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TERRIBLE COAL MINE DISASTER

Twenty-One Persons Killed and
Eight Injured in Iowa
Mine.

CAUSED BY DUST EXPLOSION

Smoke and Debris Blown Out of
the Mine in Columns
Two Hundred Feet
High.

OSKALOUSA, Ia., Jan. 24.—The Lost Creek coal mine was the scene today of a terrible disaster which cost 21 lives. Eight others were seriously injured. The bodies of the dead men were recovered from the mine. The injured, all of whom are frightfully cut, bruised and burned are under the care of surgeons.

The dead are:
JOE GASPERS
PHILIP GASPERS
JIM STOLIA
SYLVIASTER BREIGHTON
JOE DODD
ANDY PASH
PHILIP W. HEDGES
JOHN MARTIN
JOHN DIBOP
MIEE MANDLEY
JACK HEDRAHA
MIKE COX
MIKE COX, Sr.
DOONE FISH
EDWARD FISH
A. R. CREW
JACK ELDER
DAVE WALTER
SAM HUMPHREY
JIM H. MURPHY
ALEXANDER GRAY
The injured are:
Ed. Swanson
James Mable
Oliver Mable
John Jenkins
William Harvey
George Gogo
Harry Detrock

The explosion occurred at the noon hour, and was what is known as a dust explosion. Smoke and debris were blown out of the mine in a column 200 feet high. At the time of the explosion more than 100 men were in the mine, but all except those who were in the east entry escaped with only slight injury.

THE STORM AT SEATTLE

Wind and Snow Paralyze Business
Along Waterfront—Storm
Elsewhere.

SEATTLE, Jan. 24.—A number of small boats more or less injured, many buildings along the waterfront damaged and business of all sorts completely crippled, is the record of the storm that swept over the city today.

For over an hour the wind traveled at a velocity of 40 miles and was accompanied by a blinding snow storm. As far as known no lives were lost, but it is expected there were many wrecks along the coast.

HEAVY FALL AT PENDLETON.

PENDLETON, Jan. 24.—The heaviest snow storm of many years is raging throughout this portion of the state. The snow is welcomed by the stockmen and farmers, because it will bring moisture, which is much needed.

BLIZZARD AT BAKER CITY.

BAKER CITY, Jan. 24.—A blizzard struck this section tonight, the wind blowing a gale, driving the snow in blinding sheets. Stockmen are fearful of the result, as there are thousands of cattle and sheep on the ranges.

SNOW AT EVERETT.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 24.—Five inches of snow fell last night and today. Six feet is reported at Wellington.

AN ATTORNEY IN DISGRACE.

SPOKANE, Jan. 24.—W. A. Lewis, a pioneer attorney, was convicted today in the superior court of embezzling about \$1500 of clients' funds.

SCHURMAN'S SPEECH.

Men Sent to Jail in Philippines for Remarks Such as Professor Made.

MANILA, Jan. 24.—Both the civil and military authorities here deprecate the publication in the Philippines of Professor Schurman's Boston speech and the minority report in the senate on the Philippine tariff bill, which they say are liable to have been sent to prison here for remarks such as those of Professor Schurman, and that if what he ad-

vocates was accomplished it would mean the expenditure of much treasure and the shedding of blood like water.

Now, as before, he adds 50,000 soldiers are needed here and will be required in these islands for at least five years. It will then be possible to form a government based on that of the colonies of Holland and Great Britain, they having proved most successful managers of Oriental races.

DEFICIENCY BILL PASSED.

Republicans Forced Record Vote, 16 Democrats Voting for Measure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The house today passed the urgent deficiency appropriation bill and devoted the remainder of the session to private pension legislation. It then adjourned until Monday.

The Republicans forced a record vote on the amendment to the deficiency bill to appropriate \$50,000 for the "protection and shelter" of American soldiers in the Philippines, and 16 Democrats voted for it.

INTENDED FOR "YELLOW".

ATHENS, Jan. 24.—Investigation of the report that an attempt had been made upon the life of King George of Greece, in a park at Phaliron, proves to be without foundation.

PEACE NOT IN SIGHT.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—A. J. Balfour, government leader in the house of commons, today declared that no discussions looking to peace with the Boers were now proceeding.

WILL INVADE SHANGHAI

AMERICANS TO BUILD ELECTRIC ROAD THERE.

New York Bankers Form Separate Company Bids to Be Submitted Before March 2

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—It is likely that American capital will build, equip and operate the first electrical railroad in China. It has been learned that prominent banking houses in this city interested in local traction companies were preparing to invade Shanghai. That city asked for propositions to build and operate a 25-mile railroad there. The Shanghai officials stipulated that propositions must be made before March 2 of this year.

American electrical companies immediately began to consider the proposition but because they wereaverse to operating in addition to constructing and equipping the plan was conceived to form a separate company. This firm does business in China and one of its members lives in Shanghai. He already has been a technical Chinese agent for the international banking corporation. A London company probably will compete for the contract.

THE FLORIST INDUSTRY.

Statistics and Estimates of Business as Shown by Late Census.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The extent of the florist industry of the United States is shown by the final census statistics announced on the estimates making the cultivation of flowers and ornamental plants their principal business. These figures show for the United States a total of 619 such establishments, cultivating and using in their business 42,617 acres, of which 34,892 is improved land. The value of the land and buildings used by these establishments is \$50,619,638, of which \$22,654,758 represents the buildings alone. The value of the implements and machinery for these establishments is \$1,367,087. The value of all the products, including the flowers grown in their green houses and fields and the various farm crops on lands controlled by them is \$1,367,420. The amount expended by all these establishments for fertilizer was \$518,298 and for labor \$4,125,798. More than one half of the establishments are located in the North Atlantic division of states.

SCHWAB FINDS RELATIVE.

Discovers Nephew and Family in Budapest Whom He Will Care For.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The Pest Herald (newspaper) states that during Charles M. Schwab's visit to Budapest, Wednesday, he found a nephew who proved his identity by documents, though the family likeness alone was sufficient to convince Schwab, says the Vienna correspondent of the World. Rudolph Schwab, the alleged nephew, was supporting a wife and family on \$5 a week. The American steel trust president has booked passage for the whole family to New York, where he promises to look after them.

TREATY IS KEPT TO BE RATIFIED

Document for Purchase of Danish West Indies Signed at Washington.

PRICE SAID TO BE \$5,000,000

Treaty Must Receive Approval of the House of Representatives, Senate and the Danish Rigsdag.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The treaty of cession of the Danish West Indies from Denmark to the United States was signed at the state department today by Secretary Hay and Constantin Brun, the Danish minister. The treaty will be submitted to the senate for ratification immediately.

Following the invariable rule in such cases state department officials decline to make public any of the details of the treaty, so that it is not possible to state positively the price to be paid, though this is believed to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000. It is known also that Denmark has abandoned the position she was inclined to occupy toward the conservation of the political rights of the inhabitants of the islands and leaves to the United States a free hand to deal with them without pledge of American citizenship or of free trade privileges. So it is assumed that the status of the Danish West Indian islands, politically and commercially, should the treaty be ratified, will be similar to that of Porto Rico.

Having gained these points in the negotiations, the state department officials believe the treaty is certain to receive the approval of the United States senate.

The treaty is peculiar in that it will require the action, not only by the senate and Danish rigsdag, but by the United States house of representatives, since it will be necessary for the house to supply the needed appropriation. The people of the Danish West Indies are to have a voice in the question of cession. The Danish government has given notice that before it ratifies the treaty it will submit the question of cession to the people of the islands. Not much objection is expected here from these people.

MURDER MYSTERY CLEARED.

James Mather Confesses to Killing Peter Olson at Muskegon.

NILES, Mich., Jan. 24.—The Elkhart, Ind., police have received a letter which throws light on the Mather murder mystery. Mrs. C. G. Carey of Albion, Mich., writes that she has just discovered that Peter Olson, whom James Mather claims that he murdered at Muskegon in 1885 was her brother who left the family home in Bergen, Norway, in the spring of that year. When the vessel on which he sailed as a seaman returned in the fall of 1875, the captain said that Olson had taken passage with an English captain for America.

Mrs. Carey said that she had been in this country 18 years. This is the first word of the probable fate of her brother or anything concerning his whereabouts was when she recently read published accounts of Mather's confession. Mather is willing to return to Muskegon, but doctors at the Long Cliff asylum say he has paresis and will get worse. Mather is worth \$25,000. He claimed his conscience forced him to confess.

GIVEN LONG SENTENCES.

No Mercy Shown Highwaymen by San Francisco Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Superior Judge Morrell Cook this morning sentenced John H. Wood, a former soldier, to life imprisonment at Folsom for holding up Philip Krell on the night of December 8, and robbing him of a gold watch.

Frank Nelson was sentenced to 27 years in San Quentin penitentiary by Judge Dunne for holding up and robbing two men of watches.

HOUSE WITHOUT POWER

ON TARIFF QUESTIONS.

Treaty-Making Authority of President and Senate Held by Committee to Be Unrestricted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The subcommittee of the senate committee on foreign relations today decided to report to the full committee their opinion on the treaty-making power of the executive and senate on questions affecting the tariff. The contention is made on behalf of the house of representatives that the house should co-

operate in consideration of all measures bearing on the revenue laws.

The subcommittee will report that in its opinion such is not the case. It will take the ground that the treaty-making power of the president and senate is unrestricted, and that there is no obligation to consult the house on tariff questions when they are contained in treaties.

TO INVESTIGATE PHILIPPINES.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The senate committee decided today to enter upon a thorough investigation of the entire Philippine question, and Senator Lodge, chairman, was authorized to present to the senate the usual resolution authorizing the committee to sit and send for persons and papers.

UNION PICKETS DOUBLED.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Since the company on Monday succeeded in getting workmen into the shops, union pickets about the Allis-Chalmers plant have been doubled and several clashes have occurred. Nicholas Williams, a foreman in the erecting department, was assaulted and so severely injured that he was taken to the hospital. Others assaulted while not seriously injured were severely beaten.

THE FIGHT POSTPONED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—The Yosemite Club tonight decided to indefinitely postpone the proposed Jeffries-Sharkey fight. The chief reason given is the unsatisfactory ending of the recent Sharkey-Maher fight at Philadelphia.

GRANTED AN INJUNCTION

A. BOOTH & CO.'S SELLING RIGHTS UPHOLD.

Seibold-Stocker Company Restrained from Selling Fish in Their Territory.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Justice Scott in the supreme court has granted to A. Booth & Co., of Chicago, a corporation known throughout this country and Canada as the fish combination, a permanent injunction restraining the Seibold-Stocker Company of this city, a corporation recently organized from selling fish within the territory controlled by them.

That territory, it is alleged in the papers filed with the application for the injunction, covered nearly all the United States and a large portion of Canada. A Booth & Co. was organized in 1893 and consisted of a consolidation of 63 corporations and individuals dealing in fish, oysters and other sea products. The company was organized with a capital of \$407,000 and those who acquired stock in the new company entered into an agreement not to engage in the fish trade within the territory covered by the consolidation for a period of 10 years. The Seibold-Stocker Company, according to the papers in the case, was organized by stockholders and other persons interested in A. Booth & Co., who had entered into this agreement. In granting the injunction Justice Scott says, in part:

That the agreement sought to be enforced is not void as being general restraint of trade is, in my opinion, quite clear. It was extremely limited both as to its territorial scope and as to the length of time during which it is to be operative. The business concerning which the contract is made is that of dealing in and selling fish, a commodity which is practically limitless and to be had for the catching, not only in the sea but in all of the fresh water lakes and rivers.

SAYS COMPETITION ADVANCES RATES

James J. Hill Testifies Before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

SOME OLD MEN INTERESTED

Northern Securities Formed for Purpose of Managing the Road Along the Old Lines.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—James J. Hill testified before the interstate commerce commission here today. The veteran railroader declared that competition does not lower rates, but advances them. He testified to the formation of the Northern Securities Company, and in doing so gave a reason far more simple than has generally been conjectured.

There are some old men—some very old men—interested in the management of the Great Northern," said he. "They wanted to form a close corporation into which they could confide their interests with assurance that the road would be managed along the lines which have made it a success. The plan then broadened into the idea of taking in the Northern Pacific also. The roads had worked in harmony for 20 years and a change in the holders of securities would make no difference. It can make no difference, and will make no difference."

POCKETED THE INTEREST.

OMAHA, Jan. 24.—The Douglas county grand jury has returned an indictment against Ex-State Treasurer John B. Meserve. As treasurer, Meserve is said to have had on deposit with the Union Stock Yards National bank of South Omaha between \$50,000 and \$75,000 of the school fund on which it is alleged he collected interest. None of this income has been credited up, so far as is known it is said, to the state. The testimony was adduced from Cashier T. B. McPherson and other officers of the bank.

COST OF CANAL.

BOSTON, Jan. 24.—In the report of the harbor and land commissioners on the proposed canal between Boston and Narragansett Bay, by way of Weymouth, Brockton and Taunton, just sent to the legislature the cost of the work is stated to be \$57,518,358 for a uniform depth of 25 feet and a width of 150 feet at the bottom. The total length of the canal as surveyed would be 21.75 miles.

JUDGE NOYES ILL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Judge Arthur H. Noyes of Alaska, is at the Mount Zion hospital in an exceedingly precarious condition. The physicians who are attending him entertain very little hope that he will recover. The jurist is suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs, induced by tuberculosis. Owing to the copious loss of blood his system has been greatly weakened.

RAKEWSKI TAKEN TO PRISON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Frank Rakewski, until recently a soldier in the United States army was brought here from Fort Columbia, Wash., and taken to the military prison on Alcatraz Island, where he will serve a sentence of ten years for threatening the life of President Roosevelt. He claims that he was intoxicated when he made the threat.

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