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EDITORIAL

The Mine Tragedy

—From the Pittsburgh Post

THE explosion in the mine at Ernest, Indiana county, this state, which caused the death of 27 men, finds the public as usual at a loss as to what to say concerning the cause but insistent that every means be employed to get at the facts and apply the remedies. As trained investigators on the scene have not determined the cause it is idle for the layman at a distance to attempt to point it out. As the officers of the company in this instance, as in similar cases and as is always to be expected of them in line with their duty and their humanity, halted at no expense in the rescue work or in the entering into investigation of the tragedy one naturally finds it impossible to attribute to them anything like willful carelessness in the conduct of the plant. In the same way it would be preposterous to assume that any of the miners did anything knowingly to cause the death of himself or of his fellow workers. But, as it was known that there was gas in the mine, it seems plain that its being ignited was due to carelessness somewhere. The question to be considered is, where to draw the line between carelessness of any kind under such circumstances and willful carelessness, the effect in either case being the same. Taking a risk of any kind where life is involved is difficult to separate from deliberate carelessness, since risk means to incur danger.

Such investigations as this, to be of any value, must be conducted mercilessly and punishment applied to the fullest extent where its need is indicated. Carelessness is a menace to be combated with even more vigor than gas or dust in the mines, as it is usually carelessness that makes the others so terrible.

After One Year!

After having been in the "dry" column for a year, the county again joined the ranks, Wednesday morning of those territories which grant the privilege of selling liquors. One year ago Judge Telford refused all but one liquor license applicant, that of Grant Snyder, of Glen Campbell, said license was granted on the basis that no remonstrance had been filed. A few weeks ago Judge Langham granted fifteen licenses. The restrictions, the rigid rules and regulations which Judge Langham has handed down with the liquor permits should appeal to every good citizen of this county. The "no treating" clause which was established by the retiring Judge Telford, has been re-enforced with vim by Judge Langham, he can be depended upon to enforce every regulation to the limit.

ADVERTISE IN THE PATRIOT TO GET RESULTS

The Human Face.
Rosa Bonheur, the great painter of animals, had a system of mnemonics which was exceedingly quaint. She could trace in the faces of those people who visited her a resemblance to some sort of animal. For instance, if some one reminded her of a certain lady she would probably hesitate for a moment and then say, "Oh, yes, the lady with the camel face!" or, "Oh, I remember—she had a cow face!" This memory system was not flattering to her friends, but it showed how saturated she was with a knowledge of animals and their characteristics. On every human face she found a likeness to some animal she had studied and delineated.

Advice.
Let no man presume to give advice to others who has not first given good counsel to himself.—Seneca.

London's Windmill.
New Zealand, we are informed, now boasts only a single windmill. In this respect London is equal with the Antipodes. On Brixton hill, just by the waterworks and only a few yards from the main road, stands an old mill intact with the exception of the sails, and still in use, though now electricity takes the place of wind as motive power. The mill was erected by a Quaker about a century ago, and has remained in the family ever since.—London Chronicle.

Would Help Him.
"I'll try to make you a good husband, my dear."
"And I have no doubt that you will succeed. Mother and I will abet your efforts in that direction vigorously."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

TOPICS IN BRIEF

Woodrow is not talking he's saying something.
And where is the old-fashioned girl who used to knit socks for the Belgians?

Those Filipinos are just beginning to see another angle of this "new freedom" business.

Bread may be as cheap as Berlin claims, but the bakers don't seem to have heard of it.

No wonder the infuriated Mexicans captured two of our soldiers. They saw 'em taking a bath.

Doc. Cook says there are no wild men in Borneo. Evidently the Doc didn't deliver this lecture there.

Current "Life" is a John Bull number, thus disposing of the theory that the Teutons had got his number.

Wilhelm's western drive began coincidentally with Wilson, but it won't end after the same old fashion.

Wall Street is unanimous against the appointment of Louis D. Brandies. That settles it. He must be a corker.

Any summoning of the nation's manhood to arms will probably receive the warm co-operation of the eligible spinsters.

If Russia is genuinely anxious to know what to do with its surplus stock of vodka, we would suggest a want ad. in the Charleston papers.

What has become of the old-fashioned farmer boy who used to rub his head against a simmon tree to cure a crick in his neck?

Another pathetic little feature of the situation is Japan pondering hard to see if there is anything she forgot to demand from China the first time.



—Chapin in St. Louis Republic.

We judge from the esteemed Congressional Record that the great trouble with some of our rising young statesmen is that they rise entirely too often.

Germany protests against the arming of Italian liners, and it does not seem strange that a nation doesn't want her women and children drowned if she can help it.

"Who will be the first to meet Willard," asks a headline. Somebody can have our proxy.

Though she won't join in, the Aliies must admit that Hellas is paved with good intentions.

We suppose Wilhelm has come to feel that a boil on the stove is worth two on the neck.

Charity begins at home and in nine cases out of ten it never gets farther than the front door.

We see by the papers, that the Kaiser who is dying in Berlin has returned to the front.

However, we are not too much unprepared to lick the socks. of any of Mexico, should the need arise.

We are beginning to appreciate how the Ancient Mariner felt when he uttered that famous lament.

If the New York Tribune is so anxious to know "What is the Gary Plan?" Why doesn't it ask T. R.?

It may be as Dr. Woods Hutchinson asserts, "that we live almost twice too long," but Europe is correcting this as quickly as possible.

The jingo wants to go in, and wipe up Mexico like sin; but if you ask him to go long, be sure he'll sing you another song.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS IN BRIEF

Interesting Items From All Sections of the State.

CULLED FOR QUICK READING

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout the Keystone State.

A full grown deer wandered into Reading.
Reading spent \$140,000 last year on street paving.

George Roskilly has been elected chief of East Bangor fire department. Wages of Easton tinsmiths have been raised from 33½ cents an hour to forty cents.

Governor and Mrs. Brumbaugh returned to Harrisburg from their honeymoon last week.

Livingstone Saylor, of Pottstown, has been appointed factory inspector to specialize on boilers.

James Shields, a young Altoonan, has won a wager by eating 157 raw oysters in forty minutes.

Following a report of fifteen cases of typhoid fever at Dubois, the state will look into the situation.

Hazleton school board learns officially that young pupils have been drunk on stolen liquor recently.

Major William A. Raub, of the Thirteenth Infantry, Scranton, has been appointed lieutenant colonel.

York county shad fishermen again complain that no adequate fishway has been built over McCall's Ferry dam.

The Firemen's Union of Norristown has decided to increase the benefits to disabled firemen from \$1 to \$2 a day.

Steady progress is being made in the installation of telephones in the mines throughout the anthracite region.

There is an unusual rush of commercial travelers through the anthracite coal fields, where business is brisk.

Mercer county's drink bill for 1915 aggregated nearly \$1,300,000, according to figures furnished in license court.

Three foreign laborers were killed and one seriously injured by a 75-ton landslide in a quarry at Swartara Station.

All the 140 boys at the Luzerne County Industrial school will help in the erection of a seventh cottage on the grounds.

It cost Kosta Petroff of West Homestead \$8.20 and ten hours in the police station for using bad language over a telephone.

To jog lazy high school pupils the Pottsville board has decided to publish monthly grades as advertisements in the newspapers.

An advance in wages of fifteen cents a day has been given to all employees of the Elk Tanning company at Coudersport—3000 men.

No applications for liquor license having been filed within the time limit, Mifflin county is assured of another dry year, its seventh.

To break up an epidemic of thieving in Cumberland county, Judge Sadler sentenced three of the gentry to six-year prison terms.

Of forty-five liquor licenses granted in Washington county, thirty-two were to retailers, eight to breweries and five to distilleries.

The Thomas Iron company, of Hokendauqua, has raised the wages of its employees ten per cent, the second time within six months.

Mormons of Buck valley, near McConnellsburg, whose whose church was destroyed by dynamite a few weeks ago, will rebuild.

Two new veins of anthracite coal have been discovered in the Beaver Brook operations of the C. M. Dodson company, near Hazleton.

"A procer of dipping hides has been instituted at the plant of the Elk Tanning company, at Coudersport, for disinfection against Anthrax.

The American Iron and Steel Manufacturing company, Lebanon, has given a voluntary five per cent increase to its mill workers.

With sixty-three deaths in January, most of them due to grip and kindred ailments, Hazleton had its highest mortality rate for ten years.

James L. Boyle, of Lehighton, game warden, has received a consignment of forty-five English pheasants to be liberated throughout the county.

E. K. Owens, of Susquehanna, was elected president of the Pennsylvania and Atlantic Seaboard Hardware association, in convention at Pittsburgh.

The Salvation Army and the Connellsville Ministerial association have buried the hatchet. Each has agreed to work for the interests of the other.

Walter Anderson has confessed that he robbed the St. James Hotel bar in Connellsville, to get money to get Jessie Farrell, his sweetheart, out of jail.

With their ice houses partially filled, natural ice dealers along the Schuylkill valley are hopeful that a cold spell will give them another chance.

Burgess John G. Davis, of Freeland, who issued orders to the police to enforce the Sunday closing laws rigidly, declined to give formal notice to saloonists.

A man-trap set by Abraham Sowble, near New Freedom, for a grain thief, shot instead James Baublitz, who chased a skunk past the trap; and he will sue.

The Y. M. C. A. of Pottsville is conducting a campaign for 300 new members under the direction of H. J. Schmidt, field secretary of the state organization.

Sixty society and club women of York participated in the organization of a York county chapter of the Pennsylvania Women's division for National Preparedness.

The Western Maryland Railroad company will establish extensive yards between Fayette and Watt on land purchased from the John Stevenson heirs of Pittsburgh.

By a vote of 919 to 163 the \$225,000 bond issue to be expended in replacing the Central and Park school buildings, both recently condemned, carried in Uniontown.

The woman's Suffrage party of Montgomery county held a rousing convention in Norristown, attended by 150 prominent women from various parts of the county.

The Otto Eisenlohr company of Philadelphia, has filed at Harrisburg notice of increase of stock from \$5,000 to \$10,000,000 the state receiving a bonus of \$29,988.67.

Albert Buchanan Long, twenty-eight years old, who died in Lewistown recently, willed \$500 each to Lewistown hospital, Burnham Y. M. C. A. and the First Presbyterian church.

Robert R. Ringler, of Reading, has been named by the Socialist party as a candidate for state treasurer. Mrs. Robert B. Ringler was elected a member of the state committee.

The West Hazleton school board has refused the W. C. T. U. permission to hang pictures of Frances Willard, the temperance advocate, in the rooms of the various buildings.

Daniel T. McKelvey, Hazleton city detective, has announced himself a candidate for delegate to the Democratic national convention from the eleventh congressional district.

The state department of agriculture has directed its agents throughout the state to prosecute dealers violating the law providing for the protection of meats displayed in stores.

Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong, of Pittsburgh, has issued a statement declaring the city is the cleanest morally in the United States, and that commercial vice no longer exists.

George W. Dorsey, of Reading, a letter carrier, has received a message stating that his son, William T., twenty-two years old, a sailor on a battleship at Norfolk, has been drowned.

An investigation conducted by Game Protector E. W. Kelly and his assistants in Crawford county is said to have produced startling evidence of scalp bounty frauds aggregating \$10,000.

The Fish and Game Protective association has placed in Montgomery county streams between 400 and 500 brook trout, about four inches long, sent by the state hatchery at Bellefonte.

The Uniontown board of health has appointed Miss Elizabeth Havey, a graduate nurse of the Uniontown hospital, as health officer. She is the first woman appointed to office in Uniontown.

Orders booked by the Driggs-Seabury Ordnance corporation, at Sharon, including those of the Savage Arms company, of Utica, N. Y., aggregate close to \$40,000,000, most of which is for guns, gun parts and accessories.

Mandamus proceedings were started in Dauphin court by James Sweeney, state chief, to compel Murray G. Livingston, Pittsburgh, measure and weights inspector, to file monthly statements.

W. Lee Gilmore, superintendent of schools in Lawrence county, has resigned, and R. G. Leslie, of New Castle, has been appointed in his place. State Superintendent N. C. Schaeffer announced.

The smallpox quarantine at Conneautville has been lifted and in celebration of the event the citizens of the town held a big parade. Paraders dressed to represent "killed" disease germs were the feature.

Work on the erection of the tabernacle in Jeannette for the coming evangelistic campaign to be conducted by Rev. L. P. Peacock has begun. The campaign will open February 27 and will continue six weeks.

Despite the rapid increase in the number of automobiles in the rural districts, forty-four counties show a rise in the number of farm horses over last year. There is also a steady increase in the number of mules.

The various lodges of Odd Fellows in Berks county are endeavoring to have the 1916 state session held in Reading. The lodges have appointed committees to meet at Odd Fellows' hall to determine a method.

That a lodge must pay sick benefits to a member, even when he is in an insane asylum, was decided by Judge George W. Wagner, in Reading, in the suit of Charles Bleiler against Fleetwood Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Expert mining engineers testifying before Judge Brumm, in Pottsville, as to the cause of the subsidence of the surface of the ground at Shenandoah, threatening the safety of some of the principal buildings, are divided as to the danger.

The number of policies written for the state insurance fund passed the \$500 mark, and the number of applications is said to be holding to about 100 a day. The activity for insurance in companies and associations is also said to be continuing.

"Speeding up" work in coal mines, metal trades and others engaged in filling war orders or pushing along shipments for export or to fill some of the big demands for provisions or munitions believed to be the cause of the extraordinarily large number of industrial accidents being reported at the capitol.