

ALASKA COAL LAND HEARING

Guggenheim-Morgan Syn-
dicate Testifies Before Senate
Committee on Territories.

CUNNINGHAM GROUP VALUABLE

Coal Can Be Mined at Net Profit of
Twenty-Five Millions.

SYNDICATE PRICE IS SMALL

Quarter Million Was to Be Paid for
Half Interest.

LOCATING COPPER CLAIMS

Interesting Statement as to How
Land Occupied by Bonanza
Group Was Ob-
tained.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—For a few
hours today the senate committee on ter-
ritories furnished an attraction in the
way of developments relative to Alaska
coal lands which fairly entitled it to rival
the interest the Ballinger-Pinchot invest-

ment. Manager Stephen Birch of the Guggen-
heim-Morgan syndicate again was the
witness and for a short time he reeled off
figures concerning the value of the coal in
the Cunningham tract in the Alaska coal
and copper mines that were quite calcu-
lated to cause the heads of the members
of the committee to swim. Placing the
tonnage in the Cunningham mines at
\$50,000,000, he said that the coal could
probably be taken out as to net a profit of
\$25,000,000.

This statement taken in connection with
the fact that the syndicate had agreed to
pay only \$250,000 for half of the property
aroused much interest.

Mr. Birch placed the probable output of
the entire Behring river coal district, of
which the Cunningham group is a part, at
500,000,000 tons, with a net value of
\$200,000,000 and a gross value of \$300,-
000,000.

Locating Copper Claims.
There was another portion of Mr. Birch's
testimony which attracted even more
attention than that relating to the coal
mines. It had reference to his efforts to
extend the holdings of the Alaska Coal
and Copper company in the Bonanza
group of copper mines, before it was ac-
quired by the Guggenheim-Morgan syn-
dicate. Responding to questions from Sen-
ator Frasier, Mr. Birch said that some of
the land now embraced in that group had
been located by himself through the use
of his own name and the names of other
stockholders of the company.

"Did the company furnish the money to
pay for the claims?" asked Mr. Frasier.
Mr. Birch responded that it had done so
and mentioned some of the stockholders
whose names had been so used.

"They were men of means, were they
not?" asked the Tennessee senator.
"No indeed," responded the witness,
"they were interested in the property, I
located a claim myself."

"Was there an understanding with the
company that these claims should be
turned over?"
"There was no such understanding," was
the reply, "I was there as manager and I
went ahead to make the locations to pro-
tect the company."

Land Was Desirable.
Asked if he had received any compensa-
tion for this service, Mr. Birch replied that
he had not except insofar as he had re-
ceived pay for his general work for the
company.

"The land was desirable and the law was
complicated in all our proceedings," he
said.

Testifying concerning the Guggenheim-
Morgan options on the Cunningham mines,
Mr. Birch said he governed himself by
interest, The Cunningham people retaining
the remainder. The syndicate had agreed,
he said, to pay \$50,000 and to furnish trans-
portation. The company was to be cap-
italized for \$5,000,000. He estimated that
it would cost \$1.75 per ton to mine the coal
and was of the opinion that it could be
mined at a profit of 15 cents per ton.

Some of the veins in the Cunningham
group, he said, were ten or twelve feet
thick, but still were not so large as the
veins in some of the other mines in the
district. He denied emphatically that the
syndicate had any intention to have the
patents to the mines issued, and
"Interested? Of course we are," he said,
"but we have not tried to influence the
government."

No Lobbyist Employed.
In emphatic terms Mr. Birch denied that
the syndicate had ever employed a lobbyist
to influence the government. He said that
the denial specific as to Governor Hoggar,
Delegate Wickersham and Major Richardson
of the army, who has been stationed in
the territory many years in charge of
road work. He said that after he left the
bench and before he was elected to con-
gress Judge Wickersham had made applica-
tion to be employed as an attorney by the
syndicate, but that as his application had
not been favorably acted upon.

Mr. Wickersham, who was present read
his letter, requesting employment. In it
he stated merely that having left the
bench he was in position to represent the
company if his services should be desired.
He stated that he had read the letter for
the purpose of making it plain that he had
not tried to hold up the combination.

Delegate Wickersham had demanded the
right to cross-examine Mr. Birch, but the
committee held that he could ask his
questions only through the committee it-
self. After the explanations concerning his
application for employment he did not
press his request.

HENRY M. HOYT ON STAND

Attorney General for Porto Rico
Called to Corroborate Glavis.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The case for
the prosecution in the Ballinger-Pinchot
inquiry has practically been closed: When
the committee adjourned this afternoon
until Friday next, Mr. Brandeis said there
was some corroborative evidence yet to be
produced, and that Clifford Pinchot prob-
ably would want to make a statement be-
fore he could announce that his case was
ended. Mr. Pinchot was to have taken the
stand this afternoon, but could not be found
during the luncheon recess.

The day's proceedings began with the un-
expected and unexpected that the cross-
examination of Louis B. Glavis was ended.
Henry M. Hoyt, attorney general for Porto
Rico, was called to the stand to corroborate
that portion of Glavis' testimony in which
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Four Tatt Bills Sure of Passage By This Congress

President Certain of Commerce,
Postal Banks, Anti-Injunction
and Statehood Measures.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Four admin-
istration measures are assured of passage at
this session of congress. President Taft
told callers today that he felt certain the
amendments to the interstate commerce
act, the postal savings bank bill, the anti-
injunction proposition and the statehood
bill will go through.

The situation now seems to portend that
the Alaska legislative council bill, the fed-
eral incorporation bill and several other
measures desired by the president will
either fall by the wayside or be laid upon
the shelf for another time.

Some senators are inclined to view the
statehood bill from a partisan standpoint.
They fear they will be making four dem-
ocratic senators and some democratic rep-
resentatives in passing the bill. The pres-
ident, however, wishes to stand by the re-
publican national platform of two years
ago, which guaranteed statehood to Ari-
zona and New Mexico.

Roosevelt Visits in Paris First

Will Reach the French Capital in
April and Go to Berlin
in May.

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—Former President
Roosevelt, replying to an official inquiry
telegraphed to the foreign office from
Gondokoro today that he expected to be
in Berlin between May 1 and May 11,
coming here from Paris, which city, con-
trary to expectations here, he will visit
first. He will be in the French capital
during the last few days of April.

Mr. Roosevelt has an engagement in
London for May 18 and so will be obliged
to leave Berlin a day or two before that
date. Nothing has been decided as yet
regarding the manner in which the dis-
tinguished American will be entertained
here.

GONDOKORO, Feb. 19.—Colonel Roose-
velt and his son, Kermit, started out this
morning on the steamer Redjaf for a
week's shooting along the banks of the
Bar-Ei-Jabel. This trip was interrupted
yesterday by the Redjaf running on a
sandbank.

Carmen Strike in Philadelphia

Men Are Turning In Cars and Refus-
ing to Take Them Out
Again.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19.—A street car
strike was suddenly declared here today
by the Amalgamated Association of Street
and Electric Railway Employees. The strike
followed the discharge last night and today
by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company
of several hundred men "for the good of
the service."

C. O. Pratt, national organizer of the
Amalgamated association, claimed that 700
men had been dismissed, but this was de-
nied by the officials of the company, who
declared that not one-fifth of that num-
ber had been discharged.

Negotiations for a new agreement to take
the place of the one now in force on June
1 had been in progress for some time, but
were broken off this week when the com-
pany refused to agree to treat with the
amalgamated association, but reserved the
right to meet committees from a rival or-
ganization.

GUN DROPS FROM POCKET AND KILLS A COLORED MINER

Fatal Accident Happens While He
Is Stepping Over to
Street Car.

BOONE, Ia., Feb. 18.—(Special Telegram.)
—William Sweet, a colored miner at Scan-
dia, while stepping over to shovel up a
pail of coal, accidentally shot himself,
causing instant death. He carried a 44-
caliber revolver in his inside vest pocket,
and as he stepped this fell to the ground,
and its discharge followed, the bullet sev-
ering an artery.

HOG PRICES FALLING OFF

Chicago Market Is Five to Ten Cents
Lower Than the Day
Before.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Prices for live hogs
fell off from 5 to 10 cents at the stock
yards today, the top notch being \$2.74
per hundredweight, still exceeding any
figures paid in the open market for hogs
since 1870, when the \$10 hog was reached.

Mrs. Mary Svacina, at 101, is Still Hale and Happy

The world has moved through its cycle
101 times, the revolution that sought to
make the Czech people free has taken
its beginning, fallen and been forgotten;
the maps of many nations have been
changed since September 9, 1805, the day
that Mrs. Mary Svacina was born in the
little hamlet of Zuborany in Bohemia.

Then there is Peter, the 56-year-old
baby of the family, who runs a grocery
store, and Jacob, a retired grocer of 82,
who lives a few squares away, and she
gets letters from her eldest son, Martin,
Jr., who is spending the 75th year of his
boyhood up Seattle way on the coast. So
it isn't so lonely after all for this widow
of 81 years.

STORMY SCENE IN REICHSTAG

Socialist Speakers Interpellate Chan-
cellor on Effect of His Anti-
Suffrage Speech.

RIOTS GROW OUT OF PROTEST

Government is Blamed for the Use of
Force.

DEMONSTRATORS NOT ARMED

Speaker Says Bloodshed Clings to
Fingers of Chancellor.

HINT AT STRONGER METHODS

If Ministry Continues Its Opposition
to Universal Suffrage Revo-
lution Is Sure to
Come.

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—Today's session of
the Reichstag opened with a stormy scene,
growing out of an interpellation by the
socialists asking Chancellor Bethmann-von
Hollweg what had induced him in his
Prussian suffrage speech in the Diet to
attack universal suffrage as guaranteed by
the imperial constitution.

Dr. Frank, socialist, referring to the
chancellor's remark that a democratic
franchise exercised an evil and degenerat-
ing influence upon political morals, in-
quired whether the Reichstag was willing
to hear such a criticism of universal suf-
frage from the chancellor.

Vice President Spahn called Frank to
order.
Chancellor Bethmann-von Hollweg as-
sured the house that the universal suffrage
of the empire was secure from any at-
tacks by the imperial government or the
Bundesthats.

Deputy Lebbow, socialist, alluded to the
recent street demonstrations and said that
the socialists meant to continue the pro-
test and that they were not to blame for
the rioting at Halle, Neuenstein, and
Frankfurt, but rather that the police were
responsible because they had interfered
with peacefully disposed crowds. The po-
lice, he said, had used arms against un-
armed people, women and children and
aged persons.

"The fault," he added, "is with the ruling
powers and the blood shed at Frankfurt
and Neuenstein clings to the fingers of
the chancellor. The socialists will con-
tinue making demonstrations in the streets,
and perhaps will use stronger methods. We
will bring it to the Reichstag, and the
people obtained universal suffrage against
the opposition of the government and the
parties supporting it."

"If that results, in violence as is prob-
able, then a revolution of the people would
be justified. The English and the French
Bourbons perished in an attempt to
use force against victorious and popular
movements and precisely so will any such
movement be crushed by the powers of the
people. If you let matters proceed so
far the people will be ready."

The speech caused a prolonged commo-
tion throughout the house. Vice President
Spahn, as Herr Lebbow presided, called
him to order for his statement that the
blood shed in the rioting was upon the
hands of chancellor.

HEBRON MAN DIES ON TRAIN

Dr. Lewis B. Hughes Expires Near
La Junta, Colo.—Valmucias
Taken from Prison.

DENVER, Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram.)
—Dr. Lewis B. Hughes of Hebron died
today on a Santa Fe train near La
Junta, Colo., while enroute from Los An-
geles to his Nebraska home. Hardly had
the physician's body become relaxed in
death when the Pullman conductor was
seen to take rings and other valuables
from the dead man. The conductor is un-
der arrest at La Junta.

The body of Dr. Hughes was taken from
the train at La Junta and is being pre-
pared to send east for burial. "The doctor
went west in quest of health, but finding
that death was inevitable, he was return-
ing home to straighten up some business
affairs and see his family before the end."

MACVEAGH WILL NOT QUIT

Denial of Story Secretary of Treasury
Will Resign Because of Ill
Health.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—At the Treas-
ury department today the positive state-
ment was made that there was no basis
for the report that Secretary MacVeagh
was contemplating retiring from office be-
cause of ill health.

A cold in the throat has kept the secre-
tary indoors for more than a week, but
he is keeping in close touch with depart-
ment matters. He is gradually recovering
his strength.

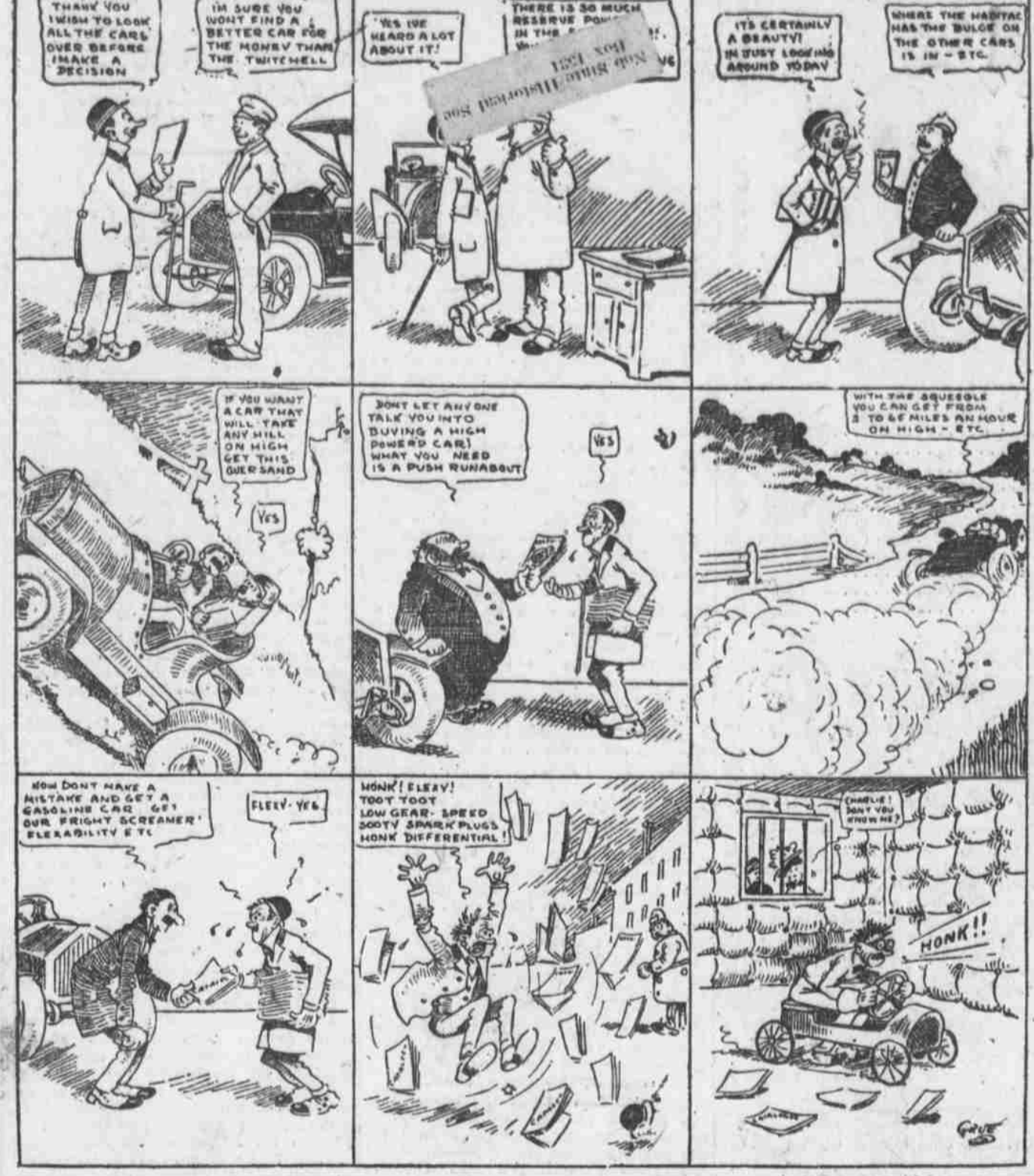
where he might watch over her, but she
declines.
"I'll stay here at home, I've been here
a long time and I'll stay here close to
the good church of St. Wenceslaus," she
answers to the patois of the Czech that
she spoke in Bohemia a hundred years
ago when she was young.

Then there is Peter, the 56-year-old
baby of the family, who runs a grocery
store, and Jacob, a retired grocer of 82,
who lives a few squares away, and she
gets letters from her eldest son, Martin,
Jr., who is spending the 75th year of his
boyhood up Seattle way on the coast. So
it isn't so lonely after all for this widow
of 81 years.

A few days ago Mrs. Svacina became
slightly ill. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs.
Peter Svacina, called, inquiring about her
health and insisting that a physician
should be called. The aged woman refused
and is recovering on her own strength.

In the days when Mrs. Svacina was
young they spoke a different dialect in
Bohemia. It was the heritage of the
Czechs, the predominant strain. Today
she stands in the unique position of hav-
ing come near to outgrowing her language,
and now she understands only the mem-
bers of her own family with complete
clearness.

At the Auto Show



Which Illustrates the Fallacy of Getting a Prospective Buyer Excited.

INDIAN BILL IN THE HOUSE

Three Hours' Debate on Amendment
to Abolish Warehouses.

FITZGERALD LEADS FIGHT

New Yorker Says Proposed Change
Would Prevent Proper Inspec-
tion of Supplies and Open
Door to Graft.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The Indian
appropriation bill occupied the attention
of the house during six hours today. Most
of the debate was upon an amendment for
the abolition of Indian warehouses in New
York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and San
Francisco. The house adjourned until Mon-
day without taking action on that question.

"At a time when the Department of the
Interior is under the gravest charges and
under a cloud these recommendations
should not have weight here," declared
Representative Fitzgerald of New York in
opposing the amendment for the abolition
of Indian warehouses.

Burke Proposes Amendment.
The proposed change in the method of
making purchases for the Indian office had
the approval of the secretary of the in-
terior. The amendment was proposed by
Chairman Burke of the committee, who re-
ported the measure to the house. By its
terms five Indian warehouses at New York,
St. Louis, Chicago, Omaha and San Fran-
cisco would not be maintained unless the
secretary of the interior should deem it
advisable to do so.

"Now this new secretary," continued Mr.
Fitzgerald, "with a desire to improve the
public service in no many ways, while he
is being investigated under charges, from
which I hope he will be exonerated, but
which up to this time are a cloud upon
him, should not be cited here upon pro-
posed legislation, the only effect of
which would be to introduce to the In-
dian service the most extensive system
of graft and fraud which the country has
ever experienced."

Debate Lasts Three Hours.
Mr. Fitzgerald's reference to the secre-
tary of the interior was made near the
end of a three-hours' debate, during
which Representatives Parsons of New
York, Barthold of St. Louis, Hitchcock
of Nebraska, Kahn of California upheld
the existing warehouse system; while
Burke of South Dakota, Miller of Minne-
sota and Saunders of Virginia were prom-
inent in advocating their abolition. Rep-
resentative Mann of Illinois joined the an-
tagonists of the warehouse system.

The burden of Mr. Fitzgerald's opposi-
tion to the amendment was that by ship-
ping supplies direct to reservations the
present effective system of inspection
would be destroyed and in that way ex-
cessive frauds would be made possible.
Chairman Burke, preferring to defer ac-
tion on the amendment until Monday,
sought an adjournment which was only
reached after a roll call of the house had
demonstrated the absence of a quorum.

The thousands up- on thousands, and thousands, who dive into the sea of Bee Want Ads.

tomorrow morning from early
candle light until late at night,
represent every class.

They want something.
They will find it in The Bee,
most likely.

Bank President, Former Convict, Kills Himself

Body of John F. Johnson, Who Em-
bezzled \$550,000, Found
in River.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Feb. 19.—The body
of John F. Johnson, former president of
the State National bank of this city was
found floating in the Wabash river today.
Johnson served six years in prison for
loving a confession that he had embezzled
\$550,000. It is presumed that he committed
suicide.

Packers Will Be Taken to Jersey

Prosecutor at Jersey City Says Capias
Will Be Issued When Bills
Are Returned.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—"If the National
Packing company and its directors are in-
dicted, capias will be issued for the in-
dicted men and they will be brought to
New Jersey for trial," declared Assistant
Prosecutor McCarthy of Hudson county,
today.

"I have heard it said," added Mr. Mc-
Carthy, "that J. Ogden Armour, one of the
company directors said if we want him we
will have to come after him. Well, whether
he said that or not, if he is indicted we
will go after him all right. He may be
sure of that."

Kenneth K. McLaren, resident director of
the National Packing company called at
the county court house in Jersey City today
and put point blank to Prosecutor Garven
the question whether or not the officers of
the company had been or were to be in-
dicted. The prosecutor appeared annoyed
at Mr. McLaren's call and informed the
latter that he could give him no informa-
tion, whatever, on the subject.

SHIP AND CREW ARE LOST

Italian Boat Goes Down Off English
Coast with Twenty on
Board.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 19.—The Italian
ship F. S. Clamps, with all of its crew,
was lost in a gale off Duntreedy bay. The
wreckage came ashore today. It is un-
derstood that the crew numbered twenty.
Some of the bodies have been recovered.

Tillman May Get Well, but Will Lose Power of Speech

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The condition
of Senator Ben R. Tillman of South Caro-
lina, who lies ill with paralysis, continues
extremely grave. He passed a fairly quiet
night and the only unfavorable symptom
which developed was the loss of conscious-
ness shortly before midnight. No change in
his condition in this respect occurred with
the break of day. He was unable to recog-
nize any one this morning, and this in-
creased the sorrowful burden of the loved
ones surrounding him.

Dr. Pickford said today that the senator
had a chance of recovery, but that was
about all. It is not believed there is any
immediate danger of a fatal turn in his
illness. But even should he recover, the
inability to articulate will be the saddest
feature of his illness. In all probability, it
is said, he will not completely regain the
power of speech and will never again be
able to voice his honest convictions by the

PACKERS YET HOPE FOR PEACE

Believe Railroads Will See Injustice
of Raising Beef Rates.

RELY MUCH ON GREAT WESTERN

Claim that if This Popular Railroad
Will Stand Pat on Present
Rates They and Omaha
Will Yet Win.

The packers of Omaha are yet hopeful
that the railroads will see the "error of
their way" and rescind the order to in-
crease the freight rate on dressed beef
from Omaha to Chicago. But if the rail-
roads do not come to this view of the
question then, the packers admit, they will
have to take what steps they may to pro-
tect their business and defeat the effort of
the railroads to secure a greater rate.

The packers are counting strongly on the
Great Western in this crisis. They believe
that in the event of the other roads refus-
ing to yield, they can ultimately win out
if the Great Western will stand by its
guns and not join its competitors. They
are relying much on this resource and they
believe, in view of the splendid victories
the Great Western has won for the people
in the past, that it will prove true to its
colors in this fight. They declare the
Great Western cannot afford at this late
date to go into any such move.

Any railroad that can jump into Omaha
against the tremendous odds that con-
fronted the Great Western and establish
a grain market certainly can withstand
the attacks of competing lines in such an
emergency as the present one, is the way
the packers put it. They recall, also, how
the Great Western stood out against the
former increases in meat rates and
gained by it.

Break It with Revenue.
"But," said a packing man, who has
much to do with rates, "it is something of
an anomaly when you come to talk of
putting a road out of business by loading
onto it all the dressed beef traffic out of
a packing center like Omaha. Why, the
records show that the Great Western's re-
venues on this class of freight are greater
per ton mile than the general average
revenue. This is the most profitable sort
of traffic. How, then, are you going to
bankrupt a road by feeding it with such
traffic, if the road can care for the ton-
nage, as I believe it can?"

The packers admit that The Bee hit the
nail on the head in its original story of
this situation when it said that it was
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HONK! HONK! FOR BIG AUTO SHOW

Exhibition of Horseless Vehicles
Opens Monday Night at
the Auditorium.

AEROPLANE TO SOAR ABOVE ALL

Two Aerial Ships Will Be Special
Scenic Wonders.

CARS OF EVERY MAKE AND COLOR

Between Two and Three Hundred
Samples to Feast Eyes Upon.

EXPOSITION OPEN ENTIRE WEEK

Special Nights Set Aside for Council
Bluffs, South Omaha and Lincoln
—Society to Reign Thursday
—Daily Band Concerts.

When the buglers stationed in the top-
most gallery of the Auditorium blow their
calls at 7:30 Monday evening to announce
the opening of the fifth annual auto-
mobile show the management promises
everything will be in readiness and that
the show will be the most beautiful and
complete of any similar exposition ever
held in the west.

This year there are fifty-one exhibitors
and some of these have two or three
different makes of cars, and as each
booth will hold on an average of five
cars, there will be about 250 cars at the
show. In the basement are ten con-
cerns showing motor trucks. On the
arena floor will be thirty-one dealers and
five miscellaneous concerns and on the
stage five accessory men will exhibit
their wares.

No money or time has been spared in
preparation for the show. Before the
opening of the year Clarke G. Powell,
member of the executive committee of the
association, made a round of the factories
in the east to interest the manufacturers
in the show. The item of decorations
amounts to almost double that used last
year, and even then it was a most beau-
tiful show.

The committee on decorations has
changed the color scheme to green and
white from the purple and white which
has been used for some years, as it was
found the green will show up better under
the glare of the electric lights. As usual
a great number of small lights will be
used and all exhibits will be in the full
light.

Atrapehs Sail Above Automobiles.
Two aeroplanes will be exhibited, being
suspended from the ceiling, and a special
lighting effect will be used to show these
off to the best advantage. The lights will
be used to a large extent during the day
also.

In the matter of floor decorations it is
the purpose of the committee to follow the
general plan of the last few shows. This
year there will be a center aisle, and this
will give a better chance to decorate and
will give a better impression to the visitor
entering for the first time. A liberal use
of palms will help to set off the scheme of
decoration.

After the opening day the Auditorium will
be open all day as well as in the evening,
but on Monday the show will not open until
7:30 in the evening. Mayor Dahlman will
deliver an address for the opening of the
show and a band concert will follow from
8 to 10:30. For the balance of the week
each day has been given a special signifi-
cance as follows:

Tuesday—Council Bluffs night, band con-
cert.
Wednesday—South Omaha night, band
concert.
Thursday Night—Society night, band con-
cert.
Friday Night—Lincoln night, band con-
cert.
Saturday Night—Band concert, close of
show.

Reports from traveling men who have
been making the state are to the effect
that there will be a great movement of
country dealers to Omaha all week. Nearly
every town in the state has one or more
automobile dealers, and they will seize this
opportunity to secure their cars for the
season.

Omaha Keeps Up Fast Pace.
No industry of recent years has seen
such giant strides as that of the automo-
bile industry and Omaha has kept pace
with the rest of the country. From a start
of one-fifth second-hand car twelve years
ago the number has increased until today
Omaha has about 700 self-propelling ve-
hicles of different kinds with the number
increasing every day.

Automobiles have had a great influence
on the city life of the Gate City and many
improvements in streets are credited to
the automobile. Many