

COAL COMPANY BREAKS RECORD.

Shipment of 4,524 Tons from One Mine at Colver.

Colver, Pa., Feb. 26.—Output records for the No. 1 mine of the Ebensburg Coal Company here were all broken Wednesday when a total of 4,524 tons of coal came from the opening and passed over the tippie.

It is believed that no single opening in western Pennsylvania is able to surpass this record. Officials of the company are very proud of the accomplishment.

The Ebensburg Coal Company is working for the most part on battleship coal orders and Wednesday's big output goes to the ships of the United States navy.

FIRST LEGAL ELECTROCUTION IN THE STATE.

John Talap Put to Death in New Penitentiary Near Bellefonte

Bellefonte, Pa., Feb. 26.—The state of Pennsylvania claimed its first victim by legal electrocution Tuesday, when John Talap, paid the extreme penalty in the electric chair at the new Western penitentiary Tuesday morning. Showing signs of weakening Talap, convicted of the murder of his wife in August, 1913, at Allentown, was strapped in the chair at 7:15 a. m. Eight minutes later three 1200 volt shocks had passed through his body and he was pronounced dead. A. B. Hess, of Lancaster, a member of the legislature and father of the electrocution bill, was one of the six witnesses.

PYTHIANS OF CLYMER DEDICATE NEW HALL

Clymer lodge, Knights of Pythias, dedicated its handsome new lodge rooms at that place with an elaborate banquet and dance last Monday evening. The lodge has a membership of 130 and more than 80 couples enjoyed the banquet, which was served from 9 to 10:30 o'clock, after which dancing was enjoyed until 1:30. A feature of the evening was the presentation of beautiful carnations to the women.

The handsome new brick building in which the lodge room are located is one of the most modern structures in the town of Clymer. The first floor is used as a theater.

Carriers Elect Officers.

The annual meeting of the Rural Mail Carriers' Association was held at the court house Monday, when officers for the coming year were elected delegates to the state convention in July were chosen and other business was transacted. The new officers are: President, John P. Campbell, Shelocta; vice president, Mr. Earhart, Saltsburg; secretary, Miss Earhart, Shelocta; treasurer, R. E. Wetzell, Blacklick. Delegates to the state convention, which meets July 4, 5 and 6, are: David Rittenhouse, Rochester Mills; Steele Kerr, Shelocta; Albert Kinghorn, Indiana.

WEDDINGS.

Sheridan-Shdale.

John H. Sheridan and Miss Blanche Shadle, both of Lovejoy, were married Monday, February 22, by Squire J. F. Shearer, at his residence in Starford.

Clymer Men Charged With Robbing Actors.

Clymer, Feb. 26.—During a performance in the local theater on Monday night the dressing rooms of several vaudeville actors were ransacked. An investigation was made and three Clymer young men were locked up. One of the prisoners confessed after being locked up.

UNITED COAL CO. TIPPLE DYNAMITED

Explosion Is Second in Six Days No Clue to Perpetrators Obtainable.

Punxsutawney, Pa., Feb. 26.—No. 7 tippie of the Berwind-White Coal Company, at Fordham, now operated by the United Coal Company, was dynamited at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, causing heavy damage to the tippie, and destroying the scale office, a two-story frame structure. Arthur Paekham, night watchman, narrowly escaped death in the explosion. The explosion Wednesday morning is the second in six days.

Peckham escaped death by chasing the dynamiter and firing several shots at him. He was knocked down by the force of the explosion when about 50 yards from the scale house.

Last Thursday morning two sticks of dynamite were exploded under the scales and caused considerable damage. After that explosion Peckham was employed as a watchman.

Early Wednesday morning Peckham heard a slight noise and looking out noticed a spluttering light within a few feet of the scale house. Rushing outside the building he frightened the dynamiter. A hurried glance at the fuse and Peckham found it was too short to attempt to extinguish it, and he turned his attention to the dynamiter. Drawing his revolver he started in pursuit of the fleeing man, firing as he went.

The mine has been operated regularly. Some time ago there was trouble between the mine superintendent and some of the employes, but this was patched up when the superintendent was transferred and the men returned to work. The coal company is without a clue to the perpetrators and have placed officers on the case.

New Mining Company

The Crown Hill Mining Co., Indiana's latest mining operation, an located about four miles directly south of Indiana on Yellow creek, will soon be ready for active work, it being planned to have all the machinery in running order by the first of April.

The large generator has been placed and the first shipment of mine cars has arrived and all that remains is the assembling of the other vital parts of machinery and the competing of the railroad sidings.

The manager and superintendent of the Crown Hill Mining Co. is Mr. W. C. Lowther, of School street, son of Mr. Thomas Lowther, inspector for the 25th bituminous mining district.

Anita Postoffice Robbed.

Punxsutawney, Feb. 26.—The safe in the Anita postoffice was blown open at an early hour Tuesday morning and about \$1,200 worth of stamps and \$40.80 in cash, together with a number of blank money orders were taken. The police are looking for "Philadelphia Slim," a professional safe cracker, who is known to have been in the vicinity.

Orders New Equipment.

Ebensburg, Feb. 26.—The Cambria Freeman, the county seat newspaper burned out in last week's fire, today placed the last of its orders for all-new equipment, which includes a No. 8 Mergenthaler linotype, a Whitlock press for the newspaper, two job presses and the other mechanisms and type which are required in a printing office. Editor McGuire expects to construct a building in the central part of the town.

RUSSIAN IMPERIAL FAMILY AT THE FRONT.



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Grand Duchess Olga, oldest daughter; the czar, the czarina and Grand Duchess Tatiana, younger daughter, surrounded by staff and nurses of a military hospital near Warsaw.

DARDANELLES FORTS REDUCED BY ALLIES; WAY OPEN TO RUSSIA

British Official Declares England Will Not Oppose Russ Sea-Port Ambitions

MAY HOLD THE CAPITAL

Big Change in Policy Will Have Important Effect on Situation in Europe.

THE CZAR PLANS ATTACK

London, Feb. 25.—One of the most important changes in British foreign policy in the past 100 years was announced this afternoon in the House of Commons by Sir Edward Grey, the minister of foreign affairs, when he stated, in reply to a question from the floor, that England is willing to abandon her traditional opposition towards Russian acquisition of a "warm water" port and will support the intentions recently expressed by M. Sazonoff, the Russian foreign secretary in the words that "Russia intends permanently to occupy Constantinople."

Close upon this momentous declaration came a dispatch from Salonika with the news that the Anglo-French fleet, the medium through which Russia may eventually accomplish the extension of her sphere of influence, had begun again the bombardment of the Turkish forts on the Dardanelles and another dispatch saying that the Ottoman government was so much alarmed at the progress of the attack that the crown jewels and the government records had been removed to the interior. Previous advices have stated that the Ottoman archives had been taken to Adrianople.

Outer Defenses Silemmed and the Fleet Then Opens Fire at Close Range

London, Feb. 25.—The Admiralty announces that the Turkish forts at the entrance of the Dardanelles had been reduced by the combined Anglo-French fleet of 32 ships which have been bombarding the positions intermittently for more than two months.

The feat is regarded in official circles as one of the most important accomplishments of the allied forces, and predictions are freely heard now that the fall of Constantinople will come soon. This is merely the first step in a stupendous task and another month's effort will be required to force the passage of the straits, lined with strong forts and modern defensive works for a distance of 40 miles on both sides. The Turkish fleet which under such conditions is not to be despised is stationed at the narrowest part and immense mine fields have been planted.

Powerful Fleet Engaged.

The allied fleet is the strongest aggregation of warships afloat with the exception of the British home fleet. It includes submarines and destroyers, and has a strong detachment of aeroplanes and sea planes, conveyed by the aeroplane ship Ark Royal. The strongest vessels under the British flag are the battleships Agamon, Cornwallis, Vengeance and Triumph. Under the French flag are the battleships Suffren, Gaulois and Bouvet. Together these vessels can throw a weight of metal that even the strong Turkish defenses could not long resist.

The forts which have been destroyed are three in number, two at Sedd-el-Bahr, on the north of the European side of the entrance, and one at Kum Kalesi, on the south, or Turkish side. They have been regarded as among the strongest forts in the world and they have been vastly improved since the beginning of German influence in Turkey, German engineers having installed the latest Krupp ordnance and the most modern of defensive works. The forts themselves are mostly constructed of earth and occupy a commanding position at the mouth of the straits on the Aegean Sea.

Russia to Buy Railway Material in Pittsburg

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 26.—Inquiry has been received here by the Pittsburg foreign trade commission from the Russian imperial government for a huge quantity of railroad material for use in government railway lines and extensions made necessary by the European war.

The authorities ask for prices on 5,000 pairs of axles and wheels, 20,000 to 60,000 tires, 30,000 rough axles and 10,000 rough wheels. The order is valued at nearly \$2,000,000.

Two Postmasters Named.

Nominations made by President Wilson at Washington Monday were those of G. S. Burnett to be postmaster at Beaverdale and Lewis J. Lieb to be postmaster at Colver.

WHAT IS GOING ON THIS EVENING.

- Strand. The Bomb Theater.
- Lyric Hall. Rolles Skating at 7:30
- Grand. Singing and Dancing Pictures.
- Colonial. Society Girl Gambles at Monte Carlo.

BREVITIES

Misses Iva Barr and Gae Engle are home from a week's visit with friends in Punxsutawney.

Mrs. H. A. Moorhead, of East Liverpool, O., is visiting in the home of her father, R. F. Templeton.

Miss Jessie Luckhart, of North Fifth street, has returned from a visit with friends at State College

D. L. Thompson has returned to his home in Williamstown, after a visit with his brother, Dick Thompson, of Oak street.

Mrs. David Taylor has returned to her home in Tappin, O., after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Paul Hasinger, of Wayne avenue.

Mrs. Chas. W. Books, of School street, is visiting in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr and Mrs. Roy Souder of Pittsburg

Mrs. Clark has returned to her home in Bellevue after a visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Herman White, of Wayne avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clark Flude and their son, James, are at their home in Wilmerding, following a visit with Mrs. Flude's parents, Mr and Mrs. James Speedy.

Mr. J. H. Black, of Wichita, Kans., and his nieces, Mrs. Hurium DePue, of Tacoma, Wash., and Miss Agnes Birkman, of Seattle, Wash., are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson, of Church street.

James Daugherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Daugherty, of Jannette, who came here Saturday afternoon to attend the senior "prom" at the Normal school, became ill early Sunday morning and an attack of acute appendicitis developed. He was taken to the Mercy hospital, Pittsburg where Thursday a successful operation was performed.

List of Letters

Remaining uncalled for in the Indiana postoffice Feb. 20, 1915:
Mrs. H. B. Boyley, Marshall Boyd, Mrs. J. R. Craig, Mrs. John Donahoe, Stephen Gibbons, Walter Grasty, M. C. Hoyel, Indiana Machine Co., M. Joseph, Mrs. Elizabeth Kerr, Mrs. G. T. McLaughlin, George Miller, Mrs. Andy Peterson, Birt Roof, Miss Elizabeth Schriber, Miss Imogene Schull, Jessie Sinan, Miss Mary Snyder, Mr. Sweitzer (liveryman).
When inquiring for letters in this list, please state that they were advertised, giving date.
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The best stores advertise "The Patriot."

ITALY NEAR THE BRINK.

"The situation in Italy serves to illustrate the troubles kings have nowadays in holding down their jobs. There is not the slightest doubt that the sovereign who rules in Rome is exerting every effort to restrain his subjects from so embroiling the situation that the nations will be plunged into war," says the Johnstown Democrat.

"Italy smarts because of unforfeited wrongs. The triple alliance was, as far as Italy was concerned, an unnatural compact. It bound her to Austria, the nation that Italians believe despoiled their land. There is about as much real sympathy between Italy and Austria as there is between Germany and Great Britain. The dual monarchy holds provinces that the Latins believe should be a part of their national inheritance. For this reason the jingoes and the imperialists find it easy to create sentiment in favor of striking at Austria now while that power is sorely beset.

"If Italy plunges into the pending conflict it will be because intense nationalists have stirred the people to the fighting point rather than because the king and his cabinet have intrigued to bring a war about. In short, if Italy fights she will be fighting what will be in all its essential elements a war of conquest.

"So strained has the situation become that it is currently reported the German ambassador at Rome threatens to resign unless Austria makes some very decided concessions to Italy."

Blames Trouble on War.

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 26.—In police court today Dennis Bennett told Mayor Cauffiel that the war in Europe was responsible for a series of domestic troubles that have been manifest in the Bern household for some time. He explained to the mayor that he is a German and his wife a Belgian, and that Mrs. Bennett frequently upbraided him because the troops of the Kaiser overran her native land and laid it in desolation. Mrs. Bennett insisted that strong drink consumed by the husband was the cause of the trouble and the mayor entertained her view of the matter and fined Bennett \$3 and costs. After the hearing Mrs. Bennett told her husband to go home and get his clothing and that she would have nothing to do with him in the future.

Blairsville Man Has

Been Lost Since Feb. 10

An aged man by the name of Reed, who resided in Blairsville for a number of years, left that place several weeks ago to visit his daughter, Mrs. Hill, of Mt. Jewett. He wandered from the daughter's home February 10, and the McKean County Miner of February 18 says that no trace of him had been found at that date. A county-wide search has been instituted for the aged man and the town council of Mt. Jewett borough has offered a reward of \$25 for information that will lead to his discovery. According to the McKean county paper Mrs. Hill fears foul play, as her father carried a valuable gold watch at the time. Fears are entertained that he will not be found alive if he spent the bitter cold night of his disappearance in the open, as it is thought that he was physically unable to stand much exposure.

Real Estate Transfers.

James L. Zack to Maggie Die, lot in Homer City, \$1400.
Ross S. Fleming to Armstrong Township School Board, 1 acre in Armstrong. \$275.

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