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CALENDAR OF ILLINOIS HISTORY.

October 11, 1849—Illinois and Michi-
gan Canal. The advantages of the
Illinois and Michigan canal are felt
more and more every day by the
towns on the Illinois river. Immense
quantities of goods are daily arriv-
ing at Beardstown by way of the
canal.

MAKING SCHOOL COUNT.

With the first half of October comes
a general sense of settling down to
the winter's work. The kindergarten's
first radiant excitement has worn
down to a steady delight. The child
in the higher grades is adapting him-
self to new teachers, new rooms and
new problems. The high school stu-
dent is beginning to feel at home with
the esoteric mysteries of x and y.
Mothers have adopted the housework
to the school schedule and find it
comfortable to have a quiet period in
which to accomplish exacting tasks.

School is taken for granted. Pro-
gress is assumed. But is every family
doing its best to make the school day
mean as much as they should to the
children?

Has your home a comfortable place
in which the child may study? Do
you see to it that your children are
gaining habits of promptness, order
and self-control?

Is the child getting simple, nour-
ishing food, and time to eat it? Is it
the accepted thing in many house-
holds that the child should sleep until
the last moment in the morning, rush
thru its dressing, perhaps without at-
tention to the teeth, gobble down a
few bites of breakfast and tear off to
school without a second to spare be-
fore the tardy bell. This is a sure
sign the child has not been sent to
bed early enough to get "slept up"
before a rising hour which will per-
mit orderly and comfortable progress
thru the early activities, the quiet
breakfast and the unhurried walk to
school which should start the day.

Whatever the vacation arrange-
ments may have been, during school
time, nine o'clock is the latest retir-
ing hour to be considered, even for
high school pupils. Friday and Satur-
day may permit a little laxity, but
thru the week long, quiet sleep is the
big essential. If the lessons cannot be
prepared before that time, something
is wrong with the school.

Plenty of sleep, plenty of fresh air
simplicity and regularity of regime, a
quiet place to study if homework is
required—these are the things which
must be insisted upon if school is to
count for all-round development.

SCHOOL ROOM MAPS.

The dilemma of the superintendent
of schools in a thriving middle west-
ern city is interesting as a side prob-
lem raised by the war. For three
years he had postponed ordering much
needed new school room maps, wait-
ing for the war to end and settle
future boundary lines. But the war
has refused to be so obliging. And
this fall the superintendent has reluc-
tantly placed his order for old maps
giving the old national territories and
outlines.

It is to be hoped that the study of
geography, isn't being held up by the
war. And when you come right down
to it, why aren't the old maps quite
as useful as the new ones would be
to an intelligent teacher and wide-
awake class in studying history, cli-
mates, peoples, racial traits, rivers
and mountains? Map-drawing might
even become a real sport instead of a
tedious exercise if students were
given a chance to draw them as they
may be or as they think they should
be. Why not let them make their
own maps for a while?

SHORT COURSE IN BUSINESS
NOT TO BE GIVEN THIS YEAR.

The University of Illinois has de-
cided not to repeat the short course
in business, which has been given
several years for the reason that the
demands on both faculty and students
for war service of one sort and another
have become so insistent that it is
felt that such energies as are available
should be devoted to the promotion
of this service. Members of the fac-
ulty who have been depended upon to
conduct the short course have also
been called into government work.
Illinois business men have receiv-
ed the short course work with favor
and it is hoped that, with the return
of normal conditions, the University
will be able to take up this service
again and extend its usefulness.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

OPERATORS OF HARD
COAL MINES CALLED
BEFORE FUEL BOARD

ANTHRACITE MEN WILL BE ASK-
ED SOME PERTINENT QUES-
TIONS BY FEDERAL BODY—IN
WASHINGTON TODAY.

Washington, Oct. 11.—Anthracite
coal operators were called on the
carpet today by the fuel administra-
tion. They were asked relative to
charges that they have hindered the
proper distribution of coal.

It is claimed by some retailers that
the operators have held back a con-
siderable portion of the available
coal supply.

The operators will hold their con-
ference with E. A. Sneed, who is in
charge of distribution for the fuel
administration. They insist they are
co-operating with the government to
the best of their ability.

Relief from a hard coal shortage,
which is being felt among household-
ers in Washington, is in sight, ac-
cording to an announcement made to-
night by the fuel administration.

It was stated that arrangements
have been made by which immediate
needs will be supplied, although the
greater part of the available coal
will be diverted to the Northwest un-
til the close of navigation.

Lists 3,000,000 Tons.

The fuel administration, it was
announced, has lists showing the lo-
cation of more than 3,000,000 tons of
the coal which is not under contract.
"Bona fide domestic requirements,"
said a statement issued by the fuel
administration, "are being taken care
of when specific, authentic statements
of shortage are furnished."

Through the fuel administration
figures compiled by the geological
survey were made public tonight that
the coal production in this country
will exceed that of last year by 10 per
cent. Whether or not there will be a
shortage depends upon whether the
demand upon American coal has in-
creased by more than 10 per cent.

INCREASE IN MUNITIONS
IS PLAN OF ENGINEERS

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 10.—Increasing
the country's production of sulphuric
acid by 2,000,000 tons, which can be
made possible chiefly through the
greater production of pyrites in this
country, will be one of the principal
war services of the American Insti-
tute of Mining Engineers, according
to plans discussed at the second day's
sessions of the institute, which is in
convention here. Sulphuric acid, be-
sides being a prime requisite in the
making of munitions, is important as a
fertilizer ingredient and to the chemi-
cal industry.

Government authorities at Washing-
ton have informed the institute that
1,250,000 tons of sulphuric acid were
produced in this country last year,
and in order to prosecute the war
without handicap in this country it is
necessary to increase this production
to 8,000,000 tons during 1917. The
principal pyrites mines are now locat-
ed in Virginia, California and New
York, but on account of transportation
difficulties the California deposit is
almost unavailable. Last year 40 per
cent of the sulphuric acid production
came from pyrites shipped from Spain,
1 per cent from Canada, 13 per cent
from domestic pyrites, 22 per cent
from smelter acid and 19 per cent
from native sulphur.

The country's pyrites supply is said
by the mining engineers to be only
second in importance to increasing
the supply of manganese ores for the
American steel industry. The con-
servation of this mineral and methods
to increase production are also con-
sidered by the institute.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS

- Anderson, Mr., R. 6.
- Adams, Stella.
- Bucks, Mrs. Margie.
- Barnard, Miss Mabel.
- Carville, E. P.
- Duffy, Mr. James J.
- Easton, Homer.
- Electric Novelty Co.
- Puller, L. W. Mrs.
- Graham, Robt.
- Gallup, Joe.
- Howard, Arthur.
- Hawkins, Glen.
- Hubbard, Dr. A. E.
- Hastings, Mrs. E.
- Harp, J. C.
- Johnson, Miss Elizabeth.
- Johnson, Mrs. Henry.
- Kerwin, E. J.
- Kortz, John.
- Lawson, Miss Ester.
- Litterest, O. V.
- Lyons, Miss Ruth.
- McClelland, Mrs. Belle.
- Mortvedt, Robert.
- Pruett, J.
- Rise, Francis.
- Shaarland, Miss Helen.
- Staber, Mrs. A. L.
- Tucker, F.
- West, John J.
- Waterhouse, Miss Mabel.
- Wigmore, Mrs. G. L.
- Wilson, J. R.

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RAILROADS ALLOWED
15C INCREASE ON ALL
SHIPMENTS OF COAL

Chicago, October 11.—Illinois rail-
roads were granted a freight rate in-
crease of 15 cents a ton on coal and
coke yesterday by the state public
utilities commission at Springfield.

The advanced tariff becomes effec-
tive Oct. 15 and it will stand for one
year.

The commission also allowed a 5
per cent increase on a large number
of other commodities.

Railroad officials received the de-
cision with satisfaction, particularly
as it came in time to apply to the
greater part of the season of heaviest
fuel movement. As coal and coke
make up a large portion of the traffic
on many of the Illinois carriers, the
increased tariff improvement in the
revenue situation of the roads.

ENGINEERS ADVOCATE
ECONOMY IN MINERALS

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 10.—Means of
conserving the country's war minerals
and engineering conferences on war
service subjects featured the one hun-
dred and fifteenth meeting of the
American Institute of Mining Engi-
neers, which convened here today.
Several hundred of the 6,000 members
of the Institute are in attendance and
throughout the week the convention
will inspect the coal fields of Illinois,
the zinc and other mining operations
of Missouri and the oil fields of Okla-
homa.

Wastage of natural resources, the
human element and capital in the coal
industry was pointed out in the course
of today's meeting by Francis S.
Peabody, president of the Peabody
Coal Co., and chairman of the Com-
mittee on Coal Production of the
Council of National Defense. Sugges-
tions of other members of the Insti-
tute for economy in mining and hand-
ling the country's resources were
discussed in similar lines, in addition to
the discussion of plans for opening up
mining operations in sections which
might not be commercially profitable
except in emergency times.

Ways of improving the economic
situation in the coal mining industry
were presented by Professor C. M.
Young, of the University of Illinois.
Professor Young said: "It is highly
desirable in featuring the ultimate
welfare of the coal industry that
there should be some control of the
markets and transportation. It would
be far better for the fuel industry if
there were some such control in this
country as exists in some European
countries, through which there should
be a proper regulation of output and
of markets, so that each district may
have its share of the business. I have
no doubt that the operators of Illinois
as well as most other States would
welcome such control if they could
only feel sure that it would be a con-
structive one."

EXPRESS ROBBERS IN
N. Y. GET \$6,000 LOOT

Hoboken, N. J., Oct. 11.—Holding up
two Adams Express Company employ-
ees in the Lading station here early to-
day, five masked robbers secured \$6,-
000 and made their escape. They shot
one of the employees. A policeman en-
gaged the bandits in a running battle
as they fled and it is thought he
wounded one of them.

Two hundred men were at work in
the express company's building at the
time of the robbery.

Five men arrived at the building in
a limousine. One of them remained
in the car and kept the engine run-
ning. The other four, armed with
rifles entered the building and while
one covered a crew of workmen, the
others entered the "valuables" room.
Two clerks were "covered" and
when one refused to throw up his
hand he was shot in the back. The
robbers then grabbed three bags of
money and ran from the place.

As they emerged from the building
they encountered Policeman James
Downing, who had heard the pistol
report. He was ordered to throw up
his hands but replied by firing at the
robbers. One of them was seen to
stagger and was assisted to the wait-
ing car while the other members re-
turned the policeman's fire.

Except the men covered by the rob-
bers, no one in the building knew of
the robbery until the bandits had driv-
en from the scene.

Ernest Hecker, the clerk who was
shot in the back was hurried to a hos-
pital and is said to be in a serious
condition.

MRS. PULLMAN PROTEGE
AGAIN DISAPPEARS

Chicago, Oct. 11.—Missing since
October 1, when she disappeared from
a sanitarium at Asheville, N. C. Miss
Grace Stewart Potter, concert pianist
and protegee of Mrs. George M. Pull-
man today is the object of a search
that may become nation wide. Miss
Potter had been undergoing treatment
for a nervous breakdown and had
been at the sanitarium two months.

Besides efforts that are being made
to find her in Chicago and other cities,
experienced guides are seeking the
missing girl in the mountains of
North Carolina.

Miss Potter caused a sensation in
1915 when she disappeared and was
not found for eight days. It was given
out then that she had suffered a
lapse of memory.

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There is a variety enough in style, in materials, in shades and in prices, and our service is unexcelled—this, then, is the logical time to select your new coat.

We know you'd have selected these new fall suits—if you had been with us when we selected these suits for the new season, we know you'd have made the same choice we did for these are the best liked of the season's models.

There are suits of gaberdine, of serge, poplin, purella cloth, broadcloth, poret twill, tricotine and velvet—in jackets one may choose from various lengths—some are plain tailored, others tailored with just enough trimming to relieve the severity

—and others are more dressy, with braid trimmings—fur and imitation fur collars and cuffs—with graceful folds and ornaments—you'll find your choice among these.

A word to the wise, if you will take our advice you will find it is economy on your part to take care of your fall purchases as soon as possible. Our advice to you is to look through your supply of Blankets, Comforters, Winter Underwear, Hosiery, Table Linens, etc. Our stocks of all these lines are now loaded to their full capacity. In a great many of the items we quote you the old prices which cannot prevail later on. Our foresight in placing early orders direct with the mill and manufacturers has placed us in a position to protect our customers. Many have taken advantage of it and realize

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These cars have all been gone over and put in first class running order by our mechanics and every one of them is a good car.

New cars have all advanced in price. This is your chance to get a good car at your own price. A good used car is a good buy at any time the depreciation is much less than in a new car.

If you haven't a car it will pay you to get one of these. If you have a need car get one of these and save your other car this winter. Come early and pick 'em out.

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