

NO BLAME FOR EXPLOSION

Iowa Coal Mine Fatality Not the Fault of Any Man.

THUS REPORTS THE CORONER'S JURY

All of the Twenty Dead Are to Have a Joint Funeral Service Today at the Expense of the Company.

OSKALOOSA, Ia., Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The coroner's inquest held over the remains of the twenty miners killed in the recent explosion at the Lost Creek coal mine, southeast of this city, Friday, Jan. 24, was held this afternoon and a large number of witnesses were examined. The taking of evidence occupied the greater part of the afternoon. The witnesses included State Mine Inspector John Verner, who had made a critical examination of the mine during the forenoon, and the miners in the pit at the time of the explosion gave evidence.

The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the men came to their death on account of a dust explosion in the mine, caused by a shot fired by a miner named Andy Paah, one of those killed. The jury absolved all parties concerned and held no one to blame for the accident and terrible loss of life.

The examination showed that the explosion had occurred in the east part only, and that the west entries were not affected. The damage to property is not so great as was at first supposed, there being a small amount of property destroyed. Eleven of the survivors, who were badly injured, are being cared for by the company and are reported better. All but two will be out in a short time. George Goke and Oliver Mable are seriously hurt and their recovery is doubted.

Faulty Shot Causes Explosion.

Coroner Fohelinger found the disaster was caused by an explosion of dust ignited by a shot fired by Andy Paah. It proved to be what miners call a "screamer," or a "squeler." To be more clear, the shot when exploded, instead of knocking down the coal, fired straight out into the room. This kind of a shot causes much dust, and, the flames coming into contact with the dust, usually furnishes an explosion.

In the accident of yesterday the effect was simply terrific. The tracks were torn up and the guides for the cages were blown away. On this account they could not be operated for three hours. The fans were also damaged and could not be used. All the doors were blown completely out, and no system of ventilation could be arranged until the doors were replaced by volunteers and it was almost certain death to go into the mine. As soon as the cages could be operated volunteers speedily stepped forward. The first man to enter the mine was John G. Johnson, general superintendent of the mine. He was eagerly followed by many others, who took their turns in going to the relief of the victims. As soon as the mine was fully explored twenty dead bodies were found.

Coroner Fohelinger of Oskaloosa was on the ground, took charge of the bodies, and caused them to be taken to the company's store, about a mile distant. Here an improvised morgue was established and the bodies were received wrapped in blankets. The coroner did not deem it advisable to expose them to the view of the crowd.

DISEASED KIDNEYS

If Any of Your Family in This or Past Generations Have Been Troubled with Kidney Disease Make a Test of Your Urine and Satisfy Yourself.

CURED FREE

Mrs. George Haight of 801 Columbus Ave., New York City, who is 78 years old, says she was cured of serious Kidney and Bladder Disease.

WARNER'S SAFE CURE

is the Only Cure for All Forms of Kidney Disease—A Trial Bottle Will Be Sent Absolutely Free to Any Reader of The Bee.

TEST YOUR KIDNEYS. Put some morning urine in a glass or bottle; let it stand for twenty-four hours. If it is milky or cloudy or contains a reddish brick-dust sediment, or if particles of gravel float about in it, your kidneys are diseased. This is the supreme moment when you should begin to take Warner's Safe Cure to arrest all these unnatural conditions, for they are the unmistakable symptoms of kidney disease. If, after you have made this test, you have any doubt in your mind as to the development of the disease in your system, send us a sample of your urine and our doctors will analyze it and send you a report with advice free.

WARNER'S SAFE CURE is the only positive cure for all forms of kidney, liver, bladder and blood diseases, uric acid, rheumatism, gout, diabetes, pain in the back, itching and burning of the urine, frequent desire to urinate, painful periods, frequent down and so-called female weakness.

Kidneys Cured at 78 Years of Age. Mrs. George Haight of 801 Columbus Ave., New York, who is 78 years old, says Warner's Safe Cure cured her of serious kidney and bladder disease and has kept her in robust health.

WARNER'S SAFE CURE is purely vegetable and contains no harmful drugs. It does not constipate; it is sold by all druggists, or direct at FIFTY CENTS and B.O. BOTTLE. Less than One Cent a Dose.

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To convince every sufferer from diseases of the kidney, liver, bladder and blood, Warner's Safe Cure will cure them. A trial bottle will be sent absolutely free to any one who will write Warner's Safe Cure Co., Rochester, N. Y., and mention having seen this liberal offer in The Bee. Our doctor will send medical booklet, containing symptoms and treatment of each disease and many convincing testimonials, free, to any one who will write.

TREES ON THE SAND DUNES

Senator Millard Skeptical About Government's Ability to Transform to Forest Reserve.

ARE OPPOSED BY EASTERN OPERATOR

Convention is Urged to Petition Congress for Irrigation Facilities for Lands of the Arid West.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Millard is opposed to setting apart three forest reserves in Nebraska, as contemplated by the Department of Agriculture. He has refused to join the members of the Nebraska delegation in recommending the action proposed by the department upon the ground that the sand hills of Nebraska are fitted only for grazing purposes. He is, however, in favor of opening to the public 50,000 acres for the purpose of demonstrating whether small trees can be grown on the sand dunes which are now sought to be isolated in the forest reserves.

"This is no captious theory of mine," said the senator. "I do not believe trees can be grown on this vast expanse of sand, over which the wind sweeps constantly. It gives poor grazing for cattle, but it is better than nothing, and therefore I want to be satisfied before I commit myself to a policy which may amount to little, looking to the upbuilding of our state."

Senator Millard's pronounced opposition to the letter which was set in circulation this week among the Nebraska legislators has temporarily put a stop to the consideration of Nebraska forest reserves. He will be labored with, however, by an expert from the Department of Agriculture, who hopes to change the senator's ideas about growing trees on the sand dunes.

Rural free delivery service has been ordered established March 1 at Oelwein, Fayette county, Ia. The area covered is seventy-three square miles, containing 1,570 population. William G. Gregory, John M. Wilson and James L. Wilson are carriers. Postmasters appointed: Nebraska—Luella, Sheridan county, Mary Cuff, vice F. L. W. Scribner, resigned. Iowa—Hinsdale, Lee county, Arvilla Teile. South Dakota—Storm, Marshall county, B. Edmondson. Wyoming—Afton, Uinta county, Arthur Roberts.

IN DOUBT REGARDING ACTION

Sub-Committee Investigating Killing of Filipino Prisoners Defers Decision.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The subcommittee of the senate committee on pensions which has been engaged for the past week in making an investigation into the charges against General Wilder S. Metcalf, who has been nominated for the office of pension agent at Topeka, Kan., probably will make a partial report to the full committee at its meeting next Monday.

The subcommittee finds itself in somewhat of a quandary because of the conflicting nature of the testimony that has been adduced. This conflict is not entirely confined to different individuals, but in some cases the same person makes affidavits on both sides of the controversy. Because of this condition the subcommittee is in doubt whether to ask for further time for investigation or report the facts as far as they are developed, leaving the full committee to deal with the case.

NO PLEBISCITE AT PRESENT

Denmark Will Not Take Final Action on Treaty Until Senate Acts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The Danish government will not take the plebiscite of the Danish West Indian islands to determine whether they shall be ceded to the United States until the United States senate has ratified the treaty of cession signed yesterday. This circumstance is supposed to be the outcome of the senate's action in rejecting a former treaty of cession after Denmark had acceded to the islanders to the idea of transfer.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Jan. 25.—The announcement which reached here yesterday of the signing of the treaty by which Denmark sells the Danish West Indies to the United States was received quietly. There was no open manifestation, but much anxiety prevails regarding the developments. The governor of St. Thomas has declined to be interviewed. Nothing official has yet been received from Copenhagen. The Danish cruiser Valkyrie will remain here indefinitely, it is reported, so as to guard against disturbances, which it is believed are not likely to occur.

PRESIDENT UPHOLDS BULLOCK

Says Supervisor is Right in Selection of Black Hills Rangers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—President Roosevelt had a talk today with Captain Seth Bullock, the first supervisor of the celebrated Black Hills forest reserve, and Representative Martin of South Dakota. The conference related to the appointment of rangers in the Black Hills reserve. These rangers have been appointed by the secretary of the interior without consulting the supervisor and Captain Bullock desires authority to select his own rangers. He told the president that the reserve was the most important in the country, largely by reason of the great value of the timber, and he would not like to be wholly responsible unless he could name his own subordinates. There are seventeen to thirty rangers under Captain Bullock.

Changes in Post Cards.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The Postoffice department today announced a change in practice under which hereafter all post cards received here in mail from abroad which are wholly unpaid are subjected, on delivery, to a charge of 4 cents, equal to double the prepaid rate applicable to post cards in international mails, and those short paid are subject to a charge equal to double the amount of the deficient postage.

IOWA MAKES STRONG FIGHT

Delegates Demand Admittance to Mine Workers' Joint Conference.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 25.—At today's session of the United Mine Workers' convention President Mitchell announced special committee "on Chinese exclusion" and "an organization and care of miners in districts 2, 5, 22 and 23."

The committee on resolutions first reported a resolution to the effect that all employes in national and district offices shall be sons or daughters of mine workers in good standing. The committee reported the resolution again and it was sustained by the convention.

A resolution was reported that no employe of a national or district office shall be discharged without notice of the cause of dismissal. The committee also submitted, with a refusal to concur, a resolution prepared by Delegate John P. Reese, president of the Iowa district, to the effect that the district of Iowa be permitted to take part in the interstate joint conference between miners and operators to be held in 1903.

Operators Not Opposed.

It is said by delegates that the operators of the Iowa district are not opposed to having the Iowa miners take a part in the joint conference, but that F. L. Robbins, one of the most influential operators of the east, is opposed to letting the Iowa miners in.

PLEADING FOR THEIR RIGHTS

Pacific Coast People Declare Chinese Exclusion is Essential to Business Safety.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—When the foreign affairs committee of the house today resumed its hearings on the subject of the re-enactment of the law prohibiting the coming into this country of Chinese, it was informed that if it had not been understood fully by the people of the Pacific coast in the last national congress that Chinese would be excluded by a republican administration and by a republican congress, California's electoral vote would have been cast for Mr. Bryan.

This statement was made by E. J. Livernash, assistant manager of the San Francisco, Cal., Examiner. He appeared before the committee in support of the Kahn bill for the exclusion of the Chinese, which it appeared in the course of his statement he had a part in preparing.

In the course of his argument Mr. Livernash particularly supported the section of the proposed act which prohibits the coming of Chinese into this country from the Philippines or other insular possessions of the United States.

He referred to the flood of petitions which has been poured upon congress in favor of a more liberal treatment of the Chinese, and declared that for congress to listen to such petitions would be simply to assist the exploitation of the Philippine islands by Europeans and cause us to lose sight of the commercial future of the islands as an American possession.

Mr. Livernash insisted that the people of California in this matter were pleading not for a privilege, but for a right. The people of the Pacific coast were particularly interested, because they looked toward China and toward the Chinese in the Philippines with apprehension and suspicion.

PLAYS AT WHITE HOUSE PARTY

Ten-Year-Old Boy Entertains President and Friends with Violin.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Before a distinguished audience, composed of President and Mrs. Roosevelt, the women of the cabinet and a number of other specially invited guests, Floriella Fabrice von Reuter of Chicago, the 10-year-old protégé of Secretary Gage, gave a violin recital at the White House tonight. His rendition of the difficult numbers selected for the occasion was marvellous, revealing complete mastery of his instrument.

Do You Like Goodies?

Try GRAPE-NUTS For Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner.

W. R. BENNETT CO. A few weeks more our new store will be complete—then will come the big opening. In the meantime our present stock of goods must be sold even at a sacrifice. Last week we offered immense bargains. They'll continue each day this week. Crockery Division, Music Department, Hardware and Housefurnishing Goods Department, Jewelry Department, Woodenware Specials. Special Monday from 9 to 12. Teaspoons, each 1c. Tablespoons, each 2c. FIFTEENTH AND CAPITOL AVE.

Brings Smiles to Women. Thousands of women are heroically suffering in silence while even relatives never guess the real truth about their condition. It is a living death to an ambitious woman to see her beauty fade and realize that slowly and surely, day by day, she is nearer an untimely grave, to know that the pangs of suffering are not only blighting her beauty but exhausting her physical strength and nervous and mental vitality. No hope comes from the doctor because he cannot cure—little sympathy from friends because they do not understand, but Wine of Cardui has brought a smile—the seal of health—to thousands of such faces. The Wine regulates the menstrual flow and strengthens the womanly organs. The relief from it comes quickly and naturally. A delightful feeling of security from the tension of pain tells the patient health is returning. Mrs. Turner suffered five years and no doctor could cure her. WINE OF CARDUI brought a speedy cure. You may be cured as well as she if you will secure a \$1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui from your druggist. Do not buy a substitute. It is Wine of Cardui which cured Mrs. Turner. Durant, I. T., January 12, 1901. I feel so proud that my wife is a well woman that I want to tell it to the world. Her menses were so irregular that she was in misery all the time. Two prominent physicians treated her for nearly five years and after the doctors failed to do her any good she commenced to use pained medicine. At last she began using Wine of Cardui, which seemed to help her from the first bottle. After using seven bottles she is a sound and well woman. Her weight was 90 pounds when she began her treatment, to-day she weighs 130 pounds. She does her own housework—something she has not done for five years before. I write you this testimonial unhesitatingly, because I want to let suffering humanity know what a great remedy Wine of Cardui is. You are at liberty to use my name. JACK TURNER, Stockman. For advice and literature, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chathamoga Medicine Company, Chathamoga, Tenn.

POUNDS HIS HEAD TO A PULP

Man Crashed with Cold and Hunger Makes Desperate Attempt at Suicide.

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PESSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS.

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