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Smoking Jackets

ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO smoke to feel comfortable in a Smoking Jacket. When you are invited out to dine a Tuxedo Coat and Vest is the proper caper. But when you have supper at home, put on a Smoking Jacket and your Slippers; chances are that you'll feel so comfortable you won't go out.

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Ladies' and Men's Slippers In High Novelties
Ladies' and Children's Coats Cheaper Than Elsewhere

GREAT COAL FAMINE NOW SEEMS IMMINENT

Tradesmen Say They Cannot Offset Effects of Recent Anthracite Troubles.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Upon the weather only depends whether New York will be visited by the greatest coal famine in its history, says the Herald.

Men who are interested in the various branches of the trade declare they cannot get more than a day away from the condition that existed at the end of the coal strike and they will not be able to get further away this winter. If a blizzard should tie up the railroads, three days will see the few remaining tons selling at prices which will make them luxuries. At the offices of the coal carrying roads it was said every effort is being made to meet the test when it comes, but there was little hope.

There is coming to tidewater daily about 100,000 tons of hard coal. About 26,000 tons of this comes to New York. The rest goes to New England and Canada.

New York's real actual demand in winter is about 30,000 tons a day. The supply, therefore, is about 4000 tons short. As it must be distributed fairly, no dealer can fill an entire order nor can a customer get what he desires.

President Lederle of the board of health has ordered officials of the elevated roads, nevertheless, to show cause on Wednesday, why they should not abate the use of soft coal.

CONVICT LABOR IN TENNESSEE

Men In Stripes Engaged Out On Same Basis as Free Miners.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 2.—Under the terms of a contract just signed between the state of Alabama and the Tennessee Coal and Iron company, the state convicts will receive 73 cents a ton for every ton of coal mined by state convicts for that company. The Tennessee Coal and Iron company will get a majority of the state convicts for the mines, not less than 400 in number. The remaining convicts will be leased to the Sloss-Sheffield Coal and Iron company on a free labor basis at a price not yet made public. The provisions of these contracts contemplate placing the convicts on the basis of free miners.

CHILDREN WILL BE CARED FOR

When Great Surgeon Leaves Work Charity Will Go On.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—In connection with the coming visit to this city of Prof. Lorenz of Vienna, it is stated that a well known capitalist whose name is withheld, has arranged to make a donation of a large sum to carry on the work of caring for poor children afflicted with hip disease, after Dr. Lorenz shall have returned to Europe. The gift will be, it is said, sufficient to give treatment to the sufferers among the poor for a long time. The work will be carried on by local surgeons who will attend the Lorenz clinics.

GERMANY TAKES SURVEY

In Event of War Between Nations Will Be Prepared.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—It is officially reported, says a Herald dispatch from Willemstad, Curacao, that a stranger who is asserted to be a German naval lieutenant, arrived in Maracaibo on November 10 and carefully inspected that city.

He took photographs of the forts and the surroundings and studied the bar, channel and currents at the entrance to the port.

The German gunboat Panther arrived at Maracaibo several days later and the man went on board.

RULE DOFF TRACKS

Suicide of Young Woman Reflects on Horseman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—Robert Hemingway, the horseman whose alleged wife committed suicide last Sunday evening at the Hotel Knickerbocker, will be ruled off the tracks of the California Jockey club today.

This action has been ordered by the club management after consideration of the facts made public in connection with the young woman's suicide.

JEROME AS RAIDER

District Attorney Will Make Life a Buren or Gamesters.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The spirit of raiding seems to have spread from the assault made upon the houses of Richard Canfield and others in this city by the district attorney, and early today the police descended on half a dozen places in other sections of the city where the law is alleged to have been violated. Bail was refused except where high-class security was forthcoming, and most of those apprehended spent the night in cells.

District Attorney Jerome has announced that he will endeavor to make life a burden for the roulette player hereafter as well as those charged with conducting games. He will seek to have the patrons given a 30-day sentence, called for by the statutes.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN ARE BURNED ALIVE

In Attempting to Escape From Burning Cabin Roof Falls in Cremating Them All.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 2.—News of the cremation of Mrs. Charles Lody and her children in their little home in the recess of the Jenese mountains has just reached this city. The cabin took fire from a stove and the frantic mother attempted to force the children—the oldest 15 years old—through a window, but before she could succeed the roof fell in upon them and they were burned to death. The father was away from home at the time.

CONFLICT IMMINENT

English Warship Will Visit Scene of Government's Traducers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—It is known upon good authority, cables the Herald's correspondent at Hamilton, Bermuda, that the British minister in Caracas, Mr. Haggard, has requested the admiral of the British fleet at Bermuda to send a warship immediately to La Guayra in consequence of the continual and bitter attacks in the Venezuelan official press upon the British government.

Relations between Great Britain and Venezuela are becoming, the dispatch asserts, more and more strained.

BUYS WHOLE VILLAGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The village of Glen Eyre, Pike county, Pa., has been sold at public auction by the sheriff, says a World special from Port Jervis. The property was bid up to \$3000 by nine capitalists and sold to them. It embraces 57 acres. The buildings consist of 10 houses, a store and postoffice, a railroad station, chicken houses, a blacksmith shop, ice house and school house. The place has declined of late by reason of dullness in the market for bluestone, which is quarried there.

BOTH HOUSES HEAR MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT

Few Democrats Attend Session, but Republicans Applaud Recommendations to Echo.

Russel A. Alger Sworn in—Canon Gaining Strength for Speakership of the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Interest in the session of the senate was heightened by the fact that the president's message to congress would be read and General Russel A. Alger of Michigan, former secretary of war, would be sworn in to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator McMillan.

Almost the entire republican representation were in their seats, but not more than half the seats on the democratic side were occupied.

At 1:30 p. m. the senate adjourned out of respect for the late Chas. H. Russell, representative from Connecticut.

THE HOUSE.

The house was in session for an hour and forty minutes today.

The hour of that time was consumed in reading the president's message. At the conclusion of the reading the republicans applauded generously.

The deaths of the late Representatives DeGraffenreid and Shepard of Texas were announced and after adopting customary resolutions the house adjourned.

CANNON TO BE SPEAKER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Representative Dalzell of Pennsylvania has withdrawn from the contest for speakership of the next house in favor of Cannon who has been endorsed by the Pennsylvania delegation. The practically assures Cannon's unanimous election.

The New York delegation in the house this afternoon unanimously decided to support Representative Cannon for speaker.

INCREASE JUDICIAL SALARY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Attorney-General Knox in his annual report renews his recommendation for an increase of the salaries of judicial officers throughout the country.

TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE BUT FAILED

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—James J. Rogers, believed to be an attorney of Boise, Idaho, jumped into the river at the foot of Michigan avenue today but was rescued. After being resuscitated Rogers became indignant because his plans had been interfered with.

CREW OF STEAMER SAVED.

Men Were Rescued While Vessel Was Pounding to Pieces.

SAULT STE MARIE, Dec. 2.—The crew of the steamer Hebard was rescued Sunday night and pulled ashore in a boatman's chair, when the steamer was pounding to pieces on the rocks off Maimais Point. Two members of the crew succeeded in getting a line ashore.

THOMAS B. REED ILL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Thomas B. Reed had a sudden attack of gastritis this evening. He was prostrated for some time. The sudden illness of the ex-speaker caused considerable alarm to his friends, but at a late hour Mr. Reed was eating better.

DARING ROBBERS MAKE BIG HAUL IN MONTANA

Hold Up Cashier of Bridger Bank, Secure \$10,000 and Then Take to Woods.

BUTTE, Dec. 2.—A special to the Inter Mountain from Billings, says:

The bank at Bridger, Carbon county, was held up by three masked men today and the cashier relieved of \$10,000. The robbery occurred at noon. Cashier Trumbo was at work when he looked up to see two big coils revolvers pointing directly at his head. The third man, also armed, stood at the door.

"Hold up your hands," said one of the two masked robbers. Trumbo complied. At this instance a mail carrier, Frank Williams, appeared at a side door and was immediately covered by two guns. Williams and Trumbo were ordered to the wall both with their hands high up while one man covered them with his gun. The other

ran behind the counter and grabbed all the money in sight.

All three men mounted horses, an alarm was quickly given, every horse in sight was pressed into service and pursuit was begun. A mile and a half out of town the posse began shooting from the saddle and the robbers returned the fire. The posse, seeing that it had to deal with desperate men, hesitated for a moment and presently the robbers disappeared in the timber.

It is believed the men will make for the famous Hole in the Wall country.

The latest advices are that the robbers have not yet been captured. The amount taken is believed to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000. Had the robbery been committed yesterday the haul would have been large, as Monday was payday at the mine.

COMMISSION IS LENIENT.

Sentences Imposed by Martial Law in South Africa Revised.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The report of the royal commission, which was sent to South Africa to revise the sentences pronounced under martial law, shows that the commission has dealt very leniently with these cases. Out of 794 cases it ordered the liberation of 119

prisoners and it made large reductions in original sentences of the others.

BLIZZARD IN COLORADO

As a Result It Is Feared That Cattle Have Perished.

DENVER, Dec. 2.—A cold wave which struck Colorado today has developed into a regular blizzard and snow is falling in all the northern portion of the state, driven by a strong north wind. Much damage to cattle on the range is feared.

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