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CHARRED CORPSES HOISTED FROM AWFUL DEATH TRAP

Absurd, Says Inspector, to Suppose That Any Living Men Are Entombed in Mine.

Funds Raised to Care for the Women and Children, Rendered Destitute by the Heart Breaking Catastrophe at Harwick.

Pittsburg, Jan. 27.—At 5 o'clock this morning 20 charred and blackened corpses were hoisted to the surface of the Harwick mine at Cheswick, the scene of Monday's terrific explosion. As quickly as they were taken out they were placed in large sleighs and taken to the morgue, which had been improvised in the school house. The 20 bodies were recovered about 2 o'clock this morning. All are burned in an awful manner. Many are without heads, others have faces so badly burned and mutilated as to preclude all possibility for their ever being recognized.

Pittsburg people will attend to the last sad rites of the dead, who will be taken from the mine, beginning today. About 8:30 this morning a train load of coffins left the West Pennsylvania station in Allegheny for the mine.

Each body will be embalmed and given a separate grave. Bernard Callaghan, deputy state mining inspector of the Ninth district, upon coming to the pit mouth, after hours of work of rescue in the mine, stated that he was convinced that by tonight all the bodies will have been removed from the mine. He said it was absurd to think there were any living miners entombed.

A general appeal for aid for the families of miners who lost their lives through the explosion will be issued from Harwick within the next 8 hours.

The leading men of the place left alive are considering the call and all the principal cities and towns of the state will be appealed to. An effort will be made to raise at least \$10,000, which amount, it is figured, will be adequate to provide for the suffering and almost destitute women and children until the warmer weather comes, or until some permanent arrangement

can be made for caring for them. A body was found sitting with his back to the wall of one of the rooms. He had evidently been overcome by after-damp. This list may still be incomplete, as it is possible some boys may have gone into the pit to work under their fathers' direction.

MORE BODIES ARE FOUND.
Pittsburg, Jan. 28.—At 2 o'clock this morning it is said that over 30 more bodies have been found and are being collected at the bottom of the shaft.

MORGAN WANTS LETTER.
Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Morgan today introduced a resolution directing the secretary of state to send to the senate a copy of a dispatch or letter dated January 22, 1904, relating to the withdrawal or abandonment of all amendments to the Hay-Bunau-Varilla treaty, which was sent by the minister of the United States at Pan-

ama to John Hay, secretary of state, in which the reasons for withdrawing the same are stated.

ROWDY KILLS TOWN MARSHAL.
Lewiston, Jan. 27.—Paine Sly shot and killed the town marshal, J. H. Hayes, of Troy, at that place this evening. Sly was intoxicated and started a quarrel with his wife. The daughter became scared and notified the marshal. It is alleged Sly commenced shooting on Hayes' approach and Hayes started to run away. Sly says he shot in self-defense.

PRETTY COLD AT ST. PAUL.
St. Paul, Jan. 27.—The mercury dropped during the night from 15 below to 23 below. There is severe cold weather in the Red river valley, but at Rapid City, S. D., the thermometer is 25 above, and from there to the coast the weather is comparatively warm indicating warmer weather for this section of the country.

PROVIDE FOR MAINTENANCE.
Manila, Jan. 27.—The act for maintaining the parity of the currency has been passed. It provides for the purchase of Mexican silver coin as bullion, and imposes a tax on all contracts made in debased currency after October 1, 1904.

DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF A SENATOR DIES IN NEW YORK

Mrs. Chas. W. Clark, of Montana Passes Away After Several Weeks' Illness.

New York, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Charles Walter Clark, of San Mateo, California, daughter-in-law of Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, died in this city tonight.

Mrs. Clark had undergone medical treatment here for about six weeks, but was not thought to be critically ill until Monday, when her sickness took a dangerous turn and her husband and family were notified to come immediately.

Charles W. Clark, who is the sen-

ator's eldest son, is on his way east from Arizona and is expected to reach this city Friday morning.

The funeral will take place on Sunday, either from the residence of Senator Clark or from St. Thomas' church, and the interment will be in Senator Clark's mausoleum in Woodlawn cemetery.

Mrs. Clark was married June 30, 1894, at Butte, Mont. There has been no issue of the union.

NEW HEAD OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT IS CHEERED

Governor Taft Reaches Washington and Is Welcomed by a Large Crowd.

Washington, Jan. 27.—William H. Taft, the new secretary of war, arrived here over the Pennsylvania road at 5:15 this afternoon. He was enthusiastically welcomed by a large crowd at the station. General Chaffee, Assistant Secretary of War Oliver and Colonel Clarence Edwards, formally greeted the new head of the war department.

Governor Taft was escorted down the long train sheds. When he reached the gates and passed through the line formed, there was a prolonged outburst

of cheering, which was repeated vociferously by the crowd gathered outside. Governor Taft, with General Chaffee and Colonel Edwards, both in full uniform, entered a carriage and Secretary Oliver followed in another and, led by troop E, Fifteenth cavalry, which had been drawn up in the plaza in front of the station, they were rapidly driven to the war department, where Secretary Root formally welcomed his successor. From there the new secretary was driven to the Arlington hotel.

HONORS ABOUT EVEN IN O'BRIEN AND RYAN CONTEST

Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—Jack O'Brien and Tommy Ryan fought one of the fastest six rounds ever seen in this city tonight, and the Philadelphian had a slight advantage. O'Brien clearly outfought Ryan in the first four rounds and in the fifth dropped him with a hard blow to the jaw. In the sixth the honors were about even, both men having received severe punishment. When the gong sounded, ending the fight, both men were in very bad shape.

The men agreed to meet here in a

six-round bout for a \$5000 purse, split equally, and under the laws governing boxing in Philadelphia no decision can be given.

HARRISON ORDERED RELEASED.
Chicago, Jan. 27.—Mayor Harrison this afternoon was ordered by Judge Tutthill to be immediately discharged from custody and relieved from any responsibility for the wholesale loss of life in the Iroquois theater fire.

WRIGHT'S DEATH CAUSED BY POISON TAKEN WHILE HEARING HEAVY SENTENCE

Post-Mortem Examination Reveals That London Promoter Drops Dead From Effects of Cyanide Potassium.

Trial and Sensational Climax Everywhere Discussed—Government Side of Case Roundly Criticized by Representative Papers—Officers Had Reason to Fear Suicide and Guarded Against It.

London, Jan. 27.—A post-mortem examination has shown that Whitaker Wright committed suicide by taking cyanide of potassium.

The inquest over the remains of Whitaker Wright, who died suddenly yesterday after being sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for fraud, will be held tomorrow. The tragic event is the one topic of interest, and everywhere is discussed in all its features. The possibility of the promoter's escape from justice to suicide was clearly foreseen by Detective Willis, who brought Wright from New York.

Acting on hints dropped by Wright during the voyage, Willis gave the court officials a special warning to keep the closest guard over him. Towards the conclusion of the trial, especially during Justice Bigham's severe criticism, it became evident that there could be only one verdict, so if Wright was determined on self-destruction in the event of his conviction, he had time to prepare a method for outwitting the jailers, as he must have foreseen that an adverse verdict was inevitable.

A strange document was found on the seat in court which has been occupied by Wright, showing that he had a premonition of his sentence. This was a sheet of blotting paper on which he had scribbled during the justice's summing up. The Roman characters "VII" were thickly scattered over the whole sheet. This was before the verdict had been rendered, but the number coincides with the sentence he received. In the middle of the sheet appears the word, "intent," the last word Wright wrote.

The opposition papers continue mak-

ing trenchant comments on the government, "which," they say, "declined to do its duty for reasons now shown to have been absurd in law and which are always repugnant to common sense."

"The handling of this matter," says the Westminster Gazette, "has reflected more discredit upon the government than its other mistakes with even greater consequences. Distinguished people were involved and some of them have had happy escapes."

The Financial News says:

"Wright might have made disclosures which would have seriously discomfited some people, but he was loyal as well as courageous, and he carried his secrets to the grave. To prevent others from divulging what he chose to conceal he destroyed many papers, thus completing his sacrifice."

It is reported that a six-chambered revolver, fully loaded, was found in Wright's pocket by the police.

The investigation made indicates that Wright must have swallowed the poison while standing before Justice Bigham, after receiving his sentence. It is recalled that he pulled a handkerchief from his pocket and appeared to wipe his face and it is surmised that under cover of this he took the fatal dose.

His features showed no trace of the suffering he must have endured before death. His face was calm and peaceful. His brain was found to have been abnormally large and as the examination proceeded the doctors found evidences of cyanide potassium, which

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DAY OF HORROR IN A VILLAGE

Pittsburg, Jan. 27.—Three days have elapsed since the terrible catastrophe at Harwick mine and at midnight 71 bodies have been recovered. The day has been one of horror in the little village. At the shaft mouth huge fires have been built and groups of men are gathered there trying to keep warm. In the blacksmith shop above the mouth of the shaft are 27 coffins, each containing a body.

The Allegheny Coal Company, in an official statement, positively admitted that all of the men who were in the mine when the explosion occurred are dead. There are 171 names on the list, which does not include Selwyn M. Taylor, or two men who were on the tipper above the mine shaft when the explosion came. Nor does the list include the name of Daniel Lyle. He was one of the men who went down in the mine to work last night. His

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