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Illinois Assumes Regulation of the Operation of the Coal Mines the Sucker State on Monday Next.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Beginning next Monday, the child labor law of Illinois will be enforced in all the coal mines of the state. Under the interpretation of the law made by Factory Inspector Edgar T. Dayles and sustained by the courts no boys under 16 years of age will be permitted to work in the mines. It is estimated the enforcement of the statute will take 250 boys away from employment underground.

LABOR GETS CONCESSION.

Co-operative Shipbuilding is the Latest in New York.

New York, Dec. 9.—Proposals made by the Townsend-Downey Shipbuilding Company to open a co-operative yard are reported to have been approved by union labor leaders and the president of the firm states that the new enterprise will shortly be launched on an "open shop" basis. The plant, which is situated at Shooters' island, has been closed for some time. Under the general plan for the proposed reorganization the workmen will receive the prevailing rate of wages, and at the end of the year share in the surplus, the dividends being based upon the amount of their wages for the year. Allowance will be made in the computation for repairs and the deterioration of the plant, for the interest on the amount of capital invested and for the losses.

MANY DELEGATES THERE.

Carnegie Institute Receives Attention from Mechanical Engineers.

New York, Dec. 9.—The 25th annual convention of the Society of Mechanical Engineers, in session here, will end today. Five hundred delegates from many cities have been in attendance. Within a few days a committee will formulate a full report concerning the new \$1,000,000 Carnegie Engineering building to be erected as a home for the various societies in Thirty-ninth street, near Fifth avenue.

An informal report of the convention showed that the new building, which will be 14 stories high, will be completed by 1907, and that the society will be able to hold its convention of that year in the new building.

The following officers of the society have been elected for the ensuing year: President, John R. Freeman; vice presidents, T. W. Taylor, S. W. Vauclain and H. H. Westinghouse; treasurer, Congressman William H. Wiley; secretary, Professor F. R. Hutton.

THE SALMON MARKET.

Coast Markets in Excellent Shape and Prospects for Higher Prices.

With an increased jobbing interest in salmon on the spot, there is in all quarters in first hands a marked disposition toward firmer prices decidedly unusual at this time of the year. The character of the buying is such as to lend color to the belief existing that jobbers' stocks are unusually light. In this connection Frank A. Aplin of the J. K. Arnsby Co., said in an interview yesterday:

"The improved condition in the salmon situation, as bearing upon Alaska red is a matter of no surprise, probably, to the jobbers who have been in touch through our correspondence and circulars, with the conditions from the beginning of the season until now. Stocks in the jobbers' hands, are reported from all sections to be light. In fact, our latest information would indicate, a larger stock than we could have expected, based upon our sales which were large after we had named price on 1904 pack. Salmon has simply gone into the hands of the retailer and consumer to an extent not appreciated by people who are not in close touch with this article. As the stock both in the packers' and jobbers' hands of Columbia river fish is virtually exhausted there is no other red fish to supply the demand for the next six months except Alaska red, and jobbers are discriminating more closely than usual, as the advanced price last year no doubt caused some jobbers in sections to accept quality that was at least to be questioned and there is now more than ever a determined effort on the part of the jobbers who are placing orders to know that the quality they buy will not be questioned when reaching the consumer. The Alaska Packers' Association price of \$1.10 coast, made at the opening of the season, was admittedly low, conditions considered. Statistics now in the hands of the government prove conclusively that the pack was short, and it is now known that the statements made by people

whose interests were at stake that a full pack was made is now placed where it should be, in the "wind column."

"There is but a small amount of Alaska pink salmon held on the coast. Our opening price of 70 cents a dozen has not been advanced or changed, or met, so far as I know, by other packers. We can only take orders for pink salmon subject to confirmation, as the demand, based upon the previous year's consumption must be, before the close of this season, far in excess of the supply. The orient has bought and is now in the market to buy more. Medium red is well cleaned up, although limited lots are still offered from first hands.

"Summarizing the situation, there is a very greatly decreased quantity of salmon in the hands of packers, jobbers and retailers, as compared to December 1, 1903. The large lot of carryover, holdover, do-over that have been hung up for years have been worked off, and a cut upon our price of \$1.10 should be carefully scrutinized as to quality. Pink is nearly cleaned up as the probable holdings on the coast are about 75,000 cases against hundreds of thousands of cases a year ago. Medium red, unusually light pink, distribution in proportion to the pack, large."

So far as can be learned, the only important lot of salmon now on the way to this market is that on the steamer Californian. This vessel left the coast on November 19 with 47,247 cases and 100 barrels of salmon from San Francisco; 25,000 cases loaded at Bellingham, Wash.; 1250 cases from Seattle, and 1500 cases from Everett, Wash. She is due here about January 15 next.

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