

VICTIMS OF MINE DISASTER EAT COMRADES' DEAD BODY

SOME RECENT INSTANCES OF AWFUL EXPERIENCES RECALLED BY THE COURRIERES RESCUE.

LENS, France, April 4.—One more survivor of the Courrieres mine disaster was taken from the workings this morning, barely alive, and scarcely able to walk. His name is Berthou. He said the members of the party with him died one by one after having eaten the corpses of two apprentice boys which were found in the mine.

The rescue of miners who had been entombed for days after the terrible colliery disaster at Courrieres, France, recalls some other recent instances of thrilling escapes in mine disasters.

Besides the danger of explosion, the miner often stands in peril of drowning from the sudden rush of water, perhaps from a disused working. Such a mishap occurred in 1902 at Parkend, England, when water from an old working flooded a portion of the Union colliery and cut off a party of seven miners.

Four of the men were drowned, but the three others managed to reach some higher ground, where they remained for 120 hours, or five clear days, in gloomy solitude, awaiting the approach of a rescue party. Help came at last, though only just in time, for the miners were on the verge of death from starvation.

David Rees was a tram worker in the Elbu mine at Llanelli, Wales, where the most terrible colliery disaster of last year took place.

He was working at a heading



Arduous search of rescuers in a difficult passage.

some 200 yards away from the scene of the explosion, and with him were 10 other men.

"Suddenly," said he, "we heard a terrible report, and knew that the pit had fired.

"Before we could stir, everything seemed to move under us, and I was struck by splinters of ironwork—the trams which were filling being smashed to atoms.

"The whole place was a wreck, and strewn about were the charred and mangled bodies of several men, some stripped of their clothing by the force of the explosion. One bore no marks of any kind. He had been poisoned by the after-damp." Rees' own injuries were not serious.

A terrible death from being burned alive was narrowly escaped by 11 miners in a burning mine near

Radstock, England, last June.

The men were on the night shift, and were resting in the early morning, when smoke began to pour in through the fresh air inlet.

They tried to escape, but found that the smoke was too thick. Then they built a "bashing," or barrier to cut off the smoke and keep the air in the mine as fresh as possible. Soon, however, the smoke began to come in from other directions, and the "bashing" was torn down as useless.

At last, when some of them were on the verge of suffocation, rescue came. A party led by the manager effected an entrance from another part of the mine. When the entombed miners heard the rescuers coming those who were able struck up a hymn of thanksgiving.

SOCIALISTS TO PROTEST

There will be a mass meeting of socialists held next Sunday at the Spokane theater for the purpose of protesting against the proceedings of the courts of Idaho in their dealings with Moyer, Haywood and St. Johns, the miners' union officials who are held in bondage on account of alleged participation in the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg of Idaho. William E. Richardson, former judge of the superior court and one of the oldest and staunchest socialists in this city, will be the principal speaker of the evening. A meeting of socialists for the same purpose was to have been held on the streets last Sunday, but Chief of Police Waller forbade the meeting to be held and threatened to arrest anyone who led it. It is not Waller's intention to disturb the meeting at the Spokane as it is being held at the instigation of the more reputable socialists and not professional strife breeders whom the chief was told would participate in the meeting which he forbade.

PRESBYTERIANS MEET THURSDAY

The Spokane Presbyterian society will hold a meeting Thursday at the Bethel Presbyterian church, Sherman street and Blaine avenue. The program will be:

Morning session—10:00, devotional exercises, Mrs. Litherland, Coeur d'Alene; address of welcome, Mrs. J. A. Van Ham; response, Mrs. W. H. Jones, Fairfield; reports of officers; election of officers for ensuing year. 12:30, luncheon.

Afternoon session—2:00, devotional exercises, Mrs. R. A. Smith; music; "Letters from Our Missionaries," Mrs. F. L. Burgan, Coeur d'Alene; music; "Conference Hour," Mrs. E. F. Spicer; address, "Opportunity and Responsibility," Mrs. J. H. Himes; music; "Mission Study Class," Miss Julia Hatch, Portland.

ON WITH THE BEEF FIGHT

ROOSEVELT GIVES ORDERS TO MAKE RENEWED EFFORTS TO PUT THE TRUST PACKERS IN STRIPES—SECRET HISTORY OF THE LAST FAILURE LETS GARFIELD OUT—AN APPEAL ON IMMUNITY.

By Gilson Gardner.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—The war on the beef trust is to continue. President Roosevelt has given orders that an entirely new start be made. New evidence is to be gathered, new indictments secured, a new judge selected to try the cases, and every effort will be made to put the criminal packers into stripes.

It is freely admitted that the end of the past three years' campaign is a complete fizzle. For the moment, at least, the packers are completely triumphant. The government has no heart interest in pushing criminal cases against the packing corporations. A fine or two, more or less, will mean nothing to the beef trust.

On the face of things it would appear that Jas. R. Garfield, commissioner of corporations, was chiefly responsible for the failure of the government cases against the Chicago packers. Such, however, is not the case. Some inside history, which may now be told, shows Garfield to be entirely guiltless.

It is now learned from unquestioned sources that Commissioner Garfield's famous report on the beef trust was all a "blind." It was made with the full knowledge and belief that its statements were misleading and mostly untrue.

It now appears that congress was the innocent cause both of Garfield's fake report and also of the "immunity" complication which resulted in the escape of the beef trust officials. Representative E.

W. Martin of South Dakota, in his zeal to get after the packers, and his ignorance of the fact that President Roosevelt had already set the department of justice to secure indictments, introduced a resolution demanding that the bureau of corporations make an inquiry into the beef trust to see if they were violating the anti-trust law. The house passed it instantly.

Getting evidence for criminal prosecutions necessitates a still hunt. That was the kind Roosevelt and Moody were on. They could not head off or refuse the Martin inquiry without flushing their game.

So, at a council of war, Garfield was instructed to make a perfunctory investigation of the trust. This was all he could do without invoking the compulsory powers of the law, and to invoke the compulsory powers would furnish the packers immunity from the criminal cases which were being prepared. The possibility that the packers might claim immunity was clearly foreseen, and every precaution was taken.

How, then, did the government lawyers come to fall into this legal pit? The answer of Attorney General Moody is that he did not. The brand of law which furnished freedom to the packers on the immunity plea, he claims, is not the law.

If the case could go to any higher court, it is the firm conviction of President Roosevelt and Attorney General Moody that the decision would be promptly overruled.

The plan therefore is to ask congress to pass a law to permit the government to appeal decisions in certain federal court criminal cases. Every president has recommended such a law in annual messages for 15 years.

If the law is passed and the immunity plea knocked out then the fight will start over again, hot as trust officials. Representative E.

LABORS' REALM

OAKLAND, Cal., April 4.—At 3 o'clock this morning the car men's union unanimously adopted the agreement reached yesterday between their leaders and the traction company, thus avoiding the threatened strike. The settlement is a partial victory for the men, the main points gained being the recognition of the union and a hearing for discharged employes, together with minor concessions. Their demand for an increase of wages was not granted and the present wage scale is to remain in force until Jan. 1, 1907.

"Not only are the employes of the Oakland Traction company satisfied in every detail with the written agreement with the corporation but now there is a fair understanding mutually of the working conditions between all interested," said A. D. Mahon, president of the International organization of street car employes, in an interview this morning. "The Union has won a decided victory and is practically fully recognized by the Oakland Traction company consolidated."

A meeting was held last Sunday by local union men and their wives for the purpose of organizing a Women's Label league in this city. Those present were very enthusiastic and it was decided to make application for a charter at once.

At the meeting of the Central Labor union Monday evening, J. G. Sheldon of the waiters' union made an eloquent appeal to the delegates present to take hold of this matter and bring their wives to the next meeting of the league, which will be held April 11 at 8 p. m. The meeting will be in the nature of a social session and a most enjoyable and profitable evening can be expected by all who attend.

This evening, at the their hall, corner Wall and Main, the Waiters' Alliance, local No. 63, will install their recently elected officers. The following is a list of those who will conduct the business affairs of this prosperous union during the ensuing term: President, J. E. Kelley; vice president, T. P. Dawson; recording secretary, I. W. Browne;

business agent, Geo. Cummings; inspector, E. Coutts; chaplain, G. Kippe; sergeant at arms, Geo. V. Long; executive board, Henry L. F. E. Grimes, C. L. Angel; joint executive board, J. E. Kelley, A. Harsh, J. G. Sheldon.

While the Central Labor union refused to prosecute violations by local laundries of the state law by compelling their employes to work over 10 hours per day, a motion prevailed to call the attention of State Labor Commissioner Hubbard to the matter, it being one of his duties to investigate cases of this nature. The secretary of the central union was instructed to notify Mr. Hubbard at once.

The Massachusetts legislature has killed the child-labor bill. The bill prohibited the employment of women and minors in textile establishments before 6 o'clock in the morning and after 6 o'clock at night.

Mayor Dunne of Chicago has reiterated his statement that he is not opposed to the policemen forming a labor union. In this way the bluecoats could affiliate with the Chicago Federation of Labor. Chief Collins, however, is not in accord with the mayor on this subject.

Six thousand Chicago building laborers will be benefited by an agreement which was entered into recently between representatives of the Employing Plasterers' association and the Hod Carriers and Building Laborers' union. By the terms of the new agreement the plasterers' laborers are to receive 40 cents an hour, an increase of 3 1/2 cents an hour over the scale paid during the past five years. This scale is to go into effect July 6.

The Tacoma plasterers' union are demanding an increase of 50 cents per day and a half holiday on Saturday. It is expected that the contractors will grant the demands of the union.

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LORDS NEW AND LORDS OLD WHO TOOK STAGE BEAUTIES TO WIFE

CUSTOM OF WEDDING DARLINGS OF THE FOOTLIGHTS AN OLD ONE IN ENGLAND AND IS JUST RECENTLY REVIVED—SOME FAMOUS CASES OF THE PAST.

LONDON, March 26.—According to the English version, when the stage gives two actresses to the peerage within a week, the United States must look to its—"strawberry leaves."

The recent marriage of the famous stage beauties to English lords has created a real sensation in high society circles, and it is feared that the custom may become epidemic.

Before Frances Belmont, the pretty Florodora girl, became Lady Ashburton and before the marriage of Eva Carrington to the wealthy Irish peer, Lord de Clifford, there were four living devotees of the footlights who had captured titles. Miss Belle Bliton married the earl of Clancarty in 1889 and Miss Constance Glichrist became the countess of Orkney in 1892. In 1901 Miss Rosie Boote wedded the marquis of Headfort, and last year the earl of Rosslyn captured from the stage Miss Anna Robinson.

The custom of alliances between the stage and the peerage is a very old one—almost as old as the play itself. One marriage that occurred in 1724, between the third earl of Peterborough and Miss Anastasia Robinson was kept a secret for years and was a source of many misunderstandings. On one occasion the earl caned a handsome singer who was smitten by the charms of his actress-wife, and at another time the intervention of the authorities alone prevented his fighting a duel with his cousin, the earl of Chesterfield.

A happy union took place in 1751, when the duke of Bolton fell in love with Miss Lavinia Fenton, the daughter of a coffee house keeper, who was the Polly Peachum of Gay's "Beggar Opera." Her portrait by Hogarth, hangs in the national gallery.

On the death of her wealthy husband in 1815, Mrs. Thomas Coutts, whose stage name was Harriet Mellon, married the duke of St. Albans. She adopted the woman who is now the Baroness Burdett-Coutts.

Miss Louisa Fairbrother, who became the morganatic wife of the duke of Cambridge, was known during her life as Mrs. Fitzgeorge. Two sons of this happy union, Rear Admiral and Col. Fitzgeorge, bear their mother's name.

Miss Fanny Braham, a much-married actress, wedded two peers



1, Harriet Mellon, married duke of St. Albans; 2, Lavinia Fenton, married duke of Bolton; 3, Louise Fairbrother, morganatic wife of duke of Cambridge; 4, Anastasia Robinson, married earl of Peterborough; 5, Fanny Braham, married Earl Waldergrave and Baron Carlingford.



MARCHIONESS OF HEADFORT.



COUNTESS OF ORKNEY.



COUNTESS OF GLENCARTY.



COUNTESS OF ROSSLYN.

and two "commoners." In 1830, when she was 19 and a widow, she became Lady Waldergrave, and in 1863 she married the first baron of Carlingford, having married a third time after the death of her first titled husband.

DROVE INJURED HORSE.
Philip Davis, a junk dealer, was fined \$1 and costs this morning by Judge Hinkle for cruelty to animals. Davis was arrested by the humane officer a week ago for driving an injured horse.

GAELIC ORATOR WELL RECEIVED

Enthusiasm knew no bounds at the meeting with Dr. Douglas Hyde in the gymnasium of Gonzaga college last evening. Dr. Hyde spoke entertainingly on Ireland, past, present and future, and the great crowd that had gathered to hear the lecture was greatly enthused with the picture he painted of the future. At the conclusion of the speech E. Dempsey moved that a committee composed of Jas. Monaghan, Edward O'Shea and M. M. Cowley be appointed to receive contributions for the work of the Gaelic league. The Gonzaga band played a few selections and Mrs. George Manning sang entertainingly. Father Goller delivered an address in addition to that of Dr. Hyde.

PIONEERS OF COUNTY MEET

Eighty men and women attended the meeting of the Spokane County Pioneer's society held last evening in the courthouse. Mrs. J. M. Grimmer was elected president of the society. Other officers elected were Francis H. Cook, vice-president; S. R. Alexander, secretary and treasurer; E. Bricknell and George Hollway, trustees. Mr. Cook suggested that he would like to see the next annual picnic confined to members only. The names of those members who have died will hereafter be read at each meeting. It was decided to lend every aid possible to the newly formed historical society. The meeting closed with the serving of refreshments.

LITTLE GIRL HAS NARROW ESCAPE

At 7 o'clock last evening a horse belonging to the Washington Grocery company was frightened in some way on Bernard street near Fourth avenue and started to run away with no one in the wagon but little 7 year old Francis Warner, niece of Policeman Nicholas Warner. The little girl held onto the

At the Theaters

AT THE SPOKANE.
The Merry Maidens Burlesque company which opened at the Spokane last night is very good for its class. Some of the scenes are funny and the singing is not bad. True, the costumes are rather scanty and horseplay is abundant, but that is to be expected in burlesque. Some of the specialties are excellent. Sam Rice does one of the best delineations of the Jew character that has been seen here this season. He drew five recalls in his song, "Peezy Weezy." The Farrell brothers are without doubt among the cleverest bicycle acrobats that have ever been seen in this city. They introduce many new features such as their double carrying act, turning a complete somersault on a bicycle, etc.

The play will be repeated tonight. It is said that the management of "The Sleeping Beauty and the Beast," which comes to the Spokane tomorrow night, has engaged a pretty miss, hailing from each state in the Union, not even excepting the territories. This erstwhile troupe of chic entertainers must certainly have many interesting stories to tell of their experiences during their vast trans-continental tour.

"THE WANDERING JEW."
L. Saken, the Yiddish humorist, will be at the Auditorium Sunday afternoon and will present the real wandering Jew. Saken has traveled throughout the country and has pleased many large audiences.

WILL STRENGTHEN MISSION BRIDGE

The owners of the Spokane Traction company have agreed to strengthen the Mission street bridge so that it will be safe for car traffic if the city council will pass the franchise asked for by the company. The mayor yesterday vetoed their former franchise on account of the bridge being unsafe for car traffic. It was hoped by the mayor that the company would pay their share toward the construction of a new bridge.

OBJECTS TO GIVING A FEDERAL CHARTER.

(Scraps News Association.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Senator Hepburn today objected to giving unanimous consent to a federal charter to the National German Alliance, declaring he believed it unwise for congress to charter such bodies.

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MANY ATTEND ART EXHIBIT

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