

225 DEAD IN COAL MINE

Frightful Disaster in Fraterville Colliery in Tennessee.

IMPRISONED MEN MEET DOOM

Rescuers Force Entrance Into Mine and Find Every Soul Within It Dead—Disaster Due to Gas Explosion—Many Bodies Recovered.

Coal Creek, Tenn., May 20.—The worst disaster in the history of Tennessee mining occurred yesterday, when 225 men and boys met instant death at the Fraterville coal mine, located two miles west of this town. A gas explosion was the cause of the disaster.

Out of the large number of men and boys who went to work yesterday, only one is alive and he is so badly injured that he cannot live. This man is William Morgan, an aged Englishman, who was a road man in the mine. He was blown out of the entrance by the force of the explosion.

One hundred and seventy-five miners were checked in for work by the mine boss. In addition to these there were boys who acted as helpers and drivers and road men, and others to the number of perhaps 50. Fraterville mine is the oldest mine in the Coal Creek district, having been opened in 1870. It is fully three miles from the opening of the mine to the point when the men were at work. They had not been at work long before the terrible explosion occurred. There was a fearful roar and then flames shot from the entrance and the air shafts. As soon as order could be brought out of chaos, two rescuing parties were started in, one at the main entrance, the other through Thistle mine, which adjoins, and in which no men were at work. The Thistle party was unable to make any headway, as the gas stifled the workers. The Fraterville party went fully two miles under the earth, until a heavy fall of slate was encountered. At this barrier the men worked like demons, hoping against hope that those beyond might be safe. The news of the disaster spread quickly and the scenes at the mouth of the mine while the workers were within were beyond description. Business was suspended in Coal Creek and all its mines as soon as the news became known, and men, women and children gathered around the Fraterville entrance. Women whose husbands and sons were within were wild with grief.

All day long the rescuers toiled at the slate obstruction and not until 5 o'clock did they force an entrance through it. Up to that hour only five dead bodies had been recovered, and hope was still high that many within were safe. The hopes of the living were doomed, however, for when once the rescuers could enter and proceed they walked along one continuous tomb of death. There was not a sign of life. Every man had perished.

Eight dead bodies were recovered and these were sent to Coal Creek. Twenty-six were soon found. They were not disfigured beyond identification, and each corpse as it was borne from the mouth of the great tomb was surrounded by eager crowds of relatives of the men who had been stricken down. The mine was not on fire, except in remote portions.

Partial list of victims: George Aikens, mine foreman, head blown off; James Hightower, Robert Smith, R. Price, James Slover, W. Price, Roscoe Bradley, W. Bradley, T. McGee, Charles Vangrit, W. Evans, C. Evans, C. Brooks, O. Murray, W. Murray, M. Wilson, R. Wilson, M. Webber, C. Discern, E. Discern, L. White, J. White, W. White, B. Vowell and two sons, R. Massingill, S. Hudson, G. Adkins, J. Whitten and ten-year-old son, E. Sorrell and 15-year-old son, J. Aikens and two sons, J. Strickland, P. Childress, W. Childress, John Childress, James Childress, J. Smitty, E. Smitty, C. Adkins, B. Adkins, Frank Sharp, O. Sharp, R. Webb, L. Miller, R. Miller, B. Sharp, A. Goodman, C. Hightower, T. Disney.

Tornado Hits Chetopa.

Chetopa, Kan., May 20.—A tornado passed over this place last night, unroofing or destroying numerous houses and tearing down the poles of the electric light and telephone companies. Miss Emma Edington was carried from her house to the street by the wind and in falling sustained serious injury. Others received minor injuries. Rain accompanied the storm.

Oil Tanks Ablaze.

Joliet, Ill., May 20.—The tanks of the Illinois Oil company, south of Joliet, containing hundreds of barrels of kerosene oil, gasoline, etc., caught fire yesterday and were destroyed. Portions of the works were blown up and scores of people, attracted by the flames, were placed in great danger.

One Dead and Eight Hurt.

Pittsburg, May 20.—One man is dead and eight injured as a result of the explosion of a tank of gasoline yesterday at 98 Winnebago street. Adam Gripp, aged 18, was buried in the ruins and his body has not been recovered. The injured were all badly burned and several are in a serious condition.

Hurricane in East India.

Bombay, May 20.—A destructive hurricane has swept over the province of Scinde, British India. Forty miles of the Scinde railroad was washed away and bridges, houses and embankments disappeared. Fifty miles of telegraph wires also were destroyed. Many lives were lost.

MAD LOVE ENDS IN TRAGEDY.

Infatuated Young Man Kills the Girl and Four Other Persons.

St. Augustine, Fla., May 20.—Crazed by his infatuation for little Abetha McCollough, a 13-year-old girl, William Wilkinson, a young man, killed the girl and four other persons and then committed suicide in a lonely farm house of William Wilkinson, near Hastings. The dead are: William Wilkinson, aged 52; Mrs. Wilkinson, his wife; Miss Abetha McCollough, aged 13; Miss Wilkinson, sister of William Wilkinson; one child; William Austin, the murderer and suicide, aged 25.

The crime was first discovered by John Keller, who visited the Wilkinson house, where he found six corpses scarcely cold and but one living witness to the tragedy, a helpless infant. Austin had been madly infatuated with the McCollough girl, and it is claimed that he killed the entire family because his advances were rejected and because the girl was also opposed.

ATTACK VALIDITY OF WRIT.

Packers Enter Motion to Have Missouri Order Revoked.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 20.—Attorneys representing the Armour Packing company, the Cudahy Packing company, the Hammond Packing company, Armour & Co., and Swift & Co., filed a motion in the supreme court here to quash the alternative writ issued a few days ago by the court against these companies on the ground that the order was improvidently issued, in that it was returnable to the court in vacation. These attorneys hold that the order of the court will not be valid because it was made returnable to the court when it is not in session. This will dispose of the case until the court meets on June 4, at which time it is likely to pass upon this motion to quash the writ.

CAPTAIN DEMING WINS CASE.

Supreme Court Decides Court-Martial Which Tried Him Was Illegal.

Washington, May 20.—In an opinion delivered yesterday by Justice Peckham, the United States supreme court decided the case of Captain Peter C. Deming in that officer's favor. The case involved the right of a court-martial, composed entirely of officers of the regular army, to pass upon a case involving the rights of a volunteer officer.

The effect of the opinion is that such a trial is illegal.

Greenhill Brothers Acquitted.

Hillsboro, Mo., May 20.—"Not guilty" was the verdict returned by the jury yesterday after hearing the evidence in the case of William and Daniel Greenhill, who were charged with killing John Meloy, a railroad brakeman, at De Soto, Mo., last September. Meloy and Mrs. Urrey, a sister of the Greenhill boys, were found dead at the home of the latter. They had been shot and their bodies hacked with some sharp instrument. The Greenhill brothers were arrested and confessed to mutilating the bodies, but declared the man and woman had previously committed suicide.

Arrested for Montgomery Murder.

Winfield, Kan., May 20.—George M. Miller was arrested yesterday, charged with the murder in this city last October of George C. Montgomery, a Santa Fe railway detective, who was killed while seated in his parlor from a shot fired through the window. Evidence connecting Miller with the murder was brought out at the recent trial of O. W. Coffelt, who had been arrested in Texas on the same charge. Montgomery at the time of his death was working on a case that conflicted with the "101 Ranch," which is one of the most extensive in Kansas.

Attempt to Kill Russian Governor.

St. Petersburg, May 20.—An unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday evening to assassinate the governor of Vilna. According to the record books available Lieutenant General von Wahl is the governor of Vilna, European Russia. General von Wahl was formerly chief of police of St. Petersburg and had a great deal of trouble with the students there a number of years back.

Other Districts in Danger.

Paris, May 20.—Governor L'Huerre of Martinique has cabled to the colonial minister, M. DeCrales, announcing that Mont Pelee continues to throw up immense quantities of cinders, which, owing to a change in the direction of the wind, are now covering the southern districts of the island. Violent explosions have been heard at LeCarbet.

Prominent Merchant Shot.

Webb City, Mo., May 20.—H. W. Mayes, a prominent merchant of this city, was shot and instantly killed last night by W. H. Wagner, a laborer. After the shooting Wagner gave himself up and stated that Mayes was infatuated with Mrs. Wagner and would not cease annoying her with his attentions.

Two Outlaws Killed.

Middlesboro, Ky., May 20.—A bloody fight between Sheriff Broadwater of Scott county, Virginia, and the Wright gang of outlaws took place in the mountains of Vannock, Tenn. Two outlaws, John Van Sant and John Templeton, were killed. Sheriff Broadwater says the outlaws cannot escape.

Earthquake in California.

San Francisco, May 20.—Reports from nearly every section of northern California indicate the earthquake, which was felt here yesterday, was general. Slight damage is reported from one or two interior towns, but the shake was not heavy enough to cause apprehension.

FUGITIVES BACK IN QUEBEC

Gaynor and Greene Taken from Montreal Authorities.

LEGAL CONFLICT TRANSFERRED

Prisoners Wanted in United States for Defrauding the Government Win First Step in Their Fight Against Extradition.

Montreal, May 20.—Colonel Gaynor and Captain Greene have won the first skirmish in the fight against extradition to the United States, and today the two men are in the old city of Quebec, where they believe proceedings to force them to return to the United States to answer the charge of defrauding the United States government can be successfully fought. Last night a special train on the Canadian Pacific arrived from Quebec with High Constable Gale and assistants on board, armed with a writ of habeas corpus. They got into a cab and drove to the Montreal jail, to which institution Gaynor and Greene

had been committed by Judge Lafontaine during the afternoon. The stay of the high constable in the jail was of very short duration. Evidently Governor Valee and his guests awaited their coming, for in a short time Gale reappeared, accompanied by Governor Valee and Messrs. Gaynor and Greene. A quick drive was made to the station and an hour after the arrival of the special train it departed with the much-sought fugitives from the American courts on board. Half an hour later the regular train for Quebec departed, having on Donald MacMaster and Chief Carpenter. They went to answer the writ of habeas corpus served on Carpenter.



COLONEL JOHN F. GAYNOR.

Incidentally, Mr. MacMaster will use all his efforts to see that Governor Valee returns his prisoners to the Montreal jail.

WOOD CLEANS UP AFFAIRS.

Last Day of American Occupation of Cuba Proves a Busy One.

Havana, May 20.—The last day of the American occupation of Cuba was devoted by Governor General Wood and his staff to arranging the final details of the evacuation today. The palace was fairly besieged all day by importunate persons appealing for some favor before the curtain drops. There was also a constant stream of callers to say a formal farewell.

A number of appointments were made during the day, the most important of which was that of Dr. Carlos Findley as health officer of the island. Dr. Findley first advanced the theory that yellow fever is spread by mosquitos, the adoption of which has done so much to rid Cuba of the scourge.

The number of visitors in Havana is estimated at 15,000 and special trains will be run to the city today. President-elect Palma held a meeting of his cabinet yesterday to discuss his message to the Cuban congress.

PLOT ON EMPEROR'S LIFE.

Bomb Found on Imperial Train at Vienna.

London, May 20.—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Budapest reports the frustration of a plot against the life of Emperor Francis Joseph. The emperor was recently going on a night train from Vienna to Budapest. In the final inspection of the imperial train at the terminus of the state railroad at Vienna, made ten minutes before his majesty's arrival there, a bomb, covered with paper, was found in the emperor's compartment. It was evidently calculated that this bomb would explode the moment his majesty entered the car. An investigation of the matter led to the dismissal of several railroad employees. The greatest secrecy concerning the plot has been observed, and the emperor forbade the newspapers of Vienna to mention the affair.

McCoy Almost Out.

Philadelphia, May 20.—"Kid" McCoy was twice saved by the bell in a six-round bout with "Kid" Carter at Industrial hall last night. He was knocked down five times and was much the weaker at the finish, although Carter was badly punished.

General Funston Ill.

Denver, May 20.—General Funston is confined to his bed by an attack of remittent malarial fever. His temperature rose to 103½, but subsequently dropped to 101. His illness is not regarded as serious.

WESTERN LINES IN SPEED WAR.

Rock Island Violates Agreement and Other Roads Retaliate.

Chicago, May 20.—The fast time made by the Rock Island's new train has started a speed war between the western roads. A speed war, which began last fall, was settled in December by an agreement between the executive officers of the railroads that the fastest time of passenger trains between here and Omaha should be 13 hours and 30 minutes and between Chicago and St. Paul 12 hours and 55 minutes.

The Rock Island train runs from here to Omaha in 13 hours and makes the return trip in 12 hours and 30 minutes, or an hour less than the minimum time fixed by the agreement of the higher officials of the western lines.

The first road to retaliate against the Rock Island is the Northwestern, which has added a sleeping car to its mail train, which runs from Omaha to Chicago in 11 hours. The Burlington road undoubtedly will reduce the time of its trains between here and Omaha.

HOME MISSIONS CENTENNIAL.

Celebration Being Held in Connection With Presbyterian Assembly.

New York, May 20.—One of the features of the Presbyterian general assembly yesterday was the report of the board of education. The board announces that they have met all the financial engagements of the year without incurring any debt, but have a somewhat diminished balance in the hands of the treasurer. The receipts from the churches, Sabbath schools and young peoples' societies amounted to \$44,170, as compared with \$43,940 last year. Only the fact that the number of candidates enrolled for the year was abnormally small made it possible to carry out the purpose to make a better provision for them than in recent years. \$100 being given to students in the college and seminary courses and \$90 to students in the preparatory course. This is the highest rate paid since 1894. The number of candidates under the care of the board during the year was 572.

BAPTISTS IN CONVENTION.

Various National Organizations in Session at St. Paul.

St. Paul, May 20.—A national gathering of Baptists, representing half a dozen national organizations of that church, began here yesterday and will continue into next week. Many famous workers in the church are present for the various sessions. The matter about which probably most interest centers is the proposal to combine several of the important societies of the church whose work seems to overlap. The proposition at present is simply for the federation of the various organizations. The Women's Baptist Home Mission society began its 25th annual meeting with an executive session of church workers yesterday.

Back to the Land.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 20.—The Hon. Luther Laflin Mills of Chicago delivered an address before the Good Government club of the University of Michigan last night. His subject was "Back to the Land," which signified the magnifying and developing of agriculture as a remedy for many social ills and a natural and rational means to human happiness. He made a strong plea for popularizing the farming colonization of the unsatisfied toilers of crowded communities and those there who have no work.

O'Gorman Elected Grand Sachem.

New York, May 20.—Justice A. O'Gorman of the supreme court bench was last night elected grand sachem of the Columbian Order of Tammany Hall, the deliberations lasting less than half an hour. On the first ballot Justice O'Gorman received 8 votes of the 12, the other 4 going to ex-Mayor Van Wyck. The meeting at which Justice O'Gorman was elected was adjourned one, following the one at which the deadlock occurred which resulted in Lewis Nixon resigning the leadership.

Baseball Results Yesterday.

National League—Chicago, 5; Boston, 2; Pittsburgh, 2; Philadelphia, 1; St. Louis, 6; Brooklyn, 5; Cincinnati, 4; New York, 2.
American League—Cleveland, 9; St. Louis, 5; Detroit, 9; Chicago, 1.
American Association—Milwaukee, 7; Indianapolis, 8; Minneapolis, 6; Columbus, 15; St. Paul, 17; Toledo, 4.
Western League—Omaha, 5; Denver, 4; Des Moines, 9; Colorado Springs, 9; Kansas City, 11; Peoria, 3.

Death of Lieutenant Day.

Vinita, I. T., May 20.—Word was received here yesterday of the death from consumption of Lieutenant R. C. Day at San Isidro, Luzon. Day was during the Cuban campaign captain of troop L, rough riders, and was promoted by President Roosevelt for gallantry at San Juan hill. He was treasurer of Neuva Ecija province when he died. The family live at Colorado Springs.

At Mercy of a Mob.

Little Rock, Ark., May 20.—A special from England, Ark., says: "A young negro named William Jordan, who had maltreated the 9-year-old daughter of James Sox, white, was taken from a constable by a mob Saturday night and he has not been heard of since."

Educator Ends His Life.

Portland, Or., May 20.—Professor Eugene L. Schaeffer, senior master at Bishop Scott academy, a school conducted under the direction of the Episcopal church, committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver.

STORM KILLS NINETY-EIGHT

Property Loss at Goliad Will Reach \$200,000.

DIGGING GRAVES FOR VICTIMS

Supply of Coffins Has Been Replenished From Surrounding Towns. Havoc in Tornado's Narrow Path. Strip Over Mile Long Swept Clean.

Houston, Tex., May 20.—The latest reports from Goliad state that 98 persons were killed and 95 injured by the tornado which passed over that city Sunday afternoon. The property loss in the city and surrounding country will probably reach \$200,000. The storm swept the city from end to end and demolished 150 stores and residences.

The tornado, which was preceded by a terrific downpour of hail, lasted only a few minutes. The hailstorm drove the people into their houses, where they were caught by the death-dealing wind, which came on them with terrific force, leveling everything in its path. The tornado swept an area 250 yards wide for a distance of a mile and a half. Houses collapsed as if built of cardboard, covering the dead and injured with debris, which necessarily made the work of rescue slow. People flocked to the town from all of the surrounding country. The supply of coffins has been replenished from other towns and a large force of laborers is still at work digging graves for many of the victims. The storm wrought severe havoc to the surrounding country, but no lives are reported lost there. Governor Sayers has issued an appeal to the mayors of all cities of 3,000 people and over in the state of Texas asking them to send food to Goliad and raise funds for the sufferers.

SERIOUS CHARGES ARE MADE.

Witness Accuses Army Officers of Intoxication and Other Excesses.

Washington, May 20.—During the Philippine investigation before the senate committee yesterday a letter was read from General Hughes denying that he had ever given orders for the water cure and saying that if such a charge was made he wanted the fullest investigation of it.

Corporal Richard O'Brien, formerly of the Twenty-sixth volunteer infantry, testified to seeing the water cure administered. He also said that officers violated a Spanish woman at one town. At Iloilo, he said, three officers—Major Cook, Captain McDonald and Lieutenant Plummer of company M—became intoxicated at a reception and took off their coats, seized some of the native women and insisted upon their dancing with them, much to the disgust of the women, who were above the peasant class. He said he was not on good terms with his captain. He also said that at one place a woman with two children was burned to death in a bamboo shack when the troops were burning the town. "Dum dum," or explosive bullets, he stated, were issued to the troops in the regular way and did horrible execution. There were "unwritten orders" to take no prisoners, which were carried out in one campaign. He did not know who issued the orders, but they were understood to be in effect. Upon close questioning, he admitted that he had seen many prisoners and they were being treated kindly by the officers and men.

House Passes Naval Bill.

Washington, May 20.—Before adjournment yesterday the house passed the naval appropriation bill. The feature of the debate was on the amendment offered by Roberts (Mass.), providing that three of the ships provided for in the bill, a battleship, a cruiser and a gunboat, shall be built in government yards. Adams (Pa.) made a point of order against the amendment which Sherman sustained, but on an appeal by Roberts the chair was overruled, and the amendment was agreed to. Under a suspension of the rules the bill for eight hours work on all government contracts was passed, also a bill authorizing the construction of a national sanitarium for disabled soldiers at Hot Springs, S. D.

Dolliver Arraigns Democrats.

Washington, May 20.—Only a brief time was devoted by the senate yesterday to consideration of the Philippine government bill. Dolliver supported the bill, which, he said, was one of the most important pieces of constructive legislation presented since the civil war. He arraigned the Democratic minority for its opposition to the measure. He insisted that the Philippine insurrection, as a military proposition, was a thing of the past, and declared that under no circumstances would the United States relinquish the Philippines.

Kodak Concerns Combine.

New York, May 20.—Details of the plan for the consolidation of the kodak enterprises have been published. The aggregate cash value of all of these enterprises is estimated at \$20,000,000 and capital stock of the consolidated corporation is \$35,000,000. The new company, which has been incorporated in New Jersey, will acquire properties all over the world.

Nonunion Linemen Strike.

Chicago, May 20.—Nonunion linemen in the employ of the Chicago Telephone company in Chicago, Joliet, Elgin and Aurora have gone on strike for union wages and union conditions. The strikers are the men who took the places of the union linemen who went on strike last summer.

STRIKERS START FOR EUROPE.

Two Carloads of Foreigners Leave for Their Native Lands.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 20.—President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America arrived here from Hazleton last night and established strike headquarters at the Hotel Hart. He was met at the station by several of the local leaders, who held a brief conference with him. The national president stated that, so far as the miners' side of the controversy was concerned, the situation had not changed in the least.

Two carloads of foreigners left the Hazleton region yesterday. Most of them were booked for New York, whence they will sail for their native lands. Some of the foreigners will seek work in the Bituminous region.

At a meeting last night the Retail Grocers' association decided to restrict credit during the pendency of the strike. The wholesalers in the afternoon decided to demand cash payments from the retailers.

The companies yesterday began swearing in coal and iron police.

SNOWSTORM IN WYOMING.

Sheep and Lambs Reported Dying by Thousands.

Evanston, Wyo., May 20.—The snowstorm which struck this section Saturday night has continued without abatement. It is estimated that 10 to 14 inches of wet snow has fallen, the greater part of which has melted in the valleys. Sheep and lambs are reported to be dying by thousands and a prominent sheepman estimates the loss in Uintah county alone will reach 200,000 head, representing a market value of over \$1,000,000. If the storm continues for another day it is feared all of the lambs and many of the sheep that have been sheared will be lost.

Wheat Belt Is Flooded.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 20.—Another very heavy rain fell over northern Missouri, sections of northern Kansas and southern Nebraska yesterday. In the last 15 days there has been a 12-inch rainfall at Powell, Neb., the heaviest in the history of the state. As much as four inches fell yesterday in the course of two hours. At many points there was such floods that many people believed the downpour was an actual cloudburst.

Scarcity of Laborers in Chicago.

Chicago, May 20.—The Inter-Ocean says: "Scarcity of laborers threatens to bring many improvements in Chicago to a standstill. Thousands of men are in demand and an increase in wages is offered, but workmen cannot be found. Employment agents are skimming among the small cities within a radius of 100 miles of Chicago trying to pick up a sufficient number of laborers to supply the urgent demand."

Why a Limpet Sticks.

The limpet has gained notoriety by the strength with which it adheres to the rock on which it decides to rest. The force required to detach the limpet from the rock has lately been tested by a well known naturalist, who found that more than sixty pounds must be exerted for the purpose. So this little thing, weighing about half an ounce, sticks so tightly that a force equal to two thousand times its own weight is necessary to drag it away.

It was at one time supposed that atmospheric pressure had something to do with the adhesive power of the limpet, but it is now generally agreed that the creature exudes a kind of glue for this purpose. If you place your finger on the rock immediately after a limpet has been detached, you will feel that the surface is sticky, and if you allow your finger to remain there for a short time you will notice that it is beginning to stick quite tightly.—Pearson's.

Unappreciative.

A certain politician, eminent but not refined, made Samuel J. Tilden a business call at his Gramercy Park mansion. Wishing to be particularly nice to him, the old gentleman got out a bottle of Johannisberger Schloss, the rarest of Rhine wines, and began to decant the contents into a minute glass, sniffing the savor of the juice and taking great pains to indicate that a treat was coming. A tray with some large glasses was at hand, the politician reached for one and, grasping the precious bottle by the neck, dumped half the contents into it and drank it all at one gulp. Mr. Tilden eyed him malevolently and did not try to prolong the visit. When the door closed behind the guest, he said with a snap: "Blast him! The next time he comes I'll give him beer."—New York World.

Confessing.

Grimes—Excuse it, that's just my playful luck.
Boyd—What's the matter, Grimes?
Grimes—Matter enough! There's going to be a reduction of fares on my railroad, and I've just got an annual pass on it.—Exchange.

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