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GREAT ECONOMIC LOSS.

A toll of 100,000 lives lost in the coal mining industry in the United States in the last 13 years is a measure of the happy-go-lucky spirit which has characterized American methods of mine supervision. If to the list of those killed in the coal industry be added those killed or injured in this and other mining enterprises, the grand total impresses one with a cheapness with which human life is regarded.

The recent Cherry mine disaster in Illinois has at least awakened our national legislature to the need of doing something in the way of establishing a bureau of mines, by which much needed information relating to the mining industry may be obtained with the hope that the states will use this information and enact more intelligent and stringent laws to protect those engaged in this perilous industry. The duties of the bureau officials will be to investigate the methods of mining, especially in relation to the safety of mines, appliances best adapted to prevent accidents, the treatment of ores and other mineral substances, in addition to the use of explosives and electricity.

There will be a broad field for useful work by this bureau. There is a large annual waste in the mining of coal amounting to almost two-thirds of the value of production. In some places coal fields belonging to the public domain get on fire and much waste from this source is occasioned. Congress will doubtless authorize the establishment of this bureau this session and much good may be expected from such action.

A FAMOUS MAN'S SON.

The poll of the senior class at Yale, an unusual event, shows that, in the opinion of the members of the class, Robert A. Taft, son of the president, is the best scholar and brightest young man among them. This will be very gratifying to the Taft family, but to the people of the nation it should have a far broader and more significant meaning. Any young man whose father is illustrious starts out with a handicap. No matter what the young man may do, it

is usually said of him that "he is not the man his father was."—Washington Post.

Rockefeller believes in death to the hookworm, but he does not mind spending a small fortune to provide a paradise for 1,800 partridges which have just arrived at Boxwood, his country home in the Pocantico hills. This discrimination might be termed unconstitutional by the harassed hookworm.

The cutters' association, at its meeting in Cleveland, decreed that hereafter male attire must have narrow shoulders, high chests, capes and pleats. This is apt to arouse feminine ire and the ladies are apt to come out with broad shoulders, low chests and no pleats.

Nothing makes a man from Philadelphia madder than to call his home quiet and sleepy. He says the man from New York started this libel. Recent streetcar riots show that the city of Brotherly Love is awake and anything but fraternal.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY"

- March 7.
- 1604—De Monts set sail from Havre de Grace for Canada.
- 1776—Engagement between the British and Americans at Hutchinson's Island, Georgia.
- 1809—William Eastus of Massachusetts became Secretary of War.
- 1825—Henry Clay of Kentucky became Secretary of State.
- 1830—Jacques Philippe Villere, second governor of Louisiana, died. Born April 28, 1760.
- 1850—Daniel Webster delivered his last great speech in the United States senate.
- 1865—The Dominion Confederation scheme rejected by New Brunswick.
- 1907—The Roblin government sustained in the Provincial elections in Manitoba.
- 1909—The Italian general elections resulted in a victory for the Ministry.

"THIS IS MY 74TH BIRTHDAY"

Bishop Thoburn.
Rev. James Mills Thoburn, one of the most noted of the missionary bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, was born in St. Clairsville, Ohio, March 7, 1836, and received his education at Allegheny College. After his graduation in 1857 he decided to take up missionary work and was sent by his church to India. He remained in India more than thirty years, being stationed successively at Nynce, Pauri, Moradabad, Lucknow, Calcutta and Simla. In the early eighties he became presiding elder of the Indian Conference. He returned to the United States in 1886 and two years later was elected missionary bishop for southern Asia, including India and Malaya. Bishop Thoburn has written a number of books dealing with the progress of the Christian religion in Asia and has preached and lectured on the same subject in many parts of the world.

NUMBER OF SALOONS DECREASE

Complete Liquor License Statistics in Census Bureau's Report.
Washington, March 7.—There was in 1907 a decrease of 6 per cent in the number of saloons throughout the country, according to the United

State census bureau's forthcoming report on the statistics of the 158 largest cities which had a population of over 30,000 each that year.

The report, prepared by chief of division E. H. Maling, contains complete statistics of the number of liquor licenses in force at the close of the license year in each of the cities and the number of inhabitants to each dealer selling liquor by the drink.

More than one-fourth of such dealers in the 158 largest cities were reported from New York and Chicago; the cities of over 300,000 population with the smallest number of saloons were Washington (521) and Pittsburgh (818). In cities of this class, the largest number of saloons in proportion to the population were in Milwaukee and New Orleans where, in the former, there was one dealer selling liquor by the drink to every 142 inhabitants and, in the latter, to every 200 inhabitants. The number of inhabitants to every dealer in Philadelphia was 761, and in Boston 738. The other cities having less than 200 inhabitants to each dealer were Galveston (134), East St. Louis (143), Mobile (153), Houston (158), Hoboken (168), Sacramento, Cal. (188), San Antonio (179), La Crosse, Wis., (183), Springfield, Ill., (188), and West Hoboken (191).

The smallest number of saloons in proportion to population is shown for the cities of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, and the largest for those of Texas, Ohio and Wisconsin.

In comparing the number of retail liquor dealers in 141 cities reporting for both 1907 and 1905, it is shown that there was a decrease of 6 per cent in the number of saloons in 1907. The decrease was general in nearly every part of the country, except the Rocky Mountain and southwestern states.

LABOR LIFTS FOUND IN PAPER

- Wet in water, they clean out the stove oven splendidly.
- Crushed newspapers are splendid to clean lamp chimneys.
- To wrap furs and woollens in for the summer they are good.
- They can even be used for an iron holder in an emergency.
- Newspapers dipped in lamp oil are splendid for cleaning windows.
- Irons not much soiled can be rubbed on old newspapers and thus made fit for use.
- To wipe up spilled water or grease from the floor they save the wringing out of a cloth.
- There is nothing better for using under carpets than old newspapers, as moths do not like printer's ink.
- Dipped in lamp oil, they are splendid to rub the outside of the tin dishpan. They keep it bright and shining.
- Torn in shreds, slightly dampened and scattered over the carpet, they keep down the dust when sweeping.
- To clean the sink of its grease and sediment nothing is better, for the greasy paper can be at once burned after use.
- Many times folded they will serve as a mat to stand hot and blackened pots or kettles on and thus save soiling the kitchen table.
- The kitchen stove is kept bright and clean by rubbing it briskly after the cooking of each meal with old papers and thus saves many polishings.

American Beauties Costly.
Don't pout, please, if he doesn't send you a sheaf of American Beauty roses this winter!
If he's wise he won't tell you that you remind him of a red, red rose. He will limit his metaphors to modest violets, sweet hyacinths or even lilies of the valley, for roses, if they are the American Beauty kind, will prove a rather costly form of sentiment.

The Smart Waist Frill.
The illustration shows a charming stock and side frill of white lawn and crochet lace. To a strip of Irish insertion an inch and a half wide, ex-



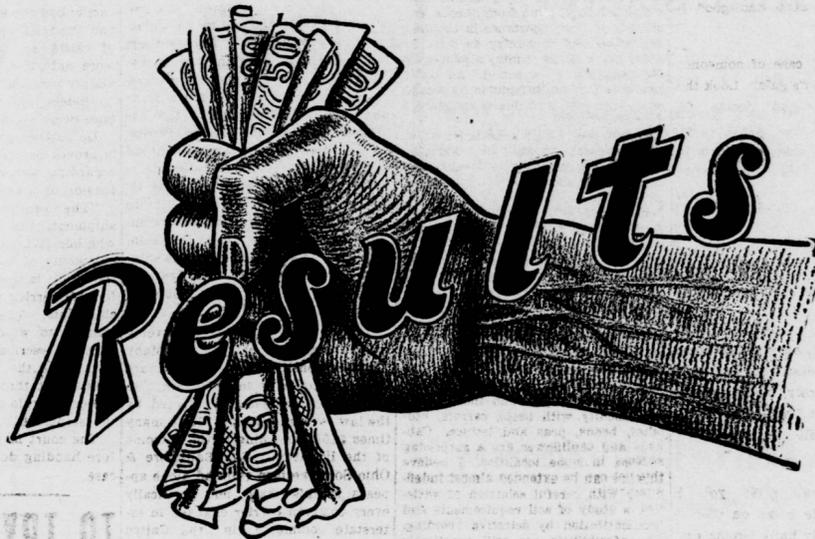
STOCK AND FRILL OF IRISH LACE. tending from throat to waist line, are gathered two ruffles of the lawn edged with narrow Irish lace. The collar is of the same lace and lawn, and it may be worn with the frill or used as a separate stock.

New Type of Bridge.
According to the Stockholm Dagblad, the chief of the Beton construction office has proposed for the new bridge over Tranebergssund a construction of a totally new type. The bridge suggested is a pontoon bridge, but differs from the usual type in that the pontoons are quite submerged and are anchored to weights resting on the bottom of the sea. The bridge, which is constructed with lattice-work, consists of long links thirty-five meters in length, each of which rests on two pontoons. The excess of sustaining power of the pontoons is so great that tramways passing over the bridge do not cause any depression whatever of the pontoons. The whole bridge remains thus perfectly still, independent of the water level.



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