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THREE SCORE DEAD

BIG SHOE FACTORY AT BROCKTON, MASS., WRECKED BY BOILER EXPLOSION.

DEAD ESTIMATED AT SIXTY AND INJURED AT PRACTICALLY THE SAME NUMBER.

FIRE FOLLOWS THE EXPLOSION, CREMATING THE IMPRISONED EMPLOYEES.

Brockton, Mass., March 21.—This city is in mourning for at least three score of her citizens whose lives were blotted out during the day by the explosion of a boiler in a large shoe manufacturing establishment, conducted by the R. E. Grover company.

The explosion was immediately followed by a flash of flame, which spread and consumed the factory, a long four-story structure, as if it were a house of cards, and incinerated an unknown number of men and women who were unable to extricate themselves from a mass of tangled wreckage formed by the terrible upheaval in the boiler-room. More than fifty of the employes in the building were maimed, burned or bruised by the time they reached safe ground. Some had jumped from the roof, some from windows and others had been injured in the mad rush to escape from the doomed factory, which from all parts emitted the intense, awful heat of an inferno, driving back the band of heroic rescuers who in a few brief moments had performed gallant service.

The fire extended from the factory to seven other buildings in the vicinity and destroyed them. Two wooden dwellings near the engine room were practically demolished by the flying boiler. The total financial loss is estimated at \$250,000, \$200,000 of which falls on the R. E. Grover company. The monetary loss is nearly offset by insurance.

Total Number of Dead Unknown.

It may never be known how many persons perished in the wreckage, as no one knows how many persons were in the factory. The number has been estimated at 400, but Treasurer Charles O. Emerson said he doubted whether there were so many at work. Two hundred and fifty survivors have been accounted for and at midnight the remains of fifty bodies had been recovered from the ruins, the search being continued all night. Fragments of human frames which possibly might belong to bodies other than those enumerated, have also been found. Few of the remains have been identified. The head in nearly every case is missing.

At midnight, a list of missing, numbering twenty-nine, was given out at the police station. It is feared that all were killed, as every effort to locate them has proved futile.

At 2 a. m. the remains of fifty-three persons had been recovered.

Chief of Police Boyden expressed the opinion that some of the employes had not reached the factory at the time of the explosion and that undoubtedly a number of those living in near-by places were injured and had gone home without reporting their injuries. He thought that many of those not accounted for, upward of 100 in number, were among these.

The disaster was attended by many harrowing scenes and thrilling rescues. For hours hundreds of the relatives of the factory operatives besieged the ruins and the fire and police stations in quest of missing ones.

MUST SERVE SENTENCES.

Supreme Court Affirms Action in Colorado Election Cases.

Washington, March 20.—The supreme court of the United States has denied the motion for writs of habeas corpus in the cases of Peter Miller and Thomas Shepperson, two of the Denver election officials who were sentenced to terms of imprisonment by the supreme court of Colorado on charges of violating the orders of the court in connection with the November election. No written opinion was handed down in the case.

Miller and Shepperson were judge and clerk respectively of Precinct 8 of the Eighth ward of the county of Denver and, each of them was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and serve a year in close confinement for violation of the injunction of the state court forbidding all the officers of election in the city from interfering with or preventing a free, fair and open election. Miller and Shepperson, with fifty or sixty others, are serving their sentences.

ROBBERS MAKE A BIG HAUL.

Hold up a Bank Messenger and Get Ten Thousand Dollars.

Berkeley, Cal., March 21.—J. E. Faly, an Oakland liveryman, who was acting as a messenger for the Central Bank of Oakland, was held up by two men and robbed of \$10,000 in gold, while on his way to the Standard Oil refinery at Point Richmond. The robbers escaped.

Ten Austrian Miners Killed.

Vienna, March 21.—By an explosion in a colliery at Drenkova, Hungary, ten miners were killed and many others injured.

MAJOR WARNER CHOSEN.

Succeeds F. M. Cockrell as Senator From Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 20.—Amid scenes of the wildest disorder, Major William H. Warner of Kansas City, veteran of the Civil war and United States attorney for the district of Kansas City, was elected to the United States senate to succeed Francis Marion Cockrell.

The hands of the clock were first turned back, then smashed, in order that a senator might be elected before the hour fixed for the adjournment of the legislature.

Democrats replaced the hands on the battered clock and fixed them at 3 o'clock, then declared that the hour of adjournment had passed and demanded a vote on a motion to dissolve. Speaker Hill refused to hear the motion, and Senator Nelson, Dem., of St. Louis rushed to the rostrum and tried to bear the speaker away in his arms. Several fights resulted and the scene for the next fifteen minutes was one that is without a parallel in the history of Missouri legislatures. Finally order was restored and then Colonel R. C. Kerens announced that his followers would vote for Warner. The seventh and last ballot of the day and the sixty-seventh taken in joint session was then taken. The ballot stood:

Warner, 81; Cockrell, 83; Niedringhaus, 1; total, 175.

OVER A SCORE KILLED

TWENTY-FOUR MEN MEET DEATH IN COLLERIES AT THURMOND, W. VA.

Charleston, W. Va., March 20.—As the result of the horrible explosion in the Rush Run and Red Ash mines near Thurmond Saturday night twenty-four men now lie dead in the two mines. Ten of these were killed in the explosion Saturday night and the other fourteen were a rescuing party who entered the mine Sunday morning to take from the mines the charred and blackened remains of their fellow workmen. These latter were killed by a second explosion and the afterdamp. The first explosion was caused by a "naked" flame coming in contact with the gas. The flames leaped from the drift mouth and set fire to everything that was not blown away by the force of the explosion. The big fan that furnished air in the mine was damaged and it was several hours before it could be again started.

After considerable time the great fan was repaired and the power turned on and it began drawing 100,000 cubic feet of air through the charnel house each minute. A rescue party was formed and about twenty men entered the mine in search of the bodies of those who had perished at the first explosion. The men explored the mines for two or three hours, putting up brattices so that pure air should follow them wherever they went. At 3:45 another awful explosion occurred, caused by the gas coming in contact with the "naked" flame of a miner's lamp, and fourteen more souls were launched into eternity. This explosion was not so forcible as the former, but the more awful in its effects and was followed by a shorter, thin tongue of flame, followed by a silence so deadly that it seemed physically painful.

FOUND IN THE RIVER

BODY OF SUPPOSED ACCOMPLICE OF ALLEGED ST. PAUL MURDERER.

St. Paul, March 17.—The body of a young man, identified as that of Joseph Hartman, alleged accomplice of Edward Gottschalk, accused murderer of Christian H. Schindeldecker, was found during the afternoon in the Mississippi river near where Gottschalk and Hartman were last seen together.

The discovery was made by Patrolmen Gueron and Melrose, who have been dragging the river for several days under directions from Chief of Police O'Connor.

The search for Hartman, dead, began when the young man's father declared that Gottschalk had put the young man out of the way to prevent him from confessing the murder.

The body was found just below the dam, where it was suspected Hartman might have been thrown into the river. Gottschalk, who was given a preliminary hearing in the police court on the charge of murdering Schindeldecker, was held to await the action of the grand jury.

TEN THOUSAND MEN IDLE.

Score of Industrial Plants Closed by High Water.

Pittsburg, March 21.—More than a score of industrial plants are crippled and at least 10,000 men are temporarily forced into idleness; costly washouts along the railways bordering the Allegheny have resulted and hundreds of stores are flooded as the result of one of the fiercest flood rampages the Allegheny has been on for years. The rampage, however, has ended.

The monetary damage cannot now be definitely estimated. Fortunately only one life has been reported lost as an incident of the flood. This was the result of a daring attempt of Stanley Hilger to cross the Ohio in a skiff.

RACE FOR HARBIN

RETIRING RUSSIANS CONTINUE NORTHWARD WITH JAPS IN CLOSE PURSUIT.

LATTER MAY CUT LINE OF RETREAT AND ARMY'S FATE IS STILL DOUBTFUL.

PARTIAL REPORTS SHOW A RUSSIAN LOSS OF 120,000 MEN IN MUKDEN BATTLE.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—Anxiety regarding the fate of General Linevitch's force continues, the main danger to them being the Japanese columns which are hurrying northward along the great trade route twenty miles west and parallel with the line of retreat. The heads of these columns were officially reported to be passing Fakoman, thirty miles northwest of Tie pass, on Friday. Their appearance doubtless hastened the Russian retreat, which may now have become literally a race northward, as once the Russians are headed it would be easy for the Japanese, by a short cut, to throw themselves across the line of retreat.

After leaving Kalyuan General Linevitch is believed to have divided his army, the main portion clinging to the railroad and the other falling back along the mandarin road, which runs to Kirin, it being impossible to leave the latter open to the Japanese lest they then be able to creep up on the left flank. At the same time it is recognized that a separation of forces is always attended with the danger of giving the enemy an opportunity to concentrate and fight the army in detail.

Some military men here believe that Linevitch will try to hold the line from Kirin to Changouan, 120 miles north of Tie pass. The First corps, composed of steady troops from St. Petersburg and formerly commanded by General Meyendorff, is covering the retreat, which, the war office declares, is proceeding in an orderly fashion.

Complete details of the losses at the battle of Mukden are not yet available at the war office, but the reports thus far received indicate that 120,000 men were killed, wounded or made prisoners and that about eighty field guns were captured. Almost every siege gun, it is affirmed, was removed.

DISMISSED IN DISGRACE.

Kuropatkin's Degradation Publicly Gazetted at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—With the Japanese hanging on the heels and flanks of the remnants of the broken, defeated Russian army, General Kuropatkin, the old idol of the private soldier, has been dismissed and disgraced and General Linevitch, commander of the First army, is appointed to succeed him in command of all the Russian land and sea forces operating against Japan. The word disgrace is written in large letters in the laconic imperial order gazetted, which contains not a single word of praise, and also disposes of the rumor that Kuropatkin had asked to be relieved. The Russian military annals contain no more bitter imperial rebuke.

JAPANESE OCCUPY KAIYUAN.

Russians Later Attempt Counter Attack but Are Repulsed.

Washington, March 20.—The Japanese legation has received the following cablegram from Tokio:

"At 4 a. m. on March 19 our detachment occupied Kaiyuan, twenty miles north of Tie pass. The enemy afterward attempted a counter attack but were repulsed. The enemy burned bridges on the main road south of Kaiyuan and also destroyed part of a railway bridge. A number of Russian guns were found buried near Mukden."

WARNING TO CASTRO

FRANCE ORDERS VENEZUELA TO STOP INTERFERENCE WITH CABLE COMPANY.

Washington, March 21.—The French cable complications have reached a crisis and Minister Bowen has informed the state department that the French minister at Caracas, by instructions of his government, has notified the Venezuelan government that there must be no further proceedings on its part of the cancellation of the company's franchise or interference with its property. Further Mr. Bowen reports that two French warships have been ordered post haste to Venezuela to act in accordance with the instructions of the French minister. These are the cruiser Duplex and cruiser Jurien de la Graviere, now in the Caribbean sea.

It is the expectation here that the appearance of these ships at La Guayra will cause President Castro to accede promptly to the demands of the French minister, failing which the minister probably will place the legation in the care of some other minister at Caracas and go aboard one of the warships, thus severing diplomatic relations between France and Venezuela.

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