

NEW MINE DISASTER

EXPLOSION ENTOMBS ABOUT 250 AT JACOBS CREEK, PA.

MEN PROBABLY ALL DEAD

Number of Fatalities Comparatively Small Because Many Miners Were Celebrating Festival of Greek Church.

Jacobs Creek, Pa.—An explosion of gas in the Darr mine of the Pittsburg Coal company, located here, Thursday entombed between 200 and 250 miners, and there is scarcely a ray of hope that a single one of them will be taken from the mines alive.

That this disaster does not equal or even surpass in loss of life and attendant horrors the one in West Virginia 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 shut down, the Darr mine having been closed Tuesday and Wednesday. It was just 11:30 o'clock when the tenth trip of loaded cars had been brought out to the tipple and 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.

As far as known, only one man who went to work Thursday morning escaped. Joseph Mapleton, a pumpman, emerged from one of the side entries shortly after the explosion. He had left the part of the mine where most of the men were working and was on the way to the engine room for oil.

Forty-Two Dead Taken Out. Yolande, Ala.—At eight o'clock Tuesday night 42 bodies had been taken from the ill-fated Yolande mines, in which an explosion occurred Monday. Nineteen more are reported in the mines, making a total of 61 victims.

No one is yet able to tell what caused the explosion. The theory most generally accepted now is that one of the men allowed a stick of dynamite to explode, which stirred up the dust and this in turn exploded, spreading death and destruction through the whole mine. This theory is borne out by the fact that the entire front of one man's body was torn away.

Slaughter in Mines. Washington.—The coal mines of the United States are killing three times as many men per 1,000 employees as those of most European countries. In the last 17 years 22,810 men have given up their lives in the mines of this country.

As many violent deaths have occurred in the mines during the last six years as during the preceding 11 years. The number of fatal accidents each year is now double that of the year 1895. In 1906, 6,861 men were killed or injured in the mines, the dead numbering 2,061 and the injured 4,800.

These terrible facts have been glanced by government experts acting under orders from Secretary Garfield of the interior department to investigate the nature and extent of mine accidents, particularly those resulting from explosions, and also to make suggestions as to how mining conditions may be improved and accidents prevented.

The conclusions of the experts are found in a bulletin issued Wednesday on coal mine accidents; their causes and preventions.

Diamond Jo Line Sold. Burlington, Ia.—The Diamond Jo line of steamers has been sold, and soon will be to a syndicate of men who will improve the present fleet of passenger and freight boats and increase its carrying capacity very materially. The statement is made that the sale has already taken place. The price is stated at a million and a half dollars.

May Be Taken to Idaho for Trial. Madison, Wis.—J. T. Barber and Sumner G. Moon, the million aire lumberman of Eau Claire indicted with Senator Borah for alleged conspiracy in land frauds, may be taken to Idaho for trial. Judge Quarles handed down this decision in the United States court Thursday afternoon.

Bold Burglary in Springfield. Springfield, Ill.—While the street was crowded with Christmas shoppers, about six o'clock Thursday evening, two burglars broke the plate glass window of the jewelry store of John C. Plerik and made their escape with \$10,000 worth of diamonds.

Small Cleveland Bank Fails. Cleveland, O.—The Greenville Banking & Trust company, a small concern in the suburbs, made an assignment late Thursday in the insolvency court.

Louisville Surveyor of Port Resigns. Louisville, Ky.—Announcement was made Monday that William G. Deering, surveyor of the port at Louisville under the federal government, has resigned his office to accept the position of assistant general counsel of the Louisville & Nashville railroad.

New National Forest in Nevada. Washington.—The president has just signed proclamations creating the new Vegas national forest in Nevada, and making an addition to the Aquarius national forest in Utah.

WAITING TO SEE THE SHIPS GO BY.



BLOWS EXCHANGED IN HOUSE

WILLIAMS AND DE ARMOND RESORT TO FISTICUFFS.

Latter Calls Former a Liar and Lively Combat Ensues for a Moment.

Washington.—The spirit of rivalry that for five years has alternately smoldered and blazed between John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, leader of the minority, and David A. De Armond of Missouri, leader of the majority opposition, culminated in a fist fight Thursday on the floor of the house of representatives.

The blows of Mr. De Armond caused blood to flow down the face of Mr. Williams, and only the forcible intervention of friends cut the combat short. Mr. De Armond bore away a scuffed nose.

The immediate cause of the fight was the passing of the lie by Mr. De Armond to Mr. Williams, resultant of a complaint by the former that the minority leader had broken faith in "burying" Mr. Hooper of Missouri by recommending his assignment by Speaker Cannon to the committee on coinage, weights and measures.

According to the statements of the principals, Mr. Williams defended his action by declaring he had been told by Mr. Hooper's colleague, Mr. Lloyd of Missouri, that the committee assignment would be satisfactory to Mr. Hooper. Mr. De Armond bluntly questioned the truth of the statement, and after the failure of an effort on his part to transfer the scene of controversy, Mr. Williams struck Mr. De Armond a blow in the face with closed fist.

The exciting incident will not be set down in the official records of the Sixty-sixth congress, for the house had been some minutes adjourned when the first blow was struck.

Some representative cried out: "Look, look at the fight." Everybody looked; but so startled were they by what they saw that no one seemed for the moment to think of rushing forward and stopping it. Meantime Mr. Williams and Mr. De Armond, wedged between two rows of desks, were still exchanging blows. Blood was flowing down the face of the leader of the minority, while Mr. De Armond was endeavoring to grasp his opponent by the throat, at the same time vigorously returning blow for blow.

Then everybody awoke to the unseemliness of the scene and crowded in and made an end of it.

Cummins Seeks Toga Only. Des Moines, Ia.—Gov. Cummins, of Iowa, referring to his suggested candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination, said Sunday: "I have no thought of surrendering my candidacy for United States senator. The suggestion about the presidency is new here, although I have heard about it in other states. I do not intend to do anything that will take me out of the race for senator."

Drowns in a Bathtub. North Attleboro, Mass.—Frederick E. Sargeant, cashier and vice president of the Jewelers' National bank of this town, and prominently identified with Providence, R. I., and North Attleboro business firms, was found dead in the bathtub of his home in the bank building Tuesday night. Medical Examiner Holden stated that in his opinion death was due to accidental drowning.

Yeguis Murder Twelve Men. Nogales, Ariz.—Information which has just reached here tells of the frightful murder of 12 men by a band of 150 Yaqui Indians 45 miles southeast of Magdalena, State of Sonora, Mex., Wednesday of last week.

Lad Blows Off His Sister's Head. Holy Cross, Ia.—Thinking it unbecomely, John Meyer, a farmer boy, living here, pointed a shotgun at his 15-year-old sister Thursday and pulled the trigger. So close was the girl to the muzzle of the weapon that her head was blown from her shoulders.

Col. J. B. McGonigal Is Dead. Kansas City, Mo.—Col. James B. McGonigal, who was a conductor on the first train operated on the Panhandle railroad in 1850, died in Kansas City Thursday, aged 74.

Bank Examiner in Charge. North Attleboro, Mass.—By order of the comptroller of the currency, Henry F. Currier, national bank examiner, took charge of the Jewelers' National bank Wednesday night. His vice president and cashier, Frederick E. Sargeant, was found dead Tuesday night in a bathtub at his apartments. By vote of the directors the bank was not opened for business Wednesday, and a notice posted on its door announced that it would remain closed pending an examination of its books. Liabilities are \$1,000,000.

OSCAR OF SWEDEN BURIED.

Impressive Funeral of Late King in Stockholm.

Stockholm.—Seldom if ever in its history has this city witnessed such a grand and solemn ceremony as that which Thursday marked the funeral of King Oscar, who died December 8.

Although the weather was bitterly cold, the entire population of Stockholm and thousands of visitors from the country stood bareheaded, silent and sorrowful along the line of procession to catch a last glimpse of the casket containing all that remained of their beloved king.

The funeral procession included some 2,000 persons, among them being Gustave, the new king of Sweden; the king of Denmark, the Swedish princes and princesses, and the ambassadors representing foreign monarchs. Charles H. Graves, the American minister, as the special representative of President Roosevelt, was given a place of honor immediately following King Gustave. The queen of Sweden and the queen of Denmark drove to the church, but the dowager queen of Sweden, widow of King Oscar, was prevented by illness from attending the funeral.

As the funeral procession entered the Riddarholm church the organ and the orchestra played Haydn's magnificent dirge and, as the casket was carried up the grand aisle by a number of sailors, accompanied by the aides de camp of the late sovereign, every eye in the congregation was filled with tears. The funeral oration was delivered by the bishop of Lund.

A salute of 42 guns was fired by the forts and the ships in the harbor, and volleys of masonry burst forth as the coffin was placed in the vault of the Bernadottes.

MANY KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Powder Magazine in Palermo Blown Up—Whole Town Shaken.

Palermo.—A terrific explosion occurred Thursday evening in the military powder magazine, where a large quantity of dynamite was stored, and was followed by a number of lesser explosions, the whole town being badly shaken and the people thrown into a panic. Almost immediately flames shot high in the air and spread to the ruins of houses that had fallen, adding greatly to the terror of those who were in the immediate neighborhood of the disaster.

It is estimated that about 25 persons were killed and a hundred others injured. Troops were ordered out to aid the firemen in clearing away the wreck and succoring the wounded.

Engineer Faithful Unto Death.

Cleveland, O.—Engineer Frank Krug, 59 years old, of Buffalo, N. Y., though ill and faint, stayed at his throttle till he had brought his fast Lake Shore train safely into Collinwood yards Thursday afternoon. Then he stepped from his cab and in a few minutes was dead. Krug was in his usual health when he took his train out of Buffalo. His illness came after the train had left Erie. The engineer had hardly strength enough to lower himself from the cab at Collinwood.

Buck Hinrichsen Dead. Alexandria, Ill.—W. H. Hinrichsen, familiarly known as "Buck" Hinrichsen, formerly treasurer and secretary of the state of Illinois, died at his home here Wednesday from paralysis after a long period of declining health. Mr. Hinrichsen was about 59 years of age and was secretary of state during the administration of Gov. Altgeld. He had been a conspicuous figure in Illinois politics for many years.

Refuse to Indorse Gov. Hughes. New York.—At a session which lasted less than ten minutes the Republican county committee of New York county Thursday night, by an almost unanimous vote, refused to consider at this time a resolution indorsing Gov. Charles E. Hughes for the Republican presidential nomination.

Small Los Angeles Bank Closed. Los Angeles, Cal.—The state bank commissioners Wednesday afternoon took charge of the West End bank, a small state institution located in the western section of the city.

Mangled by Civil War Bomb. New York.—One of the civil war bombs found in the old custom house exploded and nearly killed M. J. Howell, an employee of the bureau of combustible, while on its way to be dumped into the sea.

Woman Loses Suit for \$300,000. St. Louis.—A decision was handed down in the St. Louis court of appeals Tuesday against Miss Lillie Belle Pierce, who had claimed to the \$300,000 estate of the late Luther E. Imboden as his wife.

Gus Ringling Is Dead. New Orleans.—Augustus Ringling, head of the circus combination which controls the shows of Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey and Forepaugh-Sells, died here Wednesday at a sanatorium.

UNION DECREE SIGNED

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR IS ENJOINED.

Writ Granted Expected to Have Far-reaching Effect Against Boycott.

Washington.—After hearing arguments on various points in the case Justice Ashley M. Gould in equity court Wednesday signed the decree temporarily restraining and enjoining the American Federation of Labor, its officers and all others from interfering with the business of the Bucks Stove and Range company and from declaring and threatening any boycott against it. All attempts of counsel for the American Federation of Labor to modify the decree failed, except in one particular, and that was to exclude from the order the Electroplye Molders and Finishers' union No. 17, against which it was shown no specific allegation had been made.

Justice Gould took occasion to dwell upon the question of jurisdiction. He said there would be no attempt made by the court to assume jurisdiction beyond the confines of the District of Columbia, but that its order was operative upon all the persons defendant who are within the District of Columbia. An act, he said, committed by an agent or associate of one of these defendants outside the District of Columbia could be held as the act of the person within the District of Columbia so ordering it and subject such person to the punitive power of the court.

New York.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who is now in this city to attend the meeting of the National Civic Federation, refused to go into the merits of Justice Gould's decision.

"This is an old case brought several months ago," said Mr. Gompers, "and before I have anything to say on the decision I should like to know just exactly what we are enjoined from doing. I do not know what further action we may take, and I shall want time to confer with some of my associates and to investigate in person before I have anything further to say."

CIGARETTES CAN BE SOLD.

Illinois Law Doesn't Prohibit It, Says Supreme Court.

Springfield, Ill.—The supreme court Wednesday handed down an opinion declaring the anti-cigarette law passed by the legislature this year does not apply to cigarettes which contain pure tobacco, but only to those cigarettes which contain substances deleterious to health. It holds that the legislature has the right under the exercise of its police power to pass an act prohibiting the sale of cigarettes, but that it cannot prohibit the sale of cigarettes under the present act, the title of which only provides for the regulation of the sale of cigarettes.

The act of June, 1907, prohibiting the sale of theater or amusement tickets for prices greater than the amount printed on the face of the tickets, was declared invalid.

The supreme court also decided that Mayor Busse of Chicago removed without authority five members of the school board appointed by Mayor Danze.

LORD KELVIN PASSES AWAY.

Noted Scientist Is Dead at Glasgow, Aged 83 Years.

Glasgow.—Lord Kelvin, the noted scientist, died Tuesday. William Thomson, first lord Kelvin, was born at Belfast, Ireland, June 26, 1824. He was a celebrated mathematician and physicist and occupied the chair of natural philosophy in Glasgow university from 1846 to 1859. He was knighted in 1866 and was created Baron Kelvin in 1892.

In the domains of heat, electricity and magnetism he was one of the great investigators of the century. He invented a number of instruments used in navigation and deep sea exploration and took a prominent part in the laying of the first submarine cables in the Atlantic.

For his efforts in behalf of science Lord Kelvin had been decorated many times, having been a grand officer of the Legion of Honor of France, a member of the Prussian Order, Pour le Merite, and commander of the Order of King Leopold of Belgium. He received honors also from the Japanese and other governments.

Cortelyou Denies Stories.

Washington.—Secretary Cortelyou, in a statement given out Tuesday, pronounced unqualifiedly false the current rumors of undue political activity of his friends in forwarding a movement in his interest. The secretary declares that neither he nor his friends have used their influence in behalf of any candidate for the presidency and that he has not been a candidate for anything but the confidence of the people. He adds that if he should hereafter decide to be a candidate for any office, he will say so frankly.

J. Israel Tarte Is Dead.

Montreal.—J. Israel Tarte, former minister of public works, died here Wednesday. He received the appointment of minister for his services to the liberal party in showing up the scandals in the public works department under the conservative regime.

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Ohio State News Latest Happenings of Interest Prepared for Our Readers.

CONVICTED MURDERER

C7 Forcher Legg Is Electrocuted in the Ohio Prison.

Columbus, O.—Howard West, of Washington, D. C., alias Thomas Anderson, et Illinois, and more recently known as Frank Earl, of Cincinnati, convicted of the murder of Wm. Legg, a butcher, of Sidney, O., was electrocuted in the annex at the Ohio penitentiary.

W. H. Frazer, head of the rescue home for men, of Cincinnati, and Wm. D. Yeger, president of the Brotherhood of Men, of Cincinnati, made a last appeal for commutation of sentence, but Gov. Harris declined to interfere.

The murderer protested his innocence up to within a few hours of the end; then he collapsed utterly. He rolled upon the floor and cried piteously, occasionally emitting a demonic yell which sent shivers down the spine of hardened attendants.

These attendants have never tired of telling what Earl did when confined in the Chester (Ill.) reformatory. There he deliberately thrust his hand into a machine and watched it torn off at the wrist. This he did to avoid work, and he was proud of it.

Earl embraced religion at his own request, by both the Protestant and Catholic chaplains.

UNDER INFLUENCE

And Ecce, the Cry of Bender's Heirs in Contesting His Will.

Canton, O.—Attorneys filed a petition in behalf of the heirs of the late Jeremiah Bender, of Stark county, asking that the documents probated as his last will and codicil be set aside, alleging coercion and undue influence. Nathan E. Moffit, executor of the estate; Frederick Keiffer and Margaret Ricksucker and the unknown heirs of the deceased, are made defendants in the action, which involves an estate valued at \$125,000, most of which is invested in realty.

It is claimed in the petition that the documents were not the final testaments, in that at the time of their delivery he was not mentally capable of making a will. Frederick Keiffer, a farm superintendent, was left a \$15,000 farm near Navarre, and Margaret Ricksucker, his housekeeper, a \$10,000 farm west of Massillon, by terms of the will. Heirs reside in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York.

Willforce Asks \$42,240.

Columbus, O.—The annual report of the board of trustees of Willforce university shows 413 students in the institution in the last year. The expenses of the college department were \$23,356.19, of which \$4,600 came from tuition and the remainder from donations. The combined normal and industrial departments cost \$29,298.46. For the support of the school \$11,200 is asked of the assembly, and for the betterments \$31,000.

This Boy His Own Uncle.

Incyrus, O.—A child born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kuenle has the distinction of being his own uncle. His father is also his grandfather. Mr. Kuenle some years ago married a widow with three children. Upon her death he married one of his stepdaughters. Thus the queer relationship was brought about.

Requested Not to Buy.

Manchester, O.—"You are requested not to purchase, receive nor advance any money on any crop of tobacco in Adams county," says a note received by W. E. Spencer, agent of the American Tobacco Co. It is signed by "I. D. Young, secretary." The note has been forwarded to company headquarters.

Mother of Dona Gilman Dies.

Dayton, O.—Mrs. Leah Gilman, mother of Dona Gilman, the victim of a sensational murder a year ago, died at her home here. The mother was twice charged with the murder of her daughter and exonerated.

Receiver For Dry Goods.

Stuebenville, O.—H. L. May, Esq., as receiver, took charge of the dry goods store of Jonas Miller on involuntary bankruptcy proceedings instituted by Arbuthnot, Stephenson & Co., of Pittsburg.

Oil Judgment Soon.

Findlay, O.—In announcing its decision the circuit court stated that its finding in the case of the state vs. the Manhattan Oil Co. would be given either at Marion or Upper Sandusky at the regular term of court.

Trotting Driver Dead.

Lima, O.—E. Hill, one of the best known night harness reinsmen in the state of Ohio, and who campaigned winning stables for a decade until this season, died here from consumption.

Fullington Is Out.

Marysville, O.—Maj. E. M. Fullington, of Marysville, announced himself a candidate for state auditor, subject to the decision of the republican convention. He has been deputy auditor for several years and is chief of the bureau of public accounting.

Five Hundred Added.

Lorain, O.—Five hundred men were added to the force at the American Ship Building Co. plant here, which makes 800 men now at work there. The plant closed down six weeks ago on account of the money panic.

Held Live Wire.

Newark, O.—Chas. Switzer, a telephone lineman, caught hold of a live wire while on a pole and 2,500 volts went through his body. He was rescued by his brother. One thousand people watched him. The young man was badly burned, but will live.

Entitled to Divorce.

Akron, O.—Allegations that her husband seldom left his bed before 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and that from August, 1896, to February, 1907, he went unbedded, were offered by Mrs. Frank Porter in her suit for divorce.

\$496,150 WANTED FOR CANALS.

Receipts of \$17,000,000 From Waterways System Costing \$13,000,000.

Columbus, O.—An aggregate of \$496,150 is asked by the board of public works for the improvement and maintenance of the Ohio waterways for the coming year, according to the annual report filed with Gov. Harris.

This amount is divided as follows: Miami and Erie canal and all the balance, \$281,000; northern division of the Ohio canal, \$215,150.

It is estimated that this amount will complete all existing contracts, both north and south of Tuscarawas, and entirely finish the canal work between Cleveland and Tuscarawas, a distance of 100 miles from Lake Erie.

The report says that it will require \$24,800 to complete this work throughout its entire length from Lake Erie to and connecting with the government work at Muskingum slack-water.

The total expenditure for the maintenance of the Ohio canal system up to this time aggregates nearly \$13,000,000 with the gross earnings of about \$17,000,000, leaving the net earnings over the cost of maintenance about \$4,000,000.

GOVERNOR PARDONS HOUCK.

Brother of a Prominent Politician Is Released From the Penitentiary.

Columbus, O.—George Houck, a brother of Lewis F. Houck, a well-known democratic politician and candidate for lieutenant governor with the late Gov. Pattison, was released from the penitentiary. He was serving a life sentence, and his release came through the state board of pardons, which reported favorably on his case at the last meeting, and its action was approved by Gov. Harris. Houck left immediately for Colorado, where he will spend some time on a ranch.

The crime for which he was sent to the penitentiary was for the murder of Mrs. Sarah Hess, a relative in Knox county, and was committed in 1901. There were grave doubts of his guilt. Since his confinement he has been a model prisoner and always maintained his innocence. For a number of years he has been a truster, and acted as a runner in the front office.

A Farmer's Lucky Find.

Mason, O.—When Eli Dishen, a farmer, living near this city, was walking along the C. & N. railroad tracks he found a package laid covered with gravel. He was dumfounded when he discovered that it contained nearly \$1,500 in bills of from \$1 to \$20 denominations, all of them old and frayed. When Dishen brought the money to the First National bank the cashier found that the bills had all been issued by state banks, the dates of issuance ranging from 1819 to 1865. Some of these banks are now doubtless out of business, and for this reason some of the bills may be worthless.

Shoots His Young Wife.

Akron, O.—Mrs. John Wilson, of Barberton, is dying from a pistol shot wound in her abdomen. Her husband, it is alleged, rushed into the house crying, "I am going to kill you and the child," and fired. He failed to turn the revolver on himself and the dying woman's brother turned him over to the police. Mrs. Wilson is but 18 and married Wilson last July. They have frequently quarreled.

Two Payments Ordered.

Dayton, O.—Receiver H. L. Newell, of the Friend Paper Co., was authorized by the court to pay the claim of the St. Louis Towboat Co., amounting to \$4,250, and the premium on \$765,000 of insurance. The towboat claim was for the transportation of wood used in the manufacture of paper.

Child Scalded By Coffee.

Springfield, O.—While D. J. Blackburn, a rural mail carrier, was stamping his feet, trying to put on his articles near the stove he scalded the coffee out from the top of the stove. It fell into the lap of his child, aged 4½ years, who was sitting near by, fatally scalding the little one.

Negligence Charged.

Cleveland, O.—That the funds of the Glenville Banking and Trust Co. were wasted because of the negligence of the directors was charged in a petition filed in common pleas court by Mrs. May J. Penhollow, on behalf of herself and other depositors.

Escaped, But to Die.

Cleveland, O.—Chas. Faras, 37, escaped from the city workhouse. He ran to his home, pursued by officers, broke in the door and before the pursuers could reach him had obtained a revolver and shot himself through the head.

Negro Drowned.

Ironton, O.—Grover Howell, who escaped from the epileptic hospital at Gallipolis, O., knocked Zeek Monday, colored, from the steamer Greyhound into the river and he was drowned. Monday was from Cincinnati. Howell is now in the Ironton jail.

Comes High to Codify Ohio Laws.

Columbus, O.—It cost the state \$20,750.56 to provide for the commission for the codification of the laws for the past year. Of this amount about \$12,000 went for salaries. This is what the annual report to Gov. Harris told.

Bauer Jury Disgraced.

Springfield, O.—The jury in the C. C. Bauer embezzlement case was excused, having been unable to agree on a verdict. Eleven of the members were for acquittal and one for conviction. Bauer was charged with embezzling the city funds.

Towboat Sinks.

Gallipolis, O.—The towboat Alice Brown, belonging to the River Coal Co. of Pittsburg, ran into the river bank near Pomeroy, O., and went down, with five coal boats, containing 100,000 bushels of coal, for the south