

WEATHER: Fair Thursday and Friday, light variable winds.

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75 BODIES NOW RECOVERED AND MANY MORE REMAIN

FOUL GASES MINE TRAGEDY DISCUSSED PREVENT WORK BY EXPERT ENGINEER

FUNERALS WILL BE HELD TO-DAY

The Conditions Grow Worse as Rescuers Advance.

MINERS' UNION, CITY OF BIRMINGHAM AND COMMERCIAL CLUB RAISE FUNDS FOR THE DESTITUTE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS—AN INVESTIGATION ORDERED.

Col. Llewellyn W. Johns, an expert consulting engineer, and one of the prominent figures in the industrial development of the Birmingham district, was extremely depressed by a visit he made to the Virginia City mines yesterday morning.

"Late in the afternoon he arrived at Birmingham wet, tired and bespattered with mud.

"My God!" said Colonel Johns, in his impulsive way, "it's awful! There's only one way to describe what we saw there, and that word is 'awful.'"

"Hundreds of carriages covered the hillsides. Fatherless children crying aloud for their lost ones; mothers inquiring for their sons; young men searching for their brothers and kinsmen; young girls anxiously seeking some clue regarding their sweethearts—and over all a desolation that suggested the horrors pictured in Dante's 'Inferno' or Milton's 'Hell.'"

"This, mind you, is only the faintest suggestion of the horrors that are to be when the mines are opened and the poor, dear fellows entombed there are found.

"I shudder when I reflect upon the gruesome tragedy enacted on that subterranean stage."

"The 'check man' told me," Colonel Johns continued, "that there were 90 checks out. That means that 180 men have been entombed, as each miner takes with him at least one helper."

"You can't determine accurately how many are dead until the mines are opened.

"The explosion must have been a terrible one.

"There is no doubt that the firing of a shot ignited the gases which the mines are exceedingly plentiful. On account of the dry condition of the mine, coal dust and other readily combustible elements had accumulated.

AWFUL CONDITIONS DESCRIBED BY COL. L. W. JOHNS—SCENES AT MINE COMPARED TO DANTE'S 'INFERNO' OR MILTON'S 'HELL,' AND THE WORST YET TO COME.

From the Birmingham Age-Herald.

"First, is the explosive gas, composed of four parts hydrogen and one part carbon.

"Then comes what we call the 'after damp'—the deadliest of all gases. To inhale it means death. It is made up of two parts watery vapor, one part carbonic acid and eight parts nitrogen.

"There is also what is known as 'white gas.' This is to be found only after a blast of black, combustible material. This gas will not explode, but is deadly to all persons who are compelled to inhale it.

"While at the mines I saw James Hillhouse, the first state mine inspector, W. R. Fairley and other experienced miners, and all agreed that it would take at least till 12 o'clock tomorrow before all the entombed miners could be reached."

"Inasmuch as Colonel Johns is a practical mine man and is acquainted with the construction of mines and the laws governing their operation, he was asked to state his opinion regarding the condition of the mines and regarding especially the precautions taken there to safeguard human life.

"In response to these inquiries, Colonel Johns threw up his hands deprecatingly, and, at first declined to speak of the subject. At length, however, he made this statement:

"I am sorry you have asked me that question. To answer it truthfully pains me more than I can say. And yet the truth should be told. I can speak only for myself, and from the observations I made.

"The state law provides that all mines must have exits as well as entrances.

"I examined the Virginia mines carefully. So far as I could see the only avenues of escape were the places where the workers entered the mines.

"No, no, no! I don't want to say a word about where the responsibility belongs for this awful affair. The truth will come out in time. Meanwhile, let us be patient and do what we can for the poor fellows down there and for their distressed loved ones."

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NINE WITNESSES TESTIFY FOR JUDGE SWAYNE

Testimony Showed He Only Spent His Summers in Delaware, Being Absent Balance of the Time.

FOUR WITNESSES YET TO TESTIFY

Bacon Objected to Closing the Case Saturday.

LINE OF DEFENSE BY WHICH RESPONDENT'S COUNSEL HOPES TO THROW OUT CERTAIN COUNTS—WITNESSES ARE ALL ANXIOUS TO GET HOME.

Washington, Feb. 22.—In the Swayne impeachment trial today, Senator Bacon objected to Senator Hale's resolution to bring the trial to a close Saturday. Senator Hale's reason for wishing to bring the trial to a close was that the appropriation bills were pressing.

Senator Bacon contended that there should be no undue expedition in disposing of the Swayne matter, saying that while he agreed with Senator Hale as to the importance of pressing the consideration of regular business, he regarded the trial of Swayne as a constitutional function of great importance. He suggested longer daily sessions of the senate.

Witnesses Examined.
Witnesses examined in the interest of Judge Swayne to-day were: F. W. Marsh, clerk of the federal court, of Pensacola; Beverly H. Burton, deputy clerk of the state circuit court; Thomas P. McGourin, U. S. marshal; Elijah Parker; Percy S. Hayes, a Pensacola newspaper man, and Adolph Greenhut, all of whom testified to circumstances connected with the contempt proceedings; Ezra P. Axtell, an attorney who testified regarding the respondent's use of a private railroad car, and Milton Jackson, of Philadelphia, a brother-in-law of Judge Swayne, who said that in recent years the judge made occasional visits to Guyencourt, Delaware.

Others testified that Judge Swayne had been in the habit of spending his summers there, but was never there at any other time of the year. Four more witnesses are to be examined for the respondent.

HIGGINS AND THURSTON WILL MAKE HARD FIGHT.

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND EMPEROR WILLIAM

Degree of Doctor of Laws Conferred Upon Them by University of Pennsylvania in Presence of Tremendous Gathering.

NO PEACE PROPOSALS WILL COME FROM RUSSIA

FOREIGN OFFICE MAINTAINS THAT JAPAN MUST MAKE OVER-TURES FOR PEACE AND AT SAME TIME ADMITS THAT JAPAN IS NOT LIKELY TO DO IT.

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—Although the party which is advocating peace as the only egress from the present situation continues to gain strength, nothing has actually been decided and no move has been made. It is officially maintained that Russia's attitude is unchanged. At the foreign office not the slightest encouragement is given to peace talk. On the contrary, it is affirmed as strongly as ever, that Japan must propose peace terms, while at the same time it is admitted that it is inconceivable that Japan can offer conditions acceptable to Russia and that, therefore, the war must go on to the conclusion.

Looks Hopeful in France.
Paris, Feb. 22.—Russia has given no official indication that she is ready to take up the question of peace. In spite of this, however, the peace reports are considered hopeful. There is a tendency in highest quarters towards peace.

Poland Against Revolution.
Warsaw, Feb. 22.—The Polish National Democratic party has issued a manifesto discountenancing revolution. "There are no arms," says the document, "no money, no leaders, and no aid can be expected from other countries. Austria is weak, France is Russia's ally and England is always practical. Therefore revolution would only result in useless bloodshed. It is better to continue the work quietly and peacefully and attain our ends."

Indiana Legislator Receives \$100 Bribe
Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 22.—Representative Ananias Baker, addressing the speaker from his seat in the Indiana general assembly to-day, announced that he had received a sealed envelope which he held in his hand, with the request that he vote against the anti-cigarette bill.

Booker Washington Makes Good Showing
Tuskegee, Ala., Feb. 22.—The fourteenth annual session of the negro school began here to-day attended by an enormous crowd from all parts of the south. President Booker T. Washington, in his address reviewed the progress of the race since the war, and this was followed by a discussion of various topics relating to the best methods in agriculture and moral improvement.

Ambassador Presents Bust of Washington
Washington, Feb. 22.—Ambassador Jusserand of France, to-day presented to congress a bronze replica of the original marble bust of George Washington, which was destroyed by fire in the Library of Congress in 1851. Speeches were made by the ambassador on behalf of the French donors, and by Senator Welmore of Rhode Island and Representative McCleary of Minnesota. Madame Jusserand drew aside the veil which exposed the replica and garlanded the pedestal. This act produced the only applause of the ceremony.

Million Dollar Automobile Fire
FLAMES DESTROY BIG ENGLISH MOTOR CAR INDUSTRY.
(By Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 22.—Long Acre, the centre of the motor car and carriage industry of this city, was the scene of a disastrous fire to-day, resulting in damage estimated at \$1,250,000. Hundreds of automobiles which had just been returned from the exhibition which closed Monday were destroyed. There were some exciting escapes of tenants who occupied flats above the warehouses.

PAID \$10,000 FOR POE'S POEM
ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT BROUGHT THAT FIGURE AT AUCTION YESTERDAY.
By Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 22.—A manuscript copy of Edgar Allan Poe's poem "Ulalume," all in the poet's own handwriting, has just been sold at auction here for \$10,000.

UNKNOWN MAN DASHED FOR PRESIDENT'S CARRIAGE.
Washington, Feb. 22.—President Roosevelt returned to the city from Philadelphia to-night. The president was apparently not annoyed by the incident which occurred in Philadelphia while he was detouring from the Academy of Music to the army.

OTHER DEGREES WERE CONFERRED UPON DISTINGUISHED MEN—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT RETURNED TO WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT, NOT ANNOYED BY INCIDENT IN CROWD.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—President Roosevelt and Emperor William to-day received the degree of doctor of laws from the University of Pennsylvania. The degree was conferred upon the German emperor in absentia, Baron Spec von Sternberg, the German ambassador, accepting the honor for his sovereign.

RUSSIANS RAID CHINESE TOWN

ABOUT 300 ATTACK THE RAILROAD BETWEEN HAICHENG AND TATCHEKIAO.

Tientsin, Feb. 22.—About three hundred Russian raiders slightly damaged the railway between Haicheng and Tatchekiao on Monday night and again disregarded the neutrality of the territory west of the Liao river. The presence of Chinese soldiers was not reported. It is evident that the villagers keep the Russians well informed as to the disposition of the Japanese troops. It was expected that the raiders would repeat the attempt to destroy the Japanese stores at Niuchiatun, but they retired without an engagement. The damage to the railway was immediately repaired.

Both Armies Active.
Tokio, Feb. 22.—The headquarters of the Japanese armies in Manchuria have made a close estimate on the number of men in the Russian line. The Russians recently placed a number of heavy guns at Chiacatun, which is two miles west of Ta mountain. Scouts of both armies collided west of Shaho pao Monday night. A sharp fight took place.

Outpost Fighting.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—A telegram from Huan mountain, Manchuria, says sharp outpost fighting occurred February 20 in the Tzinchen mountain district.

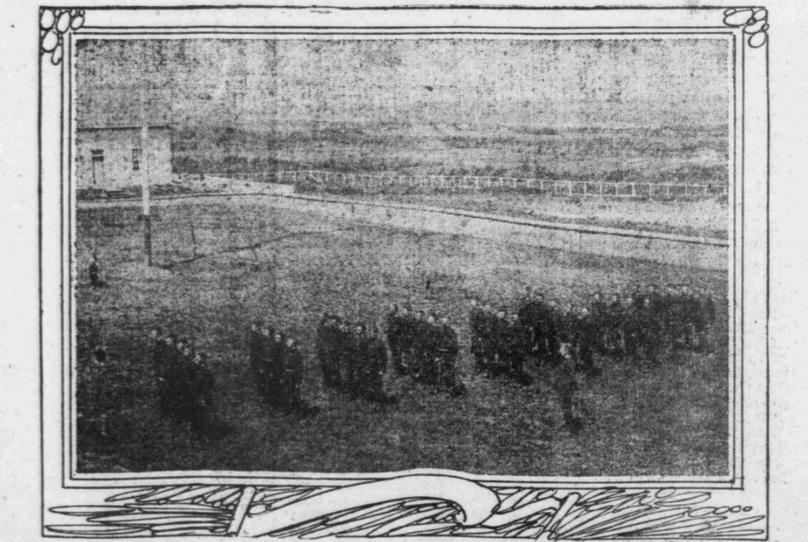
CONSUMPTION HOSPITAL NOW READY FOR PATIENTS.
By Associated Press.
Baltimore, Feb. 22.—The new tuberculosis dispensary of John Hopkins Hospital, for which Henry Phipps of Pittsburg, gave \$200,000, has been formally opened. Mr. Phipps in acknowledging the thanks of the hospital trustees and faculty, urged the students to remember the responsibility resting on them in conducting investigations of the disease, and said he expected great results from their efforts.

CORPSE SAID UP IN COFFIN

WAS BEING PREPARED FOR BURIAL WHEN SUPPOSED DEAD MAN AWOKE.

By Associated Press.
Union, S. C., Feb. 22.—A remarkable case of suspended animation occurred here when an old veteran, Robert Butts, apparently died, his body becoming rigid. The undertaker was summoned and Butts's body was dressed and carried into another room. A few moments afterward a party of friends sat by the fire they heard a sudden movement and on looking up saw the supposed "corpse" sitting bolt upright, while he sharply entered, "take me back to my own bed." It is thought he would not have revived but for the manipulation of the body incidental to dressing. Mr. Butts had been sick but is now better than before his seeming demise.

The Northwest Mounted Police.



The present influx of American settlers into Northwest Canada has resulted in several clashes between newcomers in this territory and the Northwest Mounted Police—the remarkable organization of mounted patrolmen who are charged with the duty of keeping peace in a territory aggregating thousands of square miles.

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