



EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE

Twenty-Eight Men Killed in Catastrophe.

ELEVEN MEN ESCAPE

Explosion Was Caused by Suddenly Striking a Pocket of Gas.

MINERS WERE INEXPERIENCED

Most of Entombed Men Were Inexperienced Hungarians and Negroes—Were Not Expecting Pocket of Gas, Frequently Found in Kanawha Region

CHARLESTON, W. V., Feb. 8.—At least twenty-eight men are supposed to have met death in a terrible mine explosion in the Parrall mine near Oak Hill. Thirty-nine men were employed in the mine and only eleven escaped alive. At midnight six bodies were recovered near the mouth of the mine, and it is certain all others in the mine are dead. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by an accumulation of dust.

The explosion was caused by a pocket of gas which was struck in a fault in the mine. The explosion was terrific and it is thought that many miners were killed outright by it. The system of fans was completely wrecked and all the air shut off, leaving the men to smother to death. Most of the entombed miners were Hungarians and negroes, who had little experience in mining. They consequently were not expecting the pocket of gas which is nearly always discovered in the mine faults in the Kanawha region.

TWO MEN IMPRISONED IN MINE SINCE MONDAY.

STOCKTON, Feb. 8.—Caught under a gigantic cave-in, two miners have been entombed 800 feet beneath the earth's surface in the App Mine, at Jamestown, Tuolumne county since Monday night. Day and night the rescuers are digging in an heroic effort to save the imprisoned men.

This afternoon they were able to communicate with the unfortunate who are almost exhausted from lack of food and water. When the signals were heard and a faint voice said: "We are very weak; hurry!" It is expected the men will be reached tonight. The families of both men have remained at the mouth of the mine day and night since they were imprisoned.

PATTERSON'S RESOLUTION NOT DISCUSSED IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—There was a general expectation that today would witness a revival of yesterday's occurrences in the Senate over Patterson's resolution, but it was not realized and the large crowd was compelled to leave in disappointment. Several Senators desired to express themselves on the resolution, but other Senators thought enough time had been spent in the agitation of the caucus question and they

ALUMNUS SUICIDES.

University of Oregon Graduate Kills Himself in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—Defoe H. Sberk, of Huntington, Oregon, committed suicide in this city by shooting himself with a revolver. The deed occurred last night, but the body was not found until this afternoon. He was a University of Oregon alumnus and a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. No cause is known. He came recently from Alaska.

SMOOT INVESTIGATION.

Prosecution Finishes Introduction of Its Testimony.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The Smoot case, so far as the introduction of testimony by the Protestants is concerned will probably be closed tomorrow. The defense has not announced the number of witnesses it expects to call, nor when it will be ready to proceed. The hearing today dealt with the alleged Mormon interference in business affairs and with the endowment ceremony.

DEDICATE BATTLE MONUMENT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The army transport Sumner is said to have sailed for Santiago, Cuba, today, with a party of distinguished officers of the army and navy constituting a battlefield commission who will go to participate in the exercises attending the dedication of the battle monument at El Caney.

DALLES CITY SINKS

Strikes Rock Near Crates Point and is Beached.

ONLY DOG LOSES IT'S LIFE

Pilot Ellis is at Wheel When Boat Strikes Rock, he at Once Signals Full Speed and Beaches Boat—Passengers Safely Landed.

THE DALLES, Ore., Feb. 8.—As a result of striking a rock at Crates Point, the steamer Dalles City lies beached about 100 feet from shore on the Washington side of the Columbia River four miles below The Dalles.

The steamer left here at 7 o'clock this morning with 75 passengers and a good cargo of freight, bound for Portland. After getting the vessel under way Captain Sid Seamon went to breakfast, leaving Pilot Ed Ellis at the wheel.

When rounding Crates Point the vessel struck a rock, tearing a hole in its hull. Ellis signalled for all the power the engines could give him and headed for the Washington shore, beaching the boat inside of four minutes from the time it struck. The vessel settled in 20 feet of water at the stern, while the bow is above water.

The passengers climbed to the hurricane deck, and were taken off in the lifeboats. The crew and passengers acted coolly under the excitement of the wreck. The only fatality was the drowning of a dog in the engine-room.

The Dalles City cannot be raised without the assistance of another boat. The passengers of the wrecked steamer were brought to the city on the local passenger train.

RATE BILL IS PASSED

House Passes Bill Almost Unanimously.

GALLERIES APPLAUD

The Measure is Approved by a Vote of 346 to Seven.

THE PENSION BILL IS PASSED

The Hepburn Railroad Rate Bill Goes Through With Flying Colors—Pension Appropriation Measure Amounting to \$140,000,000 Passed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Just enough business was allowed in the House this morning preceding the vote on the Hepburn railroad rate bill to permit the delayed representatives to reach their seats.

Three hundred and sixty-four members voted for the bill, and seven, all Republicans, voted against it. Great applause greeted the announcement of the result by the Speaker.

The pension appropriation bill amounting to about \$140,000,000 was then taken up, which was debated and passed. The bill makes a law of the famous order of the President declaring age a conclusive evidence of disability. A number of other bills were passed at the close of the day, one making it a crime and fixing the penalty for the premature revelation of government information, which might have a bearing on the market price of any commodity. A penalty was also affixed for government employes who speculate in commodities, regarding which the government furnishes statistics.

MAKES PARTIAL REPORT.

New York Life Insurance Investigating Committee Gives Report.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The special committee appointed by the New York Life to investigate the affairs of the company made partial report today.

The report deals only with the real relations of Andrew Hamilton and the severe arraignment of his methods.

Ex-President McCall comes in for his share of criticism, being blamed for his methods in connection with the "Bureau of taxation and legislation" and for allowing Hamilton to pay out vast sums of money without proper accounting.

The committee adds the application made to McCall for information regarding these transactions, puts McCall in a bad light and the subject cannot be taken up at present.

As to Hamilton's health, the committee says it is informed he is able to travel and every effort is being made to induce him to return and make full disclosures, but without success.

JURY DRAWN.

Pat Crowe's Trial Commences in Omaha Yesterday.

OMAHA, Feb. 8.—A jury was secured today for the trial of Pat Crowe charged with robbing E. A. Cudahy of \$25,000 in connection with the kidnapping of the latter's son.

The introduction of testimony was begun just before adjournment. Young Cudahy being the first witness. He recounted his experience, while a prisoner, but was not able to identify Crowe, who it is said, has changed very much in the past five years.

SKY SCRAPER STRIKE.

Two Stone Cutters' Unions Are Angry and Will Strike.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Sky scrapers and other large buildings in Chicago may be involved in a series of strikes before the end of this week. The action of the Associated Building Trades yesterday in ordering warfare against an independent union of stone cutters, hundreds of whose members are employed on building construction, makes a number of walkouts practically certain.

The excuse for the threatened strike is unusual. Its basis is the rivalry between the two unions of stone cutters. For several months efforts have been made by the International Stone Cutters' Union to swallow its rival. Failing to accomplish this, building mechanics of ten or more allied unions have been brought into the fight.

SITUATION DUBIOUS.

Neither France nor Germany Will Recede From Position.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—Opinion concerning the progress and final outcome of the Algerias conference has become rather more pessimistic here in consequence of semi-official declarations that neither France nor Germany will recede regarding the question of Moroccan police. It is considered a point is reached where further concessions on the French side are impossible.

ASKED FOR MONEY

Bristol Writes Letter to Coos Bay Land Company.

WANTED PAY FOR SERVICES

U. S. District Attorney Bristol Writes Letter to Coos Bay Land and Investment Company Asking Substantial Sum for Disposing of Property.

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—"The President then read a communication from Mr. W. C. Bristol, the attorney for Hoberg & Page, in which he asked to be allowed a substantial compensation for his services in case we dispose of the property, mentioned in the agreement, to Hoberg & Page for the sum of \$40,000."—Extract from minutes of directors' meeting of the Coos Bay Land and Investment Company, held June 10, 1902.

That a letter purporting to have been written by W. C. Bristol to the Coos Bay Land and Investment Company was received and acted on by the officials of that company, is shown by the minutes of the board of directors at a meeting held June 10, 1902. The letter is dated June 4.

The record then goes on to say that after considerable discussion it was moved and carried that the committee be authorized to call on Mr. Bristol, and that if after interviewing him it was considered advisable the committee should offer him \$500 for his services in closing the sale.

Misconstrued, Says Crocker.

L. H. Maxwell, secretary of the company, says that the minutes do not disclose any report having been made by the committee detailed to confer with Mr. Bristol.

A. M. Crocker, the director, who, with E. T. C. Stevens, the president, was directed to call on United States District Attorney William C. Bristol relative to the commission, declares that in his opinion a mistake has been made in placing on Mr. Bristol's letter the construction that has been generally accepted. The entire letter, Mr. Crocker thinks, would present the matter in a different light.

Secretary L. H. Maxwell, of the Coos Bay Company, says he has been unable to find the copy of the original letter, said to have been written to the company by Mr. Bristol, or the letter which he says was received from him prior to the letter of June 4, 1902, as well as the letter received by Senator Fulton, accompanying a copy of the famous epistle and inquiring as to the genuineness of it.

VENEZUELA IS HARD NUT

Taigny Says Venezuelans Love Fighting.

WOULD WELCOME WAR

France Has Difficult Proposition in Bringing Castro to Terms.

CARACAS IS WELL DEFENDED

Venezuelan Charge Thinks France Will Have Hard Time to Subdue Venezuela—Country Difficult to Invade—Taigny Leaves New York Saturday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—M. Taigny, formerly charge d'affaires for the French government at Caracas, Venezuela left today for New York, whence he will sail for Europe on Saturday. Taigny, when seen today, declared he had received a cablegram from his government, but had not been able to decipher it as the French code for Venezuela and the United States is different. Speaking of his expulsion he said: "It is impossible to maintain satisfactory relations with a man like Castro. His chief object is to get money, no matter from where or in what way. This is the basis for everything. Regarding the invasion of Venezuela by France, Taigny stated it was an extremely difficult country to fight in. The country is mountainous. Though only nine miles from the coast as the crow flies, Caracas is twenty-five miles from the coast by a road, which is easily defended. The Venezuelans love nothing, according to Taigny, more than fighting and would welcome such a beautiful chance."

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INVENTORY TAKERS ARE AMBUSHED

VERSAILLES, Feb. 8.—When the commissioner attempted an inventory of the church of St. Symphorien today he found the doors closed. After they had been broken open the Cure asked that the gendarmes be not permitted to enter. The prefect consented and entered the church with the commissioner. They were immediately bombarded with a shower of chairs and brickbats by the people who had barricaded themselves in the organ loft. The gendarmes stormed the loft and in the fracas seven were so badly wounded that they had to be sent to the hospital. The inventory was then made. Several manifestants were arrested.

RUSSIAN JEWS DID NOT GET MONEY FROM AMERICA

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—According to statements of Dr. Mosesohn, a prominent Portland Jew, whose assertions are corroborated by the local postoffice officials, a large amount of money sent from the United States to aid the Jewish sufferers in Russia was never received by those for whom it was intended. It is stated there has been a general failure of the postoffice throughout Rus-

HOUSE WILL ADJOURN.

No Official Recognition However Will be Given Longworth-Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Although the House of Representatives will not take official cognizance of the wedding of Miss Roosevelt and Representative Longworth on February 17th, an adjournment will be taken on Friday, February 16th, until the following Monday without avowing the purpose. In this manner the House will avoid establishing a precedent.

FUNERAL OF KING.

Arrangements for Funeral of Late King Christian Are Completed.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 8.—The arrangements for the funeral of King Christian were published late tonight. The body will be conveyed to Roskilde Friday morning, February 16th, after a short service at Tslotskier from which the royal hearse will be escorted by troops followed by the male members of the royal family in state coaches.

GETS LIGHT SENTENCE.

MOSCOW, Feb. 8.—Poltavsky, the youth, who last June attempted to assassinate General Treppoff, was today condemned to five years' imprisonment without the loss of his civil rights.

DETAILS PUBLISHED

Roosevelt Submits Braun Matter to Congress.

SPECIAL AGENT CENSURED

Department States as Braun Was At Fault in His Action in Criticizing Openly Austro-Hungarian Government—Affair Will be Dropped.

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In finally disposing of the case Secretary Hay's letter states that in as much as it appears that Braun was guilty of highly improper conduct in openly attacking the Hungarian government in the newspapers and his antecedents are not such as require any further action than the proper assertion of the dignity of the United States, and in as much as Braun has been recalled and the offending officials punished, the department does not feel it is desirable to press the matter further with the Austro-Hungarian government.