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DYNAMITE EXPLODED UNDER TWENTY-FIVE COAL MINERS

Eleven Blown to Instant Death and the Remainder Crippled for Life or Will Die From Their Injuries.

Plotters Were Careful to Exempt the Trainmen—Appeal to Governor Peabody for Troops, and Possibly to the President—Bloodhounds Started Upon Possible Trails of the Wholesale Murderers—Fifty Thousand Dollars Reward is Offered for the Arrest and Conviction of Whoever is Responsible for the Awful Deed.

Victor, Col., June 6.—Three hundred pounds of dynamite placed in a mine by unknown assassins under the depot of the Florence & Cripple Creek station, was exploded at 2 this morning while 25 non-union miners employed at the Findlay mine located on Bull Hill, were standing upon the platform.

Eleven were instantly killed, eight fatally injured and six other partially injured.

The dead are Gus Augustine, aged 33, Victor; Arthur Muhlen, aged 35, Victor; Henry J. Haas, Fred McLean, shift boss; Charles Barber, Herbert McCoy and six others.

Discharged by Electricity.

The mine was discharged by electricity by a man concealed in the shaft house of the Delmonico mine. The deadly wire has been traced to this building. The fiend used a chair leg with which to pull the wire.

As soon as the wire reached here a company of the national guard was ordered out and a relief train sent from Cripple Creek carrying doctors, nurses and officers. Arriving at independence the work of removing the bodies began at 4 o'clock.

Horrible Scene.

The horrible scene about the depot is terrible in the extreme, portions of human beings being scattered over the right of way of the railroad and in the 20-foot hole made by the explosion are severed skulls, arms, legs and hands. Every object within a radius of 50 feet of the hole is bespattered with blood. Eight men are lying in the Victor Red Cross hospital in a terrible condition from wounds received and all will die.

Bloodhounds on Trail.

The injured are A. J. Bodie, face and head internal; O. C. Lawrence Allen, leg broken; John Gay, both legs broken; Edward Holland, leg broken; Philip Chandler, ankle broken and internally.

A number of bloodhounds have arrived and are trying to find the trail of the murderers.

The suspects will surely be lynched if apprehended now.

FOUR JAPANESE WARSHIPS LOST

RUSSIANS LOSE GUNBOAT CLEARING HARBOR MOUTH.

Japanese Lose a Merchantman by a Mine, and Have a Schooner Captured—Japanese Mobilizing an Army at Vladivostok—Russian Disaster the Limit of Trans-Siberian Railway's Capacity Being Reached—Japanese Promotions.

Liao Yeng, June 6.—It is persistently reported that the Port Arthur squadron sortied yesterday and caught the Japanese fleet off guard, sinking four Japanese ships.

Russians Lose a Gunboat.

London, June 6.—The Japanese minister has a dispatch from Tokyo confirming the reported sinking of a Russian gunboat off Port Arthur, presumably by a Japanese mine.

Russian Gunboats, Destroyers and Launches Engaged in Clearing Mines Outside Harbor Inside the Harbor.

Japs Lose a Merchantman.

Chee Foo, June 6.—It is reported a large Japanese merchantman was blown up off Talloway by a mine.

Amenities of War.

St. Petersburg, June 6.—A telegram from Liao Yang gives an interesting incident of the battle of Kiouchen, May 30.

During the fight General Kashtalinski ordered the 10th East Siberian regiment to advance, thus covering the retreat of the general Russian army. The order was obeyed and as the regiment marched forward with the utmost steadiness in the face of almost certain annihilation, the Japanese on the neighboring heights, observing the move, saluted the Russian heroes with cheers. In reply, General Kashtalinski ordered the battery trained on the Japanese to cease firing, and during the lull following the armies separated.

Jap Schooner Captured.

Tokio, June 6.—A small Japanese schooner, has been captured by the Russians off Saghalien Island, and the crew of 63 made prisoners.

Reached Its Limit.

St. Petersburg, June 3.—Alarming reports are current today that the Trans-Siberian railway has reached its limit of capacity for transporting supplies for feeding the Russian army in Manchuria.

Japanese Promotions.

Tokio, June 6.—The following promotions are announced: Vice Admiral Togo and Camamoto to be admirals, and Lieutenant General Kodomo, Noshi, Hasegawa, Nishi and Okazawa to be generals.

BIDS FOR FORAGE.

Portland Firms Offer to Furnish Government Feed.

Portland, June 6.—Bids to supply the government with 2875 tons of hay and 5621 tons of oats for shipment to Manila were opened at the office of Col. Jesse M. Baker, local disbursing quartermaster, today. There were four firms who submitted proposals for grain, while there was only one bidder for the hay business.

None of them put in bids for the entire amount, and it is probable that the awards will have to be divided among them in order to make up the full amount asked for by the government.

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THREE TRAINS WERE WRECKED

A Missouri Pacific Head-On Demolishes Two Trains in Kansas.

TRAIN ORDERS HAD BEEN OVERLOOKED.

One Man Killed and the Long List of Injured Includes a Woman From Portland, Or.—The Blind Baggage Passenger Lost His Life—Train Goes Through a West Virginia Trestle, Completely Wrecking It and More or Less Injuring a Score of Passengers.

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GOVERNMENT POSITIONS.

Examinations Will Be Held at Walla Walla June 22.

Walla Walla, June 4.—An examination will be held in this city on June 22 for eligibles for assistant chemist in bureau of standards, department of commerce and labor.

Applicants for examination must be from 25 to 45 years of age and should submit evidence showing that they have either graduated from some college or technical school, or have had an education equivalent to that furnished in such an institution. Appointment carries with it a salary of \$1800 per annum. The subjects for examination are general physical and inorganic chemistry, analytical chemistry, organic chemistry and education and experience.

NEGRO SOLDIER SHOT.

Members of Ninth Cavalry Fight Over Colored Demi-Monde.

Walla Walla, June 4.—At an early hour this morning Corporal William H. Oliver, of the Ninth Cavalry band, was shot and seriously wounded by Charles Russell, another colored man. The men quarreled over the affections of a colored demi-monde.

Russell fired six shots at Oliver. One struck him in the chest pocket and deflected from its course, but the second took effect and lodged in Oliver's right leg, inflicting a serious wound. Russell is now in the post hospital. Russell has left town.

ANTI-PARKER CAUCUS.

New York and Pennsylvania Plan to Defeat Him.

New York, June 3.—An important political conference between J. Pierpont Morgan and Colonel Guffey, national democratic committeemen from Pennsylvania, is being held here today. Tammany politicians assert plans are being laid to defeat Parker for the democratic nomination.

Parker's supporters admit that less than half the delegates so far elected to St. Louis have been instructed to vote for him, but believe a majority of the uncommitted delegates will vote for him on the second ballot.

BOOKMAKER SUICIDES.

Had Been Heavily Hit at the New York Races.

New York, June 4.—Caesar Young, a well known bookmaker, shot and killed himself in a cab this morning while proceeding up Broadway with Mrs. Nan Patterson. It is thought he was heavily hit in books recently. His wife resides at Minto Park.

RACE WAR THREATENS.

Murder of Planter Followed by General Disturbance.

Greenville, Miss., June 3.—John Simms, a prominent planter at Trail Lake, and his manager, Cato, were killed last night by two negroes, both of whom were killed this morning while another negro was shot dead during pursuit by a posse. A race war is threatened.

PHILIPPINE POPULATION.

Islands Contain Forty Entirely Uncivilized Tribes.

Washington, June 3.—The detailed report of the census of the Philippines shows the population to have been 7,635,426 in 1903, of whom 6,587,688 were civilized, or partly so. Manila's population is 218,228. There are 40 uncivilized tribes, of whom the Negritos are believed to be aboriginal.

ELECTROCUTED.

Ohio Tramp's Penalty for Murdering His Pal.

Columbus, O., June 3.—Carl Berg, aged 19, murderer of John Gullard, member of a band of tramps near Wauseon, in 1902, was electrocuted this morning.

GAS EXPLOSION SPREADS WALLS

THREE PERSONS WERE FATALLY INJURED.

Ten Others Were More or Less Hurt—All the Injuries Sustained Were From the Roof Coming Down After the Walls Spread, the Explosion Blowing Out the Lamp Which Came in Contact With the Gas.

Fairmont, W. Va., June 4.—A natural gas leaking from a rubber tube in the rooms occupied by E. M. Whaffray, in a tenement house, came in contact last night with a kerosene lamp. The following explosion blew out all four walls of the house, allowing the roof to settle upon the 12 occupants. Mrs. Whaffray, William Dent and Lillie Dent were fatally hurt, the others seriously.

No one was hurt by the direct force of the explosion, nor did the wreck catch fire, the lamp being blown out by the explosion. All the injuries resulted directly from the fall of the roof.

A large quantity of gas is supposed to have accumulated in two unused rooms. These rooms were locked, and they had no outside exits which afforded the gas a chance to become gradually displaced by the occasional opening of doors and windows.

Opera House Burned.

Paris, June 3.—A St. Petersburg telegram states that the new opera house at the Russian capital, was destroyed by fire Thursday.

Frank James Coming to Portland.

The Portland Mardi Gras carnival, to begin on June 28, has partially made arrangements with Frank James, the noted outlaw, to come to that city for exhibition at the carnival.

Americans Miss Nellie Grum.

Rome, June 4.—Miss Nellie Grum, of San Francisco,