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HILL PREDICTS A COAL FAMINE

He Says Conditions Are Worse Than Believed and Likely to Recur Another Year.

His Purchase of the Burlington Intended to Relieve the Northwest With Fuel.

This Testimony Given at St. Paul Today in the Federal Anti-Merger Case.

A dissertation on the coal situation in the northwest was an unexpected feature of the examination of James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern and of the Northern Securities company, before Special Examiner Frederick Ingersoll at the federal building in St. Paul this forenoon.

In enumerating the reasons for purchasing the Burlington, Mr. Hill predicted a serious coal famine in the northwest this winter and gave it as his belief that every year the shortage would be greater because the people of the older eastern states would see to it that their wants were supplied first.

The Northern Securities Hearing. Mr. Hill's examination was in connection with the case of the United States vs. the Northern Securities Co., the first hearing having been adjourned from New York to St. Paul.

Reviewing the history of the roads composing the Great Northern system, Mr. Hill went on to tell of the traffic that could be depended on along the lines of the coal, especially the lumber from the Pacific coast, the rate on which had previously been prohibitory, but which was reduced from 90 cents to 40 cents a 100 on his line.

Balancing Up Trade. This lumber trade grew very rapidly, but the new Alaska trade and that of Honolulu balanced the car service between east and westbound traffic.

His Ideas on Coal. In answer to other questions he said that on the west end of his line the local supply of coal was sufficient for business, but within the past two years the difficulty of getting coal from Pennsylvania to Lake Erie was very great.

MASON MAY BOLT. A Rumor That the Illinois Senator Will Join the Democrats.

MAD MULLAH'S CASE. Indian Troops May Be Sent to Smite Him.

London, Oct. 20.—The British government is considering the expediency of dispatching Indian troops to Somaliland to deal with the Mad Mullah.

TOURISTS COMING HOME. New York, Oct. 20.—By the end of the week most of the American tourists in Europe will have returned and the trans-Atlantic passenger traffic will begin to assume its winter proportions.

to compete with the Suez canal route, but they were doing it successfully. The competition with Germany and Great Britain is in transportation and production, with Norway and Sweden in transportation alone.

MINE WORKERS ARE IN SESSION

The Convention to Call Off the Strike Met at 10:20 O'Clock This Morning.

Delegates, in the Best of Humor, Believe That the Worst Is Now Over.

An Adjournment Is Taken Shortly After 11 O'Clock Until This Afternoon.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 20.—The convention adjourned shortly after 11 o'clock until this afternoon.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 20.—About 700 delegates of the United Mine Workers of America from the hard coal mining district of Pennsylvania met in the Nesbitt theater to-day to act on the proposal to

NEW PRESIDENT JAMES

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Will Speak at Northwestern University To-night.

Chicago, Oct. 20.—The second day of the ceremonies incident to the installation of Edmund James James as president of Northwestern University was a perfect autumn day with a clear sky and sharp, bracing air.

COL. BUTLER IS INDICTED

St. Louis Millionaire Politician Who Spent \$47,000 for Aldermen Is in Trouble.

St. Louis, Oct. 20.—The October grand jury has just handed down an indictment charging Colonel Edward Butler, a prominent local politician and millionaire, with bribery in connection with the city light-house deal.

Butler's arrest has been ordered. When the last grand jury adjourned, its report contained the statement that Edward Butler was the man who paid the \$47,000 to the nineteen city aldermen for the passage of the city lighting bill.

Delegates in Good Humor. The delegates were in the best of humor as they loitered about the hotel lobby.

Old Places Wanted Again. He said the outlook for acceptance was bright, but there were still intimacies among the assembling delegates that there were objections on the part of some to calling off the strike until positive assurance was had that all the men will get back the positions they occupied before the strike began.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the doors of the theater were thrown open and it did not take the assembled delegates long to fill the place.

Secretary Wilson. As is customary in conventions of the miners, the district secretaries acted as the committee on credentials.

While these reports were being presented, a report was received that Pres-

A TREND TOWARD STATE SOCIALISM

Will the Democratic Party Take It Up as a National Issue in 1904?

Some Suggestive Straws in New York and Ohio Which Show Direction of the Wind.

Socialism Has Received a Boom as the Result of the Recent Coal Strike.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Is the democratic party to find in state socialism its long-sought-for "paramount" issue for 1904?

The question is being asked with great interest by politicians generally through-

sonal choice as the democratic presidential candidate in 1904. Mayor David S. Rose of Milwaukee, the democratic candidate for governor of Wisconsin, stands on the New York platform, and says that "the government ought to seize the anthracite coal fields, use the coal necessary to supply the needs of the government, and sell all the rest at the cost of production to relieve the poor."

A Boom for Socialism. Socialism in all parts of the country has received a tremendous boom as the result of the strike. Many thousands of new converts have been made.

In New Jersey and in Delaware the socialist ranks have been greatly strengthened, many of the anarchists of the former state having joined.

In New York state the declaration of the democratic party in favor of government ownership has caused considerable ranks of thinking men in all parts of the state to turn to socialism.

The rest of the country has not been heard from in detail, but in the six states named, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Ohio and Wisconsin, the socialist outlook has never been so bright as it is at present.

March 4, 1905, when the Roosevelt term will end, will mark the end of forty-four years of the Buchanan administration.

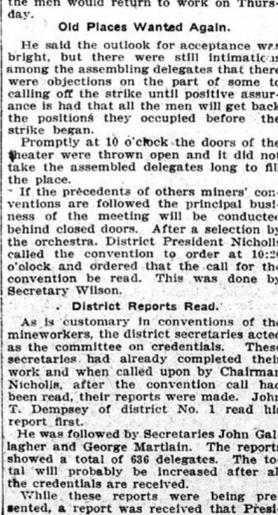
The question is one of intense popular interest, aside from any partisan feeling. Such a policy would be no more strange than the adoption of free silver by the democracy in 1896 and again in 1900.

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A Pair of "Human Documents"

James Younger, the Paroled Bandit-Convict Who Committed Suicide Yesterday.



As He Looked in 1899.

JIM YOUNGER'S TRAGIC FINISH

The Famous Bandit of Years Ago Makes an End of It With a Revolver.

He Leaves Incoherent Letters Evidently Prompted by Hopeless Affair in Love.

Warden Wolfer and Cole Younger Both Believe That His Mind Was Unbalanced.

Jim Younger, the hero of a hundred dime novels, committed suicide yesterday at St. Paul. This dead shot in bank robberies, train robberies and skirmishes with sheriff's posse, died a gun wester for the first time in twenty-six years.

In his life, romantic if ruthless, he died romantically bewailing, through a mess age to his sweetheart, the fate that kept them separated.

After his release from the Stillwater penitentiary, in July, 1901, it was announced that Jim Younger would marry Miss Alice Mueller, a young woman closely related to one of the most prominent families in St. Paul.

The suicide took place yesterday morning at the Reardon Hotel, a cheap hotel at Seventh and Minnesota streets, St. Paul. The fact was discovered by Mrs. Mary Kelly, the housekeeper.

His Last Messages. The belongings of the dead man had been neatly arranged in preparation for his long night's rest.

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WILL THE PARACHUTE OPEN?

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REPUBLICAN PARTY BALLOON

BILLY MARSHON (NATIONAL ALTERNATE)

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