

MINE A BIG TOMB

Nearly Two Hundred Men Perish.

EXPLOSION OF GAS

Foul Air Drives the Rescuers Back.

NO WARNING OF DISASTER

Pennsylvania Property Is One Great Sheet of Flame.

CAGES ARE ALL DESTROYED

Only One Employee Who Went Down in the Morning Has So Far Returned—Help Summoned From Many Quarters.

NO HOPE FOR THE MEN.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 25, 3:15 A. M.—Dr. W. B. McCullough, of Cheswick, who has been in the mine for two hours, has just come to the surface, and told the Associated Press representative that, in his opinion, not one of the miners in the shaft at the time of the explosion is alive.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 25.—2:30 A. M.—Rescuers an hour ago reported that miners were alive, but this hope was suddenly shattered at 2:35, when the body of Selwyn Taylor was brought to the surface. He had evidently been dead for several hours, and now hopes for the other imprisoned men have been abandoned. The rescuers are being brought out coated with ice, drenched to the skin and unable to walk. They report that dead are scattered one above another as thick as pine needles. Water is fast pouring into the mine, covering the corpses with a shroud of ice and making the work of rescue almost impossible. Afterdamp is collecting in quantities.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 25.—From all that can be gathered at this hour, between 150 and 200 men are lying dead in the headings and passageways of the Harwick mine of the Allegheny Coal Company, at Cheswick, the result of a terrific explosion today. Cages after cages have gone down into the mine and come up again, but only one miner of all those that went down to work this morning has been brought to the surface. The rescued man is Adolph Guina, and he is still in a semi-conscious condition at the temporary hospital at the rude schoolhouse on the hillside above the mine. In addition to the miners who were at work when the explosion occurred, it is now believed by practically all of the men

BEARS BEST HIM

Armour Unloads a Lot of His Wheat.

GREAT FLURRY AT CHICAGO

Bulls Make a Great Demonstration the First Hour.

MAD SELLING THEN THE RULE

Stop-Loss Selling Orders Were Nothing Short of a Cyclone—May Closes Three to Five-Eighths Cents Lower—July Lower.

ARMOUR'S PROFITS. May wheat, high point, 92 1/2 c. May, closing, 89 c. July, high point, 83 1/2 c. July, closing, 81 1/2 c. Armour's sales, 3,500,000 to 7,000,000 bushels. Armour's profits (estimated), \$350,000.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—There was a wheat market on 'change today which was as dangerous as a burr saw to touch. The trade gave a great bull demonstration the first hour, running prices 1 1/2 cents over the Saturday level. The pretzels were war rumors, lower consols and killing freeze over the unprotected wheat fields of Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. May wheat went to 92 1/2 cents; July price, 83 1/2 cents, at rate which suggested "dollar wheat" before night.

Then everything changed. The wise managers of the Armour bill campaign thought it might be a good plan to unload about 5,000,000 of that celebrated line of 36,000,000 bushels. Wheat began coming on the market from all quarters. Evidently 20 concerns had Armour wheat for sale. Perhaps they sold 5,000,000, possibly 3,000,000 bushels, before the trade discovered what was going on.

From the time of the discovery the whole professional trade sold like mad. The market was full of stop-loss selling orders from people who did not wish to be caught napping. They were caught by a sort of cyclone. Wheat ordered sold at 91 cents was sold perhaps at 90 cents. Sales ordered at 90 cents could not be filled until the price tumbled to 88 cents. The May price had a terrible tumble from 92 1/2 cents to 89 cents. July prices suffered less, 83 1/2 cents to 81 1/2 cents. There was a failure of a grain house at Baltimore, Morison & Co., which helped to precipitate the break here. While the break was in progress certain excited members declared Armour had marketed his entire line of over 10,000,000 bushels. Good pit experts think he may have sold a quarter of that amount. What the brokers called the bear victory over Armour in the wheat pit continued to the close. The last price for May wheat was 89 3/4 cents. This was just 2 cents under the Saturday figure, after wiping out the early advance of about 1 1/2 cents. Influenced by wheat, the corn market broke a cent or more late in the day to 45 cents on May contracts, and oats broke to 4 1/2 cents for the same month.

PARTY IS FURIOUS

Democrats Object to Policy of Bryan.

SECRET DEAL WITH HEARST

Kansas City Platform Only a Bugaboo to Help Him.

SIGNS WHICH POINT THE WAY

Leaders Contend the Nebraskan, in View of His Second Great Defeat, Is Making Himself Offensively Prominent.

CLEVELAND AND BRYAN.

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Cleveland, when asked tonight by the Associated Press correspondent for his opinion on W. J. Bryan's statement that no man who voted the Palmer-Buckner ticket can be nominated by the Democrats, smiled and said: "I have not a word to say on the matter, except that Bryan has got the stage. Let him go. I guess that's definite enough."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Leaders of the Democratic party are furious over the attitude of William Jennings Bryan, whom they charge with secretly backing William Randolph Hearst, by holding up the Kansas City platform as a bugaboo to frighten the party into accepting Hearst as its Presidential candidate.

NOTED MARATHON RUNNER.

BOSTON, Jan. 25.—J. Frank Quinlan, the noted Marathon runner who helped defeat the Greeks at the first Marathon meet in Athens, 1893, is dead at his home in Jamaica Plain from blood poisoning, brought on by an unsuccessful operation for diabetes.

DIPLOMAT DEMANDS APOLOGY

Bunau-Varilla Takes Exception to Newspaper Article. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Bunau-Varilla, Minister of Panama, is officially advised the Washington and Panama governments that through his attorney he has demanded from the New York Evening Post a retraction, and an apology, for a statement which it printed regarding his connection with the Panama canal and the revolution on the Isthmus.

WILL PROHIBIT GAMBLING.

Panama Constitutional Convention Agrees to Such a Law. PANAMA, Jan. 25.—The constitutional convention continued the discussion of the proposed constitution this afternoon, and an article prohibiting gambling in the Republic of Panama was approved.

BEAUTY WINS RICH PEER.

Miss Agatha Thynne Is to Become the Wife of Lord Hindlip. LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Daily Express this morning announces the engagement of Lord Hindlip, one of the richest peers in England, and Miss Agatha Thynne, one of the beauties of the season.

Several Deaths in Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 25.—A severe blizzard is raging in Winnipeg. There have been several deaths.

SPOKANE RATE CUT OUT.

Passenger Agents' Association Discontinue Favors to Texans.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The opening session of the Transcontinental Passenger Association meeting was held at the Planters' Hotel, but aside from choosing Santa Barbara, Cal., as the place for holding the next quarterly meeting in April, the proceedings were of a routine nature, and no reference was made to World's Fair rates. That matter will likely be taken up late in the week.

A committee was appointed to consider applications for special rates for the Knights of Pythias meeting at Louisville in August, Mystic Shrine, Atlantic City, in July; the Presbyterian Church meeting at Buffalo, in May; the Baptist Young People's Union at Detroit in July; the National Prohibition League, at Indianapolis, and the Canadian Mining Institute, at Toronto.

The joint validating agency proposition was ordered canceled. The application of midshipmen in the United States Navy for a half rate was not allowed. The rates from Texas points to Spokane and Huntington, via Portland, were ordered discontinued.

A general adjustment of rates from Texas points to the West via Kansas City was ordered.

AUTHOR AND POET IS DEAD.

Coates Kinney Is a Victim of the Grippe—His Career. CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 25.—Coates Kinney, the author and poet, died of the grippe at the Presbyterian Hospital here tonight.

(Coates Kinney was born in New York, November 24, 1828. His parents removed to Ohio when he was 14 years of age. He received a college education, and then engaged in newspaper work, being editor of several publications. He was in the Civil War, and was mustered out with the brevet rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He was the author of many works. The famous lyric, "Rain on the Roof," is included in his last volume.)

MAJOR IS HELD

Chicago Jury Reports on Theater Fire.

EIGHT MEN BLAMED

Executive Is Held to Lack Force.

CONDEMN GENERAL POLICY

Inefficient Appointees Constitute a Menace to City.

FOUR OF THEM ARE NAMED

Conviction Means They as Well as the Head of the Municipal Government Will Be Ousted—Proprietor Davis on the List.

HELD TO THE GRAND JURY.

Carter H. Harrison, Mayor of Chicago. Will J. Davis, proprietor in part and manager of the theater. George Williams, Building Commissioner of the city. Edward Laughlin, Building Inspector under Williams. William Sellers, freeman in the theater. James E. Cummings, stage carpenter. William McMillen, who had charge of the lights that caused the fire. Fire Marshal William H. Musham.

GIVES HIS SALARY TO CHURCH

Former Portland Pastor Turns Over \$10,500 to Boston Baptists. BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, a native of Portland, Or., who has been pastor of the Warren-Avenue Baptist Church, Boston, for three years, has donated the entire amount of his salary in that time to the church. The total amount given is \$10,500, and when the secret was revealed today, a sensation was created among his parishioners. Rev. Mr. Johnson modestly admitted the fact, said he did not need the money, and as many of his congregation were hard-working people he did not feel it right to ask them to support himself and family. He married a niece of ex-Governor Crane, who brought him a large fortune, and although reared a Congregationalist, is assistant to her husband in his church work.

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HERMANN READS HIM A LESSON

Burton Told No River and Harbor Bill Is False Economy. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 25.—Representative Hermann has protested to Chairman Burton against the action of the committee in refusing to report a river and harbor bill. He told Burton that on most works the damage from failure to continue the improvement and protect what had been done would cost more than the bill. It is understood that the improvements that are under way in the districts of a majority of the members of the committee are covered by contracts, and will be carried in the appropriation bill, or the last appropriations were so large that there are balances which will keep the work going. There is a great deal of dissatisfaction as a result of the committee's action.

WASHINGTON Postmasters Selected.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 25.—The Washington delegation has recommended the appointment of Postmasters as follows: Chelan, M. M. Isenhardt; Sunnyside, George Vetter; Cheney, John F. Spangale; Republic, J. W. McConnell; Colville, William R. Baker; Lind, J. J. Morrison.

Wants Arid Lands Reclaimed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 25.—Senator Heyburn today introduced a bill appropriating \$50,000 to provide for an examination to determine the feasibility of reclaiming the overflowed lands of the Kootenai River in Northern Idaho and Montana.

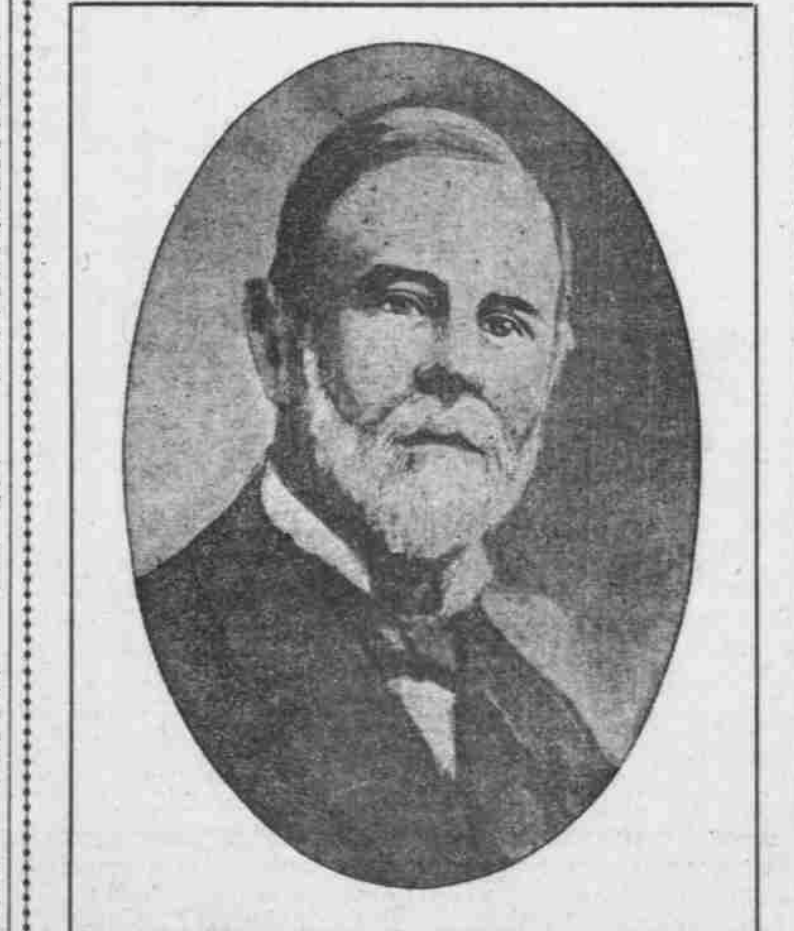
Heroes May Secure New Medals.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 25.—The Senate has passed Senator Mitchell's resolution providing that where medals granted by the Government for meritorious service and achievement have been lost or destroyed, duplicates shall be issued.

Opening the Colville Reservation.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 25.—Senator Foster has so-

MEMBER OF NOTED FAMILY DIES



MAJOR HOYT SHERMAN. DEER MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 25.—Major Hoyt Sherman, brother of General W. T. Sherman and of Secretary John Sherman, died at his home here today. He had been in poor health for several years.