

NO HOPE LEFT

For Imprisoned Miners in the Anthracite Coal Field.

THE MINE IS A MASS OF FLAME.

And Cannot Be Entered from Any Direction—Narrow Escape of Fifty-five Workmen—The Terrible Disaster Caused by a Carpenter's Open Lamp—One Man Dead and Others Imprisoned.

SHAMOKIN, PA., Oct. 9.—One workman dead and four others closed in the mine, with all avenues of escape cut off and the most disastrous mine fire ever known in the anthracite coal fields now raging at the Luke Fidler colliery, is the result in brief of a carpenter's negligence. Fifty-five other workmen who were in the mine at the time of the accident had thrilling escapes, as they were compelled to grope their way through smoke and noxious gases in order to reach the fresh air and safety.

The four men who are still missing have been smothered before this, as all parts of the big mine are filled with smoke and deadly afterdamp.

The fire started in the air way of No. 1 shaft late last night, and Irvin Buffington, whom the colliery officials hold responsible for the disaster is dead. His body was not burned, as death was due to suffocation. George Brown, a miner, and his Polish helper, Anthony Bobertik; Robert, a driver boy from Luke Fidler and another Polish laborer, are in the mine, and no hope is entertained of recovering them. The mine is a mass of flames and cannot be approached from any direction. It is feared that the inside workings will have to be flooded, which means many months of idleness to the 900 employees.

Superintendent Morris Williams, of the Mineral railroad and mining company, informed a representative of the Associated Press that while Irvin Buffington, John Anderson, Jr., and others were engaged in retimbering No. 1 shaft the former disobeyed orders by lighting his naked lamp in the air course for the purpose of testing the air. A spark set fire to the timber that was as dry as powder and the current carried the flames up and down the shaft like lightning. Buffington was advised by his fellow-workmen to make good his escape, but he neglected to heed their warnings and returned to the bottom of the shaft in order to exchange his gun boots for his shoes. The delay cost him his life and his dead body was recovered in the tunnel about 5 o'clock this morning.

Superintendent Williams, Mine Inspector Edward Brannan, Inside Foreman August Hehr and Arthur Kennedy, and all of the under bosses at the Fidler and Cameron mines, formed three relief parties and entered the mine to rescue the sixty imprisoned workmen by way of the coal run workings through No. 3 airway on the mountain, and down the new shaft. The latter opening proved a Godsend to the men, as it is to this channel that most of them owe their escape. The smoke spread through the inside workings with great rapidity, and alarming the men and boys doing night duty in the mine.

While the imprisoned men were rushing through the inside workings in search of an air shaft for an outlet, hundreds of their friends gathered about the mouth of the shaft, and as the fan house was destroyed by the volume of the flames, the cries and moans of the mothers, wives, sisters and children of the imprisoned employes sent chills through the hearts of many hardy miners, who were waiting for an opportunity to assist their doomed comrades. Two of the men were overcome by the smoke while making their escape, but the Coal Run rescuing party succeeded in carrying them out and restoring them to consciousness. The gangs of workmen cannot get to any point near the fire on account of the smoke and gas, so that the flames cannot be fought with any success.

The mine connects with the Hickory Swamp colliery of the Union Coal company, and it has to be drowned out, which will compel both mines to shut down for a year or more. The Luke Fidler colliery is operated by the Mining Company, and gives employment to 900 men and boys.

POSTOFFICE ORDERS.

Overdue Stamps Will Not Be Placed on Letters Hereafter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 9.—Acting Postmaster General Jones has issued an order discontinuing the practice at all postoffices of placing postage due stamps on advertised mail matter before collecting the required fee.

The second assistant postmaster general has issued circulars calling the attention of all postmasters to the importance of promptly notifying the department of changes of schedules on any railroad, whereby mails reaching their offices by star routes are delayed. Frequent complaints have been made to the department of the negligence of postmasters at railroad points in this respect. Postmasters have also been notified to make prompt disposition of mail sacks used in transporting public documents from Washington, and their attention has been called to the necessity for a closer scrutiny of the name of the state in the address on mail for offices of similar names in different states.

THE COAL STRIKES

In Maryland—Judge Bond to the Grand Jury Concerning Weights.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Oct. 9.—Judge Bond, addressing the grand jury of Allegany county, referred to the late coal strikes in these words: "I am charged that some of the operators in this region did not allow their men a fair and just weight. We have on our statute book a law in reference to that matter which requires the operators to allow the miners a full weight for the coal they have dug, and if on your investigations you find that any of these parties have violated their duty in that respect, it will be your duty to present them and have them brought to trial. If there are any such cases brought to your attention it is proper for you to investigate both sides fairly and thoroughly."

GENERAL STRIKE

Of the New York Clock Makers—Ten Thousand Persons Involved.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—A general strike of the clock makers of this city, numbering nearly 10,000 men and women, was inaugurated to-day. About 7,000 finishers and operatives will be forced out of work within a day or two by the strike. They will only work long enough to finish up the shops. The clock makers left in the shops. The strike committee has agreed that no

settlement shall be made with the manufacturers until the latter have signed bonds, giving real estate security for their good faith. It was further agreed that no union man shall commence work until all of the manufacturers had come to terms.

There was considerable opposition to this movement, the principal antagonist being Joseph Barondoss, who holds that under this rule one obstinate manufacturer can keep 10,000 men out of work forever. The socialistic element, however, wanted a general strike and they held a majority.

THE PRINTERS.

Second Day's Session of the International Typographical Union.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Oct. 9.—The second day session of the forty-second annual convention of the International Typographical Union reconvened at Odd Fellows' Hall promptly at 9 o'clock this morning. All the delegates were present and the convention at once proceeded to business. Ex-President Higgins, of the local typographical union, delivered a speech on the per capita tax question, but it was not received with much favor. An amendment was offered that the time of the meetings be changed from the first Monday in October to the first Monday in September. The principal argument in favor of changing the time was that the weather would be better in the northern cities, where the majority of the conventions will be held. This caused a heated debate, resulting in the defeat of the amendment.

The next question of importance was that of changing the per capita tax according to the earnings of the men. It was decided to leave the matter with the local unions.

ANOTHER ARREST

In the Sayer Murder Case—A Prominent Lawyer Involved.

PORTLAND, ORE., Oct. 9.—Another arrest has been made in connection with the assassination of Gen. W. Sayer, whose body was recovered in the Willamette river four days ago. It was that of K. N. Steves, a well known lawyer, and jointly with "Bucco" Kelly and Bob Gathorne he is charged with murder. Steves was held without bail. Chief of Police Hinto declined to disclose the nature of the evidence against Steves at the present time, but intimated that he had good reason to hold him. During the examination of Kelly, Burns, Mehan and Burns testified that Steves had been at Kelly's sailor boarding house to see him on private business and that Kelly had also visited Steves at his office. The latter statement Kelly did not deny.

Later Steves was taken to the central police station and when questioned by Chief Minto and District Attorney Hume as to what business called him to Kelly's house, and as to why Kelly visited him, the lawyer denied that he and Kelly had ever exchanged visits. Mehan and Burns, when they confronted Steves in the chief's office, identified him as the man they had seen in Kelly's house. Despite the identification Steves was allowed to depart, but he was constantly shadowed by a detective until his arrest.

A Terrible Wreck.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 9.—The south bound freight on the Asheville & Spartanburg railroad ran away down a heavy grade on Saluda mountain at 5 o'clock this morning. The crew remained on the flying train which ran to the bottom of the grade four miles and then left the track, the engine and fourteen cars piling up in a deep cut. The reports say Engineer Berm and a colored train hand have not been found. Fireman York was seen buried under the wreckage, and it is thought he is dead. Conductor Will Patton had a leg and hip badly crushed.

Acting in Harmony.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—The Associated Press learns on the best authority that the European powers are acting in Harmony. They do not intend to permit the integrity of Korea to be disturbed and will actively enforce this decision should Japan attempt a permanent occupation of the peninsula.

Dying From Apathy.

DUBLIN, Oct. 8.—A largely attended Parnellite meeting was held in the Rotunda here to-day. Mr. John Redmond, member of the house of commons for Waterford, presided. He said that the home rule cause was dying from apathy.

M'KINLEY IN THE WEST.

Ohio's governor's progress through the country is a perfect ovation.—Minneapolis Tribune.

At every place where Governor McKinley stopped in Kansas he was tendered an ovation.—St. Joseph Herald.

The whole state seems to be joining in to make the McKinley Rally at Peoria a great success.—Peoria Transcript.

Again, and over again, Welcome, Governor McKinley! Governor thou art, and President may be!—Des Moines Register.

Congressman Bryan is congratulating himself to-day that he was not permitted to have a bout with Governor McKinley on the tariff issue.—Omaha Bee.

Judging from McKinley's reception in Omaha the people of Nebraska are certainly not wholly given to the worship of Populist and Democratic goods.—Minneapolis Journal.

The ardor and bitterness with which the Democratic organs are attacking Governor McKinley will make him the envy of all other Republican leaders.—Kansas City Journal.

From the crowds he draws this year, if McKinley is nominated for President in '96 the congressional districts will have to be enlarged to give his audiences standing room.—Kansas City Journal.

Cedar Rapids would have rejoiced could she have had an opportunity to entertain Governor McKinley for a short time, but she is not jealous of the favored cities. It is enough that he is in Iowa battling like the giant that he is for all that is best in Republicanism and Americanism.—Cedar Rapids Republican.

Who is there another campaigner like McKinley? In Kansas this week he delivered thirteen speeches in fourteen hours, most of them in the open air, addressing all told, it is estimated, 100,000 people in the stronghold of Populism. Oratory is not a lost art in America when one man's voice can reach such a mighty multitude.—Boston Journal.

Only a fraction of the mass of people who gathered to hear Governor McKinley at St. Louis could gain admission to the largest hall in the city to hear him, a fact which led him to remark that "no hall is large enough this year for the Republican meetings." That is unfortunate, but it seems to be an architectural necessity. Republicans have to hold their meetings out of doors, and even there they are a little crowded.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

Chinese Blockade the River Kin—The Yalu Report Continued.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 9.—The Chinese have blocked the mouth of the river Kin, leading up to Foo Choo, and vessels bound for that port must now discharge their cargoes at Sharp Peak. No confirmation has been received here of the report that the Japanese had effected a landing at Port Arthur.

The British gunboat Redpole, Commander Charles C. May, arrived here to-day, and reports having visited the vicinity of Port Arthur, where the Japanese were reported to have landed, without finding any trace of them.

Supplementary reports are received here of the naval battle fought off the mouth of the Yalu river, repeating the assertions frequently made that the Japanese did not lose any of their warships in this engagement, although several of them were badly damaged.

Two Japanese warships recently approached close to Chefoo probably seeking for the Chinese warships of the southern squadron.

It is reported from Peking that the tax on goods being transmitted to and from the interior will again, probably, be largely increased in order to provide extra war funds.

Commercial Travelers' Home.

BENHAMPTON, N. Y., Oct. 9.—The corner stone of the Commercial Travelers' Home of the United States was laid to-day by the Masonic Grand Lodge of New York, Grand Master John Hodges officiating. The home as projected will cost \$125,000. The structure will be five stories in height, with a basement. The prevailing style of architecture will be Parisian with a blending renaissance. The building will be surmounted by a tower, and on the east side will be an observatory, overlooking Ross Park. The size of the building will be 175 feet on the principal front and 95 on the left side.

Unreasonable Delay.

BERLIN, Oct. 9.—The correspondent of the Associated Press is informed that much annoyance is felt in government circles here from the unreasonable delay of Washington Bureau in transmitting to this country the awards made to German exhibits at the Chicago World's Fair. Up to the present, it is asserted, not a single medal or diploma has reached this city.

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