

COAL, ASHES, FREIGHT IS SUPPLIED CHICAGO BY SUBWAY SYSTEM

(By Associated Press)
 CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Forty feet underground Chicago has one of the most unique subway systems in the world. Devoted entirely to the hauling of freight, it keeps the congested loop district comparatively free of heavy traffic vehicles. Officials of the tunnel company estimate more than 6,000 trucks would have to pass through loop streets daily to duplicate the work done by the subway.
 Over 82 miles of narrow gauge track, 132 electric locomotives and 7,000 freight cars hauled 6,000,000 tons of merchandise and 230,000 tons of coal last year.
 Scores of downtown office buildings and stores receive their freight from the railroad depots via the subway. Their coal comes by the same route, and at night the ashes are hauled away through the underground tunnels, to be dumped on the lake front, where acres of land are reclaimed yearly. The ground on which the great new Field Museum, at the south end of Grant Park, is built, was a few years ago a part of the lake. The tunnel company filled it in with ashes.
 Carries Dirt Away.
 Another unusual service is the removal of dirt from building excavations. A shaft is sunk from the building site to the tunnel level under the street. Workmen with wheel barrows

dump the dirt down the shaft, where it falls into cars of a waiting train, to be hauled to the lake front disposal station.
 For handling merchandise, coal and ashes, electric elevators lift the subway cars from the tunnel level to stores and office buildings, where they are emptied and refilled, and then lowered again to the tracks below.
 The subway tracks underlay every street in the loop district, covering a district 22 blocks long and nine blocks wide, and in addition the network of tunnels extends north under the river to the warehouse and railroad district along North Water street, and west of the south branch of the river for six blocks through the railroad and factory district of the near west side.
 Four main receiving stations outside of the loop gather incoming merchandise for delivery to downtown buildings, and distribute outgoing packages for truck hauls to other parts of the city.
 Every railroad station but one has connections, and freight and express billed from one station to another is transferred by the subway. In addition every station but one has connections for sending mail to the postoffice. Special trains of steel mail cars carry the sacks through the tunnel.

COMBAT CATTLE DISEASE.
 LONDON, Dec. 13.—For the first time on record, say the Morning Post, cases of foot-and-mouth disease have occurred among cattle on the Channel Island of Jersey, whence comes a famous breed of cows. Drastic measures have been adopted to stamp out the disease and many head of cattle have been destroyed.

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The Fünfkirchen district, 105 miles southwest of Budapest, which was awarded to Hungary by the peace treaty, has been declared the republic of Baranya under the protection of Serbia, which promises military aid in the event that Hungary attempts to occupy the district, according to dispatches from Agras.

WORKINGMEN'S CONGRESS
 (By Associated Press.)
 MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13.—Elaborate plans are already under way here for the entertainment of the delegates to the congress of Latin-American Workmen which is to be held in Mexico City for a week beginning January 11. Indications are that several hundred visitors will be here with all the

Central American republics represented and several from South America. The American Federation of Labor also will send a delegation, it is understood.

TEACH POLITENESS
 (By Associated Press.)
 CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 13.—Lectures in "politeness, courtesy and firmness" and a set of nearly 50 rules are being drilled into Chicago's traffic department policemen in a department school which has just been started. Efforts to relieve congestion in the downtown district and minimize the danger of crossings are the object of the rules.



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