

EIGHT KILLED

Disaster in a Mine Near Bentleysville, Pa.

A GAS EXPLOSION.

It Blew Huge Pieces of Timber Out of the Mine Like Skyrockets, 150 Feet in the Air.

Monongahela City, Pa., Nov. 16.—Undoubtedly killed and probably blown to pieces, seven men are lying in the depths of the new shaft of the Brazzell Coal Co., on the outskirts of Bentleysville, while another outside the mine is dead as the result of a gas explosion Wednesday. The dead:

- Ed Farragut, day boss.
Ed Hastine, shift boss.
F. H. Newman, machine runner.
G. B. Wagoner, machine runner.
Joe Stokes, colored, mucker.
John McCatey, mucker.
J. Shicola, mucker.
J. Hoskins, mucker.

The Brazzell Coal Co. has been sinking the new shaft since last summer. Two weeks ago it was learned that a pocket of gas had formed in the bottom of the mine, which is 185 feet deep. Orders were given for all the men to work with safety lamps and this had been done. Three shifts of men were employed by Contractor Buzzo. Late yesterday Day Boss Farragut and his six men, without thought of danger, stepped into the cage and descended into the mine. They were building a concrete water ring or ditch 50 feet down the shaft in order to catch dripping water.

About five minutes after the men descended a terrific explosion occurred which blew huge pieces of timber out of the mine like skyrockets, as high as 150 feet in the air. The tangle and all the mine rigging were torn down and debris scattered in heaps all around. A shovel which lay at the top of the shaft was hurled with such violence that it sank four inches into a plank. What must have befallen the seven men down in the shaft is terrible to contemplate. It is believed that they were instantly killed and probably fell to the bottom of the shaft.

John McCatey, on the outside, was killed by the falling tangle and others were seriously though not fatally hurt. Corporal Sipe, at Washington, and Mine Inspector Harry Loutel, at Monongahela, were immediately notified. The latter arrived at 5:30 o'clock. He gave his opinion that the explosion was caused by fire damp. He believes the gas came seeping upward and reached the miners' lamps just as it was at the explosive point.

CUT LOOSE FROM CUBA.

American Residents of the Isle of Pines Organize a New Government.

Havana, Nov. 16.—Residents of the Isle of Pines have issued a declaration of their independence from Cuba and organized a new government as a United States territory. A delegate to congress will be sent to Washington in order to have questions affecting the future of the island discussed before the house of representatives, ignoring Cuban authority.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Senor Quesada, the Cuban minister here, called at the state department yesterday and seemed to be considerably agitated over the news of the movement in the Isle of Pines to oppose the formal transfer of the island to Cuba. He had an interview on the subject with Secretary Root, but declined to make any statement concerning it.

The contention of the American residents of the Isle is that they own in fee simple five-sixths of the ground and as the remaining one-sixth is in the hands of one or two Spanish families, the 1,200 native residents being non-property owners, they have a right to be heard by this government.

A GENERAL STRIKE.

It Has Been Inaugurated by the Workmen in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 16.—A fierce blizzard which blew down on St. Petersburg last night prevented bloodshed in the Russian capital. The bitter cold, by forcing the strikers to remain indoors, did more to preserve order than all the Cossack cavalry patrolling the streets. Heavy military reserves are stationed in all the industrial districts, but up to midnight there was no rioting.

The social democrats had an impressive response on the part of all organizations of workmen to their summons for a general political strike to demonstrate their solidarity with the struggle of their Polish comrades for autonomy and to protest against the execution of the mutinous sailors at Cronstadt. The men walked out of all the big mills and factories and the employees of the Baltic and Warsaw railroads, the printers and other classes of laborers struck, but the shops in the center of the city were not closed.

A Remarkable Fatality.

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 16.—Three deaths were caused Tuesday night by the falling of a heavy picture on the wall which broke a gas pipe while the Schroeder family was asleep. Chris Schroeder, his mother, Catherine, and her grandchild, Ira Laforge, were all asphyxiated.

A Very Fatal Explosion.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 16.—Two men were killed and two others were fatally injured in an explosion of dynamite at a quarry near here yesterday.

AN IMPORTANT WITNESS SKIPS.

Inspection of Tally Sheets Used in Election in Greater New York Reveals Queer "Errors."

New York, Nov. 17.—Something of a sensation was created in Justice Davy's branch of the supreme court Thursday afternoon when John Krupp, indicted for illegal voting in the recent municipal election, failed to appear for pleading and his attorneys expressed ignorance as to his whereabouts. Earlier in the day Krupp's release had been secured under increased bail, a \$5,000 cash bond being filed.

State Attorney General Mayer, who was in court, was indignant at the turn of affairs. Last night the attorney general made public this statement:

"Every effort will be made to ascertain who put up the \$5,000 bail and who employed counsel to defend Krupp. The failure of Krupp to appear in court was as flagrant a defiance of law as I ever heard of. The disappearance of Krupp is the best confirmation of the statement made by me in court urging that his bail be increased. I believe there were reasons, apart from reasons of his own, why Krupp did not appear."

Justice Davy declared the \$5,000 bail forfeited. Krupp's case was reached at 2 o'clock, but at the request of counsel was postponed for an hour. At 3 o'clock there was still no sign of the defendant. His lawyers, Abraham Levy and ex-Deputy Attorney General Charles P. Dillon, said they had left him but a short time before and he had assured them he would be in court.

The original tally sheets in New York's recent mayoralty election were opened Thursday by the board of county canvassers. W. R. Hearst's lawyers protested eight of the first 13 sheets taken from the envelopes, because they were found to differ from the returns on which the count electing Mr. McClellan mayor was based. In one election district Mr. Hearst was found to have seven more votes than were counted for him.

In one district of the First assembly district the tally sheet showed that 29 votes were missing from the published count. It was not stated for which candidate these uncounted ballots had been cast.

The board of canvassers allowed no one but themselves to handle the tally sheets. Counsel for both Mr. Hearst and Mayor McClellan were allowed to read all the sheets without touching them.

One election district of the Second assembly district, in which William T. Jerome was not credited with a single vote, was discovered. According to the tally sheet of this district, Mr. Jerome received 57 votes, but he was credited with none.

A surprising mistake was found in the Nineteenth election district of the Second assembly district. The inspectors' returns in this district had credited no votes to Ford, the Municipal Ownership league candidate for comptroller, while Cavanaugh, the socialist candidate, received 62 votes. The tally sheet showed that Ford should have received the 62 ballots credited to Cavanaugh, while the socialist candidate received none.

ODELL AND DEPEW.

They Give Testimony Before the Insurance Investigating Committee.

New York, Nov. 17.—Ex-Gov. Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., and United States Senator Chauncey M. Dewey, as witnesses before the legislative insurance investigating committee yesterday denied parts of the testimony of James Hazen Hyde in which their names were used. Mr. Odell in his testimony called Mr. Hyde's statements "base calumny," and when he was asked whether he directly or indirectly had made threats to have the charter of the Mercantile Trust Co. revoked, his face flushed and, striking the arm of the witness chair with his fist, he exclaimed:

"There is no truth in that statement, so help me God."

Mr. Odell said no political pressure was brought to bear in the settlement of his suit against the Mercantile Trust Co. and that it was settled the same as suits brought by others. Senator Dewey was examined with regard to his syndicate participation and his duties as counsel to the Equitable Society. Regarding the ambassadorship to Paris, Senator Dewey said Mr. Hyde came to him and solicited his influence to secure the appointment. Senator Dewey brought the matter to the attention of the president, although he told Mr. Hyde that he was too young, and the president said it was utterly impossible to take such an appointment.

Was Relieved by Death.

Philadelphia, Nov. 17.—With the death of George Handforth, 28 years old, at the Methodist hospital yesterday, ended what is said to be the most remarkable case of survival of a broken neck known in the annals of medicine and surgery. For 15 months the injured man lay on air and water mattresses suffering no pain, unable to move any muscles excepting those in his fore-arms, always conscious, but gradually wasting away. From a strong, stalwart man, weighing 160 pounds, Handforth weighed at the time of his death only 34 pounds.

Recognized the Brotherhood.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—The management of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad after 29 years of opposition yesterday recognized the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers by signing the first wage schedule with that organization since a strike of engineers in 1885.

Five People Burned to Death.

New York, Nov. 17.—At least five persons were burned to death in an Italian tenement house fire at 221 East Seventy-third street early Thursday.

DEPEW UNDER FIRE.

He Makes a Poor Showing Before the Insurance Investigators.

New York, Nov. 18.—With the end of the morning session Friday the committee on insurance investigation finished a week that for importance has been eclipsed by no one week since the investigation was inaugurated. Besides being the week in which the most sessions have been held, the witnesses have been the most important, including "big guns" in the financial world as well as in the insurance business.

Senator Depew was called to give any information he might possess as to a number of vouchers for legal services rendered the Equitable, but his knowledge was rather limited, and many of the expenditures and signers of these vouchers he had never heard of.

One voucher to John A. Nichols for legal services was accompanied by a letter to Senator Depew referring to "our friend who comes around once a year" and "your rambunctious friend up the river." The senator said he knew Nichols had been retained at different times by the Equitable, but he did not know in what connection. Mr. Nichols, he said, was once quarantine commissioner and used to be active in politics.

The Depew letter discovery came out in the examination of S. S. McCurdy, assistant registrar of the Equitable Life, who testified that John A. Nichols had for years been receiving a retainer of \$1,000 a year from the society.

When Mr. Depew left the stand he appeared to be a broken old man. He hadn't told why Nichols received \$1,000 a year.

These additional revelations were made: That David B. Hill, ex-governor and former leader of the democratic party in New York state, was on the Equitable company's pay roll for "legal services."

That \$15,000 was paid to the firm of Tracy, Boardman & Platt, of which the son of Thomas C. Platt, former republican leader of the state, was a member.

That the Equitable, New York Life, and Mutual Life companies had one lawyer representing them all in foreign countries, he being given plenary power and a princely salary. This was George S. Batcheller, to whom \$77,700 was paid in 1895.

THIEF HID IN A BOX.

Man Who Robbed a Warehouse Caught—A Cunning Scheme Fails.

New York, Nov. 18.—A thief who entered the Security Storage Co.'s warehouse in an express package Thursday was caught yesterday as he was about to leave the warehouse, hidden in the same package along with \$700 worth of stolen goods. Thursday night he climbed out of his package and after rifling the warehouse again repacked himself and his plunder.

When caught he said his name was John Schmidt and told the story of his robbery. Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock two packing cases were taken to the company's warehouse at 212 Spring street. Schmidt was in one of them, which was fitted with spring locks so as to be opened from the inside. With him was a bottle of whisky, a set of burglars' tools and a dark lantern. The other box was used for packing his plunder. Schmidt emerged at night and plundered the place and at 7 o'clock Friday morning was safely repacked with his plunder. But an employe saw one of the boxes move unaccountably as it stood alone on the floor and peeping through a knothole in the top saw the burglar's hat. He immediately smashed the packing case open.

Five minutes later an expressman called, asking to remove the two boxes which contained the burglar and his plunder. The police went with the expressman to meet the man who sent him after the boxes. This man, who gave the name of Robert Arnold, was found waiting at the Bowers and Second avenue and was arrested.

DUN'S TRADE REVIEW.

All Reports are of the Most Encouraging Nature.

New York, Nov. 18.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

A temporary lull in the money market had little deleterious effect in commercial channels, most reports indicating a further increase in the volume of business. Orders come forward freely for distant delivery, and buyers experience much difficulty in making purchases for quick shipment. Wholesale trade in holiday goods is now well under way, and retail distribution of seasonal merchandise responds to the generally lower temperature. There is still some delay in mercantile collections, especially at the south, but the majority of reports indicate that payments are more prompt.

Manufacturing plants have scarcely a drawback, except scarcity of labor in a few instances, and small strikes that interrupt structural work to some extent. Failures this week numbered 249 in the United States against 217 last year, and 42 in Canada, compared with 27 a year ago.

A Report of a Terrible Disaster.

Spenner, N. C., Nov. 18.—From a telephone message received here from Marion, N. C., it is reported that 15 people were killed near there last night by the explosion of a powder magazine located just outside of town. The shock of the explosion was so great that it was felt at Morganton, 21 miles away.

Prairie Fire Caused \$500,000 Loss.

Aberdeen, S. D., Nov. 18.—The loss in live stock, grain, hay and farm buildings on account of Wednesday's prairie fire is estimated at \$500,000.

POPULAR SCENIC ROUTE.

Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad Company.

Condensed Time Table in Effect June 4, 1905.

Table with columns for 'READ DOWN' and 'READ UP'. It lists stations such as Buffalo, Addison, Westfield, Gaines Junction, Ar. Galeston, etc., and provides departure and arrival times for various trains.

Additional trains leave Galeston at 8:45 a. m. and 6:25 p. m., arriving at Ansonia at 9:21 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Returning leave Ansonia at 9:35 a. m., and 8:30 p. m., arriving at Galeston at 10:09 a. m., and 9:05 p. m.

Advertisement for Kinloch House Paint. Text: 'NOW IS THE TIME TO PAINT. Above all, USE GOOD PAINT! The oil lined oil. Just pure lined is the "life"—the one great requisite of good paint for which there is no substitute—and the sure way to get the pure, fresh lined oil is to buy the oil and Kinloch House Paint separately. For every gallon of Kinloch Paint buy one gallon of lined oil. This makes two gallons of paint, ready for use. You then know that the paint you're putting on your house is alive—the genuine oil is in it, and paint is not paint unless it contains 50% of really pure oil. We will further explain the virtues of Kinloch Paint if you will call and see us. FOR SALE BY: HURTEAU & FORBES KINLOCH PAINT COMPANY

Advertisement for C. G. SCHMIDT'S Bakery. Text: 'C. G. SCHMIDT'S HEADQUARTERS FOR FRESH BREAD, PIES, FANCY CAKES, ICE CREAM, NUT CONFECTIONERY. Daily Delivery. All orders given prompt and skillful attention.

Advertisement for Sexine Pills. Text: 'WHEN IN DOUBT, TRY STRONG AGAIN! Sexine Pills. They have stood the test of years, and have cured thousands of cases of Nervous Diseases, such as Debility, Dizziness, Sleeplessness and Variocoele, Atrophy, &c. They clear the brain, strengthen the circulation, make digestion perfect, and impart a healthy vigor to the whole being. All drains and losses are checked permanently. Unless patients are properly cured, their condition often worsens into insanity, Consumption or Death. Mailed sealed. Price is per box 5 boxes, with iron-clad legal guarantee to cure or refund the money, \$5.00. Send for free box. Address, PEAL MEDICINE CO., Cleveland, O. For sale by R. C. Dodson, Druggist, Emporium, Pa.

Advertisement for Windsor Hotel. Text: 'THE Windsor Hotel Between 12th and 13th Sts., on Filbert St. Philadelphia, Pa. Three minutes WALK from the Reading Terminal. Five minutes WALK from the Penn. R. Depot. European Plan \$1.00 per day and upwards. American Plan \$2.00 per day. FRANK M. SCHEIBLY, Manager.

Advertisement for Gasnow & Co. Patents. Text: 'We promptly obtain U. S. and Foreign PATENTS TRADE-MARKS and Gasnow & Co. Opposite U.S. Patent Office WASHINGTON, D.C.

Advertisement for Madam French's Pils. Text: 'Madam French's Pils. A safe, certain relief for Suppressed Menstruation. Never known to fail. Full refund if not satisfied. Price 50c per box, or money refunded. Sent prepaid for \$1.00 per box. Will send them on trial, to be paid for when relieved. Sample free. UNITED MEDICAL CO., 507 N. LAUREL ST. PHILA.

Advertisement for J. F. PARSONS. Text: 'The Place to Buy Cheap J. F. PARSONS'

Advertisement for Ladies Kodol. Text: 'LADIES DR. LAFRANCO'S COMPOUND. Makes kidneys and bladder right.

Large advertisement for Kodol. Text: 'Kodol DYSPEPSIA CURE DIGESTS WHAT YOU EAT. E. C. DeWITT & COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILL. Sold by R. C. Dodson, Druggist.

TIME TABLE No. 7.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY R. R. Taking effect May 7th, 1891.

Table with columns for 'STATIONS', 'READ UP', and 'READ DOWN'. It lists stations such as Port Allegany, Colemas, Gurtville, etc., and provides departure and arrival times.

Advertisement for R. SEGER & CO. Text: 'Who is Your Clothier? If it's R. SEGER & CO., you are getting the right kind of merchandise. There is no small or grand deception practiced in their store. Sustained success demonstrates that there is "growth in truth" in the retailing of NEW AND UP-TO-DATE CLOTHING AT POPULAR PRICES. R. SEGER & CO. For Bill Heads, Letter Heads, Fine Commercial Job Work of All Kinds, Get Our Figures.

Advertisement for PILES. Text: 'PILES B.F. Suppository. A sure guarantee if you use B.F. Suppository. Sold in Emporium by L. Taggart and R. C. Dodson.

Advertisement for EVERY WOMAN. Text: 'EVERY WOMAN needs a reliable monthly regulating medicine. DR. PEAL'S PENNYROYAL PILLS. Are prompt, safe and certain in result. The genuine (Dr. Peal's) never disappoints. \$1.00 per box. Sold by R. C. Dodson, druggist.

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Advertisement for BANNER GALE. Text: 'BANNER GALE the most healing salve in the world.