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INCREASED POWER OF COAL

Results of Experiments Conducted by the National Government.

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Direct Method of Converting Coal Into Power by Substituting Gas for Steam Engines—Details of the Plan.

The experts of the geological survey, after an exhaustive series of experiments, announce that they are able to construct a claim that a single horsepower can be produced from a single pound of coal. They are convinced of the practicability of a system whereby the power capacity of this fuel may be increased 250 per cent. They maintain that every ton of coal may be made to produce as much power as is now obtained with two and one-half tons of coal used in the steam plants in general use.

The geological survey experts can induce the Navy department to accept their conclusions and install the coal gas engines in a modern battleship. The results will, in their estimation, revolutionize naval warfare, and the demonstration will go far to prove that the generally used steam plant is an obsolete and expensive contrivance, unworthy of a place in the up-to-date manufacturing or commercial plant or on railroads or other transportation lines.

The geological survey experts declare that by the adoption of the direct method of converting coal into power the nation's coal bill may be reduced considerably more than 50 per cent, and that in the not distant future the steam engine will be everywhere replaced by the smokeless, odorless, almost ashless and compact producer gas machines.

Report of Experts Ready. After an exhaustive series of experiments made at St. Louis the last two years, Prof. Joseph A. Holmes, Maurice R. Campbell and other members of the committee appointed by the director of the geological survey to conduct the investigations are ready to make public the results of their labors. The results, aside from the gratifying promise they give of reduced coal bills for all classes of power plants, will be of unusual interest to all engineers and mining experts. Further steps must be taken before the principle, which is already suited to power development on land, will be adapted to service at sea. There is a prospect, however, that when these advances in engineering are effected the government can save in its naval coal bills enough each year to build a battleship or two, and what is of more importance, the new engines advocated by the experimenters would probably take up only one-half as much space as the present day steam plants, which would enable warships to travel around the world without refueling.

Some of the investigations at St. Louis practically every variety of coal mined in the United States and dependencies was examined, and the precise fuel value of each was determined. West Virginia coal was found to possess the greatest power value, while that of the far western states vie with one another in producing the poorest grades. Congress appropriated \$90,000 with which to make the experiments, but stipulated that all the fuel tested should be given as well as all the appliances that were tried. The money appropriated was, therefore, entirely devoted to the construction of the buildings in which the work was carried on and to the pay of the men employed.

Machinery Plentiful. There was no lack of adequate machinery to carry on the investigations, for manufacturing concerns all over the country fairly fell over one another in offering their latest and most valuable devices. They realized the value of the advertising they could gain through the government's use of their engines and testing machinery, and, as the work was inspected by many thousands of visitors to the works, it is probable that they were well repaid. In addition to making the series of fuel tests that turned out so well, the geological survey conducted a number of experiments to determine the best methods of making materials and machines. These experiments were successful in a measure, and are still being prosecuted by the survey.

Rival Engines in Operation. To show the comparison with steam the producer gas engine was run side by side with a standard steam engine in the experiments, and the performances of the two styles of power makers were closely watched and recorded. As indicated by these records, the power efficiency of fourteen kinds of coal when used in the gas producer plant was two and one-half times greater than the efficiency of the coal when used in the steam boiler plant. In other words, one ton of coal, when used in the gas engine, developed on a commercial scale as much power as two and one-half tons of the same coal used in the ordinary steam plant. The importance of this is not of value to coal producing states alone, but extends through every part of the country where coal or mineral fuel is used for power. The annual coal bill of the New England states for manufacturing purposes is about \$60,000,000. This bill could be cut in two, and there would still be enough left of the savings to buy every man east of the Hudson a new hat. If the coal used were diverted into a producer gas plant instead of the steam engines now in vogue, the total bill for the New England States for 1906 will be nearly \$2,000,000,000. If all the factories, foundries, mills, shops, locomotives and vessels were to change their style of power producers to the kind advocated by the geological survey experts the nation could inform the coal barons that the supply for this year would be enough to last until the middle of 1908.

Superiority of Gas Over Steam. "The producer gas plant is compact, comparatively inexpensive and consumes its own smoke," said Maurice R. Campbell, one of the survey experts who conducted the experiments at St. Louis. "It is much easier to run than a steam engine. For there are not so many things to watch as there are about a steam plant. Every bit of the coal is used and the amount of ash that so frequently makes trouble in firing the boiler is of no consequence whatever. In fact, the gas producer works better if there is a good deep bed of ashes in the grate. The coal is fed in from the top as it is needed, the fire is kept going by a slightly forced draft, and the gas is drawn off at the side and used as it is needed. There is no long wait for steam to be made, and many varieties of coal

that are now considered just about worthless, from a steam engineer's standpoint, will make first-class gas, and therefore power, when used in a producer gas plant. The main objection that users of power have at present to trying the new apparatus is that their plants are equipped with steam engines and a change would be costly. The producer gas machine is still in its experimental stage, they argue, and may not be a success. Rather than try it they will probably continue to spend huge sums on improved steam engines for some time to come. But the day of the producer gas plant will arrive in due season, just the same, in spite of the conservative spirit of the power users, and when it does come every one will wonder why he did not adopt it long before."—New York Tribune.

LIFE IN GAY NEW YORK

Aftermath of a Foot Ball Game and Unexpected Things that Happened.

Jeremiah O'Connell, a hansom driver, who makes his headquarters in the vicinity of Forty-second street and Sixth avenue, New York, noticed a woman unaccompanied leave Jack's restaurant shortly after 4 o'clock one morning. He was a large and stout man, dressed in a brown silk gown, with opera coat, hat and shoes to match, and carried a large bunch of violets tied with a blue ribbon.

"Kindly drive me to Seventy-first street and Broadway," she said, hopping into the rig. There was nothing unusual about the appearance of his fare, and as the sleepy cabbie urged his nag to a faster jog he congratulated himself upon having won when most of his associates were idle. The rig was of short duration, however, for with a bang the rig was knocked off its hinges. Shields of mirth came from inside. Following this a slipper came flying from the inside, swatting O'Connell squarely in the face.

"You, miss, be nice—be nice," remonstrated the astonished Jeremiah. "If you don't be good I can't carry you further." "Yale's got the ball—rah-rah-wow-wow," was the reply from the inside, followed by a fusillade of an umbrella, a pair of opera glasses, and a mass of wearing apparel. Then there was a crash, falling glass, and the coachman brushed aside the flying obstacles in time to see the front windows of his vehicle kicked out. By the time he pulled up and alighted his passenger's tooties were dangling out of the opening and she was fairly convulsed with laughter.

"That's a 'all of a woly for a lady to act," O'Connell said angrily. "You kicked the stumma out of m' ansum. Hit's up to you to 'op out an' settle." The woman wiggled her feet mischievously, but refused to budge. "Yale wins. I'm comfortable. Who cares if it is raining in London, cockney?" she replied.

A crowd gathered, and despite their laughs and taunts, and Jeremiah's efforts to disturb the woman she settled herself for a snooze. This was in the vicinity of Longacre square. Policeman Walsh of the West Forty-second street police station, on an early morning call, was attracted to the scene by the crowd, and his appearance brought joy to the cabbie.

"Bobby, me boy, arrest this dame instantly. She's kicked the daylight out of me cab. The woman asleep now, so be quick, for heaven only knows what the puss will be up to next." After the greatest efforts the cop brought the young woman to life, but only with the aid of a patrol wagon and several friendly hands. She was able to get her to the station house.

"Call me at 3, clerk. Send up medium boiled eggs, toast, coffee and with a little Scotch on the side at the same time, please," she said drowsily as the matron took her in charge. When arraigned in the West Side police court later in the morning she looked very seedy and decidedly repentant. "It strikes me you are a mighty handsome young woman to face such charges as these—disorderly conduct and intoxication," said Magistrate Swester ruefully.

"Beaside puttin' a crimp in me outfit," added Jeremiah even more sorrowfully, "my boss declares I was drunk an' it was me that done the damage. When I said it was a little woman he laughed an' told me I was canned." "If you please, sir, don't be hard on me," said the prisoner. "It's my first offense. My brother is in Yale and I suppose I celebrated too hilariously. Really, I didn't mean any harm." The woman said her name was Elizabeth Christie and she lived at the St. Albans, 34 West Fifty-eighth street. "If this leaks out I'll be ruined forever—do give me another chance," she said. This appeal melted the magistrate's heart and after the prisoner promised to reimburse the cabbie for damages and help assist him back into the good graces of his boss she was released. It was said at the St. Albans that no such person was known there.—New York Times.

TOPICS FOR A DAY OF REST.

With but one more week of the Torrey mission at the Auditorium, the principals and assistants at the meetings are roused to greater effort and many new features have been devised to hold and stimulate the general interest in the mission work. One of the most potent factors was the day of prayer held last Wednesday. Dr. Torrey held a protracted prayer meeting at the First Congregational church and neighborhood meetings were held in many parts of the city, which were reported to be well attended.

The meetings at the Burwood theater each noon have been continued and the attendance of business men has been noticeable. Miss Parker has been well received by interested audiences at the Young Women's Christian association rooms at noon and Mr. Jacoby has labored strenuously and effectively with the "personal workers" committee each evening.

The attendance at the mission has been more than gratifying to Dr. Torrey, as he has invariably been greeted by attentive audiences which taxed the capacity of the Auditorium. The singers who volunteered their services have been faithful in attendance and the music has been one of the most interesting features of the mission. While it has taken much time and attention to organize the choir, a large and effective chorus has been established.

A special meeting for Dr. Torrey will be held Sunday afternoon by the women, while the night service will be principally for men. The attendance at the Sunday meetings has been so large that the division of the rooms was found necessary to accommodate all those who desired to attend, as many go to the mission on Sundays who cannot find time during the week.

Music at the First Methodist Episcopal church: Quartet—Praise the Lord, O. My Soul. Elliott. Solo by Mrs. Anderson. Love My Shepherd Is. Shelley. Quartet, by Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. Most Merciful. Marks. Solo by Mrs. Johnson. Lee G. Katz, Soloist. Mrs. Anna B. Andrews, Organist. No evening service.

"Little Tom" Mackey of Chicago, known as the stum evangelist, will speak at the First United Evangelical church, Twenty-fourth and Franklin streets, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mr. Mackey spoke to a large audience at the Auditorium last Sunday and made a most favorable impression. "Dat's a 'all of a woly for a lady to act," O'Connell said angrily. "You kicked the stumma out of m' ansum. Hit's up to you to 'op out an' settle."

A series of sermons on the church's faith, scriptures, ministry and sacraments is being preached by the Rev. John Albert Williams at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon on the Sunday mornings in Advent, and another series at the afternoon service on "Ecclesiastology" or "The Doctrine of the Law Things: Death, Judgment, Hell and Heaven."

Music at the First Congregational church, Nineteenth and Dawson streets: Prelude in D flat. Lepore. Anthem—Seek Ye the Lord. Roberts Tenor solo. Mr. J. H. and Chorus. Rogers. Solo—The Lord's Prayer. Rogers. Into Him, from "Messiah." Handel. Postlude in G. Gullmant. Solo—V. Bush, organist; Ira B. Penningman, director.

Rev. George L. White, who is in charge of the gospel car, "Glad Tidings," one of the seven or eight chapels on wheels which the Baptist Publication society keeps going all over the United States, ran into Omaha last week. The car is at the Webster Street corner, where it will stay at the service on "Ecclesiastology" or "The Doctrine of the Law Things: Death, Judgment, Hell and Heaven."

An illustrated lecture will be given at 8 and 9 p. m. in the rooms of the Omaha Commercial college, Nineteenth and Farnam streets, by Rev. Joshua Jays of the Reformed Episcopal Church of England under the auspices of the church of the Second Day Adventists. The lecture will be devoted to an exposition of the doctrines of the church and an endeavor to reconcile prophesied events by reference to the Bible.

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new church. The building has been thoroughly overhauled, a new heating plant installed and it is now very inviting and comfortable church home. The public is cordially welcome at the morning service, the church uniting in the Torrey mission at the evening hour.

Thanksgiving day Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Kirschstein of the North Side Christian church opened their home for the third annual dinner to the young men and women of their congregation whose homes are not in Omaha. Covers were laid for twenty. Miss Lulu Hughes of Lincoln, sister of Mrs. C. G. Fearne of Milwaukee, former of this city, was one of the guests.

There will be a sale of home-made candies at the rooms Saturday, December 15, conducted by the lunch committee. Come early if you wish to secure the choicest candy. There will be no gospel services at the association December 9 or 10. The Christmas service will be held December 24 at 12:30. Echoes from the Torrey Mission will be the subject and Mrs. Harford will lead.

Dean George Allen Beecher will address a meeting for boys 14 years of age and over at the First Presbyterian church Sunday, December 9, at 3:30 p. m. There will be special music at the service. The Sunday afternoon men's meetings, which were discontinued in order not to conflict with the Torrey meetings, will be resumed next Sunday afternoon and will be conducted as part of the Torrey mission for the two Sundays. Particular attention is called to the time, which has been changed to 8 o'clock, in order to conform with the women's meetings at the Auditorium. W. S. Jacoby will address the meeting Sunday, December 9, and Rev. E. T. Bell, pastor, will preside at the service. Carl Frederick Strough of New York City will sing at the service. Strough comes well recommended, having sung at musicals in New York City. He has also charged the music for the large theater meetings of the Twenty-third street branch of the Young Men's Christian association.

Nicellaneous Announcements. Bethany branch school of First Baptist church, 3828 Leavenworth street, at 8 p. m. Swedish Methodist, Nineteenth and Burlington streets, pastor, will preach at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Church of the Covenant, Twenty-seventh and Fruit, Rev. E. T. Bell, Pastor—Services at 10:30 and 7:30. People's Church, Rev. Charles W. Savidge, Pastor—At 10:30 a. m., "Old-Fashioned Love Feast." Grand View Baptist Sunday School, Fourth and Cedar, G. D. Maddison, Superintendent—At 9 p. m. Calvary Baptist Branch, Thirty-fourth and Seward—Bible school at 3:30 p. m.; Friday at 8 p. m., gospel service. Parkvale Congregational, Thirty-first and Gold, Rev. Herbert L. Mills, Pastor—Sunday school at 10:30 a. m.; preaching at 4 p. m. Christian Endeavor at 8 p. m. Unity, Seventeenth and Cass, Rev. Newton Mack, Minister—Services at 10:30; preaching by Rev. L. Walter Mason of Pittsburg, Pa.; Sunday school at noon. First Baptist, Twenty-ninth and Harney, Rev. J. W. Conley, D. D., Pastor—Services at 10:30; subject, "The Joy of Salvation." Sunday school at noon. No evening services. Hillside Congregational, Thirtieth and Ohio, Rev. Herbert L. Mills, Pastor—Morning service at 10:30; subject, "The Suffering Savior." Sunday school at noon. No evening services. St. Mark's English Lutheran, Twenty-first and Burdette, Rev. L. Groh, Pastor—Service at 10:45 a. m.; subject, "Ideals in Persians." Sunday school at noon; no evening service. First Church of Christ, Scientist, Twenty-fifth and Farnam—Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.; subject of lesson sermon, "God the Preserver of Man." Seward Street Methodist, Rev. J. P. Poncher, Pastor—The Rev. W. F. Jacoby will be at Seward Street church Sunday morning at 10:30. The Sunday school will make a decision day. Plymouth Congregational, Twentieth and Spencer, Frederick W. Leavitt, Minister—Frosting service at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at noon. Morning sermon topic, "According to Strength." First English, Thirty-second and California, Rev. E. G. B. Browne, Priest in Charge—Holy Eucharist at 8 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45. Holy Eucharist and sermon at 11. Evensong at 7:45. St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran, Twenty-eighth and Parker, Rev. H. Hollie, Pastor—Regular service at 10 a. m., subject, "The Last Day a Day of Joy for All True Christians," no evening service.

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