manager of the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company; and James M. Moore, general agent of the Union Pacific Coal Company, yesterday were served with summons requiring them to appear in court to answer the charges of unlawful discrimination set forth in the grand jury indictments returned a week ago.

Lumber Convention on Car Famine.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—A convention of shippers has been called to meet in Chicago January 4 to devise some means of remedying the car shortage which is an annual occurrence during the Fall months. A week ago the lumber interests in Chicago got together and communicated by mail with 100 of the big lumber operators of the country asking their advice upon the matter.

REVOKE SPELLING ORDER

But Roosevelt Will Use New Style in Own Letters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—What probably will be the last act of the House of Representatives on the subject of simplified spelling occurred today, when, on motion of Representative Tawney, chairman of the committee on appropriations, the House, without debate or division, struck out of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills the provision relating to the revocation of the President's order to the Public Printer, and the consequent adoption of yesterday's resolution on the subject.

Simplified Spelling Gains.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Speaking of Congress' attitude toward simplified spelling, Professor Brander Matthews, chairman of the simplified spelling board, said today that his estimate on letters received by him, the cause is becoming steadily more popular at present. He said the agreement to use the board's list of simplified words in all of the signatures are coming in at the rate of about 1500 each month. The action of the House, Professor Matthews thinks, is the result of the adoption in all of the standard dictionaries of the new system and their being backed by the English departments of most of the large universities.

RETIALIA ON RELIEF BOARD

Indicted Officials Begin Fight and Refugees Suffer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The city administration has begun a determined attack upon the relief board. The relief board has retaliated, and while the two bodies are fighting, the refugees are suffering from a lack of housing accommodations.

Stores Burned at Hartford.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 14.—Four stores in the heart of the business district were gutted by fire early today, and the loss will be large, in view of the stock of furs and silvers that was destroyed.

Dead Beside Dying Man.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 14.—May Kelley, an inmate of the under world, was found dead in her room early today, and beside her, dying of a wound in his temple, lay John Van Ness, a stationary engineer, late of Superior, Wis. The man will not talk and cannot live long. It is presumed that murder and suicide were done, although who fired the first shot is not known. A revolver, with two empty chambers, was found near the bodies.

PAID RUEF MONEY

French Restaurant Man Makes New Graft Charge.

MEANS FRESH INDICTMENT

Tells Grand Jury Boss Demanded \$300 a Month, but Compromised on \$1000 Graft in Clock Repairing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Sensational and direct evidence against Abraham Ruef was presented to the grand jury by Prosecutor Heney and Detective Burns this morning in the testimony of Camille Malibeuau, one of the proprietors of the Frank restaurant, located on Pine street, near Kearney, before the fire.

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parts and to arrest all persons interfering with the carrying out of the contract. The relief corporation has been collecting from \$4 to \$6 a month from the refugees occupying the cottages built from the relief fund. A police patrol of the cottages of the relief camp has been in charge of the relief corporation, the enforcement of the ordinance will practically amount to taking the management of the cottages out of the hands of the relief corporation. The cottages number 431.

SYNDICATE BUYS DOMAIN

Immense Area in Congo to Be Exploited by Americans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—According to the official bulletin of the Congo Free State it is learned here the rights conferred upon the Ryan-Guggenheim-Rockefeller syndicate by royal decree, dated November 9 last, giving to the syndicate the prospect for metals over the whole of the unassigned public domain in the Congo Free State for a period of six years. Wherever mines are established within this prospect they may be worked for 99 years, but one out of every three is to become the property of the state at once. A company consisting of the Ryan-Guggenheim-Rockefeller Mining Company has been organized to finance the concession. It has a capital of 3500 shares, half of which shall be taken by the American syndicate. The other half stands in the hands of Belgian capitalists, who have already begun developing the country. The syndicate paid \$150,000 down, and it is pledged to bring the total amount of its capital to \$1,500,000. The grant covers an area of 7,500,000 acres. Besides mining rights, the syndicate has a grant of 2,400,000 acres of forest land and the right to harvest rubber-producing plants. It is to be like the Mexican guayule, over an area of 2,400,000 acres. The syndicate holds the patent rights for extracting rubber from this plant. The concession for the use of its proceeds involves an agreement to replant 50 feet of the plant for every 100 pounds of rubber extracted. The concession of 2,400,000 acres, the syndicate has secured rights to 120,000 acres on each bank of navigable streams and a ten-year option in 1,000,000 additional acres.

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TRES NEW SCHEME

Lionel Stagg Holds Up New York Millionaires.

POLICE ARE SEEKING HIM

Collects \$250 Each for Articles in Imaginary Volume on Prominent Men—Jumped Ball on Embeczzled Chail.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 14.—The police of New York are looking for Lionel Stagg, formerly of Portland, who was placed under arrest here last week on a charge of being a suspicious character. It appears that Stagg poses as a magazine writer in New York and is wanted over there on a charge of grand larceny.

Japanese Company Buys Much Oil.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—General Manager Shirashi, of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha Steamship Company, and representatives of the California Petroleum Company, yesterday signed a contract by which the petroleum company undertakes to deliver to the steamship company 30,000 barrels of liquid fuel oil per month for the next year.

Murdered by Ballard Thugs.

SHINGLE MILL INCREASES STOCK.

MONTESANO, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—A certificate of increase of capital stock from \$300,000 to \$500,000 was filed at the office of the County Auditor here yesterday by the Hoggan, Lunan, and Shingle Company, it being the intention of the company largely to increase the capacity of its plant.

TORTURED BY ITCHING ECZEMA

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