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## LEAVE TOMB IN MINE

### THREE MEN RESCUED FROM A WRECKED NEVADA SHAFT.

Climbing Eighty-Five Feet on Series of Ricketty Ladders, Three American Miners Reach Pumping Station from Which They Are Rescued.

After having been entombed forty-six days in the Alpha shaft of the Gilroy mine at Ely, Nev., A. D. Bailey, P. J. Brown and Fred McDonald have been rescued.

At 8:30 o'clock Saturday night Bailey was brought out, fourteen minutes later McDonald came to the surface, while ten minutes afterwards Brown was brought up. Whistles all over the districts blew loudly, while crowds cheered in the streets of Ely and every bell in the town was ringing.

On the morning of Dec. 4 McDonald, Brown and Bailey and two Greeds were working in the bottom of the three-compartment shaft eighty-five feet below the pump station and 1,085 feet below the surface. The cable used to haul the cage from the third compartment of the shaft snapped and thousands of tons of rocks, debris and timbers fell down into the shaft. From the bottom of the compartment in which the men were working to the pumping station, a distance of eighty-five feet, a series of ricketty ladders offered the only means of escape.

With falling rocks and timbers streaming down upon them the five men struggled up these ladders. Half way up falling timbers knocked the two Greeks from the ladder, killing them. Bailey, McDonald and Brown managed to reach the pump station. Its well timbered roof withstood the shock and lumber that came down the shaft and offered them shelter and safety. Here for the first day after the cave-in the men crouched, while at intervals they could hear the rocks and timbers crashing above them.

At first it was thought that all the men had perished, but twenty-four hours after the cave-in the three men who occupied the pumping station managed to make themselves heard by tapping upon the 6-inch water pipe that stretched from the pumping station to the surface. It was this pipe that was the means of saving the lives of the three men. When communication was once established with the world above and the men had made known the fact that they were still alive, food and drink were immediately lowered through the pipe.

### ENTIRE FAMILY SLAIN.

#### Mother and Four Children Burned to Death in Montana Home.

News of a frightful crime committed Saturday at the Old Bottoms ranch, on the Musselshell, was received by the sheriff's office at Lewiston, Mont. Sunday, the message having been sent to Flat Valley by relays of riders and telephoned in from that point. The message states that Mrs. Sluter, a widow aged 49 years, and her four children, the oldest a girl of 15, were murdered at the ranch house and the building set on fire with the intention of destroying all evidence of the horrible crime. The house was practically destroyed and the neighbors were horrified to find the dead bodies of Mrs. Sluter and her four children in the ruins. The bodies of the mother and two children were not badly burned, but those of two of the children were burned to a crisp. The evidences of murder were very plain. The motive for the crime is not known.

### New Goldfield Miners' Union.

A charter for the Nevada miners' union incorporated was filed with the county clerk at Goldfield, Nev., Saturday. This is the union that is intended to displace the Western Federation of the Goldfield district and has the moral support of the operators' association.

### Free on Unwritten Law.

Pleading the unwritten law, Dr. E. Dakan, of Sulphur, Okla., Saturday was acquitted of murder by a jury which deliberated only ten minutes. Dr. Dakan cut the throat of John Mitchell six weeks ago when he returned and found Mitchell in his wife's room.

### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Hives, \$4.75@5.25. Top hogs, \$4.20.

### Trial of New Cruiser.

The United States cruiser California which sailed from San Francisco Friday for the final trial off Cape Blanco, returned Sunday. It was announced that the cruiser has safely met all requirements.

### New Railway in Guatemala.

The Guatemalan Northern railway, the third line of railroads within Latin America connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, was opened Sunday with elaborate ceremonies.

## IN PLEA FOR NEGRO.

### "Marse Henry" Eloquenty Defends Black Race.

A northern governor, a southern editor and an intellectual leader whose activities are confined to no section, gave sympathetic expression to the needs, aims and hopes of the colored race before a noteworthy audience at Carnegie hall, New York, Friday night. To these personally delivered addresses were added similar sentiments in the form of messages from Cardinal Gibbons and British Ambassador James Bryce.

With unanimity these men advocated further opportunity for this less fortunate people, through popular support of Tuskegee institute, in the interests of which the meeting was held.

"We can never afford to lose sight of the fundamental objects alike of enlightened self interest, of philanthropy and of patriotism," said Gov. Hughes.

The other formal addresses were by Editor Henry Watterson, who spoke on "The Negro's Future," and Booker T. Washington, who told of the work of the educational institution of which he is the head.

The meeting was arranged by the Armstrong association, its purpose being to launch a campaign of money raising for Tuskegee. The association was founded by Gen. Armstrong, its avowed object being the support of Tuskegee and similar educational institutions.

## MANY GIRLS IN PERIL.

### Two Killed and Seven Hurt in Scramble Fire.

Two girls were killed and seven others seriously injured in a fire at Scranton, Pa., Friday in a building occupied by the Imperial Underwear factory. About 200 girls were employed in the building when the alarm of fire was sounded.

Florence Watrous was caught in the burning building and she met a horrible death in the flames. Marie Buckley, with a number of other girls, jumped from the fire escape and broke her neck. All were burned on the fire escape before jumping, and they are suffering from broken limbs and internal injuries.

The fire is supposed to have been started by the upsetting of a glue pot located in the basement of the building, which was four stories high. The flames spread rapidly and most of the girls on the third and fourth floors fled to the fire escapes. These got as far as the second story, from where they jumped to the areaway. Many of the girls fled down the one narrow stairway of the building. In their terror some fainted and there was a jam on the stairs which threatened serious sequences, but fortunately the firemen were able to get them all out safely.

The loss is \$75,000.

## BIG BALTIMORE BLAZE.

### Masonic Temple Guttured, with Loss of \$250,000.

The Masonic temple in Baltimore was gutted by fire early Friday. All the structure above the second floor is a hollow shell. The loss on the building and contents is \$250,000, fully insured.

The building was owned by the grand lodge of Masons. The first floor of the structure was occupied by several stores, all of which were damaged by water. The records and archives of the grand lodge are believed to be intact, as they were kept in a huge vault in a cellar.

## WOMAN DROPS 13 STORIES.

### Leaps from Window in a New York Hotel.

Mrs. Herbert M. Sears, wife of a prominent broker of Boston, a guest at the Hotel St. Regis in New York, committed suicide Friday by jumping from the thirteenth story window.

Mrs. Sears had been a frequent visitor at the St. Regis for several years. She always came to the hotel accompanied only by her maid, and frequently remained there several days. Her actions were described by the hotel people as erratic.

Boston friends say Mrs. Sears was suffering from melancholia.

## Broken by Frisco Disaster.

The American Insurance company, which has done business in Boston for fifty years and has withstood the losses of the fires in Boston, Chicago and Baltimore, Friday went into the hands of a receiver, yielding to the severe strain put upon it by the San Francisco disaster.

## Morgan in Control.

One of the influences aiding in the upward movement in the stock market Friday was an unconfirmed report that J. P. Morgan & Co. have obtained control of the Equitable Life Assurance society, of New York, by the purchase of a majority of the stock from Thomas F. Ryan.

## Provisions for Evans' Fleet.

Authority has been given by the navy department for the purchase of immense quantities of provisions to be delivered at Mare Island in anticipation of the arrival of the battleship squadron in San Francisco.

## Pope Plus Has the Gout.

Owing to an attack of gout the pope has been reluctantly obliged to suspend his audiences. He was visited Thursday by his private physician who insisted that the pontiff go to bed and to this the patient consented.

## House Passes Pension Bills.

After passing a large number of pension bills Friday the house at 1:25 o'clock p. m. adjourned until Monday. The penal code bill was not taken up.

## MANY ARABS DIE IN BATTLE.

### Return to Battle Repeatedly After Being Routed.

News has reached Tangier of a ten-hour engagement in a ravine near Setaf Wednesday between a French column under the command of Gen. d'Armade and a column commanded by Mulai Rachid, one of the chiefs of Mulai Hafid's forces. The French gained a splendid victory in the face of heavy odds, succeeding in dispersing the enemy and occupying Setaf. Twenty of the French soldiers, including three officers, were wounded, but many of the Arabs were killed. The latter not only offered a dogged and fearless defense, but returned repeatedly to the battle after they had been routed and attacked the French from three sides.

In the later hours of the fighting Mulai Rachid's column was suddenly reinforced by the powerful Chaouia tribe which figured in the massacres at Casablanca and which had arrived in the mountains at the very moment when Mulai Rachid was about to retreat.

Under the combined charge of the now confident Moors the French not only held their ground, but steadily threw back the enemy, driving them eventually in mad haste to the hills. The engagement between the French and the Moors followed immediately upon a twenty-five hour march of Gen. d'Armade's column and under these trying circumstances the French forces are considered to have shown more than ordinary stamina and bravery.

After destroying the camp of the enemy at Setaf Gen. d'Armade pushed forward and occupied Kasbah Berrohid.

## NO VOTE FOR WOMEN.

### Sweden to Put Franchise Plan on the Shelf.

The formal opening of the first Swedish parliament under the reign of King Gustave took place in Stockholm Thursday with simple ceremonies.

King Gustave, who was present, in a speech from the throne, referring to the heavy responsibility developing upon him with the death of King Oscar, promised to work in whole-hearted zeal for the prosperity and progress of the fatherland and always to try and fulfill his duty. "It is my hope," the king said, "in both good and evil days to be supported by my Swedish people in the common work for the true weal of the fatherland."

Continuing, his majesty announced the suffrage bill adopted at the last session of the riksdag would be resubmitted to the present house for final approval, but said there was no intention of giving the franchise to women for the present. He said special commissions are considering a joint scheme for naval and military defense, as well as the question of relations between employers and workmen.

## CHURCH SET ON FIRE.

### Historic Massachusetts Edifice Nearly Destroyed.

That a fire early Thursday morning which nearly destroyed the Second Congregational church, of Dorchester, Mass., with a loss of \$50,000, was the work of an incendiary, was the opinion of the authorities at the conclusion of an investigation.

After the fire had been extinguished a small hole was discovered in the side of the building, where the fire broke out, and near it was a considerable amount of material which appeared to have been used in the work. The principal loss was a new organ which recently had been installed at an expense of \$25,000.

Many historic treasures of the church, which recently celebrated its 100th anniversary, were saved.

Rev. Dr. Arthur Little is the pastor of the church.

## JAP CABINET CRISIS.

### Not to Entail Changes in Foreign Policies.

A mistaken idea prevails abroad in relation to the Japanese cabinet crisis, according to dispatches from Washington and London to the effect that an opposition victory might entail a change in Japan's foreign policies. Specialists from Washington say that it is believed that the immigration controversy had something to do with changes in the cabinet. These surmises are entirely in error. The cabinet crisis is purely the result of internal differences over the budget. In the event of the resignation of the entire cabinet its reformation would certainly result in the retention of a number of the present ministers, including possibly Foreign Minister Hayashi.

## Nominates Postmasters.

The president Thursday nominated Jaul J. Sours to be postmaster at Denver, Colo., and Motley H. Flint to be postmaster at Los Angeles, Cal.

## Authorizes Burlington Bridge.

The senate Thursday passed a bill to authorize the city of Burlington, Ia., to construct a bridge over the Mississippi river.

## Triple Illinois Tragedy.

Harvey Lickner killed his wife and 16-month-old son at their home near Tuscola, Ill., and cut his own throat with a razor. He had shown signs of insanity recently.

## Hearings on Statchood Bill.

Hearings on the bill providing for the admission of New Mexico as a separate state will be begun before the house committee on territories Jan. 22.

# News of Nebraska

## COURT AT GRAND ISLAND.

### John Wilson of Scotia Sentenced for Sending Obscene Letter in Mail.

At a session of the United States district court at Grand Island Monday morning John Wilson of Scotia, Greeley county, was arraigned on the charge of depositing a letter of an indecent and lascivious nature in the United States mails, addressed to a young woman of Scotia. The accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to sixty days in the Lancaster county jail at hard labor, there being the absence of any hard labor conditions in the Hall county jail; to pay a fine of \$200 and the costs of the prosecution. Judge T. C. Manger presided and there were present District Attorney Goss, District Clerk White, Circuit Clerk Thummel, Marshal Warner and Deputy Clerk Allan. In the circuit court the injunction of the Union Pacific restraining Robert Murray, of Silver Creek, from interfering with the Union Pacific right of way was made perpetual. The case of Brass against the Union Pacific was dismissed at the instance of the plaintiff at plaintiff's cost. In Holden against the Union Pacific leave was granted to withdraw a demurrer and file a cross-petition. The action involves some real estate. Arthur G. Abbott, of Grand Island, was admitted to practice before the federal district and criminal court. It was announced that any motions to remand, etc., could be heard by the court in Lincoln in chambers, and if necessary a jury term might be called in the interim, in the absence of which the court was adjourned to the next regular session for the division.

## BLOWS HEAD OFF WITH GUN.

### Gage County Man Who Sat on Shumway Jury Commits Suicide.

Shortly after noon Wednesday John Peters, a well to do German farmer, living a mile west of Beatrice, committed suicide in his implement shed by blowing the top of his head off with a shotgun, the muzzle of which he placed in his mouth. The body was found by Mrs. Peters. The dead man owned a fine farm and recently purchased property in Beatrice, where he intended to move in the spring.

He left a note written to his wife in German saying that he was going away and would leave everything in her charge. He was about 50 years of age. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that deceased came to his death by a gunshot wound fired by himself. Peters served as a juror in the Shumway murder case and some have intimated that this may have affected his mind.

## FIRE AT DAVID CITY.

### The Derby Hotel is Burned—Loss \$7,000.

The Derby hotel at David City burned Tuesday, involving a loss of \$7,000. The hotel had been used only as a lodging house for a year. The landlord, Mr. Derby, has been cleaning up and getting ready to open up Feb. 1 to serve meals. By hard work of the fire department the fire was put out before the whole building was burned to the ground. Nearly the whole inside was burned out, along with all of the furniture. The wind was blowing hard from the south, and had it not been for the good work of the fire boys half the town might have burned. Mr. Derby held the building and furniture at \$7,000. He had \$4,000 insurance on the building and \$1,000 on the furniture.

## MURDER NEAR HAYES CENTER.

### Harrison Weeks Killed by Insane Man Over Imaginary Claim.

Harrison Weeks, living near Clay Center, was killed Monday evening by Herbert A. Robb. He was shot with a maul-loading gun. The charge entered his left eye and shattered that side of his head. The murderer was insane and wanted Weeks to settle an imaginary claim. He demanded \$500, a quarter section of land and twenty head of cattle. Weeks laughed at him. The murderer then told him to say his prayers as he was about to die and then shot him. Robb was captured and bound over to district court for trial.

## New School at Nebraska City.

Nebraska City will have a new high school building, and whether the people of that city will be willing to vote \$50,000 in bonds is the question now before the people, as the board of education has submitted a proposition to vote that sum for the erection of a high school building.

## Fire at P. P. PAUL.

Tuesday morning about 3 o'clock fire broke out in the beer vault of the Schlitz Brewing company near the Burlington tracks in the northeast part of St. Paul, and the part of the building above the basement was quickly consumed. There was no goods in the building at the time.

## Wolf Hunt a Failure.

At the wolf hunt on Tuesday north-east of Blue Hill about 100 men were in the line, and one wolf was gotten in the ring and escaped. Many others were seen, but were not captured. In a few days another hunt will be held, and it is hoped that better results will be had.

## Little Girl Burned.

The 2-year-old girl of Peter Tim, of Papillion, was badly burned while playing with matches. Her clothes caught fire. Her face and arms were badly burned, but Dr. Margret thinks he can save her life.

## Want Sugar Beets.

The American Beet Sugar company is working the territory tributary to Sutherland for contracts with the farmers to grow beets the coming season. It is expected that a good acreage will be planted this year.

## PERU PEOPLE GET A SURPRISE.

### Letters Alleged to Be Forged Contain Charges Against Postmaster.

A postoffice inspector surprised the people of Peru by calling on a number of prominent citizens to inquire concerning the management of the postoffice. He explained that charges had been filed against the postmistress, Mrs. Fay Whitfield, and that he had been sent to make an investigation. Everybody was surprised and wondered as to the cause of the investigation. It was ascertained later that the charges had been made in letters containing the signatures of people who are not now living in Peru, and that no one could be found who would admit that they knew anything at all concerning the charges contained in them. The letters making charges against Mrs. Whitfield had been sent to Congressman Pollard, and by him turned over to the postoffice department at Washington. Congressman Pollard is said to be greatly displeased with the methods used in this attack on the postmistress, and especially with the efforts to influence him and the department by sending letters alleged to be forged. The people of Peru now insist on an investigation as to who wrote these letters to Congress. man Pollard, and feel assured that the government officials will not rest until the parties who have violated the national statutes have been brought to justice.

## AXTELL HAS ANOTHER FIRE.

### Heavy Gale Threatens Entire Business Portion Again.

Fire in D. F. Slayton's meat market at Axtell destroyed the entire building and all the stock. The Nebraska Telephone company's exchange was totally destroyed. The building belonged to John M. Nelson. The Columbia Fire Insurance company had \$1,000 and the Phoenix of Brooklyn \$1,000 on the building. The Aetna Insurance company insured the stock \$700.

The fire was located in the north-west corner of the business portion of the village. With a high gale blowing directly into the village, it looked for a time as if the entire business portion would be burned. Total loss on the buildings is \$3,000; on stock, \$1,200.

Three-fourths of the business portion of this thriving little village was burned out in August, 1907. It has been rebuilt with beautiful new brick buildings. The town is without fire protection and now there is much agitation for some kind of protection.

## FIRE ON SEED FARM.

### John Hively, of Waterloo, Suffered Heavy Loss.

A large barn and warehouse owned by John Hively, situated in the southwest part of Waterloo, was burned Wednesday afternoon. In the building was stored about \$2,000 worth of vine seeds, some 900 onion racks, tools for seed farming, sacks and a large amount of hay and other feed, some harness, etc. The owner was not at home when the fire started and its origin is unknown. The loss on the building, tools and feed is total. The seed was partly covered by insurance. A high wind prevailed and made a fight necessary to keep the fire from spreading to the house across the street.

## BLACKSMITH SHOP BURNED.

### Fire at Stanton Does Considerable Damage.

Wednesday night at about 2 o'clock a fire was discovered in the building known as the Hoehne blacksmith shop at Stanton. This building is near the center of the business section of the city, and a strong gale was blowing from the north, so that before the firemen could get into action the W. R. Locke barn, which adjoins it on the west, had caught and both were burned to the ground. All the horses and buggies were saved. Surrounding buildings were amply protected by the play of two streams of water continuously upon them. The loss to the owners was about \$2,500; insurance, \$800.

## GOSSARD'S SHORTAGE IS PAID.

### Bonding Company Makes Settlement for Red Willow's Treasurer.

The first bright ray for Red Willow county in the embezzlement shortage by ex-county treasurer B. G. Gossard "ashed across the local horizon" Thursday when a draft for \$6,492.73 was received from the U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty company, of Baltimore, Md., covering the entire amount of the shortage. The guaranty company had bonded the embezzling officer.

## Corn Husker a Success.

The corn harvester and husker patented by F. W. Wellensick, of Beatrice, and built by the Beatrice Iron works, was given a tryout recently in the field of Charles Green, south of the city, and proved satisfactory. The machine is built strong, yet light enough in weight so that two horses can pull it with ease. It can gather from eight to ten acres of corn a day.

## Burglars Rob Saloon.

The saloon of James Hroch at Wyoming was entered by burglars, who secured about \$100 from the till. The officials believe that the burglars took the loot and boarded a southbound train for St. Joseph or Kansas City.

## Craftord Buried Beside Wife.

The body of Alonzo H. Craftord, who died at Hastings college, was committed to earth Monday night, was taken to Lincoln, Kan., for burial by the wife of his wife, who died ten months ago.



On the recommendation of the bureau of animal industry of the department of agriculture, Gov. Sheldon has issued a quarantine proclamation against certain counties in the state.

The recommendations of the department are adopted under certain conditions. The recommendations, together with the proclamation of the governor and the appointment of inspectors, follow:

"The bureau of animal industry of the United States department of agriculture has seen fit, on account of the existence of scabbies in cattle to some extent in certain counties of this state, to regulate the movement and shipment of cattle therefrom.

"South Omaha is a public market. Therefore, there must be maintained the stock yards a quarantine division. All cattle shipped from parts of this state under quarantine by the bureau of animal industry to South Omaha, whether infected or not, must be unloaded into the quarantine division. This necessarily works a hardship upon the shipper in the quarantine district whose cattle are clean.

"The bureau of animal industry, upon the request of the deputy state veterinarian, has concluded to cooperate with the state in the control of scabbies in cattle within this state. To ameliorate the present conditions and to prevent the spread of scabbies throughout the state to the injury of the cattle industry, it is hereby ordered, subject to the approval of the governor, that the regulation of the honorable secretary of agriculture, known as Order No. 143, now effective in the interstate movement of cattle, be and the same is hereby extended so as to control the movement and shipment of cattle from the counties of Banner, Blaine, Box Butte, Cedar, Chase, Cherry, Cheyenne, Dawes, Dawson, Deuel, Dundy, Garfield, Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Hayes, Hitchcock, Holt, Hooker, Keith, Kimball, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, McPherson, Perkins, Rock, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux, Thomas, Valley and Wheeler.

"All cattle in counties within this state not above enumerated may be shipped without inspection to any points within this state as 'uninspected cattle' until such time as it may be ordered otherwise."

That delightful pastime of picking up cigars from Gov. Sheldon's private box, which he always keeps on hand, indulged in by various and certain parties not a thousand miles from the executive office, is no more popular. The practice became so pernicious that the executive frequently found himself without a cigar and the hour on occasions has been midnight. So he set a trap. It worked, and Ed Maggi, chief clerk of the office, was caught red handed. In the top layer of a new box of cigars (these being two men in the office who are not particular whose cigars they smoke) bigger and fatter and healthier looking than all the rest. Then the governor was late returning from lunch. Maggi beat him back. He was busy entertaining a caller, and the same time busy smoking a delightful cigar. When the thing exploded the report was heard all over the state house. Maggi now won't even look at the governor's cigars, and the governor didn't even say a word. In justice to the executive clerk it is well to say that the executive himself would just as soon smoke one of the clerk's cigars as his own.

The officers of the Nebraska State Historical society were re-elected at a business meeting, as follows: Dr. Geo. L. Miller, of Omaha, president; Robert Harvey, of St. Paul, first vice president; James E. North, of Columbus, second vice president; Clarence S. Paine, of Lincoln, secretary; Stephen L. Gresham, of Lincoln, treasurer. H. H. Wilson read a report on the condition of the society and made a recommendation that immediate steps be taken toward the securing of a suitable location for a historical building in which to house the records and historical collections of the society.

County Attorney F. M. Tyrrell, of Lancaster county, consulted the board of railway commissioners recently about the action to be brought against the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies to recover penalties for failure to obey the law with respect to making reports to the board and in changing rates without the board's permission. Suits will be filed at once.

Gov. Sheldon knocked off ten months of the four-year sentence of John Lear and the man was released on condition that he go at once to Leavenworth, Kan., and get into honest employment and help support his mother. The man was convicted of criminal assault and was sent up from Garfield county.

Capt. John G. Worhizer, of the regular army, has received notification from Adj. Gen. McClain at Washington, that he had been detailed for another year as instructor in military science at the University of Nebraska.

State Superintendent McErien has ruled that school boards have the authority to temporarily suspend pupils during an epidemic of smallpox in case the student refuses to be vaccinated.

The announcement in a local paper that the International Association of "Anarchists" will meet in Lincoln Jan. 31 and that Gov. and Mrs. Sheldon and Mayor and Mrs. Brown will be the guests of honor at the banquet and ball is a mistake. The International Association of Machinists will meet in Lincoln on the above date but as far as the "anarchists" have not announced the date of their meeting and Gov. and Mrs. Sheldon and Mayor and Mrs. Brown will be the guests of honor of the machinists.