

probably in the world with the exception of those in the Panama canal, are now nearing completion at Anderton, a village less than two miles from Hanover, Germany. About 327,000 cubic yards of concrete were used in the construction.

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Stripped of Cars

BY HALLETT ABEND Special Correspondence of the New York Times. Peking.—Worse than actual civil

warfare, more disastrous to trade and prosperity in North China than battles and military confiscations, is what is now termed the "theft" of more than half the rolling stock of the four main railways of North China.

This "theft," according to an official statement put out by the new nationalist ministry of communications, was committed by the Ankuo-chun or northern party when it withdrew to Manchuria and took with it more than 300 locomotives and more than 6,000 freight and pasenger coaches belonging to railway lines south of the Great Wall. This rolling stock represents a value of \$54.000,000, and in loss of revenue to the railways will mean an addition \$25,200,000 annually

unles it is recovered. There is no question about the truth of the assertions that when the late Marshal Chang Tso-lin gave up Peking and started on the retreat to Mukden, which ended in his assassination by a bomb, he

stripped the railways in North China of locomotives and cars. The Peking-Hankow system, the Tientsin-Pukow system, the Peking-Kalgan-Suiyuan system and the Peking-Mukden system were practically denuded of all engines that would run and of all freight and passenger cars that could be hauled away, loaded or empty.

There was, of course, a valid military and wartime justification for this "theft," for by crippling the railways south of the Great Wall by taking all usable rolling stock. Chang Tso-lin also vastly slowed down the nationalist pursuit of his retreating armies.

But now the old marshal is dead. His son, Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, professes to be willing to make peace with the nationalists. Of course, the fact that he holds this immense number of locomotives and cars idle on side tracks outside Mukden makes his chance of obtaining good terms much better than it would have been if he had no ac-sired assets to bargain with.

But there is more involved than military and political considerations. The trade and prosperity of North China languish. The people are al-ready impoverished by years of civil war and merciless taxation. Now, with harvest time at hand, they cannot move their products to the ports for export.

Indeed, even passenger, traffic is grievously curtailed, and perishable freight valued at tens of millions of

4 BUFFALO, A LION AND A CROCODILE

'rof. Faul Schebesta, in the Neues Wiener Tagblatt, Vienna. (Translated for the Living Age.)

A big horned buffalo worked slowly to the bank of the Zambezi river to quench his thirst. From the opposite shore he was watched by a long tailed crocodile, who siently and rapidly swam across the No sooner had the buffalo's iver. snout touched th onilgenco snout touched the coolng water the crocodle snapped and than clung firmly to the head of the unthe Missisippi and north of the Ohio river.

AN OLD TALE All down the countryside, dark and debonair. A minstrel went singing. He filled

the bright air

With something more than melody. The quivering notes

Were sweet as golden music from wild bird throats.

Folk on the countryside and folk in the town-

First they stopped to listen; then they followed down. And their good golden pieces, in a

shining shower.

Filled the minstrel's pockets in less than an hour.

On went the minstrel along the countryside.

And he met Love traveling with Beauty, his bride;

Looking for a roof and a hearth and

a bed: Looking for a green place with boughs overspread.

Dust on their sandals and wonder in their eyes.

On their lips a low song that trem-

bled to the skies. And all the golden pieces his gold-en voice had earned

The minstrel poured before them. And, oh! his heart burned.

And "Oh," he said, and hailed them,

"now buy a wide shack And feast you all the fools that fare around the world and

back." And on he went, singing across the

countryside. And turning pilgrims to the door of

Love and his bride, -Barbara Young.

TO PROSPECT BY PLANE

From the Detroit News. More than 1,000,000 square miles

of virgin territory in northern Can-ada will be explored by 200 or more prospectors who are to be sent into that territory in aircraft according to an announcement made in New York by Northern Aerial Minerals Exploration, Ltd., of Canada.

John E. Hammell, president and managing director of the company, which will operate 17 planes. equipped with skiis for rough landing on snow and ice and pontoons for summer work on the northern lakes, recently went to New York to purchase additional aircraft equipment.

According to Mr. Hammell, the prospectors of the N. A. M. E. will be taken into new areas by fast cabin planes in a few hours instead of several weeks. They will be kept

fortunate beast. The buffalo, bellowing in pain, spasmodically raised his foamy, bloody mouth which the crocodile's sharp teeth had mangled. Rearing with all the power of a buffalo in pain, near by

falo, he awakened a lion in the underbrush near by. The king of beasts surveyed the prize and then, springing with the gigantic strength which only a lion possesses, landed upon the back of the buffalo, who was killed by the weight and power suddenly thrust upon him. The crocodile, still hanging to the mouth of the buffalo, was killed when thrown against a tree, which was shattered by the impact.

such cars.

Figures Astounding The extent of such abuses is shown by the fact that during the years 1923-25 covered by the in-vestigation private cars of railroad officials were hauled free over the lines of other railroads a total of 9.930.244 miles. At the minimum published rate of 23 cents a mile this mileage would have cost \$2,273.-956. If the full passenger fares had been paid for all persons thus transported and full rates paid for meals the amount would have been many times as great.

In addition the private cars of railroad officials traveled 42,176,627 miles on "home lines." The inves-tigation shows that a large proporof this travel of private cars on home lines should also be classed as "joy riding" which should prop-erly be paid for by those who enjoy the privilege.

Will Hit Resorts The proposed order of the com-mission, prohibiting such abuses and requiring the payment of the full published tariff in future, will put a crimp in the patronage of Palm Beach, Newport, Hot Springs, French Lick and the Kentucky derby. In the past, the railroad yards of such resorts have been so filled with the private cars of railroad officials during the height of the season that there was hardly room to handle ordinary freight and passenger traffic.

In the last analysis the burden of this abuse of private car privi-leges falls on the shippers and the traveling public. The cost of handling private cars on joy rides must be paid out of the freight rates and passenger fares collected from the general public.

In the language of the Interstate Commerce commission, "It is unjustly discriminatory and unduly preferential and prejudicial to haul such private cars of other carriers free, or at less than published tar-iff rates."

well supplied with food, tools and explosives, and contact will be established with skilled engineers and geologists who will be flown to the properties later in large transport planes. The small planes are to be "prospectors" taxicabs in the north" and the bigger planes will solve the problem of large transportation of men in numbers, supplies in bulk and machinery of considerable capacity.

"The days of hardship, starvation and death which followed the opening of other famous gold coasts. will be a thing of the past," says Mr. Hammell.

Snarling, though contented, the lion now made a meal of his victims. Negroes from the jungle ate those parts of the buffalo and crocedile which the lion left.

This story certainly sounds fictitious, but it is told as fact by the negroes in Zambezi, who relate it to the traveler today as they did to the first Portuguese explorer, who, when he came to this land 300 years ago, was shown the tracks of the buffalo and lion on the very spot where the fight had taken place. Although the whole story is undoubtedly mythical, it shows the strength of the wild animals who inhabit this dark part of the earth.

expeditionary forces, in France, 1917-

The S. O. S. built more than 1,000 miles of railroad in France; brought over 1,496 locomotives and 18,543 railroad cars; brought 135,000 miles of telegraph and telephone wire, which was hung on 2,500 miles of poles; put up innumerable buildings, including a refrigerator plant for 6,500 tons of meat daily; built 16,000 portable barracks, and two hospital cities, each with 4,000 beds.

The bakeries that we built turned out 800,000 pounds of bread daily. As to the personnel of this huge business, it varied from experts in repairing field glasses, to that indisensable genius with the acetylene torch mending locomotives .- Frederick Palmer in Liberty Magazine.

British Rubber Roads

A plan for widespread promotion of rubber roads in Great Britain has been reported to the United States Commerce department by its London office. For durability, cleanliness and freedom from road vibration, roads made from rubber blocks are said to be unequaled. A British rubber paving block company has been formed, with the idea of selling such roads for special "quiet areas" such as surround hospitals, historic buildings, and

bridges.

Oak Always Prized

"Sturdy as an oak." What school boy doesn't know this monarch of the forests as the symbol of strength and character? In a multitude of hallowed associations, oak has rooted itself deep in the affections of man, and from the earliest days of recorded history to the present time has been highly valued for its utility and beauty, with the widest range of use of any known wood.

Earth Not Yet Crowded

Probably more than one-third of the people of the earth dwell in two countries-China and India. Such vast areas as Siberia, Canada, Australia and Brazil have populations of not more than two or three to the square

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adise, old man." Parker "Garden of Weedin', I call it."





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