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SAMS VALLEY COAL PROVEN GOOD BY ANALYSIS

REPUBLIC HOISTS BANNER IN CHINA

Rebels Now in Control in Four of Richest Celestial Provinces

Peking.—The Manchu dynasty after more than 300 years of misrule, appears to be tottering to its fall. Four of the richest provinces of the empire are in the hands of the rebels, three corps of the imperial army have deserted and the flames of revolt have spread to the gates of the capital, which may be in the hands of the rebels.

The revolution has been hanging over China for months, and the rising in the provinces of Szechuen was only a small part.

The revolutionists are well organized and have formally proclaimed the republic.

If plans do not miscarry, the noted exiled revolutionist, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, leader of the anti-Manchu party, is to be elected president. He was the delegate of the revolutionary party to the United States in 1910, and is believed during that tour to have made arrangements for financing the movement.

The great cities are at present in the hands of the rebels. Hankow, Wu Chang and Han Yang, with an estimated population of more than a million and a half, have been captured and are held by a force of 25,000 troops, the majority of whom were trained by American and European officers in the imperial army. Fighting is reported from Nanking, the second city of the empire, and is imminent in the great port of Shanghai.

Peking resembles a smoldering volcano which may explode at any moment.

EUROPE IS IN PERIL

Situation in Ottoman Empire Fraught With Danger for Continent.

Constantinople.—The situation in Turkey is fraught with the greatest peril to the peace of Europe. The opening of Parliament has shown that the Young Turks, the war party, is in complete control. The throne of the sultan is tottering and a general conflagration, which may involve every Old World power, is threatened.

If the Young Turks persist in their avowed purpose of driving all Italians out of Turkey and pursuing the war to the bitter end, it will be almost impossible to avoid international complications. Every influence that the powers can bring to bear is being exerted to avert such a calamity.

WAGON LOADS RESTRICTED

Polk County Court makes Law to Keep Highways in Good Shape.

Sheridan.—The ranchers of Polk County have adopted a novel way whereby they mean to save the roads. The farmers advocated restricting loads being drawn over the best roads, which exceed a certain weight, and the county court was appealed to for assistance in the matter. As a result the Polk County court has just placed legal restrictions on the size of loads that may be carried over certain prescribed thoroughfares. Hereafter it will be unlawful in Polk County to haul over prohibitive roads, loads in excess of 3500 pounds on wagons with tires less than four inches wide, or 4500 pounds on vehicles with tires between four and six inches wide, the weight of the wagon being considered as a part of the load.

Taft Sets Wheels of Fair in Motion.

San Francisco.—Under conditions that were almost ideal first ground was broken here for the Panama Pacific Exposition of 1915, that is to commemorate the opening of the Panama canal. President Taft lifted the first spadeful of black earth from the ground on which a few years from now the exposition buildings will rise.

The Aztec Language.

The Aztec language in use in Mexico at the discovery of America lacked the sounds indicated by our letters b, d, f, g, r, s, t and v.

SAMUEL L. SHANK



Samuel L. Shank, mayor of Indianapolis, who bought potatoes direct from farmers and sold at cost when dealers boosted prices.

Brief News of the Week.

Although gold dust is a common possession, Iditarod City, the newest Alaska mining camp, is facing a famine in currency.

There was a big expansion of the banking business during the last year, according to reports to the controller of the currency.

It is reported that 300 to 500 persons perished in the tidal wave and cyclone that raged along the western coast of Mexico, October 4.

An advance of 20 per cent in commodity rates to the Pacific Coast from territory between the Missouri River and New England has been planned by western railroads.

Private advices received in London by missionary societies and commercial houses with connections in China confirm earlier reports of the safety of foreigners in that country.

Dr. B. C. Hyde was placed on trial at Kansas City Monday for the second time, on the charge of murdering his father-in-law and other relatives, in order that he might inherit the Swope fortune.

Pursuing the elusive memories of witness after witness, the senatorial committee on the election of Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin had not, after the second week of its probe, discovered just how the \$107,000 which Stephenson admits he expended, was put into circulation.

By the sweeping decree entered in the United States circuit court at Toledo, Ohio, the backbone of the so-called electrical trust was broken and the important principle laid down that once a lamp is sold by a manufacturer the price at which it is resold by a dealer or jobber must be open to free competition.

News of Noted Persons.

The Duke of Connaught, member of the English Royal Family, has been formally sworn in as Governor-General of Canada.

William Sproule, the new president of the Southern Pacific Company, has arrived in San Francisco to assume control of the road.

John Henry Smith, second counselor to Joseph Smith, president of the Mormon Church and a member of the presidency of the church, died suddenly at his home in Salt Lake.

On the birthday of the German empress, October 22, the engagement of her daughter, Victoria Louise to the hereditary Grand Duke Adolph Friedrich of Mecklenburg, will be officially announced.

A magnificent bronze equestrian statue of General John H. Morgan, the noted Confederate cavalry leader, will be unveiled with interesting ceremonies Tuesday in the court house square, Lexington, Ky.

This week President Taft will travel through Utah, Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota, speaking at a number of the chief cities in each state and winding up in Pierre, S. D., where he will stay over Sunday.



SENATOR JOSEPH L. BRISTOW, A KANSAS INSURGENT.

THE middle name of Senator Joseph L. Bristow is Little, but he is by no means a small man. When he was fourth assistant postmaster general, from 1897 to 1905, he showed executive ability of a high order. The fourth assistant really "executes"—he cuts off postmasters' official heads—and Bristow swung the ax frequently. He is now and for many years has been a newspaper man. At present he is owner of the Salina Daily Republican-Herald. He was elected to the senate in 1909. Prior to that he did yeoman service under the Roosevelt administration by conducting the postal investigation. He also investigated Cuban postal frauds and reorganized the island's postoffice system. Senator Bristow was born in Wolfe county, Ky., fifty years ago.

GOVERNOR WILL NOT HONOR REQUISITION

Portland, Ore.—Announcement by Governor West that he would refuse to honor requisition papers for the extradition of Deputy Sheriff Rinker from Washington to Oregon and the arrest and arraignment of Detectives Mallet and Maloney on a charge of kidnaping were the principal developments in the controversy over the removal of Leo W. Martin to Denver, Colo.

At Newport, Wash., but two blocks from the Idaho line, Deputy Sheriff Rinker and his captive are held pending receipt of records from the court of Judge Gatens, who released Martin pending appeal and who is at war with the Governor over his action in the case.

MRS. M'MANIGAL SUES

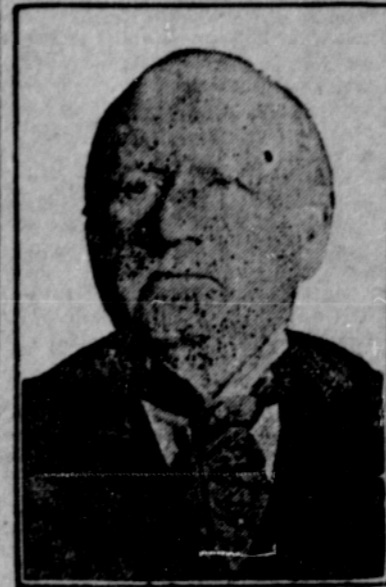
Declares Husband is to Receive Large Share of Reward.

Chicago.—That the W. J. Burns' detective agency promised Ortila E. McManigal immunity from prosecution and a large share in the reward offered for conviction of the persons responsible for the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times, provided he would testify against the McNamara brothers, was one of the allegations set forth in a petition for divorce filed by Mrs. McManigal here.

Extreme cruelty was charged. In her petition, Mrs. McManigal declared she had been persecuted by detectives threatening her with arrest if she did not testify against her husband. McManigal, she declared, wrote her to help the detectives in every way possible.

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JOHN M. HARLAN



John M. Harlan, oldest member of the United States Supreme Court, who died after a short illness from acute bronchitis.

DIRECT PRIMARY FAVORED

La Follette is Choice of Insurgents at Chicago Conference.

Chicago.—Two hundred "Progressive" Republicans in their first national conference endorsed the candidacy of Senator R. M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, for President, and declared for a direct primary as a means for the expression of a Presidential choice. The endorsement came in the shape of resolutions framed in part by ex-Secretary of the Interior Garfield.

As finally adopted the resolution read in part: "We favor the ascertainment of the choice of Republican voters as to candidates for President by a direct primary vote, held in each state pursuant to the statute and where no such statute exists we urge that the Republican state committee provide that the people be given the right to express their choice for President."

Gibbons Celebrates Anniversary.

Baltimore.—In the cathedral here, where 50 years ago he was ordained a priest, then succeeding consecrated a bishop, invested with the pallium of an archbishop, and 20 years after his ordination received the red beretta of a cardinal, James Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore, received Sunday homage from illustrious prelates and laymen from both this country and foreign lands.

TOBACCO TRUST WILL CEASE

Program for Dissolution is Submitted to Federal Court.

New York.—The plan for the dissolution of the American Tobacco Company, in compliance with the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, decreeing it an alleged combination, was submitted to the United States Circuit Court of the Southern District of New York for approval Monday.

The official plan provides for division of the American Tobacco Company into four companies, no one of which, it is said, will have a controlling influence. The four companies are the present American Tobacco Company, which will continue in its corporate existence; the Liggett & Meyers Tobacco Company, which is to be reorganized; the C. F. Lorillard Company, also to be reorganized, and the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, an existent corporation.

Los Angeles.—After a week's session in the trial of James B. McNamara, whom it was decided to try separately from his brother, in connection with the Los Angeles Times explosion and fire, October 1, 1910, no juror had been selected, even tentatively. Those who at the beginning predicted a three months' trial lengthened this to six months, and that nine months or more may have elapsed before the trials of the brothers are completed seemed general opinion. A month in which to obtain a jury was held a moderate estimate. A vigorous struggle over every man in the jury box is expected.

SEVEN PERSONS DIE IN RAILROAD WRECK

Omaha.—Seven persons were killed and 20 injured, four of them seriously, in a collision between Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 105, north bound, en route for this city, and a fast freight train.

The wreck, which occurred at Fort Crook, ten miles south of here, at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, is believed to have resulted from a misunderstanding of orders on the part of the freight crew.

The dead are: F. W. Petring, Nebraska City; O. W. Keeler, brakeman, Atchison, Kan.; Mrs. Fred W. Rowtmann, Nebraska City; Wisterian Rowtmann, 6 years old, daughter of Mrs. Rowtmann; A. W. Sprague, St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Frances Lillian Kranka, Washington, Kan., and an unidentified negress.

Among the seriously injured are: Fred W. Rowtmann, banker, Nebraska City, whose wife and child were among the killed, and John Scott, the passenger engineer.

Chinese Chief in Chicago.

Chicago.—It was definitely established that Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who is favored by the Chinese revolutionists as president of the republic they hope to establish, is in Chicago. He arrived here late Friday night from Kansas City, Mo.

Woman Suffrage Wins in California.

San Francisco.—With returning at hand from all of the 3121 precincts in the state, woman suffrage has the comfortable lead of 2724 votes. The canvass in the unreported precincts is expected to swell the majority for the women to 4000.

GOOD QUALITY BLACK LIGNITE

Old Timers Tell of Pioneer Discoveries in Sams Valley and Meadows

Analysis of Sams Valley Coal	
Moisture	4.28
Vol. and combined matter	38.63
Fixed carbon	43.29
Sulphur	trace
Ash	13.18
	99.38

The above analysis of a sample of the coal discovered in a Sams Valley well at a depth of twenty-four feet was made by G. L. Wagner a Seattle chemist, formerly of the University of Illinois.

The coal is what is known as black lignite, and with but a trifle more than thirteen per cent ash and a fixed carbon content of 43.29, is of excellent quality, considering the depth at which it was found, as true bituminous coal is seldom found so near the surface. As was the case in the opening of a six-foot vein of true coal in the Roxy Ann mine near Medford Tuesday, when the stratum of sandstone underlying the Sams Valley deposit is penetrated the true coal will undoubtedly be found.

That the entire Sams Valley and Meadows districts and intervening territory are underlain with coal deposits at a comparatively shallow depth is indicated by the stories told by old residents of pioneer coal discoveries. In fact, it is highly probable that a belt of country over thirty miles in length, or from the upper meadows to Roxy Ann mountain, east of Medford, is coal-bearing.

A big vein of black lignite is opened in the upper Meadows district, on the east fork of Evans creek, and there are many other evidences of coal in the near vicinity.

In the eighties coal was found in deepening a spring in the Meadows on what is known as the Tony Olsen place, about seven miles south of the Evans creek deposits. A quantity was taken out at the time and burned in the fire place, but no development work was done then or has been done since.

In the early seventies coal was found about five miles south of the Meadows and an equal distance north of Sams Valley, near the New Hope road. It was taken from a surface cropping and burned by a sea by homesteader. The same man dug a well the water of which was so strongly mixed with petroleum that it could not be used, and it was necessary to dig another well.

The recent discovery on the Shipley-Miller place shows the continuation of the belt into Sams Valley. This discovery is in the northern end of the valley, but that coal exists in the southern portion, several miles distant, and perhaps underneath the intervening belt of fine farming land, is indicated by a discovery made in 1870. A well went dry on the McLeodon place, and in deepening it a two-inch vein was cut at a depth from the surface of eighteen feet. This coal was of excellent quality, being termed "candle coal" at the time because a small piece of it when lighted would burn with a clear, steady flame until nothing was left but a light ash. As in the case of the more recent Sams valley discovery, no attempt was made to develop this coal, the object of the digging having been accomplished when a sufficient flow of water was assured for the well.

John W. Walsh, the former Chicago banker, after spending one year eight months and 26 days in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., for misapplying the funds of the Chicago National Bank, has been paroled.

The only ailment with which the United States is now afflicted is a plethora of laws aimed at the conduct of business, according to the views aired at the banquet of the Bankers' Club of Chicago by Governor Dix, of New York.

Declaring Charles A. Stevenson, actor-husband of Kate Claxton, who for many years starred in "The Two Orphans" and "East Lynn," obtained his decree of divorce by criminal conspiracy and perjury, Judge Vandevanter at St. Louis set aside the decree granted to Stevenson 10 years ago.