

COAL MINERS WERE KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION

One Man Escapes By Being Blown Out of the Mine.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY OTHERS ARE DESTROYED

Flames Now Issuing From the Shafts and Vent Holes Make It Probable That All of the Miners Met Almost Instant Death—Rescue Parties Are Unable to Make Any Headway on Account of the Gas and Heat.

(By Associated Press.) Knoxville, Tenn., May 19.—A special to the Sentinel says the Fraterville and Thistle coal mines at Coal Creek, Tenn., exploded this morning.

Only one man escaped, he being blown out of the mine.

About 300 men were at work in the mines. Flames are now issuing from mouths and vent holes.

George N. Camp, superintendent of the mines, gave a statement estimating the number of killed in both mines at 150. No one has been rescued.

The Fraterville coal mine is located in Anderson county, Tenn. It is owned by the Coal Creek Coal company, of which Maj. E. C. Camp of this city is president and general manager.

This is the oldest mine in the district. A large area has been developed and worked.

The Coal Creek seam is struck by this mine, the hardest vein averaging 45 feet in thickness.

Fraterville has been considered one of the safest mines in the Coal Creek belt.

A special to the Sentinel says: Two rescuing parties were started into the Thistle and Fraterville mine entrances as soon as possible after the explosion.

The Thistle party was unable to make any headway whatever, as the gas stifled the men almost as soon as they entered the shaft.

The Fraterville party went as far as the "Piercing of the Ways" into the mine, where a heavy fall of slate was encountered.

Further progress into the mine and made it impossible at present to do anything.

The intense heat indicates that the mine is on fire.

At 11 o'clock there was no longer any question but that the Thistle miners also suffered in the disaster.

At 1:30 o'clock one man was taken from the mouth of the Fraterville mine. He was an unrecognizable mass of flesh.

The staff physician of the Knoxville Sentinel, who is at Coal Creek, Tenn., wires the following:

"As the result of an explosion in the Fraterville coal mines, two miles west of town, at 7:30 o'clock this morning, probably between 200 and 300 persons have been killed."

POLICEMAN SAVES A MAN FROM EVIDENT ROBBER

Joseph Nugent is Arrested for Assaulting and Attempting to Rob

James C. Burns.

Joseph Nugent assaulted James C. Burns this morning in the saloon on Front street, and was in the act of robbing his man of a purse containing \$50 when Policeman Ed. Hamilton appeared on the scene and placed Nugent under arrest.

According to Policeman Hamilton he was walking along Front street when he heard loud cries for help coming from the direction of the saloon.

At the saloon door the man who had been rushed from the saloon door to seek help.

When Hamilton entered the place he found two men rolling on the floor.

He had beaten his man almost into unconsciousness and was feeling in his pockets with the evident intention of robbing him.

Hamilton arrested Nugent, who admitted having assaulted Burns, but denied that he had tried to rob him.

Nugent is considered a desperate character. Burns had \$50 in gold on him when rescued, besides a gold watch and other valuables.

ENGLISH TOURISTS ARE DROWNED IN IRELAND

Nine of Them, Including Four Boatmen and Four Women, Tip Over in Lake Killarney.

(By Associated Press.)

London, May 19.—Nine English tourists, including four women and four boatmen, were drowned yesterday in the upsetting of a boat on the lakes of Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland, during a squall.

A train near Glasgow was derailed this morning. There was no loss of life, but numbers were injured.

These are the earliest samples of the accidents which usually mark the Whitsuntide bank holidays.

A storm is sweeping over the coast of the United Kingdom. The weather is wet, windy and cold inland and the numbers of "tipplers" were consequently much curtailed, holidaymakers contenting themselves with attending nearby racing events and cricket matches.

The carriage parade in Regent's park today attracted the usual crowds.

Fight in Dublin.

Dublin, May 19.—A county election contest at Galway led to a serious fight there yesterday. Lord Morris led on one side. A dozen men were wounded, some of them sustaining serious injuries.

ABOUT THE WATER CURE

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 19.—During the Philippine investigation before the senate committee today a letter was read from General Hughes denying that he had ever given orders for the water cure, and saying that if such a charge was made he wanted the fullest investigation of it.

Corporal Richard O'Brien, formerly of the Twenty-sixth volunteer infantry, testified that he had never administered the water cure.

He said also that officers visited a Spanish woman at one town.

At Iloilo he said three officers, Major Cook, Captain McDonald and Lieutenant Flumber of Company B became intoxicated at a reception, took off their coats, and seized some of the native women and insisted upon their dancing with them, much to the disgust of the women, who were above the peasant class.

He also said he was not on good terms with his captain.

He said also that at one place a woman with two children was burned to death in

NEWS FROM SCENE OF ST. PIERRE DISASTER

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 19.—Secretary Hay today received the following cablegram from United States Consul McAllister at Barbadoes, dated today:

Sixteen hundred deaths in St. Vincent; 4,000 destitute; immediate wants supplied. Aid needed for six months. This is authentic.

The navy department received the following dispatch from Commander McLean of the "Potomac":

"Fort de France—Water barge not needed. Ashes and volcanic dust falling thickly here; now like thick fog; debris covered."

The "Potomac" is reported to have reached St. Lucia Saturday.

The letter of the French government, transmitted through Ambassador Choate to the secretary of state expressing the thank of that government for the sympathizers in the United States toward the volcanic sufferers was laid before the senate this morning and referred to the committee on foreign relations.

Governor L'Huerre of Martinique has cabled to the colonial secretary, M. de Craiz of Paris, announcing that Mount Pelée continues to throw up immense quantities of cinders, which owing to a change in the direction of the wind are now covering the country districts of the island.

Violent explosions have been heard at Le Carbet. The governor further declared there is no danger of an outbreak on the part of the population of the northern districts of the island, as alleged, owing to the people being out of work.

HEINZE DEFIES THE ORDER OF COURT

MR. WINCHELL, IN HIS AFFIDAVIT, EXPLAINS HIS ATTEMPT TO EXAMINE MINNIE HEALY MINE.

CROSSCUTS BARRED BY HEAVY TIMBER GATES

Observes Men at Work, But Heinze's Representatives Refuse Him Permission to Carry Out the Order of the Court—Gives the Details of the Experiences He Encountered.

Much feeling has been aroused in the city over the barring out of the Minnie Healy mine of the representatives of the plaintiff in the Minnie Healy suit by the defendants in the suit, who have charge of the mine, against the order of Judge Clancy and the supreme court, and the consequent charges of contempt of court lodged against F. Augustus Heinze and his superintendent and foreman, E. H. Wilson and John Kane.

The defendants will have their hearing on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at which there is no further continuance of the matter. The charges of contempt contain a very clear description of the way in which the gentlemen who were empowered by the court to make the examination, survey and inspection, were barred from the workings, laid open to them by the order of the court, by gates.

Report of Geologist.

Geologist H. V. Winchell, in the affidavit made by him on which the contempt charges were brought, describes the way in which he and the other representatives of the plaintiff were shut out of the workings of the Minnie Healy mine, which the order of the courts empowered them to enter, as follows:

"The affiant and the other representatives of the defendant above named were first taken to the sixth and seventh levels of said mine, and saw that several of the workings on said sixth and seventh levels, leading west, had been jagged, bulkheaded and closed, so as to prevent access thereto and prevent an examination or inspection of the workings lying beyond said obstructions.

"That affiant and the said Hayes, Bartlett and assistant were then lowered to the 800-foot level of said Minnie Healy mine. That on said 800-foot level there is a crosscut leading south from said Minnie Healy shaft.

"That affiant and other representatives of defendant last above named proceeded in said crosscut for the purpose of examining the workings and opening in said Minnie Healy mine upon the 800-foot level, specified, and as provided in said order of inspection and examination.

"That after proceeding in said crosscut a distance of 35 feet to the south, affiant and the other representatives of defendant, above named, found a gate constructed of heavy timbers, which completely closed said crosscut, and prevented further entrance thereto. That the said gate prevented access to any openings and workings upon the said 800-foot level of said Minnie Healy mine which may exist therein, and which are included in the terms of such order of survey and inspection. That affiant looked through the said gate and saw, at a distance of about 30 feet south of said gate, a drift leading to the west, and also a drift leading to the east.

Gate Bars Crosscut.

"That there is a track laid in said crosscut from said shaft for the purpose of carrying ore cars, which track extends past said gate to the south, and one branch of said track leads into the said west drift, and one branch into the said east drift. That there was a watchman stationed on the south side of said gate in the said crosscut.

"That there were some cars loaded with ore upon the said track in said crosscut, north of said gate, and also some cars loaded with ore upon the south side of said gate, and that affiant observed a workman push a car loaded with ore through

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Coal Miners' Strike.

Easton, Pa., May 19.—As a result of the anthracite coal miners' strike the 300 men employed at the Lehigh Valley Railroad company's shops here have been put on short time. The Lehigh Valley has taken off all its coal trains.

STORM SWEEPS KANSAS. MO.

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INSANITY REAPPEARS IN A MAN WHO IS DRINKING

Whisky, Imbibed by Mike Johnson, Who Was in an Asylum, Drives Him Insane.

Whisky and a tendency to insanity, when combined, are likely to produce dire results, as is shown in the case of Mike Johnson, who was arrested last night on a charge of insanity preferred by Matthew Beckman, and lodged in the county jail.

Johnson was drinking yesterday, and Beckman told the officers that after he had imbibed a quantity of beer a tendency to insanity which once caused his incarceration in the insane asylum reappeared and he undertook to thrash Beckman and the latter's wife.

Johnson was quiet enough in the county jail this morning, and wanted to be released, but he will be held probably for an examination into his sanity.

Beckman said that Johnson struck him and his wife in the mix-up that occurred before the arrest, and he showed a cut on his face to bear out his statement. Johnson lives near the Pennsylvania mine.

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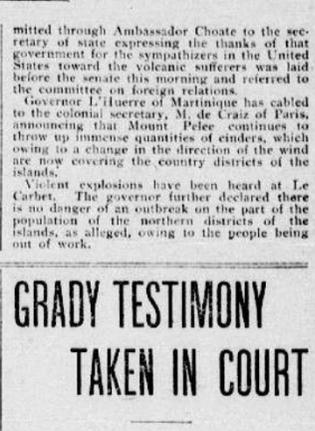
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AFTER NAVAL RECRUITS



SURGEON CRANDALL EXAMINING BUTTE APPLICANTS. (Picture by Ward, Inter Mountain's Staff Photographer.)

Officers Are in Butte Looking for More Boys for Uncle Sam's War Vessels—Surgeon Crandall Tells an Interesting Story, With Two Incidents, of the Sinking of the Viscaya.

"If you enter the starboard side of the Goldberg block today and ask the landman who runs the hoist to take you to the upper deck, where the navy department is a teacher, he will throw you off at the fourth floor, and if you proceed aft through the galley, you will come to room 412, where you will find yourself in the midst of a corps of recruiting officers who are in Butte for more Butte boys to put behind the gun.

Lieutenant Morton's success in Butte induced the department to try it again, and the result is that in the new office with a very small stretch of the imagination you could hear the splash of the waves and the "jar of the twisting screw" on the hurricane deck of the Goldberg; this morning.

The officers in charge are as follows: Lieutenant in command, W. L. Littlefield; chief boatswain, John J. Killen; surgeon, R. Percy Crandall; warrant officer, Frederick Rath; hospital steward, S. W. Hathaway; chief gunners-mate, Stanley Danneberg; apprentice, W. J. Heinzel; yeoman, Carter E. Parker; hospital apprentice, H. F. Toomey.

Lieutenant Littlefield is an officer of wide experience. He was with the cruiser Baltimore under Capt. James M. Forsyth at Manila and was afterwards transferred to the Don Juan de Austria, in which he served during the trouble at China.

Surgeon Crandall has also been active service. He was on the Iowa under Capt. Bob Evans at Santiago, and after the battle he was the Surgeon Crandall who dressed Admiral Cervera's wounds.

It is natural that men who have seen events of such thrilling moment should have a fund of good stories to tell. Many an event, that has not yet crept into print, but which will some day aid to illuminate well-known recent history, is told by the officers with the charm of the sailors' yarn and the easy unaffected air of the tar who has seen real war and smelled the powder in an historic fight.

Sinking of Viscaya.

Among the stories that Surgeon Crandall tells is the following of the surrender of the Viscaya outside Santiago:

"As the fight was nearing a finish, the Viscaya's flag was hauled down and it was construed as a token of surrender.

"To the surprise of our boys, a moment (Continued on Page Three.)

COMMENDS BLUFF OF A BLIND MAN

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PLEASED WITH THE STRATEGIC MOVE BY MR. FITZMAURICE.

NO OBJECTIONS TO THE BILKING ACT FROM HIM

Says a Sightless Person, However Rich, Who Can Successfully Secure Aid Should Be Scolded, Perhaps, But That Is All—Industry Shown by Mr. Neill as a Prosecutor.

Is a blind man who is compelled to support himself excusable for taking a little advantage of the public when he gets a chance?

County commissioners are inclined to think he is. They are impelled to think that a blind man who has energy and shrewdness enough to make his own way in the world should not be regarded too harshly when he steps over the line a little in his dealings.

J. J. Fitzmaurice, a blind man accused of securing \$20 worth of ground rent and groceries from the county, notwithstanding the fact that he has about \$1,000 worth of real estate in the county, is responsible for the view.

Mr. Clark's Views.

Mr. Fitzmaurice has been cut off the list of indigents by the commissioners, but they do not feel very strongly against him for the aid he succeeded in obtaining from them.

"He only got \$20 from us in two years, anyway," said Mr. Clark, chairman of the board, "and I think he is to be praised for taking care of himself the way he did. A blind man who has prudence and energy enough to provide for himself ought to be scolded perhaps, but not turned adrift when he slips a cog. Most of the people who get a cabin and a bill of groceries from the county, begin to rush the growler on the spot and never give a thought to working their way."

Mr. Neill, Prosecutor.

Lawrence Neill is the man who brought the influence of the hustler without sight to the attention of the commissioners, and he is still piling evidence up against the latter. A communication from him to the commissioners states that Fitzmaurice collected money by subscription on account of his infirmity and poverty from several other mines besides those named in a previous report.

He says Fitzmaurice got money from the Minnie Healy, Parrot, Original, Colusa Parrot, Stewart and Speculator, and that Thomas Kigallon said he had collected \$100 from the mine he is superintendent of, and that he got \$91 from the Colusa Parrot.

Neill is the man who complained against Mrs. Curtis and had her put in the asylum. What his interest is in the blind man, who is doing so well, has not been ascertained.

CARDINALS WILL CONFER

Pope Will Not Undertake Personally Work of Philippine Commission.

(By Associated Press.)

Rome, May 19.—As it will be impossible for the pope to undertake the work of the Philippine commission, he will appoint a committee of three Cardinals to confer with the American delegates.

It is thought likely that Cardinals Marinelli, Spicciardi and Visconti Tuto, the last named a Spaniard, will constitute this committee. Mgr. Castelli will act as secretary.

CRAZY LOVER KILLS HIS GIRL AND OTHERS



Child Refused to Marry Him and He Thereupon Began Dealing Out Death.

SIX CORPSES FOUND IN HOUSE SCARCELY COLD

Wanted to Marry a Little Child and When He Was Told No He Committed the Awful Crimes and Ended All by Snuffing Out His Own Life—Madman Went So Far as to Procure a Marriage License.

(By Associated Press.) St. Augustine, Fla., May 19.—Crazed by his infatuation for little Abitha McCulloch, a 13-year-old girl, William Austin, aged 25, today killed the girl and four other persons, and then committed suicide in the farm house of William Wilkinson, near Hastings, 18 miles from St. Augustine.

The deed: WILLIAM WILKINSON, aged 52, MISS ABITHA McCULLOCH, aged 13, MISS WILKINSON, sister of William Wilkinson.

The crime was discovered by John Keller, who found the six corpses scarcely cold, and the only living witness to the tragedy a helpless infant.

Austin had been madly infatuated with the McCulloch girl and it is said, killed the family because his advances were rejected. Austin went to the Wilkinson home Friday night and proposed marriage.

He was rejected, but vowing he would marry the girl, hurried to this city and procured a license.

He went to church on Sunday night and told everyone whom he met that he was to be married that night. About 2 o'clock this morning several pistol shots were heard, but no investigation was made.

When Wilkinson failed to appear at a neighbor's where he was engaged in harvesting a crop of potatoes, John Keller, a farm hand, was sent for him and discovered the tragedy.

POLICE ARE RETICENT REGARDING ANARCHISTS

Probable That Only Two of the Men Accused Will Ever Be Brought to Trial.

(By Associated Press.) Madrid, May 19.—The police here are extremely reticent regarding the discovery of the anarchist plot.

Several of the papers now question whether the arrested men really entertained the intentions attributed to them.

It is said that the authorities on getting an inkling of the purchase of dynamite ordered inquiries made concerning each purchaser and the existence of the conspiracy is thought to have been discovered. Nevertheless the anarchists declare that as a result of the preliminary investigation probably Gabriel Lopez, an employee of an insurance company, and Francisco Suarez, the well-known anarchist, will be brought to trial.

Lopez and Suarez were again confronted today with a result similar to that of yesterday. Lopez declared that Suarez gave him the dynamite cartridges found in his possession and told him to throw them on the road, which passed through the Carrera Sangeronoma.

STATEN ISLAND BOAT COLLIDES WITH YACHT

One Passenger on the Ferry Boat Middletown Was Killed, Causing Much Excitement.

(By Associated Press.) New York, May 19.—The Staten Island ferryboat Middletown was in collision with the steam yacht Athena this morning. The ferryboat's cabin was badly damaged and J. C. Atterburg of New Brighton, Staten Island, a passenger on the Middletown, was killed.

The ferry steamer was loaded with passengers and the collision created a great deal of excitement, but no one else has been reported hurt.

Both vessels were bound up the bay when the yacht suddenly appeared out of the fog and struck the ferryboat on the starboard side, just forward of the mainmast.

The hoistport of the yacht penetrated the ferryboat's cabin and was broken off. Beyond this the yacht apparently sustained no further damage and proceeded on her way. The Athena belongs to Richard Stevens of the New York Yacht club.

Goes to the Pen.

(By Associated Press.) Spokane, May 19.—Jacob Jones, colored, was sentenced by Judge Richardson this morning to 10 years in the penitentiary at Walla Walla. Jones' crime was in attempting to kill his divorced wife, he having fired several shots at her. One bullet struck her in the neck, and for a time it was feared the wound would prove fatal.

Jones says he is an ex-soldier and served 10 years in the United States army.

DEATH DEALING STORM



several houses from their foundations. A Mrs. Williamson was injured.

REBELS GAINING STRENGTH

Colombian Revolutionists Said to Be Concentrating Their Forces.

(By Associated Press.) Kingston, Jamaica, May 19.—The British steamer Para from Colon, which arrived here today, reported that the Colombian rebels are gaining considerable ground in that republic. Their forces are said to be concentrating near Carthagena, and they are reported to be planning an attack on that city and also on Colon and Panama.

The officers of the Para say that reliable information was received in Colon to the effect that the revolutionists are in possession of a large tract of country; that they hold several interior towns and are gaining strength steadily in consequence of the government's conservative taxation.

STRIKE IN NEW JERSEY.

(By Associated Press.) Paterson, N. J., May 19.—Every dye house in Paterson was closed today as a result of the order of last week for a general strike. The strikers will send representatives to the Pennsylvania towns where silk skein dyeing is done and to Petersburg, Va., with a view of bringing into the union the men working in the dye houses there.

The survivors of the storm are too dazed to estimate the property loss, but a strip of the town two blocks wide and one mile long was swept away. The damage is heavy.

Dead and dying animals are mixed with the debris that marks the path of the storm. The injured are being cared for by nurses who arrived on special trains late last night.

The storm which swept Goliad destroyed much property in other portions, but so far as known no lives were lost. Shortly after noon the storm struck Antonio, and demolished the property to the extent of \$75,000 and injured several persons, none seriously. Austin also suffered considerable property loss.

At Mineola, a windstorm, followed by rain, uprooted hundreds of shade trees and blew