

FOUR KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Two More Fatally, and Several Slightly Injured.

NINE TANKS WERE BLOWN UP.

Flames Followed Explosion and Gave Firemen a Hard Fight Before They Were Subdued.

Four persons were killed and a score were injured by a series of gas explosions that completely destroyed the plant of the Pyle Electric Headlight Company in South Chicago. Buildings near the demolished plant were badly damaged, windows were shattered for blocks, and persons walking in the streets were thrown from their feet. Over pressure on tanks containing gas is believed to have caused the accident.

The dead: Ralph Wells, superintendent of the Pyle National Electric Headlight Company; Amos Watkins, assistant superintendent for same company; George Muehl, draftsman, employed by the Peoples Gas Light and Coke company; Thomas Jennings, employed by the Pyle National Electric Headlight Company.

Fatally injured: William M. Maloney, blown from third floor of building; body crushed; Alfred Cox, internally injured.

Many persons who were walking in the street near the plant were hurt by flying pieces of debris, and were taken to their homes in carriages before their names were learned.

All of the dead were buried under tons of burning timber and hot brick and iron, making it impossible to remove their bodies until hours after the accident.

The Pyle National Electric Headlight Company is largely engaged in supplying illumination for railroad coaches. This illuminant is forced into small retorts, which when attached under the floor of a car, will supply it with light for months. In order to make this possible, the retorts are subjected to an extremely high pressure. It was such a retort that caused the first explosion. Then retort after retort exploded in rapid succession. There were nine such explosions in all, which left the plant in flames. Hard fighting on the part of 100 firemen finally subdued the flames. The total loss caused by the accident is estimated at \$75,000.

FREIGHT STRUCK STREET CAR.

Four Killed and Others Injured at Grade Crossing.

A street car with trailer attached got beyond control of the motorman and crashed through the guard gates at the Queen street crossing of the Grand Trunk railway at Toronto, Can. A Montreal freight train struck the forward car, grinding it to splinters. Every passenger on the street car was injured, two dying soon after being taken from the wreckage and two at the hospital. The dead are: James Armstrong, conductor; child of J. Robertson, the child was thrown from its mother's arms and both its legs were cut off. Mrs. Minnie Mahaffy, internally injured, died at hospital; Russell J. Stephens, internally injured, died at hospital.

The forward car was struck fairly in the center and completely demolished. The vestibule from which the motorman had jumped was carried up the track 100 yards. The trailer was overturned and all the windows were smashed, but the body of the car remained intact.

TRAGEDY IN KENTUCKY.

Man and Woman Killed as the Result of Land Troubles.

George Curd and Emma Durham have been killed, and Thomas Curd fatally wounded near Cumberland Falls, Ky. The Curd brothers owned a large tract of land and had trouble with squatters. As they were passing the cabin where the Durham woman lived they were fired upon.

Thomas crawled two miles to his home and George was dead when found. The Durham woman was probably killed and burned to cover identity. The shooting occurred from her house.

PARKER GETS APPOINTMENT.

Will Serve on Board to Assess Property in New York City.

Former Chief Judge Alton B. Parker received two commissioner appointments in the Supreme Court. Justice O'Gorman appointed Mr. Parker, Moses Herrmann and Charles P. Dillon commissioners to assess the value of property to be acquired by the City of New York in connection with piers on the East river, and property to be acquired for the improvement of the East river water front.

Justice O'Gorman appointed Mr. Parker, John F. Cowan and Edward Cahill commissioners for the same purpose in connection with other piers. Each commissioner will receive between \$5,000 and \$7,000 on each commission.

Turkey Orders Artillery.

A dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Constantinople says Turkey is ordering 100 new batteries of artillery from German, French and English factories, at the cost of \$10,000,000. The Krupp company gets the largest contract.

Robber Kills Officer.

Patrolman John Daley of Detroit, was killed by an unknown man, who escaped, and J. D. Pickell, special officer for the Michigan Central railroad, who ran to Daley's assistance, was also shot and is perhaps fatally injured. It is understood that Patrolman Daley found a white man and a negro effecting an entrance at the rear of a store. Upon approaching them he was shot down before he had a chance to use his own revolver.

HOW CONGRESS WILL STAND.

Election Results Place Republican Majority at 116.

It has been found that the Republican majority in the house of representatives in the Fifty-ninth congress will be 116. This is far in excess of the most enthusiastic claims of the Republicans up to this time. John R. Williams, file clerk of the house, today completed the unofficial roster of the next house and sent the copy to the printer. It was in compiling this list the great majority was discovered.

The majority in the present house is 34. According to the unofficial returns, gathered from newspaper accounts and made as reliable as possible in the absence of the official figures, the Republicans on November made a gain of 41 members, which amounts to a change of 82. This, added to the present majority of 24, makes a majority of 116 in the next house, which will consist of 251 Republicans and 135 Democrats. The Republicans made gains in the various states as follows: California 3, Delaware 1, Illinois 6, Indiana 2, Iowa 1, Kentucky 1, Massachusetts 1, Michigan 1, Minnesota 1, Missouri 8, Nebraska 1, Nevada 1, New Jersey 2, New York 6, North Carolina 1, Ohio 3, Pennsylvania 2.

TORTURE AGED WOMAN.

Robbers Enter Bedroom and Threaten to Kill.

Masked men forced their way into the home of Misses Margaret and Ellen Mitchell, 76 and 74 years old, respectively, of near Armagh, Pa., and beat them cruelly to compel the aged sisters to tell where their money was hidden.

The Mitchell home is on the main road, but the nearest neighbor lives a mile away. The robbers knocked at a rear door at midnight, and, upon being refused admittance, battered down the door.

The bedroom door of the sisters was easily forced and revolvers were held at their heads, with the threat that if they did not disclose the hiding place of their hoard they would be shot. The elder sister told where \$30, all they had, could be found. The robbers beat the two women over the feet with fence palings, and then ransacked the house. They took jewelry, including a gold watch, which had been a family heirloom for many years.

WAR MINISTER WILL QUIT.

Treaty Between United States and Panama Prevented Revolution.

The treaty between the United States and Panama has prevented one more revolution on the isthmus. The rumored coup d'Etat by the military, it seems was more serious than it was first thought to be. Minister Barrett, after a consultation with the Panamanian government and Gen. Davis, commander of the canal zone, decided to ask Admiral Goodrich to leave one of the warships of the United States Pacific squadron at Panama to prevent any possible disturbance. 200 marines from Empire camp have arrived. Gen. Huertas, the minister of war, has announced his intention to resign, which will clear the political atmosphere. Though disturbances are not feared in the political circumstances, Panama is greatly excited.

FUSHIMI PLANTS TREE.

Japanese Prince Visits the Tomb of George Washington.

Prince Fushimi visited Mt. Vernon, placed a wreath on the tomb of Washington and planted a tree on the old estate of the first President. The trip there and back was made on the President's yacht, the Sybil.

The wreath placed on the tomb was of large size and made of chrysanthemums, the national flower of Japan. As four oracles from the marine barracks placed the wreath between the tombs of George and Martha Washington, the prince and his party remained outside with heads uncovered. The prince did not enter the tomb.

The planting of the tree was then begun, the prince himself throwing several spadeful of earth on the Japanese maple, which will mark his visit.

Secure Railway Franchise.

The commissioners of Jefferson county, Ohio, granted L. W. Healy and others, of the East Liverpool Railway Company a franchise to build a road from Empire, this county, to the Jefferson county line. From East Liverpool the Healy lines will be built to Beaver and the entire distance between Wheeling and Pittsburg will be spanned by an electric line. There is a completed line from Wheeling to Empire now.

Trunk Robbed of \$20,000 in Jewelry.

Dr. Samuel J. Holley, a prominent physician of Lexington, Ky., and Mrs. Holley, who are in New York City, have reported to the central detective bureau that one of their trunks has been rid of jewelry valued at nearly \$20,000. The stolen jewels consist of a string of gems worth \$15,000, it is said, a diamond ring worth \$1,000, a stick pin and a number of miscellaneous articles of jewelry.

The Republican National committee will keep the campaign organization intact and maintain permanent headquarters preparatory for the work of 1908.

Second Division Sails.

The second division of the Russian second Pacific squadron sailed from Liban on the 10th. It consists of the cruisers Oleg and Izumrud, the auxiliary cruisers Kuban, Terek and Orei; the cruisers Rion and Dnieper; (formerly the St. Petersburg and Smolensk), and the torpedo boat destroyers Liany, Reziy, Gromki, Grozny and Prozorily. The division is expected to overtake Rear Admiral Vokkersam's division by way of the Suez canal.

DEATH IN A TENEMENT

Twelve Die of Suffocation in a Brooklyn Fire.

CAUSE OF BLAZE UNKNOWN.

All of the Bodies Found in Rear Portion of the Building, Where They Rushed.

Smothered before they could reach the rear fire escape in a burning tenement building at 186 Troutman street, in the Williamsburg district of Brooklyn, 12 persons met death Sunday morning. Two entire families, those of Marano Triolo and Charles Pologio are wiped out, the last living member of each being now in a hospital with no hope of their recovery. They are Charles Pologio, 33 years of age, and Tony Triolo, 13 years of age, both of whom are terribly burned.

The fire is supposed to have started in the cellar of the grocery store of Antonio Biambalvos, on the ground floor. The cellar was stored with inflammable material, and the flames spread with lightning-like rapidity. All the occupants were asleep. The Biambalvos family lived in the rear of the store and succeeded in getting out of the building, but before the occupants of the two other floors were roused their escape had been cut off.

All the bodies were found in the rear room of the third floor, and it is evident that all had been suffocated in their effort to reach the fire escape at the back of the building. The two who were rescued were found in the lower hallway soon after the firemen reached the scene.

In their investigation as to the origin of the fire, the police have been unable to obtain a statement of any kind from neighboring tenants. It was with great difficulty that even the names of the victims could be obtained.

MAGAZINE EXPLODED.

Three of Czar's Torpedo Boat Destroyers are Missing.

A dispatch from the army besieging Port Arthur, dated November 19, says: "During the bombardment, a shell from a Japanese naval gun exploded a Russian magazine near the arsenal. Our operations against all the forts are proceeding as arranged from Manchurian headquarters. At noon today we shelled the Russian infantry engaged in entrenching east of Reinchangtung, and also infantry in the rear of the villages, causing them to flee in confusion. In other directions there is no change of note."

A special dispatch from Shanghai says: "The Russian torpedo boats left Port Arthur with the destroyer Rastoropyny. The Japanese stopped two of them and the fate of the third is unknown."

TWO MEN KILLED.

One Victim Cremated and Live Stock Perished.

The second section of eastbound freight train No. 82 on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad crashed into the first section at Wyland station, eight miles east of Washington, Pa. Two men were killed, one instantly; about a dozen cattle in the rear car of the first section were either burned or shot to death, and a caboose, one car and a locomotive destroyed. The dead are: S. E. Wilson, aged 42, of New Concord, O., driver; burned to death; leaves a wife and five children; Frank McCoy, aged 40, of New Concord, driver; married and leaves a wife.

Sleighting in New York.

For over a week all traveling in Jackson and Thompson townships of Seneca county, N. Y., has been on sleighs, and in many places it was necessary to shovel through drifts four and five feet deep to make the roads passable. The farmers and lumbermen are taking advantage of the early snow to get logs to the mills on sleds.

ROBBERS AT LARGE.

No Trace of Men Who Stole \$30,000 From Ticket Wagon.

Although conducting a thorough investigation the police have been unable to secure a clue to the persons who broke into the ticket wagon of the Forepaugh & Sells Bros. circus early Saturday morning and secured \$30,000 in cash. The robbery occurred while the wagon was en route between Greenville and Tarboro, S. C., on a flat car.

The entrance to the wagon was effected by the use of the regular keys, which had been stolen from the treasurer of the circus. The robbery was not discovered until after the entire circus, which was traveling in three sections over the Atlantic Coast line, had reached Tarboro.

Parcels Post Treaty Signed.

Postmaster General Wynne and Baron Monchourg, the Belgian minister, signed a parcels post convention between the United States and Belgium. The treaty will go into effect February 1, 1905.

Death of Col. Breckinridge.

Col. William Campbell Preston Breckinridge died at Lexington, Ky., from a stroke of paralysis. He came peacefully. He had been gradually sinking for 24 hours, and for that length of time the case had been known to be hopeless. Col. Breckinridge was born in Baltimore, August 28, 1837, and was the son of Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge, a Presbyterian minister and Sophronisa Preston, latter a daughter of Gen. Francis Preston.

Torpedo Boat Destroyed.

The Russians have blown up the torpedo boat destroyer Rastoropyny. The Russians, with the exception of one man, left the destroyer. This last seaman lit fuses and blew up the vessel. There were three dud explosions which were scarcely discernible a hundred yards from the place where they occurred. Almost instantaneously the Rastoropyny sank and settled on the bottom. A battle sparrow marks her grave.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Severe earthquake shocks were felt at Florence and Urbino, Italy.

George Gould accidentally shoots an attendant while out hunting. General John C. Black will be named to succeed Pension Commissioner Ware.

W. L. Douglass is mentioned for Democratic candidate for president in 1908.

In reconstruction of her navy Russia offers great opportunities to American steel industries.

At Barcelona, Spain, by the explosion of a bomb in the mayor's office nine people were injured, one of them fatally.

The Russian admiralty, it is reported, will force the foreign office to break faith with England over the North sea inquiry.

The police in Rome have arrested several Socialist agitators who circulated among the soldiers trying to incite a rebellion.

Sebastian Ballbach, 74 years old, was killed by a train at Arnold, Pa. His wife and several children survive him.

The Railsplitters, the crack political drill organization of Toledo, will attend the inauguration of President Roosevelt.

A car of Italian miners being taken into Zeigler, Joseph Leiter's mining town, has been fired into from ambush, one man being instantly killed.

At North Stonington, Conn., burglars wrecked the safe of William H. Hilliard's store and obtained booty valued at nearly \$6,000, principally in bonds and stocks.

Rear Admiral French E. Chadwick, commanding the South Atlantic squadron, at his own request will be relieved from command of that squadron.

The price of wire products has been advanced by the principal manufacturers \$2 a ton. Sheets have also been advanced \$2 a ton and tin plate \$3 a ton.

The British Board of Trade solicitors have found no evidence to suggest the presence of torpedo boats among the fishing fleet in the North Sea.

Three hundred engineers have already been dispatched by Prince Bilkoff, minister of railroads for the preliminary work of double-tracking the Siberian railroad.

W. S. Lang, superintendent of the coal mines of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company at Blockton, Ala., who was shot from ambush Saturday night, died Thursday. Lang was a native of Pennsylvania.

Gen. Huertas, commander-in-chief of the Panama army, having resigned, President Amador, by official decree, puts the army under control of Gen. Guardia, present secretary of state and war.

After a long shut-down, the plant of the American Steel foundries, at Franklin, Pa., has resumed operations. The force will be added to until it reaches 250 men.

One man is dead and three others are seriously injured as a result of a fire which has destroyed the tar plant of the Denver Gas and Electric Company. The property loss is estimated at \$25,000.

Owing to the lack of corn huskers, Judge Kimbrough adjourned court, at Paris, Ill., until November 23 to give jurors, litigants and witnesses a chance to harvest the crop.

The Standard Oil Company has declared its fourth dividend for the year. It was for \$7 a share, and compares with \$12 a share paid at this time last year. The total dividends for 1904 amount to \$36 a share, as against \$44 in 1903.

The American Steel and Wire Company of the United States Steel Corporation is declining to book orders until 1905. Consumers, evidently looking for higher prices, are trying to provide for their needs for the next quarter at ruling quotations.

H. D. Kilgore, traveling passenger agent of the Vandavia lines with headquarters at San Antonio, is dead near Eagle Lake, Texas, as the result of wounds received while duck hunting. Mr. Kilgore came to this state from Pennsylvania.

It is officially announced that Italy has agreed to take part in the new peace conference at The Hague, as proposed by the United States, reserving on the question of the date of the meeting and the program.

A dispatch to the Paris Temps from Constantinople says that negotiations have been resumed for raising the American legation to the rank of an embassy, which will make Minister J. G. Leishman, of Pittsburg an ambassador.

The hull of the ill-fated excursion steamer General Slocum, which was burned in East river early last summer with the loss of more than 1,000 lives, was sold at auction today for \$1,800. The engines, boilers, hull and tackle will be broken up for junk.

At East Dover, N. J., four men employed in the plant of the Dover, Rockaway & Port Oram Gas Company were asphyxiated in the meter room. The accident was caused by a broken valve in the drip pipe under the floor of the meter room. The dead are William Bulmer, Elias Chamberlain, Otto Ridschum and a man whose Christian name was Gustave.

Miss Hayes Lost Her Case.

Miss Idallia Cameron Hayes of Pittsburg lost her suit against Henry Clay Sayers, an agud citizen of Waynesburg, Pa., whom she had sued for \$25,000 for alleged breach of promise to wed. The jury returned a verdict for the defendant, evidently believing Miss Hayes knew her aged admirer was a married man. Miss Hayes was disappointed when the verdict was rendered and wept in court.

JAPS DRIVEN FROM VILLAGE

Russians Work a Surprise, and Charge with Bayonets.

GENERAL STOESSEL WOUNDED.

Relics Found on the Battlefields Are Being Returned to Russians by the Japanese.

An attack upon the fortified village of Endowunihulu, not far from Sinchinpu (two miles west of the Shakhe railroad station, and fronting the right flank of the Seventeenth corps), was carried out brilliantly during the night of November 10 by the second brigade of the Thirty-fifth infantry division. The village had been captured the same morning by the Japanese. Subsequently the Russians abandoned the place.

At nightfall the brigade silently marched out and deployed. Four battalions were detached for the attack and several companies of riflemen were ordered to move to the right, left and rear of the village. The men were told not to fire, but to charge with the bayonet. Two battalions were left in reserve with eight guns. A simultaneous advance was begun at 10 o'clock at night. The assailants hurried forward and encountered a deep ravine, which they crossed. They then rushed on the village. Not a single shot was fired. The Japanese were completely surprised, mostly sitting in the streets and huts eating their supper. They fled before the bayonets. As soon as the Russians occupied the village they brought up a battery. The Japanese tried to recapture the place at break of dawn but were repulsed. The Russians, however, were compelled later to abandon Endowunihulu as the requirement of the third division exposed them to a flank attack.

It is reported that a wound received by General Stoessel has necessitated his confinement in a hospital, that he refused to relinquish the command of the garrison at Port Arthur, and that he has issued orders to the troops to die at their posts rather than surrender. It is said that the spirit of the Russian troops has been dampened by continuous work, the lack of supplies and the hopelessness of their ability to make any successful defense of the fortress.

The Manchurian army "Vestnik," published under the sanction of the Russian officials and the only newspaper printed at the theater of war, gives details of the scrupulous care shown by the Japanese for the relief and other effects of the Russian dead found on the battlefields, and tells how the Japanese have forwarded such effects to St. Petersburg. The paper highly commends this action and announces that General Kuropatkin recommends that all his commanders shall observe a similar practice regarding the Japanese dead.

OUTLAWS RAID A SALOON.

Hold Up Inmates of Gambling House and Secure Booty.

The two bandits who attacked the First National bank of Cody, Wyo., two weeks ago and killed Cashier Middaugh, committed another robbery, when they held up the inmates of Edward's saloon and gambling house at Thermopolis, Big Horn county, and secured much money and jewelry.

The outlaws wore masks, but were recognized as George Merritt and his partner, who killed Middaugh. They were mounted on fast horses and escaped to the Bad Lands, along the Big Horn river, south of Thermopolis. Poses were quickly organized and started in pursuit, but the robbers reached the mountains ahead of them.

Delaware Official.

The official vote of Delaware, cast at the recent election is as follows: Roosevelt, 23,714; Parker, 19,260; Swallow, 607; Debs, 146; Watson, 57. Roosevelt's plurality, 4,354. The plurality of Preston Leo, R., for governor was 2,732.

HOLD UP MINIATURE TRAIN.

Highwaymen Work in Grounds of the World's Fair.

It has been made known by the World's Fair police that two masked men have robbed a train on the miniature railroad, at the World's Fair. After securing money and valuables amounting to \$100, the robbers escaped. The train, carrying the engineer, and three passengers, one of them a woman, was making its last trip and was crossing a deserted part of ground when two masked men, with drawn revolvers, forced the engineer to stop. The woman passenger was robbed of considerable money. John T. O'Brien of Jersey City, N. J., lost a gold watch valued at \$38 and \$14 in money.

Prince Calls On President.

Prince Sadanaru Fushimi, adopted brother of the Emperor of Japan, who has arrived in Washington, as the guest of the Nation, called at the White House and conveyed to the President the good wishes and friendship of the Mikado and the latter's hope for the President's continued good health and happiness.

Miss Hayes Lost Her Case.

Miss Idallia Cameron Hayes of Pittsburg lost her suit against Henry Clay Sayers, an agud citizen of Waynesburg, Pa., whom she had sued for \$25,000 for alleged breach of promise to wed. The jury returned a verdict for the defendant, evidently believing Miss Hayes knew her aged admirer was a married man. Miss Hayes was disappointed when the verdict was rendered and wept in court.

RESPONSIBILITY NOT FIXED.

Train Was Held at Grand Rapids to Receive Passengers from Chicago Division.

Three passengers were killed and nine or more passengers and trainmen were injured in a rear-end passenger train collision at Elmdale, Mich., on the Pere Marquette railroad. The dead are: Loren Dogger of West Alto, Mich.; M. Simons of New York City and J. L. Streletskey of Chicago.

The collision occurred at Elmdale Junction 23 miles east of Grand Rapids. Both trains were east-bound, No. 6 for Detroit and No. 34 for Saginaw. The Saginaw train had preceded the Detroit train out of Grand Rapids by a few minutes, and was standing on a "Y" at Elmdale, where the Saginaw division branches off from the Detroit division. Through some mistake the switch was not turned behind the Saginaw train and the Detroit train also ran upon the "Y" the engine of the Detroit train crashing into the rear of the parlor car of the Saginaw train.

The passengers injured were in the parlor car of the latter, and the trainmen who were hurt were on the Detroit train. The Pere Marquette officials at Detroit state that the Detroit train was running slow, as it was approaching a station.

No explanation has been made as to where the responsibility lies for failure to throw the switch behind the Saginaw train when it had turned from the Detroit division. Ordinarily there is 20 minutes' time between the two trains, but the Saginaw train was held at Grand Rapids to wait for passengers from a train on the Chicago division.

Through the arrangement the Detroit train was following close behind the Saginaw train as far as Elmdale.

CHINESE REBELS VICTORIOUS.

Defeat Imperial Troops and Capture Chief Towns.

The rebels have repulsed the imperial troops at Liu-Chow-Eni, in the province of Kwangsi, Southern China. They have captured five of the principal towns in the province. The merchants and bankers fled.

Chou-Fu, former governor of the province of Shantung, who was recently appointed viceroy at Nanking, has been ordered to proceed immediately to his post, and to take measures to check the rebels in the Yangtze valley.

A dispatch from Shanghai October 12, reported a three-days' fight between Chinese troops and rebels at Loehang-Shien, one of the towns mentioned in the foregoing cablegram, in which a large body of the latter was defeated.

Boston Wool Market.

The wool market is quieter due to the fact that stocks in hands of local dealers have been heavily reduced, many manufacturers having purchased freely for future needs. Buyers now find much difficulty in getting desirable lots of grades needed for the mills. The market holds very strong and prices are still tending upward. The quotations are: Ohio and Pennsylvania, XX and above 33@36c; X, 30@31c; No. 1, 25@28c; No. 2, 23@24c; fine unwashed, 24@25c; Michigan X and above, 26@27c; No. 1, 23@24c; No. 2, 23@24c; fine unwashed, 24@25c; unwashed, 20@21c; delaine, 25@26c.

PARKER GOES TO WORK.

Moves into New York City and Opens a Law Office.

Ex-Judge Alton B. Parker, has opened a law office in Liberty street, New York. At the same time he announced that he had become a resident of the city and that Mrs. Parker would join him. He said he had not entered into partnership with anyone and would practice law alone.

Weinseimer Sentenced.

Philip Weinseimer, ("Diamond Phil"), the former labor leader, of New York, convicted of extortion, was sentenced to State prison for not less than one year and eight months, nor more than two years and eight months.

A Call Upon Banks.

Secretary Shaw has announced a call upon national banks holding government deposits to the amount of 25 per cent. of their holdings, 10 per cent. to be paid on or before January 15 next, and 15 per cent. on or before March 15 next. This, the secretary estimates, will bring into the treasury \$25,000,000.

Killed 14 Miners.

A. Fernie (D. C.) dispatch says 14 miners were killed at the Carbonado mines near Morrissey as a result of an explosion of coal gas. All the bodies have been recovered.

Charity Gets \$250,000.

Rt. Rev. P. J. Donahue, Roman Catholic bishop of Wheeling, has been notified of a bequest of more than a quarter of a million dollars from Miss Sara C. Tracy, of New York, to be used by him in establishing orphan asylums in the Wheeling diocese.

Kuroki's Death is Denied.

The report that Gen. Kuroki, in command of the Japanese right the Shakhe river, has been killed by a Russian shell, is officially denied.

Billet Prices Advanced.

At a meeting of the billet manufacturers in Jersey City it was agreed to advance the schedule price for the standard steel billet from \$19.50 to \$21, an advance of \$1.50 a ton. The advance was not unexpected, and in trade circles the opinion has been entertained that an advance of \$2 a ton would be ordered.

Four unmasked men have robbed the bank at Boxholm, Iowa, of \$1,200. Officers are in pursuit.