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Terrific Explosion in Colorado Coal Mine.

FIRE ADDS TO THE HORROR

Men Penned In Will in all Likelihood Be Cremated-Dust Is the Cause of the Disaster.

Trinidad, Colo., Oct. 31 .- The most terrific explosion in the history of coal No. 3, of the Roky Mountain Fuel & ality. The Standard asks: Iron company, at Terio, 40 miles due west of Trinidad, at 1:30 this afternoon, and the number of dead is variously placed between 30 and 60 men, and menace to the civilized world?" although the latter, it is believed, is the most correct estimate. The number reported as having gone into the four company men. This afternoon many more miners are known to have gone into the mine, and the exact number of dead may never be known, as the mine is burning and in all likelihood the bodies will be cremated.

A large number of mine officials left here as soon as word of the accident was received. Company doctors were all other available physicians. United States Government Stock Inspector F. J. Foreman was at Tercio when the explosion occurred.

The shaft in which the accident occurred\_works 80 men, and it is believed that at least 60 men were in the mine at the time. News of the explosion brought assistance from the adjacent camps and tonight hundreds of men are trying to get into the mine. Deadly fumes overcome the rescuers frequently, but their places are immediately taken by others ready to risk their lives. It is not thought possible that anyone in the mine can escape death, if they are not all dead already.

It is impossible to secure names of the dead and injured tonight. Nearly all the miners employed are Slavs. The mine is a new one, opened only a year ago, and extended 2,000 feet into the hill. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by dust. Only one body has been recovered, that of T. Duran, a driver, who was just entering the tunnel when the explosion occurred. He was torn and burned almost beyond recognition All mines within a radius Illinois Man Endeavoring to Tie the of two miles have been shut down, and the miners will assist in rescuing the OREGON bodies of the victims.

05 PAIR RATE IS MADE.

Round Trip.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 31 .- The Transcontinental Passenger Traffic associa- ney Morgan H. Beach and Charles W. tion disposed of its docketed business yesterday at the Jefferson, and adjourned last evening. For the Lewis Case, has not rendered his decision. der orders to sail on the morning of The principal question involved is October 28. It is rumored that the and Clark exposition at Portland, a rate of \$45 for the round trip from Missouri river points and St. Paul interpretation of a federal law. was adopted by the association for iour or five days during each month. From points east of the Missouri river and St. Paul, a rate of one fare for the ry, a nephew of President Roosevelt, round trip will be made up to those

These rates will be adopted as the basis for rates on account of several conventions to be held next year on the Pacific coast. It was decided that in all cases where St. Louis exposition tickets for exhibitors have expired before the close of the fair that the return limits shall be extended.

#### Tax Will Be Collected.

San Francisco, Oct. 31 -The United States attorney general has decided that Chancellor Stratton must continue to exact from the steamship companies the head tax of \$2 upon aliens in transit. The law provides that no head tax shall be collected for this class of passengers, but the department has insisted that the tax be paid in the form of a deposit, to be repaid to the companies upon proof offered by them that the alien tourists have passed out of the county 3,000 miles from here.

Steam Vessel Reinspection.

Washingon, Oct. 31 .- In accordance with the directions of the president, Secretary Metcalf, of the department of commerce and labor, has completed arrangements for a thorough investigation of the several districts of the steamboat inspection service except the one included in the district of New York. Rear Admiral Louis Kempff will make the inquiry in the first district, and Rear Admiral John K. Bart-

eliminated from the Walla Walla for- with using military funds and other- the damages incurred in the seizure of est reserve withdrawal n Northeastern wise influencing witnesses against the vessel. Oregon and Southeastern Washington. Dreyfus at Rennes. The court is com-These lands have been found unsuit- posed of General Bertin, four colonels able for forestry purposes. They will and two lieutenant colonels. The prevbe subject to settlement immediately ious ministerial investigation partially ing house today received an order for and become subject to entry after 90 vindicated the accused, who demanded 3,000,000 pounds of mess beef for shipdays' advertisement.

#### PRESS DISPLAYS IMPATIENCE.

London Papers Regard Czar's Note as Only a Personal Expression.

London, Oct. 27 .- The morning papers display great impatience over the delay of the Russian government in according satisfaction for the Dogger Bank affair. The emperor's communication, while it relieves the immediate tension, is held only to be a personal Three Battleships and Transport expression of regret, and it is argued that unless the Russian government speedily follows suit a situation of the greatest danger will arise. Editorial articles demand that the Baltic squadron must be stopped in its irresponsimin'ng in Colorado ocurred at Mine safety for the shipping of any nation-

"Is this ill-omened squadron, with officers, to continue its crazy career soon as possible. and become an intolerable nuisance will be work for the British navy un-

conduct of the Baltic fleet. shows not the slightest sign of waning. The Russo-Japanese war is almost forgotten, and the papers are occupied alpicked up all along the line, as well as affair. So far, the attitude of the government meets with the approval of

for co-operation between the Mediter-

ranean, Channel and Home squadrons should necesisty arise.

BRIBED ADMIRAL.

Japanese Officer to Blame for Accident to Two Ships.

London, Oct. 27 .- The Tokio correspondent of the Express states that the truth of the sinking of the Japanese gunboat Hatachi Maru and the damaging of the Sadu Maru by Russian mines has become known. According to this version, the admiral commanding the squadron to which the two vessels were attached had been bribed by the Russians to betray his country, the sum paid to the traitor being \$60,000. The Russians were informed by wireless telegraphy of the location of the boats. When the matter became known in Tokio, the admiral was tried by courtmartial and sentenced to death. The sentence was read by his most intimate friends. The staff then cleared the room and the traitor was stripped and beaten to death.

TO STOP PANAMA WORK.

Hands of the Government.

Washington, Oct. 27 .- An effort to restrain the secretary of the treasury from making payments or issuing Railroads Will Charge \$45 for bia. W. S. Wilson, of Hinsdale, Ill., is the author of the suit, and presented his own argument. The government concerning the coal available here. was defended by United States Attor-Russell, assistant to the attorney gen restrain a federal officer from a wrongful

Well Treated By the Japanese.

San Francisco, Oct. 27 .- Lieutenant Fortescue, Tenth United States cava:- Russia Will Learn if They Will Let arrived from the Orient today on the steamer Doric. He has been the American military attache with the Japanese army in front of Port Arthur. He returns now on account of the expiration of his leave of absence, and is taking his report to the secretary of war. Lieutenant Fortescue said the Japanese officers showed him every courtesy, and furnished him complete maps of the Port Arthur penincula.

Invited to Peace Congress. Washington, Oct. 27 .- Acting Secretary of State Adee today dispatched a note looking to a reconvening of The Hague conference. This is an invitation of the president of the United States to the signatory powers of the original Hague treaty to come together again. The note is directed to the American ambassadors and ministers abroad, with instructions to sound the governments to which they are accredited and to extend President Roosevelt's invitation.

Millions From Nome Diggings. Seattle, Oct. 27 .- The steamship Senator has arrived from Nome with 439 passengers and \$250,000 in gold dust. Passengers on the Senator say that a close estimate of the gold output for this season has been made, and that it is believed the total amount from Nome will be \$3,000,000. Including an estimate on the winter diggings, it is believed that the total year's \$4,000,000.

a courtmartial.

### REGRET IS KEEN

Admiral Says Attack on Trawlers Was Accident.

WERE TAKEN FOR THE ENEMY

Anchor at Vigo, Spain-They Desire to Make Repairs.

Vigo, Spain, Oct. 28.-The Russian battleships Emperor Alexander III, ble course, for otherwise there is no Borodino, Orel and Kniazornff and the transport Anatol anchored in this port today, causing conisderable excitement. The government will not allow them to its demoralized crews and incompetent coal, and requests they leave port as The Associated Press has succeeded

in obtaining an interview with Ad-And, with other papers, declares there miral Rojestvensky, who expressed great regret over the North Sea inciless Russia recalls or stops its fleet at dent. The admiral stated that the unsome neutral part for investigation and fortunate occurrence was purely accimine this morning was 17 miners and the punishment of the guilty parties. dental. The weather on the night in In this connection, greatest satisfac- question was rather hazy. About 1 a. tion is expressed at the unanimity of m. two torpedo boats, which the Rusforeign expressions in support of Great sians suppo ed were Japanese craft, Britain's attitude in the matter, es- suddenly appeared between the two pecially at German denunciation of the divisions of the squadron and semeed to discharge torpedoes. The Russians Public interest and even anxicty immediately opened fire. They saw no fishermen, and were not aware that any damage had been done. Evidently, the admiral said, the ashermen had most exclusively with the North sea shown no lights. The admiral repeated that he greatly regretted that any injury had been done fishermen, the public, who are greatly gratified and added he had no doubt the Ruswith the instructions of the admiralty sian government would make ample compensation.

Prince Keretelli, an officer of the battleship Alexander III, gives the following explanation of the attack by the Baltic squadron upon the British trawlers off Dogger Bank:

"The transport Anatol, which was steaming ahead of the squadren, was suddenly surrounded by eight torpedo boats and requested assistance, where upon the battleship division advanced and signaled to the unknow vessels to leave or disclore their nationality. The vessels retused to obey, and advanced among the Russian battleships Suddenly a cannon shot was heard from an unknown vessel. Then the admiral formed in battle line and replied to the fire, afterward continuing his voyage." Prince Keretelli added that the

Russians feared the strange torpedo boats were Japanese, as the admiral was aware the Japanese had purchased such boats in England.

CHANNEL PLEET READY FOR SEA.

Pour Battleships and Three Cruisers Under Sailing Orders.

Gibraltar, Oct. 28 -The ships of the channel fleet have filled their bunkers with coal and replenished their ammunition and will be ready for sea at a moment's notice. The battleship bonds for the acquisition and construc- Hannibel and the cruiser Doris are MADRAS PIONEER and the FARM JOURNAL tion of the Panama canal was made to watching the straits closely. There day in the equity branch of the suwhere men are working night and day. The admiralty is masking inquiries

The battleships Victorious, Illustrious and Majestic, flagship of Vice-Admiral Beresford, and the cruisers Laneral. Justice Stafford, who heard the caster, Thesus and Endymion are unwhether the courts have authority to purpose is to shadow the Russian Baltic squadron, which is expected to go by way of the Cape of Good Hope.

WILL SOUND THE POWERS.

Ships Pass the Dardanelles.

London, Oct. 28 .- The Associated Press learns that while there is no foundation for the rumor which recently emanated from Constantinople that the Russian government is approaching the sultan with a view of obtaining his consent to the passing of the Black sea fleet through the Dardanelles, Russia is actually taking steps to sound the other conitnental governments as to whether any objections would be raised by them in the event of a formal request being presented by Russia to the powers jointly for the removal of international restrictions governing the passage of the Darda-

\$30,000 Fire at Shipyard.

Philadelphia, Oct. 28.—Fire tonight did damage to the amount of \$30,000 GRIZZLY in the pattern shop and brass foundry of the Neafle & Levy shippard, on the Delaware river, in the northeastern section of the city. A large number of patterns and plans were destroyed, among them several for the construction of the United States cruiser St. Louis, now on the ways in the company's shipyards. An official of the company tonight said the loss of the plans would probably cause some de-lay in the launching of the cruiser.

Russia May Buy the Calchas. Tacoma, Oct. 28.—It is current talk in well informed shipping circles THE DALLES output of gold dust will be in excess of that negotiations are on between the \$4,000,000. 

> Big Meat Order From Orient. Omaha, Neb., Oct. 28 .- A local packment to the Orient.

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