

**BUSY TIMES IN COAL REGIONS**

**ANNOUNCED THREE ACRES OF FUEL MINE DDAILY IN THE ROSLYN DISTRICT.**

Spokane, Jan. 5.—Every independent company operating in the Roslyn district in central Washington, west of Spokane, is increasing its capacity and there is every indication that the coming year will be the most active in the history of coal mining in this state. Five companies have been added to the list since last February and the Northern Pacific railway has been obliged to add another train to handle the shipments. It is announced that more than three acres of coal is mined daily.

The Northwestern Improvement company now has an output of 7,500 tons daily, for railroad consumption. It now employs more than 2,000 men. The next largest mine is the Roslyn Fuel company, operating two and one-half miles north of Roslyn. The output of this mine has now reached 500 tons daily, and the entire product goes to the retail trade. The Roslyn-Cascade company's mine was last year greatly improved and is now operated by a gravity system. The output is 150 tons daily. The Busy Bee coal mines were opened last year, and the product has reached about 75 tons daily, which is carried from the mine to the railroad by an aerial tram. The Kittitas-Ellensburg Coal company's property was purchased by Marshall & Rose of North Yakima last year and the Yakima-Roslyn Coal company formed. The company has spent a lot of money equipping the mine, including an elevated incline one and one-half miles in length, which brings the product to the Northern Pacific. The coal trips are dropped from this incline by a cable attached to a big donkey engine. The output has reached 100 tons a day and is being rapidly increased. The newest coal company in the field here is the Consolidated Fuel, having begun operations 90 days ago. It is shipping more than 50 tons of coal daily, having to haul the product 3,000 feet to the Northern Pacific tracks. As soon as the railroad is extended to the Tipples the output will be greatly increased. This company is operating the Wright property and could sell four times the amount it produces.

**EXPLOSION KILLS THREE.**

Inez, Ky., Jan. 5.—Three lives were lost in an explosion at the home of Allen Cassel, a wealthy planter, yesterday. Cassel's wife and son were burned to a crisp and his step-daughter died shortly afterward. The boy set a can of powder near the grate fire and sparks exploded the can with great force.

**DRASTIC MEASURES DISCUSSED**

**PRESIDENT'S SECRET SERVICE MESSAGE PROVES A BOMB IN LOWER HOUSE.**

Washington, Jan. 5.—Drastic measures were considered today by the Perkins special committee of the house appointed to recommend action in defense of that body in reply to the criticism made by the president in his annual message in referring to secret service legislation. After a meeting of the committee a report spread that the committee would recommend that the portion of the message referring to the secret service be expunged from the record. Another report was that the recent message in reply to the request for more information on the subject would be returned to the chief executive. Neither report could be confirmed.

**WILL BE PRESENT AT INAUGURATION**

Paso Robles Hot Springs, Cal., Jan. 5.—Governor-elect Cosgrove of Washington stated that he would have no inaugural address nor any message to the legislature. He is not now, and has not been able since his election, to write an address. He expects to make a few remarks at the time of his inauguration. The governor and party, including his physician, will leave here in a private car January 10 or 11 for Olympia, as the date of inauguration is January 14. His plans are to remain at Olympia only one or two days, returning to Paso Robles to remain until the mild weather sets in in Washington.

**"RUSTLERS" ARE KILLED.**

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 5.—Later reports concerning the encounter between cattle rustlers and vigilantes near Mesa Grande in which four men were killed are that the fight occurred 25 miles below the boundary line, near the small settlement of Campo. The vigilantes, composed of Mexican ranch owners, came upon a party of four rustlers with 50 head of stock. Both sides immediately opened fire, two of the rustlers falling dead in the first exchange of shots. The other two continued to give battle for an hour, but were finally killed as they attempted to flee.

**PLANS TO PROCEED WITH CASES**

**GOVERNMENT WILL PRESS SUITS AGAINST OIL TRUST REGARD- LESS OF DECISION.**

Washington, Jan. 5.—The statement is made today on good authority that notwithstanding the refusal of the United States supreme court to grant a writ of certiorari in the case of the Standard Oil company yesterday, the department of justice will at once proceed with the trial of the numerous cases pending in different sections of the country against the Standard Oil company for receiving rebates or against the railroads for granting them to the Standard Oil company involving the same questions. These include the cases in the northern district of Illinois and suits in the western district of Tennessee, the western district of California and the western district of New York.

The effect of the refusal by the supreme court to review the Standard Oil case on certiorari is to leave that case resting upon judgment of the circuit court of appeals, and the natural result will be that it will go to the trial court for a new trial. It is understood that the government is ready and will strive for a prompt trial, and it is supposed that the retrial, like the original trial, will proceed before Judge Landis.

**RELIGIOUS WARFARE IS WAGED**

**MOHAMMEDANS RESENT SACK- ING OF THEIR SACRED MOSQUES BY HINDUS.**

Calcutta, Jan. 5.—The religious riots between Mohammedans and Hindus have taken a more serious turn again, requiring the active intervention of British troops today at Titagur. The troops were compelled to fire upon the Hindu mob.

The Hindus had resumed their attacks on the mosque at Titagur because the Mohammedans had sacrificed cows. The Hindus destroyed the sacred furniture in the mosque and partially demolished the walls. Inflamed Mohammedans gathered in defense of the mosque and were surrounded by a military cordon, which formed a barrier between the Mohammedans and the Hindu rioters, who had assaulted the militia in an effort to come to close quarters with the Mohammedans. The troops fired upon the zealots, killing and wounding several of them.

**URGES BETTER LAWS REGULATING RAILWAYS**

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 5.—The first biennial message of Governor Gilllett was sent to the legislature today. He devoted considerable space to the subject of railroads, declaring that California has not kept pace with the majority of states in the enactment of laws regulating common carriers. The governor urges the adoption of an act increasing the power of the state railroad commission containing provisions necessary to put an effective stop to rebating and discrimination.

**NOMINATION WITHDRAWN.**

Washington, Jan. 5.—The nomination of Robert E. Watchorn, commissioner of immigration at Ellis Island, to succeed himself, which was sent to the senate yesterday, was withdrawn by President Roosevelt today.

**COURT MAY DECIDE SMELTER CASE SOON**

Helena, Jan. 5.—That the famous smelter smoke case, which affects the entire state, will be decided by Judge Hunt of the federal court was rumored today. It is probable that the decision will be handed down tomorrow. Judge Hunt could not be found tonight and the rumor could not be confirmed, but he stated last week that the matter would be decided early this week.

**PRESENTS RARE SPECIMENS.**

Paris, Jan. 5.—J. P. Morgan has presented the National History museum of this city with a fossilized tree trunk that has been converted into agate by the action of water. The specimen was obtained at Holbrook, Ariz.

**CHURCH INFLUENCE IMPORTANT**

**TAFT EXPRESSES VIEWS UPON RELIGION AS FACTOR IN CIVILIZATION.**

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 5.—To the Protestant ministers of Augusta, President-elect Taft today expressed his views regarding the influence of the church upon civilization and its usefulness in aiding governmental development.

Mr. Taft referred to the moral awakening during the last four years as an indication of the beautiful state of American civilization. In his experiences in the north and south and in the Philippine islands, he said, he had been able to study many different phases of civilization, especially in the matter of church influence.

"Leaving out the distinctions of sect," he continued, "the indispensable presence of church influence in the improvement in our civilization no one can be blind to who has shared in the slightest the responsibility for government and the responsibility for improvement of a people as I have. That was a responsibility in respect to a race that is now in a state of Christian tutelage and must be uplifted, in my judgment, by us and through our guidance before we shall have discharged the obligations that providence has thrust upon us."

**Influence Necessary.**

"It comes over me every once in a while when I am charged with accomplishing something how absolutely essential it is that we should have the influence of the church behind everything that we do. The clergyman in their address to Mr. Taft referred to negro education, and Mr. Taft remarked that his previous statement was one of his strong reasons for advocating the maintenance of universities in the south for the education of negro ministers.

**LABOR UNIONS LOSE A POINT**

**MASTER IN CHANCERY DECIDES AGAINST THEM IN BUT- TERICK CASE.**

Helena, Jan. 5.—That the Anaconda Typographical union and the Montana Federation of Labor are guilty of violation of the anti-trust law in that they were guilty of combination or conspiracy in restraint of trade, was the decision of Oliver T. Crane, master in chancery in the circuit court of the Ninth district, state of Montana, handed down this morning in the suit of the Butterick Publishing company and several unions of Montana against whom the former had asked injunctions. The case has been in the courts since last spring and has been bitterly contested by both sides, the publishing company having brought witnesses from New York. The master in chancery declares that the cases against the other unions be dismissed and the injunctions against the unions named be made permanent. Attorneys for the defendants state that the matter may be carried to the higher courts, but as yet nothing definite has been decided upon by the unions.

**ALLEGED SMUGGLER IS NOW ON TRIAL**

Seattle, Jan. 5.—S. B. Stevens, said to be one of the greatest smugglers on the Pacific coast, is on trial in the federal court.

**"BAD MAN" KILLS DEPUTY.**

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 5.—While attempting to arrest "Arizona Jack" Elleon, a miner and cowboy of Imperial valley, Deputy Constable Charles D. Manville was shot and killed last night at Newhall, this county. His body was found lying in the street shortly afterward. Elleon escaped by boarding a freight train.

**TWELVE BELOW ZERO.**

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 5.—Twelve degrees below zero was the lowest record of the weather bureau thermometer today. A north-west wind is driving the fine snow making almost blizzard conditions. Street car traffic was demoralized during the morning.

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The liveliest blanket selling of the season, to the tune of clearance prices. Continuing throughout the week we offer our entire stock of bed blankets at tremendous savings and the opportunity is at hand to lay in a good supply for the cold weather just around the corner and for future needs.

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**EXTRA SPECIAL**  
Full 10-4 size Cotton Sheet blankets, double; in tan and silver gray, with fancy borders, regular price 60c a pair, special **35c pair**  
No Phone Orders. None Sold to Dealers.



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Our popular "Sarnia" Blankets, strictly all-wool, 11-4 size, in white with pink border and gray with blue border, regular price \$4.25 \$6 a pair, special while they last **\$4.25**  
No Phone Orders. None Sold to Dealers.

**Cozy Cotton Blankets**

The following are full and extra size, in white, tan and gray, with fancy colored borders, and excellent values at regular prices:

Cotton Sheet Blankets, regularly priced at \$1.50, special only **\$1.20**  
Cotton Sheet Blankets, regularly priced at \$1.75, special, only **\$1.40**  
Cotton Sheet Blankets, regularly priced at \$2.00, special, only **\$1.60**

**Heavy Oregon Blankets All Wool**

Mottled gray and vicuna color, with stripe borders in fancy colors; 4 to 10 pounds each; 10-4, 11-4 and extra large sizes.

\$4.00 Blankets specially priced at **\$3.20**  
\$4.50 Blankets specially priced at **\$3.60**  
\$5.00 Blankets specially priced at **\$4.00**  
\$5.50 Blankets specially priced at **\$4.80**  
\$6.00 Blankets specially priced at **\$5.60**  
\$6.50 Blankets specially priced at **\$6.40**  
\$7.00 Blankets specially priced at **\$6.80**  
\$7.50 Blankets specially priced at **\$7.20**  
\$8.00 Blankets specially priced at **\$7.60**  
\$8.50 Blankets specially priced at **\$8.00**  
\$9.00 Blankets specially priced at **\$8.40**

**Fancy Bed Blankets All Wool**

Beautiful blankets in handsome checked and plaid patterns; some in light shades, others in bright colors.

\$6.50 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$5.20**  
\$7.00 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$5.60**  
\$7.50 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$6.40**  
\$8.00 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$7.20**  
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\$9.00 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$8.00**  
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\$10.00 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$8.80**  
\$10.50 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$9.20**  
\$11.00 Fancy Blankets specially priced **\$9.60**

**White Home Blankets All Wool**

Soft, downy white blankets in all grades and sizes. The better ones are our extra high grade MISMERCO blankets, the finest made.

\$3.50 White Blankets specially priced **\$2.90**  
\$4.00 White Blankets specially priced **\$3.20**  
\$4.50 White Blankets specially priced **\$3.60**  
\$5.00 White Blankets specially priced **\$4.00**  
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\$8.50 White Blankets specially priced **\$6.80**  
\$9.00 White Blankets specially priced **\$7.20**

**The Season's Greatest Coat Sale TODAY ONLY**

Now, madam, is your chance to buy a stylish, serviceable winter coat at a price that rewards you well for waiting, but you must act promptly if you would secure for yourself the benefit that the sale affords, for these special prices will not apply after Wednesday, and if you really want the best choice of these remarkable offerings you'll be on hand early this morning.

**\$25 and \$27.50 Coats Only \$12.50**

Handsome garments, made in three-quarter lengths and full lengths in stylish loose-back models, from fine all-wool broadcloth and kerseys in dark red, wine, dark green, dark browns and cream color; highest class tailoring throughout, satin lined and ornamented with braids and fancy buttons; \$25 coats regularly sold at \$25 and \$27.50, specially priced for this sale at, only **\$12.50**

**Half Price for These Beautiful Coats**

And they are beautiful coats! Made of heavy weight mannish patterned cloakings, in brown, tan, dark gray, dark green and fancy mixtures, in very stylish full loose back and semi-fitted models; they are lined with the finest satin and are trimmed with fancy buttons and silk velvets in contrasting colors. Coats regularly priced at \$27.50, **\$13.75** only. Coats regularly priced at \$35, **\$17.50** only.

**Coats for Misses and Young Ladies**

These are garments received just in advance of the holidays and are the latest expressions of winter styles. They come in broadcloths and light weight kerseys, in the most popular colors and are made in semi-fitted and loose-back styles, trimmed with braids, buttons and silk velvets and satin lined.

Regular \$18.50 Coats specially priced at **\$10** only. Regular \$20 Coats specially priced at **\$12.50** only. Regular \$25 Coats specially priced at **\$16.50** only.

**Children's and Misses' Coats**

Mothers of girls will welcome this opportunity to buy good, warm, durable coats for their daughters at prices averaging half those ordinarily asked. Such bargains as are noted below are really remarkable, possible only because it is our time for clearance in this line.

**\$6.50 Reefers Only \$2.50**

Children's reefers, made of dark mixed materials in the most popular colors, lined with heavy sateen or red flannel; no two alike and each once is well made, warm and serviceable; values up to \$6.50, specially priced at **\$2.50**

**\$10.50 Coats Only \$5**

Coats for girls and misses, sizes 6 to 12 years, made of heavy kerseys and broadcloths and plain and two-toned mixtures, in all colors; well made garments, with good, durable linings and neatly trimmed; regularly priced at from \$8.50 to **\$5.00**

Another assortment of Coats of the same general description but made of better materials; regularly priced at from \$12 to \$13.50, only **\$6.50**



**Fur and Fur-Lined Coats**

Here's a line of teamsters' coats, made of heavy brown plaid duck; some with body lined with all-wool made blanketing, others sheep lined; the same for the skirts; lambskin and wombat collars; loop fasteners; 46 to 52 inches long; **\$10 to \$20**

At **\$20** a drab English moleskin coat, full lamb lined and with lamb storm collar; made very full and long, 52 inches; loop fasteners.

Another line of lamb-lined English moleskin coats has genuine wombat storm collars and wrist protectors; **\$25**

Our Russian and Siberian Calf Coats are made from fine, choice dark brown skins—the best for looks and service; lined throughout with genuine Italian serge, nicely quilted; with wrist protectors and loop fasteners; some sans trimming, others with blended rat and beaver collars and cuffs; made for comfort, 52 inches long and cut good and full; all sizes; **\$25 to \$45**

For a real warm coat for street wear or driving, and for practical purposes as good as a fur-lined coat, the "Prince Henry" Overcoat; made of dark blue kersey, silk plush lined throughout, with blended rat storm collars and front facings, and loop and button fasteners; **\$20, \$25 and \$35**

Fur-lined or "shell" coats afford the extreme of elegance and luxury. Here's a line made of fine dark blue kersey, lined with natural and blended rat, some with fur collars to match, some with genuine otter collars, and still others with genuine beaver collars; **\$60 to \$90**. Another line, made of XXX quality dark blue kersey, one mink-lined and with otter collar, another with beaver lining and collar; **\$100**

"Coon" coats made from selected raccoon skins, with finest quality quilted Cashmere lining, with shoulders reinforced with fine Circassian; **\$60 to \$85**

Blended rat coats, extra quality fur, lined with extra fine quilted lining; **\$65**

Australian opossum "auto" coats, made extra long, 54 inches, and with wide sweep to skirts, with deep cuffs with wrist protectors and natural opossum collars; lined with fine Cashmere and reinforced across the shoulders with heavy satin; loop fasteners with buttons to match; **\$65**

Genuine Astrakhan coats, made with collars to match; lined throughout with best quality black silk of heavy weight; **\$135**

**Missoula Mercantile Co.**