

COAL FAMINE IS PREVENTED BY DEALERS

Chicago Suffering Laid to Desire for High Prices.

Plenty of Fuel in City but Owners Avoid Selling Reasonably.

Investigations by Attorney General and City Council Show Scarcity Is Merely a Matter of Getting More Money.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Two investigations into the cause of the scarcity and high price of coal in Chicago were begun today. At the Palmer House Attorney General Hamlin held a conference behind closed doors with representatives of the coal-hauling roads and of the coal trade. At the City Hall the Council Committee on Railroads held a public session, hearing statements from men who direct the movement of coal on the roads entering the city. Neither inquiry resulted in action by the public officials, and both will be continued.

Attorney General Hamlin's investigation, which may continue until Sunday, is aimed at discovering whether there is or has been any unlawful conspiracy to restrain trade in coal or to force up prices.

Mr. Hamlin announced to-night that he had made rapid progress, and intimated that the greater part of the blame rests with the dealers, and not with the railroads.

"If I find proof," he said, "that the thousands upon thousands of tons of coal which the dealers have in the yards, snow covered and untouched, are not actually under contract but held for the purpose of increasing the price, those dealers will be prosecuted and compelled to relieve the suffering caused by the scarcity of coal."

Before the Railroad Committee of the City Council the fact was brought out that local dealers are holding vast quantities of coal merely to keep up the price. Their plan is to have loaded cars reconsigned. Trainmaster John W. Conroy of the Peoria and North Western road testified that during the past few days the car has been reconsigned seven times. Other railroad officials said their rules did not allow cars to be reconsigned more than once or twice at the outside. Mr. Conroy promised to do everything in his power to prevent the continuance of this practice in the Pennsylvania yards.

REFUSES TO ACCEPT PREMIER'S RESIGNATION

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria Continues Von Koberer in Office.

VIENNA, Dec. 30.—The Austrian Premier, Dr. von Koberer, was received in audience by Emperor Francis Joseph today and tendered his resignation, but the Emperor declined to accept it. The Emperor subsequently presided at a conference between Von Koberer and the Hungarian Premier, Coleman Deszelli, at which the situation was considered. It was said here at a late hour to-night that Premier von Koberer and Deszelli would resume negotiations to-morrow and endeavor to reach an agreement with regard to the Ausgleich.

SEVENTEEN MALLEABLE IRON PLANTS COMBINE

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 30.—General Manager James Meehan of the Ross-Meehan Foundry Company has been informed that the seventeen malleable iron concerns of the United States and the capital stock of the combine is rated at from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

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MR. BARBER'S NIECE BECOMES A BRIDE

Miss Mary Barber Marries Major Ralph Hartzell.

Ceremony Witnessed by Late President's Widow and Other Relatives.

CANTON, O., Dec. 30.—Miss Mary Barber, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barber, this evening became the wife of Major Ralph Hartzell. The ceremony was performed at the commodious old Saxton homestead, formerly the home of the McKinleys, but now occupied by the Barbers, and was witnessed by Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. McKinley and Mrs. Barber are sisters. Rev. O. B. Milligan of the First Presbyterian Church officiated. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Ida, and the groom by his brother, Fred S. Hartzell, assistant secretary of the McKinley Memorial Association.

Miss Barber was a favorite of the late President McKinley and she spent much time at the White House and was in several presidential parties making extensive tours of the country as the particular companion of Mrs. McKinley. She became a great favorite in Cabinet circles, and of the many presents that came to her as a bride some of the handsomest were sent by members of the Cabinet and their families.

The ceremony and reception were attended by about 100 guests, mostly relatives and intimate friends of the families. Mrs. McKinley was accompanied by Chief Counsel Brooks of the Pennsylvania Company and Mrs. Brooks of Shields, Pa., who are guests at her home. Mrs. Brooks having been a friend of her girlhood days, Mrs. McKinley's gift to the bride was a silver table service.

Major Hartzell, who was a Cantonian until a few years ago, was a quartermaster in the volunteer service during the late war. He is now a practicing attorney in Denver, Colo., and with his bride left for that city to-night.

BOTH WRECKED PROVE FATAL

Turned Switch Derails Train and Three Are Killed.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 30.—In a wreck of a through Chicago-Louisville freight train on the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railroad (Monon) at Quincy, Ind., to-day, Engineer Albert S. Barker, Fireman Joseph J. Englin and Brakeman Hiram Perry, all of this place, were killed and the engine and eighteen cars loaded with hogs and cattle, were badly wrecked. The examination of the switch made by officials of the road showed that the switchlock had been broken and the switch turned, supposedly by tramps.

SHARON, Pa., Dec. 30.—In a head-on collision on the Pennsylvania Railroad two miles west of Middlesex to-night the engineer of the passenger train, Newell Daugherty, of Erie was killed, four persons were seriously injured and almost a score more were hurt. The wreck was caused through a misunderstanding of orders. Both engines were derailed and are lying on their sides in the ditch, while the express, baggage and smoking cars are badly wrecked. The dead: NEWELL DAUGHERTY, Erie, body not recovered. Seriously injured: Engineer Shallenberger, probably fatally; Robert Williams, Erie, freight passenger train; George Gibson, Erie, freight train; Samuel J. McDonald, Greenville, express; passenger.

SIANFU MISSIONARIES' LIVES ARE IMPERILED

Receive Warning to Send Their Women and Children to Places of Safety.

PEKING, Dec. 30.—The missionaries in the Sianfu region have been officially notified to be prepared to leave if necessary. It is recommended that the women and children be sent to safe ports.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30.—A military officer has arrived here from Kansu province to procure munitions of war and supplies of the commander of the Imperial forces. He reports that all the Imperial troops enlisted in Kansu, together with a number of Mohammedans there, are only awaiting Tung Fuh Siang's signal to march on Peking, expel the foreigners and uphold the Dowager Empress. Prince Tuan is expected to co-operate with Tung Fuh Siang with a force of Mongolians.

WILL CONTINUE WORK ON MARE ISLAND DOCK

Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Company Reaches Understanding With Navy Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Navy Department has reached a satisfactory understanding with the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Company of New York, whereby that company will continue the contract for construction of the big drydock at the Mare Island Navy Yard.

Following the cancellation of the same company's contract for constructing a similar dock at the League Island Navy Yard, several days ago, it was intimated that the Mare Island contract probably would be canceled for the same reason—delay. Representatives of the company came here and interviewed Secretary Moody and succeeded in obtaining another trial.

HUNTED SULTAN OF MOROCCO FAILS TO ESCAPE FROM FEZ

Pretender's Army Cuts Off Water Supply and the City's Fall Seems Imminent.

MADRID, Dec. 30.—Telegrams received from Tangier say the Sultan's troops have abandoned the fortress of Razme, close to Fez. The pretender is negotiating with the tribes in the immediate vicinity of Fez to assist his advancement. The rebels have cut the aqueduct which supplied Fez with water and the place is practically without water. Unless the Kabyleh tribesmen from the south come to the succor of Fez the place must surrender within three days.

It is reported here, that the Sultan of Morocco has been followed in an attempt to break out of Fez by the rebels who are



CAPTIVE FOLLOWERS OF THE PRETENDER TO MOROCCO THRONE AWAITING EXECUTION. FOLLOWING A RECENT VICTORY OF THE REBELS THEIR LEADER DECAPITATED FORTY PRISONERS, AND IN RETALIATION THE SULTAN HAS ORDERED THE DEATH OF ALL CAPTURED REBELS.

investing that city. The hostility against the Sultan is spreading in Fez. The Moors are exhibiting photographs of him argued in ridiculous garb. The Sultan yesterday assembled the nobles of the besieged town at the palace and exhorted them not to despair, assuring them that the Imperial troops ultimately would triumph.

Great Britain and France have notified Spain that they have no intention of taking any advantage of the situation in Morocco, and that they desire the maintenance of the status quo, even in the event of the Sultan being dethroned and his place taken by the pretender. These communications have reassured the Spanish Government, which is thus relieved of fears of international complications.

The Cabinet met in Madrid at a late hour to-night. After the meeting Foreign Minister Abaranza expressed a more hopeful view of the Moroccan situation. He said he thought it unlikely that the rebels would capture Fez. Premier Silvea confirmed the belief that no complications would ensue through the actions of other powers.

ITALY TO BE NEUTRAL

Will Take No Part in Any Movement in Morocco.

ROME, Dec. 30.—It is said Italy is not making any warlike preparations in connection with the situation in Morocco. Italy, not being interested in the Moroccan question, will limit herself to vigilantly watching events.

Under the Franco-Italian agreement in regard to the Mediterranean, in which Italy undertakes to respect French aspirations in Morocco in return for an analogous French undertaking regarding Tripoli, Italy has no direct interest in the Moroccan situation. It can also be said that Italy has no intention of occupying Tripoli unless obliged to do so in order to prevent other powers settling there.

Pretender Only Twenty Miles Away.

TANGIER, Dec. 30.—Foreigners in the interior of Morocco have been advised to make for the coast, as provisions are

scarce and communication is almost closed. The Pretender himself is reported to be only twenty miles from Fez.

MOORS BLAME BRITAIN.

Believe Advent of Christians Brought About the Revolt.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Tangier correspondent of the Times says that the remnants of the routed Imperial army returned to Fez in a deplorable condition. The Sultan has told a deputation of Fez Moors that he is prepared to die in defense of the town.

The Moors are confident, continues the correspondent, after what passed between Menebhi, who visited London last year as Moorish Ambassador, and Foreign Secretary Lansdowne that in case of necessity Great Britain cannot refuse to give the Sultan armed assistance. It is impossible to disabuse them of this idea, as they lay the entire responsibility for the present rebellion at Great Britain's door for fostering European ideas and introducing Christians into the Moorish court.

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MISSIONARIES IN DANGER.

Christians May Be Slain if Pretender Captures Fez.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 30.—Eight missionaries who are working in Morocco under the direction of the Gospel Missionary Union, whose headquarters is in Kansas City, are believed to be in peril. At Fez are stationed George C. Reed of Kansas City, formerly of Nebraska, secretary of the Moroccan mission; Mr. and Mrs. Willelvir of Minneapolis, Maude Carey, Emporia, Kan.; Irene Ward, Avoca, Iowa, and Nelson Olson of Alabama. Another party now at Mequize is composed of F. C. Emyart of Kansas and Victor Swanson of Nebraska. This town is forty miles west of Fez.

A letter from Mr. Reed at Fez, dated December 4, to George S. Fisher, president of the union, has just been received. Mr. Reed writes:

Word to hand indicates that the Sultan is returning to Fez from Mequize, instead of going to Rabat. The fight last Sunday east here was a serious reverse for the Government and estimates of loss are very high, some putting it at 500 on the army side; probably only half or two-thirds of that number.

Mr. Fisher believes the Christian missionaries would be slain if captured by the fanatical rebels.

Loses Both Hands by an Explosion.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 30.—William Hensley lost both hands in a premature explosion of dynamite while blasting a log on Horst Bros' ranch near Perkins today. The man helping him was uninjured.

INHALED ILLUMINATING GAS.—I. Nakaya, a Japanese street, was found in a room at 445 Dupont street yesterday suffering from the effects of illuminating gas. Nakaya was removed to the Central Emergency Hospital, where he lies in a critical condition. Whether Nakaya attempted to commit suicide is not known.

PRINCESS MUST REMAIN A WIFE

Pope Will Not Annul the Marriage of Louise.

King George Appoints Court to Try Son's Suit for Separation.

ROME, Dec. 30.—Cardinal Vanutelli, president of the Apostolic penitentiary, which deals with matrimonial questions, is authority for the statement that the Pope could not under any circumstances annul the marriage of the Crown Prince of Saxony.

DRESDEN, Dec. 30.—King George has appointed a special court of seven judges to try the suit for divorce, which the Crown Prince has decided to institute against the Crown Princess.

Professor Curschmann of Leipzig has been called here for consultation with the court physicians regarding the King's condition, which gives much concern to his family. Although diagnosed as influenza, King George's condition has grown steadily worse during the last few days, due to excitement over the elopement of the Crown Princess, which, in connection with his great age and weakness, has had a depressing effect on the King's mental condition.

BEILIN, Dec. 30.—King George of Saxony has ordered the preparation of a full official account of the elopement of the Crown Princess Louise and the circumstances leading up to it for the Saxons, among whom the most fantastical stories are in circulation to the detriment of the royal family, especially with reference to the future King. The scandal, according to some opinions, is undermining the people's loyalty and respect for the throne. The dynasty being Catholic and the people Protestant, the affair is being utilized for sectarian controversy.

The King's statement doubtless will follow the line indicated in the intimations supplied to the newspapers having court leanings, published to-day, affirming that the Crown Princess' sole reason for eloping was her relations with Professor Gron and that documentary proofs have been found showing that the elopement had long been in preparation. The stories of ill-treatment on the part of her husband, of oppressive court ceremonial and of her fettered existence are classed as inventions.

The Crown Princess' own account of the immediate cause of her flight from Salzburg, written to an intimate friend, presumably the Princess Therese of Bavaria, was telegraphed from Munich this morning. It says her father, the Grand Duke of Tuscany, intended to imprison her either in a lunatic asylum or in an Italian convent. He already had consulted the court physician and several medical authorities in Vienna with the object of obtaining certificates warranting him in shutting her up. Her father, the Crown Princess adds, was giving her no time for deliberation. He demanded, first, that she be taken under guard to Dresden, to apologize to the Crown Prince, and that she then choose between confinement in a convent or in a madhouse. The Crown Princess asks the Emperor to use its influence with the court at Dresden to permit her children to choose their vocation in life freely.

ELECTRIC POWER IS "CORNERED"

Group of New York Men Acquires All Large Plants.

Special Dispatch to the Call.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—New York men have now acquired control of the greater electric power plants of the United States and Canada.

According to the census the total electric power in America in 1900 was 311,016 horsepower. Great additions have been made since. The additions on the American side of Niagara Falls are 35,000 and 65,000 horsepower plants to be installed as fast as each 5000 horsepower unit is completed, probably by next August. On the Canadian side 10,000 horsepower is in progress of construction for 1904 by the same company and 50,000 horsepower for another company. At Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., 57,000 additional horsepower has just been turned on.

Fifty millions of dollars is a fair estimate of the capital invested in these electrical power plants by New York capitalists, including J. P. Morgan, John Jacob Astor, D. O. Mills and others. Morgan, Astor and Mills are interested in the Niagara plant.

At the Soo the Michigan-Lake Superior Company, with 57,000 horsepower on the Michigan side and the Algoma Commercial Company, limited, with 20,000 horsepower on the Ontario side, are owned by New York men in the steel trust, headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., also owners of most of the huge industries of the American side and the gigantic Clergue industries on the Canadian shore.

At Great Falls, Mont., the Great Falls Electric and Power Company, owned by J. P. Morgan & Co. and James J. Hill, has a 25,000 horsepower plant in operation and 75,000 horsepower in process of completion. All copper ore from this region is smelted here by electricity.

In California the longest electric transmission system in the world is largely financed by R. R. Colgate of New York, comprising the Bay Counties, the Standard Power and the Tuba companies, etc., operating two circuits of 140 and 220 miles, or a total length of 360 miles. Two New York banks, represented by George A. Batchelder, have also invested in this system \$2,225,000 of a capitalization of \$3,000,000.

In Colorado the Pike's Peak Power Company, largely owned by New York capitalists, supplies power to twelve of the richest gold mines in the world.

In addition there are upwards of fifty electric power plants, operated by Tuba water wheels, having a total of 1500 miles of circuit (which means thousands of miles of lineage) in which New York has heavy financial interests.

INCOMPETENT TELEGRAPHERS RESPONSIBLE

Grand Trunk Collision Rests With Railway Company.

Employs Inexperienced Boys to Handle Important Messages.

Coroner's Jury Develops Startling Facts in Connection With Death of Twenty-Eight Persons in Disaster.

WYOMING, Ontario, Dec. 30.—The Coroner's jury, which has been investigating the wreck at Wanstead last Friday in which twenty-eight lives were lost, brought in a verdict shortly before midnight. The verdict is as follows:

"We find that Arthur W. Ricketts was killed in the collision at Wanstead on the evening of Friday, December 28, 1902. That said collision was caused by wrong orders being given No. 4 at Wanstead Junction, where Dispatcher Kerr endeavored to stop the express train. Troyer, who is a boy of 16 years, stated that he was on duty for the first time on the night of the accident and that his total previous experience as an operator was for two nights at Strathroy, where he received only a total of four messages. He gave as a reason for not hearing Dispatcher Kerr calling him for seven or eight minutes that he was studying the time table and did not recognize the office call, which he had heard only once before. Troyer's extreme youth and apparent incompetency made a deep impression upon the jury."

The principal feature of the testimony to-day was the evidence of James Troyer, the night operator at Kingscourt Junction, where Dispatcher Kerr endeavored to stop the express train. Troyer, who is a boy of 16 years, stated that he was on duty for the first time on the night of the accident and that his total previous experience as an operator was for two nights at Strathroy, where he received only a total of four messages. He gave as a reason for not hearing Dispatcher Kerr calling him for seven or eight minutes that he was studying the time table and did not recognize the office call, which he had heard only once before. Troyer's extreme youth and apparent incompetency made a deep impression upon the jury.

Klondike Geyser Again Breaks Out.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 30.—The geyser on fraction No. 3 of El Dorado, in the Klondike, is giving the territorial authorities much trouble and has already done much damage, according to advices received by the steamer City of Seattle. The geyser, which broke out early in the month, and which the Government had succeeded in capping, has broken out again and is sending an immense volume of water all over the country. The geyser which has been formed from the geyser extends over an area of three miles and is increasing.

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