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OUTPUT OF MINES

KENTUCKY MAKES GREAT RECORD FOR THE YEAR 1912.

Prospects are Bright for Increase of Tonnage During 1913—Statement by the Chief Inspector.

Frankfort.—In a statement issued C. J. Norwood, chief inspector of mines, discusses the output of Kentucky coal mines for the year 1912. Mr. Norwood said:

"The statistical reports received by the office for the eleven months up to December 1, with less than 100,000 tons estimated for a few minor companies that have yet to report for November, indicate an output of approximately 15,500,000 tons of commercial coal for the Kentucky mines for the calendar year 1912.

"The known production—i. e., the amount already reported up to December 1, with no estimate—amounts to 14,129,268 tons.

"Estimates for December, together with the tonnage estimated for delinquent mines in November, indicate the following production for the year by the respective districts:

District:	
Western	7,480,000
Southeastern	4,845,000
Northeastern	3,245,000

Total 15,570,000

"This indicates an increase of more than 1,500,000 tons above the output for 1911, and an increase of more than 900,000 tons above that for 1910, which hitherto has been the 'banner' year.

"Complete returns for November and actual figures for December may either increase or decrease the estimated amount somewhat, but it seems safe to place the output at not less than about 15,500,000 tons.

"The prospects for 1913 are bright. Barring extraordinary disturbances, I look for an output of not less than 20,000,000 tons; it may be materially greater."

Will Employ an Expert.

W. O. Davis, of Versailles, chairman of the state tax commission, authorized by the last general assembly to inquire into tax system of various states and draft, for submission to the next general assembly, a bill looking to a revision of the present tax law in Kentucky, is negotiating with Carl C. Flynn, of the university of California, with a view to securing his services as tax expert to advise the commission. Mr. Davis said Prof. Flynn had made a study of various systems of taxation, and is one of the best qualified men to advise the Kentucky commission. He has been able to find. The commission is empowered to expend but \$1,500 for the services of an expert, but Chairman Davis hopes to so arrange matters so that Prof. Flynn, if he accepts the trust, may do much of the work in California. Under the law creating the commission it is the duty of that body to draft a preliminary report, setting forth what has been accomplished by it, and what it hopes to accomplish, and submit it to the governor during this month.

Fine Issue of the Register.

The Kentucky Historical Register for January, 1913, just out, contains a number of interesting articles, beginning with a "History of Muhlenberg County," by Otto A. Rothert, of Louisville. "The Battle of the River Raisin," by A. C. Quisenberry, a former Kentuckian, who now lives in Maryland, gives much valuable information about that famous battle in which so many brave Kentuckians participated. Another entertaining article, entitled, "Kentucky—A Land of Heroism," is by George Baber, of Washington. "Regrets," a captivating poem, is contributed by Mrs. Jennie C. Morton, and "Epitaphs," by Mrs. Ella Hutchison Ellwanger, of Louisville, formerly of Frankfort, adds to the charm of the number, which is considered an unusually good one.

Hamlett Defends His State.

Answering the question why Kentucky remains so low in illiteracy in the list of states and territories in the Union, Barksdale Hamlett said that it would be unfair to compare a state with a rural population of 75.7 per cent as Kentucky, with a state like Rhode Island, which has only a rural population of 3.3. He also said it would be unfair to compare Kentucky, which derives all of its revenues for schools from direct taxation, with a state like Minnesota, which has a permanent school fund of \$21,000,000 derived from school lands.

Books Are Being Mailed.

New receipt books for 1913 taxes are being mailed from the auditor's office to county clerks. Hereafter county clerks will fill out the receipts from the assessor's books, and both the clerks and sheriffs sign them, the clerks keeping the stubs as records.

Assessments Low.

A difference of \$62,241,854.40 in the estimation of the valuation of the tangible property of the four largest railroads in Kentucky among members of the State Railroad Commission was made apparent today when Chairman Lawrence B. Finn read his dissenting opinion to the action of the majority in fixing the assessment for 1912 the same as 1911, with mileage built up to July 1, 1912, added.

The four railroads are the Louisville & Nashville, the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Queen & Crescent and the Illinois Central. Commissioners W. F. Klair and H. G. Garrett, allowing for increased mileage and improvement, took the 1911 assessment as a basis, which is as follows:

Louisville & Nashville	\$29,170,377
Chesapeake & Ohio	6,370,270
Queen & Crescent	6,050,800
Illinois Central	12,377,383

Unusing what he considered 80 per cent of the fair cash value of the roads, Chairman Finn estimated the taxable value of the roads as follows:

Louisville & Nashville	\$62,608,614.40
Chesapeake & Ohio	20,362,400.09
Queen & Crescent	12,560,604.00
Illinois Central	20,871,466.00

His valuation would more than double the assessment of the roads.

Reasons of Majority.

Commissioners W. F. Klair and H. G. Garrett begin their statement by a reference to the commission on December 23, 1912, when it was decided to fix the assessment at the 1911 figures plus a fair valuation build since up to July, 1912. They call attention to provisions of the law governing the fixing of valuation of franchises by the Board of Assessment and Valuations and of tangible property by the Railroad Commission.

Their statement sets forth that for reasons unknown to them the Board of Valuation and Assessment had not followed the law requiring the assessments of franchises to be based upon reports submitted on July 1 of the current year, but had the case of the Railroad Commission they say the assessment of tangible property was made in accordance with the report of July 1, 1912, as provided by law.

Chairman Finn criticized all four railroads for their refusal to submit to a partial assessment on the 1911 basis pending investigation by an expert and said a thorough valuation and fair assessment would eliminate the contention with the roads over the franchise assessments.

Farm Demonstrators for Kentucky.

Wallace Buttrick, secretary of the General Education Board, accompanied by Dr. W. Rose, of Washington, administrative officer of the Southern Educational Board, visited the Department of Education and will take up with Commissioner of Agriculture J. W. Newman the question of lending assistance to the movement to establish farm demonstrators in the counties of Kentucky. The board now spends over a quarter of a million dollars annually in this work in the South, besides employing school supervisors and otherwise advancing the cause of education.

Must Publish Unclaimed Deposits.

Unclaimed deposits of five years standing in Kentucky state banks must be published, according to an order just promulgated by the State banking department. There are supposed to be many deposits in the banks in the names of dead persons or people, who have moved away and forgotten that they have balances to their credit, and the publication is for the purpose of notifying these people or their representatives. In addition to ordering the publication of unclaimed deposits State Banking Commissioner T. J. Smith has called on the banks in a circular letter to forward to his office a list of stockholders.

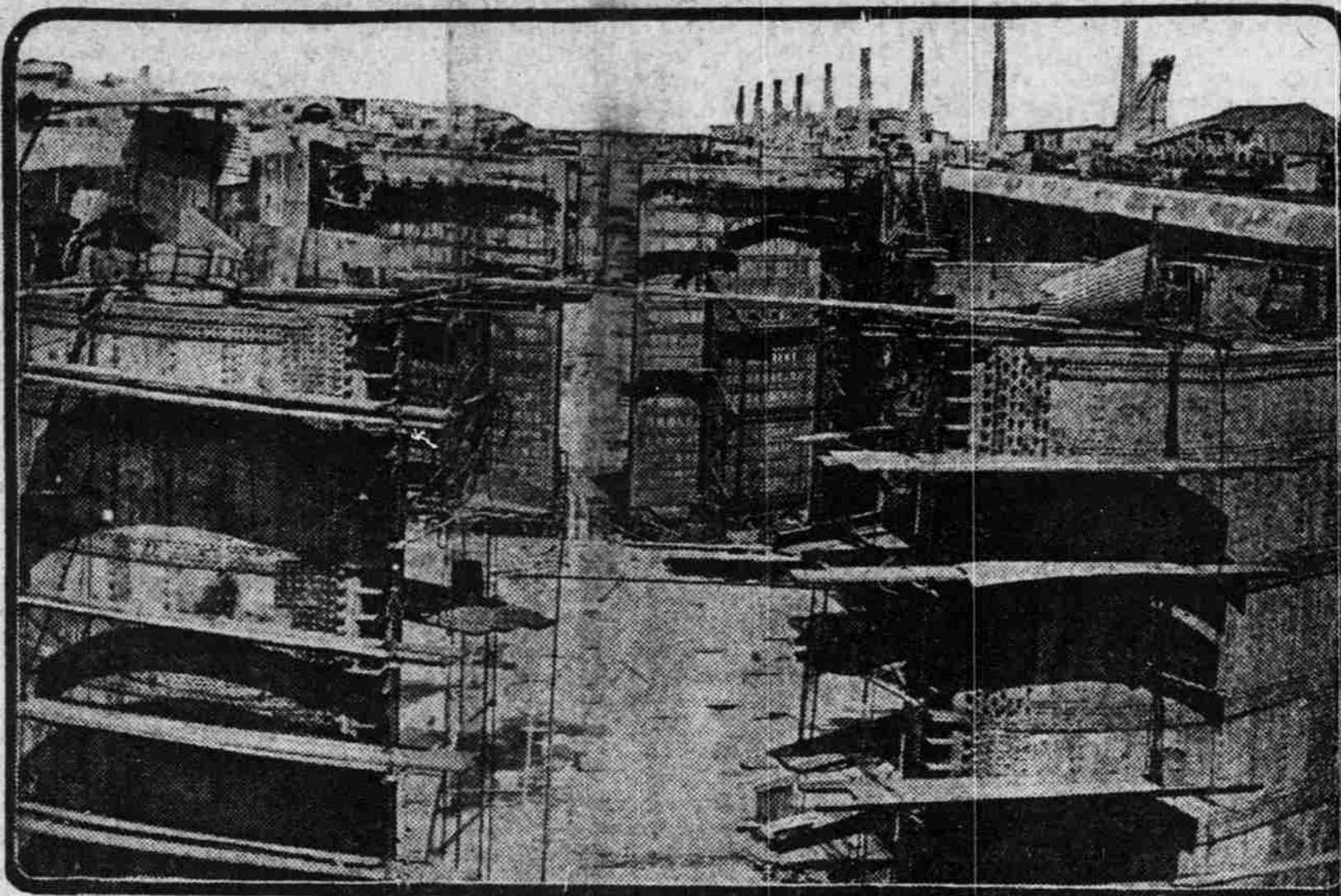
Langley Is Stricken in Washington.

Word has been received here that Representative Langley, Republican, of Kentucky, was stricken on the floor of the house by a rush of blood to his head, shortly after he had concluded speaking on a private pension bill which was under consideration. His colleagues rushed to his side and he was removed to the cloakroom, where he was attended by Representative Foster, of Illinois, a physician, where he recovered. He was later removed to his home, and now his condition was reported as not serious.

Plans Income Tax Measure.

Senator Selden R. Glenn, of Eddyville, who was at the capitol, said that when the general assembly convenes again he will introduce a bill for an income tax that he believes will bring in a revenue of \$750,000 annually to the state. He said it is apparent that at the next session, revenue measures will be prominent, and he thinks the result of the investigation now being made of the state department will greatly aid the assembly. He doubts the advisability of a special session until this work is completed.

TREMENDOUS LOCK GATES AT GATUN



Nothing else so impresses the visitor to the Panama canal as does the immense size of the lock gates at Gatun. They are necessarily of immense strength and powerful machinery is required to open and close them.

ENJOIN LUMBER TRUST

EASTERN ASSOCIATION HELD A CONSPIRACY UNDER LAW.

Decision Regarded as Limiting in Large Measure the Power of the Middlemen.

New York, Jan. 11.—The government's petition for a permanent injunction against the Eastern States Retail Lumber Dealers' association, alleged to be a combination in restraint of trade, was granted by the federal district court here Thursday.

The defendants include also the New York Lumber Trade association, the Building Material Men's association, the New Jersey Lumbermen's Protective association, the Retail Lumbermen's association of Baltimore, the Lumber Exchange of the District of Columbia and others.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The government's victory at New York against the so-called lumber trust is regarded by officials of the department of justice as one of the most important accomplishments under the Sherman anti-trust law, because it limits in large measure the power and privileges of the much-discussed "middleman" in commerce.

The decision is construed here as meaning that the consumer of lumber, untrammelled by the retailer, may purchase direct from the wholesaler or manufacturer, and the latter may sell direct to the public without interference by a combination of retailers.

There still are pending lumber trust cases constituting in the aggregate a nation-wide move.

PANTHER AND SONOMA SAFE

Missing U. S. Crafts Arrive at Guantanamo and Report Terrific Battle With Storms.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Both the repair ship Panther and her attendant tug, the Sonoma, reported "safe in port" to the navy department Thursday.

Both vessels reached Guantanamo harbor under their own power, although both were considerably damaged by storms, which had completely carried away the Panther's wireless and had torn off the Sonoma's superstructure and lifeboats. The Sonoma, which left Brooklyn two hours before the Panther, reached Guantanamo at one o'clock in the morning while the Panther was not sighted until two o'clock in the afternoon.

EIGHTEEN DIE IN EXPLOSION

Ten Others Injured When Boiler of Steamer Blows Up Near Bladen, Ala.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 13.—The Tombigbee river steamerboat James T. Staples was wrecked, her captain and 17 others were killed and 10 persons were injured severely when one of the boat's boilers exploded near Bladen. It is believed bodies of the four missing persons may be found in the ruins of the bulk, which floated down the river in flames.

Indian Chief Dies at 115 Years.

Superior, Wis., Jan. 9.—Chief Passadass, said to have been one hundred and fifteen years old, a Chippewa Indian who has been one of the interesting characters of Solon Springs for the last twenty years, died at his home there Tuesday.

LOSS IS \$1,000,000

PITTSBURG SWEEP BY MOST DEVASTATING FLOOD OF 47 YEARS.

50,000 MEN ARE OUT OF WORK

Manufactories in Overflowed Districts Forced to Shut Down—Homes Are Inundated—Thousands Are Suffering Privation and Want.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 11.—When a crest of 31.3 feet was reported at the junction of the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers here Thursday, the fourth greatest flood in Pittsburg in the last forty-seven years was recorded. The water remained stationary for two hours, then began to fall slowly and had dropped to 29½ feet at six o'clock in the evening.

The waters reached Penn avenue and Federal street in the downtown section of Pittsburg, and temporarily shut off business below that point, inundated hundreds of homes in the lower sections of the North side, West end and South side, flooded many of the mills lining the river banks, made approximately 50,000 men idle through manufacturing shutting down, and caused in the neighborhood of one million dollars' loss through property damage.

Stories of privation and suffering came from both up and down the rivers, where thousands of homes have been flooded and relief is being sent from every quarter.

Only three greater floods have occurred in Pittsburg in the last forty-seven years, or since 1865, and in 107 years that records have been kept there have been only ten more serious inundations.

THREE DEAD; 13 HURT IN FIRE

Firemen Confident Many Lost Their Lives of Whom No Trace Will Ever Be Found.

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—Three known dead and thirteen more or less seriously injured, some of them fatally, completes the list of known casualties in a lodging house fire, which swept nearly a block of territory lying on the north side of Howard street between East and Stewart streets here Thursday.

The buildings destroyed were the Maritime and San Pedro lodging houses, both flimsy two-story frame structures, given over to the trade of the men of the sea.

Three narrow exits from the two buildings were the only means of escape the lodgers had from the blazing boxes of death and the army of firemen searching in the ruins for bodies are confident many lost their lives of whom no trace will ever be found.

FILE BOMB MEN'S BOND

Bail in Sum of \$240,000 to Release Tveitmo and Clancy Deposited.

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—Bail bonds in the sum of \$240,000 for the release of Olaf Tveitmo and Eugene Clancy, the convicted dynamite conspirators sentenced to six years in the federal prison at Leavenworth, was filed here on Thursday before the United States commissioner.

PANIC IS AVERTED

STEAMER RUNS AGROUND OFF HALIFAX HARBOR IN DENSE FOG.

Good Work on Part of Crew Prevents Panic and Results in Rescue of Passengers.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Halifax, N. S.—The lives of nearly 1,000 passengers were imperiled when the Uranium Steamship Co.'s steamer Uranium, bound from Rotterdam for Halifax and New York, struck on the ledge a quarter of a mile north of Chebucto Head, on the southeastern shore of Halifax harbor.

Dense fog with a stiff south wind prevailed when the ship drove her bow on the rocks. Being a single-skinned ship the plates soon gave way and the forward hold soon filled with water.

Despite the fact that the passengers were all foreigners, being Russians, Germans and Poles principally, there was no panic aboard. Many women and children became greatly excited, but the fears of these were allayed by the officers, who told them that they were within a few feet of the shore.

The lifeboats were made ready for launching and signals were sent out for assistance. The lifesaving crews were rushed to the scene from nearby shore stations. All available craft were dispatched from Halifax in response to wireless calls from the ship.

CHICAGO'S APPLICATION REFUSED.

Washington.—In an elaborate opinion, dealing with the principal points advanced in the long series of arguments which were held last year at the war department, Secretary Stimson has denied the application of the Sanitary District of Chicago for permission to divert from Lake Michigan 10,000 cubic feet of water per second, instead of the 4,167 feet, at present authorized. The secretary finds that the increased provision would injure navigation; that there is no necessity therefore; that the application could not be allowed without congressional authorization, and that Canada has a just right to protest against it, except upon approval by the joint waterways commission.

FAREWELL TO THE PRESIDENT.

Washington.—President Taft will be the guest of honor at the annual banquet of the Ohio Society of Washington, at Rauscher's, on Jan. 20. Justice William R. Day, of the United States supreme court, will preside as chief executive of the society. Senator Pomerene, of Ohio, a native of Canton, the home of former President McKinley, will speak on "McKinley at Home," and Senator Burton will propose the farewell toast. The banquet is to serve not only as a farewell to the president by his friends here before he leaves to take up his position in connection with the Kent professorship at Yale, but will also commemorate the third anniversary of the society and birthday anniversary of William McKinley.

PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Calgary, Alberta.—The packing plant of P. Burns & Co. was destroyed by fire. The loss, including meat and cold storage, probably will be in excess of \$2,000,000. On account of the low water pressure the fire department was unable to do effective work. The loss is serious because the plant was the largest of its kind in this part of Canada, and from which all the Western cities, including Vancouver and Victoria, and the coast cities, drew largely for their meat supply.

AT LAST, THE DATE!

New York.—The marriage of Miss Helen Miller Gould and Finley J. Shepard will take place Wednesday, January 22, at 12:30 o'clock, at Miss Gould's country place in Tarrytown. It will be witnessed by a small gathering of relatives and intimate friends, including some of her old neighbors in Tarrytown and Irvington.

MOVING PICTURES BANISHED.

Rome.—All cinematograph representations in Catholic churches are henceforth prohibited, even when they have a religious object, by a decree just issued by the Vatican. Hitherto the Vatican has approved the use of the cinematograph for purposes of education or religion.

BATTLE WITH OFFICERS.

Asheville, N. C.—In a sharp battle with revenue officers who had been on the trail of a desperate gang of moonshiners for several days, Mack Loss, alleged leader of the gang, was shot and killed by the revenue men near here. The moonshiners then retreated.