

THIRTEEN PERISH IN MINE

Explosion Occurs in Shaft Near DuBois, Pa.

ONE MAN WAS BADLY INJURED

Mine Officials Believe that a Blast of Powder Was Cause of the Explosion.

Twelve men were killed and one man was badly hurt by an explosion of powder in the mine of the Jefferson & Clearfield Coal and Iron Company at Clearfield, Pa.

The dead are: George Kirkwood, leaves widow and six children; Adam Kirkwood, leaves widow and four children; Joe Lodna, leaves widow and five children; Frank Schrum, leaves widow and three children; Augustus Westacovich, single; Martin Westacovich, married; Nick Promensky, single; John Promensky, leaves widow and three children; John Hopkins, George Tansky, Lela Lote, John Tholl and Martin Rosack.

Harry Mohney had his arms and legs broken. Supt. Fleming, with a party, entered the mine, but rescue work was slow, as the brattice work had been blown down and had to be replaced as they proceeded. At midnight the rescuers found Harry Mohney, a morman. He was unconscious and did not revive until morning, when he was taken to the Adrain hospital.

It was not until 9 o'clock next morning that any of the dead were found. An examination of the bodies indicated that death had come instantly. Until the official investigation has been made it cannot be said what caused the explosion. The mining officials are emphatic in the assertion that it was not caused by gas. It is claimed that this shaft was exceptionally free from gas. It is the theory of the officials that a charge of powder caused the disaster. Fire Boss Rue was in the west heading, near where the explosion took place, 35 minutes before it occurred, and says there was not the slightest indication of the presence of gas. Thirty-two men were working in the mine when the explosion let loose. Those who were uninjured had no difficulty in reaching the surface.

STRIKERS RESTRAINED

Federal Court Issues Injunction Against Chicago Teamsters.

For the first time in Chicago since the strike of the American Railway Union in 1894, the government of the United States has been made a party to labor troubles. The government was brought into the teamsters' strike by the issuance of an injunction by Judge C. C. Kohlsaat of the United States circuit court. The writ was asked in behalf of the Employers' Teaming association, on the grounds that the organization is incorporated under the laws of West Virginia and is therefore under the protection of the federal court.

The federal court order commands that all defendants refrain from any interference with the business of the Employers' Teaming association, and commands the strikers to refrain from picketing, massing in streets with intent to interfere with the wagons of the complainant, and from interfering in any manner with non-union men in its employment.

The injunction exerted a pacifying influence, and there was less rioting in the streets. Twelve arrests were made for interference with the injunction.

Young Lawyers in Pistol Duel.

R. L. Leatherwood and W. A. Denison, prominent young lawyers, engaged in a pistol duel in the street at Birmingham, Ala. Ten shots were fired, a negro drayman being wounded. He will probably recover. Leatherwood is in jail. The shooting grew out of a feud, which began last year by each of the participants reporting the other to the State Bar Association for alleged violation of legal ethics.

KILLED IN A TEXAS BRAWL

Hon. John M. Pinckney and Three Others Fatally Shot.

While a mass meeting was in progress at Hempstead, Tex., to enforce the local option law and preserve the peace, Capt. Brown and Rollin Brown started a shooting affray, and in a moment guns were going all over the house. There has been very bad feeling for some time past growing out of the prohibition election.

Two men are dead, two others are certain to die, and two more are wounded. The streets are filled with armed men, but the letting of blood seems to have had a sobering effect and there may be no further trouble. The dead are:

Congressman John M. Pinckney, one of the prohibition leaders, and Capt. Brown, who is alleged to have started the shooting. The fatally wounded are: Tom Pinckney, a brother of the congressman, and John Mills, one of the Pinckneys' friends. Doc Thomkins and Rollin Brown, a son of Capt. Brown, are in their homes wounded, but how badly has not been determined.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

At a meeting of the directors of the Washah Company, held in New York, Frederick A. Delano was elected vice president in charge of all the Washah-Pittsburg Terminal companies.

The banking house of J. L. and A. L. Kelley of Cambridge Springs, Pa., failed to open its doors Friday morning, causing much surprise, as the institution was supported w w b b b institution was supposed to be in good shape.

BUSINESS IS BROADENING

Jobbers Experience Good Spring Trade, Manufacturers Receive Large Orders for Fall Shipment.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Business broadens in a wholesale manner, and the most encouraging indication regarding the future is the scarcity of labor disputes. These controversies are usually most numerous on May 1, but this year no serious trouble is threatened, and one beneficent result is the expanding activity in the building trades. Jobbers have experienced a good spring trade, and manufacturers are now receiving large contracts for fall shipment, while retail sales are of satisfactory volume, except at a few points where inclement weather has temporarily retarded distribution.

Activity at the interior is evidenced by the increased transfers thither of silver dollars and subsidiary silver by the treasury, crop prospects being well maintained despite excessive cold in a few sections. Railway traffic continues very heavy, earnings for April thus far exceeding the same period last year by 10.7 per cent, while foreign commerce at this port for the last week shows a gain of \$3,834,447 in value of merchandise imported, and an increase of \$1,947,559 in exports as compared with 1904. Mercantile collections show further improvement and money remains abundant and easy.

Current conditions and prospects for the future are both extremely satisfactory in the iron and steel industry. Several new plants have been completed and others repaired and put in operation. Two lines of distribution are particularly overwhelmed with business—railway equipment and structural steel.

Textile industries continue to make encouraging progress. Condition of cotton goods in primary markets has not been depressed by the weakness of the raw material, the situation exhibiting more inherent strength than for many seasons. Woolen goods are quiet, duplicate orders not yet arriving from clothiers, but quotations are readily maintained particularly as the new wool has begun to move without any depressing effect.

The domestic iron situation shows little change, but is perhaps a shade steeper with some producers refusing to fully meet the recent declines.

DEATH OF FITZHUGH LEE

End Comes at Hospital in Washington Following Attack of Apoplexy.

Brig.-Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, United States army, retired, former consul general at Havana, and famous in the civil and Spanish-American wars, having been a major-general in the Confederate army, died at Providence hospital, Washington from a stroke of apoplexy, with which he was attacked early in the morning on a train from Boston.

After General Lee had been removed to the hospital it was evident to the attending physicians that his case was very serious, but they believed his strong vitality and will power would assist materially in a partial recovery at least from the attack. His condition remained fair during the day, but shortly after 9 o'clock he began to grow weaker, his breathing became more rapid and his pulse, terminating in less than two hours in death. The end was peaceful and without pain. The General remaining conscious until within five minutes of his death.

Gen. Lee was 68 years old, and always had enjoyed robust health. However, he had an exceptionally active life, being a veteran of three wars. Since he took up the work of the Jamestown exposition he had made his official residence in Norfolk.

CHADWICK SALE CRUSH

Bargain Counter Crowd Gathers and Police Are Called.

A frenzied auction-mood crowd gathered at the Knickerbocker Art Galleries, New York, where the sale of the effects belonging to Cassie L. Chadwick is in progress. Police were summoned to abate the crush. It was like a bargain day at a big dry goods store.

LEAVES UNION PACIFIC.

George Gould Resigns from Directorate to Build Competing Line.

George J. Gould, president of the Missouri Pacific and head of the Gould system of railroads, resigned membership in the executive committee of the board of directors of the Union Pacific, and also as a director of that company. Mr. Gould's action follows the successful underwriting of the \$50,000,000 Western Pacific railway bonds, the Western Pacific being the Gould extension to San Francisco, this road paralleling the Central Pacific at a distance varying from 150 to 50 miles all the way from Salt Lake City to San Francisco.

Mr. Gould has been a member of the Missouri Pacific directorate for a number of years, but, owing to the fact that his Missouri Pacific was in many ways a competitor of the Union Pacific, he abstained from any official action in the Union Pacific's affairs. His position, however, with the Union Pacific has been anomalous, and it was to put an end to such a situation that he resigned.

ASTOR TO HAVE AERIAL YACHT

Pleasure Aircraft is Being "uilt for the New York Millionaire.

Col. John Jacob Astor, head of the Astor family in America, expects soon to have the first pleasure airship ever built and used. Col. Astor has just received word from Santos Dumont that he has solved the difficulties in the way of making a perfectly safe dirigible airship; that work on the craft is well under way, and that Mr. Astor will have it as soon as it is ready to take to the air in earnest.

OVER A MILLION TAKEN

President of Milwaukee Bank is Big Defaulter.

GOT INTO THE MARKETS WRONG

Confesses to Bank Directors That He Embezzled \$1,450,000 for Speculation in Wheat.

Frank G. Bigelow, president of the First National bank of Milwaukee, was arrested charged with the embezzlement of over \$1,000,000 of the bank's funds. The arrest of Mr. Bigelow followed his confession to the directors of the bank that he was a defaulter to the extent of \$1,450,000. Following Mr. Bigelow's confession he was removed from the presidency of the bank and the facts in the case were laid before the federal authorities.

The complaint was sworn to by United States District Attorney H. K. Butterfield. It charges that Bigelow, as president of the First National bank embezzled a sum exceeding \$1,000,000. A complaint and a warrant identical with those in Bigelow's case, were made out for Henry G. Goll, assistant cashier of the bank, but Goll could not be found. President Bigelow was taken before United States Commissioner Bloodgood. Bail was fixed at \$25,000, and he was released to appear before the next federal grand jury.

President Bigelow's confession was made at a special meeting of the board of directors Saturday evening. He met with the directors yesterday and all last night. In addressing his fellow directors President Bigelow said he had a painful statement to make, a confession that he had misdirected the funds of his bank and that an examination of his books and a comparison of figures would show that he was indebted to the bank for more than \$1,450,000. This money, he said, had been lost in speculation in wheat and stocks. Not a dollar of it could be recovered, and the only sum he could offer toward compensating the bank was personal securities valued at \$300,000.

In making this statement to the directors of the bank, Mr. Bigelow said he had been involved in speculation in Wall street several months ago. More recently he had been a persistent bull in the wheat market, and recent losses in grain had been added to heavy reverses in Wall street. From small manipulations of the bank's funds he had extended the defalcations until his shortage had passed the \$1,000,000 mark. He saw no possibility of returning the money, and therefore confessed his actions.

Russian Losses at Mukden.

An exact statement of the losses in all categories in the battle of Mukden from February 19 to March 14, shows that the Russian losses amounted to two generals who were taken prisoner, 1,985 staff and other officers and 87,567 men, of whom the greatest part, about 55,000, were wounded. Gen. Karkevitch, the chief of staff, calculates that other losses aside from wounded were as follows: 15,000 killed, 7,000 to 8,000 known to be missing, of whom several thousands were drivers, sanitary and commissariat corps employees and other non-combatants.

ORDERS 250 LOCOMOTIVES

B. & O. Awards Contracts Involving More Than \$4,000,000.

Official announcement was made by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company of contracts being closed for 250 locomotives, which will cost more than \$4,000,000. The American Locomotive company has received the contract to build 210 consolidation type freight locomotives, and 35 Pacific type passenger locomotives. Burnham, Williams & Company (Baldwin Locomotive works) received the contract for five switching locomotives.

The contracts call for the beginning of delivery in August and all are to be delivered by December 1.

INJUNCTION GRANTED

Greater Pittsburg Bill Will be Tested in Courts.

The supreme court of Pennsylvania will determine the constitutionality of the Cook Greater Pittsburg bill. Ex-Gov. William A. Stone filed a bill in equity asking for a preliminary injunction restraining the mayor of Pittsburg and other city officials from filing in the common pleas court of Allegheny county, a petition for an order for a special election for the purpose of ascertaining the views of the citizens on a proposition to consolidate the cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny. The injunction was granted this afternoon. The case will be heard by the court during the week beginning May 8 next. A decision may be expected before June 1.

Czar Promises an Assembly.

"My will regarding the convocation of representatives of the people is unswerving, and the minister of the interior is making every effort for its speedy realization." Emperor Nicholas, receiving in audience at Tsarskoe Selo Sunday the marshal of nobility of Kostroma, a government of middle Russia, directed that the above message be communicated to the nobility of Kostroma.

Castro Touring Venezuela.

For the first time since he advanced himself to the head of the Venezuelan government six years ago President Castro is making a tour in the interior of the republic. Remote villages and cities formerly unknown to the president are to be visited by him on this excursion, which includes many days of travel on horseback and on small steamers along practically unexplored portions of the Apure and Orinoco rivers. President Castro left Caracas by train on April 12.

WEATHER RETARDS CROPS

Too Much Rain in Texas and Drouth in Other States.

The weekly summary of crop conditions, issued by the weather bureau, is as follows: In nearly all districts east of the Rocky mountains the week ending April 24 averaged decidedly cool and was unfavorable for germination and growth. Rains interrupted work in Texas, Arkansas, Northern Mississippi, Oklahoma, Colorado and Northern Indiana, while drouth is becoming serious in Central and Eastern Missouri and rain is needed in Montana, the Dakotas and New England. Rather slow progress with corn planting was made during the week, except in Missouri and Kansas, where this work advanced satisfactorily. Preparations for planting have been actively carried on in Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois. Further cast sown have been planted northward of the Ohio river. The cool weather has proved injurious to corn in the Southwest much having been killed in the South Atlantic and East Gulf States by the frost of the 17th. While the growth of winter wheat has not been rapid, the condition of the crop continues promising in all districts. Spring wheat seeding is now well advanced in the northern portion of the spring wheat region, and is practically finished in the central and southern portions. Germination and growth of the early sown have been very slow, and some injury has resulted from freezing in South Dakota and Nebraska. Cuts also need warm weather to promote growth, which has been generally slow, but on the whole the outlook for this crop is favorable. Seeding is well advanced in the more northerly sections, except in the northern portion of the Middle Atlantic States and New England, where slow progress has been made. Fruit prospects have been further lessened during the past week throughout the Ohio valley, East Gulf States and on the Atlantic coast south of New England, peaches suffering most. In the States of the Upper Missouri Valley and in the lake region and New England the fruit outlook is more promising.

PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICANS

State Convention Nominates Candidates and Adopts Platform.

The Republican state convention met in Harrisburg for the purpose of nominating three candidates for the Superior Court and one candidate for state treasurer. The renomination of the Superior Court Judges, Charles E. Rice, of Luzerne; George B. Orady, of Huntingdon, and James A. Beaver of Center, and the nomination of J. Lee Plummer, of Blair, for state treasurer, were generally conceded weeks ago, and they had no opposition when the convention met. It was the largest state convention the Republicans have ever held. The platform applauds the administration of President Roosevelt; commends the action of the fifty-eighth congress in making liberal appropriation for the navy, and expresses appreciation of part taken in congress by the Senators and Representatives from the Commonwealth. Senator Penrose is thanked for his ability and skill as an organizer in the conduct of the state campaign. Governor Pennypacker is praised for his honesty, independence and wisdom, and the legislature is commended for the many wise and discreet enactments during the session. The platform further says: We congratulate the people upon the successful management of the state finances under Republican administration. The most of our revenue is derived from the taxation of corporations. The Republican party repealed the state tax on real estate and on horses and cattle. The only property now taxed for state purposes in money at interest. No other state has such a record.

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Secretary Hay Doing Well.

The Associated Press has received a private dispatch from Bad Nauheim saying that the condition of Secretary of State Hay is very good. Mr. Hay took his second thermal bath and drove out after lunch.

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MINERS DROPPED TO DEATH

Cage of Delaware and Hudson Co. Shaft Falls 400 Feet.

THE CATCHER FAILED TO WORK

The Bodies Were Horribly Mangled and Entangled in a Mass of Debris.

Ten miners fell to their death in the Conyngham shaft of the Delaware and Hudson Coal Co., near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., through the breaking of a hoisting rope.

The shaft is nearly 1,000 feet, and the men were being lowered to their work when the accident occurred. All were dashed to the bottom, a mangled mass of flesh and bone. Mine officials from the surrounding territory and others hurried to the scene. Crowds of excited persons gathered around the mouth of the shaft and the usual heartrending scenes were enacted by women and children.

The mine cage was the third to be lowered. Engineer William Cunningham was at the throttle, and ten men, miners and their laborers, boarded the cage. The engineer says the machinery was working perfectly, and that he had his engine under control and slowed down to stop at the Hillman vein landing, 350 feet from the surface. Without warning the rope snapped and the carriage with its human load dropped 400 feet to the Baltimore vein.

A rescue party lowered on the other side of the shaft found the bodies mangled in a horrible manner. There were several hundred men in the mine at the time of the accident but they escaped from the shaft through other openings.

Supt. Foote says he is at a loss to account for the accident. An examination of the rope was made before the first careful of workmen was lowered into the mine, and it was found to be all right. The carriage had all the safety appliances and its speed should have been checked before it reached the bottom, but as far as can be learned the "catcher" did not work.

Eight of the dead were Poles and two others English-speaking miners. Charles Hoebel and Frank Barney are the names of the English-speaking miners who were killed.

This is the third accident of a similar nature that has occurred in the Wyoming region within six months. In each case the rope attached to the carriage broke and the men on the vehicle were dashed to the bottom of the shaft and instantly killed.

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ARABS ON THE WARPATH

Tire of Turkish Yoke and Are in Rebellion.

The situation in Turkish Arabia has become critical. It develops that only a thousand of the Turkish troops sent to the relief of Riza Pasha reached Sanaa, and these fled thither after sustaining a defeat at the hands of the insurgents.

Riza Pasha's troops, 6,000 strong, encountered the Arabs in great force five miles south of Sanaa on March 30, and after a sharp encounter most of the troops consisting of Syrian reserves, laid down their arms or deserted, the remainder of the Turkish managing to reach Sanaa the same evening with only 50 camel loads of supplies.

The chief-of-staff, Izzat Pasha, was killed and seven guns were abandoned and taken possession of by the Arabs, who also captured 200 camels laden with provisions and large quantities of rifles and ammunition.

TRAIN THROWN INTO RIVER

One Killed and Seven Injured in West Virginia—Ten Hurt in Ohio.

A passenger train struck a tree at Cass, W. Va., and the entire train was thrown into the river, 30 feet below. Engineer C. H. Dean was killed and Fireman Culp badly injured. Five passengers were slightly hurt and one probably fatally, Ulrich Byard of Marlinton.

A westbound passenger train was wrecked, near Marion, O., by running through a "derail," while going about 20 miles an hour. Six passengers were slightly hurt.

CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

The sultan's third brother, Ahmed Kemal, is dead.

A long and heavy earthquake shock was experienced at Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Mrs. Antoinette Tolla was convicted at Hockensack, N. J., of first degree murder for the killing of Joseph Sonta.

Miss Alice Pearburn, of New York, 25 years of age, fell from an upper window of the Hotel De Ville at Florence, dying immediately.

In the running down of a street car by a Chicago and Northwestern railroad freight engine near Onalaska, Wis., 10 persons were seriously injured.

At Jackson, Mich., fire destroyed the Whittington & Cooley trip hammer shop within the State prison walls, causing a loss of about \$75,000.

In a battle with burglars at Lancaster, Ont., Herman von Metzke, teller of the Merchants bank, shot and killed one of the outlaws.

An alleged shortage of \$39,000 exists in the office of the tax collector of Los Angeles and Edward F. Smith, the collector, has been suspended from office.

The Pressed Steel Car Company has declared its regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. on preferred stock, payable May 24, to stockholders of record May 3. Books will close May 3 and reopen May 24.

Robbers blew open the safe in the postoffice at Northeast, Pa., and secured \$200 in cash and \$200 in stamps. They made their escape.

Harry Williams, eight years old, was killed by a Baltimore and Ohio railroad train at Belleair, W. Va. The body of William Wood was found in a meadow near Meadville, Pa. A bullet hole in the head and a revolver lying at his side told the story of self destruction. Wood was about 35 years old.

James Fleming, of Wheeling, W. Va., was found dead in the rear of a saloon at Toronto, O. His remains are being held awaiting a claimant.

Charles Bernhardt, a German miner, was crushed to death by a fall of slate in a Barnhill mine near Dennison, O. Germany gave notice to the United States that the tariff agreement between the two nations would end March 1, 1906. This was done to exclude America from advantages under treaties with other nations.

Engineer James McClain and Brake-man W. N. Duncan were killed in a wreck on the Big Four railroad near Indianapolis, Ind.

The remains of Roy Spink, of Akron, O., were found in the Cuyahoga river at Cleveland. He was 21 years old and disappeared from his home on January 7.

Naval Cadets Disabled.

Fifteen members of the second class at the naval academy, who will come up for graduation next year have been found physically disqualified, but will be allowed to remain with the class until the examination next year, as it is believed the majority will have overcome their disqualification by that time.

Earthquake Victims.

The lieutenant-governor of the Punjab, in the course of a public address on behalf of the earthquake fund, stated that he hoped the deaths by the earthquake had not exceeded 15,000, but within the affected area, 700 square miles, with a population of 250,000, nearly every building had collapsed or been rendered uninhabitable.

Wins Estate Worth 40,000.

After a long legal battle Louise Jordan Miln, of London, England, has won possession of real estate in Chicago valued at \$40,000, remaining from the estate of her father, Dr. Thomas M. Jordan. A decree giving Mrs. Miln title to the property was issued by Judge Kavanagh in the Superior court. Heirs of Mrs. Miln residing in England will share in the distribution of the property.

KEYSTONE STATE

BOY SHOT

Prisoners Claim They Kill Boy, but to Free Them.

While driving a trolley in Orlando Colley, a contractor, John McCoy, a 14-year-old boy, Hopwood, jump on the rear of the trolley, and a moment later passed in the opposite direction. Colley heard a shot. The boy jumped down, ran around the trolley and said he was shot. A moment later he fell dead. T. officers at Uniontown were at once notified and it was learned that the wagon was driven by Paul Fascetti and Michael Fee, Italians, who were arrested. Fascetti is said to have admitted the shooting, but said he fired to scare McCoy and some other boy who had been throwing stones.

Governor Pennypacker approved the bill authorizing policemen in boroughs to hold the office of constable. The Governor vetoed the following bills: Prohibiting the practice of denistry by unlicensed persons and prescribing a penalty of \$500 or six months' imprisonment for its violation; providing that when a bridge over a river between two counties shall be built by the County Commissioners jointly with the board of public grounds and buildings the cost shall be paid one-half by the Commonwealth and one-half of the counties; amending the act of 1889 relative to the Government of third-class cities, by providing the method by which boroughs may become cities.

A high record in the price of Fayette county coal lands was established when a deal went through for the sale to the Struthers Furnace company, of Struthers, O., of 240 acres of coal. The price paid was \$1,200 an acre. Small tracts have been disposed of at a rate higher than this, but no large acreage has sold at such a figure. For this coal a shaft 400 feet deep must be sunk, thus adding greatly to the usual cost of mining it. This coal was purchased 10 years ago for less than \$75 per acre.

Barriaging himself in the upper story of a tenement house at Minersville to escape policemen who were trying to arrest him for shooting at his wife and 2-year-old baby, Joseph Sarcoski, held several hundred persons at bay from 7 o'clock at night until next day. He fired many shots from a window,