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James J. Hill Says Production and Consumption Nearly Balance

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 26.—While not entirely agreeing with the recent statement issued by Bradstreet's which intimates that the consumption of food products in this country has caught up with production, James J. Hill said today that the point had nearly been reached.

It is a matter that should be seriously considered," said Mr. Hill. "Our present balance of trade is an indication that the margin between our production and consumption is becoming narrower. Look at the figures of years ago and now. We are not exporting food stuffs more or less than we are consuming them ourselves.

"The reason for the increase in price this year over last year is a matter of supply and demand."

Fatal Auto Accident

NIAGARA FALLS, Nov. 26.—O. A. Watson, aged 31, of Hawkeville, Georgia, was instantly killed here yesterday in an automobile accident. He lost control of the machine, which crashed against a telephone pole. Watson's skull was smashed, while his companion, Lewis Barrie, of this city, was severely injured.

Want Victoria Service

NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 26.—A memorial is being circulated among the merchants of the city for signature, petitioning Capt. Troup, of the C. P. R. coast steamship service, for a direct service between Victoria and New Westminster. Capt. Troup leaves shortly for the east, and will, it is understood, take up this matter at headquarters. The memorial, it is felt, will strengthen his hand. A petition will be in the hands of the president and secretary of the board of trade for any desiring to sign.

Workmen Injured

VANCOUVER, Nov. 26.—Serious injuries were sustained yesterday afternoon by three men who were working on the new temperance hotel in the 1100 block on Pender street. The men were working on the roof of the building, and were struck by a beam which fell from the roof. They were removed to the hospital, where it was ascertained that their injuries were more or less serious. The names of the men are: T. Dundas, whose leg has been broken and who sustained minor injuries; Onagood, scalp wound and bruises; and T. Toss, fractured wrist and minor injuries.

Lottery Case Dismissed

VANCOUVER, Nov. 26.—A few weeks ago the police raided an alleged lottery kept by Low Gun and Low Ban. They were brought before Magistrate Williams, who found them guilty of keeping a lottery. On appeal the decision was reversed, and the men started running their place again. Again the police raided it and charged the proprietors with keeping a common gaming house. Yesterday Magistrate Williams said the police had not proved the case to his satisfaction. Mr. Kennedy, city prosecutor, asked for a written decision on which he could base an appeal to the higher court, and the Magistrate promised to give it.

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U. S. WARSHIP OFF FOR NICARAGUA

Princeton On Her Way to Keep An Eye on Pres. Zelaya's Doings in the Revolution

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The gunboat Princeton was ordered by the navy department to sail for Corinto, Nicaragua, to join the gunboat Vicksburg, already at that port. The Princeton is at the Bremerton navy yard undergoing repairs. On her way down the coast the Princeton will stop at San Francisco. Some time ago it was arranged that the Princeton should relieve the Vicksburg on the western coast of Central America, and it is in conformity with these plans that the Princeton is now ordered to Nicaragua. The Vicksburg, however, will remain at or near Corinto until peace is restored.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 27.—The department of foreign relations has declined either to accept or deny reports in the Mexican press yesterday that Mexican minister Bartolomeo Carrasquillo, accredited to the governments of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, had been instructed to proceed from his post in Costa Rica to Nicaragua. Mexican newspapers yesterday published reports that the minister, now in Costa Rica, will go to Nicaragua as soon as the secretary of legation here on leave, can relieve him, and that he will make first hand reports of affairs in Nicaragua to his government. Newspapers here also assert that such action indicates that Mexico is taking a deep interest in developments in Central America.

Ranch House Burned
CARRBERRY, Man., Nov. 26.—Yesterday fire destroyed the house on the Manitoba Ranching company's farm, twelve miles south of this city. Chas. Dickson, the present tenant, lost all his effects, but was insured for \$1,000.

Marine After the Riffs
MEILLIA, Nov. 26.—General Marina has left at the head of a considerable force of Spanish troops with the intention of surrounding Mount Beni-Bufurra and isolating the Riff tribesmen still entrenched there.

Heavy Advertising
DENVER, Colo., Nov. 26.—At the local offices of the Colorado and Southern railway it was announced today that the railroad would spend \$1,000,000 the coming summer in advertising Colorado throughout the United States.

G. T. P. Seeks Saskatoon.
SASKATOON, Sas., Nov. 26.—The Grand Trunk Pacific has changed the name of Earl station to South Saskatoon, which is looked upon as the first step of the company to get connected up with this city.

Rumored Appointment.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Richard O. Kerens, of Missouri, according to a current report, will be appointed ambassador to Vienna upon the assembling of Congress, on December 6th. State department officials, however, are non-committal on the subject.

Canada's Military Needs.
TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 26.—Lieut.-Col. Hamilton Merritt, in an address at the Empire Club luncheon, declared himself in favor of compulsory military service. He said that the "a military system capable of putting, if it came to the worst, two million men in the field in Canada in the second year of war."

Women Charged with Perjury.
BARRE, Ont., Nov. 26.—In the police court yesterday afternoon Mrs. Theresa Guthrie and her daughter, Clara Guthrie, were formally charged with perjury in their depositions at the fire inquest as to their visits to Allandale. The information was laid by Attorney Cotter.

Edmonton Railway Matters.
EDMONTON, November 26.—At the next meeting of the city council, Ald. McInnis will bring forward a resolution to provide for a board of three railway commissioners, to assume the full management of the Edmonton radial railway. His idea is to place the street railway on a thorough business basis and remove it entirely from the control or influence of the city council.

Denver Mint to Resume
DENVER, Nov. 26.—The Denver Mint, which was shut down last July because of a surplus of all denominations, will open the first of the year with between \$18,000,000 and \$20,000,000 in gold bullion on hand, which will be immediately coined into money of small denominations, according to announcement made today by Superintendent Frank Downer.

Rumored Germany Agrees
LONDON, Nov. 26.—The foreign office learns indirectly that Germany has informed the state department of the United States that she has agreed to the terms by which the British, the French and German groups of financiers are each to surrender a portion of their shares in the Chinese railway in order to allow Americans to participate. Nothing has been heard by the foreign office from the German government on this subject.

Japanese Visitors.
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—After three months in the United States, during which time they visited almost every business centre in the country, and pleasure to their hearts' content, the 46 Japanese commissioners, headed by Jui Hanshel, arrived in San Francisco tonight. After three days of banquets, speech making, and inspection of the city's industries, the commission will sail for home on Tuesday, November 29, on the Japanese liner Chicago Maru.

Serious Gas Explosion
PARRY SOUND, Nov. 26.—By an explosion of acetylene gas at the marine department gas manufactory here yesterday, James Kerr, an employee, was killed, and four others were injured. He was not recovered consciousness, and it is thought he has lost his eye sight. Mr. Braley, agent of the marine department here, was also injured, but not seriously. The accident happened at 10 a. m. while the storage tanks were being charged for lighthouse and gas buoys. The exact cause of the explosion is not ascertained. A small shed covering the gas generator and the apparatus in which Kerr was killed, was blown to pieces. James Kerr was an old resident of this place and the father of a large family. Jones was unmarried and formerly lived in Ottawa.

ISLAND AS FIELD FOR CAPITAL

Development League Receives Inquiries as Result of Government Railway Policy

An evidence of the interest aroused in the outside world by the announcement of the government's railway policy, is shown in the increased number of inquiries per day which are now being received at the offices of the Vancouver Island Development League. Within the last week hundreds of inquiries have been received. The feature of these is that a large proportion of them have come from capitalists who are anxious to find openings for industries and manufactures on the island.

Throughout Canada, in the United States, and in Great Britain, there appears to be a growing feeling that one of the most fertile fields for the exploitation of capital in the Dominion is in the furthest West, and among other portions of British Columbia, Vancouver Island is receiving a due share of attention. The projected opening up of one of the richest tracts of the southern half of Vancouver Island by a competing railway has already attracted the attention of capitalists in various parts of the Dominion and the United States. The local offices of the Development League are furnishing the fullest information of all the possibilities of the district, and are pointing out the fact that an era of development will follow the construction of the Victoria and Nanaimo road, which is certain to create numerous openings for industries and manufactures of various kinds.

EXPLOSIVES IN MINES
Jury's Recommendation in Verdict Concerning Death of Alexander Thompson

NANAIMO, Nov. 26.—An inquest was held yesterday touching the death of Alexander Thompson, who was killed at the South Wellington mines on Tuesday night, the coroner's jury returning the following verdict after half an hour's deliberation: "We the jury empanelled to enquire into the death of Alexander Thompson, which occurred in No. 2 mine at South Wellington, operated by the Pacific Coast Coal Mines company, after hearing the evidence and giving it due consideration, have come to the conclusion that the deceased came to his death from the accidental discharge of a box of caps and also that no blame can be attached to anyone in the matter."

We would recommend, first, that a clause be inserted in the Coal Mines regulation act limiting the amount of explosive caps taken into the mine by any one man to ten or twelve. "Second, that the Coal Mines regulation act, rule 23A, be amended by inserting the word 'or any fraction thereof' after the word 'men' in second line of said rule" (signed) A. Forrester, Foreman.

The explanation of the last clause is that the rule applies to the keeping of an ambulance box stored in the mines. As the act now reads, it specifies that any mine employing 100 men must have such a box stored in the mine itself, and it was the intention of the jury to recommend that first aid appliances should be at hand at all times, regardless of the number of men employed, as it was clearly shown at the inquest that these things are often needed, and needed quickly.

TEN MORE HEADS
RECEIVE THE AXE
Work of Pruning in New York Customs Department Continues—And There May Be More Yet.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Ten more assistant-weighters were dropped by Collector Loeb from the customs service today. Thirty collector announced that they were dismissed as the result of the investigation into underweighing frauds had been completed. Some individual cases remained, however, on which he might find it necessary to take action, the collector added.

Mr. Loeb stated that there were no charges against the men removed today, but that investigation had developed circumstances making it advisable to dispense with their services. Including today's dismissals, eighty-three men have been removed by the collector since the work of readjustment of the customs service staff began.

Murder Indicated
PORTLAND, Oregon, Nov. 26.—The finding near Unstilla yesterday of a man's body with the skull crushed, apparently from a blow with a fence-post, has led to the conclusion of a murder. After the man had been slain his body had been dragged some distance and hidden in a clump of sage brush. The man who discovered the body could not identify it. There were evidently, it is stated, two men implicated in the crime.

Falls Into Furnace
LIVERPOOL, Me., Nov. 27.—Roland, the twenty-year old son of John Greenough Milton, had a narrow escape from being roasted alive at a pulp mill yesterday. He was eating lunch upon the top of the furnace when it caved in, throwing him into the flames. He was rescued by his efforts to escape, and he ran for the river, into which he plunged, putting out the flames. Doctors report that he will recover.

Rameses Visits Hub.
BOSTON, Nov. 26.—Rameses, King of Egypt, is resting aboard the steamer Aragona while the vessel is discharging a portion of the cargo here preparatory to proceeding to New York. The monarch, whose age is estimated at 3,000 years, was lifted aboard the steamer by the officers here yesterday. Just which of the long line of Egyptian sovereigns that name has not been determined. His clothes are not, although the remains weigh only 135 lbs., they are so carefully packed in lead, iron, and wood that in their case they weigh more than 1,000 lbs. On the outside of the case are the words, "Valued at \$50,000."



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Murderess Dead.
TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 26.—Josephine Carr, a Toronto girl, who several years ago killed a child by throwing it over an embankment, is dead.

Alleged Diamond Thieves
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 27.—Samuel and Simon Perlin were arrested yesterday on complaint of Los Angeles police. The men are charged with the theft of \$12,000 worth of diamonds from J. Rosenkrans of Los Angeles. It is said that they will fight extradition.

Steamer Goes Aground
TILLAMOOK, Ore., Nov. 26.—The steamer Argo struck on Tillamook bar while crossing into Tillamook bay today. The Argo struck twice, first on the bow, and then on the side. She worked herself, with heavy seas breaking over her. The tug Oshkosh pulled the Argo from the bar and brought her to a safe position inside. The steamer had six passengers, all of whom were rescued by the life-saving crew of Garibaldi Beach.

Killed by Explosion
GALVESTON, Texas, Nov. 27.—G. Bachus and N. Kleban, firemen on the steamer Manaton, were killed by the explosion of a steam pipe off the Panero, according to the report made by the officers here yesterday. At the time of the accident other members of the crew were endangered, but quick action by the officers saved them from serious injury, other than burns.

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