



EXPLOSION ENTOMBS MANY MINERS.

ANOTHER DISASTER IN SOFT COAL REGION.

Lives of Between 200 and 250 Men Probably Lost, Making Nearly 600 Killed This Month.

SOME GREAT MINE DISASTERS. Table with columns for location, date, and number of deaths.

Jacobs Creek, Penn., Dec. 19.—An explosion of gas to-day in the Darr mine of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, located here, about forty miles from Pittsburgh, entombed between two hundred and two hundred and fifty miners, and there is scarcely a ray of hope that a single one of them will be taken from the mine alive.

This is the third mine disaster since the first of the month in the veins of bituminous coal underlying Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, the Naomi mine, near Fayette City, and the two mines at Monongah, W. Va., in which the earlier explosions happened, are in the same belt as the local workings.

CHURCH FESTIVAL SAVED LIVES. That to-day's disaster does not equal or even surpass in loss of life and attendant horrors the one in West Virginia, where 382 lives were lost, is due to the devotion to church duties of a considerable number of the miners.

As was the case at Monongah, the explosion followed a brief shutdown, the Darr mine having been closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. It was just 11:30 o'clock, when the tenth trip of loaded cars had been brought out to the tipples, when there came an awful rumbling sound, followed immediately by a loud report and a concussion that shook nearby buildings and was felt within a radius of several miles.

CUT OFF BY THE RIVER.

Intuitively every one in the vicinity knew what had happened and all started for the one place—the mouth of the mine. The river separates the mine and the homes of many of the miners, so that only a portion of those who started for the scene were able to reach it, there being scant facilities for crossing the stream.

Mr. Hauge was for several years secretary of legation for Sweden and Norway, and after the separation of the two kingdoms, in 1866, he was retained in the same post for Norway, acting as chargé d'affaires until his appointment as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary last year.

MISS DU PONT ELOPES.

Oldest Daughter of Powder President Weds Princeton Student. Wilmington, Del., Dec. 19.—It was announced to-day that Miss Madeleine du Pont, aged twenty, oldest daughter of Alfred du Pont, president of the Du Pont Powder Company, had eloped from here yesterday to Washington.

RESCUING PARTIES ORGANIZED.

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MAURETANIA DUE AT 7 A. M. TO-DAY.

The Cunard Line steamship Mauretania, from Liverpool and Queenstown, was in communication by wireless telegraph with the station at Sagaponack, Long Island, at 11:30 o'clock last night. No distance was given, but it was said that it was expected the vessel would reach Sandy Hook Bar at 7 o'clock this morning.

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INCIDENTS OF WORLD'S TOUR OF SECRETARY TAFT, WHO ARRIVES TO-DAY.

TAFT PARTY AT OSHIBA PALACE, TOKIO



CURE FOR INSANITY.

Operation Apparent Remedy for Dementia Præcox.

Baltimore, Dec. 19.—An alleged cure for a form of insanity hitherto considered as 80 per cent incurable has been found in the form of an operation by Dr. Newdiddle M. Owensby, physician in chief at Bayview Insane Asylum.

The disease resembles in certain symptoms the more familiar forms of cretinism and myxedema, and it was this similarity that first led Dr. Owensby to conceive of an operation. The two latter diseases, it is thought, originate by a lack of secretion in the thyroid gland, situated near the windpipe, and a fairly effective cure was found in the administration of extract of thyroid glands taken from sheep.

He thus arrived at the conclusion that, instead of the disease arising from a lack of secretion, there was a likelihood of over-secretion, due to diseased blood vessels in the gland. This conclusion opened up the possibility of using the knife to cut away the diseased portion of the gland.

MINISTER HAUGE DEAD.

Overexertion in Snowshoeing Trip Brings on Heart Failure.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 19.—C. Hauge, the Norwegian Minister to the United States, died to-day while on a snowshoeing trip. Mr. Hauge left here alone this morning, expecting to return early in the afternoon.

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TWENTY-FIVE KILLED.

Explosion in Military Powder Magazine at Palermo, Sicily.

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WHILE VIEWING MOUNTAIN SCENERY MR. TAFT'S SON CHARLES PULLED THE BELL CORD AND RAN AWAY WITH THE TRAIN, FORCING THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY TO WALK TWO MILES.

FISTS USED IN HOUSE.

DEMOCRATS DRAW BLOOD.

Williams and De Armond Pass Lie and Then Resort to Pugilism.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The visitors who sat in the galleries of the House of Representatives this afternoon to learn of the calm dignity with which the laws are made were disillusioned at the close of the session by one of the most disgraceful episodes that are recorded of that body.

As Speaker Cannon's gavel descended marking the closing of to-day's session Mr. Williams made his way back to the seat occupied by Mr. De Armond, halting here and there to receive the thanks of those Democrats who were well pleased with their committee assignments.

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A WELL STAGED DRAMA.

For dramatic intensity the scene in the old Aldermanic chamber never has surpassed. The friends of Borough President Ahearn packed the gallery and the space behind the railings. Up in the gallery stood an elderly woman with a tense face.

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AHEARN GOT THE VOTES.

THREE REPUBLICANS, TOO.

Aldermen Re-elected Removed Borough President, 24 to 12.

John F. Ahearn, President of the Borough of Manhattan, removed from office by Governor Hughes on December 9 for maladministration, was re-elected yesterday afternoon by the Manhattan aldermen, by a vote of 24 to 12.

All sorts of rumors concerning the promotion made by Charles F. Murphy and the Sullivan men and the price the Sullivan men exacted from Charles F. Murphy in return for standing by Ahearn in the board yesterday. This fact, furthermore, explains the willingness of the Hearst men to vote for Ahearn on the solicitation of "Tim," and it may also furnish the correct illumination of the motive that actuated the three Republicans—Jacobson, Moffitt and Hatton—in voting for Ahearn.

MESSAGE FROM FLEET.

Reported 600 Miles East of Florida—Speed Increased.

On Board United States Battleship Connecticut, Dec. 19.—From Wednesday to Thursday we had made 240 miles, and now we are six hundred miles due east of Jupiter Inlet (Florida). Speed has been increased to eleven knots. Still in double formation. Weather perfect. All hands in white dress.

PASSES SCHOOL BILL AND INSTRUCTS DELEGATES ABOUT TO GO TO WASHINGTON.

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