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lieves Fuel Famine in Nevada-Fuel upply Short-Causing Much Suffering in Other States

tarson, Nev.-Nevada is passing ough one of the worst fuel famines its history. Relief is now in sight, carloads of Australian coal are now riving, but in spite of this suffering still very great in many places. The mine is felt worst in the gold camps the southern counties. There wood s brought \$70 per cord.

Fuel Famine Serious Affair

Minneapolis, Minn .- The northwest es the most serious fuel famine e 1903, when several deaths ocrred. The situation cannot be avertunless the railroads furnish moe power to move the coal piles in luth and West Superior. The railads are making excuses saying there a shortage of cars because of the nd themselves unable to get their heat to the market. The coal comnies say since October only a third the usual supply of coal has been

North Dakota Also Short

Glenburn, N. D .- The scarcity of is makes it impossible for dealers ship coal and delayed traffic is causg a fuel shortage. The coal supply borthwestern Dakota. is limited. vel dealers place the entire blame a the railroads for not supplying ars. There is no real suffering yet.

Dealers Come in for Criticism

Sloux Falls, S. D .- The authorities free that the coal famine in South akota is due to the fact that, in order avail themselves of the 20 per cent. Eduction in freight rates upon coal, thich became effective October 27, e coal dealers declined to order ear-, with the result the supply in the st is short. There is no great sufar because the temperature as not yet reached much below zero. he railroads are doing their best to ush in coal.

Idaho Also Runs Short

little actual suffering. Two hundred will suffer severely. tons of coal arrived this week and were distributed over the city. A hundred more is promised.

CHRISTMAS FOR WORKERS

New England Employers Give Notice of Advance in Wages

Boston-The week before Christmas was ushered in happily today for nearly 20,000 operatives employed in the cotton mills at Lowell and Chicopee, when an advanced wage went into effect.

In Lowell the manufacturers granted to about 17,000 operatives last Friday a 5 per centi ncrease in wages. The textile council, however, had been considering a request for a 10 per cent increase and at a meeting held it was decided to postpone action upon the 10 per cent demand.

In Chicopee the Dwight Manufacturing company posted notices in all demper crops. Meanwhile farmers partments in its mills Saturday that an advanced scale of wages would go into effect Monday. The amount of the increase was not stated. The company employs 1,900 hands. The action was voluntary on the part of the corporation.

At the Chicopee Manufacturing company's plants the union operatives are engaged in a discussion with the mill officials over a 10 per cent increase which the company has said it could not grant.

By New Year's 175,000 cotton mill operatives all over New England are expected to be participating in an advance in wages amounting to from 5 to 10 per cent.

HEAVY SNOW IN THE SOUTH

General Over Southwestern Missouri and Kansas

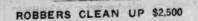
Kansas City, Mo .- The heaviest snowstorm of the winter is general over southwestern Missouri, southeastern Kansas and parts of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. The snow ranges in is unchanged. Ali*Mirza, heir appardepth from two to six inches. Much ent to the throne, arrived in Teheran suffering will result from the storm in at 5 o'clock this afternoon. He was requirements of the commercial world, certain parts of Oklahoma where a met outside the city by the Persian and said it was incumbered with too Boise, Haho-For the second sea- fuel famine prevails. The mayor of war minister, Naib Es Saltanoh, a much machinery for the limited good in succession, Boise and southern Mangum made such an urgent appeal brother of the Shah, who warmly wel- results he feels it capable of accomthe are uffering from a shortage to the Rock Island railroad officials comed him and together they drave plishing:. He said he did not want f coal which, for the last six weeks, that a trainload of coal was dispatch- to the palace, where they now are to be regarded as an opponent of the announced to a fuel famine. The ed to Mangum at once by that com- with the shah.

mine owners lay the blame on the pany. The train was given the right FORFIGN management of the Oregon Short Line of way over all other traffic. In some the only railroad in southern Idaho. places the snow has changed to rain Much distress is reported, but there is and sleeet and unprotected live stock

PROTEST AGAINST A JUDGE

In Bannock County Objections Are Raised on Ground of Polygamy

Boise, Idaho-A protest against the election of Alfred Budge, republican, as judge of the Fifth district, has been filed in the district court of Bannock county. Budge's election is contested on the ground that he is a Mormon and therefore a believer in polygamy, although he is not charged with having excess of wives. The complaint is based upon a clause of the state constitution which forbids any officer to vote who encourages or practices polygamy, patriachal or celestial marriages.



Cedar Hill, Texas, Bank Was Neatly Looted of This Sum

Dallas, Texas-The Citizens Bank at Cedar Hill, fifteen miles south of here, on the Santa Fe was robbed of \$2,500. The burglars used nitroglycerine in forcing the safe and made a clean haul. A hand car was used in approaching the small station and in carting away the booty.

OVERCOMING RESULTS OF KISS

E. W. Bemis at Cleveland Shows Slight Change for Better

Cleveland-A slight change for the better was noted this evening in the condition of E. W. Bemis, superintendent of the water works department, who was stricked with diptheria some days ago shortly after kissing his little son, who was suffering from the disease. Mr. Bemis' case is still considered serious, however, and a consultation of physicians took place at his residence this afternoon.

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Contracts for Work on Panama Canal

FIRMS

Will Not Be Given to Foreign Firms

Washington, D. C .- Foreign contractors are to be barred from competition of the Panama canal. Chairman Shonts of the isthmian canal commission, made this announcement this week. Many changes have been agreed to in the form of contract to be entered into for the construction of the canal, but the most important is the limiting of proposals to American firms.

The right will be reserved by the, commission to reject all the bids submitted, in case none of them is satisfactory, and the commission will then either throw the competition open to foreign bidders or proceed with the work without contract. January 12 is the date set for the opening of proposals.

A substantial reduction in the bond of the successful bidder was also made by the commission, in compliance with the request of prospective bidders. The bond will be only \$2,-000,000 and the total liability of the contractor is to be limited to the loss of percentage and premiums otherwise payable to the contractor and \$3,000,000 in addition.

Shaw Favors Credit Currency

Secretary Shaw appeared before the house committee on banying and currency in advocacy of a high-taxed credit currency, suggesting 5 per cent as a desirable rate. He emphasied the need for greater elasticity in currency, but expressed the opinion that the plan framed by the American Bankers association will not bring about sufficient elasticity to be very useful. Granting that the bankers' plan results in the issuance of \$200,-000,000 additional in national bank notes, Mr. Shaw said that in his opinion no: more than \$20,000,000 worth

Mr. Shaw thought the bankers' plan was wholly inadequate to meet the