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WHAT TO Give Him

Last week we spoke of our exclusive makes of Smoking Jackets. We now wish to refer to suit cases, Umbrellas and Hats; either may be selected now before the rush and exchanged after Xmas if necessary. We take pleasure in pleasing customers.

Then there are such suitables for Xmas presents as Dress or Everyday Shirts, of which we have a splendid variety.

Sweaters, Neckwear, Gloves, Hosiery and Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, plain and initialed. Warm Underwear is always acceptable, and so are Hats.

Of course, Suits and Overcoats are at Wise's as nowhere else—of the choicest designs and makes, especially Strous Bros. "High Art" gentlemen's garments and the O. K. & B. fine clothes.

Want something pleasing? Wise has it.



OUR CHRISTMAS GOODS

Are arriving and will be ready for inspection in a few days. We will, as usual, have the largest and newest stock of Holiday goods in the city.

Musical Instruments and Pictures BOOKS AND STATIONERY

Our Prices Cannot Be Beaten, Quality Considered

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BEE HIVE STORE NEWS

Special Prices This Week on

Ladies' and Children's Furs

Girls' White Aprons
In Eight Different Dainty Styles

25c to \$1.40
They are the Prettiest Aprons We Have Seen

Ladies' White Muslin Underwear.
Lace Corset Covers

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Our \$1 Kid Gloves
For the Holiday Trade Are Guaranteed

The Very Best
Our Customers All Indorse This Statement

Ladies' and Men's Slippers
In High Novelties

Ladies' and Children's Coats
Cheaper Than Elsewhere

EXPLOSION OCCURS KILLING MINERS

Awful Fate of Men Employed in a Coal Mine in the Strike Regions.

SEVEN ALTOGETHER MAY DIE

Without Warning Box of Dynamite Drops and in an Instant Death and Ruin Result.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 9.—Four men were killed and 19 injured, three probably fatally, by the explosion of a box of dynamite in No. 5 mine of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal company, at South Wilkesbarre today.

KILLED:
ROBERT HUBLEBEE.
ARTHUR JONES.
MATTHEW PHILLIPS.
JAMES MCLINN.

FATALLY INJURED:
George Knorr.
Charles Stafford.
Thomas Stafford.

The most seriously injured are: Neil Sweeney, John Rustin, Dominick Hart, James Peckema.

The men had lowered into the shaft, which is 110 feet deep, a box of dynamite weighing 50 pounds. When the bottom of the shaft was reached Phillips took the box off the carriage. It slipped from his hands and fell to the ground. The concussion exploded the dynamite and the 20 men who were in the immediate vicinity getting their tools in readiness to go to their respective chambers were hurled in all directions. The wooden work at the bottom of the shaft was also torn and scattered about.

As soon as possible word was sent to the surface and a rescuing party was sent down.

The mine has the reputation of being the most dangerous in the entire region and at first it was reported that the gas had exploded, that a score of miners had been killed outright. Fortunately, however, the gas did not explode. The accident caused the big colliery to suspend operations for the day.

DAMAGING TESTIMONY GIVEN

Heartrending Scenes Depicted in Court of Commissioners.

SCRANTON, Dec. 9.—Tales of eviction from houses owned by C. B. Markle and Company, the narration of the death of the wife as a result of the enforced removal from her home and the story of a mother whose husband was killed in the mines, of how she and her two boys struggled for years to pay Markle back rent, were the principal features of today's sessions of the coal strike commission.

The testimony as presented by some of the witnesses whose lives are given up to the coal mining industry was at the same time pathetic and surprising to the commissioners. Much surprise has been expressed that the company has not made great efforts to refute some seemingly damaging testimony that has been presented. It is expected, however, that the company will do so later.

EXTORTIONATE CABLE DUTY

Officials of Company Much Perplexed at Turn of Affairs.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—An interesting complication has arisen in the matter of the collection of the duty on the shore end of the new Pacific cable and there is a possibility it may occasion some delay or postponement of the cable ship's plans. Richard V. Dey, in speaking of the matter, said an appeal had been made to the secretary of the treasury from the ruling of the collector of customs and it was hoped the matter would be adjusted before Friday.

As matters now stand the Commercial-Cable company has been called upon to pay an ad valorem duty of 40 percent on four leagues, or 12 miles of cable. The cable officials say that no duty whatever should be charged and that if the department insists upon the collection of duty it should only be on three miles of cable.

OBJECTS TO BARRETT

Removes That Japan Desires Another Choice.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The appearance at the state department today of Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, taken in connection with rumors that there was to be opposition in the United States senate to the nomination of John Barrett to be minister to Japan gives

ARCTIC WEATHER PREVAILS IN EAST

In Some Localities Colder Than It Has Been for Forty Years Past.

PEOPLE ARE NOT PREPARED

The Lack of Coal in Larger Cities Intensifies the Suffering—Relief Organizations Hard at Work.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—New York and New England have experienced during the past 24 hours the coldest weather for many years. In this city it was the coldest December 9 in 26 years, the thermometer registering as it did in that year eight above zero.

The severity of the cold is intensified by the fact that the people are not prepared for it, a cold wave having descended upon the country suddenly and without warning. Then, too, the scarcity of coal causes much suffering among the poorer classes. Every effort is being put forth to alleviate suffering, charitable organizations having taken steps to supply coal and the board of aldermen have devoted \$100,000 to help along the good cause.

The cold in this city was mild compared with that prevailing in the northern sections of the state and in New England.

At Albany the mercury fell to 10 below zero and in some nearby districts it went down to 50.

The river is frozen over at Albany putting an end to navigation. Ballston reported 22 below, the lowest registration since 1851.

Throughout Maine and Connecticut the thermometer registered from eight to 29 below, a fall in some places of 40 degrees in 12 hours. Norfolk, Conn., reported a temperature of 23 degrees below zero, the coldest in years.

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FORGER NEARLY KILLED.

Pursued by Police He Leaps From a Moving Train.

OAKLAND, Dec. 9.—While attempting to evade arrest, S. T. Burch, wanted by the police for forgery, came near being dragged to death under the wheels of a train from which he jumped.

The police have been looking for Burch since Friday of last week. They have six charges of larceny against him, and to Chief of Police Hodgkins he admitted his guilt upon each charge. Burch, in his statement, said he formerly lived in Washington, D. C., and that he has been on this coast for only a year.

OPPOSES PROPOSED CHANGE IN TRANSPORT SERVICE.

Red Cross Officials Believe Soldiers Receive Better Treatment at the Harbors of Government.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—A number of prominent members, including officials of the Red Cross society, have protested against the proposed relinquishment of the management of the transport service. They base their argument on the ground that the soldiers receive better treatment on government vessels than on those under private control.

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