All Corners of the Earth

Complete History of the Past Week Told in Paragraphs—Prepared for the Busy Reader

INTERMOUNTAIN.

The Colorado Coal Operators' association has withdrawn from the National Coal association. The Colorado association includes the large coal operators in Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico.

The Tacoma Ministers' association has adopted a resolution calling upon the legislature to make the state's divorce laws more strict.

The bodies of four men, entombed by a cave-in at the slope mine of the Pacific Coast Coal company at Black Diamond, Wash., were recovered by rescue gangs after more than twelve hours of digging.

The purchase of a high powered armored motor car to be used by the police department here in its efforts to prevent spread of a crime wave in Denver, is announced. The car will carry eight officers, besides the driver, will be heavily armed and so constructed that it can be driven through fences, wire or light obstructions.

John L. Clayton, fireman, of Denver, was killed and all wires on Denver-El Paso Press association circuits were put out of commission when a freight engine on the Santa Fe railroad exploded near Monument, Colo.

Richard Ildner, who conducts a store at a cross roads near Blue Springs, in Utah, was murdered by bandits, who looted his store.

Measures to protect Denver from the crime wave which is sweeping the country have been announced by the commissioner of safety. The plan calls for patrolling of every street and alley in the city at least once every half hour during the night by two motorcycle patrolmen.

Prohibition enforcement officers are attempting to locate a "Christmas cargo" of several hundred cases of whisky, believed to have been landed from a Canadian fishing schooner near Seattle.

DOMESTIC.

Dallas A. Anderson, 39, said to have been prominently known as a politician in St. Paul and Chicago, was instantly killed at South Bend, Ind., following a quarrel with Mack Atyeo. According to police, Atyeo fired four shots at Anderson, all of which took effect.

Dr. Samuel C. Dickie, noted prohibition director, dropped dead at his winter home at Dayton, Fla., December 23.

Organization of an economic "league of nations" to supervise the trade relations of all countries and prevent discriminatory tactics was advocated in an interview at New York with Leland L. Summers, former chairman of the foreign mission of the war industries board.

A woman with $16,000 in bank notes bound to her thigh by a handkerchief was found dead of gas poisoning in a room in New York City.

The world famous Venice pleasure pier, fourteen miles from Los Angeles, was wiped out by a fire which was brought under control Wednesday. The damage was estimated at between $1,000,000 and $1,500,000. Two men who were injured may die.

A bill to make bank robbery, highway robbery and burglary offenses punishable by death will be introduced at the next session of the Missouri legislature.

Joe Duke, 65, a trustry at the state prison at Jefferson City, Mo., who has for some time been caretaker of the state park, was found murdered in his cabin in the park. Duke's head was smashed with some blunt instrument. It was believed he was robbed of a small sum of money.

Four men are known to be dead as a result of an explosion in No. 2 packing mill of the DuPont powder works at Moosic, seven miles from Scranton, Pa.

A constitutional amendment making women eligible to hold office was adopted at a joint session of the Massachusetts house and senate.

Fighting with a playmate for possession of a stray dog, Frank Verilla, aged 10, of New York, was stabbed, probably fatally.

Officials of the Newbern Iron and Supply works at Newbern, Mo., have socialized their plant to prove to the workmen the company's contention it cannot be operated with a profit without a wage reduction of 20 per cent.

Paul Sauer, 17-year-old messenger for the security Trust and Savings bank, was robbed of $81,500 in the downtown district of Los Angeles by a lone bandit armed with a revolver.

Six men, armed with shotguns and with the lower part of their faces covered by bandanna handkerchiefs, overpowered ten guards of the American Railway Express company at Toledo, Ohio, and escaped with a safe containing about $16,000 in cash and Liberty bonds.

Formal approval of the first national conference on parks, called by Governor W. L. Harding of Iowa, to meet at Des Moines, January 10 to 12, inclusive, has been given by Secretary Payne of the department of the interior.

Worry over depreciation of the value of a large tract of land he purchased some time ago is said by neighbors of Carl Nickelson to have prompted him to kill his wife, three children and himself at Bradshaw, Neb.

Thomas Vickery, a white man held on a charge of murdering Jeff C. Couch, a policeman, was taken from the county jail at Fort Worth, Tex., by a mob and hanged.

Demands of the railroad brotherhoods that a national board of adjustment handle all railway labor problems, instead of the individual company settling its own troubles, as was the custom before the war, will be protested at a convention of manufacturers, merchants, railway executives and shippers to be held at Chicago January 1.

WASHINGTON.

The senate has passed a bill permitting the federal farm loan board to issue mortgage bonds for short or long periods, as market conditions may require. Another measure extending the time in which federal reserve banks may hold temporary Liberty bonds until permanent bonds are available also was passed.

An amendment adding sugar to the list of tariff protected products has been introduced by Senator Gay (Dem.) of Louisiana. The amendment proposed a sliding tariff scale sufficient to hold raw sugar to a maximum of 8 cents a pound.

The house has passed the annual appropriation bill carrying $265,000,000. The bill provides $500,000 for examining surgeons for disabled pensioners.

General Pershing may act as grand marshal of the inaugural parade March 4, it was stated in connection with plans of the committee in charge of the ceremonies.

Carrying $14,000,000 less than was appropriated for this year, the annual pension bill was reported out Wednesday by the house appropriations committee. The total of the bill is $265,500,000.

Woodrow Wilson and President-elect W. G. Harding will lunch together at the White House following the formal inauguration at noon on March 4, according to plans just announced.

Published reports that Senator Knox, acting as spokesman for President-elect Harding, had induced Charles E. Hughes to become secretary of state, were characterized as "holiday fiction writing" by Senator Harding.

FOREIGN.

A statement charging Japanese military authorities with deeds more "frightful and barbarous" than anything ever alleged to have occurred in Belgium during the war has been issued by the Korean commission, based, the commission said, on authentic reports received by it from Manchuria.

Military operations have been begun by Italian government troops against forces in and about Fiume commanded by Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio, who refuses to evacuate the city and permit Italy to put into operation the provisions of the treaty of Rapallo.

Dr. Epitacia Pessoa, president of the republic, addressing Bainbridge Colby, secretary of state of the United States, at a banquet given in Mr. Colby's honor at Rio Janerio, Brazil, said that North and South America were bound by ties of common ideals.

An American airplane driven by Fernando Phoal, a Mexican aviator, flew from Mexico City to Vera Cruz on December 21, the distance, 225 miles, being made in 2 hours and 20 minutes. The principal object of the flight was to determine the feasibility of an aerial mail service between Mexico City, Puebla and Vera Cruz.

Assistant Postmaster W. C. Petersen was arrested at Honolulu, accused of failing to deposit postoffice funds in the treasury and failing to pay the postmaster general such funds.

Great Britain is fully considering the question of discussing naval building plans with the United States and Japan before deciding on a building program, Premier Lloyd George said in commons, replying to a question.

Official figures of French imports and exports for the first eleven months of 1920 were issued December 21 by the French ministry of finance. They show imports of 32,456,000,000 francs and exports of 20,773,000,000 francs.

It is said that crown forces burned the village of Ballinalee, County Longford, Ireland, as a reprisal for the recent attack on the police barracks there in which one constable was killed and three wounded. Shops and houses were destroyed.

All taxes on luxuries in Canada, excepting alcoholic liquors, confectionery and playing cards, have been abolished by the dominion government through an order in council.

The French dispatch boat Bar-le-Duc ran aground the night of December 14 near Cape Doro, and it is believed twenty members of her crew were drowned. Seventy others were saved, although the ship was lost, an Athens dispatch said.

Withdrawal of American troops from Germany is not being considered at present, Major General Henry T. Allen, commander of American forces at Coblenz, is quoted as saying in an interview with the Petit Parisien.

Great Britain and France have agreed to a plan whereby they and Italy will simultaneously withdraw their ambassador from Athens, leaving only charge d'affaires to look after their interest. This action would reduce Greece to a third rate power in the eyes of the three big European nations.

MANY FINE TREES CAN BE SAVED BY SIMPLE METHOD OF REPAIR

Simple Treatment Saves Many Fine Trees Like This One.

Tree surgery is comparatively simple and inexpensive and most persons can, with a little preliminary practice, undertake the simpler types of tree repair work that will prove immensely profitable in saving fine trees. A few fundamental principles must be observed to secure permanently good results.

(1) Remove the dead, decayed, diseased or injured wood or bark. When on a limb this can often be done best by removing the entire limb; on a large limb or on the trunk it may mean at times digging out the decayed matter so that a cavity is formed.

(2) Sterilize all cut surfaces.

(3) Waterproof all cut surfaces.

(4) Leave the work in the most favorable condition for rapid healing; this will often mean filling or covering deep cavities.

(5) Watch the work from year to year for defects and if any appear attend to them immediately.

Removing Large Limbs.

A large limb rarely should be removed by a single saw cut from the upper side, as this usually strips the bark and wood as it falls. A preliminary cut should be made from the under side, beyond the point for the final cut; and a second cut on the upper side an inch or more beyond the first one. Then cut the stub close to the trunk. A coat of good shellac should be applied over the entire area of the bark, outer sapwood, and the cambium immediately.

Creosote should be applied to the rest of the exposed wood not already covered by the shellac as a protection, and the entire shellacked and creosoted surface should be finally waterproofed with thick coal tar or asphalt. Grafting wax, particularly the thick liquid alcoholic kind, is excellent for waterproofing small surfaces. Another good method of treating the scars is to char the surface with a gasoline or alcohol blast torch and then quickly cover the hot surface with heavy tar, pitch, or hot asphalt. The treated surfaces should be watched from year to year and recoated as necessary to preserve the waterproofing.

In removing small branches and twigs the cut should be made as close to the supporting branch as possible, so as to leave no projecting stub. The pruning wound must be sterilized and water-proofed. For very small wounds shellac is handy.

When a wound has been allowed to remain untreated for a year or more, decay-producing organisms are almost certain to have started an area of decay and insect activity behind the exposed surface. Such regions generally require excavation of decayed and diseased wood and sterilizing and waterproofing of the cut surfaces.

The tools ordinarily required are two outside-ground socket-handled gouges (one three-fourths of an inch and the other 1½ inches), a knife, mallet or hammer, and an oil-stone. Only keen edges should be used on the bark or near the cambium.

Remove Diseased Wood.

Remove all the diseased or insect-eaten or water-soaked wood. In diseased areas of many years' standing there may be only a thin shell of healthy wood around the cavity, in which case the tree must be braced or guyed, and it is often better removed and replaced by a healthy one.

Do not leave a cavity so it will retain water. In shaping a cavity that is to be filled with cement, etc., have the sides undercut, if possible, so as to hold the filling more firmly in place. Inrolled bark at the edges of the opening should be cut away after the decayed and diseased matter has been completely excavated and the edges of the sapwood and bark adjoining the cambium shellacked. The remainder of the cavity also must be sterilized. Creosote is recommended. Over this a heavy waterproof covering should be applied.

Filling the cavity is of much less importance. Often a cavity is better left unfilled. A cavity must be watched from year to year and any tendency of the waterproofing to crack, split, or blister should immediately be counteracted by repainting.

Where sheet-metal covering is used there should be a narrow half-inch ledge of bare wood around the edge to which the margin of the metal can be tacked. The cavity must be thoroughly sterilized and waterproofed, and the sheet metal fitted tight at the edges.

If a long cavity is to be filled with cement or asphalt, it usually is advisable to place one or more bolts through it to hold the wood and filling more firmly together. Long cavities, as a rule, should be bolted every 18 or 24 inches.

The most widely used material for filling cavities is cement, usually in the form of cement mortar or concrete. Under certain conditions asphalt and sawdust and sand used in combination with cement blocks or with wood would be better than either used separately, and they often are more economical. Often large pieces of wood or smaller sectional pieces can be fitted to the opening and the interstices filled with the plastic.

The Department of Agriculture invites correspondence concerning methods in tree-repair work, and will be prepared to advise for or against any particular method so far as experience and the results of experiments will permit.

PLANS OUTLINED FOR PREPARING POULTRY

Best to Kill Fowl by Cutting Throat With Knife.

Dry-Picking Makes Better Appearing Product for Market—Cooling May Be Done by Placing Carcasses in Iced Water.

Birds to be killed and marketed should be kept without feed for at least 12 hours before killing, say poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. The best method of killing is to suspend the fowl by the legs and through the mouth cut the jugular vein in the back of the throat with a sharp-pointed knife. After cross-cutting this vein once or twice, cut into the roof of the mouth so as to pierce the brain with the point of the knife, slightly turning the point after it has pierced the brain.

Fowls to be used at home may be killed more easily by chopping off their heads. The fowls may be either dry picked or scalded. Dry-picking makes a better-appearing market fowl, but scalding, which is easier, is often preferred, if the bird is for home use. Dry-picking should be done immediately after the bird is killed, as the feathers then come out more easily. Be careful not to tear the skin. For scalding, use water heated just below the boiling point, immersing the fowl two or three times, or until the feathers pull off easily, but do not leave it in so long that the skin scalds.

Cool the fowls after they are picked, either by hanging them up in a cool place or soaking them in cold or iced water. Fowls for market are usually sold undrawn, but for home or local use they may be drawn by removing the crop through an opening made in the skin of the neck, and cutting around the vent and then removing the intestines and all other visceral material, making an additional slit into the abdomen if necessary. Place the liver and gizzard back in the body cavity.

SCALES FOR TRUCK USE

Farmers as a rule have not in the past installed platform scales suitable for motortruck weighing. This fact should be taken into consideration in buying scales in the future; even if one does not own a motortruck when he decides to buy a scale it is well, in most cases at least, to buy a scale designed for weighing motortruck loads.

PRODUCE SUDAN GRASS SEED

Most of Commercial Product Is Grown in States of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

Most of the commercial Sudan grass seed is produced in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, but western Missouri and eastern Colorado and New Mexico also produce more seed than is needed for local consumption

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

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NEW YEAR'S PARTY.

"We're awake now," said the stars. "We've been having a long sleep. We've slept all day," they laughed.

"And now you are ready for the New Year's party?" asked the Fairy Queen.

"All ready," they said.

"Cheers," said the Fairy Queen.

"Are you ready with the music, Fairy Ybab?"

"All ready, dear Fairy Queen," she said in her lovely musical voice. She looked lovelier than ever.

Her long black hair was tied back with a large silver bow and on her head she wore a crown of silver and blue.

"And all the fairies are ready, too," said Fairy Princess Twilight Bell.

"Every one of them," said Fairy Princess Joy.

"Ah," said the Fairy Queen, "it is so lovely to give a New Year's party and to know that another year is coming with joy and happiness in it for everyone. Ah, I am so happy. Life is so good; the years are so good and each New Year is so welcome though we still can think back of the good times we did have in the Old Year."

Just then there came the sound of many drums and then the sound of many brass instruments and then some violins began to play and some

"Hello, Everybody."

horns and flutes joined in and a harp could be heard, too.

Fairy Ybab came along with all the fairy musicians with her.

"Happy New Year to all," they sang and the orchestra began to play such gay and happy tunes.

Just then came along an old man with a tired look on his face but a happy look, too.

"Good-by, Fairies," he called. "I'm tired and must rest now for my work is done. But I've had so much happiness in being with you all. Good-by, my friends."

"Good-by, Old Year," they called. "We've loved you, Old Year; you've been good to us. So many places you've brought happiness to and we're so glad you've been with us for twelve whole months."

"That was the time I was supposed to stay and I stayed just the length of time I was supposed to stay, no more, no less. Good-by again. I must be off."

Then there came the sound of many whistles and trumpets and horns and bells.

"The New Year is coming in," said the Queen of the Fairies.

And as she said that, along there came dashing and bounding and jumping and running a beautiful young creature upon whose feet there were wings and in whose arms were great packages, the most enormous packages you ever saw.

"Hello, New Year," all the Fairies called.

"Hello, everybody," said the New Year. "I was given these wings for my feet, for everyone was afraid I might be late. But I hurried! I wasn't going to be late. I know it would never do for the New Year to be late.

"And I'm here on time."

"And why did you bring so many bundles with you?" asked the Queen of the Fairies.

"Ah," said the New Year, "these are the bundles of joyful surprises and happiness and pleasures and successes and all of those things which I'm going to give the people this year.

"I've only brought a few of the great big things. The Twelve-Month gentlemen will bring many, many more. But some of the most important and the biggest of all the great happinesses which will come while I'm around I had to bring myself."

"Oh, New Year, dear Happy New Year, how glad we are to see you!"

And they all danced around the New Year and he danced, too, and they sang this song together while the orchestra led by Fairy Ybab played the music:

Happy New Year we all say,
When a New Year comes our way,
And we hope that every day,
Will be happy and merry and gay!

Within the Law.

The farmer was angry at a group of boys who had trespassed on his property. To the youngster who carried a gun, he said: "Don't yer see that sign there? Can't you read?" and he pointed to a notice which ran: "No Huntin Aloud."

"That's all right, mister," replied the boy, glancing at the sign. "We kin read—but this here is an airgun."—Boston Transcript.