

EIGHT DIE IN MINE

Four Hundred Imperilled by Explosion in Herrin Shaft.

QUICK WORK SAVES OTHERS.

Prompt Action of Mine Management Results in Safe Exit of Hundreds. Rescuers Find Three Alive and They Are Expected to Recover From Effects of Blackdamp—Now Fighting Flames in Shaft.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Eight men were killed and the lives of 400 others were imperilled by an explosion of gas in mine "A" of the Chicago and Carrierville company at Herrin, Ill. It is supposed that lamps carried by miners caused the explosion. There were seven men and a boy in this party and all lost their lives.

Prompt action by the management of the mine resulted in the safe exit of the hundreds of men who were at work below ground. Within five minutes of the first reports of the explosion the miners in the immediate vicinity of the accident were started toward the surface and on the return trips of the cages rescuers were lowered to entries Nos. 7 and 8 west, where the catastrophe took place.

The dead: W. T. Pierce, mine engineer; Eugene Barrett, assistant engineer; Thomas Williams, assistant manager; unidentified boy, about sixteen years old; George Snyder, miner; Salvatore Grecco, miner; Pietro Romeo, laborer, and Thomas Harber, miner.

James Guinney, superintendent of the mine, and Robert Hueston, manager, headed the first relay of rescuers. Despite the blackdamp, which flowed into the chambers adjoining those in which Pierce and his party were killed, the men plunged into the workings.

Three Rescued Alive. Three bodies blocked their path. Hasty examination showed that the men were alive and they were rushed to the surface. One of them was A. J. Hueston, a brother of the manager. The others, Charles Klem and Albert Shelton, were, with Hueston, revived and all are expected to recover from the effects of the gas.

The rescuers next found the bodies of Snyder, Grecco and Romo. None of these men had been burned, the condition of the corpses testifying to the force of the concussion. Harber's body was badly burned, the features being scorched almost beyond recognition.

The valiant efforts of the rescuers to penetrate more deeply into the workings were repulsed by increasing banks of afterdamp. The ventilating apparatus of the mine had not been damaged, but it could not cope successfully with the gases, and Guinney and the helpers were forced to retreat. All efforts are being directed towards fighting the flames. Conditions are such that it is hoped they will be confined to the two entries affected by the explosion. News of the disaster spread through Herrin and there was a rush of hysterical women and crying children to the shaft house.

KERMIT BEATS HIS FATHER

Kills Fine Specimen of Animal Which Parent Had Not Sighted.

Kampala, Uganda, Dec. 24.—Kermit Roosevelt has secured a fine specimen of the male sitatunga. Colonel Roosevelt has not sighted this rare game.

The expedition got under way for Holma. Before leaving, the members of the party had luncheon at the home of Mr. Knowles. Colonel Roosevelt and Kermit are making a side trip to hunt leopards and will rejoin the expedition today.

SHOPPERS WITNESS DEATH

Man Hurts Himself Before Train in Presence of Crowd.

New York, Dec. 24.—While the Grand Central station in the subway was crowded with Christmas shoppers, Abraham Fineman leaped from the platform in front of an express train and was ground under the wheels. No cause is known for Fineman's suicide. He leaves a widow and several children.

Mark Twain Enters Denial.

Redding, Conn., Dec. 24.—Mark Twain gave out the following statement as a result of various reports concerning his condition of health: "I hear the newspapers say I am dying. The charge is not true. I would not do such a thing at my time of life. I am behaving as good as I can. Merry Christmas to everybody."

Three Lives Lost in Stable Fire.

Gloversville, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Following the practical destruction of the Keystone hotel, when there were narrow escapes from death by occupants jumping from an upper story window, three lives were lost in a fire that destroyed the Keystone stables.

Samuel Williams Is Ill.

Vincennes, Ind., Dec. 27.—Samuel W. Williams, candidate for vice president on the Populist ticket in 1908, was stricken with heart failure. He was unconscious for two hours and his condition is serious.

Cruiser Prairie Arrives at Colon.

Colon, Dec. 24.—The United States auxiliary cruiser *Prairie*, having on board 700 marines and 50,000 rounds of ammunition, arrived here.

ACTRESS SUES FRANK GOULD

Alleged Love Notes of Millionaire Are Made Public. New York, Dec. 27.—Bessie De Voe, a musical comedy actress, said to have sued Frank J. Gould for breach of promise of marriage, has issued a sworn statement to vindicate herself before his friends.

She has engaged Judge Olcott as trial counsel and Julius Silverman as



attorney of record. Miss De Voe is living in seclusion in an apartment in upper Broadway with a cousin, Mrs. Audrey Graham.

The following, she swears, is an extract from a letter written to her by Mr. Gould: "I am looking forward to the time when I can belong to you and have you for my wife. * * * If I did this, it could be settled very quickly—in three or four months at the most. Any other way would take so much longer than I ever supposed, but, dearest, you are worth waiting for."

WARRINER TO BE WITNESS

Trial of Mrs. Stewart-Ford Begins at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Dec. 27.—Charged with having received stolen money, Mrs. Jeanette Stewart-Ford was placed on trial in this city today. Charles L. Warriner, convicted local treasurer of the Big Four Railroad company, in whose accounts there was a shortage of \$643,000, is scheduled to be the star witness in the hearing.

Warriner, who last week pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary on a charge of embezzlement, is in the county jail here, his entrance into the prison at Columbus being deferred in order to permit him to be used as a witness in the trial of the two indictments against Mrs. Stewart-Ford. Mrs. Stewart-Ford, both individually and through her counsel, has announced that she will fight to the limit the indictments against her.

Mrs. Stewart-Ford is described as a woman of exceedingly prepossessing personal appearance. As a daughter of the late Martin Timmons, a Portsmouth (O.) manufacturer, she inherited a fortune of \$80,000 ten years ago, and since that time she inherited a fortune from an aunt.

Mrs. Stewart-Ford immediately before her arrest declared she had not parted with all this money, but it is understood the prosecution will attempt to show her fortune was entirely gone several years ago and that since that time she has derived her only revenue from Warriner, from whom she is alleged to have obtained money as late as the month of October of the present year.

FINDS EMPTY TREASURY

New President of Nicaragua Takes Firm Hold of Affairs.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 27.—The new president of Nicaragua, Jose Madriz, is taking hold of affairs with a strong hand. Zelaya left him the legacy of an empty treasury and soon after President Madriz had publicly announced in effect that the country was practically on the verge of bankruptcy, the arrest of Joaquin Passos, Zelaya's son-in-law, and Ernesto Martinez, Zelaya's last finance minister, was ordered.

They are now in the hands of the authorities, charged with misappropriation of funds, failure to register government bonds and the circulation of unsigned paper money.

Francisco Baca, who has replaced Dr. Julian Irias as minister general, is preparing a decree establishing a commission for the purpose of revoking the franchises under which a score of monopolies, given to individuals by Zelaya, have been operated.

Interurban Cars in Fatal Crash.

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—Nine persons were crushed and mangled when an interurban electric car struck the rear end of another car while rounding a curve near Mount Pleasant. Four of the persons injured will probably die.

Satelli's Condition Worse.

Rome, Dec. 27.—Cardinal Francis Satelli's condition grows constantly worse and at intervals he became delirious. The pope frequently sends his private secretary to inquire into the condition of the cardinal.

DEFINES 'WHISKY'

Prescient Taft Says Article is Neutral Spirits Made Potable.

ROOSEVELT VERDICT REVERSED

Chief Executive Renders Final Decision on Subject in Connection With Pure Food Law and Gives Directions as to Branding—President Takes Dr. Wiley and Other Chemists to Task for "Fundamental Error."

Washington, Dec. 27.—The definition of the word "whisky" was given when President Taft rendered the final decision on the subject in connection with the construction of the pure food law with reference to labeling. The president held that whisky made of neutral spirits is whisky when reduced to potable strength.

The president covered other details in his decision and gave directions for the proper branding of various varieties of liquor, holding among other things that whisky made from a mixture of "straight" whisky and "neutral spirits" may be called a blend.

According to the instructions under this decision "straight whiskies" will hereafter be branded as such, but the brand may be accompanied by the legend "aged in wood," and whisky made from rectified, distilled or neutral spirits will be branded so as to make known the principal ingredient. In addition, if they so desire, manufacturers of straight whisky may also use the word "bourbon" or "rye," as the facts may warrant.

Takes Issue With Wiley. The president takes Dr. Wiley and other chemists to task for a "fundamental error" as to what the name "whisky" has included during the past 100 years, and he also expresses the opinion that Mr. Bowers makes "too nice a distinction" in his deductions.

"If aged in the wood," the president said, "as is sometimes the case, this fact may be added to the label. The public will be made to know exactly the kind of whisky they buy and drink. "This was the intent of the act. It injures no man's lawful business because it only insists on the statement of the truth in the label."

Roosevelt's Verdict Reversed. The decision follows the lines of the conclusions reached by the royal commission of Great Britain and reverses the verdict of former President Roosevelt, former Attorney General Bonaparte, Solicitor General Bowers and Dr. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry.

The Roosevelt-Bonaparte-Wiley order denied the use of the word "whisky" in branding to all liquor except "straight whisky," the whisky which is aged in charred oak casks. Mr. Bowers applied this word to "rectified" and "distilled" spirits. President Taft goes a step further and includes blends and whisky made from "neutral" spirits.

FAMOUS ARTIST IS DEAD

Frederick Remington Dies Following Operation for Appendicitis.

Ridgefield, Conn., Dec. 27.—Frederick Remington, the artist, died here of appendicitis, after a brief illness. Mr. Remington came here last May to make his permanent residence. He was in his forty-eighth year and was a native of Canton, N. Y., to which place the body was taken this morning. The funeral service will be in the Universalist church at Canton tomorrow afternoon.

Frederick Remington went west after a short apprenticeship as an office clerk and became a cowboy on a ranch. It was in this western life that he found the subjects for most of his creations of pencil and brush.

WIRELESS IS PICKED UP

Massachusetts Man Gets Message From Far South.

Highland Light, Mass., Dec. 27.—Cuba and Central America came into touch with New England by means of the wireless telegraph, according to Electrician Eason of the navy wireless station here.

Eason states that he picked up a message which was being flashed from Key West to Cuba, and that he caught two messages which were being sent from Colon to the cruiser *Des Moines* in Nicaraguan waters.

MANY WANT SENATOR'S JOB

Ten Candidates Enter the Race in Mississippi.

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—Formal announcements received here indicate that ten candidates have entered the race in Mississippi to succeed the late United States Senator A. J. McLaurin. The ten candidates are: C. P. Alexander, ex-Governor James K. Vardaman and A. H. Longino, J. S. Sexton, Charles Scott, Leroy Perry, C. C. Dunn, Eaton J. Bowers, E. S. Candler, Jr., and B. G. Humphreys.

Alleged Anarchists Must Stand Trial.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—Nicholas Tschalkovsky and Catherine Breshkovskaya, who are charged with being members of a revolutionary organization, will be put on trial in February. Copies of the indictment found against them were served on them.

W. W. Cummer is Dead.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 27.—W. W. Cummer died at his home here. He was president of numerous development companies and vice president of the Cummer Steamship Line.

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