

The national debt is \$25,159,250, so this is not a billion-dollar country in one important respect.

Commercial travelers' licenses in the British South African colonies and protectorates amount to \$600 a year.

If Dr. Osler will head off the winter weather recollections of the oldest inhabitant which are about due, we will forgive him.

Even nature seems in league with Croesus. Klondike's increased output adds its golden stream to the tide of prosperity.

Says Count Bond, "It is immaterial to me what the American press say about me." The proud indifference of a superior soul, doubtless.

An Alton woman who asserts she was married while stupefied by poisoned confectious now realizes that she made a mistake in her "candy man."

With seats on the New York Stock exchange selling at \$12,000, brokers remark the Yankee bull market now execute their orders standing.

Cambridge, Mass., provides for privilege of study and travel on year in seven for the public school teachers. A teacher draws a part salary and has regular position on return.

The question of how long it will take to exhaust the coal deposits in the earth is not of as much importance as that more intimate problem, how long the deposit in the cellar will last.

On hearing from Professor Lowell that the people of Mars are suffering from thirst, the Kentucky colonists request him to extend to them the assurance of their most distinguished commiseration.

Diamonds are reported to be going down in price. This is probably due to the fact that general prosperity has made it possible for many people to have diamonds that they have become common.

A woman who is going to Java in quest of the missing link probably will not find it, but, says the Philadelphia Ledger, she may learn how the consumption of Java coffee manages to exceed the product.

The New York authorities are carrying out a scheme for giving each class of animals a scenic background reminiscent of its native habitat. So, by and by, the zoo will be not only a menagerie but an art gallery.

John Holland, submarine torpedo boat inventor, reports that he is now at work on a submarine mine that will attack those attack there can be no defense, and which will put all warships out of business. He ought to be made an honorary member of the universal peace society, remarks the Boston Herald.

Speaking at Carlisle, the bishop of that city said he was against abbreviations on principle. "At Birmingham recently there was a considerable proportion of the people so busy that they could not spare the time when speaking about the year to say 1891, but articulate sharply sixteen one. I am persuaded abbreviations have an unwholesome effect on men's minds."

Eight years ago an Italian was condemned to ten years' imprisonment for manslaughter. He escaped, and was not heard of until recently, when he was found in a small cell in his own house, had constituted a servant his jailer, and had faithfully executed sentence upon himself. The trouble is that the government will not count his years as he built a cell in his own house, had constituted a servant his jailer, and had faithfully executed sentence upon himself.

Borings 1,600 feet deep in New Orleans have encountered nothing more solid than mud, sand and a little thin clay; hence the problem of making safe foundations for the pier of a giant railroad bridge which is soon to be built across the Mississippi near the city is a hard one for engineering science. The pier will rest on timber caissons, each measuring over 100 feet by 126 and 140 feet high. The bottoms of these caissons will be 170 feet below the surface of the river.

Franz Rakoczy, who led an insurrection in Hungary from 1703 to 1711, died an exile in Turkey. He was declared a traitor by a law passed in 1711. The act was repeated by the Hungarian parliament last month, and the remains of the great leader were taken from Constantinople and reburied with great honors in Budapest. The ceremony lasted four days. Rakoczy had waited a long time for official recognition of his patriotism, but it has come at last.

Governors of New Hampshire are elected by a majority vote; that is, the successful candidate must have more votes than are given to all his opponents combined. If he lack one of a majority the legislature has to choose the governor. The other states a plurality elects, and it sometimes happens that the successful candidate receives only a few hundred more than one-third of the total vote cast. This year the New Hampshire legislature will have to elect the governor, as no candidate received a majority.

CAR FAMINE CAUSES

LANE LAYS IT TO ABUNDANT WEST BOUND TRAFFIC.

NO CARS TO CARRY COAL

Commerce Commission Says Combine of Coal Dealers Wary to Blame—No Remedy is Determined Upon.

Washington, D. C.—The causes, but not the cure, for the car shortage in the northwest and the consequent coal famine in North Dakota have been determined by the members of the interstate commerce commission participating in the recent hearings at Chicago and Minneapolis. Frank J. Lane, who served as chairman of the investigating commission, Wednesday filed his report with the full commission and sent it to President Roosevelt, who ordered the inquiry.

Mr. Lane finds: "It is a fair inference from all the testimony that the real cause of the coal scarcity in North Dakota was the abundance of westbound traffic at the head of the lakes that cars were not available in the congested state of that terminal, for the carrying of coal to North Dakota—a comparatively short haul for a low class commodity."

In his letter of transmission to the president, Mr. Lane says that the report will be followed in due course by the usual recommendations of the commission as a whole as to what legislation, if any, may be deemed advisable.

Referring to the report that the coal shortage was due to the presence of a trust or combination between dealers in coal who fixed prices in the northwest, and refused to sell to "outsiders" and "irregulars," the report says: "The commission has gained indisputable proof of an agreement between coal dealers to maintain prices and to boycott all who do not agree, but the recommendations of the commission as a whole as to what legislation, if any, may be deemed advisable."

BURNED TO DEATH IN WRECK.

Thirty-five Men, Mostly Mexicans, Perish in Railway Collision.

Topeka, Kan.—Two white Americans, a negro train porter and about 22 Mexicans were lost in a collision and 55 persons were injured when two passenger trains on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad collided head on four miles west of Voland, Kan., 5:10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The trains were No. 29, running between Chicago and El Paso. They met on a sharp curve with fearful impact. Adding to the horror of the collision, fire broke out in the cars and from the locomotive was communicated to the splintered wreckage and spread rapidly, consuming five of the forward cars of train No. 29, westbound, and burning a number of the passengers. All but three of those who perished are thought to have been Mexican laborers, who were on their way from Columbus Junction, O., to Mexico. The officials of the company place the blame on John Lynes, the 19-year-old telegraph operator at Voland, who failed to stop train No. 29 at his station, after receiving orders.

COTTON EXCHANGE ATTACKED.

Georgians Ask Fraud Order Against New York Institution.

Washington.—Charges of fraud were filed late Wednesday afternoon with Postmaster General Cullerton against the officials and members of the New York Cotton Exchange by Representative Livingston of Georgia and Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton association of Atlanta. On the charges they filed they base a request that the post office department issue a fraud order against the officials and members of the New York Cotton Exchange in order to bar them from the use of the United States mails in conducting what the charges term fraudulent practices.

Husband Shoots Physician.

Carthage, Mo.—Dr. J. W. Meredith was shot and probably fatally wounded by Arthur Sanderson at the latter's home here Wednesday. Sanderson had called the physician in to attend his wife and then met him at the door and fired on him. Sanderson, who was arrested, asserted that Dr. Meredith had broken up his home.

Terrorists Kill Gendarmes.

Warsaw, Russian Poland.—Two terrorists shot and killed two gendarmes on Granitzka street Wednesday, and fled. Soldiers opened fire on them and wounded four pedestrians.

Woman Shoots at St. Louis Judge.

St. Louis.—Miss Rosa Well, a disappointed litigant in an inheritance case, shot at Judge McDonald of the circuit court as he sat on the bench, but missed him. She had planned to kill the judge and commit suicide.

Cassatt Estate to Family.

Philadelphia.—Counsel for the estate of the late A. J. Cassatt issued a statement Wednesday to the effect that Mr. Cassatt by his will left his entire estate to Mrs. Cassatt and, in equal shares, to his children.

IT IS BAD TO PART FROM THOSE WE LOVE.



DISASTROUS WRECK NEAR WASHINGTON

FIFTY-THREE PERSONS MEET DEATH WHEN TRAINS ARE TELESCOPED AT TERRA COTTA STATION.

Washington.—The list of dead as the result of the appalling wreck at Terra Cotta, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad Sunday night, has reached 53. Forty-five of the number have been identified. Inquiry at the various hospitals of the city, where the injured have been taken, showed a number of persons whose condition was regarded as hopeless. The injured number over 50, many, if not quite all of whom, will recover.

The wreck was caused by an engine driving eight empty cars running into local No. 66, known as the Fredrick express, crowded with passengers, just as the passenger train had pulled out from the station bound for this city.



The wrecked train was filled with Sunday excursionists and others returning to Washington from their country places in Maryland. Engineer Hildebrandt, who was in charge of the "dead" train and who was arrested shortly after the disaster, declares that on account of the dense fog he was unable to distinguish the signal light at Takoma Park block station. Tower operator Phillips declares that the danger signal was in its proper place and that Engineer Hildebrandt's train passed the tower station going at a speed of from 50 to 60 miles an hour.

Many Die Under Debris. The scene after the accident was sickening. Bodies had been hurled on every side and it was after midnight before all the dead had been collected and placed on the special train to be brought to this city. Nearly all the passengers of the wrecked train were moving the dead and rescuing the injured from beneath the masses of debris. They toiled under great difficulties, for many of the injured were wedged beneath the wreckage, and numbers of them died before they could be rescued. The many acts of heroism and self-sacrifice that were performed will never be known.

Scores Visit Morgue. Scores of persons visited the morgue Monday to assist in the identification. The total number of bodies carried into the morgue after the disaster was 32. Most of the victims were residents of Washington and suburbs and the majority of these will be buried Monday and Tuesday.

Writ Prohib. Block systems commerce commission Tuesday reached an agreement to investigate the block signal systems on both the Southern and the Baltimore & Ohio railroads, in view of the recent disastrous collisions and derailments on those roads attended by serious loss of life.

The first hearing, which will be public, will be held in this city Friday, Jan. 10. The interstate commerce commission will make its investigation under a resolution of congress approved June 30, 1906, empowering the interstate commerce commission to report the use and necessity of block signal systems and appliances for automatic control of railroad trains in the United States.

Coroner Nevitt began an inquest at 11:30 Monday. After the jurymen were selected and the list of witnesses secured the inquest was adjourned until Wednesday. The coroner says it may last several days.

Woman Shot Dead in Her Bed. Peoria, Ill.—Mrs. Henry Anderson, wife of a prominent retired farmer of Cambridge, Ill., was shot dead in her bed early Sunday morning by an unidentified person. A negro is being held as the murderer.

Postal Salaries Too Small. Washington.—First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock says many employees of the postal department resign every month because the salaries are too small and he urges congress to raise their pay.

TABLE DELICACIES

SOME OLD AND NEW RECIPES WORTH TRYING.

Restorative Jelly Very Valuable in the Sick Room—Lemon Cream—Mold a Fine Dessert Dish—Filling for Tarts.

Lemon Sauce for Baked Meats.—Put in double boiler two cups of sweet cream with ten white peppercorns and a small stick of cinnamon and a small sprig of parsley. Add also the yolk of a lemon cut thin. Bring to a boil, then strain, thicken with flour and butter, rubbed together, cook three minutes, add the juice of a lemon and serve.

Restorative Jelly.—Soak one package of gelatin in a cup of cold water for half an hour. Add two scant cups of boiling water, one tumbler of port wine, a quarter of a pound of loaf sugar, the juice of a large lemon or two small ones, three or four whole cloves, and a small stick of cinnamon. Let all these stand for half an hour, then strain and set away to harden. This jelly is convenient for use in the sick room. Part of it may be colored a delicate pink with a small square of each color brought to the patient now and then.

Lemon Cream.—Into a cup and a half of boiling water stir two rounded tablespoons of cornstarch with a third of a cup of cold water; add the juice of a large lemon, the beaten yolks of three eggs, and one cup of sugar. Cook five minutes, then add the beaten whites of the eggs. Pour into punch glasses and serve cold with a spoonful of whipped cream on the top of each glass.

Lemon Cream Mold.—Dissolve half a package of gelatin in a little water as possible; add the juice of four lemons, a cupful and a half of sugar, and a pinch of soda. Strain this and let it cool, but not solid. Add to it a generous pint of cream, whipped, pour into a mold and place it on ice or in a deep pan of snow. It will not need to be packed in ice and salt. Turn out and garnish with angel food or a good sponge cake.

Lemon Filling for Tarts.—Place an ounce and a half of butter where it will soften but not melt; add one egg, and beat well together. Add the eggs, the grated rind of half a lemon and the juice of a whole one. Stir over boiling water till thick and smooth.

Whipped Cream.—Whips eggs are plentiful try this novel dessert: Beat six eggs, the whites and yolks separately. To the beaten yolks add three tablespoons of pastry flour, a little salt, and two level spoons of lemon juice. Beat this with a spoon, then fold in the stiffly beaten whites of eggs and pour as one into a buttered baking dish placed in a pan of hot water. Bake slowly till risen and slightly brown. Turn out on a hot dish and grate loaf sugar over it.

Cream Puffs With Sauce.

Put four level tablespoons of butter with one-half cup of boiling water on the range and heat to the boiling point, then turn in one-half cup of flour all at once and beat well. When the dough will cleave from the side of the dish take from the fire and add the beaten yolks of four eggs and the white of one, beat long and hard, then drop in small spoonfuls on a sheet or pan. Bake 20 minutes or more, according to the size of the cakes. Cool and split the cakes; fill with a cream made from one-half cup of sugar and three level tablespoons of cornstarch added to two cups of scalded milk, and cook five minutes. Add the beaten yolks of five eggs, and when the mixture is cooked through take from the fire, cool, and add a teaspoon of vanilla to flavor. For a chocolate filling melt a square of chocolate, and mix with one-half cup of milk, one-quarter cup of sugar, and half a teaspoon of butter. Pour a little on each puff.

Mushroom Toast.

Cut the stems closely from a quart or more of fresh mushrooms, peel them and remove the filts. Dissolve two or two to three ounces of butter in a porcelain lined saucepan over a quart of teapoonful of browned mace mixed with a little expense and let it stew over a gentle fire for about 15 minutes.

Strir or toss frequently while cooking; then add a desertspoonful of sifted flour, shaking the pan until it browns slightly.

Quintessence of Mushroom.

This is made by sprinkling a little salt over two to three mushrooms, let stand for three hours, then mash them. The next day strain off the liquor; put in a steapan and boil until reduced to one-half.

This will not keep long, but can be made during the season. Mushrooms can be obtained throughout the season by preparing a small rich bed in a of guanoed earth and sprinkling it thickly with seeds.

Caring for the Nails.

Don't cut the cuticle or any part of the flesh around the nails. Don't polish the nails too highly; they should have a natural gloss. Don't cut the nails in points, but carefully arch.

The Scrubbing Brush.

Do not lay the scrubbing brush with the bristles upward. The water is allowed to leak into the wooden part and the bristles very soon become loose. Always place it with the bristles down.

JOLIET TO BE LAKE HARBOR

Leads All Illinois Cities in High Wages—Workmen Wanted—An Invitation to Everybody.

The city of Joliet is sending broad cast an invitation to people who want employment or who wish to make a change in their fortunes. There is a room in Joliet for thousands more. It is a very prosperous and growing city, now over 50,000 population. It has more than 100 important industries and a fine harbor. The year 1907 will see a tremendous demand for labor of all kinds. An unprecedented year in building is certain. The city will spend \$3,000,000 on track elevation; new power development will cost \$2,000,000 and a third great enterprise will spend \$3,000,000 more. The industries of Joliet are generally enlarging their works and require more men continually. At least 2,000 hands can find immediate employment.

Wages are high in Joliet; that is any other city of Illinois, as shown by the government census, yet the cost of living is no more than elsewhere. Supplies may be bought direct from farmers and the produce of Illinois, Chicago are only 40 miles away. Thirty passenger trains run each way daily between the two cities and an electric line gives a half-hourly service.

Eighteen thousand people are regular wage earners in Joliet industries and no one is idle who desires employment. Machinists and molders are especially wanted. Handy men who can learn to run machines are in steady demand. Women find employment in factories and shops where the work is suited to them.

The reason of the two-and-a-half mile extension of the Chicago Drainage and Ship Canal to Joliet the largest vessels of the great lakes will discharge their cargoes at wharves in the latter city and there will be added 30,000 horse-power, at a cost of \$1,000,000 for present and future improvements. These advantages will add immeasurably to the already wide prestige of Joliet as a great industrial center. This canal will also become a part of the Government Ship Canal from the Mississippi.

Joliet affords every advantage that cities much larger can offer. The free public library cost \$250,000. The largest school system in the west; the high school is well known to be without exception the very finest in the United States. Nothing is so important to a workman as the opportunity to advance his children. There are numerous special schools, plenty of churches, public parks, handsome streets and all the opportunities for a life of enjoyment and contentment. The city is free from labor troubles. Rents are from \$3 a month up and there is no better place for earning and saving than Joliet. Write to the Citizens Alliance, Joliet, for further information.

Monarchs as Linguists.

Monarchs must know more than one language. King Edward, who traveled so much, speaks French better than some Frenchmen, and also German. The Czar of Russia speaks French as well as his native tongue and knows the numerous dialects. Emperor William of Germany speaks French, Italian, and Russian. The king of Spain, the youngest of all, speaks German with ease and also French and English. Because of his marriage he now speaks the latter. The king of Portugal speaks French, English, German and Spanish. The king of Italy is a master of French and German and also speaks the various Italian dialects.

Peru Claims Kuruki.

Gen. Kuruki, the famous Japanese monarch, was recently described as of Polish, Russian and German extraction. Another interesting chapter has been added to this genealogical symposium by an official publication in the Official Gazette, of Lima, Peru, which makes the claim, and submits a plausible statement of facts to prove it, that Kuruki's father was a Peruvian patriot. His name was Transtio Charroqui. It is also declared that the general's father was a descendant of the Incas, who themselves are believed to have had a descent from an Asiatic race, so Kuruki is an aviator and has come into his own in the land of his fathers.

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