

# ATLANTIC COAST HAMPERED BY TRAFFIC TIEUP

Shipping Begins to Move  
Cautiously After 4-Day  
Delay.

*By United Press*  
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Creeping slowly onward from the west, cold weather today dispelled the fog, which shrouded the north Atlantic seaboard for days. Sleet storms to the north and a blizzard to the west had combined with the fog to cause one of the most complete tieups of all kinds of traffic in years.

Trains into New York from the west were as much as ten hours late due to the blizzard; air mail service was at a standstill for the eighth successive day; wire communications to the north still were precarious as a result of the freakish play of the elements; shipping began to move cautiously here after four days' delay.

The fog here caused hundreds of thousands of dollars loss as perishable foodstuffs were tied up in the harbor.

Only three vessels ran the fog blockade into the harbor Thursday. With the lesson of the sinking of the liner *Fort Victoria*, fresh in mind, skippers took no chances. Only harbor craft, such as ferries and tugs, dared to creep through the murk, and those with bells clangling and fog horns bellowing incessantly. The hulk of the sunken *Fort Victoria*, near Ambrose Light, was an added menace to shipping.

Six passenger ships swung impatiently at their anchors outside the harbor and others loaded with vacationers bound for southern climes remained at their piers here. Scores of freighters likewise were tied up.

Not since Dec. 12 has any air mail moved into New York from the west, nor has any left. One official of the National Air Transport said the weather combination was the worst in the history of commercial aviation in this country.

## LOOK TO ISLAND FOR POPULATION SOLUTION

*Result of Overcrowding May Be  
Seen at Mauritius.*

*By Science Service*  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—What happens to a country when it becomes overpopulated is a question which scientists and statesmen would like to have answered. The tiny island of Mauritius in the Indian ocean is expected to provide the answer, according to Dr. D. Orysdale Anderson of the colony's health department.

In a report to the forthcoming meeting of "Human Biology," Dr. Anderson shows that the country has reached the point of population saturation and even transgressed this point. There is no hope of the population shrinking nor does the means of subsistence for the people show any probability of increasing shortly. Dr. Anderson points out that the next few years in the life of Mauritius will therefore be of great interest to the scientific world in general, while to Mauritius in particular they will be of vital import.

## RUBBER TRANSPLANTED

*Para Trees Growth in Florida  
Is  
Termed Encouraging.*

*By Science Service*  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Para rubber trees planted by the department of agriculture in Florida are making remarkable and encouraging progress, according to a report recently given to the appropriations committee of the house by Dr. Karl F. Kellerman, associate chief of the bureau of plant industry.

The oldest trees in the experiment are four years old. The department has discovered that young rubber trees in such a climate as Florida's must be protected by lattice work. The trees will grow about as well as they do in Haiti, Dr. Kellerman believes. The growth in Haiti is satisfactory, inasmuch as the trees produce as much rubber as they do when grown in the tropics, though they do not seem to be quite as vigorous.

## TEST SPEED OF LIGHT

*Mile of Vacuum Iron Pipe Used  
For Measure Proves Practical.*

*By Science Service*  
PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 20.—Reflecting a beam of light back and forth on a ten-mile journey through a mile of iron pipe from which the air has been exhausted, in order to measure light's speed, seems to be feasible, preliminary experiments just completed here at the Mt. Wilson Observatory have shown.

The method was proposed by Dr. A. A. Michelson, famed physicist of the University of Chicago, who will come to Pasadena next spring for the final experiment.

## Strategy Trips Coal Thief

*By Times Special*  
ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 20.—Louis Rector, manager of a coal company, discovered that the stock of coal was diminishing at a rate faster than money was coming into the office. He armed himself with a revolver, turned out the light in the office, and awaited developments. The night was still early when he heard a noise in the rear of the yard and upon investigating saw a Negro throwing coal into two baskets. Rector fired twice and then cornered the Negro in a bin from which there was no escape and held him until police arrived. The Negro was identified as James Richardson. He was locked up in the county jail.

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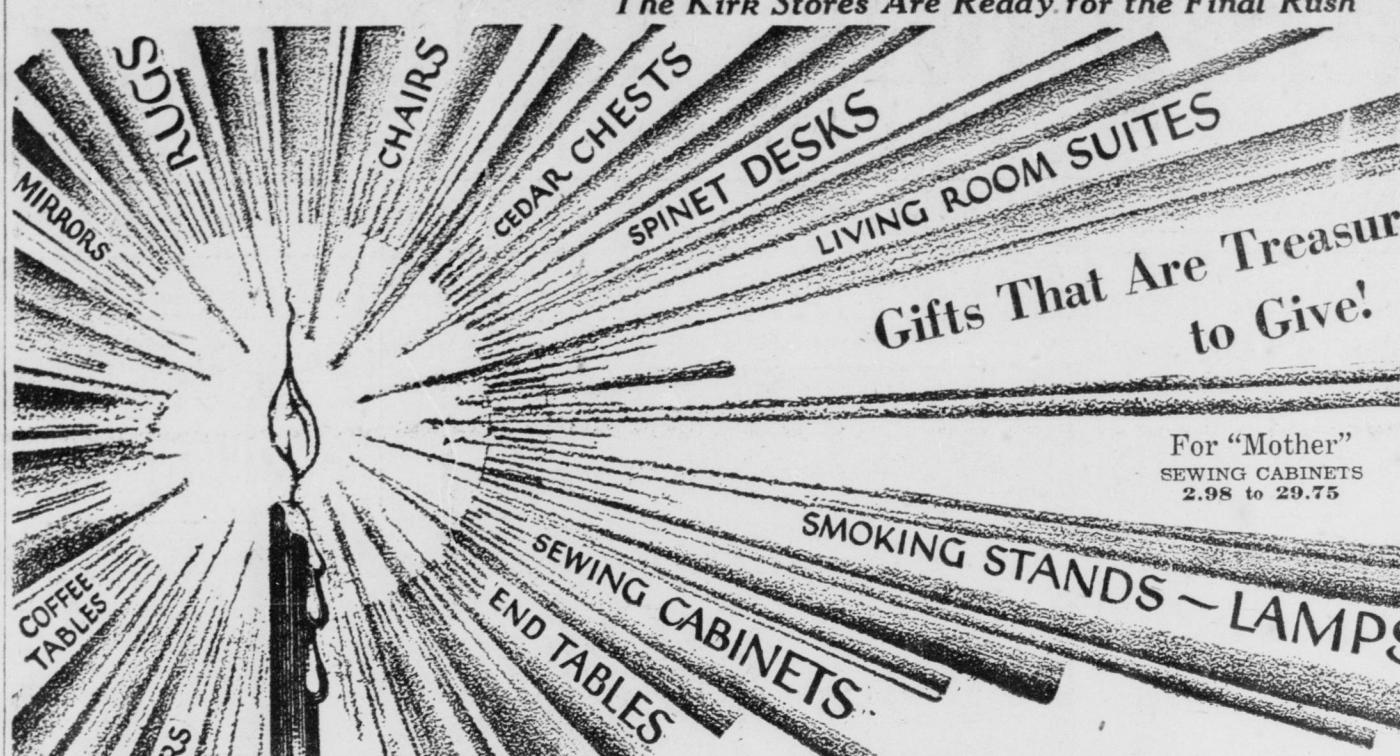
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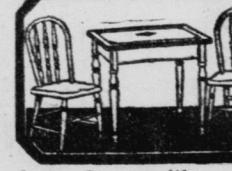
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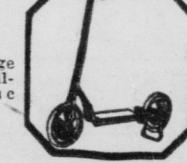
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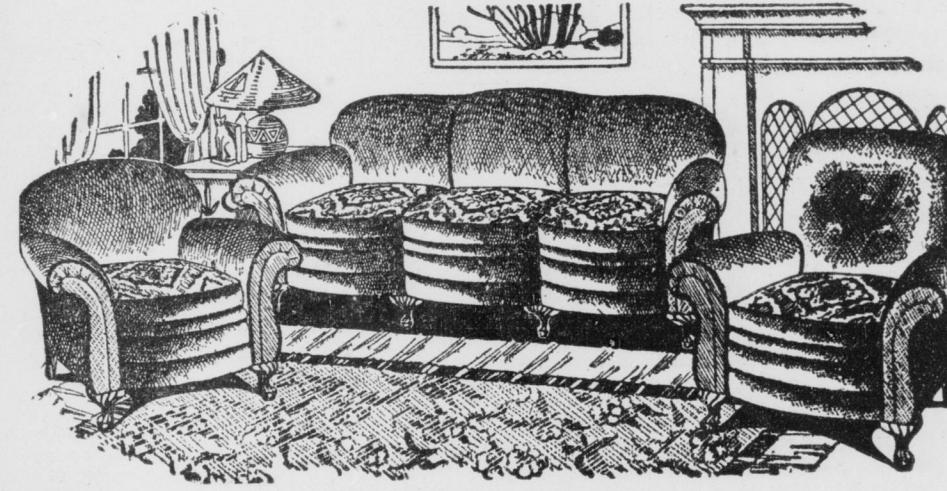


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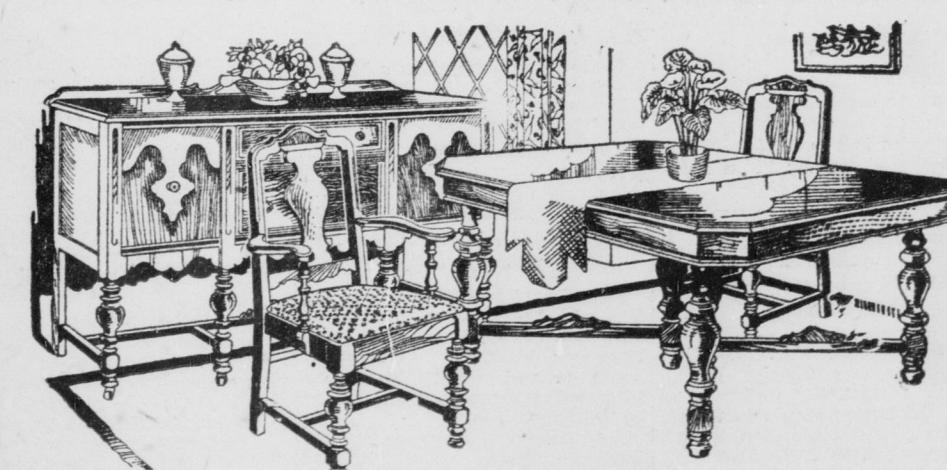
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