

RUSSIAN RAILROADS

Trying to Go the States One Better

Ordering Steam Locomotives With a Speed of One Hundred Miles an Hour.

London, Sept. 13.—Comparisons are odious and "we Yankees" hate to be outdistanced, at the same time we are apt to be, in more ways than one, well behind the pace that is being set by the great American railroads...

I am inclined to doubt that this high standard can be reached so speedily, for, in discussion with the chief mechanical engineer of a large American railroad whom I met at the Savoy a day or two ago, this gentleman said:

"I believe that American engineers will be able to keep ahead of the rest of the world, for, although general technical education has not reached the high standard in the United States that it has in some parts of the continent, the American engineer is still ahead. Of course, improved speed will be made on American roads, especially after our roadbeds have been improved for long distance runs. In what direction the changes will be made it is hard to tell. Many things suggest themselves, of course, to the imagination, but they are beyond the range of practicability at present."

"In fact, the idea of sustaining a greater speed with any degree of comfort involves many intricate problems. Yet every year finds us building larger engines and making greater speed on all our most important routes. The increase is so gradual that it is looked upon as a matter of course. The mechanical masterpiece of the age is a train of sixteen cars which has been taken from Albany to New York at the record-breaking pace of a mile a minute. Between Yonkers and Dobbs Ferry the run of this train has been made at a pace of sixty-six miles an hour."

"It is composed mostly of sleeping cars and its total weight is 960 tons. The locomotive weighs 270,000 pounds and the train is about half a mile long."

"With more powerful engines it is impossible to say how much the speed of such trains as this can be increased. There are so many possibilities to consider, from improvements that would eventually mean a revolution to small changes which all have in the long run a mighty bearing on the speed of the train."

"It would not surprise the average person to learn how much the decrease is made in the time of the run by the simple improvement of taking on water while the engine is running, which is the result of one of our minor improvements. To pass from small to great things, there is, of course, the ever present possibility that a change of motive power for heavy engines may be made. But as this is not in sight it does not come within the practicalities of railroading."

"Our engineers are more likely to find the difficulties solved in a different manner. Experiments are now being made with the purpose of using coal direct from the cylinders, in which case it would be exploded so as to produce the steam direct without the use of boilers."

"This seems more likely to become possible of realization than that any other motive power will succeed steam for long journeys. Compressed air is a competitor which steam may have to face, but we do not look upon it as yet within the realm of practicability for heavy railroad purposes. In the first place the cost of installing the plant would be fabulous. The main objection to the use of compressed air would be the danger of a breakdown which would involve the entire system."

"Now the worst accident that could happen only involves the substitution of another engine."

"Our metallurgists are confident that within a short while new metals will be made which will possess enormous tensile strength compared with that of those already in use."

"Some discovery in this direction and a further means of avoiding friction on the wheels would lead to a positive increase of speed because it would remove the risk attending more rapid revolutions."

"My opinion, nevertheless, is that the increase of speed and, in fact, all changes will be the result of gradual changes unless unsuspected developments surprise us."

"As speed is a necessary adjunct of luxury in traveling and is the fundamental point in railroading, I have taken up that side of the question first."

"It would seem, so far as actual comforts go, that little could be added to make a transcontinental trip more comfortable."

"The train is now a solid mass, from end to end, preventing any possibility of vibration where the roadbed is perfect, a condition which obtains on the best transcontinental systems."

"The modern drawing-room car lacks little of the convenience attached to the best hotels. With its electric lights and fans, its electric heaters, observation cars with either in or outside seats, its barber and its stenographer, its library and its news ticker, it leaves little even to be desired."

"I have often been asked if I shall not soon carry a doctor on each train. The fact is I never yet knew a train to leave our depot without a doctor aboard. This remarkable fact has been demonstrated so many times. In cases of sudden sickness a doctor has never failed to appear from among the passengers when needed."

"So complete is the arrangement of the buffets that it has lately become a fashionable fad to give dinner parties on board trains. On special occasions arrangements are made to have these served by well known caterers."

ALL ARE SWORN IN

Enumerators Take Oath This Morning

Complete List of Those Who Will Assist in Making Voter's List.

Prior to his departure for the outside yesterday Mr. Justice Dugas completed the list of enumerators whose appointment was vested in him and who will have charge of the making of the voters' list to be used in the Dominion election. Four of the number have already been sworn in and the balance appeared before Sheriff Eilbeck this morning for the purpose of taking the oath and receiving the necessary papers and documents incidental to their office. The enumerators will not sit until October 15, but those whose divisions lie at a distance will leave soon in order to be at their respective stations at the proper time. As was stated in the Nugget yesterday, the number of the enumerators has been cut down from 60 as was originally intended to 40, some of the divisions being so sparsely inhabited that one officer will be enabled to cover two divisions. After being in session for thirty days the books of the enumerators will be closed, but if it should appear to the satisfaction of any enumerator that any voter who is duly qualified to vote at the coming election has neglected to appear and have his name put upon the list, provisions are enacted by which such amendment can be made. It has been the desire of the government that every man in the Yukon territory who is entitled to vote shall be given an opportunity to do so and for that reason the divisions are extended to the most remote sections in some of which there may not be over a half dozen votes polled. The following is the complete list of enumerators selected. Sheriff Eilbeck will not name his deputy returning officers until after nomination day:

Tagish and Cariboo Crossing, Patrick Martin. Dalton, John Hoskins. Whitehorse south, Arthur L. Bingley. Whitehorse north and Lebarge, Charles A. Monroe. Lower Lebarge and Hootahnuqua, Wilfrid Vinet. Livingston, David Stevens. Chico and Five Fingers, Albert R. Mallory. Pelly north, Robt. Henderson. Pelly south, William Forbes. Selkirk, Angus Thompson. Selwyn and Thistle, M. G. McLeod. Duncan, Joseph E. Belliveau. Gordoo's Landing, A. M. Cavanaugh. Clear Creek, Louis P. Turgeon. Scroggie and Maizie May, Thomas Thibedeau. Stewart, Angus Matheson. Henderson, George Biledeau. Oglivie, Angus Matheson. Boucher, A. Ethier. Indian River, John K. Condie. Lower Dominion, Damase Leroux. Dominion "A", Desire H. Morin. Dominion "B" and "C", George R. Smith. Lower and Upper Gold Run, James MacDougall. Eureka, William Keith.

SMITH IS THE WINNER

Smith Counted Out in the Ninth Round

Colored Boy Gives it to Him in the Neck When He Wasn't Looking.

Al Smith claims he lost the fight last night at the Standard to Al Scurry because he was not in condition and proposes to have another go at the colored chap. The theatre was comfortably filled and the men entered the ring at the usual fashionable hour of midnight, which leads one to wonder how many possess the fortitude to stay up half the night in order to witness a prize fight. Scurry was seconded by his two brothers and Harry Agee and Smith by Earl Durgin and two other unknowns. Billy Tidball refereed and Jack Curry held the watch.

STRAIGHT JACKET

Collin Occupied One for Several Days

Violently Insane and Uses His Head as a Battering Ram.

Philip Collin, the insane person who was so violent when first taken in custody, has quieted down considerably and is now taking food and nourishment for the first time in almost a week. Police Surgeon Thompson assisted by another physician made a medical examination of the patient Thursday with the result that he was committed to the asylum and will be sent outside to New Westminster at the first opportunity. For several days during the fore part of the week Collin was extremely violent and had to be kept in the padded cell constantly. Even that was insufficient to prevent him doing injury to himself as he would climb upon his bed and throw himself on his head on the floor, repeating the experiment until his head was a mass of bruises and cuts. The keepers finally put several mattresses on the floor and one of them sat with him in the cell constantly. Every few moments the tunatic and his watcher would indulge in a wrestling match, the latter using all the strength at his command to prevent his prisoner from using his head as a battering ram. At the hour of changing the guard the fracas would develop into a battle royal, Collin seeming determined that his companion should not leave him. For two days it was necessary to keep him in a straight jacket bound virtually hand and foot.

Nothing further has been learned of Collin's past, where he is from and who his friends are, than what has been already published. It is known, however, that he is a recent arrival in the country and hails from some where in the province of Quebec. Shortly after his incarceration it was feared that he would starve himself as he steadfastly refused to eat a mouthful and in another day it would have been necessary to have forced food down his throat. Since yesterday he has become much more quiet, the spell seeming to have passed, and he now partakes of nourishment with quite a relish. He is the first really violent patient who has occupied the insane ward for a couple of years.

Service to America

London, Sept. 13.—English correspondents at the German maneuvers say they were at once brilliant and amusing. The discipline of the troops was perfect, the commissary arrangements were admirable, and the Kaiser's cavalry charge was magnificent. But it was not war.

Czar's Advice

St. Petersburg, Sept. 15.—The czar yesterday summoned deputations of the elders of the cantons and villages in the governments of Kursk, Poltava, Kharhoff, Tchioungoff, Orel and Vorenzh to meet him at the house of the governor of Kursk and addressed them as follows: "Last spring peasants in some districts of the provinces of Poltava and Kharhoff plundered neighboring estates. The culprits will meet the punishment they deserve. The authorities will in future not allow such disturbances to occur. Of that I am sure. I desire to remind you of the words of my late father at the time of his coronation, spoke to the cantonal elders: 'Listen to your local nobility, and do not believe sensational nonsense.'"

Sleuth at Work

Corporal Piper set out again today for the island where he found so many traces of the murder of Bou-thillet and Beaudoin. In the hope of finding still further clues before the trial of Fournier and La Belle.

SPECIAL INSPECTOR

W. W. Corry Leaves for Ottawa

W. W. Corry, special inspector who has been in the city for several weeks checking up the books of the various departments and otherwise seeing to it that the territorial machinery was running with the proper degree of smoothness, left this afternoon at 4 o'clock on the Dawson for his return to Ottawa. The present is Mr. Corry's second trip to Dawson. On his first he came to be known to the newspaper fraternity as "the man of mystery" from his Sphinx-like silence and impenetrable air of mysteriousness. Better acquaintance, however, with the genus reporter as propogated in the Yukon has resulted in a thawing process most commendable. When seen in his office this morning Mr. Corry stated that his trip inside had been most successful. All the departments had been checked up and everything was found to be in excellent condition and the report he would submit to the minister of the interior on his return to Ottawa would be extremely gratifying. The heads of each department are thoroughly conversant with every little detail pertaining to their office, the staffs are very efficient and but little more could be wished for in the way of an improvement. Concerning politics Mr. Corry had nothing to say beyond expressing pleasure at the complete recovery of Mr. Ross.

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WATER FRONT NOTES.

LAYMAN PROMISES

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System Scored by the Police Court

Mr. Millenger of Hunker Says He Has No Hopes of Paying His Men Till Next Year.

Three wage cases came before Magistrate Wroughton in the police court this morning, in which the claims were against a layman. This led the magistrate to enquire particularly where against a layman. This any means or prospects of paying the men at the time he engaged them; otherwise, in the absence of any special agreement that they should be paid from the proceeds of their labor he would have to enquire if a charge of fraud would not lie. There had been too many of these cases in which laymen had hired men merely on speculation and taken advantage of their labor.

Will be Chosen at Meeting Tonight

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