

FATAL EXPLOSION IN PAPER MILL

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Havoc Wrought by the Explosion of Two Steel Digesters in the Pulp Mills—Eight Dead; Six Missing and Three Badly Injured—One Digger Is Blown Into the Air and Falls 250 Feet Away—The Wreckage on Fire—Victims Are Terribly Mangled.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilmington, Del., Aug. 20.—Eight workmen are known to have been killed, six are missing and three others were badly injured by the explosion of two steel digesters in the Delaware Pulp mills of the Jessup and Moore Paper company, on the Christina river, this afternoon. The known dead are:

- FRANK HARRIS. WILLIAM BURKE. JAMES NAGLE. JOHN MICHAEL. ZACHARIAH COLLINS (colored). JAMES STOKES. JOSEPH LUMBRACHER. GRANVILLE WATERS.

The missing are: WILLIAM SCOTT, fireman. JOSEPH HENRY, fireman. JOEL HITT, fireman. WILLIAM RITH, fireman. E. H. MOISELEY. JAMES SWENEY.

The injured are: James Jester, badly injured; recovery doubtful. John Collins, burned and inhaled flames. George Durham, burned and scalded; recovery doubtful. The digesters were located in a two-story building. There were ten of them in the building, each one resembling a vat and about six feet in diameter. They were used for reducing the wood to pulp. Eighteen men were at work in the building.

Buildings Completely Wrecked. There were two terrific reports, and the next instant the buildings and other mills about the structure were completely wrecked. One digester was blown into the air and fell to the ground, two hundred and fifty feet away. A dense volume of smoke for a time prevented the outside workmen from going to the immediate rescue of those who were caught in the ruins of the falling building. Several men made their escape without any injury. An alarm of fire was sounded and the entire fire department of the city and a large force of police were soon on the ground and the work of rescue was immediately begun. Several of the workmen taken over their bodies from the wreckage were removed to hospital. The wreckage was piled up for more than thirty feet and the escaping steam made the work of rescue rather difficult.

Those who were not killed outright were mangled and burned by escaping acid that flowed over their bodies from the broken digesters. Up to this writing, eight persons are dead, and according to the officials of the company at least six others are in the ruins. To add to the horror of the disaster, the wreckage took fire, but after some difficulty the fire department managed to subdue the flames and the work of rescue was continued.

Steam was used in the digesters. The officers of the company think that too much steam was generated in them and that this was the cause of the explosion. The monetary loss is estimated at \$35,000.

FIGHT FOR BALL PLAYERS.

Now Being Waged with Great Vigor by American League Officials.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Aug. 20.—The fight for players for next season is being waged with great vigor by the American League officials, and according to President Barney Dreyfuss of the Pittsburgh club, not the clearest methods are being adopted. Catcher "Jack" O'Connor was today suspended by Mr. Dreyfuss for violation of section 5 of his contract. Concerning this move, Mr. Dreyfuss this evening made the following statement to the Associated Press: "The causes leading up to this summary action on my part have been brewing for some time, but the crisis was reached today when I was compelled to take this step in order that I might meet the issue in the attempt which is being made to wreck the Pittsburgh club. "Last night Charles W. Somers, who is the vice president of the American League, came to Pittsburgh on a gum shoe mission. "Accompanying him was one Ban E. Johnson, the president of that league, who came to aid his partner. Somers and Johnson made their way carefully to the Litchfield hotel, where Somers registered as J. A. Benham, Saginaw, Mich. Johnson did not register. This morning the plot began to unfold when O'Connor appeared on the scene, with one of our signed players. After a protracted conference both players departed, and O'Connor returned a short time afterward with another of our players. Later a meeting was held with two more of our players with

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Sessions of the Grand Lodge Are Held at Sunbury.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Sunbury, Pa., Aug. 20.—At this morning's session of the grand lodge Knights of Pythias, the finances of the organization were thoroughly examined and found to be in excellent condition. The afternoon session was devoted to a revision of the laws and constitution. Carbondale was chosen for the next meeting place, Grand Temple Rathbone Sisters, the female branch of the Knights of Pythias held their annual meeting tonight. A material increase in membership and finances was shown by the reports of the officers.

PRESIDENT DISAPPROVES FACTIONAL DIFFERENCES

Expresses Himself in No Uncertain Terms Upon the Subject.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 20.—President Roosevelt today, in no uncertain terms, expressed his disapproval of factional differences in the Republican party. C. A. Lyon, chairman of the Republican state committee of Texas, called upon him and presented his side of the controversy which has arisen among the Republicans of the Lone Star state.

The president stated to him, with the utmost emphasis, that no individual has any authority to speak for the president as regards Texas matters, that the president was taking no side for or against any man or faction among the Texas Republicans, that as a matter of fact, the president was exceedingly impatient with those Republicans who were into factional divisions and that in any such states as Texas or Virginia, or any other state in which the Republican party is in a minority, but had a chance to do something, the president felt the credit would fall to those Republican leaders who were able to make a good showing at the polls, especially for congressional candidates, and not to those who spent their time in plotting how they could get delegates or receive offices. He told Mr. Lyon that he could explain this to all Texas Republicans of every faction. The president also told him that if ever in any state a Republican congressman was elected, it would amount to far more in the president's mind than anything which could be done in the way of offices, and that he felt there was little need of recognition for any organization which existed only for offices and delegates.

SARATOGA FLORAL FETE.

Preparations for the Grand Spectacular Event at the Well Known Watering Place.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Saratoga, Aug. 20.—Preparations are in a satisfactory state of progress for the grand fete that is to be held at Saratoga on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, Sept. 4. To the observer of the work that is going on in the big shop, it must appear that nothing has ever been attempted before at the Spa that will come anywhere near equalling the pageant that will be seen on that evening. More than one hundred men are at work putting together and touching up the immense floats that have arrived from New Orleans that will be used in this grand parade. A pretty sight they will make in the glare of the thousands of lights that will be thrown upon them. The gold and white so artistically blended that always count so much in the gala attire of chariots and other processional vans, has been given new applications and the surfaces that they cover will be as so many mirrors. The evening parade is said to be the prettiest and grandest ever seen at Saratoga. The coloring is gorgeous, the general scheme artistic, the figure representation the most beautiful that the mind can design and the hand execute. Hundreds of pretty girls in glistening attire will participate in the parade as the representatives of the mythological characters, while scores and scores of Grecian torchbearers will mingle with parti-colored flaming censor carriers, and combine with the grandeur, and the brilliancy and splendor of the floats to make such a scene as has never been seen in the "Arabian Nights" or "Lalla Rookh." There will be some of the weirdness of Egypt, the gorgeousness of Arabia and the Grecian apotheosis of beauty. The horses that draw the golden chariots, will be decked as were the steeds in the triumphal processions of antiquity, thousands of roses will be thrown into the air to herald the approach and make noisier their hoof thuds, less they disturb the nerves and thoughts of Proteus, the mythological God of knowledge in whose honor the fete is held, in whose name the increase of Greece will be burned and the songs of mythology sung.

THE VETERANS ARE TO 'HAVE A HOLIDAY'

President Roosevelt Directs That Old Soldiers in Government Employ Be Allowed to Attend.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 20.—The following communication was today addressed to the president at Oyster Bay by the citizens' committee of the G. A. R.: "The citizens' executive committee on the thirty-sixth national encampment of the G. A. R. has passed a resolution at its last meeting directing me to request that you issue an executive order permitting members of the G. A. R. employed in the services of the United States in Washington and throughout the country to attend this encampment, which will be held in this city during the week commencing October 6 next whenever the interests of the public service will so permit, without loss of pay or without having the time so occupied deducted from their annual leave. This will in all probability be the last great gathering of the veterans of the civil war at the national capital and a large number of them are coming here for the purpose of meeting their comrades in reunion at camp fires in a social way. In fact many of them will make sacrifices in order to be present. "You will be gratified to know that on this occasion a large number will also assemble here who were soldiers in the Confederate army, as well as several thousands of your comrades in the war with Spain."

REMINOTON'S REMAINS.

Will Be Buried Today at Williamsport—Family Declines to Talk.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Williamsport, Pa., Aug. 20.—The remains of Robert Reading Remington, who committed suicide at Newport, R. I., Monday last arrived here at a late hour tonight, accompanied by his brother, Edward P. Remington. The body will be buried in the family plot at Wildwood cemetery tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be private. When seen by the Associated Press correspondent on his arrival here tonight, Mr. Remington upon the advice of his attorney, declined to make any statement regarding his brother's suicide or as to the condition of his personal affairs. He also declined to state whether or not he had in his possession the private papers alleged to have passed between the deceased and the Van Allen family.

THE NAVAL WAR BEGINS

Maneuvers on the North Atlantic Coast Now Under Way.

HIGGINSON'S SHIPS TO FIND THE ENEMY

Commander Pillsbury's Squadron of Invasion Has Been at Sea Since Saturday—His Object to Effect a Landing Between New York and Boston by Eluding Defenders.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Rockport, Mass., Aug. 20.—The unique war game in which the rival fleets of Admiral Francis J. Higginson and Commander John E. Pillsbury are pitted against each other began at noon today. The North Atlantic coast is now threatened by a theoretical invader from the hostile ships, from the attack of which an equally able fleet will attempt to defend. This is the first series of manoeuvres in which the ships will participate, and it will be under the direction of the navy department alone. Such practice as follows the conclusion of this first contest will be the joint work of the army and navy department. Commander Pillsbury's fleet, which is known as the white squadron, sailed from Provincetown on Monday and is now at sea. Its present whereabouts is unknown to Admiral Higginson, whose force is known as the blue squadron.

It was understood that the latter fleet, which made its appearance in this harbor last Saturday, would, under the rules of the contest, remain here until afternoon today. At any time after that hour Admiral Higginson was free to sail in search of the "enemy." It will be the object of the white squadron to effect a landing at some unfortified place along the coast as soon as possible after this fixed hour and occupy the position without interference for at least six hours. It is the duty of the defending fleet to prevent the invaders from accomplishing their purpose. If Admiral Higginson finds the hostile vessels before they can get within striking distance, the victory is with him. If Pillsbury, with his ships, should elude Higginson and land his force, he must occupy the place he has captured and be free from discovery during the six-hour period agreed upon. If he is located before this time limit expires, it is scored as a defeat for him. The first series of manoeuvres is purely technical, and there will be no semblance of an engagement between the ships. No shots will be fired, except possibly upon the discovery of the hostile fleet at night, when the firing would be entirely for signalling purposes and to announce the discovery of Pillsbury's squadron. Admiral Higginson lost no time in getting under way after the hour agreed upon for the beginning of the contest had arrived. During the forenoon, the ships were getting up steam and shortly after 12 o'clock they began to weigh anchor and all started out. While the vessels of the white squadron are understood to represent an attacking force of great power, in reality it can hardly be compared with the defending complement. Commander Pillsbury's three auxiliary cruisers have an average displacement of 13 thousand tons and an average speed of 13 knots. Admiral Higginson's squadron includes battleships of nearly 11,000 tons average displacement and nearly 17 knots average speed; cruisers, the slowest of which is a 19-knot vessel, and torpedo boats good for 26 to 29 knots.

FURTHER LEGISLATION IS NOW NEEDED.

Children Under 15 Years Cannot Enter Reformatory.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Aug. 20.—Attorney General Elkin today advised T. E. Patton, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory at Huntingdon, that that institution cannot receive children under 15 years old, sentenced by the juvenile courts created by the last legislature. Mr. Elkin holds that while the act committing the courts to the state reformatory its provisions prevent their incarceration and that further legislation is needed. He also holds that it will be impossible for the Huntingdon reformatory to care for children sentenced by these courts until the legislature shall provide that institution with the necessary conveniences for so doing. Continuing the attorney general says: "I am of the opinion that only male persons between the ages of 15 and 25 years can be committed by the courts to the Pennsylvania Industrial reformatory, but, inasmuch as the juvenile courts have jurisdiction over children under the age of 16, it follows that such courts may sentence male children under the age of 15 and under 16 1/2 years to custody therein."

LAMB LIBERATED.

Judge Lacombe Decides Proceedings Shall Be Dropped.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Aug. 20.—Judge Lacombe, in the United States court today, decided that George Alfred Lamb, attorney in the Peter Power suit, was not a member of the bar practicing in the United States courts, and that consequently the proceedings against him for contempt of the court should be dropped. Lamb had been ordered to show cause today why he should not be punished or admonished for alleged contempt in failing to produce Power before a referee to give testimony. On motion of Mr. Lamb, Judge Lacombe signed an order directing Marcellus H. Henkel to produce Peter Power for examination when called for by the special examiner, who is taking testimony in the case.

THIRTEENTH REGIMENT WINS RIFLE MATCH

Most Exciting Events in Years at Mt. Gretna—Scores That Were Made.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Mt. Gretna, Pa., Aug. 20.—This was a memorable day at the state rifle range. The most exciting contest in recent years was waged in the annual regimental rifle match at the Thirteenth regiment of Scranton, won over the Sixth, by a mere technicality, each having the same score, but the Thirteenth had a better score at six hundred yards and was awarded the state's silver trophy, which it will now retain, having won it three times. The cavalry match was no less interesting. The Second City troop won the contest over the First troop by 14 points. The scores of the regimental contest were as follows: First regiment, 333; Second regiment, 306; Third regiment, 332; Sixth regiment, 333; Fifth regiment, 308; Tenth regiment, 300; Fourteenth regiment, 318; Sixteenth regiment, 322; Eighteenth regiment, 294; Fourth regiment, 372; Eighth regiment, 331; Ninth regiment, 325; Twelfth regiment, 357; Thirteenth regiment, 339.

BOERS TO LECTURE IN ENGLAND

Rumor That They May Enter the Colonial Legislative Council.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. The Hague, Aug. 20.—The Boer general intends to hasten their return to England and start on a lecturing tour through the larger towns. They will confer with the colonial secretary, Joseph Chamberlain, in regard to plans for the future autonomy of the South African colonies. It is said that possibly the generals will enter the legislative council of South Africa.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Aug. 20.—Arrived: Oceanic, Liverpool; Patricia, Hamburg. Cleared: La Lorraine, Havre; Fuerst Bismarck, Hamburg via Plymouth and Cherbourg. Sailed: St. Louis, Southampton; Tontine, Liverpool. Southampton—Arrived: St. Paul, New York.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Table with 2 columns: Temperature, Humidity, Precipitation. Includes 'WEATHER FORECAST' section.

"A FIGHT TO THE BITTER END"

President John Mitchell's Opinion of the Anthracite Strike Situation.

MR. BAER'S REPLY TO CORRESPONDENT

He Says That the "Rights and Interests of the Laboring Man Will Be Protected and Cared For, Not by the Labor Agitators, but by the Christian Men to Whom God, in His Infinite Wisdom, Has Given Control of the Property Interests of the Country."

GRAND CIRCUIT RACES.

Geers Wins Two Events at Readville—Direct Hal Breaks His Own Record of 2.06 1-2.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Readville, Mass., Aug. 20.—The grand circuit card this afternoon was the one arranged for yesterday and which the rain prevented. The track was sticky, but with this drawback Direct Hal broke his own record of 2.06 1/2 and the Norfolk stake record of one-fourth second slower by going the third heat in 2.06. This race was easily the best of the day, and the great incident was the whirlwind finish in the second heat between Direct Hal, driven by Geers and Greenline, the Goshen, Ind., horse, driven by Sounders. Geers was obliged to make Direct Hal do the last quarter in 29 3/4 seconds to win, and he finished only half a head to the good at that. Geers won two races today, the Norfolk purse of \$5,000 with Direct Hal, and the \$1,000 purse for 218 trotters, with Prince of Orange. Summaries: The Norfolk, 221 class, pacing; purse, \$5,000. Direct Hal 5 1 1 1 Greenline 1 2 3 2 Tertina 7 3 2 0 Fuzzy 2 4 5 2 Free Advice, Cubanola, Beacon, Elizabeth, Buzant and Gold Brick also started. Time, 2:06 1/2, 2:07, 2:06, 2:08. 211 class trotting; two in three; purse, \$1,000. Susie J. 1 1 1 1 Metallis 8 2 2 2 Antzeff 5 3 2 2 Temple Wilkes 5 3 2 2 Ozaham, Palm Leaf, Prince Lavalard, Col. Cochran, Wauban, Border, General Johnson and Glory also started. Time, 2:10 1/2, 2:10 1/2. 218 class, trotting; purse, \$1,000. Prince of Orange 1 1 1 1 Belmont, Clayton, Dan Riley, Hana, Millard Sanders 2 4 5 2 Ben Hal 4 3 4 4 Allabrieve, Kalevala, Ralph Wick, Belle Curry, Baron Bell, Eulah Mac, Ethie G. and Hall Fry also started. Time, 2:12 1/2, 2:14, 2:11 1/2. 211 class, pacing; two in three; purse, \$1,000. Prince Direct 1 3 1 1 Billy M 2 1 6 2 Ontario 4 2 2 2 Annie Leyburn 3 6 4 4 Belmont, Clayton, Dan Riley, Hana, Evolute, Alice Holmes and Maggie Hubbard also started. Time, 2:07 1/2, 2:07 1/2, 2:08 1/2.

NO NEWS AT PANAMA.

The Situation Serious but Nothing to Show That Herrera Intends to Attack the City Soon.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Panama, Aug. 20.—Nothing is known here of the reported surrender of the government general, Morales Berti to the revolutionists at Azua, Dulce. No news has been received from this general for some time past, but government officials express the belief that he would only succumb after a gallant fight. The situation here is serious, but there is nothing to show that Gen. Herrera intends to attack Panama immediately, and the statement that he is now marching toward this city is discredited. It is not true that the revolutionary gunboat Padilla has been seen frequently at Otoque Island.

JOSEPH SHIRK DEAD.

The Inventor of the Revolver and Grain Cradle Passes Away.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lancaster, Aug. 20.—Joseph Shirk, the inventor of a revolver and of the grain cradle, died today at his home in East Earl township, this county. He was 83 years old and was a noted inventor and surveyor. In the early thirties Shirk made a revolver which is believed to have been the first firearm ever made with a revolving chamber. He claimed to have discovered this weapon in 1841, and shortly afterwards the Colt company was organized and commenced the manufacture of the revolvers.

ITO CONTROLS NEW HOUSE.

Returns in Japan Show a Majority of His Followers Elected.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Berlin, Aug. 20.—It is announced here today in a dispatch from Tokyo, Japan, that incomplete returns of the elections for members of the house of representatives indicate that there has been no material change in the balance of the parties and that the Marquis Ito followers retain predominance in the house.

STRONG AND YOHE TO ARGENTINA.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Aug. 20.—Putnam Braden Strong, of New York, and May Yohe sailed for Argentina today under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson.