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STILL FLOODING MINES.

Several Days Before Bodies of Victims Can Be Reached.

Ed For Distressed Families—Premier Dunsmuir Orders Storekeepers to Give Them Whatever Supplies They Need. Cause of Explosion Will Never Be Known.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 18.—The terrible accident at Union mines, Vancouver island, which has plumed the town of Cumberland and the entire province into mourning continues to engross public attention. The greatest excitement in the Canadian Pacific Railway company's steamer Tartar arrived at Vancouver yesterday afternoon from the coasting station at Union, 21 miles from Cumberland. She brought two passengers, H. Raymond and George Bennett, both coal miners. Neither had any theory as to the cause of the explosion in No. 6 shaft, in which the accident occurred. They say the cause is not known and that it will never be known.

GOOD PROGRESS MADE.

Searchers Within 100 Yards of Where Bodies Are Expected to Be Found. VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 19.—Splendid progress was made yesterday by the men who are searching for the bodies of the unfortunate men killed by the explosion at the Union mines. The fire has been put out and the inspectors have penetrated through No. 5 mine to No. 6, expelling the gas as they proceeded, and at last reports were within 100 yards of where they expect to find the first bodies. Experts will not express opinion as to the cause of accident. Premier Dunsmuir and party left the scene last night for Victoria, having left the work of recovering the bodies in the hands of four experts, who have the company's full staff at their disposal. No. 5 mine was not badly damaged by the fire, but No. 6 is a complete wreck.

ENGLAND IS INTERESTED.

Inclined to Take the Russian Side in Tariff War With United States. LONDON, Feb. 19.—There is considerable interest in the outcome of the tariff difficulties between the United States and Russia. The advocates of a change in the British fiscal system hope to find in them some support of their contentions that retaliatory duties should be imposed on countries taxing British products. The St. James Gazette says: "Some Americans, including Secretary Gage, appear to think the United States have the monopoly of the protection policy, but they have been sharply reminded by Russia that two can play at the game of hostile tariffs, as the import of Russian sugar is a trifle compared with the exports to Russia. The present game of retaliation is one in which Russia holds the best cards. Therefore she will win most of the tricks."

CONSTABLE ARRESTED.

Alleged to Have Incited Negro to Burn House to Collect Insurance. POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Theodore Adams, a constable of Hopewell Junction, Dutchess county, and Charles Miller, a negro living near that place, are in jail here to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of arson. Miller was arrested on Saturday night. He confessed to the authorities in this city that he set the house on fire and incited Adams with inciting him to commit the crime. He said that Adams wanted to buy a threshing machine to cost \$1,000 and had \$200 toward it. Adams proposed to him to burn his home, telling him that he could collect at least \$300 insurance. Then they would buy the machine in partnership, mortgaging it for the remaining \$800. Miller said he burned the house, believing that the constable would be able to shield him.

Severe Weather in Europe.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—The weather is less cold here and in this vicinity, though several deaths have been reported. Rigorous cold continues in the provinces, the rivers in the extreme south being frozen, while several feet of snow have fallen in the department of the Vosges and in the Dauphine, in the southeast of France, comprised in the departments of Drome, Hautes-Alpes and Isere. Fifteen deaths below zero has been recorded at Grenoble, capital of the department of Isere. Switzerland is also suffering from the severe weather and snow covers the northern part of Italy. A dispatch from Rome reports an unprecedented snowfall there yesterday.

Editor Shoots Reporter.

HONOLULU, Feb. 19.—Edwin S. Gill, editor of the Republic, shot and seriously wounded Mortimer H. Stevens, a member of the staff of the Advertiser, in the office of the Republic on the evening of the 6th. The shooting followed a controversy about an article Gill had published concerning some young ladies who were stopping at the Hawaiian hotel.

Roosevelt at Denver.

DENVER, Feb. 19.—Vice President Roosevelt, who has just returned from a five weeks' hunt, has arranged to leave Colorado Springs today on a special Colorado and Southern train for Denver. He will start East from here over the Union Pacific, Chicago and Northwestern.

King and Queen Return to London.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra have returned to town.

GIFTS OF SAENGERBUND.

President McKinley and Emperor William Each Receive an Album. WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Major Carl Lentz, president, and 22 directors of the Northeastern Saengerbund of America, called in a body at the White House yesterday and presented to the president an album bound in red leather and containing the songs sung by the society at its last meeting in 1900. On the fly leaf of the album is inscribed in illuminated letters the words: "William McKinley, president of the United States of America, in commemoration of the festival in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Northeastern Saengerbund, Brooklyn, N. Y., June 20-July 4, 1900."

The directors also presented to Emperor William, through the German ambassador, an album of rare beauty, said to have cost \$1,200. This is an acknowledgment of the emperor's courtesy in offering a prize at the last Saengerfest.

The ambassador received a cablegram from Emperor William, authorizing him to receive, in his name, the souvenir of the Saengerbund. After the presentation of the album and the delegation drank the health of Emperor William. The album is of American manufacture and a masterpiece of art. It consists of two silver plates, weighing 40 pounds, bound in leather richly embellished with scrolls and silver mountings. Upon the face of the first plate is engraved the American and German flags and coats of arms, while on the back is a resolution of thanks for the emperor's prize. On the face of the second plate is inscribed the song that won the prize at the last Saengerfest, and on the back is an engraved resolution of the "Wandering Minstrel," the emperor's prize.

SPELLBINDING TRAMP.

Invaded a Music Teacher's Home and Mesmerized Her With the Piano. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—A tramp who refused to give his name or any information about himself was sent Wednesday to the county jail for 60 days by Recorder Hegeman of North Bergen. The tramp called at the home of Henry Richcock and asked for money from Mrs. Richcock. She refused to give him any, and pushing her aside he walked into the house and began to wreck the furniture. The sight of him aroused his detestation, and he began to play Mrs. Richcock, who is a music teacher, was thoroughly frightened; but fear gave way to admiration when the tramp began playing selections from operas and classical music. Mrs. Richcock is a pianist. She said she sat spellbound while the man played. When he stopped he gave the piano keys a vicious pound and walked out of the house. When Mr. Richcock came home his wife told of her experience and described her visitor. Richcock notified the police and the tramp was arrested.

NO FURTHER LENIENCY.

Foreign Envoys' Decision in Respect to Punishment of Guilty Is Irrevocable. PEKIN, Feb. 16.—The Chinese plenipotentiaries have replied to the latest telegram from the imperial court that the decision of the foreign envoys with respect to the punishment of the guilty is irrevocable, although the sentence upon General Tung Fu Haiang can be suspended "until such time as it comes within the power of the court to place him in restraint, when his death will be demanded."

MRS. NATION RAMPANT.

Caused All Kinds of Excitement at Topeka, Kan. TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 18.—Mrs. Carrie Nation put in a busy Sunday in Topeka and as a result the capital city has experienced more genuine excitement than can be remembered by the oldest inhabitant. Mrs. Nation succeeded in having the contents of a notorious joint smashed, broke into a cold storage plant in search of liquor, ruined the mirrors on several bars found stored in a livery barn, addressed a large mass meeting of men and women and was arrested four times. The last time that the law laid its hands upon her was when Mrs. Nation emerged from the church where the mass meeting had been held. Last night Mrs. Nation announced that she would not rest until all the joints in Topeka had been closed.

Another Carnegie Library.

GALESBURG, Ill., Feb. 19.—Andrew Carnegie has written the Galesburg public library board that he will give \$50,000 for a new library building in this city providing the city appropriates \$5,000 a year to sustain it.

Injury Proved Fatal.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Peter Stoff of Hobart, who was injured by an explosion of dynamite while working on the Oneonta trolley road extension Saturday, died Sunday.

Girl Killed by Train.

TROY, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Mabel E. Bostell, a factory girl of 28 Grand street, was killed by an engine on the Boston and Maine tracks yesterday while trying to avoid an incoming train.

Fire Destroys Models and Tools.

TROY, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Fire yesterday destroyed a large number of valuable models for silk and knit goods frames owned by Tompkins Bros. Valuable tools were also lost.

Hermit Found Frozen to Death.

KINGSTON, Feb. 19.—Philip Genold, a hermit, was found frozen to death at his home in Ellenville on Saturday.

KRUGER'S FINAL PLEA.

"Will No One Arbitrate?" Cries Heartbroken Boer.

Regrets He Is Too Old to Fight—Thirty-One Sons and Grandsons He Has in the Field, Fighting a War Unjustly Thrust Upon Them, but He Says Heers Will Win Yet.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The Pall Mall Magazine will publish, Feb. 15, an interview with Mr. Kruger in part as follows: "Will no one arbitrate? Will no one give us a chance of defending ourselves? We may have done wrongly. We have our faults and our weaknesses. We declared war, but our hands were forced and we can prove it. Get someone to judge between this England and ourselves."

"But the Lord will help us in the end. We shall win. I do not know how or when, but we shall win at last." Mr. Kruger says the Transvaal offered more reforms in one week than any other country would make in 40 years, giving in on all points almost to the uttermost, but that the uttermost was seized upon as a stumbling block.

Referring to his reception in Europe Mr. Kruger says: "I care nothing for flowers; nothing, nothing. The people who send them mean well, and I am grateful; but I care nothing for them. What I want is a fair hearing. If they will only give us a fair hearing and justice—I ask for justice. "We are little folk, but we have made great steps." When asked why he came to Europe he said to the interviewer: "I could not go out with the command—'as Mr. Steyn said. I am too old, but I may be of some use here.'"

Regarding Mrs. Kruger, he said: "I am sorry for her, too. I have a deep sorrow for her, but I have far more sorrow for my country. My wife has her children. Six are still with her. They were left with her in her home. Two of my sons have died on the battlefield. Two were captured. I believe two more are dead also, as I have not heard from them for two months, and I know they were in the thick of the fight. "Thirty-one sons and grandsons I have in the field yet, but I could not go on command. I have not heard from my wife for 16 days, but she has six children with her and she is not to be pitied."

CURIOUS FISH FROM WELL.

They Had Neither Head Nor Tail and Could Swim Backward or Forward. GOSHEN, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Some time ago a driven well was sunk at the Howell creamery, Pine Island, to the depth of 250 feet. The supply of water obtained equalled only one-quarter of the amount necessary, and in order to obtain a greater supply two charges of dynamite, a new explosive, were discharged by William J. Brown, an expert in its use. Both an electric battery, and a column of water eight inches in diameter was thrown to a height of 300 feet.

Many curious things came up from the bottom of the well, including three curious fish. They were about eight inches long and had neither head nor tail, both ends being alike. They could swim as easily backward as forward and were not provided with eyes or mouth. There were several small crabs at each end of these curious fish. When they came down with a shower of stones from the top of the column of water they bounded repeatedly many feet in the air. One was captured by a Poleander, who, curious to see its interior, struck it with a dull hatchet, but made no impression whatever upon the fish, although he killed it. One is still alive in captivity.

Y. P. S. C. E. CONVENTION.

Plans For Meeting at Syracuse Being Rapidly Perfected. SYRACUSE, Feb. 18.—Plans for the state Y. P. S. C. E. convention to be held in this city Oct. 21 and 22 and which it is expected 3,000 delegates will attend are being rapidly perfected. The general subject of the convention will be "The New Century Awakening."

SERIOUS CHARGES.

Patrick Coyle Accuses Town Authorities of Arson, N. J. ALBANY, Feb. 19.—The state commission in lunacy is investigating as to the truth of charges made by Patrick Coyle, the husband of Margaret Coyle, an insane woman, formerly employed as a domestic in Arundell, N. J., who alleges that without notice to him the town authorities of Arundell, finding his wife was insane and likely to fall as a charge upon the town, had her conveyed to New York city at night, where she was abandoned.

Stanford Will Have Liquor License.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 19.—The voters of the town of Stamford, in the Catskills, have voted to have a license there for the next year. The town last year was to license and hotel keepers claimed they have lost money, summer boarders going to license towns.

Wright Train Collide; No One Hurt.

WATERGOWN, N. Y., Feb. 19.—An extra freight train and a regular freight train on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg railroad met in head-on collision at Kasog yesterday. The engines of both trains were badly smashed and many cars derailed. No one was hurt.

From Birmingham to Oswego.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Plans are under way looking to the extension of the lines of the Birmingham Railroad company to Malone, a village about 18 miles west from this city, and ultimately to Oswego.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

Bradstreet's Report on Conditions of Business Throughout the Country. NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Bradstreet's review of trade says: Trade advices are rather more cheerful. Prices show exceptional strength, all things considered, the one weak spot being raw cotton, which shares the rather unsatisfactory tone manifested by the cotton goods and yarn markets. Foreign demand for our breadstuffs has been rather better, and this is reflected in heavy exports, particularly of corn. Specially cheerful reports from the shoe and leather, the lumber and the iron trades, the strength of prices of the latter having been increased by the talk of pending consolidations, although the volume of business is restricted from the same cause. Failures are smaller than of late, and current railroad earnings show large gains over good returns a year ago.

Despite the check to new business given by the talk of consolidation, a fall in volume of trade is doing at all leading iron markets and the advances noted in these markets last week are firmly held. Expectations of a favorable outcome in the negotiations for a combination of the principal steel companies caused the stocks of those concerns to show decided firmness and a readiness to advance. On certainty as to the terms of the deal, however, checked the development of speculation in them.

Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 4,514,878 bushels, against 4,567,818 bushels last week, 3,834,069 bushels in the corresponding week of 1900, 2,454,778 bushels in 1899 and 3,832,744 bushels in 1898. Corn exports for the week aggregate 4,700,422 bushels, against 4,471,440 bushels (corrected) last week, 3,490,335 bushels in this week a year ago, 1,590,845 bushels in 1899 and 5,056,575 bushels in 1898.

Failures for the week number 226 as against 250 last week, 159 in this week a year ago, 109 in 1899, 269 in 1898 and 323 in 1897.

BR DE ONLY FOURTEEN.

By Agreement Husband Is Not to Claim Her For Two Years.

WILKES-BARRE, Feb. 16.—A 14-year-old girl was married Thursday to a 27-year-old man, and he signed a contract agreeing to let her live with her parents until she is 16, which will be on Christmas day, 1902. The bride was Mary Jane Reaker of Plymouth township and the bridegroom Nicholas Burk hart, a prosperous young butcher of this city. They met last summer and fell in love with each other. Since then they have often met and it was his love for the girl that induced the parents to allow the marriage, although they stipulated that he should not claim her for two years. The girl looks hardly more than 12 years old.

The wedding took place here before Justice P. W. McKeown and 1200 guests present the girl's father and mother and her brother, besides the best of friends. After the ceremony the girl went home with her parents and the bridegroom went back to his shop.

BUILDING TRADES STRIKE.

Pittsburg Is Threatened With One of Largest Riots.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 18.—Unless the master builders of this city comply with the demands of the building trades council a general strike will be declared which will involve at least 150,000 workmen.

Nearly every mechanic in the city is expecting an advance of from 5 to 25 per cent. The carpenters and joiners have already asked for an advance, and the bricklayers, painters and decorators paperhangers, plasterers, structural iron workers, machinists and stone masons are preparing their scales and in every case it is proposed to make demands for higher wages. The window glass workers, it is said, will also ask for an increase of 20 per cent when the next scale conference meets.

The date upon which many of the scales expire is April 1 and unless the master builders grant an advance the indications are that there will be a general suspension in the building trades and work on the big structure will have to be suspended.

SILK MILLS IDLE.

Strikes Have Tied Up This Industry in Lackawanna Valley.

SCRANTON, Feb. 18.—Every silk mill in the Lackawanna valley is idle by reason of strikes, excepting the Klots mill at Carbondale, where the employees continue working, pending the arbitration of difficulties by the Rev. Father Coyle. There are 4,500 girls and men on strike and they show every determination to stay out until they receive a considerable increase in wages.

Around the strikers' headquarters there is renewed hopefulness of an early settlement. Among the manufacturers, however, the feeling is that the shutdown will be a long one.

WOMAN'S INQUISITIVENESS.

She Was Postmistress and Opened Letters Letting to Her Sorrow.

BELLEFONTAINE, Pa., Feb. 18.—Miss Marion Peters, assistant postmistress at Mingoelle, was arrested by Postoffice Inspector Malone of Harrisburg for tampering with the mails. Miss Peters admitted the truth of the charge, which was opening letters and packages addressed to others. She acquired the habit through an uncontrollable desire to read the love letters of the young men who were in contact with her.

Miss Peters was held under \$500 bail for trial at next term of United States court at Pittsburg.

Young Woman Assaulted.

NEW CASTLE, Feb. 18.—Miss Anna Marie Ryan, 20 years old, was assaulted Friday night by an unknown man. Miss Ryan left her home to go to the home of a neighbor, Clara Voegelz. She passed a deserted barn on the way when she was grasped by a man. The girl screamed for help and struck at her assailant. She managed to break away and ran to the Voegelz residence and throwing open the door, she fell fainting on the floor.

Free Refused a New Trial.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 18.—Harry Free of Everson, who was convicted of second degree murder for killing his brother-in-law, Dr. Norman King, in the bedroom of their little sister-in-law, was refused a new trial.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

SHARON—Joseph McIntire of near Wurttemberg fell down a flight of stairs and broke his neck. He died almost instantly. BEAVER FALLS—Lilly, the 8-year-old daughter of Edward Lloyd, who was terribly burned by her clothes catching fire at an open grate on Friday, has died.

UNIONTOWN—Edward R. Spitzer colored, who was found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing Troy Tins was granted a new trial on the strength of new evidence discovered since the trial.

NEW CASTLE—James J. Morrissey, a brickman on the Pennsylvania lines, lost his life here under the wheels of a freight car, from which he slipped and fell. The accident occurred in the center of a long bridge over the Nesbanock.

HOLLIDAYSBURG—David N. Treese, manager of the quarries of the Jamieson company at McKees Gap, this county, while inspecting the work, ventured under a large amount of rock that had been blown loose. A ton of rocks came down on him, killing him instantly.

GREENSBURG—Captain Richard D. Laird has received orders from Colonel Barnett to take his company to the inauguration at Washington, March 4.

GREENSBURG—Rev. Dr. Torrance D. D., pastor of the United Presbyterian church, was stricken with paralysis and the left side is completely paralyzed. Dr. Torrance has been pastor of the United Presbyterian church for 30 years.

W. S. HILTON, Esq., Assn. Secy. of the Young Men's Association, Washington and Jefferson colleges, Garfield instructed in the preparatory department, and is the second Cuban that has become a student at the institution this year, the first being Frances Diaz.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

Short Items From Various Parts of the World.

Record of Many Happenings Condensed and Put in Small Space and Arranged With Special Regard For the Convenience of the Reader Who Has Little Time to Spare.

W. H. Harris, for the past quarter of a century proprietor of numerous long-pediced circuses, is dead from heart disease.

Mrs. Thomas C. Platt, whose condition has been causing great anxiety for the last few days, is reported as being no better.

According to the Italian newspapers, Signor Giuseppe Zanardelli has been definitely charged by King Victor Emmanuel to form a ministry to succeed the Saracco cabinet. In that event it is believed that Signor Giolitti would be the minister of the interior and the actual premier.

A westbound passenger train on the Chicago and Erie railroad was partially derailed 12 miles east of Decatur, Ills. Fireman Finney was killed in jumping.

H. W. Schmidt, superintendent of the Illinois Southern railroad, is dead at Sparta, Ills. His son Harry died Saturday night and Mrs. Schmidt is expected to live. It is supposed they were poisoned by eating corned beef.

An explosion occurred in the Chitworth gunpowder works near Glushford, 17 miles from Peoria. Six men were blown to pieces.

The navy department has received a cablegram from a Commander Delano of the training ship Topeka, announcing his arrival at Barbadoes. The Topeka recently sailed from Cape Verde and apprehension was felt in some quarters as to her safety.

More than 150 shots were fired, a sergeant of police and two negroes were wounded, and a ballot box was stolen in the course of an election riot at St. Louis.

It is rumored that the queen mother is to go to Bonn shortly to undergo a serious operation, the necessity for which is the reason that Queen Wilhelmina's marriage festivities were not postponed, as they would otherwise have been because of the death of Queen Victoria.

Dr. Campbell Friday, the city analyst, detecting at a lower poisoning inquest at Liverpool, estimated from samples examined that the average weekly consumption of beer in Liverpool in summer time would contain 300 pounds of arsenic, enough to kill a million people if administered in equal doses and at one time.

Mrs. Thomas C. Platt, the wife of United States Senator Platt, died at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Fifth Avenue hotel, where she had been ill for some time. Her husband and sons were at the bedside.

Charles Carroll Mann, aged 72 years, a retired stock broker and for years a prominent Democratic politician, committed suicide at Philadelphia. He had been suffering from a complication of diseases for 10 years.

Northern and Central New York are free deep in the worst blizzard of the winter, and in some respects in recent years.

Loveland J. Miller, Jr., a young man convicted of manslaughter in the second degree in killing Walter D. Tyler, was sentenced to six years and six months in Auburn prison.

Coroner Tarbell of Troy finds that the death of Lebbens J. Rice was caused by a gunshot wound in the head, which was inflicted voluntarily, feloniously and with intent to kill by some person or persons unknown.

Anti-saloon crusading in Winfield, Kan., is so serious troops may be called out. Mrs. Carrie Nation was followed by dense mobs in Chicago.

A Berlin special tells of many Germans offering to the British embassy for service in South Africa.

London has contradictory reports, according to a special cable, about the Vickers-Maxim-Crup deal.

From the Battery in New York 100 lea-bond vessels could be counted.

It is said that the dowry of the Princess of the Asturias will be 20,000,000 francs.

For the first time in many years the Delaware river is closed to navigation, due to the large amount of ice in the stream.

Syracuse and vicinity are snowbound, the blizzard which began Tuesday has abated somewhat, but snow is still falling, and railroads are suffering.

The bitter cold caused the loss of two lives in New York. Lawrence Vail, a stableman, and an unknown man, employed as a coal heaver, were frozen to death.

A dispatch from Portsmouth says the royal yacht Victoria and Albert has been commissioned to take King Edward and Queen Alexandra of Germany, and it is expected the British channel squadron will form the escort.

The body of William Hendrickson, a veteran 67 years old, was found on railroad tracks at Troy. He died from exposure.

Minnie Hultz, 15 years old, the daughter of James Hultz, one of the wealthiest in Indiana, has been kidnapped.

The condition of Queen Sophia is so much improved that it is now believed she will no longer be confined to her bed. M. Herko of Pittsburg was shot and killed while defending himself from being robbed by three negro highwaymen at McKees Rocks. Two negroes are held on suspicion.

The American Tobacco company, the largest concern of its kind in the world, is about to establish a large plant in Albany, which will furnish work for upward of a thousand persons.