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## EIGHT DEAD IN MINE

### Open Lamps Ignite Gas and Explosion Follows.

## RESCUERS ARE FORCED BACK

### Prompt Action of Management Aids Hundreds to Escape—Fire Prevents Recovery of Bodies.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 25.—Eight men were killed and the lives of 400 persons were imperiled by an explosion of gas in mine A of the Chicago & Carterville Coal company at Herrin, Ill., late Thursday. Open lamps carried by the mine engineer and his assistants caused the disaster, according to a long-distance telephone message from the mine office to the Associated Press. There were three men and a boy in this party. All lost their lives.

Prompt action by the management resulted in the safe exit of the hundreds of men at work below ground. Within five minutes after the first report of the explosion, miners in the immediate vicinity of the accident were started toward the surface and on the return trips of the cages rescuers were lowered to entries No. 7 and No. 8, west, where the catastrophe took place. Among the dead were:

W. T. Pierce, mine engineer.  
 Eugene Barrett, assistant engineer.  
 Thomas Williams, superintendent of the mine, and Robert Huston, manager, headed the first relay of rescuers. Despite the black damp that flowed into the chambers adjoining those in which Pierce and his party were killed, these men plunged into the workings.  
 Three bodies blocked their path. Hasty examination showed that the men were alive, and they were rushed to the surface. One was A. J. Huston, brother of the manager. The others, Charles Klem and Albert Shelton, and Huston were revived, and all are expected to recover from the effects of the gas.

The rescuers next found the bodies of Snyder, Greece and Romeo, miners. None of these men had been burned, the condition of the corpses testifying to the force of the concussion. The body of Harbor, a miner, was badly burned, the features being scorched almost beyond recognition.  
 Efforts of the rescuers to penetrate more deeply into the workings were repulsed by increasing afterdamp. The ventilating apparatus of the mine had not been damaged, but it could not cope successfully with the gases, and Guiney and Huston and their helpers were forced to retreat, leaving the bodies of Pierce and his companions. The fire also began to gain headway, and it is not expected the bodies can be recovered before tomorrow.

News of the explosion soon spread through Herrin, and women and children rushed at once to the shaft-house. But as the cages emptied load after load of rescued miners sobs of anguish gave way to cries of joy. These in turn were soon hushed to murmurs of sympathy as the bodies of the dead were brought to the surface.

### SKY LIGHTS SEEN AGAIN.

### Many Towns Report Searchlight Borne by Airship.

Boston, Dec. 25.—Following the report from Worcester Thursday night of the discovery above that city a strange moving light, apparently the searchlight of a dirigible aircraft, last night brought stories of the observance of similar lights from villages east of Worcester, and even from Boston Common. People in Marlboro, South Fremington, Natick, Ashland, Grafton, North Grafton, Upton, Hopdale and Northboro turned out in throngs last night and saw a mysterious light in the sky.

Many declared that it had the appearance of a strong light, while they could discover no framework behind it, such as an airplane would have. They were positive that the light could not be that of a balloon because it moved as if under control and apparently against the wind.

Wallace E. Tillinghast, a Worcester man who recently asserted that he had invented a machine in which he had gone from Worcester to New York and return, and who, it was thought, might have been the navigator of the supposed aircraft, remained noncommittal today.

### Neighbors Call Cook Martyr.

New York, Dec. 25.—A committee which was appointed by the Brooklyn neighbors of Dr. Cook some months ago to raise funds for the erection of a monument to the explorer, has decided to go on with its work in spite of the cables from Copenhagen. "Dr. Cook," according to one member of the committee, "is a noble martyr. The rest of the world may take the word of those indoor Polar explorers over in Copenhagen, but his neighbors in old Bushwick know that Dr. Cook discovered the Pole, because he told us so himself."

### Lottery Agents Caught.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Two men alleged to be foreign lottery agents have been arrested by postal inspectors. They are Samuel Freudenberg and Herman Kompel. Lottery tickets, lists of drawings and advertising matter exploiting the lotteries were seized. Advertising matter of the "150th Royal Saxony Lottery" found in the Freudenberg house said that the total amount of money to be distributed would be 16,469,200 marks, nearly \$4,000,000.

### Bowdoin to Rejoice for Peary.

Brunswick, Me., Dec. 25.—The achievement of her distinguished alumnus, Commander Peary, in reaching the North Pole, will be celebrated at the close of the Bowdoin College year, it was announced at chapel by President Hyde.

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### One Successful Case.

"Doctor, you're not so foolish as to think you can make people good by performing operations on them, are you?"

"That depends upon what you call making people good. You can check their disposition to commit crime."

"As, for example?"

"Well, I once knew a man who was cured, by a simple operation, of a tendency to rob banks and hold up railway trains."

"Did you perform it, doctor?"

"No; I was merely called on to verify the result after the operation was over."

"Well, who did perform it?"

"A frontier sheriff."—Chicago Tribune.

### Died at Eighty-eight as Predicted.

Propheying early in life that she would live to see her eighty-eighth birthday, Miss Julia H. Hancock, of Brockton, Mass., died a few days ago on the day she had previously set for her death. Infirmities of age are given as the cause. She gave no particular reason for her prediction, although she seemed imbued with the belief that her prophecy would come true.

### Who?

For who, to dumb forgetfulness a prey,  
 That letter in his pocket e'er resign'd,  
 Without receiving, on some later day,  
 A good-sized portion of somebody's mind?

### Save This Recipe for Colds.

"Mix half pint of good whiskey with two ounces of glycerine and add one-half ounce Concentrated pine compound. The bottle is to be well shaken each time and used in doses of a teaspoonful to a tablespoonful every four hours." Any druggist has these ingredients or he will get them from his wholesale house. This is wonderfully effective.

The Concentrated pine is a special pine product and comes only in half-ounce bottles, each enclosed in an airtight case, but be sure it is labeled "Concentrated."

### What's in a Name?

An amusing story has been told concerning Mr. Phillips' classic drama, "Ulysses." When it was being played in America, two young girls were sitting together in the stalls at a matinee performance, and before the curtain rose the following conversation was heard: "Say, Maude, I know this play is going to be funny." "What makes you think so?" asked Maude. "Why, anybody could tell that from the name!" was the reply.—M. A. P.

The next time you feel that swallowing sensation, the sure sign of sore throat, gargle Hamlin's Sore Throat Oil immediately with three parts water. It will save you days and perhaps weeks of misery.

### En Famille.

Willie, a little country boy, 6 years of age, was taken one Sunday night to a large city church, where he saw for the first time a vested choir. To his mother's surprise and gratification, he not only kept wide awake, but seemed greatly interested in every part of the service. At its close he turned to her and said, "I like this church, it is so nice to watch the preacher when he comes out with all his wives in their nightgowns."—Harper's Magazine.

### Good for Sore Eyes.

For over 100 years PETTIT'S EYE SALVE has positively cured eye diseases everywhere. All druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

### Point of Difference.

"Yes," said the bride of three short months, "I had made up my mind to remain in the spinster class, then John appeared upon the scene and I accepted him because he was so unlike other men."

"Oh, of course he's different," rejoined the envious lady friend. "He proposed."—Yonkers Statesman.

## Your Hair Contrary?

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## AIRSHIP APPEARS AT NIGHT.

### Mysterious Craft, Carrying Powerful Searchlight, Is Seen.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 24.—Flying at 30 to 40 miles an hour, a mysterious airship tonight appeared over Worcester, hovered over the city a few minutes, disappeared for about two hours, and then returned to cut four circles about the city, using a searchlight of tremendous power. Thousands of persons thronged the streets to watch the mysterious visitor.

The airship remained over the city for 15 minutes, all the time at a height that most observers set at about 2000 feet, too great to enable even its precise shape to be seen. The glaring rays of its great searchlight, however, were sharply defined. The dark mass of the ship could be seen dimly.

At the time of the airship visit, Wallace E. Tillinghast, a Worcester man, who recently asserted he had invented a marvelous aeroplane, in which he said he had journeyed to New York and returned by way of Boston, was absent from his home and could not be found.

The visitor from the clouds was first sighted over Marlborough at 5:20 o'clock. The 16 miles between this city and Marlborough were covered in 30 minutes.

Two hours later an eager shout from the waiting crowds announced its return. Slowly its light swept the heavens. It circled four times about the city and then disappeared, finally heading first to the south and then to the east.

### Marlboro Sights Airship.

Marlboro, Mass., Dec. 24.—An airship was sighted over Marlboro early tonight, going northwest at 60 or more miles an hour. Persons in all sections of the city reported having seen it. Its general course, they say, was in the direction of Clinton.

### SIGHTS ABANDONED WRECK.

### Japanese Steamer Reports Disaster Off Cape Flattery.

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Another probable marine disaster off the coast of Washington was recorded today, when the Japanese steamer Kaga Maru reported to the wireless station at Cape Beal that the American schooner Sussie M. Plummer was in distress and had been abandoned 100 miles west and south of Cape Flattery.

No news regarding the extent of the schooner's trouble or the fate of the crew was contained in the brief message from the Japanese vessel, which is on her way to the Orient.

The United States lifesaving tug Snohomish left her station at Neah Bay at 4 o'clock this afternoon to go to the aid of the schooner's crew.

The Sussie M. Plummer, a vessel of 920 tons, gross, sailed from Everett, Wash., December 5, with a cargo of lumber for San Pedro, Cal. She is owned by W. G. Tibbitts, of San Francisco, and was built in 1890 at Thomaston, Me. She was commanded by Captain Hansen and carried a small crew.

### EXPORTS DROP ONE MILLION.

### French Tariff Seriously Affects American Oil Products.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Alarmed by a drop from \$1,000,000 to \$26,363 in mineral oil exports to France in a month, American oil exporters have begun a movement to induce congress to renew with the French government the reciprocity treaty that expired on October 31. Exporters also hope for the renewal of the treaty with Spain, a large importer of American oil, which will expire on August 31, 1910.

Exports to Canada under the operation of the new tariff law have not been compiled by the bureau of commerce and labor, but indications are that they will show relatively as great a falling off in oil exports as those to France.

Notwithstanding the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty with France, reports to the bureau for November, the first month under the new order of things, show larger totals in both imports and exports than in the corresponding month of last year. Raw cotton, which is imported into France free of duty, and hence is not affected by the tariff changes, is largely responsible for the increase in exports, while art works 20 years old and over, admitted free under the new law, and diamonds and hides were responsible for the increased imports.

The falling off in imports of champagne from France, due to the increased tariff, was most marked, declining from \$584,974 in November, 1908, to \$58,062 in November, 1909.

### Miners Drive Out Switchmen.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 24.—A committee representing the Butte miners' union today drove switchmen who had returned to work in Butte yards of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads from their work and told them that if they returned 2000 miners would wait upon them tomorrow and see that they stopped work while their brother switchmen were on strike. Every switchman on the two roads quit, and tonight switching operations in Butte are completely tied up. All the Boston & Montana mines and the Colusa mine closed today.

### English Steamer Missing.

London, Dec. 24.—Gales in Great Britain have done much damage to shipping. The railway company's steamer Rostrevor, which left Greenore, a headland of Ireland, at 11 o'clock Tuesday night, and which was due at Holyhead, Wales, 75 miles across St. George's channel, at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning, had not been reported, and it is feared she has foundered. She carried a crew of 24 and a few passengers.

### Zelaya's Loss Is Immense.

Panama, Dec. 24.—A wireless dispatch from Bluefields, addressed to General Chamorro's father here, reports 600 men killed and 1800 prisoners and 1,000,000 cartridges captured by the provisional government forces at Rama.

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### Chance for a Bargain.

Dejected Youth—I would like to return this engagement ring I purchased here a few days ago.

Jeweler—Didn't it suit the young lady?

Dejected Youth—Yes, but another young man had already given her one just like it, and I would like to exchange it for a wedding present.—Tid-Bits.

### Trees Brought Rain.

In lower Egypt rain fell very seldom. During the French occupation, about 1789, it did not rain for sixteen months, but since Mahomet Ali and Ibrahim Pasha completed their vast plantations—the former alone planted more than 20,000,000 olive, fir, cotton, acacia, plane trees, etc.—there now falls a good deal of rain.

### To-Day and To-Morrow.

Happy men are full of the present, for its bounty suffices them; and wise men also, for its duties engage them. Our grand business undoubtedly is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.—Edward Fitzgerald, "Polonius."

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"You'd like to have me give this a notice, I presume," said the literary editor.

"Indeed, I would," answered the author of the book; "the best in the world."

But the conscientious literary editor, after reading it, classified it as one of the worst in the world.

### So Like a Man.

"George, did you go and order that parlor lamp I told you I wanted?"

"No, Laura; I clean forgot it."

"Why, I asked you to tie a string around your finger to remind you of it, and you said you would."

"I know I did, but in the abstraction of the moment I tied it around my pocketbook."

### Injury Done by Mosquitoes.

Before the draining and diking of England and Holland, mosquitoes, malaria, chills and fever were as bad as in our Southern States to-day. Un-diked and undrained, neither of these countries had risen to its place in history, but had been balked by malarial degeneration.

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