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Shall we fix our stoves over to burn soft coal or Kansas corn?

Arctic explorers do not succeed in finding much except one another's remains.

Diamonds are worth \$300,000,000 a ton. Remember this, and don't pay a cent more.

Most of us know just how Explorer Baldwin felt when he found that he was short of coal.

No man can serve two masters, And it is harder still for any man to serve two mistresses.

Yet how many of us, even with a full complement of toes, could have done better than Peary did?

Roumania is acting very much like the saucy little boy whose brother is the biggest fellow in the school,

Mr. Edison has just made another of his justly celebrated predictions, but the horse is still jogging along.

St. Paul girls are organizing for the purpose of marrying union men only. Get your working cards, boys.

The man who gets a wife from a matrimonial agency generally has reason to believe that the camera lies like sixty.

Bogus Chicago matrimonial agents were fined \$100 each, but they will need only four or five good victims to get it back.

If Peary is correctly reported, he thinks the north pole "can be reached for \$200,000." Even the north pole has its price!

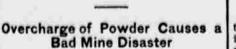
No, no, Sir Thomas, don't try any balloon trips across the English channel until after the third Shamrock has been beaten.

The more we read about King Leopold of Belgium the less we feel like making our best bow to him when he comes to visit us.

Twenty-four thousand people at a ball game in Philadelphia! They haven't sunk to the ping pong point of athletics there as yet.

A Maine man has been pronounced insane because he ate raw beef. What would his fellow citizens have thought of him had they found him burning coal?

They are now paying \$6,000 apiece r boxes at the opera in New York. of the occupants. must be the intention to have all the lady members of the troupe in tights.



TWO ARE KILLED OUTRIGHT

Several Fatally Hurt and Many Seriously Injured-Explosion's Force Felt a Distance of Four Hundred Feet-Other News

The worst mine explosion ever known in the history of Sangamon county occurred at 4:20 Monday afternoon in the Victor mine at Pawnee, eighteen miles southwest from Springfield, when two men were killed, four fatally and many others less seriously injured. The dead: W. V. Overcash, aged thirty, single; Michael Yorja, aged twenty-seven, single. Fatally injured: Frank Isaacs, aged

fourteen, breaker boy, dying tonight; Peter Green, head and body crushed; John Burke, frightfully bruised: bruised and burned.

Others injured were Daniel Reece, John Dick, William Sparling, John Pick, Peter Cerevich, Jerome Sproule, Thomas King, Joseph Buchner, Thomas Kink and several others.

The accident happened just before the day force of 190 men went off duty. The explosion was caused by a charge of powder being too heavily charged, and the concussion caused the coal dust, which thickly overhung the mine, to explode with great force. Some idea of the force of the explosion can be learned from the fact that all those killed and injured were about 4,000 feet from the place where the shot was fired. Isaacs was burled against the entry wall with such force that his head was smashed beyond recognition.

# AIRSHIP COLLAPSES

Parisian Baloonists Crushed by Fall From Lofty Height

A Paris, Oct. 13, dispatch says: The French aeronaut, De Bradsky, and a companion, named Morin, were killed by the falling of Bradsky's airship this morning. The pair started in a navigable baloon from the aerostatic station near Vaugirard at 7:30. The airship made a successful ascension, sailing evidently under perfect control. over the grand boulevard and off in a northerly direction.

It had not gone an great distance, however, when something went wrong with the ship. Suddenly it fell to the ground and the life was crushed out

De Bradsky intended to sail over the Madeline and return to the starting The direction was changed point. however, and an evolution over Paris, A Chicago woman is seeking a lasting over an hour, began. The ship behaved magnificently. De Bradsky cribed as an enthusiastic amateur then turned his course toward Stains, sive proof of his insanity, he was adnear St. Denis. When the balloon was

# DUST EXPLODES PRISON SHIP DISCOVERED MAY REJECT OFFER Accidentally Found After Lying Burled for a Century

After lying buried for over a century the famous English prison ship Jersey, in which several hundred Americans were martyred while the British held New York in the days of the revolution, has been accidentally discovered in the Brooklyn navy yard by the workmen who are putting up the launching stays for the battleship Comnecticut. Historical associations have been searching for the Jersey for fifty The half-burned hull of the years. ship is lying under twelve or fourteen feet of dirt and water, and is in perfect condition.

# BODY SNATCHERS

### Grave Plunderers Caught Almost Red Handed at Indianapolis

An Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 13, special states: Accentuation was given this morning to the recent grave robbery developments by the finding of four bodies tied in sacks in Georgia street at the rear of the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons. One was positively identified as that of Mrs. Johanna Syilz, buried in Ebenezer cemetery; another is thought to be that of Miss Glendore aBtes, stolen from Anderson cemetery, near Irvington. The body of a man is thought to be Wallace Johnson and another, that of an old woman, Mrs. Catherine Doehring, stolen from the German Catholic ceme-The corpses were taken to the tery. city morgue followed by a crowd that surged about the doors. For several days the detectives have been working with local physicians, not connected with any of the colleges, to have them use their influence in persuading the authorities to return the stolen bodies to the distracted relatives who had found the graves of their dear ones empty, and it is thought this is one method of compliance.

# MAKES FATAL MISTAKE

### Wife Uses Arsenic Instead of Baking Powder in Pancakes

Frank Morand of South Omaha died as the result of a mistake made by his wife in the culinary department. Mrs. Morand was mixing some pancakes and instead of using baking powder, she put arsenic in the batter by mistake. It seems that last spring Mr. Morand purchased some arsenic to kill rats and put the stuff in an empty baking powder can. He forgot to label it and the result was that Mrs. Morand got hold of the wrong can.

Everything possible was done by physicians to save the life of Morand, but without avail. Other members of the family were also taken sick, but reports indicate that they are out of danger.

# SUICIDE AT CHADRON

Man, Supposedly Mentally Unbalanced Hangs Himself

Nels Jorgensen, a ranchman living a short distance from Chadron, was found at his ranch in a lifeless condition, suspended from a center pole of the log house by a wire taken from the windmill, which was wrapped around his neck. He had been acting queer for some time. As he lived alone he was thought to have contracted melancholia and was examined by the board of insanity. As they has no conclu-

Miners Look Upon Operators' **Proposal With Suspicion** MITCHELL IS TO DECIDE

Men Have Confidence in Their Leade and He May Advise Rejection-Refuses to Make any Statement

as to His Position

A Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 14, special states: President Mitchell of the miners' union dictated the following statement to the press tonight:

"I fully appreciate with what anxiety the people of our country are awaiting the end of the coal strike. The coal operators have not addressed the miners' union or its officers in making their public statement. It is, therefore, impossible for me to state the attitude of the miners at this time. I am now, as I have always been, deeply solicitous of the interests of the public and the welfare of the mine workers, who have been on strike for the past five months. A formal statement, defining our position and intentions, will be issued just as soon as we are in possession of the full meaning of the proposition of the operators.'

From a thorough canvass of the situation as it exists tonight, there is every indication for believing that the new arbitration plan proposed by the presidents of the coal companies for ending the miners' strike will not be accepted in its present form. There is a division of opinion among the strikers, but there is no doubt that a majority feel that the offer to have the president of the United States select an arbitration commission along the lines suggested by the operators is not fair and that it unduly limits the president in making up the board. The miners, it is safe to say, will abide by the advice of their national president. in whose judgment they have the utmost confidence. President Mitchell declines to say how he personally looks upon the proposition, but tonight he gave to the press the foregoing statement.

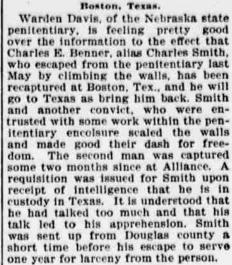
This statement was made by him at 8 o'clock, after a silence lasting all day. He had no intention of making it until the correspondents representing newspapers all over the country called on him in a body and informed him that the general public desired to have an answer to the proposition of the operators. After giving it, he was asked many questions regarding the attitude of the men and the probability of the acceptance or rejection of the

new offer, but he had no reply to make to any of these questions.

## WRECK ON B. & M.

Freights Collide, and Cattle are Let Loose-Captured Later

A freight extra on the Burlington, in charge of Conductor Jackson, and second 46, bound for Lincoln, loaded with stock, in charge of Conductor Chaney, collided one-half mile east of Seward. Both engines were badly damaged and six cars of stock on No. 46 were derailed and broken up. Some of the cattle were liberated. Superintendent Bignell was summoned from Lincoln and left with the wrecker at



CONVICT SMITH LOCATED

Wardon Davis Learns of His Capture at

STICKS TO HIS POST

Engineer, Stricken With Apoplexy, Takes Train to Safety

After being stricken with apoplexy, Engineer Chauncey J. Fox, on the Rock Island railroad, ran a passenger train from a point a mile out safely to Sioux Falls, S. D., depot before he collapsed, says a dispatch from that place.

After being stricken he was dozed and could scarcely retain his seat in the cab. He stuck to his post with heroic devotion until his destination was reached and the train safe.

Fox died at the city hospital. His family lives at Estherville, Ia.

## Decides Against Mexico

The international court of arbitraion, in session at The Hague Tuesday, decided the pious fund case by condemning Mexico to pay \$1,420,000 in silver to the California bishops.

The case grew out of a fund subscribed in Europe in 1697 for the support of the California missions. It was administered by Mexico from 1767 until the conquest of California by the Inited States. Since then the respective responsibility of the two nations for the fund has been in dispute.

### **Presidential Appointments**

The president has made the following appointments: Henry L. Wilson, minister to Chili, to be minister to Greece, vice Charles S. Francis, resigned; John B. Jackson, first secretary of the embassy at Berlin, to be minister to Chili; P. Percival Dodge, second secretary of the embass yat Berlin, to be first secretary; R. S. Reynolds Hitt, third secretary of the embassy at Paris, to be second secretary of the embassy at Berlin; P. A. Jay, of Rhode Island, to be third secretary of the embassy at Paris.

Indians Must Obey

A Belle Foursche, S. D., Oct. 14, dispatch says: Sheriff William Moses announced his intention to accompany Game Warden Lathrop on his next expedition against the Indians who are killing antelope and firing the prairie grass on the Moreau. The sheriff will take several reliable men with him, and those acquainted with him realize there will be trouble and probably killing if the Indians are again encountered and resist arrest, for Mr. Moses is known to be one of the most determined officers in the western states.

# **Returned** to the Pen



Figs to Become a Standard Crop.

During a recent visit to the Mis souri Experiment station the writer noticed a number of fig trees in a thrifty condition. Here and there were partly grown figs. Prof. Howard, who accompanied the writer, explained that these figs are borne on the second year wood, and as much of the new wood froze last winter the crop of fruit was small. The surprising thing about it is that the fig can stand any cold at all. These fig trees at the Missourl station have to be bent down and covered up every winter. Hay and rubbish is used for that purpose. Otherwise the trees freeze back to the ground. In case of so freezing back they make a very luxuriant growth the next spring. The writer saw some that had been left uncovered and had been frozen back. Yet they had made a growth of at least six feet and had developed a very large amount of foliage. However, they bore no fruit. The trees that had been covered had a height of perhaps eight feet and were very bushy and supplied with a great

wealth of foliage. We have looked upon the fig as a tree belonging to the fire-parched deserts of Africa and Asia. We have never suspected that it could be grown out of doors even in the temperate zone. If it can be made to grow as far north as Columbia, Missouri, what can we look for in the great region lying to the south of Missouri? Certainly that vast stretch of country little exposed to cold, will be found a magnificent region in which to develop orchards of this oriental fruit. Southwest are still greater possibilities. Southern Arizona and New Mexico should prove to be the regions best adapted to the development of the figs, and we may be sure the people of those regions will not be slow to find out the possibilities that slumber in the combination of those warm val-

leys and the fruit food of the Arabs. In California already the growing of these orchards has become a business of itself. Trees are coming into bearing by the thousands, and the shipment of fresh figs is to begin this season. The present outlook for this crop around Fresno, California, is said to be very encouraging. The yield is larger than it was last year, and the quality is better. Preparations are being made to ship these figs by express to Chicago and New York, where a good market awaits them. Few people in this country have ever tasted ripe and fresh figs.

## **Building Fruit Houses.**

A fruit house should be so constructed as to preserve an even temperature, says a bulletin of the Cornell station. Storage houses are of two types: First, those which modify but do not regulate extremes of temperature, and second, those which furnish definite low temperatures. Houses of the first class are generally within the means of the commercial fruit grower. Those of the second belong to the equipment of the fruit dealer. The ordinary storage house is probably a frame building provided with a well drained cellar and having perfectly insulated walls and double doors. Insulation is secured by providing two or more air spaces in the walls. These air spaces should be separated by paper-covered partitions. Comparatively low temperatures in these buildings may be secured in fall by keeping them tightly closed during the warm part of the day and ventilated on cool nights. Fruit houses of this charadter will keep out frost so that the grower may hold his fruit till a favorable opportunity for selling occurs. Dry air prevents the growth of fungi, but causes the fruit to shrivel; a moist atmosphere on the other preserves the plumpness of the fruit but encourages the development of parasitic plants. Extremes should be avoided. The principal thoughts for the fruit grower to keep in mind in handling his fruit are that it is a perishable article, that its keeping season may be lengthened by careful handling and by low, even temperature, and that profits may be increased by placing it on the market in an attractive form.

pugilist. She says he was too enthusiastic.

The judge who decided that piano playing is disorderly conduct evidently had been hearing some of the latest popular music interpreted by his neighbors.

Perhaps if Gov. Salazar of Colombia, would put a wet towel on his head and dampen it with ice water occasionally, it would soothe his seething brain.

The airship in which Mr. Spencer, the English aeronaut, is making his thirty-mile flights, has a pug nose. Eventually it will land in the demnition bow-wows.

Harriet Huggme of Youngstown wants her name changed. If she fully appreciates the snap she has with such a name she will have little trouble getting it changed.

Peary says he could discover the north pole if he had \$200,000. But if he had \$200,000 why should he ever want to do anything as disagreeable as discovering the pole?

A sweethearts' trust has been organized in a Nebraska town to correct the intemperate habits of the young men. Of course, in a case like this, it will be permissible to water the stock.

From the published pictures of the count de la Escosura, the putative husband of the Spanish queen dowager, her majesty could have got a better looking man by patronizing a matrimonial agency.

E. A. Robinson, who has just fallen heir to \$1,500,000, says he is going to spend his whole fortune in eighteen months. No, Mr. Robinson is not one of those vulgar Americans. He lives in London and was born there.

There is news in the fact that a Boston man lost his wife in Buffalo while on a wedding trip. It would have been scarcely worth mentioning had the couple hailed from Chicago.

King Alfonso wants to rehabilitate the Spanish navy. Gen. Weyler advocates an expansion of the army. Is Spain getting ready for another fight?

A Kentucky girl of unusual beauty is doing more damage in the fashionable circles of New York than anything that Col. Watterson may say.

over Stains the ropes holding the car to the balloon broke. The balloon was several hundred feet in the air at the time and the aeronauts fell with a terrific force. Morin was killed instantly, De Bradsky dying a few minutes later.

'the balloon rose rapidly and disappeared. The experiment was a complete success until the ropes broke. The balloon was an egg-shaped affair, 110 feet long and twenty feet in diameter at the thickest part. The

car was supported on steel wires by a light framework of wood, which ran the entire way around the balloon. The car itself was fifty-five feet long and weighed 1,500 pounds. The propeller was fifteen feet in diameter with a capacity of 325 revolutions a minute. The balloon proper was of silk and inflated with hydrogen. De Brasky's principle was to make the balloon the same weight as the air. The aeronaut was calling to a peasant, speaking through a trumpet and asking for a

good place to alight, when the accident occurred. A peculiar coincidence was that the ill-fated ship started from the same

shed from which the Brazilian aeronaut, Severo, who lost his life some months ago, made his ascent.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT

# Possibilities of Miners and Operators

Agreeing on Arbitration

A Washington, Oct. 13 dispatch says: By authority of J. P. Morgan, who, with his partner, Robert Bacon, and Secretary Root, were in conference with President Roosevelt at the temporary white house tonight for an hour and a half, a statement was given out by Secretary Cortelyou in which the presidents of the coal-carrying railroads and mine operators propose a commission of five persons to adjust the differences and settle the coal strike in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania.

The proposition is believed by the administration to be satisfactory to the miners, as it covers the proposition made by President Mitchell of the united mine workers' union with additional conditions which it is believed the miners will accept.

Shenandosh Miners Firm

The strike entered upon its twentythird week Monday morning without any appreciable change in the situation in this district, says a Shenandoah, Pa., dispatch. No new colleries have resumed operations, though a determined effort was made to cause a stampede about Mahoney City. Not a man deserted the union's cause.

Two battalions of the Fourteenth regiment were present to escort the miners to work and troops covered every point of the town for two hours. but not a solitary man was "picked UD.

Since that time judged sane. been spending his time in Chadron and his stock has been neglected.

#### Kills Wife, Son and Self

At Tracy, Minn., Tuesday, Ed. Stricker shot and killed his wife and young son, seriously wounding Frank McCallister, and then committed suicide. Stricker and his wife had been living apart for two years. This afternoon he followed his wife into the furniture store of Frank McCallister, and, drawing a revolver, shot the woman dead. He then fired a bullet through the head of their little boy, and turned the weapon on his fatherin-law, L. Harvey. The shot went wild, however, and wounded McCallister in the face. Stricker then shot himself, dying instantly. McCallister is in a critical condition.

#### Shorter Hours

The eight-hour schedule went into effect at all the flour mills in Minneapolis, Minn., on Monday. Hereafter there will be three instead of two shifts. While the millwrights did not identify themselves with the eighthour movement, it has been understood that the rate of 35 cents an hour would apply equally to them. It is understood that the millwrights have asked the mill operators for eight hours and \$3 a day.

### Peddlers Quarrel

Two Jewish peddlers at Fremont quarreled over a horse deal they had entered into, and one caused the other's arrest. It was alleged by the complainant that his companion imposed upon him by selling him a worthless team for \$85. The latter returned the money and took horses back, the complainant paid the costs and the case was dismissed.

#### Hurricane Destroys Town

The little mining town of Keota, six miles from Macon, Mo., was almost destroyed by a hurricane, and two men, one woman and two children, names unknown, were killed. The general store of Edward Vail was demolished and Vail was pinned under the timber and badly injured.

#### Carbolic Acid in Eyes

A ten-year-old son of F. E. Champlin stood watching his mother taking a bottle o carbolic acid from a high shelf at their home in Nebraska City. She spilled some of the contents and it splashed on his face and in his eyes The physicians hope to be able to save the boy's sight, but the burns are very severe.

John Komarek of Tyndall, S. D., shot Anna Vachtea and then committed suicide, says a Sioux City, Ia., dispatch. It is said he killed the girl because she had jilted him.

midnight, and took charge of the work of clearing away the debris. The cattle that escaped stampeded, but men on horseback went after them and they were brought back and reloaded in other cars. Owing to the fact that the main line was blocked the wrecker was sent out by way of Milford.

#### Indians May Lose Land

A Washington, D. C., Oct. 14, dispatch says: Agent Anderson of the Coleville Indian agency in Washington state. has reported to the commissioner of Indian affairs that the Spokane Indians, who are comparatively poor, seem to be in danger of losing a large part of their reservation.

The agent says this danger is the result of the congressional opening of their lands to mineral location and entry after the Indians received allotments of lands in severalty.

Owing to the way in which the various provisions of the bill were passed and approved, the reservation was actually open to mineral location and entry for a short time last May, during which vested rights were acquired and a determined effort has been made to wrest the land from the Indians.

## Money to Rehabililate Guam

The navy department cabled fifteen thousand dollars to Manila, Philippine islands, to be sent from there to the island of Guam for the rehabilitation of naval station property which was damaged by the recent earthquake. The department received a cablegram announcing the departure of the collier Justin from Cavite for Guam, and it is the understanding that she carries the funds for the repair work. The money was taken from an emergency fund.

#### To Spend \$2,500,000

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road has adopted plans for the construction of more than 300 miles of new line in Oklahoma. The work will be begun soon, and details concerning the work will be given out shortly. It is estimated that these projects will necessitate an expenditure approximating \$2,500,000.

#### Low Rates

The sub-proposition for low one-way colonist rates has been voted down by western passenger association roads. The Santa Fe and Rock Island, however, gave notice at once of their intention to take independent action in putting the rates into effect to points in the southwest. Considerable surprise and disappointment has been caused by the competitors of the Chicago & Northwestern by that line giving similar notice that it would put the rates into effect to points in South Dakota and Nebraska.

Governor Savage the return to the penitentiary of Ed Morgall, who was sent up from Douglas county October 10th, 1901, on conviction on rape to serve a sentence of seventeen years. Morgall became insane last February and was exchanged to the insane hospital, but Dr. Greene has now certified to his complete recovery to mental health and he was today taken back to the penitentiary to serve out the remainder of his term.

### Memorial to Gladstone

St. Daniel's library, which has been erected at Hawarden, as a memorial to the late Mr. Gladstone, was formally opened Tuesday, says a London dispatch, with interesting ceremonies. Lord Spencer, who succeeded the late Duke of Westminster as chairman of the Gladstone national memorial committee, presided over the exercises and other distinguished men were among the speakers.

#### Strike Settled

A settlement was reached of the strike of union pressmen and press feeders employed in the big job printing houses in New York city. It is understood the demands of the strikers, who numbered nearly 2,000, were granted in regard to an increase of wages, but that non-union men now at work will be retained and given an opportunity to join the union.

#### Fruit Going to Waste

Michael Doyle, representing the fruit growers' association of New York, has telegraphed to Governor Odell, saying that unless an immediate supply of anthracite coal can be obtained fruit growers in western New York will lose three million dollars. Hundreds of thousands of bushels of apples are now rotting in orchards and the evaporating industry is at a standstill.

## Sewell Ordered to Guam

Orders have been issued by the navy department directing Commander W. F. Sewell to proceed to Guam and assume the duties of commandant of the naval station at that place, relieving Commander Seaton Schroeder, ordered home to await orders.

#### Has Unique Political Record. Silas W. Bond of Iowa has a polit-

ical record both unusual and interesting, for he boasts of having cast his ballot for eighteen Presidential candidates, a record held by comparatively few men. Mr. Bond's malden vote was cast in Wayne county, Indians, in 1830.

# Add Motor-Car Plant.

Vickers, Sons & Maxim, the British shipbuilders, have decided to erect a motor car manufactory.

Exporting Peaches.

Some time ago we mentioned the fact that the Department of Agriculture had made an experimental shipment of apples to the other side of the water, and that the consignments had arrived there in safety. More recently two consignments of early peaches were made. Both of these have now arrived and been sold at a profit on the other side. The cold storage facilities were rather too good, if such a thing can be possible and several crates of peaches were frozen solid. These crates were on the outside of the stack and got the bulk of the refrigeration. The temperature was kept a little too low for the best of results. This is a thing that will have to be experimented with in the shipping of peaches. The last consignment netted the shippers \$2.43 per six basket crate, which is considered a good price. If peaches can be shipped abroad and kept in perfect condition till sold it means the opening up of an immense market, and also a profitable one .- Farmers Review.

The orchard and he garden add greatly to the appearance of every farm home. Dreary is the farmstead where they are not.