



THE perils of mining in the coal regions of the United States have been exemplified in so many ways recently that the subject has attracted general attention and has been made a subject of special inquiry by the federal authorities.



TESTING FOR FIRE DAMP.

workers in coal mines in the territories. In this connection Mr. Garfield said: "It is suggested that the officers of the geological survey having the matter in charge should not only investigate the general mining conditions in the territories, but also the nature and extent of mine accidents, particularly those resulting from explosions, and report to the department the results of such investigations. These should contain also suggestions as to how mining conditions may be improved and accidents prevented without undue hardship to the operators."

It is in the coal mines of the Alleghany mountain region that the worst accidents have recently occurred. One of the most awful of these disasters—in fact, one of the most dreadful catastrophes in the history of mining—was the explosion and fire in the Fairmont mines at Monongah, in the coal region of West Virginia, on Dec. 6. In this case a shot blew open a pocket of gas, which exploded, wrecking the giant fan that was used to drive foul air out of the mine.

It was only a few days before the disaster at Monongah that an explosion occurred in the Naomi mine of the United Coal company, situated three miles west of Fayette City, Pa., and thirty miles from Pittsburgh. It was 8 p. m. on Dec. 1 that those living in the vicinity of the mine heard the sounds which told them news the dread character of which they appreciated only too well.

The Naomi mine disaster furnished an instance of the strange and sad things that happen in connection with

such mining accidents. One of the bereaved women at Naomi was Mrs. John D. Harry, who lost husband and three sons in the explosion. The entire family were about to return to their mother country, England, and had even engaged their steamship passage.

About a week after the disaster of the Monongah mines an explosion took place in mine No. 1 of the Yolande Coal and Coke company, near Birmingham, Ala. The death list was placed at seventy. On Dec. 19 a terrific explosion shook the Darr mines of the Pittsburgh Coal company at Jacobs Creek, on the Youghiogheny river, eighteen miles west of Connellsville, Pa., announcing

to the surrounding community that there had been a great convulsion of some kind beneath the surface.

The month of the mine was wrecked, and this, in connection with the fire which was discovered to be raging inside, prevented for a time any attempt to reach the men imprisoned within. Some 400 men were employed in the mine, and a large proportion of them perished. On Dec. 23 fire broke out in a mine at Baird Station, near Pittsburgh, and 100 men narrowly escaped cremation.

The seriousness of the danger to coal miners so impressed President Roosevelt that he called special attention to the matter in his last message to congress, recommending the establishment in the interior department of a bureau of mines, one of the functions of which should be the minimizing of the dangers incident to the industry.

The investigation authorized by Secretary Garfield is still proceeding, but a preliminary report has been made. Some of the figures of this report are startling. In the coal mines of the United States in 1906 6,861 men were killed or injured, the number killed being 2,061 and the number injured 4,800. The statistics for 1907 are not yet available, but it is expected they will be more startling than those for the preceding year.

The total number killed since 1889, as shown in a table compiled by the investigators, is 22,840. And the most painful feature of it is that the number of fatal accidents is increasing. There are twice as many each year now as ten years ago. This is thought to be due in part to the large increase in the production of coal, but the fact that in Europe they do not have as many accidents as in this country is suggestive. In European coal producing countries the output of coal has been increasing greatly during the past ten years, but the number of deaths per 1,000 miners, instead of increasing, as in the United States, has undergone a marked decrease. The federal investigators attribute this to the effect of mining legislation and the establishment of safeguards made possible through the work of testing stations for the study of problems relative to safety in mining.

MME. TETRAZZINI.

Great Italian Soprano Engaged to Sing in New York.

The visit of the great prima donna, Mme. Luisa Tetrazzini, to this country under a contract to sing at Oscar Hammerstein's Manhattan Opera House, New York, is the musical sensation of the hour. She is by many considered the greatest soprano of the time. When she made her debut at Covent Garden, London, about two months ago her salary was \$500 a night. That was doubled after she had sung about two weeks. She comes to this country



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now under a special contract for the present season and is to sing under Mr. Hammerstein's management for another engagement of three years following at a salary of \$40,000, for the first season of forty nights and an increased salary in the two remaining seasons. Mme. Tetrazzini was born less than thirty years ago in Florence, Italy, and her mother used to say that she learned to sing little songs in her cradle before she learned to talk. She won her first notable success in Madrid. This is not her first visit to America, though she has never sung in New York. Several seasons ago she toured South America and Mexico and appeared in San Francisco.

MRS. GLYN IN AMERICA.

English Author's Novel Experiences on Fifth Avenue and Bowery.

Several things have happened in the course of Mrs. Elinor Glyn's visit to the United States to ruffle her temper. Criticism of her latest novel, "Three Weeks," on the ground of its questionable moral standards caused a little ruction when she was invited to attend the dinner of the Pilgrim Mothers at a leading New York hotel. Another prominent Englishwoman, Mrs.



MRS. ELINOR GLYN.

Cobden Sanderson, leader of the "auf-frautes," was invited, and she refused to sit at the same table with the author of "Three Weeks," a story which she condemned. The Pilgrim Mothers had some difficulty in preserving the polite decorum supposed to prevail at such affairs.

Mrs. Glyn had a novel experience in a stunning expedition. In the course of which she visited Chinatown and met the redoubtable Chuck Connors of Bowery fame. Chuck was much pleased with the English writer. In describing her later he said: "There was one of de ladies wot didn't weigh more'n 'tree ounces. Dat was de one wid de socialist hair. I always did like dem reds. I told her she reminded me turrible of me dead wife, her nob. You know her nob, dat's me wife—had red hair and didn't weigh more'n an ounce and a half."

"Every time I looked at dat English gal—Miss Glyn dey called her—I couldn't help but chin. I says to her, 'Miss, y're a dead rap for her nob.' And she says, 'Fawney' And I says, 'Yes, and I'll bet y're de same sort. You'd stand acid.'"

"'Fawney' says she again. 'What does dat mean?'"

"Says I, 'It means y're true blue and yonse'll stand de test.'"

"Den she says, 'Ave yer been livin' here all yer loife?'"

"'Sure,' I says. 'I haven't a check I'm a walking delegate.'"

"The Australian tallgalla, or bush turkey, is the only bird that leaves the egg fully feathered. The egg of this bird is not hatched by the incubation of the mother, but by the heat of a mound of leaves which the old birds collect and in which the hen buries her eggs.—London Answers.

COMMON SENSE

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One Way to Advertise.

Toole in his autobiography says that when returning with Irving from the funeral of one of the Broughs he found a crowd surrounding a man in a fit of some kind, possibly of drunkenness. Toole made his way through the crowd by saying: "Excuse me, gentlemen, I'm a doctor. Allow me to examine this patient." Having loosened his necktie and opened his shirt and sounded his chest, Toole produced with professional gravity some kind of plasters apparently and applied one to the patient's forehead, one to his throat and three to his chest. He made his way back through the crowd to Irving. "Run, run for the nearest cab," he whispered to Irving, "or we shall be murdered!" Hardly had they reached the cab before they heard a roar of rage from the crowd, who had discovered that the supposed doctor's plasters were fly sheet advertisements bearing the legend, "See Toole in 'Dot!'"

Righting a Wrong.

A burly, fierce looking man and a meek, inoffensive looking little chap were sawing timber with a crosscut saw. A strapping Irishman, passing that way, stopped to watch them. Back and forth, back and forth, they pulled at the saw. Finally the Irishman, with a whoop and a yell, rushed at the big man and brought him to the ground, burying his knees deep into the sawyer's chest. "Biff! Bang! Thump! Biff! 'There," he said, letting him have one parting blow square on the nose, "now mebbe ye'll let the little felly hev it!"—Everybody's.

A cup of hot water will relieve a sick stomach, and for those who cannot take it plain try a little lemon juice, a lump of sugar or a pinch of salt.

An undershirt that is outgrown can be lengthened by a yoke at the top or a ruffle at the bottom.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.

Estate of SAMUEL H. KUNES, deceased. Letters of administration on the estate of Samuel H. Kunes, late of Liberty Township, Centre county, Penna., deceased, have been granted to Clarissa A. Kunes, residing in said township, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make same known without delay.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Orphans Court of Centre County, in the matter of the estate of Mary Crast, late of Henner Twp., deceased. The undersigned an Auditor appointed by the said Court to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the Accountant to and among those legally entitled thereto, will meet the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment at the office of Forney & Portney, in the borough of Bellefonte, Pa., on Saturday the 26th day of January A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where the said parties may appear or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

ANNUAL ELECTION.—The annual meeting of the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre county, will be held in its office, Petrikin Hall, Bellefonte, Monday, Jan. 13, 1908, and the election of twelve directors for the ensuing year, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. of said day.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of George Garbrick, late of Bellefonte Boro., deceased. Letters of administration on the estate of George Garbrick, late of Bellefonte Boro., Centre County, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Alice Garbrick, residing in said borough, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims and demands, will make known the same without delay.

AUDITORS' NOTICE.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre Co., Pa., January Term 1908, No. 201. In the matter of the assigned estate of James A. Beator. The undersigned, Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle and adjust the third partial account of the Commonwealth Trust Company (formerly the Commonwealth Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co.) assignee and trustee of James A. Beator, for the benefit of creditors, and to make distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant to and among those legally entitled thereto, will meet the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment, on Friday, January 17th, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., at his offices in Temple Court, Bellefonte, Pa., when and where all parties interested are required to make and prove their claims, or be forever debarred from coming in upon said fund.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BELLEFONTE TRUST COMPANY.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Cash on hand, Cheques and other cash items, Due from banks and bankers, Commercial and other paper purchased, Time loans upon collateral investment securities owned, Stocks, bonds, etc., Real estate, furniture and fixtures, Overdrafts. Liabilities include Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, Deposits, subject to check, Deposits, special, Due to banks and bankers.

Amount of Trust funds invested, 3,500.00. Amount of Trust funds uninvested, 1,290.38. Total, 4,790.38.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Centre, I, John P. Harris, Treasurer of the above named Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of Dec. 1907. HARRY KELLER, N. P. Correct-Attest: J. L. SPANGLER, C. T. GERBERICH, Directors, A. C. MINGLE.

Centre County Banking Co., Corner High and Spring Streets.

RECEIVE DEPOSITS; DISCOUNT NOTES. JOHN M. SHUBERT, Cashier.

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Table with columns for READ DOWNS and READ UP, listing stations and times for various routes.

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