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EXPLOSION WRECKS MINE

Thirteen Men Known to Have Been Killed.

WORK OF RESCUE IS DELAYED.

Shaft Filled With Gas and Smoke, Interfering With Recovering of Bodies. Powder House Blows Up in Colorado Mine at Bowen.

Trinidad, Colo., Aug. 8.—A disastrous explosion occurred at 6:30 o'clock last night at No. 3 mine at Bowen, a small camp three miles north of this place. Thirteen lives are known to have been lost. The exact number of men working on the night shift and in the mine at the time is unknown. The mine is worked by the Union Coal company of Denver, and is a slope mine, situated on the mountain side, and about 400 yards from the tippie below. The explosion occurred about 800 feet from the mouth of the slope.

Immediately after the night shift had started in the slope, a startling explosion occurred, entirely filling the mouth of the slope and shaking buildings and breaking windows for a mile distant.

Owing to the mouth of the slope being filled, the rescuers were delayed for some time, but succeeded in reaching part of the men through an old slope, and eight dead bodies were quickly brought to the surface.

The mine is filled with gas and smoke and the rescuers are afraid of afterdamp, and are unable to stay in the mine more than a very short time. Mothers, wives and children of the dead and imprisoned miners are almost crazed with grief and the scene presented at the mouth of the mine is a most pathetic one.

The known dead are: James Hunter, Tilden Winfield, Mike Cassidy, Joe Gordon, Joe Sauchy, Thomas Sierra, Frank Groat, Weller Elliott.

The powder house in the mine, usually containing 1,000 pounds of powder, blew up and it is this which caused such a great disaster. The general belief is that the entire mine has been ruined, and if not it will take months to get it in working order again. The rescuing party are pushing forward with all possible speed and before many hours the exact number of lives lost and the total amount of damage can be determined.

The mine employed about sixty men. They are all Americans and Irish. Most of the dead are said to be married.

TRACY RELICS IN DEMAND.

Clothing, Cartridges and Locks of Hair Are Divided Among Crowd.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 8.—When the sheriff, with the body of Harry Tracy, drove through Davenport, hundreds of people followed up and crowded about the wagon. By the time the wagon reached the morgue the streets were crowded and from every corner could be heard "Three cheers for Lincoln county."

The town was wild. The morgue doors had to be closed. Several persons were allowed to see the body and then trouble began. Everyone wanted a relic, and in a short time nothing was left but the body. Someone even picked up the blood-stained handkerchief which had been used by Tracy to keep from bleeding to death.

Many locks of the dead man's hair were carried away and in many places his head had been made bald. His trousers were cut into strips and before they were divided they were cut into smaller pieces. Many of Tracy's cartridges were divided among the members of the posse and those that could get at the buckskin bag.

It is probable that the \$4,100 reward for Tracy's body will not be paid for some time, owing to the number of claimants.

Chicago Murder Mystery.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Lying in the long grass of a vacant lot, and but a few feet from the cable track of the State street line, on which thousands of people passed the place every day, the dead body of a woman was found last night. The corpse was entirely destitute of clothing and none of the garments were found in the vicinity. The body was in such a condition that it was impossible to tell whether or not there were any marks upon it which would indicate violence. The police are firmly of the belief that the woman was murdered and her body placed where it was found.

Negro Murderer Captured.

Phillipi, Va., Aug. 8.—Henry Lancaster, who killed Chief of Police Bud Wilmoth at Womelsdorf two weeks ago, has been captured after a desperate chase through the mountains. A heavy reward was offered for him, dead or alive. He served several terms in prison. A lynching is feared when he is taken to Elkins. Jim Highbeach and Brooks Carter were killed. John Carter was seriously wounded and a man named Richmond was shot through the wrist in a fight in Jackson county, Tennessee.

Two Girls Drowned in Ohio River.

Pittsburg, Aug. 8.—While rowing across the Ohio river last night Mrs. Maggie Miller and Miss Bridget Madden, both nineteen years of age, were drowned. Getting into the waves

made by a passing steamer, the women became frightened and steered in front of another boat going in an opposite direction. Their boat was smashed and both women were carried down and under the steamer. When the bodies were recovered they were clasped in each other's arms.

BECK NAMED FOR GOVERNOR.

Wyoming Democrats Nominate a State Ticket.

Rawlins, Wyo., Aug. 8.—The Democratic state convention nominated the following ticket: Governor, George T. Beck; congressman, Charles P. Clemens; secretary of state, D. E. Stickney; treasurer, Colonel I. Hunter; auditor, W. Dean Hayes; superintendent of public instruction, Mrs. Delano.

All nominations were by acclamation. No nomination was made for justice of the supreme court, but a resolution endorsing C. N. Potter, the Republican nominee, failed of adoption.

The platform adopted favors the popular election of United States senators, compulsory arbitration of labor disputes, municipal ownership of public utilities, strengthening of the powers of the interstate commerce commission, prohibition of the acceptance of free transportation by public officials and other reforms.

ELECTION IN TENNESSEE.

Democratic Candidates for Judges Elected by Large Majorities.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 8.—Returns received from over the state show the election by large majorities of the Democratic tickets for supreme court and for the court of chancery appeals. The former is made up of W. K. McAllister, M. McNeill, John K. Shields and W. D. Beard and the latter is composed of R. M. Barton, John W. Taylor and S. H. Wilson. Democratic congressional nominations, according to information received by the state committee, are as follows: Fourth district, Morgan C. Fitzpatrick over C. E. Snodgrass; Sixth district, John Wesley Gaines over M. H. Meek; Seventh district, L. P. Padgett over W. J. Whitthorne; Eighth district, T. W. Sims over John H. Trice and J. M. Trout; Ninth district, Rice Pearce over Dorsey O. Thomas. With the exception of Fitzpatrick, they are all renominations.

BACK AGAIN AT OYSTER BAY.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt Return From a Short Trip on Sylph.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 8.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt are back at Sagamore Hill. The trip on the Sylph from Block Island sound was made without incident. The president had a number of guests at luncheon yesterday. Senator Platt of Connecticut, Mr. Phelps, secretary to the governor of Connecticut, and Mr. Clark of the Hartford Courant came to talk over the political situation in their state with the president.

Senator Stewart of Nevada discussed briefly with the president some western matters in which he is interested. Others present were James S. Clarkson of Iowa, Representatives James S. Sherman and Lucien N. Littauer of New York.

BUTCHERS ELECT OFFICERS.

Convention Adjourns to Meet Again in Washington Next Year.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The convention of the Retail Butchers' and Meat Dealers' Protective association adjourned to meet in this city on the first Monday in October of next year. The following officers were elected: President, William G. Wagner, New York city; secretary, D. J. Haley, Troy; treasurer, George F. Kellogg, Hartford, Conn. The convention adopted a resolution instructing the various local bodies to take measures to promote the election of members of congress who will favor the elimination of the tariff on cattle and live stock.

Professionalism Charged.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Charges of professionalism and competing in un-sanctioned games have been made against well known athletes of the University of Illinois and of Lake Forest university and charges are pending against members of track teams of several other well known western colleges.

Sixteen Killed in Wreck.

Marshalltown, Ia., Aug. 8.—Coroner Llerle was notified of the death of William Thorpe at Mercy hospital, Des Moines. Thorpe was the fireman whose right leg was crushed in the railroad wreck at Rhodes Wednesday. The death list is now sixteen.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The Cambria Steel company has bought the Republic iron ore mines in Michigan. The price paid was over \$1,000,000.

Harry De Windt, the explorer, traveling overland from Paris to New York, found a village in Siberia where outside news had not arrived for thirty years.

President Roosevelt will receive the honorary degree of LL. D. from the University of Chicago during his visit to Chicago in the fall. Oct. 3 has been fixed as the date of the ceremony.

Three hundred employes of J. Gapps & Sons' clothing factory, Jacksonville, Ill., went on a strike Thursday because the head cutter had been removed on a charge of coercing employes to join the garment makers' union.

MESSAGE FROM THE KING

Edward Expresses Gratitude for His Recovery.

ISSUES ADDRESS TO HIS PEOPLE

Thanks Them for Their Sympathy and Regrets the Fact That Coronation Was Postponed—Proclamation Written by King Himself.

London, Aug. 8.—The following message from King Edward to his people was made public:

"To my people: On the eve of my coronation, an event which I look upon as one of the most solemn and important of my life, I am anxious to express to my people at home and in the colonies and in India my heartfelt appreciation of the deep sympathy they have manifested toward me during a time in my life of such imminent danger. The postponement of the coronation ceremony, owing to my illness, has caused, I fear, much inconvenience and trouble to all who intended to celebrate it. But their disappointment has been borne by them with admirable patience and temper. The prayers of my people for my recovery were heard, and I now offer up my deepest gratitude to divine providence for having preserved my life and given me strength to fulfill the important duties which devolve upon me as sovereign of this great empire."

King Edward's proclamation is a personal and spontaneous expression of his majesty's feelings. It was conceived and written by himself in an autograph letter to the home secretary, C. T. Ritchie. In addressing this communication to the home secretary, the king is following the traditions observed by the late Queen Victoria when she addressed personal messages to the nation.

King Edward did not drive out yesterday. A large crowd had gathered outside Buckingham palace in expectation of their majesties taking a drive and the king, who was luncheon in one of the front rooms of the building, came to a window in full view of the people, who cheered him enthusiastically. The king bowed his acknowledgements.

THOUSANDS DIE OF STARVATION.

Soup is the Only Food of the Peasants of Galicia.

Vienna, Aug. 8.—After a special investigation of the labor trouble in eastern Galicia, the Neue Freie Presse draws a gloomy picture of the miserable conditions which led to the existing strike.

The average mortality from famine for several years past, according to the Neue Freie Presse, aggregated 50,000.

Laborers' wages range from 8 to 16 cents a day and women earn from 4 to 8 cents a day. The peasants rarely taste bread and exist chiefly on a soup, the principal ingredients of which are water and herbs.

Picnickers Struck by Train.

Paducah, Ky., Aug. 8.—A wagon load of ten picnickers was struck by an extra Illinois Central freight train at the Tennessee street crossing last night and five persons were injured, two fatally. Those injured are: Maggie Kooner, seventeen years of age, of Tyler, Ky., fatally injured; Dewey Lindsay, twenty-six years of age, of Tyler, fatally injured; James Warlick, eighteen years of age, of Tyler; Alta Hunt, seventeen years of age, of Pearson, Ky., and Jim Johnson, the colored driver.

New Haven Trolley Strike.

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 8.—A better feeling is apparent in the big trolley strike situation and the members of the state board of mediation and arbitration were so satisfied with the outlook that they returned to their homes after a conference with the mayor. It is understood that if an amicable settlement by arbitration cannot be reached today the board shall be notified.

Practices by Flashlight.

Reval, Russia, Aug. 8.—It was nearly midnight when Emperor William returned to the Hohenzollern, after having witnessed the practice of the Russian fleet by flashlight. Earlier in the evening he entertained the czar at a state dinner on the Hohenzollern and their majesties subsequently proceeded to Standart, where they viewed the brilliant electric illuminations of both fleets.

Fall to Locate Buried Treasure.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 8.—The expedition, which sailed from here on the brigantine Blakeley June 8 last to search for buried treasure on Cocos island, returned yesterday. The expedition was an entire failure, like those that had preceded it. The instruments with which it was expected to locate the treasure would not work.

Unable to Cope With Cholera.

Berlin, Aug. 8.—A telegram received here from Blagovestshensk says that the medical resources at hand are entirely inadequate to cope with the cholera epidemic. Between July 22 and Aug. 3 there were 161 cases and 101 deaths from the disease in Blagovestshensk.

Alleged Bank Robber in Jail.

Wichita, Kan., Aug. 8.—Charles

Johnson, one of the four men accused of robbing a bank in Arkansas, is in jail at Evansville, Ind., according to a telegram received by Chief Hart of this city. Two of the alleged criminals are in jail at Little Rock, awaiting trial.

GIGANTIC FRAUD IS EXPOSED.

British Public is Fleece Out of \$100,000,000 in Wild Cat Concerns.

London, Aug. 8.—The official receiver announces that he has issued summonses against Whittaker Wright and Robert Leman to recover \$750,000 in connection with share transactions between the British-American corporation and the failed London and Globe Finance corporation, limited. In the same report the receiver says that for the present it is not proposed to prosecute the directors of the London and Globe company for fraud.

Probably the full extent of the money lost to the public by the company will never be known, but financial experts now estimate it is upward of \$100,000,000. The flotation for which Wright was responsible aggregated forty-one, with the enormous capital of \$111,775,000, and with few exceptions all these companies are either in liquidation, have been absorbed or are defunct. What the shareholders will recover from the crash can be imagined from the announcement that the creditors of the London and Globe will receive only 5 per cent and that nothing remains for the shareholders.

FOR THE MURDER OF BEDDALL.

Two Rioters Arrested at Shenandoah, Charged With Murder.

Shenandoah, Pa., Aug. 8.—The coroner's jury, which has been investigating the death of Joseph Beddall, who received his fatal injuries in the riot here last week, concluded its inquiry yesterday and rendered a verdict holding Joseph Paulkuz, a butcher; Matthew Paularkas, a one-armed saloon keeper, and many other rioters unknown to the jury responsible for the killing. The men named in the verdict are now locked up and other arrests will follow. The two men were taken into custody by two constables, who were protected by a platoon of soldiers.

The throwing of stones at the troops was repeated yesterday. This time the attack was not made on the camp, but against the provost guards stationed at the Pennsylvania railroad station near one of the foreign colonies in the southern part of the town.

AMERICAN PLAYERS WIN.

Englishmen Are Defeated in Great Lawn Tennis Contest.

New York, Aug. 8.—The team of the American lawn tennis experts successfully defended the Dwight F. Davis international challenge cup yesterday on the courts of the Crescent Athletic club, Bay Ridge. They defeated the challenging Englishmen in the four matches of the singles by three victories and suffered one defeat. William A. Larned, the national champion, was the only player on the American team to succumb to the playing of the Englishmen. He was beaten by R. F. Doherty, who formerly held the championship of all-England. Malcolm D. Whitman, the unbeaten American title holder, beat Dr. Pim and R. F. Doherty. Larned's only victory was scored against Dr. Pim.

Appeal to the President.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 8.—President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers, in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press, said with reference to the decision of Judge Goff in habeas corpus proceedings against the miners in West Virginia: "The only thing to do now is to make an appeal to President Roosevelt for the pardon of the men in jail and this will probably be done at once."

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

At Klamath, Ore., Lester and Emory Davis, aged six and three years respectively, were burned to death.

Miss Elsie Macomber of Des Moines was chosen by Governor Cummins to be sponsor for the new cruiser Des Moines.

James McArkin, aged sixty years, was arrested at Joplin, Mo., Thursday on the charge of being a counterfeiter. His arrest is regarded as important.

The monument recently erected over the grave of Nancy Hanks, mother of Abraham Lincoln, at Lincoln, Ind., will be dedicated Oct. 1.

Robbers who held up the Burlington westbound limited train near Savanna, Ill., at midnight Tuesday are believed to be hiding in the woody Mississippi river bottoms.

Joseph Abele and Morgan Davidson, members of the Fifth field battery, U. S. A., were killed at the Presidio by the caving in of a clay bank on which they were working.

Senator Hanna, in an address to the Urbana (O.) Chautauqua, declared that all labor disputes can be settled by arbitration. The Civic Federation's efforts for ten months failed but once.

The United States is now acting as policeman in Colombia and Venezuela. Norway and Sweden put their merchant ships under American protection and Great Britain will follow. The anti-imperialist attack on the army will be answered officially by Colonel Edwards of the war department. The testimony of the Manila archbishop on soldiers' respect for women is to be quoted.

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