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HUNDRED PERISH IN MINE

Explosion Makes Roaring Hell of English Coal Mine—The Work of Rescue Is Hazardous

WIGAN, Lancashire, England, August 19.—After 20 burned and charred bodies had been dragged by the rescuers from the shaft of the Maypole colliery, and when not less than 60 remained in the roaring hell beneath, the flames swept up through the only passageway and drove the workers back.

Between 80 and 100 men are known to have perished as the result of an explosion which shattered the mine last night and was followed immediately by the fire, which brought death quickly to many who survived the shock.

Rescuers at Work. All night long the rescuers struggled and worked to gain an entrance to the tomb where their comrades were imprisoned. For hours it was hoped that many could be brought out alive, but after the opening was made the full horror of the catastrophe was realized.

The only hope of the rescuers was to carry to the wretched, half insane crowd of women and children the burned bodies of their fathers and husbands that they might be given decent burial. The desperation among the families of the dead miners marks the extreme of human suffering and anguish.

When the flames swept up today and forced the men to flee for their own lives and give up the rescue work, they turned their attention to finding some way of fighting the fire. The most heroic measures were taken.

Seven Rescuers Overcome. This afternoon a party of seven sturdy miners volunteered to re-enter the mine, believing that they could cut off the fire or confine it to certain sections of the works by throwing up walls.

They had hardly disappeared when a second party was dispatched to observe their position and aid them if possible. The second party had not gone far when they realized that the first seven men had been overcome by gases; they made a desperate dash and hard work succeeded in rescuing all seven of the first party. The men were dragged out unconscious and nearly dead. One member of the second party was overcome near the entrance and is at the point of death. The seven members of the first party are all in critical condition and it is feared that some of them will die.

The mine is filled with noxious gas, which it is believed will make entrance impossible long after the fires burn out.

This city, which has a population of 90,000, and is maintained mainly by the collieries and foundries, is at a standstill. The whole place is horror-stricken, and the entire population is struck by the enormity of the disaster.

TWO STRIKES IMMINENT IN CITY OF STOCKTON

STOCKTON, Cal., August 19.—This city today faces two strikes, one of the teamsters and the other of the bakers. Efforts are being made to conciliate the warring interests, but the dispute between the employers and their workmen in each case is bitter and lit the hope is expected that the matter can be adjusted without delay.

All union teamsters yesterday refused to go to work because of the action of the Draymen's Express association in refusing to sign an agreement to employ only union men. All but one firm affiliated with this organization have been unionized for several years, but the recent award of a contract by the new Stockton hotel to the Stockton Transfer company, the non-union firm, caused an instant demand by the teamsters' union for adjustment. The dray firm refused to comply with the drivers' demands and the latter declare they will not go to work until their proposals are accepted.

Non-union bakers are now operating in the Stockton bakeries, the union bakers having walked out over the refusal of their employers to increase wages for night work to 50 cents an hour. Organized bakers are here in the interests of the union to attempt an adjustment of the matter.

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OFFICERS TO DEFENSE OF HAINES

Counter Charges Filed by Mrs. Haines in Divorce Suit, if Proved, Will Show Army Rotten to Core

NEW YORK, August 19.—Virtually every officer of the United States army today rallied to the defense of Captain Peter C. Haines, U. S. A., following the publication of his wife's counter charges in the divorce proceedings brought by him.

Army circles are indignant at the alleged conditions depicted in Mrs. Haines' complaint, which, if proved, would show a state of affairs in the American army so scandalous as to be second only to that exposed in the "Knights of the Round Table" in Berlin. Her allegations of moral degeneracy have aroused a great uproar of indignant denials from officers of the army on all sides.

Annis Buried. The burial of William E. Annis, who was shot and instantly killed by Captain Haines last Saturday, was not marked today by any Masonic ceremonies, though Annis was a member of the order. The service was held at St. Michael's Episcopal cemetery at Astoria. It was simple and there was no reference to the manner in which Annis met his death. A number of members of the Bayside Yacht club where the tragedy was enacted attended, and also a few Masons were present.

Charles H. Libbey, father of Mrs. Haines, who is at Winthrop, Highlands, Mass., is given as authority for the statement that Mrs. Haines in her counter charges in the divorce action makes the most sensational allegations against her husband. She alleges that he is a "morally degraded person," and without giving any particulars revives a number of incidents in which he mistreated her and the complaints go back as far as the time when she and Haines were spending their honeymoon at Fort-cress Moore, where the captain was then stationed. It is alleged that at that time Mrs. Haines caught her husband in the quarters of another officer, whose house was very close to theirs. The petition also demands that the case be heard in open court.

Attorney Denies Story. BOSTON, Mass., August 19.—Frederick L. Norton, attorney for Mrs. Peter C. Haines, today denied that the papers filed by his client contained charges of moral degeneracy, as was announced last night by Charles H. Libbey, father of Mrs. Haines, at Winthrop Highlands, Mass. "The divorce decree is sought by Mrs. Haines in the counter action on the grounds of 'cruel inhuman treatment' and only the most imaginative inference could construe them to mean such immoralities as are charged. There is nothing to warrant the wholesale charges being made against the officers of Fort Hamilton."

STRYCHNINE REVIVES MAN THOUGHT DEAD. NEW YORK, August 18.—Medical men are commenting today upon the remarkable experiment at the Eastern District hospital by which Oscar Culver, a ward patient, apparently dead from long illness with rheumatism and tuberculosis, was brought back to life by an injection of strychnine.

The man's condition had been regarded as critical for some time, and late last night he became visibly worse. A nurse attended him constantly, taking his pulse at frequent intervals, but the patient failed to rally to the ordinary restoratives, and after several hours of unconsciousness, apparently died. His pulse ceased beating and all tests for signs of life failed to bring the usual response.

Dr. Juffer, the resident surgeon, was notified and after an examination pronounced the patient dead. As an experiment he injected a tenth of a grain of strychnine in Culver's forearm. A moment later he was astounded to find that a faint heart action had begun, which was followed quickly by signs of feeble respiration. In a short time the patient seemed to be resting easily, although he did not regain consciousness. Very little hope for his recovery was held out by the physicians, but the wonderful effect of the stimulant has astonished the medical profession.

ASKS WIFE'S FORGIVENESS AND PASSES INTO THE NIGHT

ENTERTAINMENT FOR HARRIMAN

Commercial Club will This Evening Plan Reception--Discuss House Numbering

The plans for the entertainment of E. H. Harriman, who will arrive in this city Friday or Saturday, together with Governor George E. Chamberlain and other notables, and the numbering of the houses of the city so that a free carrier service may be inaugurated, will be the chief topics to be considered at a meeting of the Commercial club to be held this evening.

For some time the matter of numbering the houses in the city has been agitated, but no organized action has as yet done anything. As this will mean a free carrier service for the city, the Commercial club has decided to take some action in the city and see what can be done in the matter.

A number of prominent citizens of the city have gone to Crater Lake to greet the railroad magnate and the governor and to bring them to this city by auto. Steps for the entertainment of the party will be put under way tonight.

Regular routine business will also be considered.

GIVES ADVICE TO GROWERS OF GRAPES

Valuable instructions have been given grape growers of this locality, and which might do for others, as to what time to begin to sulphur and the best methods of combatting mildew, by Professor Bioletti.

He claims that mildew is not confined to neglected vineyards but is worse in dense foliage than in thinly growing vines, because the fungus on which the disease thrives best is in places where the moisture is retained longest. He claims, if taken in time, the mildew can be warded off and that the greatest damage is done if one works while the grapes are blooming.

During the months of July and August it is too dry for the fungus to thrive, but on land that has been irrigated, or where there is dense foliage, much damage is done as late as midsummer. An attack of mildew as late as September or October will seriously impair the vines for the following year, for at that season it attacks the interior of the leaves. It causes imperfect ripeness of the wood and improper development of the buds, and mildew should be fought at all seasons of the year when growth is active.

The professor claims that late sulphuring requires more material and labor owing to abundant vines. To much sulphur, he says, is used in California during the months of May, June and July saves the sulphur more than when thrown on with the hands. The machine, which is merely a tin shaker, saves money and gives the additional benefit of ease of application and it is more thoroughly done than with any other method. Mr. Bioletti says that his experience is that sulphur properly applied at the right time will thoroughly control the mildew and in every case he investigated where sulphur was said to be ineffective it was found that the work had been improperly done.

RENO STARTS SCRAP WITH RAILROAD OVER BRIDGE

BENO, Nev., August 19.—The city of Reno and the Virginia & Truckee railroad are at swords points today in a dispute over the construction of a bridge over the Truckee river by the city.

Recently the railroad company ordered the only entrance to the north side of the bridge site, which is under their tracks, fenced in, and had several carloads of iron and ties thrown into the roadway.

City Engineer Maxson was ordered by the mayor to remove the obstruction today, but the railway officials secured an injunction to restrain such action. The city has entered suit to prevent the closing of the roadway and the controversy promises to be a lengthy legal conflict.

THIRD ATTEMPT TO TAKE HIS LIFE MADE BY NELKE

End Came Peacefully This Morning at 8:29 o'Clock—No Inquest Will Be Held—Death Resulted From Use of Carbolic Acid—Relatives Summoned.

With a prayer for his wife's forgiveness trembling on his lips, and after fully realizing the awfulness of the step he had taken, Frank L. Nelke died at 8:29 o'clock this morning. This after he had made a third attempt on his life.

The end came peacefully as far as a struggle was concerned. Until within ten minutes of his death, Nelke was conscious and was endeavoring to tell his reasons for the act. About a quarter after 8 he laid back on the bed, closed his eyes and apparently fell asleep. The only one at his bedside was William Handley, who was with him throughout the night.

Mrs. Nelke bore up bravely for a period after the news was conveyed to her, but at last reports she was prostrated. She refuses to see anyone and has turned all matters over to Mr. Handley. He immediately wired relatives in the east and replies are expected at any moment.

The Third Attempt. Nelke regained consciousness Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock, but was unable to speak to those about him. He would sink into spells of unconsciousness and then regain his reason. He was carefully guarded to prevent any other attempt.

However, about 10 p. m. he succeeded in getting a case knife from a nearby dresser and plunged this into his side. The dullness of the knife and his own weakness prevented him from inflicting anything more serious than a flesh wound. He was then handcuffed to the iron railing of the bed. Later in the night the handcuffs were removed, but Mr. Handley sat by his side and carefully guarded him.

The doctors at no time entertained any hope for his recovery. This fact was communicated to Mrs. Nelke and accounts in a manner for the way in which she was able to keep up after hearing that the end had come.

Last Words. The last words uttered by Nelke were to Mr. Handley. He asked him to look out for his wife and child. About 8 o'clock he seemed to realize that the end was near and muttered a prayer for his wife's forgiveness. Finally he drew Mr. Handley to him and whispered: "Oh! Billy, Billy, why did I do it?" Then came the end.

Endeavors were made to have Nelke tell why he had taken the step, but he was unable to explain. He tried a number of times, but failed to make his hearers understand.

Relatives Summoned. Telegrams were dispatched this morning to relatives of the deceased in the east. His brother-in-law, Benjamin Schwab of Provo, Utah, is expected to arrive in Medford soon.

Nelke had been in business with Mr. Schwab for some months and was financed by the latter in order that he might find a location in the west and start in business for himself. Nelke decided upon Medford and a shipment of clothing is in the depot at the present time.

Acid Did the Work.

The wounds inflicted upon himself were of little consequence in the opinion of the doctors. The large amount of carbolic acid taken into his stomach and the time it had to do its work is the cause of death.

No Inquest.

Caroline Kellogg is at present in the mountains on a camping trip and cannot be reached. Justice Cannon was summoned this morning and gave permission to have the body moved to the undertaking parlors. As all of the parties concerned are satisfied as to the cause of death, such an inquest is not needed. Nelke, in a moment of consciousness, stated that no one was to blame with the exception of himself.

CITY ENGINEER SAYS HE IS TOO BUSY

City engineer Osgood states as his reason for not getting at work on the matter of numbering the houses in the city that he is too busy with the many other improvements at the present time to get time to do it. He states that the city should get some one to do the work.

NEW SURVEY IS COMPLETED

New Route is Nearly Three Miles Longer but Pressure Is Lower

The engineers who have been in the field for the past ten days locating a new route for the pipeline to Little statue creek, returned this noon, with their field work completed. The figuring will commence at once and it will not be long before it will be known whether the cost of the line will be within the means at the disposal of the water committee.

The length of the new line is 119,755 feet or 22,555 feet more than the first line run. This amounts to 2.7 miles. However, the pressure will be very much lower the entire distance, so that the new line will be the cheaper to follow, owing to the difference of \$1 a foot between steel pipe for high pressure and wooden for lower.

The engineer will commence work at once on the profile so that he can accurately compute the pressure at all points. Within a day or two it can be determined whether the cost will come within a figure not prohibitive.

The solid rock excavation along the new route is much less than the amount required on the first line run, upon which bids were asked.

HEARTILY ENDORSES THE VIEWS OF MR. REESIDE

14—HEARTILY ENDORSES. "I wish to heartily endorse the views of Mr. Reeside in regard to Crater Lake, published in Monday's Tribune. The lake is a grand place and I would not have missed the sight of it for three times what it cost me to come down from Portland to see it. It is the grandest sight that has met my eye in all my travels in the west. Not three weeks ago I stood on the brink of the Grand canyon and I thought then that I would never see a finer view, but I take off my hat to southern Oregon's Crater lake."

Such were the words of John C. Shackleton of Chicago, who has returned from a trip to the lake, going in by way of Klamath and coming out by way of this city. He was most enthusiastic and another booster was added to the list of those who admire the beauty of the lake.

Mr. Shackleton, to use his own term, is a "loafer." The business directory of Chicago names him a retired capitalist. He came west on a sight seeing tour, visited the Grand canyon and Yosemite, and while in Portland was urged to visit the lake by J. P. O'Brien, superintendent of the Harriman lines in Oregon, who was a boyhood friend. Mr. Shackleton took Mr. O'Brien at his word, and to use his expression, "henceforth I owe him a debt of gratitude." Mr. Shackleton is positive in his statements to the effect that he will ever be a "booster" for the lake.

MILLIONAIRE BROKER AND FAMILY KILLED

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., August 19.—John Glueck, millionaire broker, and his wife were instantly killed, their two children were seriously hurt and Mrs. Glueck's mother was probably fatally injured when the big Glueck touring car was struck by a Minneapolis-St. Louis train today at Cottagewood lake, Minnetonka.

The train was running at a rapid rate when it struck the automobile and smashed it into an unrecognizable wreck. The bodies of the millionaire and his wife were horribly mangled, being hurled through the air as if shot from a cannon and torn to pieces.

The two children may recover, but it is believed that Mrs. Glueck's mother is dying. She sustained severe injuries and was in great agony when carried to a neighboring cottage.

FINED \$20 BY JUSTICE FOR BEATING HIS WIFE

Jacob Moore was arrested Tuesday at Woodville by Sheriff Jones and taken to Jacksonville, where he was fined \$20 for wife beating.

DYNAMITE DESTROYS STEAMER

Six Men Fatally Hurt and Six Others Injured--Ship Used in Dredging Operations

AMHERSBURG, Ont., August 19.—Six men were fatally hurt and six seriously injured today when the drill boat "Destroyer," was blown to atoms by the explosion of a charge of dynamite. The boat, which was owned by the Sullivan Dredging company of Buffalo, was used in blasting operations in the Detroit river.

The injured men were blown high in the air and fell into the river. Boats put out from the shore immediately after the explosion and rescued the men.

Six of them are so badly crushed that it is not thought they can possibly live through the day.

The "Destroyer" was completely wrecked by the explosion. She was blown into bits of kindling wood.

DOCTOR CHANGES BELIEF AS TO MAN'S INSANITY

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., August 18.—Dr. W. J. Wickman, who several weeks ago refused to believe that Fred Curtis, a plumber of this city, was insane, is today certain that he was mistaken and will use every endeavor to have the man sent to an asylum.

Curtis is in jail awaiting the third examination as to his sanity, because he drove Dr. Wickman away from his home yesterday afternoon with a butcher knife.

Dr. Wickman had been called to the house to attend Miss Ethel Curtis. He was at the bedside of the sick woman when Curtis appeared at the door and demanded that he leave the room. Dr. Wickman tried to reason with the man, but beat a hasty retreat when the plumber made after him with a large knife.

Dr. Wickman was a sanity commissioner that examined Curtis some time ago. He refused to believe that Curtis was insane.

JAPANESE PUBLICLY HANGING KOREANS FOR OBJECT LESSONS

ZEJUL, Korea, August 19.—In order to terrify the Koreans into obedience to the Japanese regime, the Japanese government here is publicly hanging rebels in every city outside the capital every day.

The order of the executions was sent out three weeks ago and the Japanese soldiers have carried them out gleefully. The people of the country witness hangings every day now in every village and hamlet, as well as in the cities.

The Japanese authorities tell foreigners who make inquiries that these punished are brigands.

Official reports say that Korean revolutionists have murdered 841 Japanese or pro-Japanese Koreans during the past year, besides the number of Japanese killed in battle, while the mikado's soldiers have slain over 1600 Koreans in the field the past year.

The Koreans are still in arms and have made ravages on the Japanese army. It is almost impossible to restore order because the Koreans are in control of the highlands and inaccessible parts of the country from which they swoop down and make incursions on the Japanese agents.

WILLEY SAYS HE IS IN FIGHT TO THE END

WASHINGTON, August 19.—"I am called for war and do not intend to lay down my arms until victory, full, complete and permanent, has been won," was the announcement with which Dr. Harvey Willey took up his work today in the bureau of chemistry after his protracted absence at the pure food conference in the west.

THOUSANDS WELCOME ATHLETE

With as Noisy a Greeting as Is Ever Extended. John J. Hayes Arrives in New York

NEW YORK, August 19.—Amidst almost as noisy a greeting as is extended to a returning distinguished American or a visiting foreign prince, John J. Hayes, the American athlete who won the Marathon race for the Stars and Stripes at London, walked down the gang-plank from the White Star liner, Oceanic today.

Tugs met the liner out in the stream and escorted her to the pier, their shrill whistles blowing continuously. Thousands of people were at the pier to welcome the American who had captured the greatest event of the Olympiad. Hayes said: "I'm mighty glad to get back to America. This is the proudest moment of my life to be able to bring the much prized Marathon trophy to my country."

UNCLE SAM PICKS 39 NEW FORESTERS

Thirty-nine young graduates of nine American forest schools have lately received appointments as forest assistants in the forest service and have been assigned to positions for the present field season. The new appointees are drawn from the various forest schools as follows: Yale 18; Biltmore 7; University of Minnesota 4; University of Michigan 4; Michigan agricultural college 3; Harvard 2; Cornell 1; University of Iowa 1; and University of Nebraska 1. They have secured their appointments as a result of passing the regular civil service examination, which is the only avenue of employment as a forester under the government. In addition to these graduates of forest schools, fifteen other candidates passed the examination.

Twenty-two of the new appointees are already at work on various national forests, taking part in their administration, and seventeen have been assigned to different projects connected with the technical study of silviculture. Forest assistants are men who have completed their preliminary training for the profession of forestry, as the graduates of a law or medical school have completed theirs, and are ready to enter on practical work. Until they have gained experience in their work, however, their positions are necessarily subordinate. They are at the foot of the ladder, and must prove their fitness in order to mount higher. The government pays them \$1,000 a year at the start.

On the national forests the forest assistant often acts as an adviser to the supervisors in charge, who are western men experienced in all practical matters, but usually without school training in the science of forestry. Or they may be assigned to some particular problem which needs to be investigated in the interest of good forest management. As forestry means knowing how to get the most out of any given piece of forest land, it calls for studies and experiments, both scientific and practical, much like those which have to be made in the interest of good farm management, and the forest assistant is prepared to do valuable work along this line.

WILL CLASSIFY PRISONERS IN HOPE OF REFORM

SACRAMENTO, Cal., August 19.—Warden Reilly of Folsom penitentiary is working on a system of classification by which the prisoners detained there will be divided into three groups composed respectively of first timers, medium bad characters and incorrigibles. Each class will have separate quarters and will be kept entirely apart.

By this means, Warden Reilly hopes to bring about a greater percentage of reformations, especially among first offenders. These are frequently contained under the present system in contact with the life sentence men and incorrigibles and become confirmed criminals merely through association. The reforms at Folsom will be made possible by the completion of new buildings now under construction. A new cell house containing accommodations for 500 prisoners is being built. There will be also a new building for the housing of 200 insane prisoners.