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STILL FLOODING MINES.

Several Days Before Bodies of Victims Can Be Reached.

And For Distressed Families—Premier Dunsinuir 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 plunged the town of Cumberland and the entire province into mourning continues to engross public attention. The greatest excitement is being caused by the fact that the Canadian Pacific Railway company's steamer Tarrar arrived at Vancouver yesterday afternoon from the coalfield station at Union, 21 miles from Cumberland. She brought two passengers, H. Raymond and George Bennett, both coal miners.

It will be several days, Raymond says, before the bodies of the 61 entombed miners can be reached, because after the fire has been completely put out it will be necessary to pump the water out of the mine before a rescuing party can hope to remove the corpses now lying at the bottom of the shaft.

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 water pumped out of the mine.

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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:

"I am a German, I am a patriot, I am a citizen of the United States of America, in commemoration of the festival in honor of the 70th anniversary of the Northeastern Saengerbund, Brooklyn, N. Y., June 30—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 contest 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 MemORIZED 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 Hazeman of North Bergen. The tramp called at the home of Henry Richcreek and asked for money from Mrs. Richcreek. She refused to give him any, and pushing her into her room he went into the house and began to wreck the furniture. The sight of a piano wrecked his destructiveness. He sat down at the instrument and began to play. Mrs. Richcreek, 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. Richcreek 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. Richcreek came home his wife told of her experience and described her visitor. Richcreek notified the police and the tramp was arrested.

ENGLAND IS INTERESTED

Inclined to Take the Russian Side in Tariff War With United States.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—There is considerable interest here 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 Chronicle 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 better 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, said Charles Miller, in negro vicinity 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 charged 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.

AMERICAN HENLEY ASSURED.

BOSTON, Feb. 19.—The American Henley, for which so many plans have been suggested, only to fall through in the end, is now practically an assured fact. Several of Boston's best-known rowing men have developed a plan which embraces the larger athletic and rowing clubs and colleges. It is proposed to hold a week of racing at New London at the time of the Harvard-Yale college race, to include classes from the single scull up to the eight-oared crews. Many of the leading rowing organizations have agreed to send entries.

ANOTHER COAST GUARD LIBRARY.

GALESBURG, Ills., Feb. 19.—Andrew Carnegie has written the Galesburg city 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 Onondaga trolley road extension Saturday, died Sunday.

GRAND 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.

HERMIST 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—One Sons and Grandsons He Has in the Field, Fighting a War Unjustly Thrust Upon Them, but He Says Boers Will Win Yet.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The Pall Mall Magazine will publish, Feb. 18, 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 an entire 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 commander as Mr. Steyn says. 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. 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 10 days, but she has six children with her and she is not to be pitied."

NO FURTHER LENIENCY.

Foreign Envoys Declared in Respect to Punishments of Guilty is Irrevocable.

PEKIN, Feb. 16.—The Chinese peace 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 Hsiang 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."

Although there have been no official communications on the subject between envoys and the Chinese plenipotentiaries there have been long unofficial consultations between the latter and M. DeGiers and Sir Ernest Satow, the Russian and British ministers.

A definite reply from the court is not expected before the end of the new year celebrations, at least 10 days off, but the envoys believe that the court must yield.

Count Von Walderssee has issued a formal denial of the published statement that the German troops are leaving China. He says that he could not move one without instructions from Berlin, and that these have not been received.

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 the workmen at the city factories. Dole's wife, Mrs. Carrie Nation, who is a domestic in Avondale, N. J., who alleges that without notice to him the town authorities of Avondale, 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.

Within a short time she fell into the hands of the police and was committed to the Bellevue pavilion, whence, owing to her condition, she was transferred to the Manhattan state hospital, where she died within a few days of pneumonia.

STAMFORD 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 town for the next year. The town last year was no license and hotel keepers claimed they have lost money, summer boarders going to license towns.

WEIGHT TRAINS COLLIDE; NO ONE HURT.

WATERLOO, 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 HINGHAMTON TO OWEGO.

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

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 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 fair volume of trade is doing at all leading iron markets and the advances noted in these columns 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 these concerns to show decided firmness and a readiness to advance. Un 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 4,597,818 bushels last week, 3,824,669 bushels in the corresponding week of 1900, 2,454,778 bushels in 1899 and 3,823,744 bushels in 1898.

Corn exports for the week aggregate 4,700,422 bushels, against 4,471,440 bushels (corrected) last week, 3,400,335 bushels in this week a year ago, 1,569,845 bushels in 1899 and 5,066,575 bushels in 1898.

Failures for the week number 229 as against 250 last week, 199 in this week a year ago, 109 in 1899, 239 in 1898 and 323 in 1897.

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 great supply two charges of dynamite, a new explosive, were discharged by William J. Brown, an expert in its use. Both charges were set off simultaneously by 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 orifices 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, a curious fish to see its interior, struck it with a dull hatchet, but made no impression whatever upon the fish, although he killed it. It 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 to 23 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."

Orange and white have been designated as the convention colors and the daisy selected as the emblem. An order has been placed for 3,000 badges. They are to be in the form of a daisy with a ribbon attached.

For the first time at a state convention of this society there will be evangelistic meetings at the noon hour among the workmen at the city factories. Delegates will be assigned to speak in different parts of the city.

The first Presbyterian church will be secured for Syncretian night. The quiet hour service each morning will be held at the First Baptist church.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

Patriek Coyle Accuses Town Authorities of Avondale, N. J.

ALBANY, Feb. 19.—The state commission in lunacy is investigating as to the truth of charges made by Patriek Coyle, the husband of Margaret Coyle, an insane woman, formerly employed as a domestic in Avondale, N. J., who alleges that without notice to him the town authorities of Avondale, 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.

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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 law priced 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 Saraceno 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, Ill. Fireman Finney was killed in jumping.

H. W. Schmidt, superintendent of the Illinois Southern railroad, is dead at Sparta, Ill. His son Harry died Saturday night and Mrs. Schmidt is not expected to live. It is supposed they were poisoned by eating corned beef.

THURSDAY.

An explosion occurred in the Chilworth gunpowder works near Gifford, 17 miles from London. Six men were blown to pieces.

The navy department has received a cablegram from Commander Delano of the training ship Topoka, announcing his arrival at Barbados. The Topoka 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 will 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.

FRIDAY.

Dr. Campbell Brown, the city analyst, testifying at a beer 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 fast deep in the worst blizzard of the winter, and in some respects in recent years.

SATURDAY.

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 wrongfully, 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 German officers to the British embassy for service in South Africa.

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

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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 at Christmas day, 1903. The bride was Mary Jane Reaker of Plymouth town ship 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 five years. The girl looks hardly more than 12 years old.

The wedding took place here before Justice P. W. McKean and there was present the girl's father and a man named Ber brother, besides the bride's mother. After the ceremony the bride went back 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 have also asked for an advance. A conference will be held at the city hall on Tuesday.

The date upon which many of the senior 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 Klets mill a Cantonville, where the employees continue working, pending the arbitration of a higher wage. The window glass workers, it is said, will also ask for an increase of 20 per cent when the next scale conference meets.

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WOMAN'S INQUISITIVENESS.