

TUNNEL UNDER BEHRING STRAITS.

One Feature of a Huge Alaska Railway Project.

New York, June 14.—The Tribune says:—

The author of the project to tunnel under Behring Strait in the building of an all-rail route from New York to Paris, M. Lecon de Lobe, of Paris, who has been in New York for the last month sails on Thursday on La Savoie, taking with him, so he asserts, the legally attested signatures of more than thirty well known American capitalists and engineers who approve his general plans and who will act as the American executive committee. This organization will co-operate with similar committees already formed in both France and Russia.

Out of the membership of the American committee as advisory committee of consulting engineers has been named including J. L. Harrington, chief engineer of the Montreal Locomotive and Machine Company.

The inception of the scheme for a submarine route from Cape Prince of Wales, in Alaska, to East Cape on the Siberian coast, was in the mind of M. DeLobel in 1889, when, as a member of the Paris Geographical Society, he visited Alaska, and made a study of the ethnography, climate and geology of the country. He made soundings of the Strait and a preliminary survey for a tunnel in 1900 and since that time has given his entire attention to making known in Government, financial and engineering circles in Europe and America the possibilities of the project.

The members of the advisory board of consulting engineers dined at the Waldorf recently and afterwards held a business session at which Dr. John A. L. Waddell, of Kansas City, was delegated to undertake the official survey. He starts tomorrow for Seattle.

The enterprise it is said will probably be capitalized at \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000, and the money centres of France, Russia and the United States will be asked to share in the financial phase of the project.

Mr. L. L. Harrington, chief engineer of the Locomotive and Machine Company of Montreal, confirmed the news received in this dispatch to the effect that he had been named one of a committee of consulting engineers in connection with the project to building of an all-rail route from New York to Paris.

"Yes, I must admit that I have

been appointed to this board," said Mr. Harrington to the Herald this morning, "although I didn't think the news would leak out."

Mr. Harrington explained that the board was composed of the four following engineers and himself:—Dr. J. A. L. Waddell, Kansas City; Mr. E. L. Cortell, New York; Mr. Bond, in charge of the New York State Canals and Mr. Craven, one of the engineers in charge of the New York subway. The duties of this advisory committee would be to consult on the main points of construction and it is felt that as Mr. Harrington is thoroughly familiar with certain lines of engineering his knowledge will prove very advantageous to the committee.

Mr. Harrington was loth to court newspaper notoriety of any description even after it was explained to him that hereafter he would be in the public eye, as he was an officer of a company with a tremendously large capital which was undertaking an engineering feat such as the world had never heard of before. He, however, informed the Herald that the building of a tunnel across the Behring Straits was only a minor part of the project, as it were. The main purpose of the road was to develop the mining lands of Alaska and Siberia. It was well known that vast deposits of tin, gold and iron existed in the districts through which the road was to run and these minerals will be exploited.

"The project is only in its inception as yet," said Mr. Harrington, "and it is, therefore, too early to talk about it." I may say however, that valuable mining concessions have already been obtained from the Russian government, a sufficient amount of capital to enable us to make a start has been subscribed and the exploratory surveys will be made this summer."

Mr. Harrington added that Dr. Waddell, who will have charge of the preliminary surveys and who is one of the most eminent engineers in the United States, is a Canadian by birth. The Herald was also informed that this project will some day connect New York and Paris by rail, the idea being to make use, as far as possible, of the roads already in existence in the districts under consideration as connecting links with what the promoters would build themselves.

A GHOST STORY IN BRITISH HOUSE.

This Time the Spectre of an M. P. Went So Far as to Vote.

Since the famous case of the appearance of Sir Charles Rasch in the House of Commons when he was away ill, says The London Express, M. P.'s ghosts are becoming so plentiful that the member who cannot claim to have been seen once is eyed with contempt by his colleagues.

The apparition that appeared to Mr. Haviland Burke may go down to posterity as an example of a spirit with a practical mind. It was like this:

Dr. Mark Anthony MacDonnell, M. P. for Queen's County, and a brother to Sir Anthony MacDonnell, the Irish under secretary, was away ill. Nevertheless, the two days that he was home, Wednesday and Thursday of the same week, Mr. Haviland Burke met him in the precincts of the house, or at least met his spirit clothed in Mr. MacDonnell's street garments.

Nor did Dr. MacDonnell's spirit forget its duty to the earthly body to whom it owed its allegiance. In order that the doctor might show up prominently in The Freeman's Journal, when that paper published the parliamentary attendances of the Irish members, this spirit "precipitated" in the division lobby and voted. The steeple who doubts may see the name of Dr. MacDonnell recorded in the division lists on the night in

question.

NOT A DOUBLE.

The rumor that Mr. Landon, another Irish member, met Mr. William O'Doherty in "No" lobby on the night of his funeral is now disposed of. Sir Thomas Dewar, who bears a certain resemblance to the deceased, assured Mr. Landon that it was he who was in the lobby.

The astonishing case of the appearance of Sir Charles Rasch, who was seen "when he was not" by several members, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Sir Henry Meysey-Thompson, Sir Arthur Hayter and Sir Gilbert Parker, still excites attention mingled with a little fear.

There is, too, another matter agitating the younger members. In some circles it is thought a greater scandal than the row the other night. Mysterious sounds have lately been heard in the inner lobby. It is suggested that there is a siren within. Mr. Swift MacNeill doubts this. His Hibernian instinct locates it as a banshee, which may have flown from some ancestral Irish home. On the other hand, an unimaginative Scottish member, who is an engineer by profession, declares that the wind occasionally whistles in the ventilating apparatus which allows the fresh air into permeate weary members' lungs.

BEERSVILLE COAL MINE.

Thirty Men are Now Employed and Twenty Tons are Mined per Day.

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Newcastle Advocate:—Although Beersville is practically only a few miles from Newcastle we wager that few of our citizens have visited or even know that there is at that place one of the best coal mines in the Dominion. The coal is there in large quantities and is of exceptional fine quality for house and steam purposes.

An Advocate representative paid a pleasant visit to the mine last week and found things progressing favorably, but not as energetically as it might be, as the management seem to be unable to hire miners.

The mine differs from the usual conception of a coal mine as there is no deep shaft to descend in a cage or bucket but is a level tunnel dug in the side of a hill. This tunnel is hardly high enough to enable one to walk uprightly and is about twelve

hundred feet long. Therein the miners are employed digging the coal which is loaded on tram-cars and hauled to the mouth of the tunnel.

At present the entire output of the mine is sold to the I. C. R.

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PRISON ANGEL IS A SUICIDE.

Woman Was Famous for Her Beauty.

Des Moines, Iowa, June 14.—Sarah Kuhn, one of the most beautiful women in Iowa, who was serving a life term at the State Prison at Anamosa for the murder of her husband, died of poison, self-administered.

Mrs. Kuhn, when 20 years ago, a wealthy citizen of Whatchee, Iowa,

He was a cripple and she disliked him, but her folks were poor, urged the marriage, and she acceded to their wishes.

One day while driving to their country home he was taken suddenly ill and died a few hours later. It was found that he had succumbed to poison administered in beer. Mrs. Kuhn was arrested, charged with the murder.

She protested her innocence but was found guilty. She was sentenced to life imprisonment. She continued maintaining her innocence and her great beauty enlisted in her cause many of the most influential men in Southern Iowa, who believed her innocent. An attempt was made to secure a pardon at the last session of the State Legislature, and it lost by a few votes. Arrangements were completed to ask the legislature this winter for a pardon and there is very little doubt but that it would have been granted.

Mrs. Kuhn was almost illiterate when she entered the prison, but the Warden and some of the guards became interested in her and in a few months she was said to have become very proficient in the routine studies. She learned instrumental music and her voice won her the name of "The Prison Angel."

For the past few months she had exhibited a deep melancholia and expressed fears as to what she would do if she was pardoned, believing that the world would hold aloof from her.

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SUNDAY LABOR WORST IN ONTARIO.

Army of 150,000 Sunday Workers in Canada.

60,000 ON RAILROADS.

"This great Dominion is dotted over with encroachments on the Sabbath," said Rev. T. Albert Moore, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, speaking in the General Methodist Church.

"Do you ask me where the encroachments are the worst?" "I am almost afraid that the Sabbath is encroached upon more in Ontario than in any other province." "Sincerely any person in Canada," he went on, "can call the Sabbath his day of rest."

"There is telling in Canada on Sundays an army of more than 150,000 men, not to speak of the multitude who stay at home to feed the Sunday visitors, or the army of girls, boys and women who are obliged to perform minor work on the Sabbath."

"Sixty thousand of these Sunday workers are employed on the railroads of Canada."

"Twenty-three thousand are in the smelters and rolling mills."

"Thirteen thousand are employed in operating Sunday street cars."

"An army of 150,000 men who are robbed of their spiritual and religious privileges!" he exclaimed.

HOW TORONTO HAS FAILED.

Recently a gentleman, addressing a gathering in Los Angeles, Cal., had pointed to Toronto as the city where the Sabbath was an ideal one, in its quietness and general observance.

"I have written the speaker," said Rev. Dr. Moore, "and have told him with regret that his statement was true of Toronto some years ago, but not so now."

"Some say that the men are glad to get the opportunity of working on Sunday for the money that is in it for them," continued Mr. Moore; "I do not believe it, however. I have canvassed conductors, motomen, and every other class of Sunday laborers, and I do not believe that two per cent. of the 150,000 are willing to work on Sunday."

Rev. Dr. Moore said that after his sermon recently in Montreal, a man dressed in his working clothes and with his dinner pail in his hand, met him in the aisle and said that he had not been given time to get home to put on better clothes that he might come to church. "I would like to be a Christian," the man added, "but how can I when my employer makes me work seven days a week?"

SPURNED LOVER ATTACKED GIRL.

Threw Acid Into Face of Miss Ramsey.

Marion, Ohio, June 14.—Enraged because his offers of love were spurned, a young man threw carbolic acid into the face of Miss Bessie Ramsey, a pretty brunette, aged 17. The acid struck the lower part of her face running down upon her chest and badly burning her. The assailant escaped without positive identification. Miss Ramsey has been receiving the attention of a well-known young man several months, but another young man fell violently in love with her. When she became aware of it she ordered him to go his way. He left the city and went to Columbus.

A short time afterward the young man whose attentions had been accepted proposed, and rumors of the approaching marriage were heard by the jealous lover in Columbus with the result that a letter was received by each of the engaged parties threatening them bodily harm.

BIG FIGURES FOR BASEBALL.

Three Million Spent in a Single Season.

From a school boy's game at its inception, baseball has developed into a national sport that costs the promoters of organized leagues almost \$3,000,000 a season and furnishes entertainment for the residents of cities with an aggregate population of over 26,000,000.

As every city, town, village and hamlet in America has its ball team, it can readily be seen that the total amount expended each season in the maintenance of the game in the United States, and the number of people who patronize it must be stupendous. The New York Globe has compiled figures that deal with professional baseball which show the wonderful growth of the game, and as indicating the manner in which thousands of young men now make a living.

On an average of fifteen men each to the 164 clubs under the national agreement, there are shown to be 2,460 players in that branch of the game alone, and the independent professionals doubtless swell the total to 10,000.

It would be difficult to estimate the thousands who play the game as amateurs.

The following recapitulation represents the outlay of twenty leagues:

Leagues—	Salaries.	Travel.	Exp.
American	\$405,000	\$80,000	\$149,000
National	\$405,000	\$80,000	\$149,000
Am. Asso.	140,000	48,000	56,000
Pac. Coast	144,000	48,000	36,000
Eastern	150,000	48,000	56,000
Pas. Nat.	40,000	16,000	16,000
N. Y. State	48,000	32,000	24,000
S. Atlantic	31,000	15,000	15,000
Southern	118,000	48,000	40,000
N. England	40,000	16,000	16,000
Central	40,000	20,000	20,000
Three I.	36,000	15,000	15,000
Connecticut	26,000	16,000	16,000
Hud. River	20,000	16,000	10,000
W. Asso.	20,000	16,000	10,000
Cot States	22,400	16,000	10,000
Northern	21,000	15,000	10,000
N. Texas	10,000	8,000	6,000
S. Texas	10,000	8,000	6,000
Iowa	16,000	12,000	9,000

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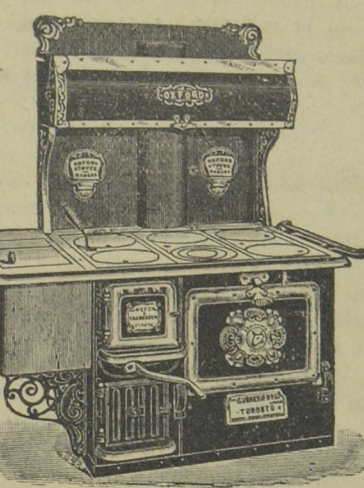
OYAMA NO DIPLOMAT

Japan Will not Trust Negotiations to Him.

London, June 14.—According to despatches from St. Petersburg in this morning's Times it is considered probable that the peace negotiations will be conducted through the rival leaders in the field. The Times' correspondent says he is able to state that there is every probability this arrangement will be made. Japan and Russia thus adopting the suggestion of President Roosevelt that Oyama and Linovitch should make a settlement between the belligerents. The best informed Japanese in London say nothing of the sort will come to pass. It might suit Russia to have this arrangement made, but it would not suit Japan. "Oyama the soldier," said a Japanese, who speaks authoritatively on all matters relating to Japanese policy, "is regarded by my people with the greatest admiration. We know what his great military genius has done for his country. We have implicit confidence in him as the commander of our forces in the field. But Oyama the soldier is not fit man to be charged with Japan's interests in the coming peace negotiations, and I do not think there is the slightest possibility that he will figure in these negotiations. War and diplomacy are two separate and distinct trades, and while Oyama is a past master in one, he knows nothing of the other."

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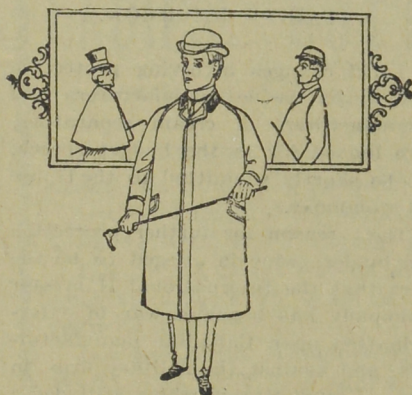
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