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A THOUSAND DEAD

Worst Mine Horror France Has Ever Known.

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Fire-damp Destroys Great Colliery Near Calais.

RESCUE PARTIES BROUGHT UP 769

All France Profoundly Shocked by Magnitude of Disaster, the Greatest in History of All Continental Mining—President Fallieres Sent Representative to the Mines at Once. Republic Will Give \$100,000 to Aid Victims' Families—Ministerial Crisis For the Time Is Forgotten. Scenes of Horror and Distress at Numerous Pit Mouths.

PARIS, March 12.—A mining catastrophe involving the loss of over a thousand lives has stricken the great coal center of northern France. An explosion of fire-damp at 7 o'clock in the morning carried death and destruction throughout the network of coal mines centered at Courrieres, and fire followed the explosion, making rescue almost impossible.

The intense excitement and confusion in the vicinity prevented early estimates of the exact loss of life, but a dispatch received here gives a total of 1,404 miners entombed and probably lost. Later a brief dispatch from Lille announced the total of 1,219 dead. All France has been profoundly shocked by the magnitude of the disaster, which is said to be the greatest in the history of continental mining.

President Fallieres sent his secretary, accompanied by M. Gauthier, minister of public works, and M. Dubief, minister of the interior, on a special train to the scene of the disaster. The ministerial crisis was temporarily forgotten, senators and deputies joining in the general public manifestations of sorrow.

The scene of the catastrophe is the mountainous mining region near Lens, in the department of Pas de Calais. Here are huddled small hamlets of the mine workers, who operate the most productive coal mines in France. The subterranean chambers form a series of tunnels. Six of the outlets are near Lens, and others are at Courrieres, Verdun and many other points.

The catastrophe took place shortly after 1,700 men had descended into the mine. There was a deafening explosion, which was followed by the cages and mining apparatus being hurled from the mouth of the Courrieres mine. Men and horses nearly outside the mine were either stunned or killed. The roof of the mine office was torn off. Immediately following the explosion flames burst from the mouth of the pit, driving back those without who sought to enter and dooming those within.

The last great mine disaster in France occurred in 1883, when 233 persons were killed and eighty injured, but that and all others sink into insignificance before this present one at Courrieres.

The vast mortuary camp is under military guard, 400 soldiers having arrived there to assist in holding in check the crowds of distracted mourners. For a time hope had been held out to the people thatappings on pipes by the imprisoned men had been heard, but gradually this hope vanished, and the people demanded admission to see the bodies and even threatened to break through the cordon of troops, who had the greatest difficulty in keeping the crowd from the pit. One man named Sylvestre succeeded in entering the mine, but he never returned. It is believed he groped about inside until he was overcome by the gases and perished. It is reported that a rescue party numbering forty has been cut off by the caving in of one of the galleries.

Minister of Public Works Gauthier, Minister of the Interior Dubief and the secretary of President Fallieres remain on the ground endeavoring to comfort the distressed families of the miners. President Fallieres has given \$2,000 to aid in relief measures. The ministry will add a further sum to this, and the chamber of deputies will be asked to vote \$100,000 for the purpose of alleviating distress.

Balloons Only Lost

Aero Club Airships in Wayward Mood.

GALE TAKES GREAT SILKEN BALLS

Thousands sadly disappointed when aeronauts could not sail skyward. Wind stole Stevens' New Creation and Levee's Hope.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., March 12.—The howling northwester which held western Massachusetts in its grip swept Leo Stevens' new balloon some distance toward the sound into the darkness of night and tore M. Levee's fully 5,000 people were disappointed when the gale made it impossible for Stevens and Levee to ascend. It was not until daylight that it was decided by both aeronauts that it would be foolhardy to attempt a flight. A small pilot balloon which had been sent aloft about two hours earlier had barely escaped a small grove to the southeast and had only just cleared Mount Whitney and Mount October to the eastward and southward. The wind, which was blowing down through the foothills at a fifty mile clip, appeared to press the balloon down for the first three miles or so. It rose just in time to clear the hills.

The officials of the Aero club, who were on the ground, Mr. Post and Mr. Bishop, are satisfied that the gas made by the Pittsfield Coal Gas company has the required buoyancy and can be furnished in sufficient quantities.

After Mr. Bishop had been compelled to postpone the race ascensions both balloons were left in the field behind the gas works. Each bag was emptied of about half its gas. The net which confines the bag and to which the bag is hung was anchored to the ground by ballast bags, containing in the aggregate nearly half a ton to each balloon.

Several men were left to watch the balloons, which were thought to be safe, the indications being that the gale had about blown itself out. Instead of that it grew steadily in intensity, and a sudden squall caused the loss of Mr. Stevens' new balloon, and before the men, who had sought shelter wherever they could find it, could seize the balloon the wind had caused it to turn almost a complete somersault. The bag slipped from out of the bottom of the net and was whirled aloft like a withered leaf in the March breeze. For ten or fifteen minutes it could be seen in the bright moonlight. Then it disappeared, after having reached a considerable altitude, traveling almost directly toward Worcester.

While the watchmen were attempting to secure the Stevens balloon the squall had played a similar prank with L. Alphonse, Levee's balloon. Slipping from the meshes of the net like a fish, it nearly got completely away. It floated off horizontally instead of vertically, and the rapidly escaping gas prevented it from soaring.

After a chase of about a quarter of a mile it became entangled in some trees. Before the arrival of the pursuing watchmen the wind had whirled the silk covering into threadlike ribbons. Both balloons were about the same size, approximately of 12,000 cubic feet capacity, and are valued at \$700 each.

Statement of Andrew Hamilton. ALBANY, N. Y., March 12.—Andrew Hamilton, whose connection with the legal and legislative work for the New York Life Insurance company has been much discussed and who returned last week from Europe to his home here, contrary to widely spread reports, has received no communication of any kind from the Fowler committee, which has been investigating the internal affairs of the New York Life Insurance company.

Imperial Chinese at Capital. WASHINGTON, March 12.—The imperial Chinese commissioners, Duke Tsai Tse, Shang Chi Heng and Li Cheng To, who are en route to Europe to investigate political conditions in England, France and Belgium, are here. They spent the day sight seeing and made a call on the president and Secretary Root.

American Lake Submarine the Best. ST. PETERSBURG, March 12.—A report on the tests of seven types of submarines submitted to the admiralty says that in the deciding test run of 500 miles, from Cronstadt to Libau, in which four boats participated, the verdict favored the Lake boat.

Sanken Barge Blocks Navigation. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 12.—The barge A. T. Sumner, New York for Providence, with 600 tons of pig iron, is at the bottom of this harbor in twenty-two feet of water, a serious menace to navigation. The Sumner's crew was saved.

THE BATTLE AT MOUNT DAJO.

The President Congratulates General Wood on His Victory.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—President Roosevelt sent the following cable dispatch of congratulation to Major General Wood at Manila regarding the recent encounters with the Moros at Mount Dajo.

"I congratulate you and the officers and men of your command upon the brilliant feat of arms wherein you and they so well upheld the honor of the American flag."

A report from Jolo says that the families of the Moros remained in the village in the crater of Mount Dajo and that the women and children mingled with the warriors during the battle, so that it was impossible to spare them, all being killed in the fierce onslaught. It is impossible at present to obtain confirmation or denial of this report from Major General Wood, who is supposed to be returning to Manila with General Biles.

Constabulary detachments are now engaged in the mountains of northern Luzon, rounding up the bands of savages and head hunters who are on the warpath.

Telegrams from Zamboanga say that the attack on Mount Dajo involved four days of hard fighting, in which it is estimated that 900 of the enemy were killed or wounded.

Save for a cablegram from Lieutenant Gordon Johnston, Jr., the president's rough rider friend and a son of General Robert D. Johnston of Birmingham, Ala., saying: "Thanks, Your message was fine," there are no notices regarding the battle in the island of Jolo. General Alasworth, the military secretary, said that the list of casualties would not reach Washington until the 15th inst.

The wounds received by Lieutenant Gordon Johnston in the action are severe, a slug having passed through his right shoulder. He performed a gallant deed when he scaled the wall of the Rio crater and was blown off the parapet by the force of exploding artillery.

ROSEBUD STAKES. Judge Davey, at 3 to 1, First in Hand Driven Finish.

NEW ORLEANS, March 12.—After a hard drive through the last furlong Judge Davey, well supported at 3 to 1, won the Rosebud stakes at the Fair grounds. The race was worth \$1,250 to the winner. Mintberla was a strong favorite at 7 to 5, but was never a factor. Lyne forced the pace with Salvia, but she stopped when the pinch came.

Phil Chan bought Judge Hines from Charlie Ellison. The horse, which has won \$40,000 during his career on the turf, will be retired to the stud. Favored by luck and well handled by Koerner, Judge Teen scored easily in the Juvenile stakes at City park. Leus, the favorite, got the worst of the start and covered more ground than any horse in the race. Graving and Bert Osa were the only winning favorites.

Montreal Won at Hockey. NEW YORK, March 12.—In an international game of hockey played at St. Nicholas rink between the Victoria Hockey club of Montreal and the St. Nicholas Skating club of this city the Canadians won easily by 9 goals to 4. The winners might just as easily have made it nineteen instead of nine, as they clearly outclassed the local players at every position and also in team work.

Highlanders Won Opening Game. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 12.—The New York American league baseball team won the first exhibition game of the season here by defeating the Birmingham team of the Southern league by a score of 12 to 0. The Highlanders played an errorless game and found the opposing pitchers for sixteen hits. A crowd numbering 1,500 persons was in attendance.

Crimson Downs Yale. NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 12.—Harvard defeated Yale in basket ball at the Yale gymnasium by a score of 23 to 17. The game, which closed the season for both teams, was fast, hard fought from start to finish and one of the roughest of the games played here this season, but none of the players was hurt.

Giants Will Raise Pennant June 12. NEW YORK, March 12.—Arrangements have been completed by John T. Brush, president of the New York baseball club, for the raising of the world's championship pennant on Tuesday, June 12. The Cincinnati club will be at the Polo grounds on that day.

FLIER HIT A WRECK

Baltimore and Ohio Express In Collision at Godsend.

THREE TRAINS PILED UP TAKE FIRE

Score or More Passengers Killed or Injured—Three Bodies Taken From Burning Shambles—Two Engines Heaped in Mass.

BLOOMDALE, O., March 12.—A score or more of passengers were killed or injured when the westbound Baltimore and Ohio flier crashed into a freight wreck at the station known as Godsend, one mile east of here, and soon after the trains were in flames, people were crying in agony and several dying before assistance could be given them.

John Hootman, Chicago Junction, fireman of passenger train; W. Hoy, Wheeling, W. Va., postal clerk, and J. H. Siegel, Chicago Junction, engineer of passenger train, are dead.

The seriously injured are Benjamin C. Snook, Chicago Junction, mail clerk, head cut, scalded and internally injured; B. H. Osborn, Chicago Junction, baggage man, head and hands burned; Otto Lee, Fostoria, circus performer, head and hands scalded, and Mrs. George Stair, Detroit, three ribs broken. Two engines were completely wrecked, and the mail and express cars, two baggage cars, two passenger coaches and four freight cars were completely demolished and later burned up.

Three bodies have been taken from the debris. Twelve injured persons have been carried to this station and are under physicians' care. The work of aiding the wounded is rapidly progressing, and it is feared that many more dead will be taken from the ruins.

A freight train had stopped for water at the scene of the wreck, when another freight bore down on it, slamming it on to the westbound tracks. A second later the fast Baltimore and Ohio passenger came sweeping along with terrific speed, carrying a heavy train of passengers.

Three of the cars telescoped, and the awful scenes of agony which followed can scarcely be described. Many of the trainmen were pinned beneath the beams, and those near the engine suffered from escaping steam. To add to this horror the flames crept swiftly over the debris.

The first person to be taken from the burning mass was a woman, unconscious and as yet unidentified. It is believed that she is injured internally and will die.

Three dead bodies were taken from the debris, while another party was cutting away the wreckage which bound a mail clerk and a fireman, the latter named Hootman of Garrett, Ind. The engineer of the passenger train was found with both arms broken and was carried into the telegraph office. He is suffering terribly from loss of blood.

ITALIANS STORMED HOSPITAL. Seven Riot Leaders From Radebaugh Working Camp Arrested.

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 12.—Inflamed upon being refused admittance to the Westmoreland hospital, over 100 Italians and Austrians stormed the hospital for several hours during the night.

The police force and a squad of Troop A of the state constabulary were called out, and it was not until seven of the rioters had been arrested and jailed that the disturbance ceased. The foreigners came to Greensburg from their camp at Radebaugh, from which they had been expelled. Twenty-one of the injured are still in the hospital, and no visitors have been allowed.

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