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THE HUMAN COST OF COAL.

As we sit in our warm comfortable homes these winter evenings let us remember the cost of the coal we put into our furnaces. It is not all in freight rates, nor teamsters wages, nor profits to the mine operators.

Coal comes out of deep mines and long drifts that burrow under the hills. Long periods of time have turned the forests that flourished in ages ago into this fuel used by modern man and nature releases her treasures reluctantly. She strikes back frequently with a blow that all our cunning and invention cannot ward off.

Two more of these mysterious, unexplained blasts of death have swept through the mines. First in Illinois, in its wake were found the scorched and blistered bodies of 32 miners, victims of the terror. Survivors were taken out naked and burned, suffering severely from the terrible experience. Sorrow and heroism mingle at the pit mouth, where rescuers volunteered to face the known and unknown dangers lurking below. Saturday, an explosion in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields cost 40 lives.

All this has been repeated many times in the history of coal mining, and man's best endeavors to overcome or remove the menace apparently are of little avail. All that is definitely known is that explosive gas collects in corners of the working, out of the reach of ventilating currents, and suddenly a terrific sheet of flame sweeps the chambers and the drifts. Soft coal mining is accompanied by the liberation of such gasses. They are part of the coal itself. Mingled with the dust that is always present, the combination is more deadly than any artificial explosive man has devised, and far less

The bureau of mines has made great progress in the direction of rescue work, and coal miners are especially trained in it. The study given to the cause, of the explosions has not as yet produced any certain means of prevention. Guarded lights, methods of supplying pure air, the expedient of cutting off portions of the long drifts by brattice work, all serve in minimizing the danger. But the recurrent horrors prove that the demon only waits

When this phase of coal mining is given full consideration, it may seem that the miner is not overpaid when he takes the risk that attends every moment he spends underground. Society must have coal, but should not forget that much of the price for producing it is paid in human life.

SOMETHING WRONG WITH WILLIE.

If William Black, 12-year-old boy of Philadelphia, killed himself because he read too many wild west novels, there was something wrong about his mentality. Had he been a normal boy, instead of killing himself he would have buckled that revolver to his waist and hied forth for the west, there to make many a bloodthirsty redskin bite the dust between times of slaughtering the shaggy buffalo.

If there is a gray-haired man in the middlewest who has not at some period of his boyhood yearned to do that very thing, he has not made much of an impress upon his day and generation. It is that yearning for deeds of vast emprise that makes possible the subjugation of the desert and the elimination of the wilderness. The lure of the wandering foot, the desire for something new and different, are responsible for the conquest of the west. Had tales of border life affected the minds of all boys and young men as they affected the mind of William, the west would still be an unknown wilderness.

It is barely possible that if William had devoted his time to reading the Rollo books his untimely end might have been the same. Indeed, the chances are that it would have been hastened, for we can not imagine any boy of normal mind devoting any time to those innocuous juvenile volumes. And their effect upon a boy of less than normal mind must surely have been something fearful to contemplate.

Fortunately for the west boys like little William were the very scarce exception to a very general rule. Otherwise there would have been no influx of red-blooded and virile young men into the west.

WHY WISDOM LINGERS.

Out of the land of the Rising Sun comes a news story that is strangely interesting. It tells of the wedding of Prince Hirohito, who some day will be the heaven-sent mikado of Japan, to Princess Nagasko. One of the significant details is the statement that "no foreigners witnessed the ceremony." High official Japan remains as exclusive and as secretive as in the days when it was a crime for a Japanese to leave his homeland and return after. having had experience of any kind abroad. Once a shipwrecked crew had difficulty in getting back to the empire because its members had been saved by Russians, who carried them to Petrograd (now "Leningrad") and sent them home laden with gifts.

Prince Hirohito recently made a journey through a considerable portion of the civilized world, looking at other peoples, observing their customs and manners, and has returned home, apparently well content with the way they do things in Japan. This is merely conservatism. A patriotic citizen of the United States would probably do the same thing. Foreigners continually visit our shores, tell us about our national faults and shortcomings, and then go home and give thanks they are not like the Amer-

Right here is where internationalism breaks down. Some great leaders of thought, like Wilson and Tagore, Lenin, if you please, have tried to lead mankind onto what they conceive to be the higher plane of human relationship. Against them stands the mass thought that clings to the things that are familiar, venturing slowly and cautiously, or not at all, on strange roads,

So it is not strange that Hirohito exemplifies in

his wedding his willingness to outwardly conform to the customs of his native land. He and those around him know that progress of nations is deliberate. However the leaven is working in Japan and the world, but the moment is not yet here when old ways can be entirely discarded. Yet the struggle is going on, and the change can not be finally retarded. The world is singing with Tennyson:

"Forward, forward let us range! Let the old world spin forever down the ringing grooves of change.'

PRESERVING A PARADISE.

Omaha's Isaak Waltons and their friends are about to sit down to a real game dinner, the main feature of which will be reindeer meat. No, they have not raided the corral of Santa Claus, to serve his well worn driving stock, but expect to feed on of Wayne, were close friends for that the presidential boom may be animals that only a little while ago were munching gether as counsel in various litigation pine needles and inhaling snow drifts in Alaska. at different times. It was While these preparations were going on, the supreme court of the state of Wisconsin has provided them with real occasion for rejoicing.

The supreme court sitting at Madison has just The supreme court sitting at Madison has just Judge Allen's own lips the story of pronounces the judgment that a rich handed down a decision in the famous Winneshiek his famous fillbuster. After hearing man who seeks something for nothdrainage case, sustaining the contention of the Isaak Walton league in full. It is held by the court that the drainage scheme if carried out will amount to an interference with the navigable waters of the United States, and as such can only be permitted under an act of congress.

What is involved in this? Simply the preserva-What is involved in this? Simply the preserva-tion and perpetuation of what is admitted to be land's friends that he wished the rethe greatest natural breeding ground for wild fowl, game fish and small game in the United States. It is a paradise for water fowl and songster alike; the habitat of bass and croppy, trout and pickerel, the habitat of bass and croppy, trout and pickerel, cat fish and other denizens of the great rivers, and in its thickets live and multiply various kinds of small wild animals who are useful in their way.

Moreover, the timber growing in this overflowed region is mostly oak, hickory, walnut, birch and the like, all needed for man's uses, and becoming scarcer like, all needed for man's uses, and becoming scarcer with the collar. If you want to get right into the collar. If you will around the war. Probably it hasn't lost any waiting for someone to call on you of its meaning to the boys who and like, all needed for man's uses, and becoming scarcer with each year. This would soon be destroyed were the drainage plan carried through. Careful examination has shown that very little serviceable farm land would be added as a result.

Under the law as laid down by the court, it will be possible to preserve all such land along the upper Mississippi, and so save the forest and the wild think that the president should ask a to the Teapot Dome scandal. life for future generations, instead of turning important measure over night! The York News-Times is of the bpinion that somebody has swiped the cision will continue nature's provisions for perpet-uating the woods, the flowers, the birds and the fishes and the whole Mississippi valley will benefit fishes, and the whole Mississippi valley will benefit because spawning grounds and nesting places are not destroyed.

GOVERNORS GET OFF TRACK.

At least two possible entries in the presidential race have been scratched because two governors have discovered that the problems of state management have not all been solved. Therefore they will allow the greater affairs of the nation to go on under some other direction while they continue to look after the lesser but equally vital business of the note that the gentleman from Kansas home folks entrusted to their care.

Governor Bryan of Nebraska has announced that he will be a candidate for re-election. Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania has contended himself with saying he will not be a candidate for president, nor will he ask an instructed delegation from his state to the Cleveland convention. Each of these has unfinished business on his hands. Mr. Bryan has not yet entirely made good on his pledges to the people with reference to taxation and cost of running the state, and Mr. Pinchot yet looks forward to the day when the Keystone state will be as dry

Another governor still is talked of-Al Smith of Another governor still is talked of—Al Smith of some nourishment, I had the clerk needs, and even that has been might-read an excerpt from a work on ecoof the convention. It has been a long time since anybody stepped from Albany to the White House. and some really formidable hurdles have been set for Governor Smith by his admiring friends as well as by some who are not on his side.

Practical politics seldom enters a state mansion to secure a tenant for the White House. McKinley was the last one, although both Roosevelt and Coolidge served as governors just before being elected vice president. Senators are commonly more conspicuous in the search for the great reward, but this does not mean they are more likely to be favored by fortune in their quest. Now and then a plain citizen, like Lincoln, is given a chance. However, the lists are open to all who care to venture, and his is one of the things that make politics a really

Harry Sinclair says it is nobody's strongly qualified business what he is doing in Europe or when he plans to return. Oil right, Mr. Sinclair, but you may find Uncle Sam holding the Teapot when you do get home again.

A married woman who would sell her soul to everlasting perdition in exchange for a little time to lavish her love on another woman's husband has reached the pinnacle of something.

One great argument in favor of making Carter ake a duck preserve like that at Oakland is that)maha's climate so closely resembles that around lan Francisco bay.

Doubtless Mr. Box is not at all worried about the continual Jimreeding of his peace plan by the senior senator from Missouri.

Do you get excited over the plans for a visit to the north pole? Neither do we, while this weather

William H. Anderson also was on good terms with Santa Claus.

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-Robert Worthington Davie

"HE GAMBLED AND HE GOT THE BREAKS."

He gambled and he got the breaks,"-such are th And he was young and penniless once in a faded year; And he was young and penniless once in a faded year;
But through the dark he saw the light and trudged his
lonely way.

Acquaintances accord us the justice
of this hearing.—Robert A. Gernandt,
Otto P. Gernandt, Howard Jourdan. And proved the virtue of his might-and won as all

men may. But more than these a vision deep before his eyes was

He judged the future as he learned the changes of the Tomorrow never came to him, yet it was ever nigh, And in his memory remained the days that glided by.

We listen to his words and hope the breaks will come our way; We envy him his great success because we hope to say To others who will strive to win when we have tolled

How simple and how easily the enterprise was done. But the breaks are wrought by toil and thought, if truth be plainly told.

And prestige comes to those who face the hardships grim and cold. The breaks will be to our desire, if we have eyes to see, And strength to quell, the weakness which encumbers

expression on matters of public interest. Senator Allen's 14-Hour Speech.

"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column freely for

The Omaha Bee: prove of interest to your readers in view of the recent death of ex-Senator nany years and were associated to shooed away from him." at different times. It was consequently my pleasure, as well as privilege, to frequently visit with Judge Allen at Madison, and it was during the course of conversation of one of these visits, that I heard from ne of these visits, that I heard from some time be of considerable historic interest and immediately reduced it writing in the language of Judge pressing need. Allen, as nearly as possible. I be-lieve the following to be the judge's

until doomsday.' So I consented to

"I started in at 6 o'clock that night. the warmer I became. leliberative body to repeal such an

render the floor to him.' Voorhees, who was a clever dealer in money matters, said, 'The gentleman can't farm out the floor of this senate to whomever he pleases.' I replied, 'Well, perhaps I can't farm it out, but

whether he took any intermission during the 14 hours, Mr. Allen said: "I only took one intermission to get also had rests on roll calls on life.

"We kept up the fight for five days, first one member and then another of our side holding the floor, but finally we had to surrender and let the other fellows repeal the act."

JAMES E. BRITTAIN.

Explaining an Unfortunate Event. Omaha-To the Editor of The Oma Will you be good enough through the columns of your paper to allow the undersigned to make a statement with regard to the diffi ulty which arose last Saturday night at Nebraska City? The facts sur-rounding the matter were in no wise inusual, and a succession of misfor-tunes and misunderstandings have esulted in a most humiliating situaon for us and our families. We are four brothers-in-law who, anticipating a rabbit hunt on Sunday

morning, started for Nebraska City on Saturday night, and while driving om the hotel in search of a garage to place our car for the night, were accosted by six men in another car. Not knowing them or their business, we feared to halt at their command, when to our utter panic these men, who proved to be officers later, shot into our car, dangerously wounding one of our number. We admit that we had in the car at the time a bottle of wine which we had taken with us to have during the prospective tramp through the fields; but we positively had not touched it prior to this time and not one of our party had the sign of liquor on him. In an honest effort to state our

case exactly and to relieve the impression that we are professional bootleggers or drunkards, or what-ever conclusion one might draw from a simple reading of the episode as it appeared in the dispatches, we are asking that you kindly give this letter space. Our family has enjoyed the respect and good will of everyone who knows us—we have never before had the slightest, difficulty with officers of the law-and in the hope of reclaiming the esteem of our fellow citizens and friends, among when are numbered men in every walk of life from Mayor Dahlman to our next-door neighbors, we are asking a fair statement of the facts. We can for every statement herein by personal recommendation from men with whom or for whom we have worked and we ask that ou Henry Jourdan, 2745 South Tenth

Lenin No Hero to Him.

Omaha-To the Editor of The Oma-I see where some one in the Voice" column has been People's Voice" naking a list of the world's greatest nen. Beginning with the name. Jesus, he has graduated that list down nicely to a tail with the name of Lenin. Had he added the name, John Doe, the tail of that list would

It is amusing to listen to the ray ings of the hero worshiper. The leath of Lenin has given this fellow blowing up. There is much wine ince all the heroes of history have een butchers of humanity. Moses, Joshua, Hector, Achilles, At-exander, Caesar and Napoleon, and the whole tribe of lesser lights on

LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press

Says Mrs. Merwin in her always in cresting department of the Beaver City Times Tribune: "That Omaha man who left his wife and is taking a funnymoon with adream girl, should have been named for one of those Wayne, Neb.—To the Editor of animals which chases a bright color he Omaha Bee: The following may instead of being called 'Bossie.'"

view of the recent death of ex-Senator View of the recent own story of his famous 14-hour speech made in the United States senate. Judge Allen and the writer's lean so heavily upon the broad and ather, the late Judge James Brittain capable shoulders of the governor,

"Meantime Mr. Bok and the peace

Editor Huse of the Wayne Herald the story, I realized that it would ing is more reprehensible than the poor man who has the excuse of

The more Gus Buechler of the vords almost verbatim. The story Grand Island Independent studies the "The word had gone out to the vinced that it is, in its final analysis, "not so much a tax-reducing as a tax-shifting plan."

so in opposition to the repeal. I said compensation. "In any event, and rethat I had already made one speech gardless of what action is taken on that day and that there must be the tax question, the world war vet-older heads in the sente than I to do erans are entitled to adjusted compensation. We owe it to them and waiting for someone to call on you of its meaning to the boys who answered the call."

"President Coolidge must not be put in the attitude of holding back only intended to speak about an on this matter," declares Dwight Griswold of the Gordon Journal, referring

down to the kaiser and Lenin, and Whenever the other fellows had re-tired to the cloak room and had some form or other. Instead of ele-

Napoleons, nor even the Washingtons and Lincolns, but by the Tom Joneses, Harry Smiths and Dick Robinsons who sawed wood and cut ice, and those gentlemen are best rep-

idealist or politician. Whatever of idealism has survived the test of time read an excerpt from a work on economics and while he was reading. I slipped out to the restaurant and returned before he had finished. I also had rests on roll calls on

Contrary to the old maxim, money is not the root of all evil, but "a friend that sticketh closer than a t represents the surplus of your ef-Without it you are a cringing coward or a ferocious beast. But, with a dollar in your pocket you can look any man in the face and tell him to go to hell. It puts a song in your heart and courage in your soul. Beware of him who talks about tak-

We want no heroes who stand for rence route is "the natural outlet and such infamous idealism. READER. the line of least resistance." For

Don't Wait for

An Earthquake!

Q.—Is it known whether the re-cent disaster in Japan has influ-enced the rental of safety deposit

boxes in the various banks of that

A.—The Department of Commerce says that it has been reported that the number of safe deposit boxes in use at the Nippon Industrial bank has increased from 138 to 1,250 since the earthquake, and in a similar manner whereas only about 100 hoxes were rented before the disaster at the Mitauhishi bank more than 500 are now in service.

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"From State and Nation" -Editorials from Other Newspapers-

Our Future in the Air.

om the Detroit News. panies for the transportation of pasore, keep out of aviation, and the

States, where already there are several private companies which receive form again. no aid from the government. We are encouraged to predict that in 10 years America will be far ahead of Great Britain in carrying passengers and merchandise by heavier-than-air machines.

Horn again.

The expediency of mollifying alarmed anatomatists may have dictated some of his utterances. He again declared that France must get 26,000,000,000 gold marks out of Germany plus whatever the United States and

This air business can be greatly increased, but it is nothing to what can be done in the United States by companies offering a swift passage over our vast spaces. Our mail lines over our vast spaces. Our mail lines Germany can make during the period over our vast can be done, and have shown what can be done, and the creation of big planes will soon do for passengers and merchandise what the creation for the mails." This is hardly the conception Dawes can have of his job.

Flow Softly, Deeper Hudson. From the St. Paul Dispatch.

Col. John R. Slattery, United States ment will rashly resist the tribunal's engineer in charge of the New York conclusions. some form or other. Instead of elegation of our men would rise to the question of these fellows would have to come out to answer to the roll call. In the morning at 8 o'clock I was still there.

"One of the senators in passing said to me that Martin of Kansas had a speech that was already printed in the Morning Post which was already being sold on the streets, and that he wanted the floor so he could make his sweet onward, and swallowed up or effaced the distress and confusion have that the gentleman from Kansas had a speech. So I said, 'Mr. President, I note that the gentleman from Kansas had a speech. The world has been made fit to live the dealer of the New York district, has "admitted" that he will recommend to the federal board of engineers that the Hudson river be deepened for ocean-going vessels north to Albany. Very deep indeed will the Hudson have to be if its waters are to flow smoothly over all the splendid arguments against the ship the progress of the world, in the hands of plain practical people, has swept onward, and swallowed up or effaced the distress and confusion brought on by idealism, heroism and hero worship.

The world has been made fit to live bany a proposition for the construction for the construction of the season of the work of the New York district, has "admitted" that he will district, has "admitted" that he wi bany a proposition for the construc-tion of a ship canal from New York class won't be able to measure up to to either Buffalo or Oswego, the very idea of such a thing was enough to arouse in the Buffalo Express emotions of the deepest contempt for the total contempt for the total contempt for the con

> Apparently, a ship canal is practicable after all. Albany is strongly for a ship canal, a particular canal, beginning at Buffalo or Oswego and ending at Albany. A Deeper Hudson association has been formed, and Buffalo, Albany, Troy and New York city are heavily represented in it. city are heavily represented in it. Labor cabinet officials in Great Brit-The deeper Hudson's the thing! As a project designed to "obviate the St. even if their wives didn't get in-Lawrence route," it holds an entire state, or most of an entire state, en-tranced. The fact has been forgotten that "ocean-going vessels can not navigate in restricted channels.

The Buffalo Express had the right of it. If any ship canal is practicable, the St. Lawrence route would require Beware of him who talks about taking another's dollars away by law. He would legislate the bread out of your mouth.

Lenin and his regime stand for the destruction of capital by law; that means the waste of your surplus, and we are suffering today from such a waste, on the most stupendous scale known to man.

less canalization and expenditure than any other. Engineers estimate that a ship canal across New York would have two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times as much. In 1900, in an official report, the deep waterways board declared that if there is to be any ship canal between the ocean and the lakes, the St. Lawrence canalization and expenditure than any other. Engineers estimate that a ship canal across New York would have two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of a St. Lawrence canal and would cost two or three times the mileage of less canalization and expenditure than

some 24 years those words have stood uncontroverted. Nothing that Civil aviation in America is still in been said since they were written has the hands of private developers. In added to or subtracted from the sub-

stance of their truth. Hard Poincare, Harder Facts. bined into one, subsidized by the gov-ernment for 10 years. This concern their eyes on the ball, and the ba

that counts most is in the hands fore, keep out of aviation, and the big company will have a monopoly. It remains to be seen which country will develop civil aviation the faster—Great Britain, with its single state-aided corporation, or the United States, where already there are sev-

and merchandise by heavier-than-air plus whatever the United States and and merchandise by heavier-than-air machines.

There are several grounds for such a prediction. One is that in the British Isles distances are so short and train service is so rapid that little time can be saved by the more costly airplane. The chief function of the British lines in the past has been the carriage of passengers and goods from England to the continent, thus avoiding delay at the English coast, a slow sea voyage, and another delay at the continental port of entry. This air business can be greatly increased, but it is nothing to what can be done in the United States and Britain require upon their debts. He is still apparently unaware how emphatically America objects to seeing her account with France regarded as payable in German C bonds. He also asserted that if an international loan for Germany is soon to be raised, most of it must be applied at once to reparations. It has hitherto been the idea of all financial experts that it would be a sufficiently hard job to raise a loan for the immediate rehabilitation of Germany. Worst of all, Poincare defined the main task of the exports' committee as that of indicating "to the reparations com-

Another reason is that a monopoly newed French press campaign of be-Another reason is that a monopoly is not driven to pay the attention to improvements which several competitive concerns are forced to give. And a third reason is that the chief interest of the British government is not the creation of commercial routes and the best types of passenger carrying planes, but to secure a reserve of planes and pilots which can be drafted in case of war. Such a program is not likely to lead to the development of a cheap and efficient commercial airplane. That will be the product of uncontrolled private econcerns competing for private bustness.

But all this, together with the remaining of believed french press campaign of believed needs of the world discourage either the experts or the world. It is true that they report to the reparations commission, and that the commission is neither more nor less than a rubber stamp for Poincare's government. But the important goal is the facts. If the experts bring these into clear relief, we may leave the world opinion to do the rest. No matter how hostile the reparations commission may be, it cannot blunt the force of the experts' findings. What is in effect a great international tribunal, presided over by a man whose impartiality is as unquestioned as his courage, has to submit its conclusions to a body representing one interested and in

The New York World reports that flexible government. But no govern-

zation and expenditure than any fairs too seriously probably do not Apparently, a ship canal is practi-able after all Albania is practi-

Abe Martin



audience as an undersized man. A bright, pretty day 'll keep th' doc

feel any obligations about entertaining the wives and daughters of other prominent politicians. But a labor po itician is just as human towards wife and other members of his fam as is the railroad politician or the lawyer politician.

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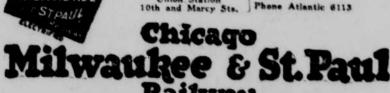
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