

# TEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

## Towboat on the Ohio River Was Wrecked and Sunk.

### CAPTAIN AND PILOT KILLED.

#### Force of Explosion Shattered Windows in the City of Louisville Four Miles Away.

The towboat Fred Wilson was torn to fragments, 10 men were blown to pieces, and 16 others injured by a tremendous explosion of the boat's boilers on the Ohio river. Of the injured one will probably die. The force of the explosion was so great that it shattered windows and awakened the occupants of houses in Louisville, four miles from the scene. The dead are: Joseph O. Price, captain, Bradwood, Pa.; Albert H. Miller, pilot, Pittsburg, W. A. Holland, guest of Capt. Price, Bradwood, Pa.; William Quinn, steward, Pittsburg; Hugh Heakins, cook, Pittsburg; J. C. Johnson, deckhand, Tyrone, Pa.; Patrick White, deckhand, Pittsburg; Sherman S. Shilder, second engineer, Pittsburg; William Thornton, colored, fireman, Middleport, O.; Joseph Warren, colored, fireman, Middleport, O.

The injured: Tobias Letzowich, deckhand, Weilsburg, W. Va.; probably fatal; Carl Cody, cabin boy, Brockton, O.; blown 125 feet to shore, serious; William M. Timmons, Pittsburg; John Miller, Allegheny; William Miller, Allegheny; Albert E. Stewart, Middleport, O.; Emma Williamson, chambermaid, Pittsburg. Nine others slightly injured.

All the injured except Letzowich will recover. Only three bodies have thus far been recovered. The bodies of the other seven victims are thought to be pinned under the wreckage and may not be recovered for several days.

The Fred Wilson was the property of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company, of Pittsburg, and at the time the accident occurred was carrying for tow near Riverview park, about 60 feet from shore. No explanation of the cause of the accident has been offered. One theory is that there may have been an excess of mud in the boilers.

There was not the slightest warning preceding the terrific explosion and so great was the pressure and so large the great boilers that the big steamer was shattered into small bits, while the crew was blown into the air, some falling into the river, others landing on the embankment, while some were fortunate were caught in the wreckage and killed instantly.

### GREAT LOSS REPORTED.

#### Russians and Japanese Meet With Terrible Slaughter.

The Shan K'ai Kwan correspondent of the London "Daily Chronicle" sends a report received from New Chung that on May 23, thinking that the Japanese had retired from Feng Wang Cheng, 15,000 Russians from Hai Cheng and Liao Yang marched toward Feng Wang Cheng. They were surprised by 30,000 Japanese in the Tatung pass. The Russian casualties were 4,000 and over 1,000 Russians surrendered. The report does not state the Japanese losses.

The Tokio correspondent of the "Daily Express" says it is reported officially that the Japanese have captured Kin Chou and are now attacking Dalny.

The Tokio correspondent of the "Daily Mail," under date of May 23, says: "According to a reliable report the Japanese occupied Kin Chou today."

### TOWN ALMOST WIPED OUT.

#### Two Hundred Buildings Destroyed With Loss of \$1,000,000.

Fire destroyed every business house of any importance, together with a large number of private residences, the principal hotel and the passenger depot in Yazoo City, Miss., a town of 6,000 people. The fire started in the morning and burned until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, destroying a total of 200 houses. The burned district is three blocks wide and 12 blocks long. The estimates of the loss are between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000. In the afternoon the fire jumped a bayou and spread to Latonia, a residence suburb, where it destroyed some of the finest homes. About 60 families there are homeless to-night.

A man named Chambliss was killed by falling walls, and Mayor Holmes was badly hurt. The residence of Congressman John Sharp Williams is reported to have been destroyed.

### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

A snowfall of six inches is reported in Montana and the northwest territory.

Polotk ignites, a well-known forger, of Dunbar, Pa., was killed while at work in the Mahoning mines of the Cambria Steel company.

While attempting to rescue Arthur Truby from the bottom of a well that was being dug on the property of Thomas D. Mellon, a contractor, of Springdale, Pa. Gideon King Marshall and Ferdinand Pilette lost their lives.

### M. E. Elections.

The result of the ballot taken by the Methodist general conference for editor of the Epworth "Herald" shows the election of Dr. S. J. Herbin by an overwhelming majority. Ballots were taken for publishing agents of the New York and Cincinnati book concerns. For the New York agency Home, Eaton and G. P. Mains were the only candidates voted for. H. C. Jennings and E. E. Graham were elected publishing agents of the Cincinnati branch.

## REVOLTING CRIME.

### Body of Dead Man Hacked to Pieces and Burned by Wife.

Ida May de Kay, the daughter of Mrs. Kate Taylor, who is undergoing a second trial for the murder of her husband, Late Taylor, at Monticello, N. Y., told the story of the killing of her stepfather, as witness by herself. The girl asserted that her uncle, Peter Yarkins, was at the Taylor house on the night of the murder, and assisted Mrs. Taylor in dismembering the body.

The girl related the details of the disposition of the body, which were of the most revolting character. Her mother, she said, cut off Taylor's head with an ax and put it in the stove. Then the older woman took a lighted lantern and swung it around three times from the doorway. This brought Peter Yarkins to the house the witness continued. He asked if Late Taylor was dead and received an affirmative answer. Mrs. Taylor again took the ax and tried to cut off one of Taylor's legs, then laid the ax down before she had succeeded. Yarkins took the weapon and finished cutting off the leg. Ida says she went to bed and left Yarkins and her mother together with the body. When she arose the next morning Yarkins had disappeared and her mother was still burning the body.

### FURNACES WILL CLOSE DOWN.

#### Proposed Reduction of 20 Per Cent in United States.

Within the next 30 days the production of pig iron will, it is stated by leading dealers in New York, be greatly curtailed as the furnaces in all parts of the United States. The proposed reduction, which is not by uniform action, is variously estimated at 20 to 40 per cent of the present output. The furnaces to be most quickly affected are those which have been in operation the longest, as the new furnaces have more modern machinery and equipment and can turn out iron at a lower cost than their older competitors. The production of pig iron during 1903 was 13,000,000 tons. Experts assert that unless there is great improvement in the near future the total for the current year will not exceed 14,000,000 tons.

### NEW JERSEY YOUTH ADMITS USING MAILS TO DEFRAUD.

Charles L. Murphy, a country youth was committed to jail at Newark, N. J., in default of \$1,000 bail on a charge of swindling. When arraigned before United States Commissioner Whitehead, Murphy admitted that he had purchased a mail order list from a firm that furnishes addresses of persons living in rural districts and that he had written to many of these persons asking if they did not wish to purchase stock that would yield "A profit in interest of 50 per cent." He remembered selling P. J. Robb, of Salem, O., the complainant against him, \$75 worth of "Lunar Oil stock." This stock, he admitted, existed only in his imagination. He also sold Western Union Telegraph stock and "Marconi Wireless" stock, his part of the transaction ending on the receipt of the money.

### RUSSIANS HANG 600 PERSONS.

It is stated that 600 persons have been hanged in Warsaw alone and that many others have been hanged in Cronstadt and Moscow. At the latter place the troops buried 80 coffins containing the bodies of those who had been hanged. The bodies were buried secretly in the dead of night, presumably in the woods.

### ABANDONS PORTAGE LINE.

Shortage of traffic and consequent necessity for reducing expenses on the Pennsylvania railroad are the reasons given for the closing to through traffic of the New Portage branch, built within two years at a cost of \$5,000,000. This latest retrenchment order takes effect at once. No date is fixed for reopening the line.

### 280 SEAMEN LOST.

Of the complement of the protected cruiser Yoshino, sunk recently in collision with the cruiser Kasuga, 60 non-commissioned officers and 220 blue jackets were drowned, and 48 commissioned officers and men were rescued.

### Boston Wool Market.

The demand for old wools in the market has been unusually quiet the past week. From the manufacturers' standpoint the situation is no more favorable than at any time during the spring. Some current quotations follow: Ohio and Pennsylvania, XX and above, 23@23c; X, 20@20c; No. 1, 31@31c; No. 2, 31@32c; fine, unwashed, 22@22c; 3/4 @ 3/4 and 1/2 blood, unwashed, 24@24c; fine washed below, 23@24c; Michigan, X and above, 25@25c; No. 1, 29@30c; No. 2, 28@29c; ed, 24 1/2@25c.

## JAPANO-RUSSIAN WAR NEWS

### Report of Terrible Slaughter in Attack on Port Arthur.

### JAP CRUISERS REPORTED TAKEN.

#### Russian Warships of Vladivostok Fleet Blown Up After Running on the Rocks.

It is reported that Foreign Minister Lamatoroff has received a message from the Russian consul at Chefoo, saying that the Japanese have made a land attack on Port Arthur, and that in doing so they lost 15,000 men killed or wounded. The Russian loss is placed at 3,000. The ultimate outcome of the fighting is not stated.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris Martin says: "It is persistently rumored that the Vladivostok squadron has captured three cruisers brought by Japan from Chile." The report that Rear Admiral Jensen, finding it impossible to save the protected cruiser Bogatyr, which went ashore recently in a fog on the rocks of Vladivostok, caused her to be blown up, is confirmed. The guns of the Bogatyr were removed before she was destroyed. No loss of life attended her destruction.

An investigation made by the authorities into the recent attempts to destroy some of the vessels of the Baltic fleet at Cronstadt has resulted in the arrest of four Japanese spies, who seem to have escaped detection by wearing the uniform of naval cadets, thus obtaining admission to the navy yard and across to the ships without difficulty. It is believed that they are also responsible for the fire started some time back near the naval magazine, and for the opening of the sea valves of the Oreol. The authorities here think the Japanese have been harbored by anarchists.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London "Central News" says that there was an explosion on board the battleship Oreol, at Cronstadt, and that 10 sailors were killed. The vessel, the correspondent says, was damaged and it will take weeks to effect repairs. The explosion, according to the dispatch, was the result of an accumulation of gas in the bunkers.

### SOLD BOGUS STOCKS.

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## NATIVES SLAUGHTERED.

### Datto All Surprises Philippine Village and Slays Residents.

A report from Camp Overton, Mindanao, dated May 15, states that a massacre had taken place May 12 near Malabang, on the southern coast of Mindanao. Fifty-three Philippine men, women and children, the families of employes of the United States military government at Malabang, were surprised at midnight while asleep by the Datto All and a band of Moros from the Rio Grande valley and slaughtered. The chief and his followers escaped.

Governor Wright has cabled the Secretary of War as follows from a dispatch sent by General Wood: "No disturbance in Cottobato valley. Affair was a fight with a band of outlaws under All, who is as much an enemy of peaceful Moros as of ours. All Moros in valley are at work and friendly, and for first time in the history are taking out cedulas. Have taken out 2,500 in last six weeks. Not the slightest cause for anxiety."

### FIREWORKS EXPLODE.

#### Three Killed, Two Fatally Injured in New Jersey Factory.

Three persons were killed and 10 others injured, two of them probably fatally, by an explosion in the factory of the Independent Fireworks Company at Camden, N. J. The dead are: Simon Tiervincenzi, 18 years; Joseph Logosa, 16 years, and an unidentified man. Fatally injured are: Michael Sealona, 52 years, and Leonardo Pinto, 45 years.

Robert E. Weser, of Philadelphia, president of the company, and Joseph Sealona, vice president, were arrested and held in \$1,500 bail to await the action of the coroner. Warrants have been issued for other officers of the concern. Sealona's father was fatally injured.

### WRECKAGE FOUND.

#### Vessel With 80 People on Board Probably Lost.

Wreckage of the steamer Corwin, which sailed from Seattle for Nome with 80 passengers has been found on the west coast of Vancouver Island. She was scheduled to sail a week earlier but some of the persons booked for passage had complained to United States inspectors of the way the steamer was overloaded and the inspectors ordered all freight stored in the hold.

Tacoma shipping men who saw the steamer before she sailed express the fear that she is lost. The Corwin had quite a list and seemed to be heavy and unseaworthy.

### TURKEY CONSENTS?

It is reported that Russia has obtained consent from Turkey to the passage through the Dardanelles of the Black Sea squadron, now mobilizing.

### CAPITAL NOTES.

Secretary Hay has decided that notwithstanding Belgian capitalists' interests in it, the United States will protect the Canton-Hankow railway, in China, as an American enterprise.

Agricultural Department figures give \$4,500,000,000 as a conservative estimate of the value of United States farm products exclusive of those fed to live stock in 1903.

The Republic of Panama will try to invest \$6,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 received from the United States in mortgages on New York property.

Commander Peary expects to take with him to Greenland in July a party of consumptives, who, it is thought, will profit by the Arctic air treatment.

The First National Bank of Cape May was closed by order of the controller of the currency. The bank was recently reorganized and the present officers of the institution, after a consultation with Bank Examiner Hueck, decided to suspend business. It is said that the depositors will be paid in full. Financial difficulties of the former president, it is stated, caused the present trouble.

### CURRENT EVENTS.

Torpedo tests will be begun by the navy next month at Newport and Sag Harbor.

The strike of plumbers and steam fitters in Detroit was settled and 400 men resumed work.

At Boone, Ia., Curtis Galpin was fatally wounded by an unknown assassin who lay in wait in Galpin's barn.

Two additional deaths have occurred as a result of the explosion in the Independent Fireworks Company at Camden, N. J., which killed three.

Fred A. Beach, of Chicago, who confessed having embezzled \$10,000, was sentenced to the penitentiary. Beach also admitted to having a wife and three children in Chicago and a wife in Dallas.

According to the latest reports the Japanese camps are "infected with cholera and there is an average of 100 deaths daily."

The Ulster county (N. Y.) post house, three miles from New Paltz was totally destroyed by fire. Three inmates who are missing are supposed to have been burned. The loss is placed at \$50,000.

### ARMY OFFICERS SENTENCED.

#### Lieutenants Harris and Fisher Dismissed From Service.

The war department has received from the division of the Philippines two cases of court-martial, in which the officers tried are sentenced to be dismissed from the service. First Lieut. H. L. Harris, Jr., Twenty-second Infantry, was tried for drunkenness and disorderly conduct while on duty. He was appointed a cadet in the military academy from New Jersey in 1894.

## TEN MINERS MEET DEATH

### Fumes from Engine Overcome Them While in Car.

### FOREMAN IS AMONG THE DEAD.

#### Accident First of Its Kind in the Anthracite Region and is Unexplained.

Ten miners were suffocated by CO<sub>2</sub> and sulphur fumes from a small locomotive in the workings of the Summit Branch Coal Company at Williamstown, near Harrisburg, Pa.

The dead are W. M. Golden, assistant superintendent; George Raldis, master mechanic; John Kurney, Joseph Punch, Enoch Morgan, Albert Nau, Fred James, Adam Scoppenheimer, John Froedrich, Samuel Froedrich. The accident was one of the most peculiar that ever happened in the anthracite mines, and so far it is unexplained, according to mine experts.

The tunnel in which the disaster occurred is one mile in length, and is used by the coal company to convey the coal mined in the workings in the Bear valley to the breaker in the Williams valley. The men employed in the mines in the Bear valley, who reside in Williamstown, have made a practice for years to ride to and from their work on the trips of cars that are hauled between the two valleys by small locomotives.

About 4 o'clock in the afternoon General Inside Foreman Golden and about 10 miners boarded a loaded trip which was about to be hauled from Bear valley to Williamstown. Everything went all right until about half the journey was made, when some of the men attracted the attention of the engineer, who at once stopped, and it was found that nearly every man in the party on the car had been overcome by the gas and sulphur which emanated from the stack of the locomotive and floated back over them.

The engineer crowded on all steam possible and the unconscious men were hurried to the Williamstown end of the tunnel with all the speed possible.

Here help was summoned and the men were taken to the surface, where a corps of physicians made every effort to resuscitate them. Aid came too late for Foreman Golden and the other victims.

The tunnel has been in constant operation for more than 40 years, and this is the first accident of any kind that has happened in it. It is perfectly free from mine gases and the ventilation is so perfect and the air current so strong and steady that besides being used for hauling cars the tunnel has formed one of the intakes that furnish air to the mines. No trouble has ever been experienced before from gas from the small mine locomotives and the officials are entirely at sea as to the cause of the tragedy this evening.

### OHIO DEMOCRATS.

#### State Ticket Nominated—Delegates to National Convention Uninstructed.

The Democrats, at their State convention in Columbus, nominated the following ticket:

Secretary of State—A. P. Sandies, Ottawa.

Judge of Supreme Court—Philip J. Renner, Cincinnati.

Clerk of Supreme Court—Perry M. Mahaffy, Cambridge.

Dairy and Food Commissioner—Quentin M. Gravatt, Wooster.

Member of Board of Public Works—William H. Ferguson, Springfield.

Electors-at-Large—John A. McDowell, Millersburg, and A. J. Pearson, Woodfield.

The following are the National delegates-at-large:

William S. Thomas, Springfield.

John A. Mahon, Dayton.

Charles P. Salen, Cleveland.

Edward H. Moore, Youngstown.

The alternates-at-large are: William H. Decker, Paulding.

John Sheenan, Cincinnati.

Joseph A. Phelps, Columbus.

David L. Rockwell, Ravenna.

### M. P. General Conference.

With enthusiastic approval the Methodist Protestant conference received the proposition for church union, embracing their denomination, the Congregationalists and the United Brethren. A committee of 50 was appointed to take the matter under immediate consideration that decisive action may be had before the end of the conference. The conference unanimously endorsed the inter-church movement for uniform laws on marriage and divorce, and authorized a committee of three to represent the denomination in this regard. Rev. Dr. M. T. Jennings, of Pittsburg, was re-elected editor of the "Methodist Recorder," and Rev. Dr. C. E. Wilbur, of Pittsburg, was re-elected editor of the Sunday school publications of the denomination.

### Anju Destroyed.

The Russians on May 15 made a sudden attack upon the town of Anju, Korea, from the village of Hatchichien, and captured the town, destroying it. The Japanese garrison set fire to the houses and retired in perfect order.

### After Russian Raiders.

A Japanese force is marching in the direction of Gensan to deal with the Russian raiders in Northern Korea. A company of Japanese from Fusan yesterday routed a company of Cossacks at Sementsu.

## SURVEYS IN 25 YEARS.

### What the United States Geological Bureau Has Done.

The United States Geological Survey has just passed its quarter-century mark, and in celebration of the event has prepared a monograph of the achievements by it during that period which monograph is to be distributed in connection with the Government exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition.

Since the establishment of the survey a complete topographic map has been made of 929,850 square miles of the area of the United States. In other words, the survey has finished the mapping of 26 per cent. of the area of the country, including Alaska, or 31 per cent. excluding Alaska. This great map, of which nearly one-third has been completed, has necessarily been published in the form of an atlas. The completed part consists of 1,327 atlas sheets, printed in three colors from color-plate engravings.

The topographic maps of the survey have greatly expedited investigations made by cities of their water supply and have been of the highest value to railway companies and State highway bureaus.

The geologic mapping of surface formations has been extended over about 17,000 square miles, and 100 geologic folios have been published, while nearly an equal number are in various stages of preparation. Each of these folios present a practically complete history of the topography, geology and mineral resources of the area described in them.

Perhaps the immediate value of the survey's work to the people is best shown by the aid it renders in developing the mineral resources and in forwarding important engineering projects. The investigation of the mining geology of Leadville, Col., has, for instance, guided exploration and secured economical mining in a district that has produced between \$200,000,000 and \$300,000,000 in metals. It has also taught the mining engineer and the miner the practical importance of geologic study in their work.

### OLD OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

#### Amalgamated Convention Adjourned After Three Weeks' Session.

After having been in session for nearly three weeks in Cleveland, the thirty-ninth annual convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers adjourned, after re-electing Theodore J. Shaffer as president and choosing Detroit as the next convention city.

The other officers were re-elected as follows: Secretary-treasurer, John Williams, Pittsburg; assistant secretary, M. F. Tighe, Pittsburg; editor and manager Amalgamated Association Journal, Ben I. Davis, Pittsburg; Elias Jenkins, Youngstown; John J. Hagen, Piqua, O.; delegate to the convention of the American Federation of Labor, Daniel E. Sullivan, Oakland, Cal.

### ACTION ON DIVORCE.

#### Presbyterian Church Takes Action on Remarriage of the Divorced.

By a vote of 262 to 24 the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States wiped out that part of the report of the special committee on marriage and divorce, which advised Presbyterian ministers to refuse to marry any person whose marriage is forbidden by the church of which the person is a member. The committee had formulated this provision to help promote the work of the inter-church conference on marriage and divorce, which takes in 13 denominations.

The remainder of the report was adopted. It enjoins all ministers under the assembly's authority to refuse to marry divorced persons save those who have been divorced on grounds recognized as Scriptural.

### M. E. General Conference.

J. R. Day, Chancellor of the Syracuse University was the eighth of the new bishops elected by the M. E. General Conference, but he declined the office. The ballot taken for missionary bishops resulted in the election of Dr. I. B. Scott, of Louisiana (colored) as missionary bishop to Africa, and Dr. W. F. Oldham and Dr. K. E. Robinson as additional missionary bishops in Southern Asia. The conference finally disposed of the question as to whether the Methodist church would return to the rule of limiting the tenure of pastorate, by adopting resolutions that no change be made in the rule adopted four years ago, which provides for an unlimited tenure.

### Banker Plant a Suicide.

Robert H. Plant, president of the First National bank, of Macon, Ga., and owner of the I. C. Plant's Sons bank, both recently placed in the hands of a receiver, committed suicide. He had been ill for two months, and the collapse of the two financial institutions occurred in one week. The Plant banking institutions are the oldest in the city. The receiver of the private bank has reported a deficit of more than \$44,000. Mr. Plant, in addition to being identified with various manufacturing and commercial enterprises, was well known throughout the State for his horse racing and his years have raced in the Grand circuit. Mr. Plant had life insurance of more than \$1,000,000, of which about \$800,000 was for the benefit of his creditors.

### Claims Against Mexico for \$7,500,000.

Attorneys representing the Bonzack Company of Virginia, have appealed to the State department to prefer a claim against the Mexican government for \$7,500,000 and the case is under consideration, with the prospects that it will be referred to the ambassador for preliminary report. The company's claim is based upon the use by Mexican companies of its patent for manufacturing cigarettes, and it is alleged that the supreme court of Mexico has denied justice in this matter.

## THE NATIONAL GAME.

### Bob Emalle is in his fifteenth year as umpire.

### Jack Cronin is pitching great ball for Brooklyn.

### This is Tenney's tenth year with the Boston Nationals.

### Geler is doing splendid work for the Boston Nationals.

### Charley Zimmer says he likes umpiring even better than ball playing.

### Pitcher Jack Pfeister, late of Pittsburg, has signed with the Omaha Club.

### Indefatigable 'Gene Demontreville, late of the St. Louis team, has signed with Atlanta.

### Lajoie has the poorest fielding average of any of the second basemen. Ferris leads.

### There are no exhibition games allowed among the minor league clubs this season.

### Frank Selee says the club that beats out the New York Giants this season will win the pennant.

### Cromley, the Georgetown pitcher, who shut out Princeton, Yale and Harvard, has joined Indianapolis.

### Pitcher Bill Kennedy, of last season's Pittsburg team, has signed with the independent Piqua (Ohio) team.

### Rube Waddell is the winning pitcher of the American League this season, and 'Iron Man' McGinnity leads the Nationals.

### Derlin, the New York National, is yielding the stick with telling effect, and young McGinnity is not far behind in this respect.

### The new rule allowing two coaches on the lines has been tried for some time, and from all accounts has been well received by players and patrons.

### Michael Lynch, the Brown University pitcher who has been sought after by nearly all the clubs in the National and American Leagues, has signed with Pittsburg.

### Korean Navy One Boat.

A Philadelphian recently on a tour of the world passed nearly a month in Korea, and gives this summary of the military and naval resources of "the land of the morning calm." "I was amused," he said, "by the serious way in which the Korean officials spoke of their navy. At Chemulpo I saw the navy pass. It consisted of a single steamer, which had formerly been a collier, and it was armed with two old