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Pres. Wilson to Inspect Panama Canal in Summer

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 5.—Chairman William F. McCombs of the Democratic National Committee called on Gov. Wilson yesterday. They had lunch together and spent three hours discussing the political situation. The Chairman said they had discussed questions of a general nature, and Gov. Wilson said: "Oh, McCombs and I always talk about the same things. I have not seen him for several weeks. He has been looking into the situation in several States and that is what we talked of principally. I was very glad to receive the news he had to impart, as he is an expert."
 The Governor denied the report that he was to make a trip to the Far West, but as to a visit to Panama he said: "I hope to be able to get down to the Isthmus at the close of the extra session. I want to get down there if I can before the water is let in—that is, before all the water is put in. There is some there now, and I want to get there before the water has hidden the most interesting part of the construction work on the canal."
 The advisability of visiting Panama had been urged on Gov. Wilson earlier in the day by Congressman Covington, of Maryland. Col. Goethals, who was here recently, said that the water would be turned in some time in July,

Alaska News Notes

Modern Methods, of Ketchikan, suggests that the city council set aside a "bone fund" for the hungry dogs of the town.
 The Mayo country, on the upper Stewart river, Yukon, is moving along nicely.
 The Fairbanks Citizen is making arrangements. It is said to enter the daily field. It is now a splendid weekly publication.
 Harold C. Green, chief deputy clerk of the district court at Fairbanks, had a wrestling match with a wounded deer recently. Green fired at the animal and wounded it. The deer charged him and Green dropped his gun and grappled with the deer, finally putting it on its back.
 A Nome man has invented a toy airship which flies a quarter of a mile.
 Mrs. John Taylor, who made a fortune raising silver grey foxes in the Tanana, has sold out to a Maine fox dealer, who took her stock to Maine.
 Exceedingly mild weather prevailed at Nome during a greater part of December, and at Fairbanks men were seen on the streets in their shirt-sleeves.
 Two shipments of gold dust to the value of \$300,000 each were brought out from Iditarod over the Seward trail last month.
 Chief Deputy Marshal Bouse is the Coal Oil Johnny of Valdez. He let loose of \$12,000 last week. No, he did not spend it in riotous living; not John, says the Valdez Miner. Nor did he give it to anybody that asked for it; not he. He paid it out in the name of the law to the jurors and witnesses who have been attending court.
 The reindeer in Alaska, according to the latest government report, number 33,629, of which sixty per cent are owned by the natives. Eleven per cent are owned by the government, and missionary societies own the remainder.
 Yukon pilots declare that the volcanic ash from Mt. Katmai killed the mosquitoes along the banks of the big inland river.
 Inspector Ball, of the bureau of fisheries, stationed at Argonak, was a visitor in Valdez recently.
 A Peterson, a Seward miner was seriously injured by an explosion of three boxes of dynamite caps. His tent caught fire and the caps exploded. Peterson was barefooted at the time, and in making his way to the nearest habitat, his feet were frozen.
 Peter Jorgensen, ex-Mayor of Petersburg, is contemplating taking a trip along the coast looking over prospects for the coming fishing season. Incidentally Mr. Jorgensen is taking a load of apples for distribution along his route, which is another proof of the fact that he never overlooks an opportunity.
 Merl LaVoy, who accompanied Prof. Herschel Parker and Belmore Browne on their last trip to Mount McKinley, is in Tacoma trying to finance another expedition to the mountain this

THE OLD COAL STORY TOLD IN A NEW WAY

Only one coal mine in all Alaska was operated commercially in 1911, but a little coal was mined at several places in the territory, chiefly by those who themselves utilized the product (not even this has been allowed during the past year.) The total estimated output of coal in 1911 was 900 tons; the total output in 1910 was 1,000 tons. Nine hundred tons of coal mined in one year in a territory known to contain more coal than such beds as Pennsylvania! Fifty-seven hundred square miles are known to contain anthracite and high grade bituminous coal and half as much again known to contain a low grade bituminous coal and this from exhaustive surveys made by the United States geological surveys in all parts of Alaska. Wherever a reconnaissance was made coal was found; at Cook inlet, Matanuska, Nenana, bearing river, Circle, Colville river, as far north as Pt. Barrow, Lisbourne, Norton sound and down to the Alaska peninsula. From 1899 to 1912 there has been consumed in Alaska 1,440,104 tons of coal. Of this, 492,066 tons was imported from the States, chiefly from Washington; 908,577 tons, nearly double, was foreign importation, chiefly bituminous, from British Columbia, and 36,314 tons produced in Alaska. At the present rate we can expect to find that there was no coal produced in Alaska in the past year and that practically all importations were foreign.—Wm. L. Kidston, in Engineer Record.
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DENVER, Feb. 5.—More than sixty witnesses, including shippers and railroad officials, have been subpoenaed for the hearing which opened yesterday before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Harlan into the alleged illegal and improper use of railroad passes.
 "This investigation will not stop with a mere report," said Commissioner Harlan, "but prosecutions will follow wherever we find there has been a violation of the law. There will be a recommendation for additional State legislation against the use of passes, if we find here what we have been told exists."
 In June, 1912, the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad issued free transportation to the value of \$63,000, or 16 per cent of the total passenger revenue of the road for the month, according to J. B. Andrews, assistant to the Vice-President of the company.
 The names of various persons who have received free transportation, as given by Mr. Andrews, included Senator Guggenheim, of Colorado and Senator Smoot of Utah, who are among the wealthiest men in the United States Senate.

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SOUND GOV. LEAGUE WILL FIGHT SOCIALISTS

The Sound Government League, headed by C. H. Harwood, of San Francisco, is maintaining a lobby in Sacramento, Calif., during the session of the Legislature with a view to watching for "Socialistic bugs" in any of the legislation which is proposed. The League has been formed with the primary object of counteracting the agitation of radical Socialists, according to Mr. Harwood, who declared recently that many of the bills which are likely to be presented to the Legislature will have an underlying spirit of Socialism in them which will be hidden by the surface polish. It is to get below the surface and show the lawmakers the real Socialistic measures that the League will maintain its lobby there.
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