

AWFUL MINE DISASTER

Twenty-two Dead in Coal Dust Explosion at Dayton, Tenn.

BODIES WERE TORN TO PIECES

Explosion Was Horrible in Its Intensity, Three Men Being Killed While Standing Outside—Caused By Defective Blast.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 1.—At 4.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon an explosion of gas in the Nelson mine of the Dayton Coal and Iron company, at Dayton, Tenn., ignited the dry coal dust in the mine and caused a terrific explosion. Twenty-two men are known to be dead. Ten bodies have been recovered, and twelve bodies are reported to be yet in the mine.

The dead are: James Franklin, Tom Shaver, James Harris, P. G. Travis, Alex Toffer, Lark Hunter, John Harney, all whites; George Griffiss, Ben Griffiss, Reese Dean, Norris Piersoll, Morgan Smith, John Robertson, J. E. Hill, Bryant Smith, Mack Foust, all colored; six others, names unknown. Fatally injured: W. T. Head, brother of James Head, superintendent of the mine, burned internally, will die.

Gas exists in the Nelson mine, and the men are required to use safety lamps. It is the rule of the company for the miners to place their fuses ready to be lighted for blasts just before quitting work each day, and there are workmen known as "firemen," who go through the mine after all the miners are out and set off these blasts. The miners quit work at 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It takes them about 45 minutes to get out of the mine. The two "firemen" yesterday, who are supposed to have caused the explosion, are Lark Hunter and John Harney. They shot the blasts about 4.45 o'clock, before all the miners could get out of the mine. It is supposed that one of the fuses was defective and resulted in what is known as a "blown blast." The flame shooting out from the blast ignited the gas, which in turn ignited the accumulation of dry coal dust in the mine.

The explosion that followed was horrible in its intensity. It shot out of the mouth of the mine and completely wrecked the shed at the mine entrance. Three men were killed while standing outside the mine, and two seriously and one fatally injured. The force of the explosion literally mangled and tore the bodies to pieces.

This mine has been the scene of two serious explosions in the past. In 1889 four men were killed and eight seriously injured by an explosion of gas. Later, in 1895, an explosion of mine dust occurred, in which 28 lives were lost.

JERSEY'S REVENUES REDUCED

State Will Lose \$12,500 Annually By Passage of Steel Trust Bill.

Trenton, N. J., March 31.—The discovery has been made that the state of New Jersey will lose an annual revenue of \$12,500 by reason of the passage by the legislature of the law permitting the United States Steel Corporation to convert its preferred stock into bonds. Corporations chartered under the laws of New Jersey pay an annual tax on their issued capital stock. This tax is graded, and amounts to \$50 per million on the \$250,000,000 of preferred stock which the Steel Corporation purposes converting into bonds. The corporation will not be obliged to pay any tax on the bond issue, and the state, therefore, will lose this money. This point was probably overlooked at the time the bill was before the legislature, as no suggestion of the state's revenue being involved was made by any of the members who opposed the measure.

Admiral Sampson's Health.

Washington, April 1.—Reports were in circulation yesterday that Admiral Sampson's condition had taken another turn for the worse, and that the end was near, but it was learned upon inquiry that his condition is unchanged and he takes his outdoor exercise regularly, weather permitting, as has been his custom for some months. At his residence last night it was stated that he was down to dinner. It is conceded that he will never regain his health, but no new untoward developments have occurred very recently.

King Gives Cup For Yacht Race.

Cork, March 31.—In response to an inquiry addressed to King Edward, his majesty has sent a letter to the lord mayor of Cork, Mr. Fitzgerald, saying that he will give a cup valued at \$500, to be competed for in the international yacht race which will be held in connection with the Cork international exhibition this year. Local yacht clubs hope that the Columbia, the Shamrock II and the Meteor will be among the contestants in the international race.

Women Admitted to Maryland Bar.

Annapolis, Md., April 1.—The house yesterday passed the senate bill to permit the admission of women as members of the bar by a vote of 54 to 9. An amendment was adopted to the effect that no one should be denied admission to the bar "on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude." The senate passed the bill as amended, and it only needs the signature of the governor to become a law.

Skull Crushed By a Stone.

Lancaster, Pa., April 1.—John Martin, a teamster, was engaged in unloading stone from a wagon at Ephrata yesterday. While handling a stone weighing 150 pounds he lost his balance and fell from the wagon. The stone landed on his head, crushing the skull and killing him instantly.

EVANS FORCED TO RESIGN

Pension Commissioner Placed Resignation in Hands of President. Washington, March 29.—Commissioner of Pensions Evans has placed his resignation in the hands of the president. It will not take effect until some important position in the diplomatic service is found for him. The pension committee appointed at the last annual encampment of the G. A. R. to investigate the affairs of the pension bureau has made its report to the president.



H. CLAY EVANS.

The following letter from Hon. H. Clay Evans was made public at the White House last night:

"To the President—For some time I have been considering the question of resigning. It will soon be five years since I assumed the duties of this office, and I now have the honor of tendering you my resignation as commissioner of pensions, and will thank you to accept the same as early a date as may suit your convenience. H. CLAY EVANS."

EGG ROLLING AT WHITE HOUSE

Children Enjoyed Annual Easter Monday Carnival.

Washington, April 1.—The green sward back of the White House was alive yesterday with swarms of children, who with baskets filled with brightly colored eggs entered with zest into the annual Easter Monday egg rolling carnival. The attendance was not confined to children, for a great many elders were present, some to keep a watchful eye on the young ones and others to see a pretty sight.

The throng was thoroughly cosmopolitan, all sorts and conditions of children mingling freely in the fun. The Marine Band gave a concert at 4 o'clock and brought to a close a thoroughly enjoyable day for the younger generation. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt and their children, together with a number of friends, appeared on the portico of the White House while the crowds were on the grounds, and the former was kept busy in acknowledging the many salutations he received from the little ones.

MRS. HAINES ON WITNESS STAND

She Denied Giving Child Arsenic or Treating It Cruelly.

Mount Holly, N. J., April 1.—Mrs. Mable Fenton Haines, charged with the murder of her two-year-old stepdaughter, Gwendolin, just a year ago yesterday, was on the witness stand for four hours. She made a general denial of all the testimony offered by the prosecution. She positively denied having given the child arsenic or to have cruelly treated the little girl. She also denied ever having seen Mrs. John Palfrey, who testified last week that she saw Mrs. Haines kick Gwendolin in the face and otherwise mistreat her. She was cross-examined by the prosecution for an hour, and the state's attorney failed to shake her story.

Mrs. Haines' mother and brother, with a number of other witnesses, testified in her behalf, and then the state began calling witnesses in rebuttal.

PRICE OF COAL REDUCED

Anthracite Operators Announce Reduction of 50 Cents Per Ton.

Philadelphia, April 1.—Anthracite coal operators yesterday announced a new price schedule to go into effect today. The new schedule provides for a reduction on the price list put in force from September last of 50 cents a ton. This reduction will apply to both line and local trade. On May 1 10 cents of the announced reduction will be restored, and an additional 10 cents will be added for each succeeding month until September 1 next, when the scale of prices now in force will again govern. Circular letters were mailed to customers.

Family Poisoned By Milk.

Nelson, Neb., April 1.—A family of four, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Adamson and a son and daughter, aged respectively 5 and 3 years, were poisoned Sunday by using ptomaine infected milk. The girl is dead and the three other members of the family are in a critical condition. The milk is supposed to have become tainted by the cows eating hay with which was mixed a poison weed.

Senator Jones Defeated.

Little Rock, Ark., April 1.—Returns from the Democratic primaries held Saturday show that ex-Governor James P. Clarke has been endorsed for United States senator and that Governor Davis has carried 65 out of the 75 counties of the state. Clarke apparently will have a majority of 12 on joint ballot in the legislature.

President Received Teachers.

Washington, April 1.—The president received in the east room of the White House yesterday 250 lady teachers from Grand Rapids and Saginaw, Mich.

WILD PANIC IN CHURCH

Wind Storm Caused Part of Ceiling to Fall Upon Worshippers.

FIVE OF THE VICTIMS MAY DIE

While Minister Was in the Midst of Easter Sermon Building Was Unroofed and Large Chimney Blew Into Church—Scores of Houses Damaged.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 31.—One of the fiercest wind storms ever known in this section struck the city yesterday just before noon and did almost incalculable damage to property and injured many people, some of whom may die from the effects of their wounds. Scores of houses were unroofed, many trees were blown down, mill stacks toppled over, and telegraph and telephone wires were generally disabled.

The most serious accident reported last night was the unroofing of the Knoxville Presbyterian Church, in Knoxville. The church at the time was filled with an Easter congregation numbering about 600 persons. While the minister was in the midst of his sermon a particularly strong gust of wind blew over the large chimney and lifted a portion of the roof off the building. The bricks from the chimney crashed through the roof and carried a huge piece of the hardwood ceiling, measuring about 40 by 20 feet, down upon the worshippers in the pews.

An indescribable panic ensued and a frantic rush was made for the doors and windows. The excitement was soon quieted and the work of rescue began. At least 40 persons were caught by the wreckage and more or less hurt. Of this number five may not recover. The more seriously injured are: Dr. R. J. Phillips, concussion of brain, may die; Curtis Ray McKnight, aged 4 years, internal injuries, both legs crushed, probably fatal; Clarence McNulty, internal injuries, badly crushed, may die; Fletcher Byron, fracture at base of brain, serious; David Smith, arm broken, head cut and badly battered, serious; Albert Schmidt, both arms broken and head cut. None of the others injured are seriously hurt.

Lightning Struck This One.

As Rev. J. W. English, pastor of the Robinson Run U. P. Church, near McDonald, was raising his arms to pronounce the benediction, lightning struck the church spire and it toppled upon the roof, crushing it and injuring a number of worshippers, two of whom will die.

The injured are: Robert Patterson, aged 10 years, skull fractured, will die; Leon Averill, aged 11 years, skull fractured, will die.

The spire and part of the roof of the U. P. Church, at McDonald, was torn off and the building considerably damaged, but no one was injured. The Nobleson Presbyterian Church was also unroofed, but the congregation escaped injury.

CYCLONE WRECKED CHURCH

Rev. Jamison Buried in Debris and Fatally Injured.

Greenville, Pa., March 31.—The Easter services being held in the United Presbyterian Church at Jamestown, this county, came to an abrupt ending at 12 o'clock yesterday. The sky became overcast, and a funnel-shaped cloud was seen approaching from the northwest. The tall dipped to the ground just before the church was reached. The congregation became uneasy, but the pastor, Rev. J. M. Jamison, continued the services. All of a sudden there was a terrific crash and a part of the south end of the church crashed in, burying the minister beneath bricks and timber. The men of the congregation rushed to the pulpit, and when the stricken minister was removed from the debris it was found that he had received fatal injuries. His jaw was broken and the temporal bone was crushed. The storm was the worst that has occurred in this section for many years.

Miners Celebrate Eight-Hour Day.

Hazleton, Pa., April 1.—Today was observed as eight-hour day by the miners of the Hazleton region. Every colliery was idle. A big parade of miners took place at McAdoo. This evening addresses bearing on the eight-hour movement will be delivered in most of the mining towns hereabouts. Cox Bros. & Co., who locked out their 600 men at Derringer Saturday because of their failure to work on Good Friday, notified the miners to return to their places today, but the notice was ignored because of the eight-hour day celebration. The miners' leaders fear another lockout tomorrow.

Pardoned By President Roosevelt.

Columbus, O., April 1.—Steve Busell, a Cherokee Indian from the territory, held under a life sentence at the Ohio penitentiary, was commuted by President Roosevelt and left the walls a free man today. He has been doing penance for the crime of his uncle, who had a bad reputation among his people. His uncle was trying to evade the officers while in company with Busell. The two were overtaken and the uncle was killed, not, however, until he had killed several of the officers.

Stole a Gold Ingot.

Washington, April 1.—Joseph H. Brown, an employe of the Smithsonian Institution, was arrested yesterday, charged with the larceny of a gold ingot from the institution, kept there on exhibition. He admitted his guilt, and portions of the ingot, valued at \$107.50, were recovered from a dealer in old gold and silver, to which Brown had sold them. The value of the ingot was \$350.

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