

### ROADS ELAYED IN I. C. C. REPORT

During Year Railway Accidents Caused 283 Deaths and Injured 1,880.

#### FOR NEW BUILDING HERE

Commissioners Recommend Construction of Another Office in Washington.

"Conditions disclosed by its investigation of train accidents have emphasized the need of further action by the Federal government to provide greater safety for travelers and employes upon railways. During the year ended June 30, 1913, a total of seventy-six train accidents were investigated. They caused the death of 283 persons and the injury of 1,880 persons.

The evidence also is that in many cases operating officers are negligent of this habitual disregard of rules, and no proper steps are taken to correct the evil. On very many railroads there is little or no system of inspection or supervision of the work of train service employes so far as pertains to those matters which vitally affect safety."

This is the severe indictment against the railroads issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its annual report which was made public yesterday. While not sparing the employes of the roads, the commission at the same time flays the officials as primarily to blame for the men's failures.

**Small Care for Safety.**  
About 74 per cent of the serious accidents investigated were due to the mistakes of employes, but on this the commission comments:

"The auditing and checking systems used for detecting the dishonesty of employes are marvellous of ingenuity and careful attention to detail, but means of determining whether trains are operated in accordance with the requirements of safety and in conformity with the rules are almost entirely lacking."

To end the "angry condition existing the commission renews its demand for Federal legislation, requiring explicit and uniform operating rules, and assurance that employes all understand them. It also urges the universal installation of automatic safety devices.

It also condemns the high speed at which the railroads require equipment to operate trains, and the practice of trying to make up lost time.

**Limitations Are Lamented.**  
Great emphasis is laid on the necessity of forcing the substitution of steel and steel underframe cars for those of wooden construction. The report states, should be enacted prohibiting the use of wooden cars in high speed through train service after a certain date.

The commission laments the fact that when a train disaster happens, it can only investigate, find the causes, and make recommendations as to means for remedying the fault. It is dependent upon the force of public opinion to bring about the necessary reforms.

The work of the commission has increased to such an extent that the commissioners can no longer take the time to hold hearings at other places than Washington. Details of the increases for the year in the various departments are given.

**Wants New Building.**  
During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1913, 158 employes were killed and 2,300 employes were injured while coupling and uncoupling cars. The corresponding figures for the preceding fiscal year were 122 and 2,234, respectively.

The commission asks that it be relieved of its present duties in connection with the parcel post system. It advises a provision in the interstate commerce act that a carrier which fails to demand payment of charges for any service in the transportation of property within the period of ninety days from the time of the delivery of the shipment be deemed guilty of giving a rebate to the shipper. It asks that a new building be provided for it in Washington.

### ANOTHER GOLD RUSH ON

Noted Prospectors Gather for Dash Into Frozen North.

Edmonton, Alberta, Dec. 13.—Veterans of the stirring gold rush days of Nome, Fairbanks, Dawson, Circle City, and other famous camps are foregathering in Edmonton for what old-timers say will be the greatest mining stampede in the history of the West.

Among the pioneers of the North country here are Charlie Burt, of Kenai, and "Big Tom" Chisholm, known from the arctic to Mexico. Others are on the way. "Swiftwater Bill" Gates, whose exploits in Alaska and the Yukon represent a dozen fortunes, is coming from Peru, where he has vast gold holdings. Advice has been received that prospectors from Northwestern and Southern camps will be here in time to join the rush, which is scheduled for early in January, or as soon as the rivers freeze to permit going north with dog teams.

### PREDICT SOFT COAL STRIKE

Pennsylvania Operators Think Miners May Not Renew Agreement.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—A strike of Pennsylvania soft coal miners was predicted today by members of the Association of Bituminous Operators. The probable refusal of the miners to renew an arbitration agreement was the basis of the prediction. The miners have until next Wednesday to make up their minds.

One operator said that Philadelphia would be in danger of a soft coal famine if there was a stop at the mines. Fully two weeks is now here, he said.

### MRS. FRANCIS M'ADOO BETTER.

May Not Have to Undergo Operation for Appendicitis.

New York, Dec. 13.—Col. Isaac E. Emerson, military attaché at Baltimore, arrived here today after a hurried trip from Arcadia, S. C., accompanied by Mrs. Emerson.

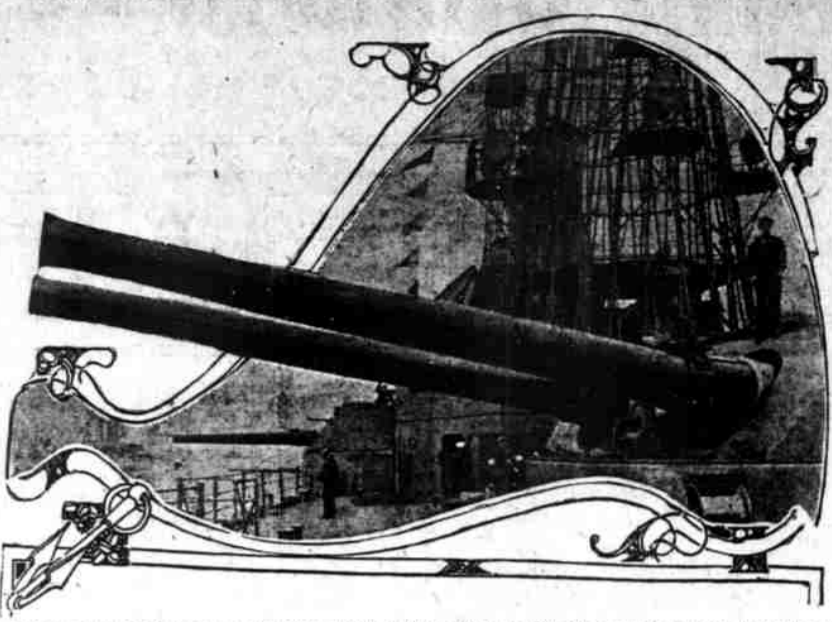
Their daughter, Mrs. Francis H. McAdoo, is in a private hospital here suffering from appendicitis. It is believed tonight that Mrs. McAdoo is in no danger and that she will not have to undergo an operation.

Gambia, the smallest of the British West African colonies, the area being only 2,615 square miles, lies on either side of the Gambia River, between Senegal and French Guinea. The latest census (1911) shows a population of 331,115.

An agricultural school in Sigatoka, Honduras, formerly conducted by E. Owen, has been closed, but out of this school grew an English school under the management of Karl Snow, also an American.

The exports of rattan and wicker furniture from Hongkong to the United States have increased fully 100 per cent in the past two years.

### DISABLED DREADNOUGHT BEING TOWED TO PORT.



Deck scene on board the U. S. S. Vermont, which is being towed to the Norfolk Navy Yard by the battleship Delaware and the tug Sonoma. The big war vessel was disabled by the breaking of her main propeller shaft. Five hundred miles off the Virginia Coast.

### PUBLICITY MEN BRIGHTEN FACTS

Before Advent of Press Agent Agriculture Reports Were Dry as Baled Hay.

#### EXAMPLES OF WORK

Pick Out Live News, Much of the Heart Interest Kind, to Make Them Readable.

Day-as-it-comes government reports are not much to evidence these days. They are still to be had, of course, provided you ask for them. But they are not spread broadcast as they were in the days of yore. Government officials of today are not satisfied with doing good work; they want the public to know just what their departments are doing. Depending upon the press for publicity, department heads are seeing to it that their reports are not lacking in those human interest touches which appeal to newspaper readers.

Once upon a time the reports issued by the Department of Agriculture were about as entertaining as a ball of hay. Now they contain many passages filled with "real live dope." Reports from field agents of the department often throw an attractive light on their experiences while in agricultural districts. Here, for example, is a report of a farmers cooperative demonstration agent in Alabama in reference to the Girls' Tomato Club work.

"One little girl who lives on top of a mountain cleared and fenced her own plot, dragging rails, one at a time, down the mountain side. As she lives alone with her grandmother she had no one to help her, so she and her grandmother dug the plot up with a grubbing hoe. The plants having no fertilizer except a little barnyard manure, are slender and of a yellow color, and I am afraid she won't make many tomatoes. She split her ankle with an ax while chopping stakes for her plot."

**Contain Many Heart Thrills.**  
Another agent in Arkansas writes as follows:

"While visiting one of my girls I found she had been sick for two weeks and unable to get a second planting of tomato plants out. I took the matter up with two young girl members of her club and they came down with four plants and set out all the plants. A fine lot of tomatoes developed as the result."

Here is a report from a Mississippi agent:

"One girl with the help of her father and brother has put up more 2,000 cans. She has 200 cans of figs. She has already sold some to local merchants, and her father said: 'The boll weevil may eat up my cotton, but the girls' tomatoes will save these cans and jars. We are sure to have plenty to eat and some ready money to spend.'"

**Colored Mammy Seeks Data.**  
Agents in Georgia are responsible for the following reports:

"There is much interest in canning vegetables. An old colored woman residing in the county where I am, in order that her 'chile, what tuck after her ole granny who kept something of everything, could put up beans and things like that you had at the last year.' She was given canning instructions and a number of bulletins on the subject."

"A little girl of Upstate deserves special mention. Her parents are poor, but she is a person of fine sense. She went to school, stood at the head of her class; did all the work of her patch except plowing, working morning and evening; saved money for canner and cans and has put up 500 cans of tomatoes and 300 cans of blackberries, besides a variety of sauces, pickles, jellies, and preserves for home and market."

"Three-fourths of the members of the Girls' Tomato Clubs visited this week are regular 'hands' on their fathers' farms," writes an agent in South Carolina. "One girl is twelve years old and weighs 150 pounds. She told me she learned to plow two years ago, when her father was a cripple. She prepared her one-tenth acre with a two-horse plow, hauled her fertilizer, scattered, bedded, transplanted, hoed, and plowed it without any help at all. When I went to her tomato garden, about a half a mile from her home, I found it to be in a very productive state."

**Children Run Farm.**  
At another point three girls and their fourteen-year-old brother are running a good-sized farm. Their father died in February, leaving the mother with eight children.

One little Arkansas girl, with the aid of her sister, used a small harrow—such as is used for cotton beds—to harrow the space between rows of tomatoes in their canning club plot. One girl took the place of the horse in the harrow while the other occupied the place of the driver.

This very unusual report is from an agent in Virginia:

"A peculiar condition was found in the village of Matoaca. The 'Holy Jumpers' had invaded the place, and two little girl club members had been convinced that it is 'worldly-minded' to raise tomatoes, so they have dropped out of the club work."

**GEORGETOWN QUINT BEATEN.**  
Fordham Five Wins Game by 25 to 19 Count.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
New York, Dec. 13.—Fordham scored a decided victory over the Georgetown five on the basketball court of the Central Opera House tonight by the tally of 25 to 19. It was the first meeting of the old rivals at the game in six years and attracted a large crowd of enthusiasts. "Billy" Walsh, the varsity baseball captain, showed his versatility by starting for the Maroon quint, tallying twenty-three points. His brother "Jack" showed the best class for Georgetown for the short time he was in the game. Fordham led all the way, the first half concluding with the score of 1 to 1. Capt. Barrett, of Fordham, played a stellar game and seemed to infuse plenty of "pep" into his men. The line-up:

**FORDHAM.** Postman, Guards, Walsh, Barrett, H. Kelly, C. Walden, Radinsky, Fineson, J. Walsh, C. Gosh, Tom, Walsh, G. Walden, H. Betens, Stanley, Y. M. C. A. Empire-Ten Thorpe, Coady. Time of halves—2 minutes.

### AUTO KILLED WOMAN, SAYS LEEHAN'S LAWYER

Defendant Takes Stand in Own Behalf and Makes Good Impression on Jury.

Tomu River, N. J., Dec. 13.—The defense of William Leehan, accused of the murder of Mrs. Caroline Turner, opened with a sensational charge today. Lawyer Wainwright promised to prove that Mrs. Turner met her death in a mysterious automobile which was at the scene of the murder on the night after her disappearance.

Leehan took the stand in his own defense tonight. He testified that Detective Jameson got him drunk and persuaded him to sign some sort of confession. Drink, Leehan said, had been his downfall. He denied the murder with emphatic statements that made a good impression on the throng in the court room.

It is expected that a verdict will be found in record time—probably before tomorrow night.

### TOT KILLS 'OPOSSUM WITH CLUB

Nine-year-old Girl Beats Animal to Death.

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 13.—Thelma, nine-year-old daughter of Postmaster Theodorus A. Wastler, of Cascade, near Pen-Mar, killed a nine-pound opossum in the Germantown road.

The child, seeing the animal in a fence corner, seized a club and dispatched it.

### CUPID'S SHAFTS BY MAIL

Girl Comes from Bulgaria to Wed Man She Never Saw.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 13.—Arriving from the other end of the world to marry a man she had never seen, but who had courted her by correspondence, Helen M. Kasabova, a pretty Bulgarian girl, who had to have an interpreter to understand the marriage ceremony, was married in Spokane by Justice of the Peace R. C. Hyde to H. C. Ivanhoff, a prosperous farmer of Spokane Bridge, Wash. The bride is twenty years old and the bridegroom thirty-two.

Ivanhoff, who came to America four years ago and has prospered while farming sixteen miles east of Spokane, wanted a wife from his native land. He knew no girls there whom he considered eligible, but succeeded through friends in getting a correspondence introduction to Miss Kasabova, who sent her photograph and completely won the heart of the farmer. Their mail courtship lasted three years.

### BIG FUNERAL FOR DOG.

Railroad Mascot's Body Lies in State in Station.

Westchester, Pa., Dec. 13.—"Bob," the dog mascot of the Pennsylvania Railroad, killed in an effort to jump on a train at Westtown Station yesterday, was buried here today with fitting honors and ceremony by employes of the railroad and others while a moving picture man reeled off views of the novel scene. The body of the dog lay in state in the baggage room at the depot for several hours and was viewed by many people. Then the body was covered with flowers, placed in a neat casket and carried on station truck to a grave prepared near the depot.

Scores of men and several women stood beside the grave. As the casket was lowered each of the road employes tossed a clod of earth upon the casket as their last tribute to the beloved animal.

One of the employes read a poem written for the occasion during which all stood with heads bowed and uncovered. There were pallbearers.

**Movements of Ocean Steamships.**  
New York, Dec. 13.—Arrived—Lusitania, from Liverpool; America, from Naples; Barcelona, from Hamburg; Prinzess Irene, from Naples.

Sailed—Javory, for Para; Comenyne, for Trinidad; Lord Dufferin, for Rio Janeiro.

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MONDAY, DEC. 22, 1913, AT 10 A. M. RAIN OR SHINE.

McHenry Bros. will have 28 head of XXIIA good, big draft horses and mares.

Norman Corbin has 23 head of Va. draft and all-purpose horses. Rich McHenry, a load of the best raised in West Va.

These horses are suitable for ice, beef, coal, bakery, dairy, and general teaming.

**SPECIALS.**  
18 head of carriage and speedy road horses, 12 mated teams, 5 pair mules, 6 saddle horses.

Stock sold on commission. Private sale all day every day. Everything must be as represented or money returned. Stock can be inspected on Sunday.

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### TAFT DEFENDS CARABAO SONG

Mistake to Take Tunes of Order Too Seriously, He Says.

#### OPPOSES ISLAND LIBERTY

Declares United States Would Be Forced to Go Back Within a Year.

New York, Dec. 13.—Former President W. H. Taft acted as toastmaster tonight at a dinner given in the Plaza Hotel under the auspices of the Philippines Society and the Harmony Club of America. The former President, without mentioning President Wilson by name, asserted it was rather indelicate to take too seriously the songs of the Order of the Carabao.

"Prof. Taft in his brief remarks warned the Democratic administration against dropping the work that has been going on in the islands."

**Opposes Freedom for Islands.**  
"For us to leave the islands," he said, "and to guarantee to the nations of the world in exchange for the treaties of neutrality with respect to the islands, that law and order will be preserved and that there will be no civil commotion in which law and order can be maintained, would be an evidence of lack of sanity that I cannot think the American people would ever display."

"If they should, it would not be a year before we would have to go to the islands to maintain the peace that we had guaranteed to the world."

#### MEXICAN GENERAL'S CHILD IS KIDNAPPED

FROM EL PASO HOME

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 13.—The five-year-old son of Gen. Jose Ynes Salazar, one of the leaders of the federal volunteer army, now at Ojinaga, was kidnapped from the family home near Washington Park, a suburb of El Paso, early today.

A note was sent the mother that unless \$500 American money was left in bills of small denominations at a designated place in the park the boy would be tortured and then killed.

The police are working on the case. The messenger boy who delivered the note to Mrs. Salazar has been arrested, and through him the writer of the letter is being shadowed with the hope of landing the entire band of kidnapers.

#### MISS SCHEENK SEES FATHER.

Reconciled in Hospital After Seven Years.

New York, Dec. 13.—Dr. Powhatan F. Schenck, who became estranged from his daughter, Florence, seven years ago at the time she eloped with Charles H. Wilson, then ship for Alfred G. Vander-

### The New Boys' Shop

Second Floor of the Greater Palais Royal

Finally reduced prices for choice of all "broken lots" of Overcoats. Nearly 1,000 garments in this gathering bunched into five grand lots, as follows:

LOT 1	Were to \$12.00	\$7.75
LOT 2	Were to \$8.50	\$5.75
LOT 3	Were to \$6.50	\$4.75
LOT 4	Were to \$5.50	\$3.95
LOT 5	Were to \$4.50	\$2.95

Choice of Overcoats for senior boys of 10 to 18 years and junior boys of 2 1/2 to 10 years. None but regular stock—the New Boys' Shop never deals in clothes made for a cheap sale.

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Crippled Battleship Reaches Roads.

Capt. Rodman, of the Delaware, advised by wireless the Navy Department late yesterday of his arrival at Hampton Roads. The Delaware was conveying the crippled battleship Vermont. She released her tow to the naval tug Sonoma, which is expected to bring the Vermont into the Roads early today.

Largest Morning Circulation.

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—of fumed oak, with automobile seat of Spanish leather.

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Rocker,  
\$12.50**

—of fumed oak, with automobile seat of Spanish leather.

**This \$5  
Rattan  
Rocker  
\$2.95**

Choice of green, brown or natural.

**This \$15  
Rocker  
\$9.90**

—of mahogany, with silk velour cushions; 8 patterns.

**This \$15  
Rocker  
\$9.90**

—of fumed oak and with automobile seat of Spanish leather.

**Parlor Suites Underpriced**

3-piece Parlor Suites with silk velour loose cushions are being closed out at following reduced prices:

\$40 Suites	.....	\$25.00
\$45 Suites	.....	27.50
\$50 Suites	.....	32.50
\$55 Suites	.....	35.50
\$60 Suites	.....	42.50
\$65 Suites	.....	45.00
\$75 Suites	.....	\$48.50
\$85 Suites	.....	\$55.50
\$90 Suites	.....	\$57.50
\$100 Suites	.....	\$62.50