

CONSUMPTION OF PIG IRON HAS MATERIALLY DECLINED

Critical Situation in the Iron and Steel Trade Has Not Been Allayed During the Past Week.

New York, June 9.—From the statistical returns it looks, says the Iron Age, as though the consumption of pig iron had declined very materially since March, while expanding production has not been checked from last month. The output for May was 1,633,500 tons of anthracite and coke pig iron, as compared with 1,554,000 tons in April. But the rate of output, which had reached 365,000 tons a week on May 1, had dropped back to 336,000 tons on June 1.

The corrective was quietly applied, but meantime stocks which were declining steadily during the first quarter of the year, were increasing during May, there having been an accumulation of 100,000 tons during that month alone. Two-thirds of this addition to the stock must be credited to the central west and to the north-west. This indicates quite a shrinkage in the demand, which even the cutting down in the receipt of production may not counterbalance. It was to be noted, however, that already there has been a further reduction in the output by the blowing out of additional furnaces since the opening of the month.

It is not surprising that the pig iron markets have weakened further, and Birmingham is now on the basis of \$ for No. 2 foundry with one transaction involving 12,000 tons closed this week. It is interesting to note that some export business in southern Basic pig has been done.

Valley furnaces are barely getting \$12 for No. 2 foundry, and Bessemer pig and one exceptionally low sale of low Phosphorus pig iron has been made in eastern Pennsylvania. Pool prices on steel billets are more and more out of line with present conditions, compared with those prevailing when the schedule was adopted.

The demand is still light in the heavier branches of finished trade.

In the structural trade some of the long delayed Baltimore business has

been coming in, so that expectations of larger orders from that quarter are revived. The bar trade is disappointing, and cutting is going on, notably in the west.

Negotiations are in progress and are expected to be completed within a few days, according to the Herald, whereby control of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad, known as the "Natural Gas Route," will change hands. The syndicate now in control of the Pere Marquette system probably will have a powerful if not dominating voice in the affairs of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton.

Eugene Zimmerman of Cincinnati, who is one of the largest stockholders, has been in the city several days past completing preliminaries looking to the passing of the control of his property. Associated with him is H. F. Shoemaker of this city, also a large stockholder. These two men have been in conference with representatives of the Pere Marquette line.

Incidentally it became known that the Pere Marquette had secured control of the Toledo Belt railway, which was built by S. F. Fordyce. Bankers have received propositions to buy \$3,500,000 of bonds on this property, the bonds to be jointly guaranteed by the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton and the Pere Marquette.

At Toledo the two big systems will connect and the acquisition of the Toledo Belt line is considered a valuable factor.

Officials of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, while admitting that a change in the control of their property was about to be made, refused to confirm the report that the Pere Marquette would absorb it. The deal is likely to be closed this week.

The Zimmerman road runs through a rich manufacturing center of Ohio and Indiana in the natural gas fields of those states. It operates more than 650 miles of line and has a capital of \$16,000,000 with \$15,000,000 of bonded indebtedness in addition.

would, she could not sink. Her flaring skirts buried her up and her attempts to get her head under water were vain. Her splashing was heard by two men who procured a boat and rescued her, despite her resistance.

After Miss Coloway was taken from the water she learned that her alarm clock was two weeks behind time, for her sweetheart was married a fortnight.

GREAT BILLIARD GAME.

Exciting Contest in New York Before Large Crowd.

New York, June 9.—Never perhaps in the annals of Balk line billiards has there been such an exciting scene as that witnessed in the match between M. Cure and Jacob Schaefer, says a dispatch to the Herald from Paris.

The French expert in the second inning Wednesday evening ran 225 points, thus beating by more than a "half century" the record of 200 made by George Sinton when playing a game with Vignaux in the tournament of 1903. When after scoring 255 Cure failed to get out of balk, there was a gasp of disappointment from his friends, followed by cheering which lasted for some minutes.

DEARTH OF TEACHERS.

Chicago Will Let Inexperienced Graduates Teach.

Chicago, June 9.—Lack of candidates for teachers positions has led the Chicago board of education to admit graduates of colleges and universities to the examinations to be held June 27 and 28. The dearth of teachers in Chicago has been felt so severely that the members of the board were practically unanimous on the question of admitting university graduates. The board adopted a resolution to suspend the present rules which prohibits college graduates from taking examinations for teachers' certificates unless they have had two years' experience in teaching.

RESULT OF STRIKE.

Boats Run Aground on Great Lakes and in Chicago River.

Chicago, June 9.—In the almost deserted Chicago river has sailed a forlorn appearing craft, the Child of Buffalo, with a cargo of coal. On the bridge stood a captain, M. M. Drake, the owner, who has not sailed a vessel for thirty years. At the wheel and in the old cabin were officers many of whom were likewise strangers to the sailor's life. Twice the steamer had gone aground, once at the Bois Blanc island and once at Lake Huron. The incident was eloquent of the condition of the lake commerce wrought by the strike of the masters' and pilots' association.

DEGREES CONFERRED.

Many Are Honored by the Denver University.

Denver, June 9.—At the graduating exercises of Denver university Senator Henry M. Teller received the degree of doctor of laws, as did William Fraser McDowell, who has recently been made bishop of the Methodist church. Barton O. Yatesworth, president of the agricultural college, received the degree of master of arts and letters, and the degree of master of arts was conferred upon Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver, the originator of the juvenile court idea.

Rhodes' Heir Found.

Chicago, June 9.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Asheville, N. C., says: "Mary Virginia Rhodes, one of the heirs to Cecil Rhodes' estate in South Africa, has been found in Asheville. She is now Mrs. Virginia Rhodes Baker and a missionary. Mrs. Baker is about 45 years of age. She has been engaged in mission work in the Black mountain district for a number of years."

Can Tell Nothing.

Chefoo, June 9.—(3 p. m.)—A Chinaman from Port Arthur says that while the party of Chinese with which he arrived today were in Port Arthur during the bombardment which took place on the night of June 6 they left at daylight on June 7 for a harbor east of that town, where they boarded junks on the following day. Consequently they had no opportunity of ascertaining the amount of damage done, if any, by the bombardment.

That Throbbing Headache

Would quickly leave you if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents; money back if not cured. Sold by Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

The least busy counter in your store is where the things you didn't advertise are sold. Look about the store and see.

IN EVERY HOME

There should always be found a bottle of the famous Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is good for every member of the family and if taken at the start may counteract a long sickness. No other is just as good nor so safe and reliable. It puts the stomach in a normal condition and cures Bilioussness, Constipated Bowels, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Insomnia, Liver Troubles and Malaria. Doctors and Druggists recommend it. Try one Bottle.

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS.

ONLY ONE JAP KILLED.

Togo Reports Trip of Torpedo Boats to Port Arthur.

Tokio, June 9.—Admiral Togo reports that on the night of June 7th he sent eight small torpedo boats from the battleships of his squadron to make a reconnaissance of Port Arthur harbor. The boats went far inside the heads and were exposed to the Russian fire. One sailor and one petty officer were killed in the operation but the boats escaped undamaged.

Admiral Kataoka reports that on June 4th he landed men on Shan Shan and Taku Islands in Tallenway bay for the purpose of making a reconnaissance. They found most of the buildings there were only partially destroyed. In the hospital some supplies were found.

Gambling "Closed" at Seattle.

While gambling has been stopped in Seattle, Seattle people have not been stopped from gambling. Since the pool rooms have been closed in Seattle they have been removed to Georgetown, where they are apparently doing as much business as ever. Gambling is wide open in Tacoma, and the Interurban has been compelled to put on another car to accommodate Seattleites who desire to squander their money. The Flyer, too, is doing a bigger business than for some time. Everett and Bellingham are getting jealous, and are framing up to open gambling wide. All of which proves that one cannot reform people by law.

A WOMAN'S BACK.

The Aches and Pains Will Disappear if This Advice is Followed.

A woman's back has many aches and pains. Most times 'tis the kidneys' fault. Backache is really kidney ache. That's why Doan's Kidney Pills cure it.

Many women know this. Read what one has to say about it: Mrs. Painter, wife of J. W. Painter, expressman, living at 310 East Seventh street, Portland, says: "I have had more or less kidney trouble all my life. When quite a young girl I had a severe spell of sickness, and all who knew me thought I was going to die. I finally recovered, but ever after my kidneys bothered me and I have suffered at times terribly. I could no more lie on my left side than I could fly, and could not stoop to pick anything off the floor without working myself up gradually by placing my hands on my hips. In addition to this there were headaches, dizziness and trouble with the kidney secretions, for all of which I doctored and used more than one remedy said to be a sure cure for such annoyances. Nothing brought me relief compared with that received from Doan's Kidney Pills. The results stamp that remedy as one fully up to representations made for it."

Emphatic endorsement can be had right here in Astoria. Drop into Chas. Rogers' drug store and ask what customers report. Sold for 50c per box by all druggists. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

Special Excursion to the World's Fair.

The Denver & Rio Grande, in connection with the Missouri Pacific, will run a series of personally conducted excursions to the world's fair during June. These excursions will run through to St. Louis without change of cars, making short stops at principal points enroute. The first of these excursions will leave Portland June 7th, and the second June 17th. The rate from Astoria will be \$67.50 to St. Louis and return. Excursionists going via the Denver & Rio Grande have the privilege of returning via a different route. This is the most pleasant way, as well as the most delightful route, to cross the continent. The stops arranged give an opportunity to visit the various points of interest in and about Salt Lake City, Denver and Kansas City. If you wish to accompany one of these excursions write at once to W. C. McBride, 124 Third street, Portland, for sleeping car reservations.

If your chest measure is 42, a 34 coat would be a little uncomfortable—and would cause some comment among your friends. Is your advertising expenditure cut too small for your business chest measurement?

DON'T GO TO ST. LOUIS

"Till you call at or write to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Office 134 Thirt street, Portland, Ore. Low rates to all points east, in connection with all transcontinentals. H. S. ROWE, General Agent."

A DIRECT LINE

to Chicago and all points east; Louisville, Memphis, New Orleans, and all points south.



See that your ticket reads via the Illinois Central R. R. Thoroughly modern trains connect with all transcontinental lines at St. Paul and Omaha.

If your friends are coming west let us know and we will quote them direct the specially low rates now in effect from all eastern points.

Any information as to rates, routes, etc., cheerfully given on application. B. H. TRUMBULL, Commercial Agent, 142 Third street, Portland, Or. J. C. LINDSEY, T. F. & P. A., 143 Third street, Portland, Or. P. B. THOMPSON, F. & P. A.,

ASK THE AGENT FOR TICKETS VIA



To Spokane, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Chicago, St. Louis, and all points east and south.

OVERLAND TRAINS DAILY

The Flyer and The Fast Mail

SPLENDID SERVICE UP TO DATE EQUIPMENT COURTEOUS EMPLOYEES

Daylight trip across the Cascade and Rocky Mountains.

For tickets, rates folders and full information call on or address H. DICKSON, City Ticket Agent, 122 Third Street, Portland, Or. S. G. YERKES, G. W. P. A., 612 First Avenue, Seattle, Wash.

SANTAL-MIDY

These tiny Capsules are superior to Balsam of Copaiba. Cubes or Injections and CURE IN 48 HOURS (MIDY) the same diseases without inconvenience. Sold by all Druggists.

PENNYROYAL PILLS

Original and Only Genuine. CHESTER'S PENNYROYAL PILLS. HAVE BEEN PROVED TO BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE REMEDY FOR ALL CASES OF CHIEF'S ENGLISH. It is a safe and reliable remedy, made with pure herbs. Take no other. Beware of cheap imitations and false claims. Buy of your Druggist, or send 4c. in stamps by Postoffice, to receive full particulars and directions. Invaluable to ladies. S. B. F. CO., 41 Park Row, New York.

Every Woman

is interested and should know about the wonderful MARVEL Whirling Spray. The new Vaporized. Injections and Injections. Best—Highest—Most Convenient. It Cures Instantly.

Scott's Santal-Pepsin Capsules

A POSITIVE CURE For Inflammation or Catarrh of the Bladder and Diseased Kidneys. No cure so perfectly and so quickly and certainly the worst cases of Gonorrhoea and Gleet, no matter how long standing. Absolutely harmless. Sold by druggists. Price \$1.00, or by mail, postpaid, \$1.50, 4 boxes, \$5.00.

THE FAIR ROUTE

via Chicago or New Orleans to St. Louis, is one that gives you the most for your money, and the fact that the ILLINOIS CENTRAL offers unsurpassed service via these points to the WORLD'S FAIR, and in this connection to all points beyond, makes it to your advantage, in case you contemplate a trip to any point east, to write us before making final arrangements. We can offer the choice of at least a dozen different routes. B. H. TRUMBULL, Commercial Agent, 142 Third street, Portland, Oregon. J. C. LINDSEY, T. F. & P. A., 143 Third street, Portland, Ore. F. B. THOMPSON, F. & P. A., Room 1, Colman Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

ASTORIA AND COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD

LEAVE	PORTLAND	ARRIVE
8:00 a.m.	Portland Union Depot	11:10 a.m.
7:00 p.m.	Portland for Astoria and Way Points	7:40 p.m.

ASTORIA		
7:45 a.m.	For Portland and Way Points	11:30 a.m.
4:10 p.m.		10:30 p.m.

SEASIDE DIVISION

8:15 a.m.	Astoria for Warrenton, Flavel	7:40 a.m.
11:35 a.m.	Stevens, Hammond and Seaside	4:00 p.m.
8:50 p.m.	Seaside for Warrenton, Flavel, Hammond, Stevens & Astoria	10:45 a.m.
6:15 a.m.		12:50 p.m.
9:30 a.m.		7:20 p.m.
2:30 p.m.		9:25 a.m.

*Sunday only
All trains make close connections at Goble with all Northern Pacific trains to and from the East and Sound points. J. C. Mayo, General Freight and Pass. Agent.

O. R. & N.

UNION PACIFIC OREGON SHORT LINE

AND UNION PACIFIC

70 hours from Portland to Chicago. No change of cars.

Depart	TIME SCHEDULES FROM PORTLAND	Arrive
Chicago Portland special 7:15 a. m. via Huntington	Salt Lake, Denver, Ft Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and the East	5:35 p.m.
Atlantic Express 8:15 p. m. via Huntington	Salt Lake, Denver Ft Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and the East	9:00 a.m.
St. Paul Fast Mail 7:45 p. m. via Spokane	Walla Walla, Lewiston, Spokane, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth Milwaukee, Chicago, and East	6:30 p.m.

OCEAN AND RIVER SCHEDULE

—From Astoria—
All sailing dates subject to change.

For San Francisco every five days.
Daily except Sun-
day and Mon-
day

Steamer Nahcotta leaves Astoria on the tide DAILY FOR ILWACO, connecting there with trains for Long Beach, Tloca and North Beach points. Returning arrives at Astoria same evening.

Through tickets to and from all principal European cities.
G. W. ROBERTS, Agent, Astoria, Ore.

"Best by Test"

A transcontinental traveler says: "I've tried them all and I prefer the

North-Western Limited

It's the best to be found from coast to coast.
It's "The Train for Comfort" every night in the year between Minneapolis, St. Paul and Chicago.

Before starting on a trip—no matter where—write for interesting information about comfortable traveling.
H. L. SISLER, General Agent, 132 Third St. Portland, Oregon.
T. W. TEASDALE, General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minn.

RACE AGAINST TIME.

President Harper Does a Strenuous Stunt Again.

Chicago, June 9.—In a race against time with an LL. D. degree as the prize, President Harper of the University of Chicago, will today start on a flying trip from Madison, Wis., to Toronto. A special to Chicago and the holding of a Michigan express at Buffalo by special arrangement will be features of the trip.

President Harper is in Madison attending the jubilee of the University of Wisconsin, where he will be given an LL. D. degree today. This afternoon he will leave on a special train over the Northwestern, arriving in Chicago at 4:45 p. m. At 5:20 he will start over the Michigan Central, reaching Buffalo at 6:45 central time. The hour schedule for the departure of the departure of the train for Toronto is exactly the minute of the arrival of Dr. Harper's train from Chicago.

In Toronto tomorrow Dr. Harper will deliver a convocation address in the afternoon at Toronto University and receive another LL. D. degree and leave for Chicago in the evening.

WOMAN WILL HANG.

Pardon Refused Female Murderer in New Jersey.

New York, June 9.—For the first time in 40 years, a woman has been doomed in New Jersey through the refusal of the court of pardons to interfere with her death on the gallows for murder. Mrs. Anna Valentine, who killed Mrs. Rosie Salza at Lodi, N. J., last March, will be the victim, and she probably will be executed June 16 at Hackensack, N. J. At her trial Mrs. Valentine confessed her crime and said in open court she was ready to die. She said that the Salza woman called her vile names and in a frenzy she stabbed her tormenter 17 times with a long-bladed carving knife.

Sold for a Fortune.

New York, June 9.—At a sale of the Galliard collection, says a Herald dispatch from Paris, a large plate from the Faenza factory, decorated with flowers on a blue and yellow background, which belonged to the king of Hungary—Mathias Corunth, who ruled prior to 1490, has been sold for \$10,200. It was knocked down to an unknown buyer.

REJOICE AT HIS DEATH.

Gamblers Toast Decease of One of Their Number.

New York, June 9.—An astonishing exhibition of joy has been noticed among the acquaintances in Harlem of Miles B. McDonnell over the murder of the former gambler in Albany. Along East 125th street, in the saloons and resorts where the man was well known and feared, his death was toasted and it is even reported that some of the friends of George Price, who was killed by McDonnell in 1900, got up a dinner in celebration of the event.

The gamblers never forgave McDonnell for shooting Price, although he was acquitted on the ground of self-defense. He has been mixed up in a score of fights and in one instance is said to have cut an ear from a man he accused of swindling while employed in his gaming house. The ear was nailed up on a wall of the room. His trial revealed the inside facts regarding gambling in Harlem and caused the closing of many notorious places, much to the discomfiture of the proprietors and hangers-on. They have lived to see themselves avenged and his death caused much joy.

Another Combine.

Kansas City, June 9.—The National Packing company has absorbed the Ruddy Brothers Packing company, whose plant is in Armourdale, Kansas. It is said the consideration was about \$500,000. The Ruddy Brothers company employs 180 men and the daily slaughter capacity is 250 cattle, 500 hogs and 300 sheep.

DIED BY ALARM CLOCK.

Girl Tried to Commit Suicide at Moment Her Lover Married Another.

Chicago, June 9.—An alarm clock has given the signal for Nora Coloway, a 20-year-old working girl to jump into the lake in an effort to end a life of misery.

The girl had set the alarm for the exact moment which she thought Allan Johnson, whom she loved, was to marry another.

Taking the clock with her she walked out to the pier and waited. She had written a farewell note to her sister and was prepared to die. Finally the alarm sounded and the young woman leaped into the water. But try as she