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**The Development of the  
 COAL MINES AT ROUNDUP**

AS THE burro has figured in the stories of the wonderful discoveries of gold, a mallard duck, brought down from its lofty heights while winging its way along the Musselshell River by a charge from the gun of an ambitious huntsman, is primarily responsible for the discovery of the great blanket of coal in the Roundup field, which in the short space of three years has become one of the most important coal fields of the Northwest.

While the late Mr. W. W. Taylor, then general superintendent of mines for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, and Mr. A. A. Morris, now of this city, were in the Bull Mountains during the spring of 1906 prospecting for coal, they chanced to stop at a rancher's house for the night. While eating supper the rancher told a story of seeing a ten-foot vein of coal near Old Roundup while wading in the Musselshell River after a duck that he had shot. The coal prospectors immediately investigated this story and the Roundup mines today mark the result of their investigations. Too much praise or too much thanks cannot be given the late Mr. W. W. Taylor for his untiring efforts in developing the Roundup field, and today it stands a monument to his memory as the wonder of the coal mining age. From sage brush four and a half years ago it has grown to a producing field of nearly five thousand tons per day with a payroll of over one hundred thousand dollars per month.

In the year 1911 over three quarters of a million tons of coal were produced and shipped from Roundup. Of this tonnage nearly a half a million tons was strictly commercial coal, so Roundup today is the largest commercial producing coal field in the state of Montana, and with the exception of the Rock Springs in Southern Wyoming, the largest in the West.

The coal is produced from four different mines, the largest of which is operated by the Republic Coal Co. This mine is beautifully situated on Half Breed Creek about four miles from the center of Roundup. At this mine in a working day of eight hours as much as 2100 tons of coal has been hoisted. This output can be increased to about 2800 tons when the occasion demands. Number Two Mine, as this mine is commonly called, can boast of one of the most modernly equipped

plants in the entire country.

Just at the edge of the city of Roundup to the west the Roundup Coal Mining Company has its Mine "A." The production of this mine averages about 1600 tons per day, and they have produced as high as 1800 tons. This mine is equipped with a modern shaker screen where all sizes of commercial coal is sorted. Here also is a power plant which furnishes power and light to the city of Roundup as well as for the mines.

The Davis Coal Company's mine is situated about two miles east of Roundup, and their production is between 700 and 1000 tons of coal per day. This mine is temporarily closed down while some new machinery is being installed. An electric pump is now being put in and the erection of a new and modern tipples and screening plant is being contemplated by the managers.

The Stillwater Coal Mining Company has recently acquired the holdings of the Keene Coal Mining Company, and it is understood that they are going to equip the mine with all the latest machinery known to the coal mining world.

From the foregoing one may see at a glance what an enormous coal field Roundup has developed into in the remarkably short time of little over three and a half years. There are now about 1500 men on the payrolls of the coal companies, and as stated before the payroll has reached the \$100,000 mark per month.

To an outsider this wonderful growth may seem only natural, but a close student would at once realize that every ton of coal mined at Roundup had to be sold, and it is an undisputable fact that the coal consumption of the Northwest has not increased in this ratio. However, the most pleasant feature to observe is that the coal industry of Roundup must increase rather than decrease because the field is situated in the center of the fastest growing territory in the country served by a trans-continental railway. Roundup coal is now used as far west as the Columbia River and as far east as Sioux City, Iowa.

One must not get the impression that Roundup depends alone on the coal industry, but this article is simply to convey that Roundup is now one of the most important coal producing fields in the Northwest. From sage

brush and hills to a field that produces five thousand tons of coal per day is a record to be well proud of, and the 1912 will only make this mark more notable with a bigger tonnage and a still greater coal field.

**PACKERS ARE NOT GUILTY**

Chicago, March 26.—"Not guilty" was the verdict which the jury returned today in the trial of the ten Chicago packers accused by the government with violation of the criminal sections of the Sherman Anti-Trust act. The verdict was returned before United States District Judge Carpenter after the jury had deliberated more than nineteen hours.

**REBELS AND FEDERALISTS IN BATTLE**

Mexico City, March 23.—Rebels numbering 200 under General Luzo Halver and General Emileo Horpa were reported yesterday in a battle near Escalon with 45 rurales, leaving 18 dead on the field. The federal troops lost only three men. The rebels made an attack on the federalists' advance guard but federal infantry under Colonel Golvara with cavalry and artillery soon took the aggressive and fighting is said to have been very sharp, lasting two hours. The rebels retired to the north burning bridges and crops as they went. Reports of the battle reached the capital today.

**WAGE DISCUSSION POSTPONED**

London, March 25.—The discussion of the minimum wage scale for miners has again been postponed until tomorrow. The mine owners, representatives of the miners, Premier Asquith, and the members of his cabinet were again in conference today. The conference lasted throughout the day, but if any progress was made toward the solving of the difficulty, it was not sufficient to justify the resumption of the round table negotiations between the miners and the mine owners. The mine owners still appear dissatisfied to depart from their attitude of opposition to the minimum wage scale of \$1.25 and 50 cents for men and boys respectively.

**ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP A WEALTHY GREEK**

Kansas City, Mo., March 23.—Three men made an unsuccessful attempt to hold up Dionicos Youkoria, a wealthy Greek, in Broadway in the post office building here today, while scores section and attacked him while a crowd of people were in the lobby. As Youkoria started through the turn stile door two men stepped into the same federate held the door from turning. The robbers were forced to release their intended victim when his cries for help. The men ran but two of them giving the names of Charley Hamilton of Omaha and Thomas E. Kelly of Joplin, Mo., were captured.

At San Francisco Friday night Abe Attell, the San Francisco lightweight, won a decision in a 4-round fight with Tommy Kilbane of Cleveland. Lagrave was barred who could not make the required weight. Cornell won the inter-collegiate wrestling championship last night with 27 points. Princeton was second with 13 and Columbia last with 9. Only these four colleges were represented.

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER IS RISING**

St. Louis, Mo., March 23.—With the Mississippi river deluging the lowlands between Cairo and the water above the flood stage at that city, it is predicted that the river will be over the levee railroad tracks by Monday. River men are taking every precaution to prevent flood conditions which they expect will inundate the water front within a week. The river passed the crest mark late last night and was still rising. A large force of men is working.

**MAINE HEROES LAID AWAY IN ARLINGTON CEMETERY**

Washington, March 23.—With all the pomp and solemnity that a mighty nation can pay its heroes of war, the last of the dead of the "Maine" were laid away today in Arlington cemetery.

A man may be compelled to wear fringes on his trousers, but spats are his own fault.

"Damn these life insurance and fire insurance bills, anyway," said Mr. Naggles as he went over his receipts. "I'll never get any benefit from them." "Oh, you could, dear," said Mrs. Naggles. "If you were to die you would beat the game both ways."

**EASTER JEWELRY**

There are a few articles of Jewelry quite necessary to an Easter costume or suit—those which serve the purpose of being both useful and ornamental.

Doubtless you have often noticed how much a hat is improved by a pretty HATPIN, a scarf made doubly attractive by a neatly designed SCARFPIN, or the beautiful effect produced by a well chosen LAVALLIERE or BREASTPIN which matches or blends with the color of the gown.

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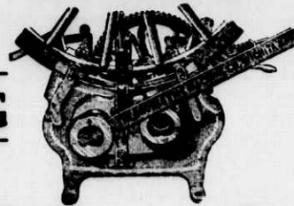
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