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THIRTY-FIVE BADLY INJURED

Rescue Work Is Stopped by Flames and 302 Men Are Abandoned to Fate.

Hamm, Westphalia, Germany.—The greatest mine disaster in many years in Germany occurred November 12 at the Radbod mine, about three miles from this place. There was a heavy explosion in the mine about 4 o'clock a. m., and almost immediately the mine took fire.

Of 380 miners working underground at the time, only six escaped without injury. Thirty-five were taken out badly injured and 37 were dead when brought to the mouth of the pit. The remaining 302 have been given up for lost.

Rescue Work Impossible.

The explosion, which was unusually violent, destroyed one of the shafts, which had to be partly repaired before the rescue work was begun. In addition, the flames and smoke proved almost insurmountable obstacles in the early efforts of the rescuing parties.

A special corps, composed of the men who rendered such valuable aid in the terrible mine disaster at Courrières, France, in March of 1906, arrived upon the scene shortly before noon, but were unable to enter the mine, being forced to await the result of the determined efforts of the firemen to keep the flames in check.

Heartrending Scenes.

Meantime, heartrending scenes were being enacted at the mine when the dead and wounded were brought to the surface, and there were similar scenes in the town when the injured were transported through the streets to the hospitals.

At 1 o'clock the fire had made great headway and later, after a consultation of the engineers, it was decided that any further attempts to rescue the entombed men were vain, owing to the impossibility of entering the galleries. At the same time an order was issued to flood the mine.

First reports indicated that the accident was the result of an explosion of coal dust, but the statement of the injured men rendered this improbable and it is not clear just what caused it.

SIX CHINAMEN DROWNED

Boat in Which They Tried to Cross from Canada Wrecked.

Buffalo, N. Y.—A motor boat containing 10 Chinamen and three white men was wrecked on the break wall off the foot of Michigan street. Six of the Chinamen were drowned or dashed to death against the rock-ribbed sea wall. The four survivors were rescued by the crew of a police boat. The three white men escaped and the Federal authorities and local detective force are securing the city endeavoring to round up men suspected of being engaged in the smuggling of Chinamen into this country from Canada.

At first it was supposed the white men perished, but from one of the surviving Chinamen it was learned that they succeeded in climbing over the slippery rocks and fled, leaving the Chinamen to their fate.

Mock Quong, one of the rescued Chinamen, speaks fairly good English, which he learned in a South Bend, Ind., Sunday school class.

He told the immigration inspectors that the 10 Chinamen left Toronto a week ago and had been lodged in a barn on the Canadian side of the lake. Last night they were taken to the lake by three white men and placed in a motor boat, which also had a row boat in tow. They had been on the water about half an hour when the wind blew up strong and the water became very rough.

PREPARED FOR BLOCKADE

Seaports of Venezuela Provisioned and Defenses Strengthened in Anticipation.

Caracas.—With the placing in position of mountain artillery at various strategic positions about LaGuaira so as to prevent any attempted landing from Holland's warships. If they come to Venezuela with hostile intent, President Castro has completed his preparations for the defense of Venezuela's principal seaport and gateway to Caracas.

Not only have the Venezuelan army and navy made preparations for a blockade, but also the merchants of both LaGuaira and Caracas. All of the salt in LaGuaira was purchased by a prominent politician and the entire stock of the flour mill was acquired by influential interests. Unusually large importations of rice and other provisions have been received from Europe by the principal importers, who instructed their European connections to make heavy shipments if they were convinced, after making investigation, that Holland meant business.

Stagnation in all lines of trade has been the result of the present uncertainty and great losses will develop during the period of expectancy.

New Kind of Railroad Wreck.

Kansas City, Mo.—An explosion in the glazing room of the Excelsior Powder Company at Dodson, 10 miles south of Kansas City, wrecked part of the plant, and slightly injured 35 passengers on a Kansas City Southern passenger train, standing on the tracks nearby. An employe of the powder works was killed.

MONUMENT DEDICATED

Governor Stuart and Staff Participate in the Ceremonies at Fredericksburg.

Fredericksburg, Va.—Once more the Blue and the Gray joined hands as an expression of the ended enmity which once existed among them and which had long since been forgotten. The occasion was the unveiling of the General A. A. Humphreys division monument, erected in the National cemetery here by the State of Pennsylvania.

In the absence of Governor Swanson of this State, Major Robert W. Hunter, chief of military records, made an address of welcome in behalf of Governor Swanson and the State.

Judge John T. Coolidge of the corporation court of this city, and a private in the Confederate artillery, made the address of welcome in behalf of this city and the Confederate veterans. He was responded to by Governor Edwin S. Stuart of Pennsylvania.

The monument was formally transferred to Governor Stuart by George F. Baer, president of the commission.

To the strains of the "Star Spangled Banner" and amidst the cheering of the large crowd present, Miss Letitia A. Humphreys, daughter of General Humphreys, pulled the string which disclosed the monument to view. Governor Stuart then accepted the monument on behalf of the State of Pennsylvania and then transferred it to the care of the United States Government, Assistant Secretary of War Robert Shaw Oliver receiving it.

Colonel Alexander McClure, of Philadelphia, was scheduled to make an address, but owing to his advanced age, he designated D. Watson Rowe to read his prepared speech.

Governor Stuart of Pennsylvania, and his staff, in uniform; President George F. Baer, of the Reading railroad, accompanied by Admiral Schley, the German ambassador, Assistant Secretary of War Robert Shaw Oliver and a number of other distinguished guests arrived last night on their special train, and left this evening for their respective homes.

There were about 1,500 veterans from different portions of the country present. A number of them spent a few days visiting the old battlefields before returning home.

TERRIBLE HARDSHIPS ON ISTHMUS OF PANAMA

Two Killed in Fight With Indians and One Dies from Dread Illness.

New York.—Baron B. B. von Teuber, who arrived on the steamer Magdalena from West Indian ports, told a thrilling story of a gold hunting expedition in Panama, north of the canal zone, which resulted in the death of three members of his party. The baron, with his brother and three mining engineers, who left this city several months ago for the gold and anthracite fields in the northern part of the Isthmus of Panama, finally started with two Indian guides north from Colon, through what proved to be country jealously held by exceedingly hostile Indians. A midnight encounter resulted in the fatal shooting of the Indian guides.

Left thus in a strange, practically trailless country, they wandered helplessly. The three engineers were soon stricken with frightful fevers. The baron and his brother, however, made for the coast with the sick men, encountering constant hardships.

John Bralley, one of the engineers, died in a boat they had hastily constructed, but Frederick Smith and Peter Bartlett were finally taken to the Ancon hospital, where they are slowly recovering. The baron brought a collection of old idols, which he will present to a museum.

PRESIDENT'S AFRICAN TRIP

Not to Be Slaughtering Expedition, Declares One Who Will Go Along.

New York.—Surgeon Major Edgar A. Mearns, stationed at Fort Totten, L. I., has been called to Washington to consult with President Roosevelt concerning the final details of the African hunting trip. Dr. Mearns, who is a member of the Smithsonian institution and one of the founders of the American Ornithologists' union, is to go with Mr. Roosevelt on the hunt.

Dr. Mearns is quoted as saying that the President's trip is not to be a slaughtering expedition, but one devoted to the interests of science. Instead of taking a crack at every beast in the jungle every time a head shows itself, the President will content himself with securing two or three specimens of each sort of wild beast that may be found in the section visited. The trophies of Mr. Roosevelt's skill with rifle and smooth-bore are to be placed in the United States museum at Washington.

The start for Africa will be made very shortly after March 4. The hunting party will consist of five. In addition to the President and his second son, Kermit Roosevelt, who is to be the official photographer of the expedition, there will go Dr. Mearns, A. Arthur Heller, a botanist of Los Angeles, Cal., and Prof. Loring, of the Smithsonian institution.

Railroads Kill 3,764 in Year.

Washington.—There were 3,764 persons killed and 68,989 injured in railroad casualties in the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30 last, according to an announcement of the interstate commerce commission. This is a decrease.

Bismarck, N. D.—Fire of unknown origin, destroyed the yards and warehouses of the Acme Harvester Company, causing a loss of \$150,000; fully insured.

SCORE OF LIVES LOST IN RAILROAD WRECKS

Great Northern Flyer Kills Eight Near New Orleans.

BODIES BURNED IN WRECKAGE

Two Freight Trains on Union Pacific Railroad Collide and Eleven Men Are Dead.

New Orleans.—It was a heavy price in human life that paid for the errors of railroad trainmen when a Great Northern express crashed into the rear of a New Orleans & Northeastern local train at Littlewoods station, a fishing and hunting camp on Lake Ponchartraine, 12 miles from New Orleans.

Eight dead, many more injured, some of them fatally, is the record of the wreck, which was attended by unusually gruesome scenes in the foggy swamps of the lake shore. The wreck caught fire and only the heroic work of the surviving passengers prevented the cremation of those perished in the debris.

The dead—C. B. Lowrey, of Lexington, Ky.; Prof. C. E. Roos, New Orleans university; William A. Martin, of Slidell, La.; William Attaway, 3 years old, Slidell, La.; Ora Travis, Hattiesburg, Miss.; J. H. Shows, Morrison, Miss.; C. A. Crawford, Seminary, Miss.; Augustus Neitkamp, Heal River, Miss.

Train Late; Someone Blunders.

Between Slidell and New Orleans the Great Northern train runs over the tracks of the New Orleans & Northeastern road. A local train of the Northeastern is due in New Orleans 20 minutes before the fast Great Northern train from Covington. The Northeastern train was late and the difference of 20 minutes between the running of the trains was considerably reduced. As Littlewoods was approached, the Northeastern local suddenly loomed up through the fog. Engineer Blackman applied the brakes and remained at the throttle while the ponderous locomotive plowed part way through the train ahead.

No one on the Great Northern express was seriously hurt, and the passengers did all they could to rescue the injured.

Eleven Die; Bodies Burn.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—Eleven men are known to have lost their lives in the collision of two Union Pacific freight trains at Borie, Wyo., and in the fire which broke out in the wreckage.

The dead: J. C. Schley, of Larimer, engineer; John Murphy of Denver, conductor; Hons Christensen of Denver, fireman; Brakeman J. D. Duncan, brakeman still, brakeman Rodgers and five Japanese laborers.

The wreckage took fire and nearly all the bodies were cremated. One of the trains got beyond control while running down grade.

TOBACCO TRUST GOES ON

Business Will Proceed Just as Usual Pending Decision by Supreme Court.

New York.—James B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco Company, issued a letter to the stockholders and bondholders of that company, calling their attention to the recent decision of the United States circuit court of this city, that the company was a combination in restraint of trade. After reviewing the decision Mr. Duke announced that the business of the company will proceed as usual pending an appeal to the Supreme Court. It was gratifying, he declared, that the court found that "our methods and success have not injured the consumers of tobacco, have greatly benefited the producers of leaf tobacco by giving a larger market and higher prices, and that we have not resorted to unfair or oppressive competition."

LIES FOR SAKE OF PRIDE

Chinese Official Paper Explains Away Absence of Half Fleet by Conjuring Up Storm.

Peking.—In order to satisfy the pride of the Chinese people the official newspaper controlled by Grand Councillor Yuan Shai Kai explains the fact that only half the American battleship fleet—that is to say, eight vessels—visited Amoy as the guests of the Chinese government, by declaring that the fleet was dispersed by a storm on its way to Chinese coast and the fate of the other eight vessels is unknown.

The foreign board accepts this statement with complacency. The American legation was not consulted prior to its publication.

New College President.

Poston.—Prof. Richard MacLaurin, head of the physics department of Columbia university, was appointed president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Prof. MacLaurin will assume the duties of the office as soon as his engagement at Columbia permit. Prof. MacLaurin was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1870, and is a scientist of international reputation.

OIL FINE GOES TO HIGH COURT

Department of Justice Seeks to Yet Win \$29,000,000 Suit.

Washington.—In a statement given out by the department of justice it was announced that an application would be made to the United States supreme court when it reconvenes Monday, November 30, for a writ of certiorari to bring up and review the action of the circuit court of appeals in Chicago in refusing the Government a rehearing of the twenty-nine million dollar Standard Oil case.

CHINESE RULERS DEAD

Dowager Empress Dies on Day Following Death of Emperor.

Peking.—Tse Hsi An, the Dowager Empress of China, the autocratic head of the Government, which she directed without successful interference since 1861, and without protest since 1881, died November 16.

The announcement of the Dowager Empress' death was official, and followed closely upon the announcement that Kuang-Hsu, the Emperor, had died on the 15th, but it is believed the death of both occurred a considerable time before that set down in the official statements.

An edict issued placed upon the throne Prince Pu Yi, the 3-year-old son of Prince Chun, the regent of the empire, in accordance with a promise given by the Dowager Empress soon after the marriage of Prince Chun in 1905. An edict issued Friday made Pu Yi heir-presumptive.

TRAGEDY IN GRAFT CASES

Assistant District Attorney in San Francisco Shot.

San Francisco.—Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney, who has been in charge of the prosecution of the graft cases was shot and seriously wounded in Judge Lawlor's crowded courtroom by Morris Haas, a saloonkeeper, who was drawn on the jury panel in the second trial of Huef, and who, after having been temporarily passed by both sides, was exposed in a dramatic manner by Mr. Heney as an ex-convict and discharged from the jury. Haas declared after the shooting that Heney has ruined his life by the exposure and that he had determined to kill him for that reason.

Soldiers Fight Negroes.

Lawton, Okla.—An outbreak has occurred between white troops of Fort Sill and negroes of the town following the killing of Private Wilcox, of Battery B. First Field artillery, in a battle between negroes and soldiers, Paul Williams, a negro, is charged with having fired the shot that killed Wilcox. Williams made his escape and is still at large.

Postoffice Department's Worst Year.

Washington.—Postmaster General Meyer announced that the postal deficit for the fiscal year ended June 30, was \$16,910,279. Receipts were \$191,478,633, or \$7,893,657 greater than the previous year and the expenditures \$208,388,912. The deficit is the largest in the history of the department, the falling off being due to the financial depression.

Train Wrecked Gets Life Sentence.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Clarence Agnew, a negro, charged with murder and the wrecking of a passenger train on the Southern railway near Duncan, S. C., which resulted in the killing of the engineer and fireman, was sentenced to life imprisonment. He was one of the negroes whom the mob sought to lynch here four weeks ago.

Captive Moonshiner Rescued.

Lexington, Ky.—According to a report that reached here from Louisville, Ky., a posse of armed men from Wayne county, Va., invaded Lawrence county, Ky., took a suspected moonshiner named Vinson from Kentucky officers, who had him in charge and are now hiding in the West Virginia mountains defying arrest.

Burns Money Orders.

Helena, Mont.—Albert Berger, a former Alaska miner, just before committing suicide, at Canyon Ferry, threw \$2,000 in postoffice money orders, payable to himself, in the stove, declaring that the money was in the hand of the Government and no one would quarrel over it after he was dead.

For Embezzler's Extradition.

Columbus, O.—Governor Harris issued a requisition for Edmund C. Lowden, bookkeeper for the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Company of Cincinnati, who is held in Baltimore charged with responsibility for a \$5,000 shortage in the funds of the Cincinnati concern.

Divorce Law Passes.

Sioux Falls, S. D.—The new divorce law, increasing the period of residence prerequisite for obtaining a divorce from six months to one year, was carried on November 3, by a vote of approximately two to one, according to unofficial figures.

Change in Cabinet.

Victor H. Metcalf of California, retired from the post of secretary of the navy and was succeeded by Truman H. Newberry, of Michigan, who has been assistant secretary in name, but secretary in fact, since November, 1905.

Bank Clerk Acquitted.

Pittsburg.—Addison S. Altfer, former discount clerk of the Allegheny National bank, was acquitted on the charge of aiding and abetting William Montgomery in the abstraction and misappropriation of funds.

Ithaca, N. Y.—Dean Thomas Frederick Crane, of the Cornell university faculty who has been connected with the university for 41 years, resigned, to take effect at the end of the academic year.

Says Alcoholism Is Increasing.

Washington.—Alcoholism is on the increase in the army in spite of the abolishment of the canteen, says Surgeon General Robert M. O'Reilly, in his annual report. The military death rate, he adds, is higher than that of any foreign army.

Expulsion of students and all other forms of punishment has been taken from the faculty of Washington and Jefferson college and placed in the hands of a student senate.

STANDARD OIL CASE WILL BE APPEALED

Government Will Take \$29,000,000 Fine Suit to the Supreme Court.

CIRCUIT COURT STANDS PAT

Incidentally Pays Its Respects to Attorney General Bonaparte and Federal Lawyers.

Washington, D. C.—The United States Court of Appeals in Chicago having refused the Government a rehearing in the famous Standard Oil \$29,240,000 fine case it was stated at the Department of Justice that in view of the large amount of money involved, the important questions of law and the popular interest in the case the Government would not rest on the decision of the court, but that the case would be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States at the earliest possible date.

This will be done by an application to the court for allowance of a writ of certiorari.

Circuit Court Decision.

Chicago.—The Government's petition for rehearing of the case in which the United States Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the trial court in fining the Standard Oil Company of Indiana \$29,240,000 for alleged rebating was denied in the Court of Appeals.

The Government, in its petition for a rehearing, intimated that if the opinion of the Judges of the Appellate Court—Grosscup, Searman and Baker—were allowed to stand it would nullify nearly every shred of rate reformatory legislation accomplished by the Roosevelt administration.

In closing the Court of Appeals pays its respects to Attorney General Bonaparte, Special Assistant Attorney General Frank P. Kellogg, District Attorney Edward W. Sims and Special Assistant United States Attorney James R. Wilkerson, whose names were signed to the petition, in this paragraph:

Courts have the right to expect that counsel accustomed to practice in the courts of review not only know the meaning of legal terms constantly in use in discussions and opinions of these courts, but will not misuse such terms to spread misinformation respecting a judgment that, in the nature of the case, is bound to attract wide public attention.

It was announced in the office of District Attorney Sims, following the decision of the Appellate court, that additional suits against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana are fully prepared and that trials may be demanded within two weeks. Two of the suits charge rebating in connection with shipments on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad and two with shipments on the Evansville & Terre Haute railroad. The cases cover almost 1,800 counts on which indictments were returned by Federal grand juries.

Cases in which charges of rebating are made in connection with shipments over the Chicago & Alton railroad also are being prepared by the assistants of Mr. Sims.

OUR FIRST DREADNAUGHT

Bigger Than Original British Vessel, North Dakota Launched.

Quincy, Mass.—The most powerful addition which the navy of the United States has ever received, and America's first all-around big gun battleship, the North Dakota, was launched November 10 by the Fore River Shipbuilding Company.

The North Dakota will be 510 feet long on the load-water line, with a breadth of 85 feet 2 1/2 inches at the same point. The length over all will be about 518 feet 9 inches. The battleship will have a displacement of 20,000 tons, 2,000 in excess of the original British Dreadnaught. It is estimated a speed of more than 21 knots will be attained on her trial, and that the battleship's horsepower will exceed 25,000.

ACTIVITY IN COKE FIELDS

Klondyke and Connellsville Districts Are Booming.

Uniontown.—According to a statement made by George B. Irwin, secretary of the Independent Coke Producers' Association, there was a gain of 1 per cent in the number of active ovens in the Klondyke and Connellsville coke fields in the last seven days.

The Frick Company has 46 per cent of its ovens in blast, while the independents are burning 52 per cent. Shipments increased proportionately. The scarcity of water and labor is a handicap at present.

Harvard to Get \$100,000.

Boston, Mass.—The terms of the settlement of the contest to break the will of Walter F. Baker, the Newton clubman, who died under mysterious circumstances in New Jersey several months ago, were made public. By these terms Harvard university will receive \$100,000; Mrs. Helen Bray Hurst, \$150,000, and Edward F. Baker, brother of Walter, \$150,000.

Rear Admiral Miller Dead.

Philadelphia.—Rear Admiral James M. Miller, governor of the United States Naval home, in this city, died at that institution November 11, after a brief illness. Admiral Miller was 61 years old and was appointed to the navy from Missouri in 1863. He commanded the cruiser Columbia later coming to Philadelphia navy yard, where he commanded the receiving ship Lancaster. He had been in charge of the naval home for the past year and a half.

PRESENT DAY NOVELS HARMFUL

Albany Delegate to Women's Clubs Convention Raps Authors of "Best Sellers."

Utica.—The several hundred delegates attending the fourteenth annual convention of the State Federation of Women's clubs, in session in this city, took a whack at dignitary Mrs. Robert C. Wagner, of Albany, said:

"Nowadays if you have something of vital importance to communicate to the world, you can put in on the shelves of a library in the form of a novel."

"One of the best sellers for October, according to the bookman, was written by a professor in a leading university. In at least seven characters they forswear their marriage vows and exult in illegal relations."

"If we believe with President Roosevelt that into the keeping of the women of the country is committed the destiny of generations to come after us, do you not think it is the duty of the 800,000 enrolled members of the general federation of women's clubs to sound a note of warning to those writers and to protest against this insidious slime, which is affecting not only the day and hour, but eternity?"

BUYS BIG DRY DOCKS

Amount Involved in the Deal Will Reach Several Millions.

San Francisco.—Charles M. Schwab head of the Bethlehem Steel Company, which controls the Union Iron works of this city, announced that the steel company had purchased a controlling interest in the San Francisco Dry Dock Company, which owns two big docks at Hunter's Point, in San Francisco bay, as well as a number of floating docks for small vessels.

Mr. Schwab said that the docks would be combined with the Union Iron works in a vast repair establishment, capable of handling marine work of any magnitude and of docking and ship aloft in the Pacific ocean.

The amount involved in the deal was not made public, further than the statement by Mr. Schwab that it would reach several millions.

MINING PROMOTERS INDICTED

Officers of Company Capitalized at \$10,000,000 in Trouble.

Kansas City, Mo.—On a charge of using the mails with intent to defraud, five men, formerly connected with the Central Mining and Development Company, capitalized at \$10,000,000, were indicted by the federal grand jury here. They are:

Raymond P. Ray, president of the Southwestern Development Company; E. R. Horn, President of the Horn-Baker Advertising Company; John E. Horn, President of the Keystone Securities Company; Frank H. Horn, mining broker; S. H. Snider, former insurance commissioner of Kansas and former president of the Central Mining and Development Company.

Mr. Kern Aspires to Senate.

Indianapolis, Ind.—John W. Kern, defeated Democratic candidate for vice president, announced that he is a candidate for United States Senator to succeed James A. Hemenway. The Indiana Legislature will be Democratic on joint ballot by a majority of 12. Others mentioned as probable candidates are John E. Lamb of Terre Haute, who was in charge of Democratic National headquarters at Chicago, during the last campaign; Thomas Taggart, formerly National chairman; State Senator L. Ert Slaek, Benjamin E. Shively and Edward Hoffman, of Fort Wayne.

Schwab Plans Enlargement.

San Francisco.—Upon his arrival from New York Charles M. Schwab, executive head of the Bethlehem Steel Company, announced that the plant of the Union Iron works, which is affiliated with the steel corporation, is to be at once enlarged, adding that the improvements may under favorable conditions run into the millions.

Fell Nine Stories.

New York.—Harvey W. Watterson, a lawyer and younger son of Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, plunged to his death from the nineteenth floor of the office building at 37 Wall street. His body shot downward for 110 feet and landed on the roof of a 10-story building adjoining. Almost every bone was broken and the head crushed and death was instantaneous.

Freight Business Improves.

New Haven, Conn.—In New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad circles reports from all important points of the system point to a revival of business. During the first week in November the freight business was nearly equal to that of last year, the passenger business showing the greater falling off.

Gambling Causes Downfall.

Toronto, Ont.—Duncan Cameron McCallum, late teller of the Farmers' Bank of Canada, pleaded guilty to the theft of \$165,459 from the bank and was sentenced to three years in Kingston penitentiary. McCallum attributed his downfall to gambling in the stock market and on horse racing.

Butler Would Be Senator.

Youngstown, O.—Announcement is made that J. G. Butler, Jr., a leading iron manufacturer of the Mahoning and Shenango valleys, will be a candidate for United States Senator to succeed J. B. Foraker. He was instrumental in getting the opening and closing meetings of the campaign here. Mr. Butler is president of the Mahoning and Shenango Valley Pig Iron association and prominent in the industrial affairs of the State.