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**Northwestern Railroads to Make
Preparations.**

OPENING COAL BEPOSITS

Harriman Lines Putting Branch Roads
Into Wyoming Mines—New Coal
Properties Will be Developed—Indus-
try is Vital to Prosperity of the West.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 18.—It is now
possible to see the effects of the efforts
made by the northwestern railroads to
prevent another fuel scarcity. All dur-
ing the summer and fall the transcon-
tinental railroads have been carrying
coal to the west. There it has been stored
in enormous quantities, in the hope that
thus a coal famine will be averted.
Though there are rich deposits of coal
in western states, it was almost impos-
sible to get miners to work them until
the closing of metal miners sent the
men into the coal regions.

The Union Pacific and its allied lines,
last Spring, began to make preparations
by opening up new coal territories. Hun-
dreds of thousands of tons have been
stored at Omaha, Connell Bluffs, Grand Island, North Platte,
on the Union Pacific, and at many
points on the Oregon Short Line, Oregon
Railroad and Navigation Company and
Southern Pacific lines. There has been
a heavy movement of commercial coal
from Utah and Illinois under the low
emergency rates offered by these lines.
The use of oil as fuel, began on a small
scale, will eventually alleviate the sit-
uation considerably.

In May circulars were sent to all Har-
riman line freight agents, urging them
to impress upon their several localities
the necessity of laying up a large sup-
ply during the summer, or "off" months.
The company offered to store, at its own
expense, all the coal the mines could
spare in order to permit as large a
quantity as possible to be devoted to
commercial purposes during the fall and
winter. A detailed record has been kept
of the results of these efforts so that
the responsibility for another fuel scar-
city can be placed.

At the same time, the Harriman roads
have been making great efforts to open
up new coal territories, by building
branch lines and spurs to mines. Ten
miles north of Kemmerer, in Wyoming,
are to be opened two mines which are
expected to produce 3,000 tons of coal
a day. Another territory to which will
be built a branch from the Union Paci-
fic main line, is north of Rock Springs,
Wyoming. All the new properties will
be developed by independent interests
not connected with the railroad.

All along the Harriman lines there
will be a consistent effort to help de-
velop coal mining, for it is realized that
the promotion of this industry is vital
to the prosperity of the entire west. As
has already been announced, the rail-
road companies will retire from the
commercial coal business.

OCEAN YACHT RACE.

Proposition of Sir Thomas Lipton to be
Accepted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Special meet-
ing of the board of governors of the
Brooklyn Yacht Club will be called for
the purpose of accepting the offer of
Sir Thomas Lipton of a \$1,000 cup for
an ocean yacht race. The race will not
be to Bermuda as the members of the
Brooklyn Club think this would be con-
flicting with the Corinthian Club which
has already on its program a race to
that port. An open sea course which
may be from Newport to Cape May and
thence to the Club's house in Gravesend
Bay will be proposed. The distance for
the race will be approximately 500 miles.

The International Cup Committee of
the Brooklyn Yacht Club has issued
preliminary rules for the international
race for the cup which it has offered.
All nations will be invited to enter the
race. The conditions of the challenge
for the cup are as follows:
That the race shall be open to any
yacht enrolled in a foreign yacht club
of not more than 80 feet waterline, if
a schooner, or of not more than 65 feet
water line if a sloop.

That the challenging yacht must
proceed to the place of competition on
her own bottom and under her own sails.
That the race shall be started from
the Sandy Hook Lightship, and shall be
of not less than 30 miles and not more
than 40 miles in length on the open sea.
That the race shall be sailed under
the rules of the Brooklyn Yacht Club
in force at the time of challenge or un-
der such other rules as shall be mutual-
ly agreed upon.

The other conditions have been drawn
up, but are held subject to revision at
another meeting of the cup committee,
to be held today.

PET CAUSES DEATH.

Small Child Playing with Kitten Strikes

Stoke—Sets Garments Afire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Fondness for

a kitten caused last night the death of
four years old Francisco Chessa. The
child was left alone with the kitten in
the house and when her pet escaped from
her arms, the little girl chased it
about the kitchen stove.

Little Francisco followed it as far as
she could and in doing so jarred the
stove in such a way that coals were
shaken out and set fire to her dress.
The child's screams aroused the neigh-
bors who broke open the door of the
flat and extinguished the flames, but
not until the little one had been so
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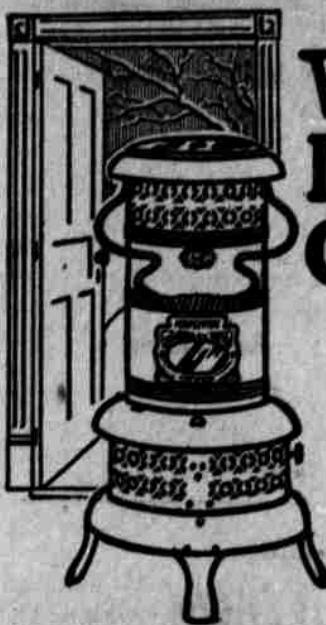
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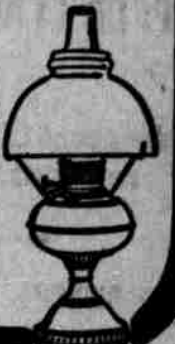
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