

TROOPS FOR HAWAII TO WATCH THE JAPANESE

ROADS TAKE STEPS TO RUSH OUT FUEL

Prompt Action Follows an Appeal from the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The G. N. Gives Coal Right of Way West of Grand Forks.

Suffering Is Inevitable for Heavy Snows Will Delay Distribution.

GRANVILLE BEGS COAL
Editor Minneapolis Journal:
The fuel situation here is critical. Some suffering is reported. Must have fifteen cars coal once to relieve conditions. Use your influence in our behalf.
—A. P. Simonson.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator McCumber today received the following telegram from J. P. Whitehouse, dated at Glasgow, N. D.:
"The United States army could not be better employed than in compelling and assisting the railroads to drop everything and haul us coal. Half the northwest will be freezing in a week and the whole of it in two weeks."

Aroused by the distressing predicament of those North Dakotans who face zero weather with insufficient supplies of fuel, the railroads are taking special account of the situation and will try to hurry coal to the districts in which need is most imperative. Late yesterday afternoon the Great Northern issued an order that no car shipments except of coal would be accepted for points west of Grand Forks. This applies to shipments originating at Duluth as well as at Minneapolis, and towns which have been subject to the gravest apprehension on account of the fuel famine should experience relief. It will be none the less a life or death aspect at some places within the past ten days, it appears that the shortage will not affect all of North Dakota. Where the famine has been felt it has been so severe that fatalities were feared.

Minneapolis businessmen are heartily in accord with the action of the Great Northern in giving the preference to coal shipments. In fact, they were considering a memorial to the railroads running thru the northern districts, signifying their willingness to have their own cars wait for a week or ten days in order that the preference might be given to fuel. They will willingly accept such delays as are occasioned by the Great Northern order of yesterday.

While the railroads are free to admit that an emergency situation now exists and are adopting special measures to cope with it, they still hold to the belief that there is more need or reform in the early buying of coal by consumers than there is in the operation of the railroads. Every form of business has come in a bunch this year and while present conditions work great hardship in many ways upon northwestern residents, the general congestion will probably be used to advantage in years to come, both by the corporations and by private individuals.

INQUIRY HERE MONDAY
Commerce Commissioners Coming to Look Into Fuel Famine.
By W. W. Jernome, Colorado Building, Washington, D. C.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Commissioners Lane and Harlan will leave for Minneapolis this evening to investigate the shortage of cars which has caused a fuel famine. They will arrive in Minneapolis early Monday morning.
Last week the interstate commerce commission was called to shortage of fuel and other commodities in the northwest, and at once a special agent was sent from Montana and North Dakota with instructions to gather all available data and present them to Commissioners Lane and Harlan next Monday or Tuesday.
"From many parts of the country it is to the effect that he is hard at work and has accumulated a mass of information bearing on the fuel shortage. It is said at the commission's headquarters today that while the northwest inquiry will bear especially upon the fuel question, it will also cover other phases of the general shortage proposition.

President Concerned.
President Roosevelt is deeply concerned over reports which have reached him showing distressed conditions, especially in the northwest, arising out of the inability of railroads to furnish cars for the transportation of fuel and other necessities of life and commercial commodities.
By his direction the interstate commerce commission has addressed the following telegram to the presidents of northwestern railroads:
"From many parts of the country, and particularly from your section, the interstate commerce commission is receiving numerous complaints of car shortage and failure to transport the necessities of life. In various places in the northwest it is represented that people are actually freezing because sufficient coal for household use cannot be procured owing to extraordinary delays in moving that article. The commission, therefore, urges you to make every possible effort to meet at once the needs of the suffering and of those dependent upon the facilities of your road."
—Martin A. Knapp, Chairman.

The telegram was sent to the presidents of the following named roads: Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Minneapolis, St. Paul & Northern Pacific, Chicago & North-Western, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.
Gronna's Good Work.
This is in part the result of a visit by A. J. Gronna of Lakota, N. D., at the White House. Mr. Gronna de-

HEARING ON CAR SHORTAGE MONDAY

Interstate Commerce Commissioners Will Spend Three Days in Minneapolis.

Hearings in the interstate commerce commission's investigation of the car shortage in the northwest will begin Monday morning in the United States court room in the federal building before Commissioners Franklin K. Lane and James S. Harlan. Because of the large mass of evidence to be presented, the hearing will probably last at least three days. The commissioners will preside at a similar hearing in Chicago on Thursday and Friday.

The hearing will be held under a special call issued because of numerous complaints of car shortage and insufficient transportation facilities, made recently to the interstate commerce commission. The investigation is under special instructions from President Roosevelt, the officially called by Commissioners Knapp, Clements, Prouty, Lane and Harlan. While the Minneapolis hearing is in progress, Commissioner Prouty will be in St. Louis and Kansas City to investigate car service conditions as bearing on the cattle business.

The Procedure.
Commissioners Lane and Harlan will arrive in Minneapolis tomorrow or early Monday morning. The evidence will be introduced by John H. Marble, attorney for the commission, who will question all witnesses. The commission's general theme, the presiding will ask such questions as they see fit. Any interested person may question witnesses on cross-examination. The northwest roads most concerned will probably be represented by their attorneys, who will participate in the hearing. All evidence will be taken verbatim in shorthand, to be transcribed and presented in Washington before the commission, when it will be weighed and a decision handed down.

List of witnesses to be called will not be known until Monday. One thing is certain: there will be more witnesses present than can be heard in the three days allowed for the hearing. Mr. Marble will be in the field, and in addition there will be many who come in voluntarily to present their testimony. The several experts employed in the field during the preparation of the case by Mr. Marble will not be called unless additional explanatory testimony is needed at certain points, or unless certain affected points are not otherwise covered. These field agents have been furnished with powers to serve them on all valuable witnesses. This being the case, it is believed that most of the witnesses will be without official connection with the commission.
Pressed to an Inquiry.
The northwestern case has been arranged with all possible speed. The general session at which the call was issued was held in Washington, Dec. 7. Mr. Marble left at once for Minneapolis, and from his quarters at the Hotel Majestic has been carrying on preliminary investigations.
The principal complaints leading to the hearing of the interstate commerce commission, does not accept the general opinion as to the causes of the shortage, a large number of people. It is a matter of equipment, to a deficiency of power, the congressman places the blame directly on the railroad management and says it is their inefficiency which has caused the freight blockade. His investigations have convinced him that cars are held too long at terminals, where empties are delayed there for weeks and sometimes before they are started back to the grain fields.
The further fact that the railroads are hauling everything on an immense tonnage with slow trains, instead of running lighter trains more frequently, is another cause of the trouble. By this method the cars are not returned quickly enough, do not make as many trips as formerly, and the worst of the roads possess is not used to anywhere near its maximum capacity. He finds the situation as far as grain shipments are concerned much improved over two or three weeks ago. The worst trouble now arises over fuel supplies. The congressman, after conferring with shippers here, left for Grand Forks and will continue his trip to Minot and Devils Lake.
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Marshals Reports from the Field—Where the Blame Lies.
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WANTS LAW CHANGED
Illinois Shippers Will Ask to Have Railroads Penalized.
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Count Lamsdorff, former minister for foreign affairs, is seriously ill with heart disease, accompanied by other weaknesses.

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'UNWRITTEN LAW,' SUSSMAN'S HOPE

Sole Endeavor of Counsel Seems to Be to Save Wife Slayer's Neck.

All Evidence in and Court Adjourned Until Next Monday Morning.

[Yesterday's late proceedings on Page 7.]

To save Henry Sussman's neck from the gallows—that is apparently his counsel's sole hope. All the evidence is in. The Sussman defense is satisfied that it has shown to the world that Fannie Sussman, the woman who was shot to death in the Glenwood hotel on the morning of Sept. 26, was not a true wife. But it remains for the jury to decide whether Henry Sussman was justified in taking her life.
"The unwritten law" will guide in this case," said Sussman's attorney giving himself up to the postmaster at the fatal night. "If you will come to La Crosse and testify in my behalf, everything will be all right." She refused and the shot her.
This is his own testimony.
Prisoner on the Rack.
Sussman was on the stand all day yesterday and the cross-examination that Mr. Smith gave him was a grueling one from beginning to end. The circumstance of Sussman voluntarily giving himself up to the postmaster at La Crosse when he heard that the federal authorities wanted him for forgery of a postal money order was given another color before Mr. Smith was thru. Sussman admitted that he was under arrest at Fort Leavenworth when arrested by a United States marshal and had then been in the guardhouse at least a month.
The production of the famous letter with the top torn off undoubtedly surprised both the prisoner and his counsel. The conviction that every effort was made by Sussman and his relatives to keep his whereabouts a secret grew stronger and stronger as the cross-examination proceeded. The reasons given for assuming the name of Fred H. Tyler upon entering the army and other occasions were lamely given and did not appear to be sound or reasonable. While Sussman made a fair witness in his behalf, which was examined by his attorney, he was caught in the trap by the county attorney and had to fall back on the stereotyped evasive answer "I don't remember."

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The Brown Men Want an Island So Badly That Government Will Take No Chances

NEW LAND FRAUDS ARE UNEARTHED

Government Officials, Civilized Indians and Others Get Control of Townsites.

Special to The Journal.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Extensive land frauds in Indian Territory, in which a number of government officials, unscrupulous whites and a score or more of civilized Indians are alleged to be involved, has been unearthed and investigation has begun under the direction of Secretary Hitchcock.

The land in question, which is said to be worth anywhere from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000, consists of townsites in Muskogee and several other prosperous and booming cities in the territory.

The character of the investigation to be made by Secretary Hitchcock was considered at a conference held at the Indian office today between Indian Commissioner Francis E. Loupp and William Dudley Foulke, who went to the territory some weeks ago by direction of the president to look into the charges that valuable townsites of the Creek nation had passed, thru fraudulent methods, to thousands of persons not entitled to them.

Under the present system of disposing of the Creek lands, persons living in the towns of the territory are permitted to purchase a lot of 100 feet frontage, if they desire to erect a home on it, but if they desire land for business purposes, they may purchase four acres. It was the intention of the government to get these tracts into the hands of as many individuals as possible, but it is alleged that hundreds of townsite lots have been acquired by a few people in express violation of the law.

This was done thru dummy purchasers, who selected the townsites, made the application to townsite committees, desired to buy, and after securing the title, transferred it to the persons from whom they really were acting in the first instance. The charge has been made that at least one prominent official in the territory now owns townsites that were secured thru fraud.

M. L. Mott, attorney for the Creek nation, will continue the investigation started by Mr. Foulke and will make an effort to secure evidence.

Mr. Foulke formerly was civil service commissioner and has been prominent in the civil service reform movement.

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Two Regiments Will Be Rushed to Honolulu—Injunction Issued to Prevent Sale of Island to Syndicate.

Washington, Dec. 15.—It is stated at the war department today that no order has been issued for the dispatch of additional troops to the Hawaiian islands, nor is any such order contemplated. The permanent garrison in Hawaii consists of four companies of regular troops. Two of these were last summer ordered to the mainland for target practice, the facilities for which were lacking in the island. They have returned to their posts and no immediate changes in the force or additions thereto are contemplated.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The Examiner publishes the following dispatch from Honolulu today:
The officers of the transport Thomas have announced that two regiments are to be rushed immediately to the island in expectation of trouble with the Japanese. They absolutely refuse to give out any of the details bearing on the call for troops or the reasons why the government feels that the soldiers of the United States army are necessary in the island, which are at this time overrun by the little brown men.

Mikado Wants Island.
It is understood that the mikado was extremely anxious to secure possession of the island of Lanai, which is private property. This island is fifty miles from Honolulu and could be used as an excellent naval base against the United States by any foreign power. It has two splendid harbors of sufficient depth to accommodate a large fleet of war vessels.

Last night Attorney George D. Gear secured an injunction against Governor Carter and Land Commissioner Pratt to prevent their selling the island to a syndicate. It is understood that the syndicate represents the Japanese government or people who ultimately expect to dispose of the island to Japan.

Europe Looks for War.
Berlin, Dec. 15.—The relations between the United States and Japan excite extraordinary interest both in government and diplomatic circles here. Emperor William's message on the occasion with several persons recently and is thoroughly informed regarding President Roosevelt's personal views on the subject.
It is believed that Russia's more resolute attitude against Japan's requests for trade and colonization rights in the Amur river and in Siberia and for fishery privileges on the adjacent Russian coasts is partly due to the discussion of the California school question between the United States and Japan.

Philippines Japan's Object.
Views here appear to agree that Japan in case of war would take the Philippine islands and place upon the United States the necessity of conducting across the Pacific prolonged sea and land campaigns, which would call forth immense expeditions against great natural obstacles.
It was known here in June that the British admiralty had considered the possibility of war between Japan and the United States as likely to occur in twenty-five years, and some of the British naval men are said to have expressed the belief that the contest would be fought within five years. In any case it is certain that numerous European foreign offices are at present making inquiries regarding the temper of the Japanese people and the government of Japan.

TRIAL SEPARATION BY MARRIED FOLKS
Not Quite Satisfied but Not Ready to Fly to Divorce Courts Yet.

New York, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Corinne Kelsey, of Rockford, Ill., but now soprano at the Metropolitan opera house, has contracted with her husband to live apart for one year. At the end of this period, if they are satisfied that they are better contented apart, the courts will be asked to grant them a legal separation.

Married life has been given a fair trial by the Kelseys," said a friend. "They have had no disagreement—that is, no serious disagreement—but they are not satisfied with their married life in several respects. They have treated the subject in a sensible manner."
"Instead of flying at once to the divorce courts they determined to find out if life apart would be more congenial to them. A year, they think, will give them the opportunity to conclude that they are happier together than they were when they were married. That is better than being divorced in haste and repenting at leisure."

Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey meet frequently and are apparently on the best of terms. They appear very good friends and put forth no effort to avoid each other whenever they chance to be in the same company.
"The situation is more embarrassing to their mutual friends than it is to themselves," commented a friend.

BISHOP EXPELLED
French Gendarmes Batter Open Residence Door with Tree Trunk.

Arras, France, Dec. 15.—When the Bishop of Arras was expelled from his residence today, under the church and states separation law, gendarmes were several times compelled to charge manfully, with the door of the seminary. Eventually the doors were broken open with trees used as battering rams.

Tarascon, France, Dec. 15.—Two squadrons of Hussars have been dispatched from here to Barbenante, where the inhabitants have imprisoned the officials sent to take over the church property under the church and states separation law.

NEW DRAINAGE BILL
Steenerson Introduces Measure Applying to States Named in Former Bill.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Steenerson has introduced another general drainage bill. It applies to all states named in one he introduced last session, and includes the provision contained in the latter introduced by Senator Flint of California, appropriating \$2,000,000 to begin work