

LETTER FROM NEW YORK

AMOUNT OF COAL THAT CITY CONSUMES.

A California Colony Established in New York State—A Riot on Front Street Caused by Teamsters' Union Troubles.

New York, March 19.—Statistics are always looked upon as cold facts and extremely uninteresting, yet one of the most interesting and astonishing pieces of information that has met my attention during the last week is that regarding the amount of coal consumed by the city of Greater New York in one year. To keep its inhabitants warm, and for furnishing them with light, power and other conveniences, both for domestic and business purposes, requires more than one-tenth of the total retail tonnage of the whole United States, that total being seventy millions, and New York city consuming nine millions of anthracite coal. Besides this, six million five hundred thousand tons of bituminous coal are also turned into smoke and ash here. The strictly retail sales of coal amount to two million tons more per year than are sold in the three north-western states of South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota combined. It amounts to one-third of the total tonnage of ten of the largest cities of the United States, nearly equalling the total of Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago. Many of the large downtown skyscrapers use ten thousand tons a year, and several now going up, it is estimated will consume fifty, seventy-five and one hundred tons a day. Each new skyscraper that is built requires that some two hundred carloads more of coal be brought into the city to feed its voracious furnace. The increased number of skyscrapers and the very rapidly increasing number of people carried on street cars are largely responsible for the enormous increase in the coal consumption of the city since the seventies. Then, a coal dealer who sold and delivered sixty tons of coal in a month thought he was "doing well," and now he declares that it doesn't make him feel as happy to deliver one thousand tons before breakfast, because the troubles of accomplishing it are as much increased as is the quantity sold. Because of the great and continual increase in the price of real estate in Greater New York, there are but few dealers who maintain coal yards on Manhattan Island. This expense has driven many to cross into New Jersey and others to "pocket" along the city's river fronts. In both cases the hauls are long and the time consumed very considerable, adding not a little to the expense of delivery, which is one of the troublesome problems of the increasing consumption of the city that must be worked out. The coal burned in this city is more than that consumed by any other state in the union except New York state itself, and will continue to increase unless some substitute for coal is discovered, which seems very improbable. To be relieved from the smoke and ashes that coal leaves behind would indeed be a relief, when it does come, perhaps, but by the discovery of some method of producing perfect combustion.

The George Junior Republic, of Freeville, Tompkins county, this state, are about starting a California colony. There are two colonies that are gaining ground in Connecticut and Maryland, and I hope to see them established in every state, as they have undoubtedly given a bent in the right direction to many a lad whose earlier energies had been misdirected. In childhood as well as in later years "all sin is but misdirected energy." What a child becomes interested in, he will direct his whole mind and energy upon. He has to expend a certain amount of energy every day; no energy is produced without thought, force, and if the thoughts are directed in right channels and interest therein aroused, the energy cannot be misdirected and the growth of desirable characteristics is certain. In the education of children, it has long been the aim of instructors to cram their minds with facts. In my youth—the boy who had the best memory for words was generally the show scholar (the best pupil), rather than the one who was able to do the most thinking. Not a single one of those show-pupils has made any great success in life, but one of the slowest boys, who fairly stammered out his ideas, but in his own words and all ways from a standpoint of his own, has become a very famous lawyer and a popular public speaker. Facts stored in the memory, unless they lead to deductions that are thought-forces, are not education. Thought development that leads to action is the only education worth having and the only kind that will lead to the development of character. The George Junior Republic for the development of character among older children, I believe are as great an advance, educationally, as was the kindergarten idea for interesting the very young in the first efforts at making the mind control the body. I wish the representatives of the people in this United States were as quick to repeal an unwise law, as are the citizens of

STARTED PENNILESS

MAN AND HIS WIFE AFOOT ROUND WORLD.

Must Circle the Globe in Six Years or Forfeit Bet of \$40,000.

Rome, March 21.—There have arrived in Rome a Dutch couple, named Saeya, who, on October 27th last, began to travel round the world on foot. Y. Saeya is a distinguished geographer, but has never been a tourist, and his wife is the first woman who has ever undertaken such a journey. The difficult enterprise is the outcome of a bet made by Saeya with another geographer, named Bring, who will pay the couple \$40,000 if they make the circuit of the terrestrial globe in six years. If they are unsuccessful, Bring is to receive that amount. The sum of \$80,000 has been deposited by both parties in the national bank at Amsterdam.

The enterprising couple left Amsterdam without a penny in their pockets, and they are to pay their travelling expenses by selling picture postcards containing their portraits. Having crossed Holland, they reached Liege, then Brussels, Mons and Paris, where they stayed five days, then continued their journey through Marseilles, Nice, Genoa, Lyons, Pavia, Florence, Perugia, and finally Rome. They will visit other Italian towns and embark for Africa at Marsala. After crossing the dark continent, they will take a steamer to South America, and leaving from Montevideo will reach New York by way of the Isthmus of Panama. From New York they will again take a steamer to Holland, and end their travels at Amsterdam, after covering, altogether, about 28,000 miles.

SOUND OF THE LASH.

It is Painful to the Lovers of Animals.

Life is made well-nigh unendurable these days to the animal-lover who is much on the streets. On every side is heard the whirr of the whip as it falls on the back or sides of some poor overworked horse. A favorite dodge of the brutal driver seen often lately is to curl the lash round so that it strikes on the sensitive underneath. Oh, if one could only break every whip in the city! Whips are not a necessary appendage to a horse that is able to go just as well, if it is so trained, to the sound of the voice. But every boy and man who drives carries a whip in his hand only too ready to use it upon his hard-working beast.

Will our readers not help us in this campaign against unwhipped beatings? There is beginning to be a wholesome dread of the police court, and all that is necessary, as a rule, is to forbid the use of the whip and threaten to report the offender. Do not be afraid of being conspicuous. What is that compared to the fact of preventing cruelty? But some women never get away from the thought "what will the onlookers think of me?" They are like Fluffy Ruffles in her last adventure. She goes to the rescue of a horse that is being beaten, but her kindly deed attracts so much attention that she decides to do so no more. "The next day she reached her badge. 'I'm grieved to find,' said she, 'that you are so conspicuous for me.'"

Shame on Fluffy Ruffles and shame on every woman who allows a horse to be cruelly beaten, and never raises her voice against it! It is hard enough for the poor horses to pull their loads along our Alpine roads, with their mountains and their valleys. It is not necessary to add to their woes by the use of the lash.

Error Was Expensive.

Philadelphia Record.—Through a very simple mistake a business man of this city was forced to spend a good wad of his tightly held cash the other night. He was scheduled to take his wife to the theatre. Business took him to New York in the daytime, so he told his wife, as he was leaving the house, that he would try to get tickets and would let her know before getting on the train. After securing the tickets he forgot all about informing his wife, and when he arrived in New York he suddenly remembered and sent this telegram: "Have gotten tickets. Meet me at Broad street station." When he came back to town he was met by his wife and eight other relatives and friends, all ready for the theatre. "We're all here, waiting for you," cried his wife; "it's so good of you to invite so many." "Why, what do you mean?" asked the amazed husband. "Here's your telegram," answered the wife, and there it was as large as life, just as the telegrapher had made it: "Have got ten tickets."

In Stock.

There is a proprietor of a shop in New Haven, a man of most exorable temperament, who is forever scolding his clerks for their indifference in the matter of possible sales. One day, hearing a clerk say to a customer, "No, we have not had any for a long time," the proprietor, unable to containance such an admission began to work himself into the usual rage. Mixing a glassy eye on the clerk he said to the customer: "We have plenty in reserve, ma'am, plenty downstairs."

Whereupon the customer looked dazed, and then, to the amazement of the proprietor, burst into hysterical laughter and quit the shop. "What did she say to you?" demanded the proprietor of the clerk. "We haven't had any rain lately."

Another Terror Added To Life.

Paris, March 21.—A new disease, called "sporothricosis," has been reported to the Paris Academy of Medicine. It is due to a microbe which attacks the mouth and throat, and is attributed to eating raw salad or insufficiently washed vegetables.

Inn Used By Queen Anne.

London, March 21.—One of the licenses referred to the compensation authority by the Wandsworth licensing justices, yesterday, was that of the Sir Jeffrey Doustan, Sumnerstown, S.W., which was patronized by Queen Anne.

LOVERS DIE TOGETHER

Marriage Being Impossible They Decide on Suicide.

Paris, March 21.—Clashed in each others' arms, with a wedding-ring on the girl's finger and with a spray of evergreen plants denoting fidelity entwining them, were found the dead bodies of a girl of twenty—Eugenie Jean, a florist, and a man named Adolphe Lhuillier, aged thirty-two. The discovery was made in an hotel, where the lovers lived. They had explained to the landlord that it was their intention to get married in April. Eugenie, however, suffered from consumption, and her lover insisted upon her giving up her work lest she should get worse. But Eugenie had, unknown to her lover, continued to work. Then she broke down, and, being convinced that she was incurable, the couple resolved to die.

QUEEN VISITS FACTORY.

Young Consort of King Makes Herself Popular.

Seville, March 21.—While King Alfonso is hunting or playing polo, Queen Victoria Eugenie enjoys seeing the local life of her people. The women of Seville noted for their beauty and grace, have shown her majesty their dances of the south. Yesterday the queen visited a cigar and cigarette factory where many hundreds of women and girls were employed. One cigarmaker she noticed had a cradle with her child in it by her side. The queen took the baby in her arms and caressed it warmly. The mother wept from emotion, and falling on her knees, kissed the queen's feet. An old woman who packed the cigarettes with marvelous rapidity was asked by the queen how long it had taken her to acquire such speed. She said that after forty-two years of regular work she could fill 5,000 packets a day.

ROY JACK THE RIPPER.

Confesses Crimes Coolly and Enjoys Notoriety.

Berlin, March 21.—A youthful Jack the Ripper was arrested, to-day, by the Ben Nech in a park, and a sixteen-year-old boy named Kurt Keller. He was caught in the act of attacking a little girl. At the police station the boy admitted this and similar crimes, both of which he had done in the past. Keller admitted his guilt complacently and described the circumstances. He shows no sorrow, but rather seems to enjoy his notoriety.

BERLIN AS A PORT.

Ship Canal From Capital to Sea to Be Built.

Berlin, March 21.—The ship canal from Berlin to Stettin, which will transform the capital into a seaport accessible to vessels of moderate size, will, according to present expectations be completed in 1912. The width of the canal will enable two ships of the maximum size to pass each other at any point. The canal will be navigable for ships the dimensions of which do not exceed the following measurements: Length, 230 feet; width, 26 feet; draught, 5 feet 6 inches. The total cost of the canal will be approximately \$11,250,000. The canal runs through Valentinswerder, Eberswalde and Saatzwinkel, and joins the Oder before reaching Stettin.

Teutons Checkmate France.

Berlin, March 21.—The German military authorities have decided to establish a station for military airships at Metz, in South Germany, a distance of not quite ten miles from the French frontier. Germany is only following the lead of the French war office, which some time ago established a similar station at Verdun, twenty miles from the Franco-German frontier. The ill-fated Patrie began her famous flight from Verdun, and the airship Ville de Paris is now stationed there and will remain there until the new French airship La Republique is ready to take her place. There is reason to believe that the station at Metz is intended to be the first of a chain of stations for military airships along the German frontiers.

Monster Wedding Feasts.

Paris, March 21.—Magnificent Breton fetes characterized a double wedding of rich farmers which has just been celebrated at Pluneret. The guests, to the number of 2,000, all came on horseback or in carriages. The bridegrooms and many others wore superb Breton costumes, embroidered with gold or silver. Six oxen, twenty-eight calves, nineteen sheep, four hundred fowl, thirty-five barrels of cider and eight barrels of wine were consumed at the banquets served during the festivities, which lasted three days.

Death Reported.

An old offender that hung on for years. Nothing touched his stoney heart, but Putnam's Corn Extractor, and out he came, root, stem and branch. All corns cured just as quickly when Putnam's is used, try it.

Under Berlin Rules.

Berlin, March 21.—In spite of rules that were almost laughable, the Berlin police have forbidden an amateur boxing tournament. Large gloves, with which a "knock-out" would have been impossible, were to have been used, while a hard blow was to count against the biter.

Officers Millions In Debt.

Vienna, March 21.—The Austro-Hungarian minister of war has appointed a commission to report on the indebtedness of the officers of the army. The total debt notified up to the present amount to \$6,000,000.

A HOT EXPERIENCE

PLAYS GAME OF CARDS WITH FIERCE MADMAN.

Lunatic Produces Razor With Which to Cut Off Head of King.

Paris, March 21.—M. Raben, a member of the Paris Boulevard club, today told the story of a very disagreeable experience he had on Thursday night. He strolled into the cardroom of his club, and found that the only occupant there was a man whom he slightly knew as a fellow-member, but whom he had not seen for some time. He casually saluted the man, who asked him if he would have a quiet game of cards. The two men sat down at a card table and began to play.

M. Raben was soon absorbed in the game, and presently, very much to his surprise, began to realize that his partner was openly cheating. Suddenly looking up, he was horrified to see the man leaning at him over the top of his cards.

The look in the man's eyes and his whole demeanor at once caused M. Raben to guess that his partner had gone mad. But he did not lose his presence of mind and went on playing in the hope that somebody would come into the room.

The suspense lasted a quarter of an hour, during which his partner talked loudly about "cutting the king's throat" if that card were produced, and drew a razor from his pocket and placed it on the table.

Happily several people came into the room at this point. One of them went up to the madman and said: "Your highness the carriage is below."

Without a word the madman got up and followed the doctor, for such the visitor proved to be, into the street.

It appears that the madman, until a few months ago, had been a frequent visitor of the club, but as he had a mania for personal royalty he was confined in a private asylum. He escaped from it on Thursday, and search was made for him in vain until it was remembered that he belonged to the club and had probably gone there.

MADMAN ON A LINER.

Southampton, March 21.—A local preacher who was a first-class passenger on the Dover Castle arrived at Southampton from South Africa, yesterday, in a strait-jacket. A day or two from Plymouth he smashed a window and attempted to cut his throat with a piece of the glass. On being placed in the ship's hospital he stripped himself and fought the attendants.

MAGISTRATES SUPERSTITIOUS.

London, March 21.—When the Kingston county magistrates took their seats, yesterday, it was seen that there were thirteen on the bench. One of them immediately rose and left, but as he went out another magistrate arrived, bringing the number up to thirteen again. The moment the newcomer sat down a second magistrate hurriedly left his seat.

SANTOS-DUMONT LOST BET.

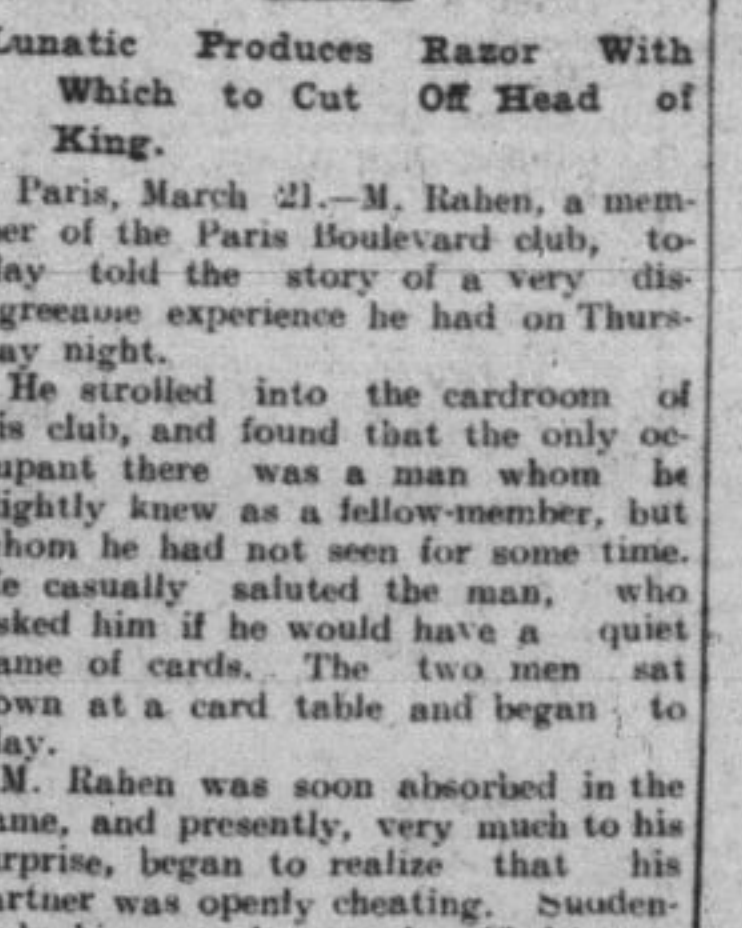
Paris, March 21.—M. Santos-Dumont has lost the bet which he made with M. Charron, six months ago, that within that time he would build a hydroaeroplane capable of travelling at the rate of sixty miles an hour.

ANCIENT INN TO BE CLOSED.

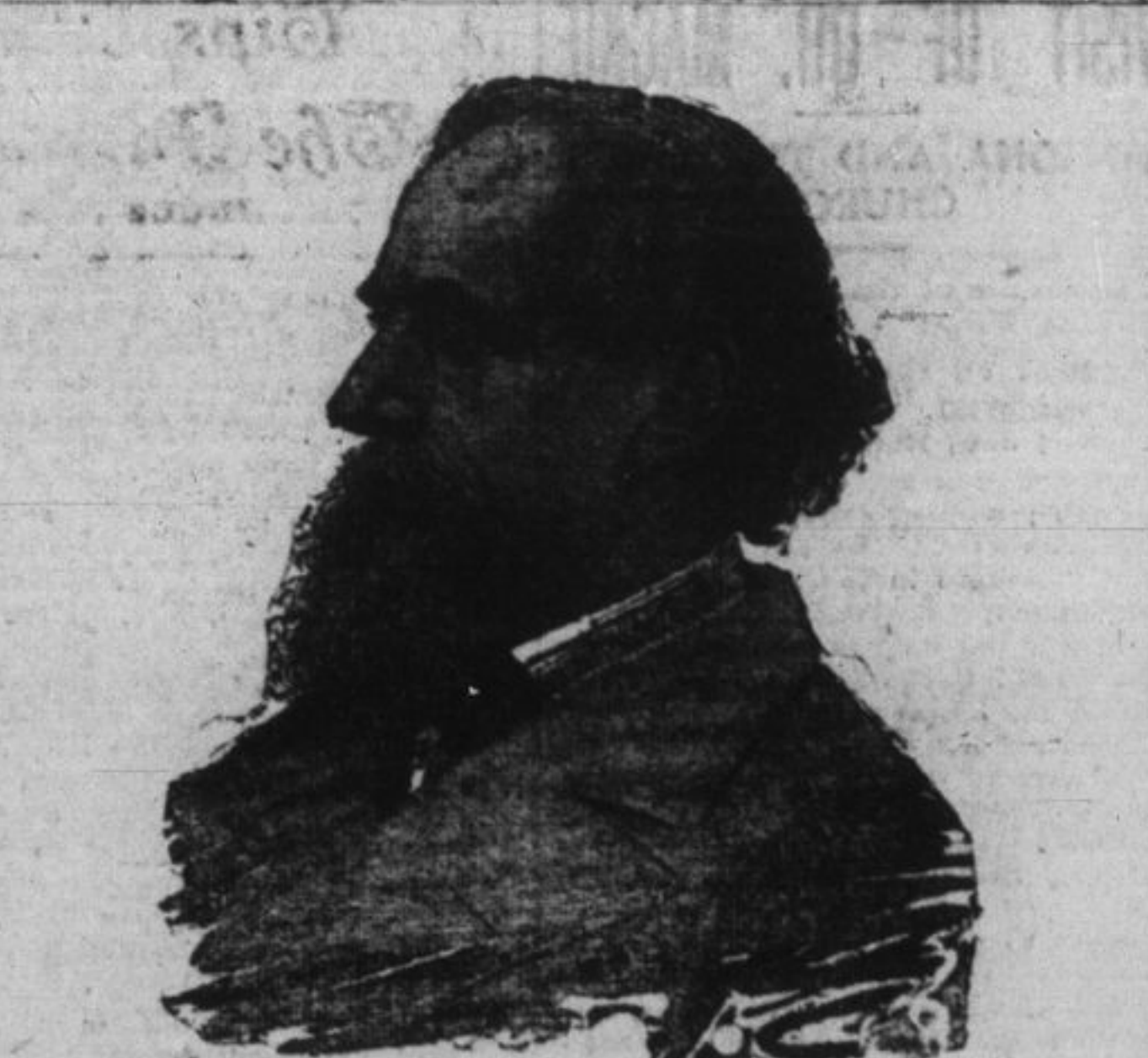
London, March 21.—The Ben Jonson inn, in Shoe Lane, Fleet street, which has been licensed for more than 300 years, will close its doors on Saturday.

CHARLES DICKENS.

Some of His Writings Will Be Interpreted Here By Mr. Speaight



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