

## 23 ARE DEAD.

Gas Explosion in a Mine  
was Very Fatal.

## MINE IS WRECKED.

Coaldale, W. Va., Is the Scene of a  
Frightful Disaster--Explosion  
was Heard for Miles.

Bluefields, W. Va., Jan. 5.—Twenty-three miners in the Coaldale Co.'s shaft at Coaldale, W. Va., were killed by an explosion that took place there about noon Thursday. There were three white men and 20 colored men entombed.

The explosion was of terrific force, was heard miles away and caused intense excitement throughout the surrounding country, many people believing an earthquake had occurred. The mining cars and most of the property used in the mine are supposed to have been blown to pieces. At 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon a body of one of the miners was discovered 100 feet away from the mine entry, so mutilated that it is unrecognizable.

All hope of recovering the entombed miners has been shattered by the pouring forth of gases from the different entries. If the 21 men were not all killed instantly by the explosion, they must have succumbed to the great accumulation of gas following the explosion.

Great crowds were attracted by the disaster and a large rescuing party soon began work. They were helpless to accomplish anything until new fans were put into position to force the gases ahead so that the rescuers might enter the shaft. This will require 12 or 15 hours.

### PREDICTS A PANIC.

Jacob H. Schiff, a Noted Banker, Says  
Our Currency Must Be More Elastic  
or Disaster Will Follow.

New York, Jan. 5.—Unless there is currency reform, a panic beside which former panics will seem insignificant, was predicted by Jacob H. Schiff, head of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., in a speech yesterday before the New York Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Schiff said he did not regard such a panic as imminent, but believed it will come unless something is done to remedy the lack of elasticity of the present currency system. He declared that he did not favor the plan proposed by Secretary of the Treasury Shaw for relief of the situation, it being his opinion that the secretary's plan would add speculation rather than legitimate business. Mr. Schiff favored a currency based on commercial paper as more helpful to the general business interests of the country.

The speech created a sensation in financial circles and caused a sharp break in prices on the stock exchange.

After the Chamber of Commerce meeting Mr. Schiff said:

"My remarks were dictated simply by the conviction that something must be done to correct our inelastic currency system, if we are not to run in time into great disaster. We are trying to play the role of giants while still in our swaddling clothes. If the president could be made to see that this is a question of vastly more importance to the material interests of the country than that of railroad rate regulation, to which he has devoted himself with such admirable energy, congress would soon set at work to remedy our circulation evil in a manner which would safeguard our prosperity."

### A BATTLE AT RIGA.

Revolutionists Murdered Sleeping Soldiers and Seized a Factory, but  
Were Finally Routed.

Riga, Russia, Jan. 5.—About 5,000 armed workmen before daylight Tuesday morning invaded the Provodnik rubber factory.

The revolutionists killed the policemen who were guarding the building and a detachment then crept into an adjoining structure where a patrol of dragoons was asleep and murdered eight dragoons and six stablemen and wounded 11 others. One man escaped and gave the alarm to the troops, two regiments of which with artillery and six quick-firing guns arrived at the scene by daylight. In the meantime the revolutionists had thrown up barricades and a terrific fire was opened by the troops upon these defenses and on the factory.

After the workmen who seized the factory had been routed the troops captured 1,600 prisoners. Of the 22 prisoners engaged in the murder of the sleeping dragoons, 18 were arrested.

A heavy cordon of troops now surrounds the ruins of the factory. The soldiers are searching all corners and are making visitations to all the houses in the neighborhood, battering down the doors wherever there is the slightest delay in opening them.

Twelve workmen were killed in the bombardment of the rubber factory.

Indicted for Perjury and Larceny.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 5.—John W. Neff, former county auditor, and Poland J. Conover, the contractor who removed the bodies from the Lakeside cemetery to the Lakeside cemetery to make room for the army, were indicted Thursday by the grand jury. Neff was arrested.

Shot Her Boy and Herself.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 5.—After kissing her husband goodbye, Mrs. Sallie Pollard yesterday shot and killed her 3-year-old son and then attempted suicide by shooting herself in the head.

### A LONG DEBATE.

It Followed the Introduction of a Resolution in New York's Senate Asking Senator Depew to Resign.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The New York legislature started off with a rush yesterday.

Aside from the reading in both houses of the annual message of the governor, the most important developments were the election of Speaker James W. Wadsworth, jr., of Livingston, then finally closing one of the most sensational speakership campaigns of recent years, and a long debate in the senate over Senator Brackett's resolution requesting the resignation of United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew, on the ground of disclosures in connection with the Equitable Life Assurance Society, which ended in Senator Brackett's withdrawal of the resolution for the time being.

The debate on this resolution attracted the most attention. Senators Raines, Malby and Cogshall led the defense of Senator Depew, but joined Senator Brackett in the desire for prompt action upon the resolution. They eulogized the junior senator on the score of many great public services, and urgently pleaded for the immediate defeat of the resolution. Senator Raines described Senator Depew as a sick man and objected to any delay in the matter, declaring that it was brutal to keep such a threat hanging over his head for even a week.

Senator Brackett disclaimed any personal feeling against Senator Depew, and declared that his resolution was in no way consequent upon his former opposition to Mr. Depew's reelection as senator. He insisted that his act was prompted by a sense of public duty. In the end, however, he asked leave to withdraw his resolution. Senator Raines objected to this, but the withdrawal was sustained by a vote of 27 to 19.

### MCCALL IS OUT.

The President of the New York Life Insurance Co. Resigns and His Successor Is Elected.

New York, Jan. 4.—John A. McCall yesterday resigned the presidency of the New York Life Insurance Co. and Alexander E. Orr was appointed in his place at a salary of \$50,000 a year. Mr. McCall's salary was \$100,000.

The board of trustees also cut down the number of second vice presidents, so that hereafter there will be two of these officers instead of three.

Mr. McCall, who has for 14 years held the office which he resigned, sent a letter to the trustees in which he stated that his errors probably seemed greater to him than to his critics, but that he was comforted to think of the company's unprecedented achievements and to know that no officer or trustee had profited improperly at the policyholders' expense.

It is uncertain whether Mr. Orr will retain the presidency beyond April 1 next, when Mr. McCall's term would have expired. The new president is a retired merchant of this city, president of the rapid transit commission, a former president of the chamber of commerce and a director in many financial and philanthropic institutions.

### WAR IN SAN DOMINGO.

Rival Factions Battle for Possession of Puerto Plata.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, Jan. 4.—Advices received here from Puerto Plata, on the northern coast of San Domingo, say that the troops of the fugitive president, Morales, under command of Gen. Demetrio Rodriguez, attacked Puerto Plata Tuesday morning. The fighting, which was severe, lasted until 5 o'clock in the evening, when the besieging force retired. A number of men were killed or wounded on both sides in the engagement, during which bayonets and swords were principally used.

The forces of Gen. Rodriguez, which are massed outside Puerto Plata, were when these advices were forwarded preparing for another attack on the place.

A portion of the population of Puerto Plata has declared in favor of Morales and street fighting has occurred, the supporters of Morales shooting from the windows of their houses at the troops of Gen. Caceres, the temporary president of San Domingo. These troops were experiencing difficulty in defending themselves, as they were unable to locate the persons firing on them.

### WARFIELD DEMANDS REFORMS.

Maryland's Governor Sends a Caustic Message to the Legislature.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 4.—The newly elected legislature met Wednesday, both branches being organized by the democrats. The vigorous language used by Gov. Edwin Warfield in his biennial message created a marked sensation among the lawmakers. The governor severely criticized the "scandalous and reckless squandering of the people's money" through the employment by the legislature of unnecessary clerks and laborers and granting of extra pay to employees and gratuities to other persons.

He denounced lobbying and urged its immediate suppression. He strongly recommended the adoption of a corrupt practice act.

### A Startling Statement.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—The remarkable allegation that the British fleet was held in readiness to destroy the Russian fleet off the battle of the Sea of Japan had gone in the Russians' favor, is made by Admiral Rojestvensky in a letter published in the Novoe Vremya.

### Thousands Starving in Japan.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 4.—Thousands are starving in north Japan on account of the famine there, according to advices received here by the steamship Empress of Japan.

### CONGRESSIONAL.

Proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Washington, Jan. 5.—R. M. La Follette appeared in the senate when it reconvened yesterday after the holiday recess to claim his seat as a senator from Wisconsin, and the oath of office was administered to him by Vice President Fairbanks.

The senate discussed a proposition to reprint a magazine article by Mr. Newlands and also a resolution for the regulation of senate patronage. Both were adopted. A resolution calling for information concerning the status of affairs in San Domingo was presented by Mr. Tillman, who made an unsuccessful effort to secure immediate consideration of it. Adjourned until Monday.

House.—The cause of the Filipino was advocated on the floor of the house by the republican leader, Mr. Payne, for nearly four hours. He presented the views of the majority of the ways and means committee on the Philippine tariff bill reducing the duties on sugar and tobacco to 25 per cent. of the Dingley tariff rates and admitting other products of the islands to the United States free of duty.

Washington, Jan. 6.—"Champ Clark democracy" was expounded to the delight of the house for three hours Friday by Mr. Clark, of Missouri, and constituted the feature of the debate on the Philippine tariff bill. Mr. Clark's speech took a wide range and he labeled his political beliefs as above in answer to a question as to what kind of a democrat he really was. He talked of the Philippines and favored the pending bill; he discussed the general tariff question and in particular the German tariff situation.

### IS CAUGHT IN NEW YORK.

Man Accused of Running a Fraudulent Matrimonial Bureau Is Arrested.

New York, Jan. 5.—J. C. Farrington, head of an alleged fraudulent matrimonial agency in New Orleans, was arrested here Thursday preparatory to being returned to New Orleans. He was indicted there for advertising the matrimonial offer of an alleged Creole widow; who owned a \$100,000 sugar plantation and wanted a husband. These advertisements were inserted during 1904 in newspapers in southern and western cities.

The widow was described as very beautiful and hundreds of men answered the offer, writing to the agency at New Orleans which Farrington is said to have conducted. The agency asked these correspondents to contribute a \$5 fee each to secure an introduction to the widow. On complaint of a man from Velasco, Tex., and another from Shreve, La., that no introduction resulted from the fee Farrington was arrested. He forfeited \$1,500 cash bail and escaped from Louisiana.

### The Foster Court-Martial.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 5.—Yesterday's proceedings before the court-martial which is trying Midshipman Worth Foster, of New Albany, Ind., for the alleged hazing of Midshipman Chester S. Roberts, were of interest, as not only were some new forms of hazing explained, but the number of witnesses who sought to be excused from answering questions on the ground that they would incriminate themselves indicates how thoroughly the practice of hazing has permeated the institution. The court ruled that a midshipman did not incriminate himself by stating that he was present during hazing, if he did not actually take part in it himself.

### Morales' Troops are Defeated.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, Jan. 5.—Following the attack made January 2 on Puerto Plata by Gen. Demetrio Rodriguez, commanding the troops of the fugitive president, Morales, which resulted in the repulse of the Morales forces by the Caceres garrison, the Caceres troops, commanded by Gen. Cespedes, attacked the Morales troops on Wednesday in their position outside Puerto Plata. Stubborn fighting followed, during which many men were killed or wounded, resulting in the defeat of the Morales forces, who were dispersed by the Caceres troops. Among the killed was Gen. Demetrio Rodriguez.

### Detective's Bullet Was Fatal.

Seranton, Pa., Jan. 5.—John A. Brown died here Thursday, the result of a fight with detectives Wednesday night at Tobyhanna. Brown was suspected of having robbed John Carr's store at Gouldsboro on Christmas night and detectives were sent to Tobyhanna to arrest him. When Brown learned the mission of the officers he showed fight and attempted to kill Adam Deiter, whom he said had betrayed him. The bullet missed Deiter and lodged in the arm of Charles Beggs, one of the detectives. Detective Whipple drew his revolver and shot Brown.

### A \$18,000 Steal.

Washington, Jan. 5.—It developed yesterday that about \$18,000 was taken from an express pouch between Atlanta, Ga., and New York. The Southern Express Co. received the package at Augusta, from there it went to Columbia, S. C., and arrived in Washington Sunday. The Adams Express Co. then sent it to New York and there the loss was discovered.

### A Noted Explorer Dies.

Montreal, Jan. 5.—Francis Mercier, who gained fame as an Alaskan explorer, died here Thursday. He was 48 years old. When Alaska was ceded to the United States by Russia, Mercier was connected with the preliminary negotiations.

### Would-be Murderer Suicided.

Flint, Mich., Jan. 5.—John McKay, a lumber inspector, died last night from a bullet wound in the temple inflicted with suicidal intent after an unsuccessful attempt to shoot and kill his divorced wife at the latter's home.

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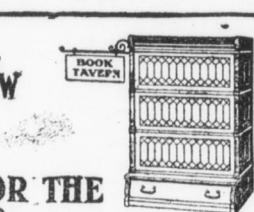
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UNDER TAKING.

## Pennsylvania RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA AND ERIE RAIL ROAD DIVISION.

In effect May 28, 1905.  
TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM EASTWARD  
8:10 A. M.—Sundays only, for Renovo and Week days for Sunbury, Williamsport, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:25 P. M.; New York 6:30 P. M.; Baltimore 6:00 P. M.; Washington 7:15 P. M.; Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger coaches from Kene to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

12:25 P. M. (Emporium Junction) daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and principal intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia, 7:32 P. M.; New York, 10:23 P. M.; Baltimore, 7:30 P. M.; Washington, 8:35 P. M.; Vestibule Parlor cars and passenger coaches, Buffalo to Philadelphia and Washington.

8:20 P. M.—Daily for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia, 4:23 A. M.; New York 7:13 A. M.; Baltimore, 2:30 A. M.; Washington, 3:30 A. M.; Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York, Philadelphia passengers remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 A. M.

10:30 P. M.—Daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 7:17 A. M.; New York 9:33 A. M.; weekdays, (10:38 A. M. Sunday); Baltimore 7:15 A. M.; Washington 8:30 A. M.; Pullman sleeping cars from Erie, Buffalo and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Buffalo, Williamsport to Washington. Passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore.

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WESTWARD.  
6:10 A. M.—Emporium Junction—daily for Erie, Ridgway, and week days for DuBois, Clearfield and intermediate stations.

10:30 A. M.—Daily for Erie and week days for DuBois and intermediate stations.

4:23 P. M.—Daily for Erie and intermediate stations.

RIDGWAY AND CLEARFIELD R. R. CONNECTIONS.

(Week days.)

SOUTHWARD.		Stations.		NORTHWARD.	
P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
9:00	4:02	Renovo	1:28	11:45	
9:50	4:44	Driftwood	12:50	11:05	
10:25	5:10	Emporium	12:15	10:35	
11:13	5:53	St. Marys	11:26	9:53	
4:50	10:10	5:55	Kane	12:25	3:40
5:06	10:31	6:19	Wilcox	12:02	2:40
5:20	11:38	6:25	Johnstown	11:47	2:28

5:40	11:55	6:30	Ridgway	9:20	2:10	8:25
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6:00	12:15	7:10	Mill Haven	9:00	1:49	8:04
6:12	12:26	7:23	Croyland	8:55	—	8:00
6:22	12:36	7:32	Shorts Mills	8:51	1:40	7:56
6:30	12:44	7:40	Blue Rock	8:47	1:37	7:52
6:38	12:52	7:48	Brookville	8:43	1:34	7:48
6:46	13:00	7:56	Brookville	8:39	1:31	7:44
6:54	13:08	8:04	Brookville	8:35	1:28	7:40
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7:18	13:32	8:28	Brookville	8:23	1:19	7:28
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