

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR.

SUDDEN AND TERRIBLE

Over One Hundred Men Hurried Into Eternity by an Explosion in a Coal Mine.

SAD AND AWFUL END OF A DAY OF TOIL.

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HEARTRENDRING SCENES OF SORROW.

Frenzied Wives and Mothers Gather About the Tomb of Dear Ones—Brave Efforts to Rescue the Living and Recover the Bodies of the Dead

SOUTH McALESTER, I. T., Jan. 8.—Twenty-four hours have elapsed since the terrible explosion in the mine at Krebs, but it is still impossible to even estimate the number of victims.

The cause of the explosion is still undetermined. The probability is that some miner fired a blast without orders which ignited other accumulated gas or coal dust.

At the hour of the explosion, 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, there was, as near as can be learned, about 400 men in the mine.

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Pleas in Favor of Free Coinage and Bimetallism—A Double Standard Demanded—Facts and Figures from a Silver Standpoint.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—The national executive silver committee tonight issued the following address: The national silver committee, in session at Washington, declares that continued experience demonstrates that there can be no adequate, or final solution of the money question but by re-issuing silver with the money function and making silver coins standard money, co-equal with gold for all money uses.

What the Mine Owners Know. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 8.—Officials of the Osage Mining company in this city, owners of the mine at Krebs, I. T., where the terrible disaster occurred last night, have received a dispatch from McAlester stating that 143 miners have been taken out of the mine alive, but many of them are badly injured.

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It is very generally conceded now by the principal representatives of both the Mills and Crisp wings of the democratic party in the house, that the specific tariff bill program will be an absolute failure. Since Mr. Mills has given notice that his defeat for the speakership "must be rebuked by the democratic party of a large element will abandon the party in a wholesale struggle."

Considerable uneasiness is being shown by the friends of ex-president Cleveland over the all-out movement of the republicans to Senator Hill of New York and Gorman of Maryland. Today it was a general topic of comment and the conclusion arrived at was that neither Hill nor Cleveland is to be announced—that it will be either Gorman or a western man. It is stated by the senatorial friends of the latter, that he has indicated an opinion that the nomination should this year go west, but the next time to be given to the east, yet the man should be so well equipped to handle the situation as to be objectionable to him from the east as to imperil the election.

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The facts upon which bimetallists base their conclusions are indisputable and indisputable. The arguments by which they are established are unanswerable and unanswerable.

The facts are that the supply of gold is admittedly inadequate to provide for the world's needs of money; that many times the amount of gold in circulation is less than the supply of standard money in 1873; that the production of gold is diminishing, while population wealth and the commerce and business of the world are increasing rapidly; that the increase in demand for the arts and dentistry in the United States alone being sufficient to absorb, according to the report of the treasury department, in ten years more than the entire gold product of this country; that the value of silver is steadily increasing; that the value of gold is steadily decreasing; that the value of silver is steadily increasing; that the value of gold is steadily decreasing.

The bugaboo of foreign silver coming here no longer alarms the silver men. Under the present silver law, which is in force here, it is \$1.35 in the states of the Latin America, which is the value of the coined silver of Europe.

The requirements of England and the continent for silver to pay balances to the east are increasing. It is estimated that a profit of the difference between 95 cents and \$1.35 were made on the silver sent, not only the difference between \$1.20 and \$1.35, but the difference between \$1.10 and \$1.35.

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