

PLENTY OF COAL IS U. S. REPORT

Wall Street Journal Says There is Stagnation.

Estimate of Five Million Tons on Hand Ready for Shipment—Breaking Egg Into Stove and Chestnut.

(Canadian Press.) New York, Dec. 27.—There appears to be plenty of coal in sight for everybody this winter, according to reports printed this morning by the Wall Street Journal.

The paper declares that such a stagnant condition in the coal trade has scarcely ever been paralleled at the beginning of the winter season, and reports that operators, wholesalers and the majority of retailers are well stocked. The latest estimates of the supply of anthracite in the hands of the operators and ready for shipment place this at five million tons, a remarkably high figure for this time of the year. An indication is given that lower prices may be expected.

"Retail dealers' margins increased a few years ago," the paper says, "but the dullness in trade for a part of the year when their organizations must be maintained, has made their operating costs heavy. With keen competition while the demand for coal is slow any undue margin should be corrected."

"Owing to the lack of demand for eggs, certain companies are breaking their coal down into stove and chestnut. There is some waste, but the latter sizes can be sold more easily."

A dispatch from Chicago states that the coal industry throughout the country continues in the doldrums. It adds that dealers and domestic consumers appear rather well stocked.

AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—(Canadian Press.)—After an excitement of the week end political Ottawa presents a comparatively calm. But it is only a passing lull.

Hon. T. A. C. C. and the Progressives who accompanied him from the "old guard" in force has not yet returned in force, but a cabinet announcement may well be Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King's new year's gift to the country.

The break in the negotiations for a formal Liberal-Progressive alliance has given a temporary lease of life to the Meighan administration.

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LOCAL NEWS

TRAVELERS' NOTICE!

In connection with travelers' smokers, the Atlantic Sugar Refiners, Ltd., have invited all commercial travelers in the city to inspect their plant on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 29, at two o'clock, meeting at the plant.

ENTERTAINMENT.

The members of the L. G. Seaman's Mission are to entertain the sailors in port tonight. The programme will be: Address, Rev. Mr. Fleming and others. Concert by best city talent. Refreshments, coffee, cake, fruit, etc. Presentation of comfort bags. Those in charge are Mrs. Reichwald, Mrs. Seymour Mrs. Thos. Graham, Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. S. E. Leach, Mrs. L. C. Graham, Mrs. A. L. Bonnell, Mrs. O. D. Hanson and others.

JURY EMPANELLED.

In connection with the death of Charles Atkinson yesterday afternoon, Coroner H. A. Porter this morning summoned the following jury: Herbert J. Keith, foreman; D. J. Stockford, W. B. Hatfield, Francis Macbarratt, William Wheaton, J. K. Parsons and James J. Merryweather. The jury met at the hospital at noon today and viewed the body, after which the coroner gave permission for its removal to the home. The inquest will be held on Thursday evening.

AUBREY S. BROWN

The death of Aubrey S. Brown, occurred at his residence this morning. He had been in failing health for about two and one-half years. He was formerly employed at a blacksmith with his father the late William S. Brown, but during the recent years he had conducted a tobacco store in Main street. He is survived by one brother, Arthur W. and two sisters, Mrs. E. E. Torrie, Mrs. M. M. Mass, and Mrs. Fred W. Daley of 77 High street, this city. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, but will be from Mrs. Daley's home.

HOCKEY RESULTS

Montreal—Westminster 8, Melrose 0; Pere Marquette 4, Boston College 2; Vancouver—Vancouver 8, Victoria 2; Attendans—Vancouver 8, Victoria 2; Saskatoon—Saskatoon 4, Regina Capital 2; Pittsburgh—Toronto University 7, Pittsburgh 0.

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IS BRIGHTER IN EMERALD ISLE

Observers Find Strong Sentiment for Treaty.

Trip to County Clare, Where De Valera was Called on to Support the Agreement—Believed Dail Majority for Treaty Sure and Growing.

(Canadian Press Cable.) London, Dec. 27.—(Sentiment throughout Ireland, as reflected in despatches to County Clare, this morning, is overwhelmingly in favor of the Irish peace agreement. Reports from various provinces indicate that fully ninety per cent. of the people in the twenty-four counties of Southern Ireland want the pact ratified.

This confirms predictions made when the Dail adjourned last night, and the treaty on last Thursday until January 3, that the recess would bring definite expression of the people's opinion on the view is now put forward that when the Dail reassembles the treaty will be approved by a majority which will make De Valera in line?

THE MORNING POST'S CORRESPONDENT

says there is almost a rumor of a "possible sensation" before the Dail meets again, this being taken to mean that Eamon De Valera intends withdrawal of his opposition in view of the overwhelming weight of opinion for the treaty.

The Times sent a special correspondent to County Clare, the council of which appealed to Mr. De Valera to abandon his opposition. According to the correspondent, the council's action is endorsed with pride by a vast majority of the people. Clare is known as the "banner county" because of its having the traditional hope of Irish political movements, among them Daniel O'Connell's emancipation campaign, and its people regard the council as having lifted up to traditions.

The reporter discussed the question with all ranks and classes of people and says that, while he heard nothing in disparagement of Mr. De Valera, he was assured that from seventy to eighty per cent. of the county favored the treaty. The minority he believed to be mostly members of the Irish republican army.

The Dublin correspondent of the Times cites the council of the public support of the treaty the fact that a long letter from Erskine Childers, published in the newspapers during the recess, and supporting the alternative offer of allegiance ascribed to Mr. De Valera, attracted little interest. The council made before the Dail's rising that none of the members would issue counter-letters, and that the council was interpreted as an indication that De Valera's party is increasingly in fear.

Arthur Griffith, one of the leading treaty supporters, countered the letter with a statement before the Dail, in which he regarded Mr. Childers' account of how the alternative offer was discussed by the Irish delegates to the London peace conference.

More Belfast Shooting.

Belfast, Dec. 27.—One man was killed and several wounded in a clash between a constabulary and the IRA in the Marrowbone area this morning. The constables challenged the men, who were acting suspiciously, whereupon one of them opened fire, wounding a policeman. A running fight followed, in which the sniper was killed. Orders were restored with the aid of an armored car.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—(Opening: Wheat—Dec. 114 1/2; May 117 3/4. Corn—Dec. 49 1/8; May 51 1/8. Oats—Dec. 34 3/8; May 36 1/2.)

Italy and Russia Sign.

Rome, Dec. 27.—It is semi-officially announced that a commercial agreement between Italy and Russia was signed yesterday at the foreign office.

INSURANCE SCHEME FOR RETURNED MEN

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Arrest of Nine Men Suspected of Hauls in Which \$140,000 Realized.

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 27.—Police of East St. Louis and neighboring towns expressed the belief today that they have rounded up a band of robbers who had obtained \$140,000 in four recent bank and payroll robberies in Central and Southern Illinois. Nine men were under arrest, and six of them were identified in connection with the robberies. The robbers included that of the Peabody Coal Mining Company of Kincaid, in which \$65,000 was stolen August 18; State Bank of Panama, in which \$18,000 was taken on Dec. 12; State Bank of Tulsa, in which \$15,000 was taken on Dec. 20, and the Dupo State Bank, which was robbed of \$11,000 on December 23.

DOCTOR SHOT AT SARANAC LAKE

Patient Puts Three Bullets Into Physician, Former Montreal Man.

Dr. Robert C. Paterson, formerly of Montreal, was shot and killed in his office at Saranac Lake, N. Y., on last Saturday afternoon. The shooting was done by Grant R. Johnson, a patient, who was arrested soon afterwards. There was no eye witness of the tragedy, but it is said that the physician had fallen in the meantime Johnson ran out of the street and went into a barn, where he was captured a few minutes later.

Johnson had reached Saranac Lake on Saturday afternoon from the south, where he had been staying at Saranac Lake and a week previously had left for home, which is thought to be in the western section of the New Brunswick Expeditious Force. He had, it is thought, suffered shock and appears to have been threatened by a bullet wound in the chest. For the latter reason he had called on Dr. Paterson for advice on previous occasions. He is thirty-one years of age.

Dr. Paterson was a native of Montreal, born in 1878. He was all the while William S. Paterson of Montreal, Paterson & Co. He married Miss Winnifred Marson, daughter of W. S. Marson of Montreal, who, with a boy and a girl, survives.

MURDER AT A CHRISTMAS PARTY

Angered at Orders to Cease Attention to Girl, Youth Shoots Her Uncle.

Baltimore, Dec. 27.—Angered because his advances to Annie Palmer had been rejected by Tony Bruno, the girl's uncle, Giuseppe Parola, a roomer at the rooming house last night shot and killed Bruno at the close of a Christmas party at the girl's home. After Bruno had interfered with his attentions to the girl several times during the night, Parola became sullen and sat in a corner of the rooming house, where he had a gun hidden, with a boy and a girl.

HANLON AND CHANEY WIN.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Jimmy Hanlon, of Denver, and George Chancy, of Baltimore, were the winners today in two of the principal bouts of holiday matches. Hanlon outpointed Joe Tippit, of Philadelphia, in a fast eight round bout, while Chancy easily defeated Mike Paulson, of St. Paul, also in an eight round bout. Chancy had the better of every round.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 27.—Mount Allison's basketball manager this morning announced here that the following men would make the Cape Breton trip immediately after the New Year: H. O. Downey (captain), R. Clarke, R. Sturges, C. C. Read, Alfred Taylor, H. D. Dashedford. The team will play at Moncton, New Brunswick, on Monday, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, and after returning will probably play at St. John.

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PLANS FOR OUR HOCKEYISTS

No Risk, But Stay in League and Play Home Games Abroad—Late Sport News.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 27.—St. John will continue its membership in the western section of the New Brunswick Hockey League this season, although that city will be without a rink, but will continue to be in line for full membership next winter if the rink project is carried out in the meantime in the Winter Park city.

Dr. Allen Sterling, president of the N. B. and P. E. I. Hockey Association, made this announcement at a meeting of the St. John team's games this winter would be played away from home, those with Margville and Fredericton being played here, while those with Sussex will be played at Sussex. It has been proposed that the St. John club should come here or go to Sussex for some practice both before and during the season.

Boston, Dec. 27.—The Westminister Hockey Club was assured today of being one of the two teams to represent this city in the U. S. amateur hockey association. By defeating the Melrose club last night, they made a clean sweep of their games, while the other three entrants in the elimination series, Boston Athletic Association and Park Street, were eliminated by five successive defeats.

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Coastwise—Stmr Grand Manan, 179, Hersey, from Wilson's Beach; gas schr Winkie, 19, Holland, from Lepreau; Linwood, 5, Harkins, from fishing cruise. Cleared December 27. Coastwise—Stmr Connors Bros., 64, Warnock, for Chance Harbor; Empress, 612, MacDonald, for Digby; gas schr Linwood, 5,