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Disastrous Explosion in a New Castle, Col., Coal Mine.

A Large Number of Men Were at Work in the Slope at the Time.

It is thought that not one of them is alive—the explosion caused a cave-in—the slope is filled with debris—Rescue will be difficult.

NEW CASTLE, COL., Feb. 19.—The Vulcan coal mine, located in the Hogback just below town, was completely wrecked and set on fire by a terrible gas explosion shortly after eleven o'clock Tuesday and it is believed all the workmen in the mine were instantly killed. About 60 men, including foremen and coal operators, were in the several rooms along the slope when the explosion occurred and so great was the explosion that not a single man could have survived the shock, the gas or the fire which immediately ensued. With the exception of a few bosses, the killed are Italians, but in the confusion and excitement of the day it has been impossible at this time to make a complete roster of the unfortunate.

The town of New Castle was shaken as if by an earthquake by the explosion, and a dense black cloud, obscuring the site of the Vulcan mine and workings, indicated only too plainly what had occurred. The entire population rushed to the scene to behold the surface workmen in the midst of a thick cloud of dust trying in vain to start the work of rescuing their unfortunate fellow-laborers within. The earth had settled perceptibly about the hillside and the dense mass of black smoke issuing from crevices in the upheaved mass gave evidence that the coal vein has surely been set afire by the explosion. Women and children rushed shrieking and screaming to the scene adding to the confusion.

The force of the explosion may be imagined when it is known that buildings and trestle at the mouth of the slope were completely wrecked, a hole 100 feet square carved out of the hillside at the mouth of the incline, while timbers two feet square are blown into the Grand river, 400 feet away. One miner was on his way down the slope when the explosion occurred, and his mangled remains were subsequently found several hundred feet away from the mouth of the slope. There were 140 men employed in and about the mine at the time, and about fifty were at work under ground Tuesday morning.

State Coal Mine Inspector Griffith was here February 8 and pronounced the mine in better condition than it had ever been before. An immense fan in the slope, which was about five hundred feet in depth, seemed to afford complete ventilation, and every possible precaution was taken to prevent an explosion of the gas known to exist in the mines of this district. It is believed that a high lighted fuse ignited the gas in one of the new rooms while the men were blasting down coal.

Just at this time the mine was being worked to its full capacity, the output being from 17 to 20 cars per day. The entire slope is filled with debris, and it is now plainly evident that many days must elapse before the bodies of the entombed miners can be rescued. Since darkness fell the smoke seems to have perceptibly diminished, and it may be that fire will not destroy the property, as was feared earlier in the day, but the force of the explosion was sufficient in itself to practically destroy the mine, and new workings will have to be started.

In the horrors of the day it has been impossible to obtain anything like accurate information from the panic-stricken families as to the names of the miners. The latest estimates place the number of men in the mine at 60 or more and not one escaped death. The names of the company men were only known to the pit boss, James Harrison, whose body lays with his comrades in the bottom of the ill-fated mine and can only be ascertained by the recovery of the bodies.

BILL REPORTED.

Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations for the Coming Year.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Mr. Bingham, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on appropriations, reported to the house Tuesday the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill for the coming fiscal year. The bill carries an appropriation of \$21,444,195, which is \$929,853 below the estimates submitted, and \$625,582 less than the appropriation for the current fiscal year.

In appropriating for the senate no allowance is made for clerks to the committees on woman suffrage, mines and mining, which have heretofore been provided for at \$2,100 each per annum.

West Point Military Academy Chaplain. WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The president has approved the bill abolishing the post of chaplain and professor at the West Point Military academy and providing that a regularly ordained clergyman shall be appointed to serve as chaplain in a civilian capacity for a term of four years.

Died From a Blow. GALLIPOLIS, O., Feb. 19.—Henry Gillespie and John Sheline, living at Salt Creek, opposite here, had a difficulty which resulted in Sheline knocking Gillespie down and kicking him. Gillespie died in about 24 hours. Both are young men and an investigation will be made.

BUCKEYE NEWS.

Now and Interesting Happenings Within Our Borders.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Several Important Measures Considered by the Ohio Solons.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 19.—SENATE.—Mr. Boxwell's house bill, appropriating \$70,000 for general assembly expenses, passed. Mr. Clark introduced a joint resolution for the purchase of the plates of Whitelaw Reid's book, "Ohio in the War." The cost will be about \$15,000. The Pennsylvania railroad company now gets twenty cents a ton for transferring the cars of the Baltimore and Ohio along the levee, which amounts to three or four dollars a car. A bill will be introduced providing a fixed rate of \$1.50 per car. It is said that Cincinnati merchants have had to pay the 50-cent rate, and the extensible saving to the B. & O. will be a saving to the merchants who have freight come in over the B. & O. The senate passed Mr. Clark's bill giving prosecuting attorneys power to appeal from the decisions of the circuit court in criminal cases to the supreme court.

HOUSE.—The house passed Mr. Cumming's bill requiring that the United States national flag be displayed on all public school buildings. The house committee on elections has decided upon a report in the Franklin county contested election case, and recommends the seating of Merryman (rep.) and the unseating of Davis (dem.). Davis was elected by eight majority on the face of the returns, but the committee will report enough changes to seat Merryman by a majority of 14.

SMUGGLED DIAMONDS.

It is Believed They Are Being Disposed of in Cleveland Through a Cincinnati House.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 19.—The United States authorities here believe smuggled diamonds have been disposed of in this city, and that they came through a Cincinnati house, one of the largest firms of importers of gems in the country. Charles Rogers, a local diamond merchant, went to an express office and called for a package. He paid the charges and was about to walk out, when a man stepped up and said: "I will take charge of those diamonds." The stranger threw back his coat, displaying the badge of a United States officer. The diamonds are being held at the express office until the officials are able to identify them as the smuggled goods. They are said to be worth \$38,000.

MISSING STUDENT.

G. M. Stevens Disappears Mysteriously From the Ann Arbor University.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 19.—G. M. Stevens, a student at the Ann Arbor university, was in this city Tuesday on a still hunt for his friend, W. R. Schmidt, who mysteriously disappeared from the law department at the university some two weeks ago. Schmidt left a fortnight ago and was seen in Toledo the next day. Since that time nothing has been heard from the missing man. He had no money to speak of when he left and his closest friends can imagine no good reason why he should drop out of sight. They fear foul play and the aid of the Toledo police was invoked Tuesday morning to locate the missing man. Schmidt is described as a man of 32 years of age, smooth face, dark complexion, a neat dresser and weighs 200 pounds.

Declared to be Insane.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 19.—Probate Judge White Tuesday conducted an inquiry into the sanity of J. H. Hopkins, aged 60 years, formerly superintendent of schools in Ypsilanti, Mich., and professor of a college in Pennsylvania. Hopkins moved to Berea, O., some time ago for the purpose of educating his children. He came to Cleveland Monday night and pulling out a revolver in the Union station commenced to shoot at random. He was taken to the Central station. He told Judge White that he had purchased the revolver to shoot himself. He was found to be insane.

Selection of Delegates in Tenth District. COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 19.—Ex-Attorney General Richards, who is a McKinley man, says that in pursuance of the decision of National Chairman Carter, that delegates can not be selected in the Tenth Ohio district by popular vote as the district has ordered. The committee will be asked to withdraw the call, and if it refuses to do so, a call will be issued for a convention to choose national delegates by the minority of the district committee.

In Favor of Electrocution.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 19.—In reference to a pending bill to adopt in Ohio the electric method of capital punishment now used in New York, the Evening Press Tuesday published letters from 21 leading editors of New York on the subject. All but two of them are enthusiastic in their praise of the new method. These two are G. W. Turner, of the New York Recorder, and Joseph O'Connor, of the Buffalo Enquirer.

Carnegie Turned Down.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 19.—Andrew Carnegie, the Pittsburgh millionaire, was refused honorary membership in the Cleveland chamber of commerce Tuesday night. Mr. Carnegie has long been an active correspondent of the chamber and has spoken before it on two occasions. Carnegie was bitterly denounced as an oppressor of the poor. The cause of his turn down has created a sensation in this city.

Mysteriously Missing.

AKRON, O., Feb. 19.—On the night of February 3 Charles Brown, superintendent of the Akron Electrical Co., left the city to go to his farm, a few miles distant. Nothing has been seen of him since. The canal and woods have been searched in vain. His wife believes he has suicided. He was 45, and well to do.

Assignment at Batavia, O.

BATAVIA, O., Feb. 19.—Albert Lane, a prominent citizen, Tuesday made an assignment in favor of Nichols & Nichols, a law firm. Assets, \$5,000; liabilities, \$5,000.

BATTLESHIPS.

A Half Dozen More May Be Added to Our Naval Force.

Large Amount Will Probably Be Appropriated for Rapid-Fire Guns.

Number of Torpedo Boats Recommended by the Sub-Committee Will Largely Depend Upon the Total of Warships—Enlisted Men to Be Increased.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Four, and probably six, battleships may be recommended by the sub-committee having in charge the preparation of the naval appropriation bill. The number of torpedo boats recommended will depend largely upon the total of battleships. If there be six battleships the torpedo boats may not exceed ten. If there are but four battleships, a large increase is not improbable in torpedo boats.

An appropriation of several hundred thousand dollars will probably be made for rapid-fire guns, to be used on vessels under construction. The naval bill carried an appropriation of \$500,000 for this purpose, but the item was stricken out in the senate. It is believed that the house bill at this session will appropriate at least half that amount.

The bill, so far as the sub-committee can control its provisions, will also give to the secretary of the navy an increase of one thousand in the force of enlisted men. It is not believed that it will carry an appropriation for a new naval academy. It is estimated that several million dollars would be expended for this purpose.

A majority of the full committee, it is also said, also favor six battleships. The sentiment of the house strongly favors a speedy building up of the navy. Those who urge thus say that if a strong navy is needed it ought to be built, and built quickly, without regard to financial considerations.

EDGAR W. NYE.

The Well Known Humorist Stricken With Paralysis—His Condition Critical.

ASHVILLE, N. C., Feb. 19.—Bill Nye, the famous humorist, was stricken



EDGAR W. NYE.

with paralysis at his home at Buck Shoals, eight miles from Asheville, Tuesday night, and his condition is now such that his physicians fear he can not recover.

John D. Lawler Dies Suddenly.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 19.—John D. Lawler, president of the First National bank of Mitchell, S. D., territorial governor of Dakota under Cleveland's administration and one of the most prominent men in the northwest, was found dead Tuesday evening in a room at the Garretton hotel. Death is believed to have been caused by apoplexy. Lawler was a son of Gen. John Lawler, of Wisconsin. He married a daughter of Gen. S. D. Sturgis, commander of the soldiers' home at Washington. His brother, Daniel Lawler, was the recent democratic candidate for governor of Minnesota.

Varietized Snow in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Chicago was visited by the most singular meteorological phenomenon Tuesday night that has come under the observation of the local observer. Black snow, yellow snow and brown snow fell in blinding clouds over the entire city, and reports from suburban towns brought the news that the varie-colored storm was not an exclusive Chicago production. Telegraphic advices indicate that a blizzard prevailed throughout the state.

An English Woman's Terrible Act.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—A horrible case of murder and suicide occurred at Wimbington, a small hamlet in Cambridgeshire, resulting in the death of five persons. A widow named Farnham, who lived a secluded life in a cottage in the village, murdered her four children by cutting their throats, and completed her bloody work by cutting her own throat. Mrs. Farnham was possessed of some means and no motive for the deed is known.

Found Dead in a Snow Bank.

CHEFF, Ont., Feb. 19.—James McDonald, postmaster at this place, lost his way in a snow storm over a week ago, and search has been made for him ever since. Wednesday his body was found in a deep snow bank, only his hands being visible. He wandered eight miles from the road and died from exhaustion.

Diplomatic and Consular Bill Passes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was passed by the senate Wednesday and an agreement was made that the Cuban resolutions shall be taken up at two o'clock Thursday. The conference report on the urgent deficiency appropriation bill was agreed to.

UNCORROBORATED.

George H. Jackson's Story is Considered a Little "Fishy."

CINCINNATI, Feb. 19.—Is George Jackson, who says he drove the carriage in which were Jackson, Walling and Pearl Bryan to Ft. Thomas, a victim of a morbid dementia? Medical annals present cases of that character, where men and women have confessed to crimes or participation in them, whereas it was all a hallucination. Many persons have subjected the Negro's statements to an analysis, and it must be said that the result is unsatisfactory to any one desiring to believe them.

Jackson's statement is uncorroborated. As far as an investigation can be made for corroborative proof, none is forthcoming. The statement, first, must be believed in its present uncorroborated shape on the reputation of Jackson for veracity. This shows that the Negro throughout has had a desire for notoriety. His first appearance before the public was about three years ago.

The records of the county prosecutor's office show that Geo. H. Jackson was the sole prosecuting witness in the case wherein Rev. Joshua Barbee, colored, was convicted before Judge Evans and a jury of beating up the plaintiff and robbing him one night at Nassau and St. James streets, Walnut Hills. The defendant tried to prove an alibi, but failed, as other citizens had seen him in the neighborhood about the time of the assault.

Attorney Shay, who remembers the case, says Jackson's evidence was then regarded as rather "fishy." Jackson claimed that he was struck on the back of the head, turned round, looked his assailant in the face and fell on his back. Then the night was very dark and there was no light within a square of the place where Jackson claimed he was assaulted. Several witnesses swore that Rev. Barbee was at a church social at the time the assault is alleged to have been made. An effort will be made to secure Barbee a pardon, now that Jackson's record is being better known.

Sheriff Plummer of Newport officially announces that no effort will be made to take Jackson and Walling to the Kentucky side until after February 27, the date of their arraignment in the police court. "It is not my desire to throw any obstacles in the way of the Ohio authorities or the men's attorneys," said he. "I will take plenty of time before bringing them to Kentucky."

A Joint Commission.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The Central News says that the appointment of a joint British and American commission to settle the Venezuelan boundary dispute was suggested diplomatically a week ago. The matter has not yet assumed definite shape.

Another Fire at Troy, N. Y.

TROY, N. Y., Feb. 19.—The Apollo hall building with its contents, corner of Congress and River streets, was damaged to the extent of \$75,000 by fire and water Tuesday; partly covered by insurance.



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A cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—Largest United States Government Food Report. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 160 Wall St. N. Y.

TWO MEASURES.

Of Importance Decided by the House Judiciary Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Two important pieces of territorial and state legislation have been decided upon by the house judiciary committee. One of them contemplates restricting the ready divorce industry of making one year's residence a prerequisite for any divorce in the territories. This bill was prepared by Fred H. Gillett, of Springfield, Mass. The other measure was recommended by the judge advocate general of the army and vests jurisdiction in United States courts to try any offense committed in any place jurisdiction over which has been retained by the United States or ceded to it by a state, or which has been purchased with the consent of a state for the erection of a fort, magazine, arsenal, dock yard, or other needful building, the punishment for which offense is not provided for by any law of the United States. In such cases the courts are empowered to inflict the same penalty as is provided by the laws of the state in which the place is situated. The judge advocate general in support of this bill states that under the present defective law cases of riot, aggravated assault, false imprisonment and assault with intent to commit murder committed on territory within the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, are held to be unprovided for and unpunishable.

X Rays to Detect Flaws in Steel.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—The Illinois Steel company is making plans to use the Roentgen photography for the detection of flaws in steel. If experiments along this line are successful one of the greatest benefits of the new photography will accrue to manufacturing and metallurgy. Albert Sauveur, chemist and engineer of the company, is conducting the experiments.

Two Women Killed by a Train.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 19.—Mrs. Foster and Miss Irene Saunderson, of Church Hill, this city, were run over at the outskirts of the city Wednesday morning by a Chesapeake & Ohio train and killed.

Arrival and Departure of Trains.

B. & O. S. W.	
DEPART—6:00 a. m., 10:40 a. m., 2:00 p. m., 4:5 p. m., 7:00 p. m., 11:25 p. m.	
ARRIVE—8:05 a. m., 8:10 a. m., 12:25 p. m., 4:25 p. m., 6:40 p. m., 8:55 p. m.	
T. & O. C. Ex.	
LEAVE..... 2:5 p. m., 9:00, 11:0 a. m.	
ARRIVE..... 12:20, 7:25 p. m., 7:45 a. m.	
C. & M.	
LEAVE..... 6:25 a. m., 2:55 p. m.	
ARRIVE..... 12:20, 7:25 p. m., 7:45 a. m.	
Z. & O.	
LEAVE..... 6:20 a. m., 2:40 p. m.	
ARRIVE..... 10:40 a. m., 5:55 p. m.	
O. R. R. R. (Eastern Time)	
SOUTH..... 10:25 a. m., 7:0 p. m.	
NORTH..... 11:15 p. m., 8:40, 7:28 a. m.	

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As will dispose of it all. Are you looking for Bargains? Just gaze at these:

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1.00 " .75.
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1.00 }
1.25 at \$.89.
1.50 " 1.19.

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50 3.00, 3.50 and \$4.00 at \$2.15.
50 5.00, 6.00, 7.00 and \$8.00 at \$4.88.
All 10.00 and \$12.00 at \$6.99.
All 13.50 and \$15.00 at \$9.48.
All 18.00, 20.00 and \$22.00 at 1/2 off.

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5.00, 6.00 and \$7.00 at \$3.88.
5.00 and \$10.00 at \$6.99.
12.00 and \$13.50 at \$9.15.
\$15.00 and over 1/2 off.
Boys' and Children's Suits 1-2 off regular price.

These prices cannot be duplicated. This sale will last until March 1st, positively no longer. Cash is King, nothing else goes.

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