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COLLIERY FIRE AT SHAMOKIN

Terrible Results of a Carpenter's Carelessness.

FIVE PERSONS ARE SUFFOCATED

Several Workers Missing—Irwin Buffington Carries a Naked Lamp Into the Luke Fidler Shaft and Fires the Oil Soaked Boards in the Passage Way—The Host of Miners at the Bottom of the Shaft Narrowly Escape Death—The Whole Mine is on Fire.

THE most disastrous mine fire in the history of the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania, started at the Luke Fidler colliery last night from the naked lamp of a workman. Five persons are known to be dead. They are: Irwin Buffington, carpenter; George Brown, miner; John Giezze, laborer; Michael Buzofski, laborer, and Anthony Zuber, driver boy.

COMMISSIONERS MEET.

County Officers in Session at Pottsville—Mr. Dunning's Address on Highways.

POTTSVILLE, Oct. 9.—The eighth annual convention of the county commissioners' association of Pennsylvania opened in the court house here this morning. There were over 200 commissioners present when Joseph Moore of Luzerne of the executive committee called the convention to order. An address of welcome was made by John O. Ulrich, solicitor of Schuylkill county commissioners. This was responded to by George A. Lane, solicitor of the Lancaster county commissioners, James Hall, solicitor of the Perry county commissioners, also made a responsive address. Mr. Moore then announced the permanent officers of the convention as follows: Chairman, D. A. Sawdrey, Erie; vice president, A. S. Bailey, Clinton; Frank Rantz, Schuylkill; secretary, C. G. Brunker, Dauphin, and J. E. Matthias, Tioga; Thomas E. Heller, York.

A NUMBER ARE RESCUED.

Michael Golden, one of the inside officials, was at the bottom of the shaft when the alarm was given and he at once notified the men working in number three slope, while John Dunmore performed a like duty for those employed in the number two slope. Golden told the men of an opening by which it was possible to reach another shaft and leading the way for the seventy men employed in this portion of the mines, Golden made for the passage, which was safely reached, although it was nearly filled with smoke. The iron bucket used to hoist the men holds about six persons. This was quickly filled, and in response to the frantic signal given by those below, the engineer began to hoist. Nearly ten trips had been made when it was discovered that the men were missing among them David Edmonds and Harry Evans. They had succeeded in getting half way of the old shaft when the smoke forced them back. The traveling way to the east of the shaft was then tried with better success, although the smoke was very strong.

PROMPT SETTLEMENT.

The Chilean Government Pays America \$250,000.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—The department of State has received from the Chilean government the full amount of the awards made to America by the recent Chilean claims commission, aggregating more than \$250,000.

LIVE NEWS FLASHES.

A cat started a \$20 blaze in New York stables by upsetting lamp.

Chicago police arrested a gang of twelve alleged thieves in one house.

The Pacific Mail Steamship company will absorb the Occidental and Oriental Line.

President Whitman, of Colby, declines the call to Columbia university at Washington.

Carelessness of sawmill employes is said to have caused the great forest fires in Minnesota.

Wolves in Eastern Montana are devouring sheep by wholesale and have killed several men.

With a cheese knife, S. C. Werreter, once a prominent Kingston, N. Y., politician, ended his life.

Three disguised men tied Farmer J. R. Burns to a tree near Anniston, Ala., and robbed and shot him.

Fire in the insane asylum at Hastings, Neb., frenzied the inmates and many were injured in a stampede.

New Haven police commissioners asked Rev. Newman Smith to explain his charges of illegal liquor selling.

Fear of exposure as an ambler for his employes, led Harry S. Maps, of Chicago, to shoot himself.

A shut-down has been ordered at the Moltenhauer sugar refinery in Brooklyn. It will throw out 1,800 men.

Failure in land speculation prompted J. H. Crossman, Erie mining engineer, to take a fatal dose of ammonia.

British Vice Consul Charles Woolrich was stabbed and almost killed by an unknown man at Mazonia, Nev.

ARE MARCHING ON MOUKDEN

It is Expected to Fall to the Japanese Very Soon.

THE CHINESE ARE DEMORALIZED

The Invaders Reported to Have Taken Chee Foo—Nearly 8,000 Soldiers of the Mikado's Army Have Landed at Chempulo—Italy Desires to Make Peace and Advise the Chinese Government to Approach Japan.

YOKOHAMA, Oct. 9.—It is reported here that the Japanese have captured the treaty port, Chefoo.

The advance guard of the Japanese army has crossed the Yalu river and formed a new camp. A battle is believed to be imminent.

HONG KONG, Oct. 9.—A dispatch from the important treaty port, Foo-Choo, capital of the province of Fokien, and situated about twenty-five miles from the mouth of the Min river, says that the river has been closed to shipping.

The British first-class armored cruiser Undaunted, twelve guns, Commander Edwin H. Richards, which had been ordered to proceed to Nagasaki, Japan, for repairs, has now been ordered to remain here. The British second-class screw gunboat Firebrand, four guns, Lieutenant and Commander Lionel G. Tuffnell, has been ordered to go to New-Chwang, at the head of the Gulf of Loo-Ton.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 9.—A dispatch from Chefoo, Korea, dated Oct. 3, says that fourteen Japanese transports are in the harbor there, and that since Sept. 27 they have landed 7,800 troops and 750 coolies. The defenses of Seoul, the capital of Korea, are being strengthened, and the garrison has been reinforced by 4,000 Japanese troops, in anticipation of an outbreak upon the part of Korean insurgents. Referring to the conduct of the Japanese troops in Korea, the dispatch says that while on the march even the private soldiers pay the Koreans for everything obtained from them. The daily expense of the operations of the Japanese army is 300,000 yen. The Chinese are reported to have recently crucified two Japanese prisoners who fell into their hands, and they are also said to have beheaded two wounded Japanese soldiers who were found in an outpost hospital, which had been hurriedly abandoned.

The German cruiser Arcona has arrived here.

The Chinese having blocked the mouth of the River Min, leading up to Foo Chow, vessels bound for that port must now discharge their cargoes at Sheng Kiao.

No confirmation has been received here of the report that the Japanese have effected a landing near Port Arthur. The British gunboat R-20, Lieutenant and Commander Charles G. May, arrived here today, and reports having visited the vicinity of Port Arthur where the Japanese were reported to have landed without finding any trace of them.

Supplementary reports received here of the great naval battle fought off the mouth of the Yalu River, repeat the assertions frequently made that the Japanese did not lose any of their warships in this engagement, although in several of them were badly damaged.

Two Japanese warships recently approached close to Chefoo, probably seeking for the Chinese warships of the southern squadron.

It is reported from Peking that the Korean goods transmitted to and from the interior will again, probably, be largely increased in order to provide extra war funds. It is also stated that the viceroy has requested the salt merchants to contribute to the war expenses and it is expected that 5,000,000 taels will be raised by this means.

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SUGAR PLANTERS BOLT

Fifty-four Per Cent. of the Louisiana Sugar Planters Are Republicans.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 9.—The Picayune has interviewed the sugar planters of Louisiana in order to determine how many of them have gone over to the Republican party and how many still remain Democrats.

The returns show that 54 per cent. are in favor of the new Republican movement unequivocally, 26 per cent. opposed to it, and 20 per cent. non-committal. A majority of the latter probably favor the movement, but do not consider it advisable to declare themselves Republicans. With few exceptions, the largest planters have gone over to the Republicans, and those who remain with the Democracy are the smaller ones.

If the action of the planters is any indication of the drift of opinion in these districts, it will mean 45,500 votes for the Republican congress ticket outside of New Orleans, or enough to elect all three congressmen of the sugar districts.

In the parishes of Vermilion, Jefferson, St. Julien and Vermilion not a Democrat could be found who remained a Democrat. In St. Mary, the banner sugar district of the state, and the home of Governor Foster and Senator Caffery, the new sugar Republicans are six to one. In Lafayette and La Fourche the Democratic planters are in a majority, and in Iberville about evenly divided. The planters generally declare that they joined the Republican party because they saw nothing to hope for from the Democrats.

LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE

Large Gathering of Traveling Men and Friends in the Parlor City.

TWO GOVERNORS ARE PRESENT

Birhamton Aglow With Enthusiasm. Excursion Trains from Every Direction Loaded With Cheerful Visitors—The Masonic Fraternity Well Represented—Fine Appearance of the Thirteenth Regiment on the Parade—Gay Decorations, Fine Music, Speeches and General Hilarity Features of the Occasion.

THE third division of the parade was made up of the drummers and it was the most unique in the whole column. Buffalo division was headed by a large buffalo taken from one of the parks of that city. It was led by two men who were disguised as Indians.

The drummers from Syracuse were headed by a giant Indian from the Onondaga reservation. He carried a monster umbrella suitably inscribed. All of the Syracuse men carried Chinese parasols as did those from Rochester. The latter were preceded by two little boys carrying a grip. No detachment of drummers attracted more attention than the jovial party from Scranton. It was marshaled by Jake Scholger and headed by Bauer's band. There were a number of comedians among the Scranton party and they kept the spectators convulsed by their antics.

As the procession counter-marched on the Court street hill it presented a most inspiring appearance. The crowds that lined the sidewalks loudly cheered as the marchers passed in review.

AT THE HOME SITE. At 4:15 the two governors arrived at the home site on the South mountain. It is 1,250 above the sea level and the air was raw and chilly. As Governor Flower stepped on the platform about the corner stone he arose on his tiptoes and whispered something to Governor Pattison, but whether or not he was repeating the famous remark of the governor of North Carolina to the governor of South Carolina it is probable the world will never know. At all events the governors looked odd, as did their staffs and the 15,000 soldiers who came trooping up the precipitous side of South mountain after the parade.

The view from the Home is magnificent. Ross park is just across a little valley from it, while spread out below is the city of Binghamton with the Susquehanna and Chenango rivers cutting through it like silver threads. The mountains that surround the city and that which arises abruptly in the rear of the Home site, form a beautiful frame for a landscape of unsurpassed beauty at this time of year when the hillsides are decked in their lovely autumnal coloring.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE. At 4:45 the ceremonies incident to the laying of the corner stone began with prayer by Rev. Dr. G. Parsons Nichols, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city. The stone was then laid with the impressive masonic ceremonies by John Hodge, grand master of the Masons of the state of New York, assisted by the thirty grand officers of the state.

Afterward short addresses were delivered by Mayor George E. Green, William Mason, president of the Binghamton branch of the travelers' association, and by James D. Aldrich, president of the national association.

In the absence of Channey M. Depew, Colonel Archie Baxter, of Elmira, delivered the oration of the day.

CURTIN'S FUNERAL.

The Distinguished People Who Will Assist in the Final Ceremonies.

BELLEFOONTE, Pa., Oct. 9.—The main streets of Bellefonte are literally crowded in black tonight and very little business has been transacted today. Every resident of the town feels that in the death of ex-Governor Curtin one and all have lost an almost father. Among those who have already arrived are Colonel A. K. McClure, editor of the Philadelphia Times; Colonel William B. Mann, pro-consul of Philadelphia; Adjutant General Greenland and General John B. Brooke, of Omaha. Judge Craig Biddle and Morton McMichael, of Philadelphia, have been appointed as additional honorary pall bearers. The National Guard will be under the command of Colonel Breckinfield and Colonel Ames Mullen will have charge of the G. A. R. department, while John O. Miller will have charge of the guard of honor while the body lies in state in the court house. While the body lies in state the school children of Bellefonte will march in a body to view it.

At the morning meeting in the court house addresses will be made by Governor Pattison, Senator Wallace, General Scott, Colonel McClure, Colonel Mann and Justice Dean, of the state supreme court.

Rev. Dr. Robinson, of the Western Theological seminary at Allegheny, who was Mr. Curtin's pastor when he was governor, will be present to assist in the religious services.

The floral offerings will be numerous. The casket will be covered with the flag which floated over the governor's house during the war.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

It is considered a notable fact that not a congressional committee is investigating for juggling.

WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Forecast for eastern Pennsylvania, threatening weather and rain, increasing northeast winds; dangerous gales on the coast, backing to north.

REFORM DEMOCRATS.

Complete State Ticket Selected by the Bolters of New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Edward M. Shepard, the leader of the reform Democrats of Kings county, who holds the regular Democratic ticket selected at Saratoga, nominated today, in accordance with his promise, and with the help of other representative Democrats of New York state, who are dissatisfied with the party ticket, a full third state ticket as follows: For governor, Everett P. Wheeler, of New York; lieutenant governor, Daniel N. Lockwood, of Buffalo; for judge of the court of appeals, Charles F. Brown, of Orange county.

Mr. Shepard made the important announcement that Mr. Charles S. Fairchild would be the chairman of the campaign committee and had agreed to serve. The committee would be composed in part of the following named gentlemen, all of whom were at the conference: Franklin D. Locke, of Buffalo; Edward M. Shepard, of Brooklyn; Henry A. Richmond, of Buffalo; Seymour Van Santvoord, of Troy; Michael E. O'Conner, of Brooklyn; Robert A. Wilderman, of Rockton goods transmitted to and from the interior will again, probably, be largely increased in order to provide extra war funds. It is also stated that the viceroy has requested the salt merchants to contribute to the war expenses and it is expected that 5,000,000 taels will be raised by this means.

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A REAR-END CRASH.

Several Passengers Reported Slightly Hurt in a Lehigh Valley Collision.

ITHACA, N. Y., Oct. 9.—The Lehigh Valley train leaving Buffalo at 8 p. m. bound for New York and Philadelphia, was crashed into the Manchester yards last night at 9 o'clock. The express is followed by a United States express train ten minutes later.

The passenger train was standing in the yards when the express train crashed into her at a moderate rate of speed. Three cars on the passenger train were disabled, and a number of passengers are reported to be slightly hurt.

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SUPREME CONVENTION

Catholic Mutual Benefit Association in Session at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 9.—The supreme convention of the Catholic Mutual Benefit association is in session here. Officers and representatives are present from the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Nebraska and the province of Quebec. The convention attendance is deemed high for St. John's church, at which Rev. Dr. Laughran, chancellor of the arch diocese of Philadelphia, preached. The reports of the various officers show the condition of the society to be most prosperous.

The total beneficiaries paid during the last term was \$1,328,310.35. The total beneficiaries since the society was organized is \$4,837,450.59. In its reserve fund this society has \$185,000. Total liabilities of the association are \$550, for legal expenses defending two suits now pending in the Supreme Court. The association has, at the present time, 17,188 members after transferring 7,500 members to the grand council of Canada now under a separate beneficiary jurisdiction.

The report of the trustees entered extensively into the Canadian difficulty in which it appeared that it became absolutely necessary to institute a grand council in the province of Quebec as membership exceeding 600 residents of said province refused to continue affiliation with the grand council of Canada.

One of the most important matters brought to the attention of the convention was the letter of Archbishop Sattoli, the postolic delegate, which was obtained at the request of Supreme Trustee Rev. P. A. Baarta acting for the supreme council in which Mr. Sattoli gave his blessing to the association and of his own accord promised to send the Pope's blessing for the society.

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