

BODIES TORN TO SHREDS.

Five Men Blown to Atoms in Mine Explosion.

SEVERAL FATALLY INJURED

Employe Who Unwittingly Diverted the Air Course and Allowed Gas to Accumulate Where Men Were at Work Held Responsible for the Accident.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 31.—A heavy explosion of gas occurred in slope No. 1 of the shaft of the Kingston company at Edwardsville at 3 p. m., in which five men lost their lives and five were fatally injured.

The names of the dead are: Peter Urovice, Frank Mackalowski and John Dolan.

Those believed to be fatally injured are: Michael Gatorski, Adam Lotoski, Andrew Ratowski, John Bucho and David Evans.

When these men were brought to the surface by rescuers the skin hung in shreds from their bodies. The work of rescue was dangerous, as "after-damp" had accumulated. The first rescuing party that went down in the mine were driven back and two men in the party had to be carried out.

The force of the explosion was so great that it blew down a great section of the roof. It was thought at first that there were a number of men back of the fall, but the mine officials were of the opinion that all the men had been taken out. The relatives of two men report, however, that they are still missing. The accident was due to an employe who diverted the air course unwittingly and allowed the gas to accumulate in the place where the men were at work.

Tax Levy for Red Cross.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 31.—The government, for the second time in two months, has imposed a special tax for the benefit of the Red Cross society. The first was a tax of from 5 to 10 rubles upon licenses to travel abroad, according to the length of time for which the license was granted, and now railway tickets are taxed 5 kopecks when the fare is 5 rubles or upward. It is estimated that the ticket tax will yield \$125,000 yearly and that on licenses \$100,000. It is understood that the czarina, whose interest in the Red Cross society is keen, originated the idea of imposing the taxes.

More Trouble Brewing in China.

London, Oct. 31.—"Most serious trouble," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, "is brewing in the Yang Tse region, whither the empress dowager has sent emissaries to raise powerful armed bodies to exterminate converts and expel foreigners. China has appointed Yu Yien, a notorious anti-foreigner, to be military commander of this district."

Lion Tamer Badly Injured.

Paris, Oct. 31.—A lion tamer who daily enters a cage containing three lions in the Paris hippodrome was terribly mangled last evening. His foot slipped and the largest animal sprang on him, tearing his arms and face with his teeth and claws. Without losing his presence of mind he kept the animal at bay by the aid of his whip until he was rescued.

Judge Sentences Stevens.

Sloux Falls, S. D., Oct. 31.—Judge Jones returned from Elk Point yesterday, having concluded the term of court, which resulted in the conviction of Lorenzo Stevens for the murder of Samuel Livingston. Prior to departing for his home here yesterday he sentenced Stevens to life imprisonment in the Sloux Falls penitentiary.

Earl Li at His Old Tricks.

London, Oct. 31.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Times, writing yesterday, says: "Li Hung Chang has wired to Chang Chih Tung, the Wu Chang viceroy, that the peace negotiations are satisfactory, but to other leading officials he has telegraphed exactly the reverse, bidding them prepare for eventualities."

Defeat French Fencing Team.

Annapolis, Md., Oct. 31.—A naval academy fencing team made an American audience happy last evening in the gymnasium by defeating a French fencing team from the French Atlantic squadron seven bouts to two. The French team consisted of Eugenis Roy and Franquet from the Cecille and Ensign Pertus from the Suchet. The naval academy team: Naval Cadet Adolphus Andrews of Texas, Lewis McBride of Pennsylvania and Sydney Henry of New York.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Fully 6,000 people attended the Chicago horse show Tuesday night.

The Prince of Wales has cancelled his retainer of "Tod" Slaon for 1901.

General Benjamin Flagler of Niagara Falls died in the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York, Tuesday.

Former Congressman James Buchanan died suddenly at his home in Trenton, N. J., Tuesday, aged 61.

The Norwegian government has decided to impose a special tax on all persons avoiding conscription.

C. A. Parker has accepted the chairmanship of the Colorado Railway as soon as it succeeds in securing a Wellington.

Samuel Buchanan hit James Pifer with an iron weight and killed him almost instantly in a quarrel over politics at Bridgeport, Ill., Tuesday.

The Duke of Abruzzi has chartered the Gothenburg whaler Capella to proceed to Franz Joseph Land in search of three Arctic exploration expeditions.

GATES SELLS OUT THE ROAD

Syndicate Representing Other Lines Secures Control of Kansas City Southern. New York, Oct. 31.—It is learned on excellent authority that John W. Gates, who recently purchased a controlling interest in the securities of the Kansas City Southern railroad (formerly the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf) has just sold such control to a syndicate representing various connecting roads. The new purchasers include James Stillman, representing the Rockefeller interests in the Missouri, Kansas and Texas; Cohn, Loeb & Co., representing the Union Pacific; E. H. Harriman, representing the Chicago and Alton, and George Gould, representing the Missouri Pacific. The sale is regarded as a decidedly important one in southwestern railway circles, as regards Pacific coast business. By means of the new control it now becomes a direct road from Chicago to the gulf and by means of the Union Pacific a direct route to the Pacific coast.

FERRELL FOUND GUILTY

Jury Brings In Verdict at Midnight—Murderer of Express Messenger Lane Must Pay Death Penalty.

Marysville, O., Oct. 31.—The Ferrer case was given to the jury at 4:30 p. m. yesterday. The charge to the jury was quite lengthy, being devoted largely to instructions for the jury in determining the mental status of the prisoner at the time the crime was committed. He admonished the jury that no light or flippant doubt should be allowed to enter into the case. Ferrer's demeanor during the whole of the last day's proceedings was one of apparent indifference.

The jury at midnight returned a verdict of murder in the first degree without recommendation against Ferrer for the murder, on the night of Aug. 10 last, of Charles Lane, an express messenger on a Panhandle east-bound train. The murder was committed for the purpose of robbery. Ferrer secured \$1,000 in money from the safe of the Adams Express company.

The verdict carries with it the death penalty, which is electrocution. A desperate effort was made to save the prisoner's life. The crime was not denied, but the plea made that he was mentally irresponsible and an attempt was made to show that insanity was hereditary.

When the verdict was read Ferrer appeared to be taken by surprise and his face flushed. This was the first visible sign of emotion that has been shown by him during the trial, but he quickly regained composure.

BLOODY HOLDUP.

Three Italian Miners Killed and the Fourth In Jail—Paymaster Hosler Slain and Messenger Wounded.

Pittsburg, Oct. 31.—Four Italian miners attempted to rob Pay Clerk William Hosler of the Southwest Consolidated Coke company while making his trip yesterday between this city and Alverton with the pay roll of the Alverton and Tarr works, amounting to \$1,000.

Mr. Hosler is dead, his companion, Harry Burgess, messenger of the company, is wounded; two of the Italians are dead, a third fatally wounded and the fourth in jail.

Hosler and Burgess left this city at 1 p. m. with the safe containing the money to pay off the men at the Alverton and Tarr works. When they reached the summit of the long hill above Morewood, just below which lies Alverton, a large coke town, without a second's warning four Italians fired a volley from their hiding place and sprang forward, firing as they advanced. Mr. Hosler fell dead at the first volley, young Burgess, though wounded, was able to return their fire with effect, and one of the number at the horses' heads fell dead. A second later he fired his revolver in the face of another, and as he fell his two remaining companions became terrified and, leaving the dead, set out with the wounded one over the hill to the south.

One of the posse succeeded in getting in their rear. He shot one through the head, killing him. The other surrendered.

FRANCE STANDS ALOOF.

Government Will Neither Interfere With or Participate in Kruger Demonstration.

Paris, Oct. 31.—The foreign officials believe former President Kruger will travel incognito during his visit to the capitals, relinquishing it in each city only enough to permit an exchange of visits between Mr. Kruger and the head of the nation. His stay in Paris will not exceed 48 hours and possibly only 24 hours. The French government will not offer Mr. Kruger any formal function, though it is expected the city will tender him a demonstration which will be a scene of enthusiasm. The government will not take part in the reception, but will not, however, put any obstacle in the way of private plans of welcome. In short, the government will not take any step likely to be construed as an offense to Great Britain, though it is certain President Loubet will exchange visits. The same proceeding, it is believed, will be followed at each European capital visited.

Last English Election Returns.

London, Oct. 31.—Returns of the election in the Orkney and the Shetland district show a Unionist gain. J. C. Wason, the candidate of that party, defeating Sir Leonard Lyell, his Liberal opponent.

Russians Will Evacuate New Chwang. Shanghai, Oct. 31.—It is said here the Russians will evacuate New Chwang next Thursday.

DIGGING OUT THE DEAD.

Four Bodies Taken from Ruins of New York Fire.

THIRTY-FOUR YET MISSING.

Rules Too Hot to Be Explored—Fire Department Officials Believe Many Bodies Are Buried Beneath Debris Piled In the Streets—Theory as to Cause of Explosion.

New York, Oct. 31.—All the efforts of the authorities are now directed to clearing away the ruins of the Tarrant and other buildings wrecked by the great explosion Monday, in the desire to find out how many bodies are buried in them and to ascertain the cause of the explosion. The efforts of the searchers were rewarded last evening by finding the remains of Mr. Schmidt and the discovery of what looks to be the bodies of three other people. Schmidt was an engraver and had an office at 1011 Warren street. The body could be seen pinned down under a mass of twisted iron. At the northwest corner of the Tarrant building a mass of clothing and indiscriminate articles was come across and the mass was said to be the bodies of three people. The firemen went to work with a will to dig out the mass, and brought forth a portion of a woman's foot and a piece of skull, a portion of a human trunk, probably the abdomen, was dug out and a little later a brown canvas coat. Still later the firemen found another portion of a skull and a portion of a human back.

Both Inspector Brooks and Captain Westerfelt were skeptical over the reported large loss of life. They both said they did not expect that more than four or five bodies would be found in the ruins.

Playing on the still burning ruins were four engines and they kept their streams going continually.

A revised list shows 34 persons still missing.

Chief Croker of the fire department says the work of digging out the dead has hardly begun. He believes the greater number of dead will be found on the streets, where the falling walls buried them and the fire charred their bodies. He believes too that the ruins contain more bodies than most persons will admit. It was at Warren and Greene streets that the most people were killed, according to Chief Croker's theory. When the crash came and the walls fell in a heap they had no time to get out of the way.

"When we get to that point in digging for the dead," said Chief Croker, pointing to the ruins under the Atlantic cafe, "we will find many crushed and burned to death."

It was the conviction today that the explosion was caused by gases generated from chemicals by the heat of the fire.

The fire department officials do not believe the ordinary stock of drugs and chemicals of a wholesale druggist could develop an explosive force capable of hurling a steel and stone 7-story building into the air. The theory is gaining ground that the explosion was caused by the action of water and fire on a great quantity of chloride of potash stored in the building.

ATTACKED BY TOUGHS.

Several Members of a Rough Rider Club Injured—One Fatally.

Toledo, O., Oct. 31.—Several members of the Monclova Rough Rider club were seriously injured as they were boarding a train at Grand Rapids, O., last night after a political demonstration. They were attacked by a mob of toughs. John Hemp was struck with an iron missile and will die. Oscar Johnson was badly injured by being struck in the back of the head with a piece of iron. The postmaster of Presque Isle was also badly hurt and a dozen or more were slightly injured.

KILLED HER OWN SON.

Backed His Head In Pieces with a Hatchet Because He Smoked.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 31.—The dead body of Clifford Cawthon, the 16-year-old son of a widow, was found at his home last night, lying on a bed in a pool of blood, his head backed to pieces with a hatchet, which was lying near by. The building was on fire and the firemen discovered the body.

Mrs. Cawthon, the mother, confessed that she committed the deed, and that it was her intention to kill the whole family. She said the reason she killed the boy was that he was bad and smoked cigarettes.

Lehigh Collieries to Resume.

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 31.—The men employed at the collieries of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company adopted a resolution requesting the company to abolish the sliding scale and guarantee to pay 10 per cent increase until April 1. The company immediately agreed to the proposition and posted notices. Work will be resumed as soon as the mines can be put in shape. A. Pardee & Co. hired 70 new men at the Cranberry colliery yesterday to take the places of strikers who have not reported for work.

Objects to Negro Militia.

Atlanta, Oct. 31.—In his annual report to the governor Adjutant General Byrd recommends that the negro troops of the state be disbanded and mustered out of service, because, he believes, they cannot be of any service to the state from a military standpoint.

Kenosaw Banker Stricken. Kenosaw, Neb., Oct. 31.—Henry E. Norton, president of the Kenosaw Exchange bank, is lying unconscious, suffering from a stroke of apoplexy. He was taken ill last evening.

BLOOD POISON. Mercury AND Polash Make Wrecks, Not Cures. In some cases the external signs of Contagious Blood Poison are so slight that the victim is firmly within the grasp of the monster before the true nature of the disease is known. In other cases the blood is quickly filled with this poisonous virus and the swollen glands, mucus patches in the mouth, sores on scalp, ulcers on tongue, sore throat, eruptions on skin, copper colored spots, and falling hair and eyebrows leave no room for doubt, as these are all unmistakable signs of Contagious Blood Poison.

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