HUNDREDS MAY BE DEAD

Fearful Explosion in a Mine at Ponty-Pridd.

MANY UNFOATUNATES ENTOMBED.

Over 300 Miners Still in the Workings with but Little if Any Chance of Being Rescued Alive-The Calamity Caused by Sparks From an Engine-Rescuing Parties Hard at Work.

LONDON, April 12 .- A frightful mining accident occurred yesterday at Ponty Pridd, Wales. A spark from an engine ignited the gas in the coal pit near Ponty-Pridd and caused the gas to explode. A large number of miners were at work at the time and the explosion caused terrible havoe. The exact number of lives lost is not known. but it is rumored that twenty persons were killed and many others were more or less seriously injured.

Later accounts from Ponty-Pridd show the situation to be more appalling than at first supposed. Over 300 miners are entombed in the mine.

The engine house is destroyed and there is the greatest fear that hundreds may have perished. The rescuers who went down were driven back without being able to bring up more than five of the dead and the fate of the other miners is in doubt. The most agonizing scenes are witnessed, and throngs of men, women and children, relatives of those below are crowding about the mouth of the coal pit. Still later advices from Ponty-Pridd do

not lighten the calamity, and the worst fa'e is feared for hundreds of miners. The pit is worked in sections, one seam being above another. The fire resulting from the explosion broke out in the eastern section. From this section seventy men succeeded in reaching the surface through the main dip working, led by a miner who knew the roads.

They had a terrible struggle to get out, forcing their way through fire and smoke, Many of them were scorched and all were terribly exhausted when they emerged to safety. They brought no good news as to those who were left behind, but on the con-trary expressed their dread that all those in the mine had periahed.

Some of the Bodles Recovered.

LONDON, April 12 .- At an early hour this morning it was impossible to obtain the full details of the accident in the Pontythe full details of the accident in the Ponty-Pridd coal mine. The first alarm was given at 2.30 yesterday afternoon. The sparks from an engine in a four-foot seam are supposed to have ignited a pile of cot-ton waste. The flames spread to the wood work and finally ignited the inflamable gas in the seam. Flames and smoke gave to the 200 men at work in the seam the first marning of anoraching danger. All ran warning of approaching danger. All ran toward the landing. Many were overtaken by the fire and smoke, fell, and were left to their fate by their comrades in advance of them. Comparatively few of the men who were in the scam at the time of the ex-

were in the seam at the time of the ex-plosion reached the landing. At the entrance of the shaft a rescuing party was formed by the pitsurveyor. The party got as far as the landing at the seam where the fire started, but was driven back almost immediately by the dense smoke issuing from the seam. The sur-veyor took his men back to the surface, After a balf, houris, rest they went down Veyor took his men back to the surface; Aiter a half hour's rest they went down, again and forced their way ten yards into the working. They found four dead bodies, which they brought back with them. At-tempts to go further into the workings were in vain, as the woodwork was burn-ing and how means of whos were falling ing and large masses of ruins were falling incessantly from the roof.

One of the rescuing party who ventured too far was killed. The men who saved themselves immediately after the fire broke out were too much confused and frightened to observe the position of their fellow workmen. They are unable to give any clear account of the distribution of the miners and the work of rescue must therefore pro-

OUR HARRISBURG LETTER. What Our State Lawmakers Are Doing at the Capital City.

HARRISBURG, April 12 .- The fraternal societies have not been slow to take advantage of the protection afforded them by the Boyer bill. Already the Sexennial League has applied to the state department for corporation rights and other orders are expected to follow. In addition, Peter Boyd, the Sexennial League counsel, has secured a dismissal of the quo warranto proceedings instituted by the attorney general some months ago at the instance of certain parties who were desirous of throwing the league into the han ls of a receiver. This action removes a drag from this order and its officers and members look for an era of renewed prosperity to date from the

granting of corporation powers. The house, after an extended debate which seemed to have no influence on the vote, has finally disposed of the local op-tion bill by killing it, yeas 67, nays 102. This bill has been before the legislature since the beginning of the session, and has, by reason of its importance, attracted general attention, hundreds of petitions urging its passage having been received from all parts of the state. Previous to its defeat the way had been opened for general amendment at the morning session, and the house had lots of fun with the bill, putting in a lot of absurd amendments, all of

which were afterward expunged. The measure was drawn by ex-Chief Justice Agnew and that distinguished jurist has made special effort to secure its passage. Its defeat, therefore, will be a great disappointment to him as well as to many others who have worked in its behalf. The vote against the bill was so decisive that it is not likely that an effort will be made to secure a reconsideration. The act establishing boards of arbitra-

tion to settle all questions of wages and other matters of variance between capital and labor passed the house finally with only eight votes against it. This measure is similar to the Wallace act passed in 1883. Each side to a dispute may apply to court for permission to appoint three arbitrators, but if one side fails to name its arbitrators they are to be named by the court. This is where the bill differs from the Wallace bill which only became operative when both sides applied for arbitrators. The bill is educational in character, the

duties of the arbitrators ending when they duties of the arbitrators ending when they have reported their findings to the court. The bill prohibiting railroad companies from employing railroad telegraph opera-tors under the age of twenty years to handle train orders also passed finally. This bill is backed by the Order of Railway Tele-graphers, and is designed to secure an in-crease in the amount of wages at present naid to railroad telegraphers. paid to railroad telegraphers.

Nothing has yet been done by the house ways and means committee with reference to the senate resolution providing for final adjournment of the legislature on May 11. Such slow progress is being made, how-ever, that June 1 is now generally regard-ed as the date that will finally be fixed upon.

Higby's Expense Account.

HARRISBURG, April 12 .- The democrats held a caucus yesterday afternoon to de-cide what course they will take with re-gard to the expense bill put in by Mr. Hig-by, of Crawford, in connection with his contest of Mr. Andrews' seat. The amount of the bill, over \$2,800, is generally regard-ed as excessive and the democrats are inclined to repudiate it. The subject was referred to report the executive committee, Messre. Skinner, Fow, Wherry, Baker and Bern-hard for report. Mr. Andrews has an-nounced that he will not put in any bill.

NOW THE AUDITORS WILL BE PAID

Judge Reeder Hands Down an Important Decision.

EASTON, April 11.-An important opinion was filed yesterday by Judge Reeder in the case of Edward S. Packe et. al., borough auditors of South Bethlehem vs. the the county of Northampton.

The case grew out of the refusal of the

The Spring,

Of all seasons in the year, is the one for making racheal changes in regard to health. During the winter, the system becomes to a certain extent clogged with waste, and the blood loaded with impurities, owing to lack of exercise, close confinement in poorly ventilated shops and homes, and other causes. This is the cause of the dull, sluggish, tired feeling so general at this season, and which must be overcome, or the health may be entirely broken down. Hood's Sarsaparilla has attained the greatest popularity all over the country as the favorite Spring Medicine. It expels the accumulation of impurities through the bowels, kidneys, liver, lungs and skin, gives to the blood the purity and quality necessary to good health and overcomes that tired feeling.

Cause and Effect.

"Cynthia," said Col Calliper to his wife as they sat at dinner, "whom do you think I met to-day ?" "I don't believe I could guess, Ja-

son," said Mrs. Calliper.

"I don't believe you could, Cynthia," the Colonel said. "It was Silas Gidby, who used to live in Starkville Centre, Vt. He went South about fifteen years ago, and he has made a fortune. His going was brought about in a singular manner. Silas used to have the reputation in Starkville Centre, you know, of being very close; some folks called him mean ; he hated to spend a dollar, and he never did if he could help it. One fall when he got out his winter overcoat, which had been packed up during the summer, he found that the moths had got into it and pretty nearly destroyed it ; it wasn't fit to wear. Silas hated dreadfully to spend the money for another one, and he made up his mind that he wouldn't. He had been thinking some of going South; the overcoat settled it; he went. He located in one of those towns that have grown so, and he has made a lot of money. Curious, isn't it, how things come about? You see, the moths getting in the overcoat practically made him rich."

"Jason," said Mrs. Calliper, "do you know what I am going to do with your winter overcoat when you take it

off this spring ?" "I think I could guess, Cynthia. Put it where the moths will eat it up,' the Colonel said.

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THE PENATORS DO PLAIN TALKING

On the Rouch Case While in Executive Session.

WASHINGTON, April 12.-The Roach case came prominently to the front yesterday in the executive session of the senate and was the cause for some rather plain talk from both sides of the chamber. The senate only went into secret session after a yea and nay vote in which it was developed that the democrats had enough members present, added to the republicans to propound an inquiry as to what the other side meant by refusing to permit the committee on privileges and elections to report the resolution relative to the contest of Mr. Martin's seat by Mr. Ady, a resolution that had been agreed upon in the committee at the meeting Saturday, and further, why they had exhibited, what appeared to be bad faith, in the Roach resolution which republicans contended had been agreed to by democrats on the floor of the senate.

This at once precipitated a discussion in which it was developed that the democrats were opposed to taking up the Roach case at this time and wanted to postpone any further action until the next session of congress. It was declared by democratic leadgress. It was declared by democratic lead-ers, as had been stated by them before, that if the Roach case was to be gone into there were others that should be taken up as well. The republicans retorted that they were afraid of no investigation concerning any of their members but they insisted that some positive action should be taken in this particular case.

The democrats said that they were willing the resolution should be modified so as to instruct the committee to report whether or not they had the authority to make the investigation concerning the previous acts of a senator; but the republicans urged that this did not go far enough and insisted that the committee should be still further authorized to go ahead and make the investigation if they found they had such authority. It was this counter proposition that the democrats opposed and after a long discussion of the two views so vehemently adhered to by the respective sides the question was laid aside without any definite action being taken.

The Martin case was given its share of the debate, the republicans contending that the committee on privileges and elections should report the resolution as adopted at its meeting, and that the work contem-plated under the resolution should be prosecuted during the recess of the senate. From the debate that ensued representatives as-sert that they draw the conclusion that the democrats do not intend to do anything in this case, and will, if possible, refuse to look into the question of the legality of the seat now occupied by Mr. Martin. The nomination of Mr. Eckels to be comp-troller of the currency was favorable re-

troller of the currency was favorably re-ported, but confirmation did not follow, it going over for a day under the rules, there being an objection to its present consideration.

Who Some of the Appointees Are.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Following are brief sketches of the careers of those nomi-nated for the more prominent government positions by President Cleveland yesterdays Conrad N. Jordan, nominated to be as-sistant treasurer at New York, is well known to the country as United States treasurer under Mr. Cleveland's first adtreasurer under Mr. Clevenand's first ad-ministration. He is 63 years of age and has had nearly forty years' experience in the banking business. He began his career as a runner in the Hannibal bank of New York City. Daniel N. Morgan, of Bridgeport, Conn., who has been approved United States

who has been appointed United States treasurer, succeeds E. H. Nebeker, of In-diana, at a salary of \$6,000. Mr. Morgan is about 50 years of age and a native of Connecticut. He has for years past occupied a leading position in social, financial and political circles. He has served as mayor of Bridgeport for three terms, and is at present a member of the state senate. Daniel M. Browning, of Illinois, succeede

General Thomas J. Morgan, of Rhode Isl-and, as commissioner of Indian affairs, at a salary of \$4,000 a year. He resides at Ben-ton, is about 50 years of age, and a lawyer

"Right, Jason," said Mrs. Calliper. I was a sufferer from catarrh for

ceed under all the difficulties of uncertainty

There are numerous volunteers to further push the work of rescue as soon as it be comes possible. At present the flames and would render any such undertaking smoke vain, if not fatal to the party making the descent. There is little doubt, moreover, the most, if not all, of the man left below have been suffocated to death.

Could Not Reach the Bodies.

LONDON, April 12 .- Hand grenades, barrels of water and pipes attached to fire en-gines on the surface are being used to ex-Finds the flames in the mines at Ponty-Pridd. In two sections of the mine the fire was put out. The extinction of the flames has been followed in each case, however, by the accumulation of gas, and it is feared the accumulation of gas, and it is reared that explosions may follow shortly. An-other attempt to enter the seam in which the fire started has proved resultless. Al-though the rescue party saw six dead bodies they were prevented by smoke and heat from reaching them.

A Fierce Gale in Illinois,

CHICAGO, April 8.—Reports from points south of here state that a gale approach-ing a cyclone in severity is sweeping south-ern Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, and that much damage has been done. The wind has in a great measure prostrated the tele-graph wires and full reports are not ob-tainable.

The Strike on the Santa Fe.

RATON, N. M., April 10.—The machinists, boiler makers and blacksmiths in the em-ploy of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad at this place are still out on strike. A special from Albuquerque, N. M., announces that the men at that point have gone out.

Yesterday's Silver Purchase.

Vesterday's Silver Purchase. WASHINGTON, April 8.—The treasury de-partment yesterday purchased 411,000 ounces of silver as follows: 61,000, at \$0.8305; 250,000, at \$0.8310; 100,000 at \$(.8820). The offers were 496,000 ounces. The purchases for the month aggregate 1,101,000.

Found Dead in Her House.

RAHWAY, N. J., April 10.-Mrs. George aylor was found dead in her house near the Six Roads, about one mile south from here. Heart trouble was the cause, al-though foul play was first suspected, as that part of the country is a rendezvous of tramps.

Turkey Must Apologize Too.

WASHINGTON, April 8. - The United States has taken vigorous action in regard to the outrages on American citizens at Marwovan, in the Turkish dominions, and the violations of the mails of the United States legation.

Hungary Shaken by an Earthquake.

VIENNA, April 10. -Earth shocks are re-ported from various parts of Hungary yes-terday. The town of Semiin and Szegedin were rather severely shaken up. No great unage was done enywhere.

county commissioners to pay a bill of \$51 presented by the auditors of South Bethlehem for work in preparing official ballots used at the recent election. Judge Reeder decided that the word "printing" in the act of assembly covered that part of the work performed by auditors in preparing copy for the printer and the commissioners thought otherwise. The auditors will now receive pay for as many day's work as they performed, and not for a single day as the commissioners claimed they were only en-

Threw the Coffin Out of the Hearse,

titled.

ST. LOUIS, April 11.-A distressing acci-dent occurred at the Calvary cemetery during the funeral ceremonies attending the burial of Mrs. Mary Burke, of 4010 St. Ferdinand street. After entering the burial ground one of the horses attached to the hearse took fright, and, dragging the other along ran away. The hearse was upset and the coffin crashed through the glass side. The coffin was then carried by a number of men to the grave.

Captain Williams Drowned.

BRIDGETON, N. J., April 11.—Captain Isaac Williams, a well-known and much-respected sea captain, of this city, was drowned at sea on the 5th inst. A telegram came to his family yesterday announcing the fact. He was three days out from the Breakwater and fell overboard while assist-ing to furl a sail. The captain was well known in Philadelphia circles and throughont South Jersey.

Spanish Medals for Our Life Savers.

BALTIMORE, April 12.-Mateo Luis Perez, acting consul for Spain at this port, has re-ceived from the Spanish minister of marine one silver and eight bronze medals to be delivered to Captain John E. Johnson and the crew of the life-saving station at Hog Island, who, in September last, bravely rescued the crew of twenty-five of the Spanish steamship San Albano.

Murderer Salyards Captured.

CARLISLE, April 11.-"Charlie" Salyards the burglar who shot and killed Policeman Martin on Saturday night, was arrested at Winchester, Va., yesterday afternoon by the police authorities of that eity. At the time of the murder he wore a long beard. Yesterday morning he had it removed by a Hagerstown barber, who sent a portion of it here for identification.

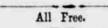
Michael Macgonigle Dead.

LANCASTER, April 12.-Michael Mac-gonigle, a well-known turfman, died yesterday from pneumonia, aged 63 years. He was the owner of a dozen noted racers, among them Hermod, Miss MacGregor and Silver Bell.

Miss Lizzie Miller Sulcides.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 12.—Miss Lizzle Miller, daughter of Dr. Miller, of Spring-field, Ohio, shot herself dead yesterday. She was engaged to wed Stewart Graham, of Battle Creek, Mich., a cadet at the naval academ. academy.

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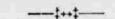
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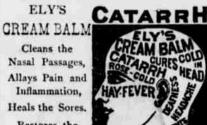
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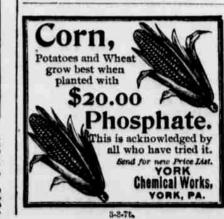


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Edward H. Strobel, of New York, suc-ceeds William M. Grinnell, of the same state, as third assistant secretary of state, at a salary of \$3,500 per annum. He served through Mr. Cleveland's first term and a part of the succeeding republican adminis-tration as secretary of the legation at Mad-rid. He is a graduate of Harvard college and Harvard law school, having been a member of the class of '79. At present he is practicing law, and is said to be a man of high attainments.

STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKET.

Philadelphia Stock Market.

PHILADELPHIA, April 11.—The stock market was very irregular at the opening this morn-ing, but during the morning hours prices ad-vanced fractionally on very light trading. In fact the only stocks in which the volume of transactions was even moderately large were sugar and whisky.

Closing prices: Lehigh Valley Northern Pacific Do. pref. Pennsylvania Rending Lehigh Nav St Paul	17	H. & B. T Do pfd Reading G. M. 4's Do 1st pfd 5's Do 3d pfd 5's bo 3d pfd 5's W. N. Y. & Pa	
St. Paul. Market strong.		W. N. Y. & Pa	5%

Philadelphia Produce Market.

New York Stock Market.

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	C. & N. W 114 Chicago Gas. 6614	Omaha Pacific Mail	6412
	C., B. & Q 965	P.& R	2012
	C., C. C. & St. L. D. L. & W 1444	R. & W. P. Term Sugar TrustCom	175
	Del. & Hudson, 1315	Tenn Coal& Iron	351
1	Lake Shore	Western Union.	9514

New York Produce Market.

New York Froduce Market. New York, April 11, --Wheat --Market steady with 400,000 bushess for export mainly winter wheat, No. 24-2d, and No. 2 hard winter No. 9 red 77c, clevator, 764/c, 5 tore; 784/c, delivered from store; No. 2 hard winter, 764/c, No. 1 Nor, spring, 84c, delivered; un-graded, 768/2c; Corn-Market firm and more active, closing masy. No. 2 corn, 50/c, elevator; do. 524/c; delivered, No. 3, 49/a500, elevator; ungraded, 49/61/c; steamer, 51/c; steamer yellow, 51/62; Cata-Market dul but firm, closing quiet, No. 2 onta, 38/c; No. 8 onta, nom., 30/54 No. 2 onta, 58/c; No. 8 onta, nom., 30/54 No. 2 onta, 58/c; No. 8 onta, nom., 30/54 No. 2 onta, 58/c; No. 8 onta, nom., 30/54