

SOLD 2700 TONS MORE COAL IN '09 THAN HAD BEEN BOUGHT BY THEM

Admission Is Made by Western Fuel Official in Trial at San Francisco.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 18.—Unwilling admission that the Western Fuel company sold 2700 tons more coal in 1909 than the company had bought was wrung from David C. Norcross, secretary of the corporation, by government attorneys. It came during the morning session of the trial of the eight Western Fuel company directors and officials, charged with defrauding the government of customs duties.

Norcross' admission followed the introduction of a report issued by John L. Howard, president of the corporation. One item showed that the company had an "overrun" of Australian coal worth \$21,875. After 20 minutes of questioning by Special Government Prosecutor Roche, Norcross admitted this sum represented either coal on hand or coal sold in excess of the quantity bought.

The government attorneys were jubilant over Norcross' admission, claiming it conclusively proved the government's charge that the corporation practiced "short weighing and used false scales." A bitter fight between the attorneys in the case was launched when Roche attempted to introduce as evidence the so-called "Mills books," which were alleged to be yearly diaries kept by Superintendent Mills, one of the defendants. Judge Dooling finally ruled they were inadmissible. The first entry Roche read from the books was dated Jan. 2, 1904, and read as follows:

"From the Comanche. Over 50,725. Roche tried vainly to get Norcross to admit that the item referred to the coal barge Comanche and meant that it carried 50 tons and 725 pounds more of coal than the barge had paid for."

Never Saw Item Before.
"I cannot explain just what is meant by the item in the book," said Norcross. "I never saw it before and do not know anything about it."
Roche then read from the company's minute book, showing the amounts of dividends declared. It showed dividends amounting to 10 per cent a year were declared during 1904, 1905 and 1906. It also showed that the directors declared a 2 1/2 per cent dividend Sept. 6, 1907, and three weeks later declared another dividend for the same amount. It was also shown that just before the company directors were indicted last February they declared a dividend of 10 per cent.

YOUTH IS BURNED ON LIPS AND CHEEK BY A RED HOT COAL

Little two-and-a-half-year-old Ralph, son of District Judge Jones, suffered a painful and peculiar accident yesterday while playing in front of the stove with his younger sister. His mother was attracted by his screams and found him with a hot coal between his lips, which were badly burned. Two burns were also on his cheeks.

The only explanation Judge Jones could give was that the fire in snapping threw coals into the boy's face, for his fingers were not burned, although that he did not pick the coals up with his hands. The little fellow is suffering intensely, but Judge Jones hopes that no scars will be left.

POLICEMAN CONSIDERED BEAR TRAINER CRUEL

Patrolman Ole Nelson watched J. Barnes train three black bears to attack at 109 Union avenue. The patrolman thought the trainer too harsh to the animals and reported the matter to his captain. Sergeant Crate, head of the mounted squad and member of the Humane society, made an investigation and reported that the trainer used methods customary in handling bears. Barnes was declared to be within his rights in training the three animals. Barnes is a brother of Al G. Barnes, the circus owner.

Verdict for \$6000 Damages.

A verdict awarding damages amounting altogether to \$6000 was returned in Judge Bean's division of the federal court this morning by the jury that heard the case of L. L. Paulson against the Northern Pacific railway. Paulson, the complainant, alleges, en route from Portland to Pittsburg, Pa., in October of last year, was injured in a passenger train wreck at Oriska, North Dakota.

Alleged Cruel Treatment.

Cruel treatment was the allegations made by Jean E. Dow in her suit for divorce from Florian E. Dow, a color sergeant in the United States army, which was granted by Circuit Judge Cleaton today. She was given custody of two children. They were married in Alaska November 17, 1910.

OREGON PIONEER IS HURT BY AUTOMOBILE

George A. Price at Hospital Unconscious From Injuries Result of Accident.

George A. Price, of Eugene, father of Detective John Price, was run over last evening at Fourth and Montgomery streets by an automobile driven by Dr. J. J. Rosenberg, of 522 1/2 First street. The injured man is at the Good Samaritan hospital, unconscious from internal injuries. Four ribs are broken on the left side.

The injured man had been down town buying Christmas presents, and was on the way to the home of Detective Price, 384 Caruthers street. At Fourth and Montgomery streets, the intersection is quite dark. He stepped from the curb, started across the street, when the automobile struck him.

Price has the distinction of having been the first captain of the first ferry in Oregon. This ferry plied between Oregon City and Linn City. He operated it for a number of years. Later he was employed by the government as weighmaster and gauger, then as steamboat captain on Puget sound till he retired to Eugene. He is 72 years old and a brother-in-law of the late Senator John H. Mitchell. A brother, James Price, lives in Tacoma, having been secretary of the state of Washington in the early days.

BULLDOG, MISSING 3 YEARS, RECOVERED BY BANKER'S SON

Three years ago Lloyd Bates, son of George W. Bates, of the Lumbermen's National bank, brought a bulldog pup home with him from Amherst on his return from college. A few days later his brother lost the dog. It was not recovered until this morning, when District Judge Jones gave judgment for Bates against Jack Harrison for the dog. Peculiar markings which were evident in pictures of the puppy were found on the dog and convinced Judge Jones that the dog belonged to Bates.

ALLEGED RANCID BUTTER IS CAUSE OF COMPLAINT

The discovery of 18 barrels of alleged rancid butter, consigned by the Makins Produce company of San Francisco to the Hazelwood company of Portland, by M. S. Shrock, a deputy from the state food and dairy inspectors' office, has resulted in a complaint being issued against Carl F. Chalmers, manager of the company, on a charge of not complying with the law making it necessary to report importation of butter from out-of-state.

WELL KNOWN WOMAN DIES OF HEART DISEASE

Taken suddenly ill on the street before her home at 1631 Woolsey street, Mrs. Agnes Jane Coon dropped dead of heart disease at 5:30 o'clock last night, shortly after entering the house. Mrs. Coon was 50 years of age and has been a resident of Portland for many years, having lived at one time on the old McKenna place.

Road Viewer Resigns.

H. G. Sibray, for the past few years a road viewer, resigned from the post because he has moved to San Diego, Cal., and his resignation was accepted by the county commissioners. Roadmaster J. B. Yeon is a viewer by virtue of his office and it is probable that no one will be appointed to take Sibray's place.

Pined for Selling Old Suit.

I. Nudelman, owner of a pressing establishment at 88 North Sixth street, was fined \$20 this morning in the municipal court for doing a second hand business without a license. He was accused of paying \$2 for a suit of clothes stolen from the room of H. O. Miller, 90 North Sixth street.

FIRE BATTALION CHIEF IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Official and Clerk of Department Slightly Injured in Collision.

Fire Battalion Chief Stevens and Walter Creech, clerk of the fire department, had a narrow escape from serious injury early last night when the automobile driven by Stevens struck some pipe projecting several feet from the rear end of a wagon driven by E. T. Webb on Milwaukee street. Creech was thrown out of the machine, while Stevens was pinned to the seat by several pipes. Beyond a few bruises and cuts the men were uninjured.

The automobile was going out Milwaukee street behind a dray carrying a boiler and several pieces of pipe. There was no light on the rear of the wagon, according to Stevens and Creech, and in turning to get out of the way of a streetcar the automobile struck the projecting pipes.

Sixteen pieces of pipe came through the windshield, shattering it and demolishing the steering apparatus. One piece of pipe caught Stevens directly over the heart, tearing off his star and sending his vest. The pipe slid under his arm and beyond bruising caused no injury. He received several cuts on the hands from glass from the windshield.

ADMINISTRATION BILL FOR PHONE PURCHASE WILL REPLACE LEWIS'

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that his department has a considerable surplus on hand and that the proposed one cent postage plan could be put into operation at any time now. Burleson thinks, however, that simultaneous with the postal reduction, the government should initiate a plan for taking over the telephone and telegraph lines.

First Assistant Postmaster General Roper said this afternoon that a committee had been investigating for six months a plan to take over the two public utilities and that it was expected to report soon. "We feel," he said, "that English decisions holding that a telegram is a letter, and that the telephone, to all intents and purposes, is the same as the telegraph, will sustain the administration in its move toward government ownership."

Vail Opposes Suggestion.

New York, Dec. 18.—President Theodore N. Vail of the American Telephone & Telegraph company came out definitely today as opposed to public ownership of such public utilities as those under his management.

Sidewalks Cost Money.

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 18.—Effective sidewalks have again cost this city a substantial sum. Mrs. Lottie Harper settled for \$350, and Mrs. Hannah Poulson for \$105 for alleged injuries received. The city commission has so rather than go into court and fight damage suits.

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RESTITUTION IS MADE; INDICTMENT DISMISSED

Money Had Been Advanced to Pay Off Liabilities in J. E. Smith Case.

Despite the fact that J. E. Smith admitted in a signed statement that he was a forger, Circuit Judge McGinn yesterday afternoon dismissed three indictments against him, when it was shown that Joe L. Malloy, a Seattle real estate owner, had advanced money with which Smith paid off all liabilities resulting from real estate deals which were the basis of the indictments.

District Attorney Evans placed the matter of Smith's case in Judge McGinn's hands, with a recommendation that he be given some punishment; but Judge McGinn let Smith and his two alleged confederates, Sam Doak and Ivan Pederson, go free, dismissing two indictments against each of the others.

In a statement, Smith takes the major portion of the blame upon his own shoulders, saying that Doak and Pederson assisted him in carrying out his schemes. He pleaded that he needed funds immediately and that he intended to make good the amounts secured.

AGED MINISTER MADE CITIZEN OF AMERICA

Although he had lived in Multnomah county for 28 years, John Almer, member of a Swedish colony near Gresham, and 75 years old, could not speak sufficient English to answer questions of Examiner Hazard when he was being questioned as to his qualifications to become a citizen of the United States yesterday.

Mr. Almer is a retired minister and a farmer. He said that he desired to end his days as a citizen of the United States, and although his inability to speak the language was against him, Judge Coke decided he was qualified.

"\$100,000 BURGLAR" IS SENTENCED TO PRISON

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Four years in San Quentin prison was the sentence imposed here today upon Frederick William Bastian, the \$100,000 burglar, by Superior Judge Cabanias. Josephine Bastian, the burglar's pretty 17-year-old sister, broke down when sentence was pronounced. As Bastian is not a citizen of the United States he will be deported as soon as his term expires.

OROZCO AND SALAZAR LEAD FRESH REVOLT

Northern Federal Generals Quit Huerta; Said to Be Backed by Felix Diaz.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
El Paso, Dec. 18.—A brand new rebellion began in Mexico today. Generals Orozco and Salazar were its active leaders, but with them, it was said, were Felix Diaz and Emilio Vasquez Gomez. The leaders asserted that General Zapata was willing to join them.

The latest development explained yesterday's break between Generals Orozco and Salazar and General Mercado at Ojinaga. Mercado remained loyal to President Huerta. Orozco and Salazar were determined to act independently. Being in a minority, Mercado lost his command and may lose his life.

MAN AND WOMAN ARE PUT UNDER ARREST

In an alleged plan to take money from Thomas Hayden, a government employee of Walla Walla, Charles Nast and Miss June Smith were arrested last evening by Detectives Helyer and Tackaberry. Hayden met Nast after the former's arrival in Portland. Nast introduced him to the Smith woman, who took Hayden to her room at the Rey hotel, where she secured \$30. Part of this money, claim the detectives, was given Nast. The woman later secured \$65 from Hayden, dividing it with Nast. A charge of larceny is against Nast and the woman.



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