

# MINERS ENTOMBED.

## Sixty Men are Buried in a Colliery's Depths.

# AN EXPLOSION OF GAS.

## Wrecked and Set Fire to the Mine Shaft.

# AN ALMOST HOPELESS TASK.

## Desperate Efforts are Being Made to Reach the Imprisoned Men, but the Chances are Largely Against Any of Them Being Found Alive.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 16.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Victoria, B. C., says: What is feared will prove to be one of the most horrible mine accidents in the history not only of the province but of the Dominion occurred Friday at the Union mines, owned by the Welling Colliery Co., of which James Dunsmuir, the premier of the province, is the principal shareholder. The telegraphic advices received so far give no complete story of the accident, but newspaper correspondents are hurrying by steamer and tug boats to the scene and the full facts will soon be obtained.

As near as can be gathered the explosion took place at about 11 o'clock Friday morning in No. 6 shaft. This shaft is situated in the village of Cumberland. There were 60 men in it when the explosion took place and not one of them escaped. The explosion ignited the mine, wrecking the shaft from midway down to the bottom and filling it with a solid mass of rocks, earth and timbers. The first explosion was followed by several more, while a dense volume of smoke pouring from the vent holes indicated that fire as well as gas was doing destructive work below.

As soon as possible after the accident the men of the morning shift in No. 5 shaft organized a rescue party. No. 5 is situated about a mile from No. 6, but the two workings are connected by a tunnel, and through this channel an attempt was made to help the unfortunate fellows in the wrecked shaft.

They had not cut their way many yards through the debris when they encountered fire, which rendered the place untenable and obliged the party to desist.

The message came back by telephone to the surface conveying the heart-breaking news to the relatives of the imprisoned men, whose urging was not necessary to induce the relief party to return to their apparently hopeless task. Overcome at last by gas and smoke they reluctantly withdrew from No. 5 and commenced work on a long cut from No. 4, the only other means of reaching the men. Work on this was prosecuted with the greatest vigor until an abatement of the fire in No. 5 enabled them to once more return there.

Many of the men are married and have large families. Immediately upon receipt of the news at the head office of the Dunsmuir Co. a special train was sent to Nanaimo. Premier Dunsmuir has not returned from Ottawa, but his personal representative, A. J. Lindsey; his son, Robert Dunsmuir; Mr. Little, the superintendent of the mine, and Inspector of Mines Morgan, left on this special. At Nanaimo, which was reached last evening, the steamer Joan awaited them, and on her they will proceed 60 miles by water to Union bay, the remaining six miles by land to Cumberland railway.

Even should the rescuing party reach the interior of the wrecked workings soon, there is little hope for any of the men locked up in the shaft. John Bryner, ex-member of parliament, brother-in-law of the premier and ex-manager of a portion of the Dunsmuir mining business, said last night that scarcely any hope could be held out for the men. The only way in which any of them could escape would be by reaching some remote portion of the workings to which the fatal gases and smoke could not penetrate. The gas in a coal mine, he said, did its work in a few minutes. Hence the hopelessness of the task of saving men who had been in it for hours.

A second explosion occurred in No. 5 shaft at Union colliery last night, but all the men had left the workings. This explosion prevents any further attempts being made to rescue the entombed miners through No. 5 shaft.

# A Terrible Weapon.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—In the reichstag yesterday one of the military commissioners said the tests with the machine guns firing 300 shots per minute were satisfactory and that the whole army would be fitted out with them during the present year.

# Will be Sunk at Sea.

Lorenzo Marquez, Feb. 16.—The ammunition, guns and shells surrendered by the Boers to the Portuguese at Komatiport will be sunk at sea.

# Schwab to Manage the Combine.

New York, Feb. 16.—The World says: Charles M. Schwab, president of the Carnegie Steel Co., was finally selected yesterday as the head of the big steel combination. "Mr. Schwab enjoys the confidence of every one with whom he has dealt," said one of Andrew Carnegie's close friends and business associates last night. "He is the only man in the country qualified by ability, training and temperament to manage the new empire of industry. He has the confidence of Morgan and Rockefeller, the love of Carnegie and the good will of the 50,000 employees of the Carnegie Co."

# DESPERATE THIEVES.

## They Attempt to Burn Three Chicago Hotels—Prompt Work by Employees Prevented Much Damage.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Fires were set simultaneously on four floors in the Palmer house last evening and 35 minutes later fires were discovered on two floors of the Great Northern hotel. Two men, supposed to be hotel thieves, were seen to run from the Palmer house. During the excitement \$500 worth of jewelry was stolen from one of the rooms of the Great Northern.

Another hotel fire of suspicious origin, had been discovered only 24 hours before. The three fires convinced the police that an organized gang of incendiaries is operating in Chicago. Good descriptions have been secured of the two men who were seen running from the Palmer house and a number of detectives are at work on the case.

The three fires were: Palmer House—Four fires set simultaneously in baskets of linen on different floors. Fires extinguished by guests and employees. Two suspects seen, but allowed to escape. Damage nominal.

Great Northern Hotel—Simultaneous fires discovered on the H. and J. floors. Odor of kerosene on H. floor. J. S. Friest, of New York, reported \$500 worth of jewelry had been stolen from his room. Damage of \$1,000 by fire and small panic among the guests.

Hotel Grace—Fire of suspicious origin discovered in linen closet. Damage nominal.

The most dangerous fire in the Palmer house was on the fifth floor. It was extinguished at personal risk by John McWilliams, jr., a senior at Princeton university and the 20-year-old son of John McWilliams, a banker of Odell, Ill.

The police agree that the fires were incendiary and last night every important downtown hotel was guarded by a detail of officers in plain clothes watching for the men suspected of having started the fires. A telephone message was received at the Palmer house while the fire at the Great Northern was in progress: "How is your blaze coming on?" was asked. "The Great Northern is burning finely."

"Who are you?" asked Head Clerk Grant, but the inquirer laughed and hung up the receiver.

# LAW KNOCKS OUT PUGILISTS.

## Jeffries and Ruhlin are Enjoined from Fighting in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Feb. 15.—There will be no contest between Jeffries and Ruhlin or any one else in the Saengerfest hall in this city to-night and no other date has been fixed for the contest. Neither will there be any mobilization of troops in this city to keep Jeffries and Ruhlin from meeting. The permanent injunction issued Thursday by Judge Hollister against the proposed championship contest has caused the indefinite postponement of the arrangements of the state and county authorities, as well as the promoters of the contest.

Judge Hollister sustained the state on all points at issue. He not only held that courts of equity have jurisdiction against a public nuisance, but also that prize fights are public nuisances and that the proposed contest between Jeffries and Ruhlin was to be a prize fight for the championship of the world and not a boxing match for points. The decision was severe in language as well as decisive in its holding. It held the proposed event to be a public nuisance, a moral wrong, a crime before the law and such a menace to society as should be restrained even in courts of equity.

# A TIN CAN TRUST.

## A Chicago Report Says that 108 Factories are to be Brought Under One Management.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—The Record says: The newest thing in consolidation is the tin can combine which is now being formed with a capital stock of \$10,000,000. The promoter is W. H. Moore, who has managed many similar enterprises. It is alleged an agreement has been signed with the understanding that after April 1 the American Tin Can Co. will control the output of every factory in the country. At present there are 108 tin can factories in this country.

There are 35 small factories which will be closed. This will throw nearly 4,000 people out of employment and means a loss of nearly \$3,000 a day to the discharged employees. The reasons given for the formation of the big corporation is that for some time the prices of the product of the tin can factories have been going down, until now it is claimed there is scarcely any profit and, considering frequent bad accounts which cannot be collected, the position has become such that the large owners of this kind of property must organize to protect themselves.

# Country Bankers Organize.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Over 30 bankers from Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin met here Thursday and took the preliminary steps toward forming an association of country bankers. The aggregate capital represented is between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000. The primary object, it is said, is to enable bankers in the smaller towns, by a co-operative system, to control enterprises, or furnish the loans for them in their home towns. The system will be similar to the one operated by the Canadian branch banks.

# Chinese Muddle Far from Settled.

London, Feb. 15.—The Tien-Tsin correspondent of the Standard says: "The situation in Peking is again becoming complicated, and the prospects of a settlement more remote than ever. Count Von Waldersee is said to have sent an ultimatum to the Chinese court."

# Earth Trembled.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 15.—Quite a severe earthquake shock was felt last night at Union City, Tenn. Houses rocked and windows and crockery rattled. The wave was from west to east and lasted several seconds.

# \$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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# Nonsense.

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"To the assertion that a woman need not expect a man to pay her as much attention after they are married as he paid her before. I am absolutely sure, Henrietta, that I mind quicker now than I ever did."—Washington Star.

# A Decision Reversed.

Mr. Dennis Meehan, at one time in the gun business at 99 Maiden Lane, New York, wrote: "Your Lotion has cured me of Chronic Eczema, with which I have been afflicted three years, and which, after being in different hospitals, eleven weeks, the physicians pronounced incurable. Your Lotion quickly relieved me of the terrible itching, and in five weeks I was as well as ever."

This is one of many instances in which Palmer's Lotion has effected a complete cure after the case had been abandoned by the physicians treating it. If your druggist does not have it, write to Solon Palmer, 374 Pearl Street, New York, for samples of Palmer's Lotion and Lotion Soap.

# Makes Matters Even.

"Yes, we are receiving and answering messages from Mars every day," said the Eminent Scientist. "But, if you cannot understand the messages, how can you answer them?" asked the Obstinate Person.

"Huh!" replied the Eminent Scientist, "they can't understand the answers, either."—Baltimore American.

# Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the Cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Large bottles 25c and 50c. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

Our Fickle Climate—"I got my cutter down yesterday." "Did you? Ride?" "No. Dusted it and put it back."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Lots of men fizzle out because they think they are such great "business" men.—Washington (Ia.) Democrat.

New Board—"Can I get my meals on time, Landlady?" "No, you will have to pay in advance."—Harlem Life.

The manner in which you are being "worked," probably excites the contentment of your acquaintances.—Atchison Globe.

Most of the hard luck in this world is due to getting a streak of good luck and then sitting down to wait for more.—Town Topics.

Wealth doesn't bring genuine happiness except, of course, when it falls to a man whose wife simply won't be snubbed.—Detroit Journal.

It is to the credit of babies that they won't show off in the presence of company, and lamentable that the same cannot be said of grown people.—Atchison Globe.

Football Note.—Bill Kikhard—"Wot's the matter with the referee? Has he lost his 'cad'?" "Jem Crumshorn—"Oh, no! Only an ear, a few teeth and some hair."—Glasgow Evening Times.

You can fool some of the people all of the time; and by being real busy for three months before election you can kiss the babies of enough more to make up a good working majority.—Luck.

Mr. Newpop—"You haven't seen our baby yet. He's only three months old, but I tell you he's bright." Jack Bacheller—"That so? Can he—er—sit up on his hind legs and beg?"—Philadelphia Press.

It was during the natural history hour. "Give me," asked the teacher, "an example of the alleged deceitful character of the cat." "In restaurant it is sometimes said to pass itself off for a rabbit," answered the head boy.—Philadelphia Times.

# Cheap Rates to California.

February 12th and each Tuesday thereafter, until and including April 30th, Special Low Rate Colonist Tickets will be sold via the Southern Pacific Company's "Ogden" and "Sunset" Routes to all points in California. The rate will be: From Chicago \$30.00, from St. Louis, Memphis and New Orleans \$27.50, from Omaha, Kansas City, etc., \$25.00. Corresponding low rates from all other points east and north.

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# Had a Variety.

"What is your husband's favorite fiction?" asked the inquisitive person. "I can hardly say at a moment's notice," said the patient wife, "whether he prefers the sick friend story or the detained at the office on business narrative."—Indianapolis Press.

# An Innovation.

The Louisville & Nashville R. R. together with its connecting lines has inaugurated the Florida Limited, which is a daily, solid train, wide vestibuled, steam heated, gas lighted, with dining car service for meals en route to Thomasville, Ga., Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Fla. The sleeper leaving Cincinnati at 11:15 a. m. is attached at Nashville, running via Birmingham and Montgomery, Plant System to Jacksonville, and Florida East Coast to St. Augustine, arriving at the latter city at 7:30 the next evening. Mr. C. L. Stone, General Passenger Agent, Louisville & Nashville R. R., Louisville, Ky., will answer all inquiries concerning this train and furnish printed matter concerning it.

# Good Credentials.

"Yes, it is terrible," moaned the Weeping Mother. "It is terrible to think of our little son in the hands of the kidnappers." "But," said the Sympathizing Friend, "think of the social prestige it gives you."—Baltimore American.

# A Remedy for the Grippe.

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# Career and Character of Abraham Lincoln.

An address by Joseph Choate, Ambassador to Great Britain, on the career and character of Abraham Lincoln—his early life—his early struggles with the world—his character as developed in the later years of his life and his administration, which placed his name so high on the world's roll of honor and fame, has been published by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and may be had by sending six (6) cents in postage to F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

# Not a Bargain.

"Mr. Perkins, I rather dislike to take your last daughter away from you." "Oh, that's all right; she is the last one, but I don't intend to let her go one cent cheaper than the others. What salary do you get?"—Detroit Free Press.

# There is a Class of People.

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1 cent as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c. and 25c. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

# Those Great Inventions.

Admiring Friend—What makes you think your discovery was so great a success? Professor—Why, as soon as I announced the idea every savant in Europe remembered that he had known of it since he cut his first teeth!—Chicago Daily News.

Throw physic to the dogs—if you don't want the dogs—but if you want good digestion chew Berman's Pepsin Gum.

A concealed man cannot possibly give anybody else any credit for having any sense.—Washington (Ia.) Democrat.

# CONGRESSMAN HOWARD.

## Of National Reputation are the Men Who Recommend Peruna to Fellow Sufferers.

## A Remarkable Case Reported From the State of New York.



CONGRESSMAN HOWARD OF ALABAMA.

House of Representatives, Washington, Feb. 4, 1899. The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen—"I have taken Peruna now for two weeks, and find I am very much relieved. I feel that my cure will be permanent. I have also taken it for the grippe, and I take pleasure in recommending Peruna as an excellent remedy to all fellow sufferers."

M. W. Howard. Congressman Howard's home address is Fort Payne, Ala.

MOST people think that catarrh is a disease confined to the head and nose. Nothing is farther from the truth. It may be that the nose and throat is the oftenest affected by catarrh, but if this is so it is so only because these parts are more exposed to the vicissitudes of the climate than the other parts of the body.

Every organ, every duct, every cavity of the human body is liable to catarrh. A multitude of ailments depend on catarrh. This is true winter and summer. Catarrh causes many cases of chronic disease, where the victim has not the slightest suspicion that catarrh has anything to do with it.

The following letter which gives the experience of Mr. A. C. Lockhart is a case in point: Mr. A. C. Lockhart, West Henrietta, N. Y., Box 58, in a letter written to Dr. Hartman says the following of Peruna:

"About fifteen years ago I commenced to be ailing, and consulted a physician. He pronounced my trouble a species of dyspepsia, and advised me, after he had treated me about six months, to get a leave of absence from my business and go into the country. I did so and got temporary relief. I went back to work again, but was taken with very distressing pains in my stomach. I seldom had a passage of the bowels naturally. I consulted another physician with no better results. The disease kept growing on me, until I had exhausted the ability of sixteen of Rochester's best physicians. The last physician advised me to give up my work and go south, after he had treated me for one year.

"I was given a thorough examination with the X-ray. They could not even determine what my trouble was. Some of your testimonials in the Rochester papers seemed to me worthy of consideration, and I made up my mind to try a bottle of Peruna. Before the bottle was half gone I noticed a change for the better. I am now on the fifth bottle, and have not an ache or pain anywhere. My bowels move regularly every day, and I have taken on eighteen pounds of flesh. I have recommended Peruna to a great many, and they recommend it very highly. I have told several people that if they would take a bottle of Peruna, and could then candidly say that it had not benefited them, I would pay for the medicine."—A. C. Lockhart.

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