

MINE BURNING.

The Big Spring Hill Shaft, Near Halifax, N. S., on Fire.

All the Miners Succeeded in Reaching the Surface in Safety.

Fruitless Efforts Are Being Made to Subdue the Flames—The Loss Will Be Heavy—Six Thousand People Will Suffer on Account of the Disaster.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 26.—A report has been received here Friday night that a serious fire is raging in the Big Spring Hill coal mine in Cumberland county.

The fire started in the east slope. The miners are working desperately to keep the flames from spreading further.

The north slope is not to imminent danger. The fire originated in an 1,800-foot level and was caused by a pipe-way carrying steam into the mine to operate the machinery becoming overheated.

A large gang of men were at work at the time. At the first indication of danger they made a rush to escape and all reached the surface safely.

The flames spread quickly to the 1,300-foot level, which is now converted into a raging furnace, the flames issuing from every opening to the slope.

Efforts were made to prevent the air from entering the mine, every opening being closed, but so far this has been ineffectual in staying the fire.

It was feared that an explosion would occur, but so far there has been none. The disaster will be a terrible one to Spring Hill town, a place of six thousand people, supported wholly by the men working in the mines, which are owned by the Cumberland Coal and Railway Co.

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CHRISTMAS COMES

On apace. In a few short days, and also a few nights more, the largest stockings to be had on the bargain counters will be hung in a row on the mantel.

ON DEC. 25

It is the beautiful custom for each member of the family to give to each of the other members of the family something that they least expect and usually least desire, as a token of good will.

NO POSTPONMENT

This year on account of hard times. We have a few suggestions to make today for the benefit of the thousands of ladies who are trying to find "something for a man."

ON ACCOUNT

And have the bill sent in for him to pay later on. If you want him to "brace up," buy him a pair of satin braces.

OF THE WEATHER.

The Buckeye,

Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers,

Cor. Front and Butler sts., Old P. O. Building

MARIETTA, OHIO.

A TRAIN

Strikes a Motor Car, Killing the Motor-man and Injuring Several Passengers.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 26.—A trolley car coming to this city from Bethlehem Friday afternoon was struck by a Jersey Central passenger train on a grade crossing in East Allentown.

The trolley car conductor had run ahead and signaled to the motorman to proceed. He changed the signal upon seeing the approaching train, but it was too late.

Motorman Lawrence J. Ware stopped the car with the front platform on the track. The train was running at the rate of 25 miles an hour, and when the locomotive struck the car it broke the platform off, carrying it 150 feet.

A CHURCH.

Together With the Pipe Organ and a Dozen Memorial Windows Destroyed by Fire.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 26.—St. Stephen's church, the most fashionable Episcopal church in town, situated on St. Franklin street, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning.

The church was valued at \$90,000, and was four years ago remodeled at a cost of \$20,000. The loss is \$50,000. There is an insurance of \$30,000.

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A TREATY.

General System of Arbitration of Disputes Agreed Upon.

Judicial Officers as Arbitrators With an Umpire for Final Appeal.

Six Special Judges to Be Chosen, in the Event of a Protest, in Whom England and the United States Can Go For a Hearing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A Herald special from Washington says: Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote have finally agreed upon a draft of a treaty providing for a general system of arbitration of disputes between the United States and Great Britain.

The negotiations were concluded during the absence of the president on his recent gunning trip, and although the latter has not yet given his approval of the agreement, there is little doubt that he will do so.

The proposed treaty will be submitted to the senate immediately after congress reconvenes. It is stated that the proposed treaty is drawn mainly upon the lines proposed by Lord Salisbury in April last, and it is therefore assumed that there will be no delay in securing the approval of the British premier.

A copy of the instrument, as agreed upon by Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote, was mailed to him about a week ago, and the British embassy here is expected daily to hear of the acceptance.

Although well satisfied with the terms of the agreement, administration officials are not very sanguine of its ratification by the present senate. It will doubtless be attacked, ostensibly on the ground that undue concessions have been made to Great Britain in the preparation of the treaty, but mainly for partisan reasons.

With less than 50 days of the session remaining it will require little opposition to throw the whole matter over to the McKinley administration, and this is what many of the Republicans, it is said, desire.

The proposed treaty, as agreed upon, contemplates, it is understood, the appointment of three permanent judicial officers as arbitrators on all matters in dispute between the two countries not involving questions of national honor, which in the judgment of either, can not be settled by negotiations.

Before entering on the work of arbitration the arbitrators are to select an umpire by whom any question upon which they disagree shall be decided. The determination of the arbitrators, or if they disagree, the decision of the umpire shall be the award upon the matters considered.

In the event of either power protesting that an award is erroneous in respect to some fact or international law, the decision of the arbitrators may be reviewed by a court composed of three judges of the supreme court of the United States and an equal number of Great Britain.

A majority of four to two will be necessary to make the determination of the issue final.

This has been one of the main points of difference in the negotiations conducted between Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote. The latter originally proposed that there should be a majority of five to one to make the decision final.

Secretary Olney's counter proposition was in favor of a single majority and in the event of an equal division that three jurists should be added to the court. It is said that they finally compromised on a majority voted four to two after an agreement had been reached to limit the life of the treaty to five years.

Glass Men to Meet in Chicago.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 26.—The executive committees of the Pittsburgh Window Glass Co., the Indiana Window Glass Co. and the Jobbers' association will hold a meeting at Chicago Tuesday of next week, when the new price list schedule of the window glass manufacturers will be considered.

At this meeting it is expected that the rebate system will be settled, and the new list will be put before the trade. The manufacturers have agreed to take no orders beyond a month's production and hope to get the new list out by the first of the year.

The demand for window glass is improving and an advance is probable.

Gen. Lee Arrives in Havana.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, consul general at Havana, who has been absent in the United States on leave of absence from his post for about two months, arrived here Saturday morning.

He was accompanied by his wife and daughter. Gen. Lee says he has returned to resume his duties as consul general. He says he has received no special instructions from his government, but will maintain a close watch of affairs and will keep his government thoroughly posted in regard to the situation in Cuba and all further developments on the island.

A Suspect Under Arrest.

MARSHALL, Mo., Dec. 26.—A man was arrested at Gillian, near here, Friday, on suspicion of being one of the gang who robbed the express car on the Alton road at Blue Cut Wednesday night. The man had plenty of money, but refused to state how he secured it. He gives his name as Tom McDonald and claims he is from New York.

Death of Col. Henry J. Lamsr.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 26.—Col. Henry J. Lamsr, aged 71, died in this city Friday morning, after being in feeble health for several years. The deceased was president of the Exchange bank of this city, proprietor of large landed estates, and related to L. Q. C. Lamar and Gen. Mirabeau S. Lamar, of the Texas revolution.

ANOTHER LYNCHING.

Alfred Holt Taken from the Jail at Owensboro, Ky., and Hanged to a Tree.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Dec. 26.—Alfred Holt, colored, alias Alexander, the murderer of Police Officer W. A. White, was taken from jail by a mob at 2:30 o'clock Saturday morning and hanged to a tree in the court house yard.

This is Kentucky's sixth lynching in as many days. About 2:35 o'clock two men knocked at the jail doors, and in response to a question from Deputy Jailer John Ashby, Jr., who demanded who had knocked, said they had a prisoner they wished to lock up for safe-keeping.

Thus being thrown off his guard young Ashby opened the door only to face two big revolvers. He was overpowered before he could utter a cry and the keys were taken from him. At a signal from the two men 30 or 40 others poured into the jail from the darkness.

Proceeding up-stairs several of the mob held Jailer John Ashby, Sr., a captive while two others moved on to the cell where Holt and the five other Negroes implicated with him were asleep. They did not arouse from their beds till the keys rattled in the keyhole.

Then they pleaded for mercy. The leader said Holt was the guilty man and he alone was wanted. Pleading for his life, Holt was taken out of the jail through the courthouse to the east side facing the Rudd house. He was given time to pray, when a rope was placed about his neck. In ten minutes Holt had been strangled to death.

The mob was so quiet that not over ten outsiders knew anything of the lynching. Holt had only been brought here a few days ago from Louisville, where he was taken for safe-keeping.

The lynching of Holt is condemned by many citizens as execrable, as the trial of the victim of the mob was in progress, and there was every reason to believe that justice would have been meted out to him by the court and jury.

FLANKNER, Ky., Dec. 26.—Commonwealth's Attorney Rowe Saturday morning made application to Gov. Bradley asking him to offer a reward for the lynchers of the Negro, Holt, who was mobbed by 15 masked men at Owensboro.

THE BOSTON STRIKE.

Cars Running on All Lines Without Interruption, Mostly by New Men.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Cars were running without interruption on all lines of the West End Street railway Saturday. Many of the cars were run by new men, however. On some of the divisions all the strikers were given to understand that they would have to be re-hired in order to get the opportunity of taking out cars, while on other divisions the old men were allowed to take out their cars if they presented themselves at the car houses on time.

But it was evident that the company intended to get rid of the men who were most active in the strike. Some were not allowed to take out cars at all, while those who ran out on their regular trips early in the day were replaced in many instances by new men later.

The new men were given different badges from those worn by old men and these were regarded as an indication that the company would replace most of the strikers with new men as soon as convenient.

JUAN FERNANDEZ.

Robinson Crusoe's Island Suddenly Disappears' Into the Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Robinson Crusoe's island (Juan Fernandez) has been swallowed up by the sea.

The rumor of the island's disappearance was first circulated several weeks ago by a sea captain at Lisbon, but the report was not believed at the time.

The story was Friday given what is considered authentic verification by Capt. Powell, of the British ship James Kerr, now in this port. The Kerr has just arrived from Newcastle, New South Wales, and Capt. Powell asserts that the story of the Spanish skipper seems to be true in every particular.

The sailor stated that from the deck of his vessel he had seen the island go under, and that the sea all around was perturbed as if by a submarine earthquake.

Union Miner Shot and Killed.

LEADVILLE, Col., Dec. 26.—Patrick Carney, a union miner, was shot and killed shortly after 3 o'clock Saturday morning, at his own doorstep, by four Missourians, non-unionists. Carney and his wife had just returned from a Christmas festival when they met the Missourians at the door, a few moments talk ensued and Carney was shot through the head and instantly killed.

The soldiers, hearing the shots, charged on the four men and arrested them. Trouble is feared from the outbreak.

Death of Mrs. Alden Grout.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Alden Grout, aged 86, widow of the late Alden Grout, died Saturday morning. Rev. and Mrs. Grout were pioneer missionaries to South Africa 69 years ago, and were familiar with the scenes written of by Haggard in "Mada the Lily." She was born in Holden and graduated at Mount Holyoke seminary in 1838. Four children survive them.

Four Play Suspected.

KEWANEE, Ill., Dec. 26.—Christopher O'Hira was found early Saturday morning in a dying condition in the railroad yards. Every indication points to murder. A blood stained hickory club was found near by at 6 o'clock. The man died.

Woman Burned to Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Frances Ryan, the wife of Policeman Ryan, was burned to death Friday evening in a fire which occurred in their apartment on the third floor of No. 70 West One Hundred and Sixth street.

WAR VESSELS

On the Pacific Coast Making Preparations for Emergency.

Mare Island Magazine Being Heavily Stocked With Ammunition.

Ordnance Department at Washington Will Supply 150,000 Rounds of Cartridges for Navy Revolvers—Will Be Distributed to Various War Vessels.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The war vessels upon this coast are preparing for an emergency. The magazines at Mare Island are being heavily stocked with ammunition, and there is a feeling of unrest among the officers of the navy.

During the week orders were received from the ordnance department at Washington, D. C., to supply Mare Island with 150,000 rounds of 38 caliber cartridges for navy revolvers. The ammunition will be landed at the navy yard, from which point it may be taken by the various war vessels among which it may be distributed.

That 150,000 rounds of revolver ammunition should be sent to Mare Island at this time is considered more than a mere coincidence by men who are acquainted with the manner in which the navy department conducts its affairs. It is generally believed that it is the intention of the authorities at Washington to put all the depots of naval supplies upon what may be termed an emergency footing.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

What is Going on at the Seat of Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Chester R. Faulkner, for some years a prominent politician of Indiana, and of recent years private secretary of Senator Voorhees, died at Providence hospital Friday afternoon of injuries received Thursday night by being run over by a street car.

He fell under the car which ran over and crushed his right leg above the knee. Amputation was resorted to, but the victim slowly sank under the shock and operation. Mr. Faulkner was a resident of Holton, Ripley county, Ind., where had a wife and two daughters. Two sons were killed in the war of the rebellion. He was 75 years of age.

Sues for Damages.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Ex-Priest McNamara, who has figured prominently as a lecturer, has sued the corporation of Brookland, a suburb of this city, for \$200 damages, because he was refused the occupancy of the town hall, which it is alleged, he had engaged.

No Such Information Received.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Officials in confidential relations to the secretary of state and the president appear to attach no importance to the story published by the London Times as originating in Paris to the effect that Germany had informed the United States that it was prepared to side with Spain.

The German ambassador called on Secretary Olney and on the president on Thursday, but as this was the regular diplomatic day no significance was attached to the visit to the state department, and his call on the president is explained by the fact that he presented his military attache.

American news by way of Paris is regarded as unreliable as stories of Cuban naval fights from the syndicate engaged in the preparation of those imaginary encounters in Key West.

Mrs. Ellen Terry Johnson Dead.

HARTFORD, Ct., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Ellen Terry Johnson, the wife of Prof. Charles F. Johnson, of Trinity College died suddenly of heart disease Friday afternoon. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Charles Terry, of Clove land, O., and was descended from Gen. Nathaniel Terry and Gen. Jeremiah Wadsworth, of Revolutionary fame. She was a cousin of the late Major General Alfred Terry, U. S. A. Her sister is the wife of Col. Henry W. Glasson, U. S. A., retired, of Washington, D. C.

Supposed Victim of the Mafia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Antonio Z. Zalone, an Italian barber, supposed to be a victim of the Mafia, is dying at St. Vincent's hospital with two stab wounds in his left breast, and the police are looking for Luigi Catalone, who is accused of attacking him without provocation.

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EUROPEAN POWERS

Can Not Remain Impassive Should the United States Interfere in the Cuban War.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Times Saturday publishes a dispatch from Paris saying that the United States has been confidentially informed in the most friendly terms that the European powers could not remain impassive in the event of the United States abandoning the attitude of President Cleveland and his cabinet.

Should the United States presume to exercise pressure on Spain by recognizing the Cuban insurgents or encouraging them in their resistance, it has been informed that Europe generally might become uneasy at the idea of such an extension of international action by the United States, inasmuch as it might at a given moment threaten almost all the powers whose possessions are in proximity to the United States and might tempt the spirit of enterprise and encroachment that is inspiring the senate committee on foreign relations.

"If," continues the writer, "I am correctly informed the United States has been concurrently informed that Germany is already quite prepared to side with Spain in the event of the United States showing that she is disposed officially to side with the rebels. Moreover, academic conversations are proceeding in certain foreign offices aimed the measures the powers should take to form a syndicate against the invasion of socialism which is now menacing all political organizations. It was during these four parties that the friendly warning to the United States originated. Senator Cameron's resolutions for the recognition of the Cuban insurgents being regarded in some quarters as revolutionary."

Enlarging a Glass Plant.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Dec. 26.—Vincent P. Ring, a glass factory architect, of St. Louis, has been engaged at the plant of the Hartford City Glass Co., in this city, for the past two weeks preparing plans for the third tank to be erected in the near future. The Hartford City plant is already the third largest plant in America, and when this is completed it will surpass any in point of capacity in the country.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 26. FLOUR—Winter patent, \$4.75@4.95; do fancy, \$4.25@4.50; do family, \$3.65@3.90; extra, \$2.75@3.00; low grades, \$2.00@2.75; spring patent, \$4.50@4.75; do fancy, \$3.85@4.25; do family, \$3.50@3.80; rye, \$2.70@2.80 per bbl.

WHEAT—No. 2 red quotable at 92¢@93¢ per bu on track. CORN—freely offered, but a fair demand sustains prices. OATS—The market is dull and easy, notwithstanding a fair consumptive inquiry and light arrivals.

HOGS—Select shippers, \$3.40@3.45; select butchers, \$3.40@3.45; fair to good packers, \$3.30@3.40; fair to good light, \$3.25@3.30; common and roughs, \$3.10@3.20.

CATTLE—Fair to good shippers, \$3.50@4.25; choice, \$4.20@4.50; good to choice butchers, \$3.75@4.10; fair to medium butchers, \$3.00@3.75; common, \$2.50@2.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep: Extras, \$3.00@3.25; good to choice, \$3.00@3.50; common to fair, \$2.00@2.75. Lambs: Extras, \$4.60@4.70; good to choice, \$4.00@4.50; common to fair, \$3.50@3.75.

VEAL CALVES—Fair to good light, \$5.25@6.00; common and large, \$3.90@5.00. WOOL—Unwashed, fine merino, 95¢ per lb.; quarter-blood clothing, 12¢; medium, delaine and clothing, 12¢; braid, 11¢; medium combing, 13¢@14¢. Washed, fine merino, X to XX, 11¢; medium clothing, 14¢; delaine fleece, 14¢@15¢; long combing, 15¢; quarter-blood and low, 13¢@14¢; common coarse, 11¢@12¢; tub-washed, choice, 17¢@18¢; tub-washed, average, 16¢@17¢.

Christmas & Suggestions! What to Get Your Father, Husband, Son or Brother. Fancy Shirt, \$1.00; Cane Umbrella, 1.50; Fancy Vest, 2.50; Smoking Jacket, 3.50; Walking Stick, .75; Silk Muffler, 1.00; Pair Cuff Buttons, .50; Neck Tie, .25; Suspender, .35 and 50c; Dress Kid Gloves, .81.50; Boys' Sweaters, .75; Mens' Sweaters, 1.00; 6 pr. 1/2 Hose, 2.00; Hat, 2.00; Overcoat, 10.00; Suit, 10.00. The above are some of our prices. We have others. Star Clothing House. The place to get rid of your periodical tickets.