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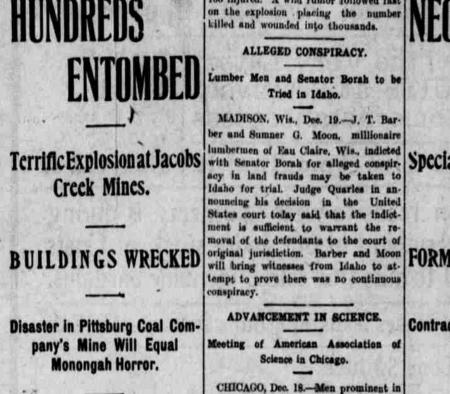
BUILDINGS WRECKED

Disaster in Pittsburg Coal Company's Mine Will Equal Monongah Horror.

BODIES HORRIBLY MUTILATED

Heavy Rumbling Followed by Report and Concussion Felt Within Radius of Several Miles - Rescuing Parties at Work Though Little Hope Entertained

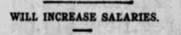
JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 19 .- An explosion of gas in the Dayr mine of the Pittsburg Coal Company located here, today, entombed between 200 and 250 miners and there is scarcely a ray of hope that a single one will be taken out alive. Partially wrecked buildings in] the vicinity of the mine and the condition of the few bodies so far recovered indicates the explosion had such a terrifie force that it seems impossible anyone could have survived it. All 13 bodies taken out, up to this time, are terribly mutilated and three are headless. This is the third disaster this month in lower ranks who are notoriously underthe veins of bituminous coal underlying Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and today's catastrophe swells the number of victims of deadly mine gas, listment in the American service. for 19 days, to between 550 and 600. That today's disaster will not equal. or even exceed, in loss of life, the Monongah horror is due to this being a holiday of the Greek Catholic Church holiday of the Greek Catholic Church, and many miners did not go to work this morning. As was the case at Monongah, the explosion followed a brief shut down, the Darr mine having been State Puts New Witness on the closed Tuesday and Wednesday. The explosion occurred at 11:30. A heavy rumbling was followed by a loud report and concussion that shook the nearby buildings and was felt within a radius of several miles. At the same time there came from the mouth of the mine an immense cloud of smoke and dust. Reports were circulated during the afternoon of seething fires back in the workings, but up to this time the rescuers have found no fire at any place in the mine. As far as known only one man escaped. Joseph Mapleton, a pump-er, who emerged from one of the side entrances directly after the explosions. He left a part of the mine, where most of the men were working, to go to the engine room and get oil. Mapleton says he was blinded when the explosion occurred, and for a time did not, know to the mine and joined the rescuers. Officials of the mine have only a faint have found places of safety. A considerable number of miners were Ameriprobably one-half are Americans, as not at work today.



100 injured. A wild rumor followed fast

the fields of scientific research throughout the country will gather in Chicago a week from next Monday to attend the ADHERES EXACTLY TO BASIC FEATURES OF ORIGINAL COMPACT ment of science, the largest body of men of science in the country. Sessions will be held from December

30 to January 4, including and it is estimated that there will be an attendance of between 2000 and 4000. Special ists in various branches of this department of learning. The association is to be the guest of the University of Chi-cago, and will hold its combined and sectional meetings in the lecture halls on



mittee named the day before to confer sued a rescript to the army announcing a general increase in the salaries of the with Mr. Garland. officers beginning in 1909. A commission has been appointed to draw up a scheme which will mainly affect the tee referred to, presided, and Manager paid in comparison with those of other armies. Recently great numbers of Rus-the committee was also present, but the committee was also present, but the committee the third present, but source the said secret and pay for of the said source to be added to that committee for the source the said secret and pay for of the said source to be added to that committee for the source the said secret and pay for of the said secret and agrees to express purpose of considering and pass-



Astorian.

COVERS THE MORNING FIELD ON THE LOWER COLUMBIA

FOR STEAMER LINES

Special Committee Reports to Adjourned Session Yesterday Afternoon.

FORM OF BOND-CONTRACT IS FIXED UPON

Contract Covers Entire Range of Agreement fas Between Mr. Garland and the Individual Subscriber for Bonds of the Transportation Company.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE LARGELY AUGMENTED IN MEMBERSHIP AND A ROUSING MEETING CALLED FOR THIS EVENING AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, IN ORDER TO CLOSE THE IMPORTANT DEAL WITH PRACTICALLY POPULAR SANCTION.

The adjourned session of the Citizens' between Astoria, in Oregon, and Catalla Meeting, called on Wednesday last to consider the offer of Col. William H. points as may be desired by the first Garland, of New York, to establish a party and maintain the same in such steamship system out of this port, etc., service, convened yesterday at the Chamber of "This

"Third:-The said corporation shall ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19. -- In Commerce, at 1:30 o'clock, a goodly issue its first mortgage 6 per cent 25-honor of St. Nicholas' day which falls number of representative people being year bonds to the amount of \$500,000, on Thursday next, the emperor has is- present to hear the report of the compayment thereof to be secured by a first mortgage lien upon all of the above Samuel Elmore, of the special commit- liens.

"In consideration whereof, the second Whyte, of the Chamber of Commerce party hereby covenants and agrees to ment of a steamship line, your name has Mr. Ferguson, the third member, was the amount of, payments to

subscribed by the second party.

out of the city on imperative business be made thereon as follows,

the first mortgaged bonds aforesaid in the sum of \$.... to pay said corpora-tion said subscribed sum aforesaid. "If said committee shall certify that said first party or said corporation has not complied with the terms of this agreement on his or its part said money paid hereunder shall be returned to the second party, his heirs, personal representatives or assigns.

"In addition to the above the said Wm. H. Garland agrees to deposit with the said committee stock in said corporation to the amount of \$125,000 fully paid up to be proportionately divided and delivered to all the purchasers of said bonds. "Dated at Astoria, Ore., this

day of 190 "

The report aforesaid was unanimously adopted and ordered of record in due course; whereupon, J. H. Whyte, moved, and was duly seconded by F. L. Parker, that the names of the following citizens be, and they are, added to the original ommittee of three under the resolution creating said original committee for the express purpose of considering and passing upon the text and terms of the bond contract reported back to the meeting of citizens held this day, December 19, 1907: Judge Frank J. Taylor, Judge J. Q. A. Bowlby, John H. Smith, Judge C. H. Page, Frank Snittle, John C. McCue, J. E. Higgins, J. A. Anderson, Frank Patton, S. S. Gordon Geo. H. George, Charles Wilson, Isaac Bergman, W. F. McGregor, C. H. Cal ender, F. L. Parker, F. A. Fisher, Norris Staples, Max Skibbe, Geo. Flavel, Geo. W. Sanborn, Gust Holmes, Benj. Young A. Scherneckau and C. S. Brown, and said motion prevailed unanimously.

In order to expedite the business of the meeting and of the committee as well Manager Whyte yesterday after-noon directed the following letter to each of the new members of the main committee, so that they might know the duty of the hour and prepare to come task named, to-wit:

"Dear Sir :- This is to advise you that at an adjourned meeting of citizens held this day at 1:30 o'clock in the Chamber priation, for seeds for free distribution; of Commerce to consider the report of and the second and more serious occa-At yesterday's meeting Chairman chises, superior to any and all other G. C. Fulton and E. Z. Ferguson, heretofore appointed to confer with Wm. H.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Scene of Fistic Encounter.

ANGER COMES TO BLOWS

Minority Leader Williams and DeArmond of Missouri Engage in Scrap.

HOUSE TRANSACTS BUSINESS

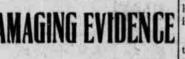
Two-Hour Session Does Actual Work-Committee Appointments Are An-nounced-First Money is Appropriated Oregonians Named on Committees. Oregonians Named on Co

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 .- The liar" was twice used in anger on the floor of the house today, the first occasion being when Representative Gaines, tonight with certain equipment for the of Tennessee, denounced a local paper for printing a statement regarding his alleged interest in the deficiency approsion was when De Armond, of Missouri, applied the cipthet to Williams, of Mississippi, the minority leader, the two men engaging in a fistic encounter, which only ended when they were foreibly separated. The trouble arose over a misunderstanding regarding the versation of a week ago about some ommittee appointments, De Armond insisting he had not made any specific commendations but had only asked that Representative Booker, of Missouri, and one or two other Democrats, from that State, be considered according to their special fitness. Williams maintained otherwise and the anger of the two men increased until they came to blows. During the two hours and twenty minutes' session of the House it got down to actual work and transacted considerable business. All that had remained to make this possible was the announcement of committee appointments made by the Speaker today. Several of the chairmen became alert, with regard to their rights, and forced the reference to the committee of sev-eral propositons on which immediate ac-tion was desired. This was not accomplished however without more or less debate which at times grew warm. The first money appropriated by the present Congress was awarded today. The amount was \$50,000, and it is to be used in supply of the seed deficiency caused by the destruction by fire of the government seed warehouse in this city. The House will meet again on Saturday, on which day adjournment for the Christmas holidays will be taken.

MAGAZINE EXPLODES.

Storing Place of Large Quantity of Dynamite Causes Destruction.

PALERMO, Sicily, Dec. 19 .-- A terrific explosion occurred this evening in the military powder magazine, where a large quantity of dynamite was stored, stand. It was expected Mrs. Ida Toney, and was followed by a large number of the second wife of Orchard, would tesately flames shot high into the air and Mrs. Toney will be called tomorrow



Stand.

CORROBORATES

Boy Testifies That His Father Had a Long Conference With Pettibone and Overheard Part of the Conversation-Also Went to Federation Headquarters

ORCHARD

BOISE, Dec. 19.—New and damaging estimony was presented by the state oday in the Pettihone trial testimony was presented by the state COMPANY, authorized among other today in the Pettibone trial. Charles anything. Then he got to the side en-rance and worked his way out. He is somewhat hruised and cut, but after directed by Moyer to kill, because "He steamboats for both passenger and performed, or in case the corporation having his injuries dressed, he returned knew too much," was the chief witness freight service between the City of Astoday, telling of his hunting trip with toria, in Oregon, and Catalla and Valdez his father, and Orchard. On the night and other points, in Alaska; the place hope of any men being alive, neverthe- of the Independence Depot explosion, of business and head office to be at all less the rescue work is being carried on the boy said Orchard left camp early in times, at the City of Astoria, with a shall immediately return and repay to mineowners are emphatic in their statein the theory that some of the men may the night and did not return until dawn, capital stock not less than \$5,000,000 the second party the money theretofore ment that no compromise, looking to corroborating Orchard's testimony on to be fully subscribed for, at least \$1,- paid it by the second party. Upon com- the abandonment of the position taken that point. When the trio went to cans, some of the officials estimating Denver, young Neville stated, he and for and paid for by the first party. his father went to Pettibone's store and the great majority of foreigners were his father had a conference with Pettibone, parts of which he overheard. "Then

I will squeal," was one of the remarks he said he heard his father make. They also went to the Western Federation headquarters, he said, and his father had a long talk with a man whom he did not know and whom he could not iden-

tify. Young Neville was not a witness in the Haywood trial. He was brought wharf or wharves for deep sea vessels, the cost of which, together with the to Boise but was not placed on the and was followed by a large number of the second wate of Orenard, would tes. corporation will also have purchased and Said committee shall examine and deter-lesser explosions, the whole town being the transformed badly shaken by it, and the people Neville was only fairly begun when the the first day of May, 1908, at least three contract have been fully complied with the or of adjournment was reached. Said committee shall examine and deter-mine whether or not the terms of this contract have been fully complied with steam vessels of modern type, equipped on the part of said first party, and said

areiv hames and high into the air and and the state will rest its case after fallen in, adding greatly to the terror her testimony. Orchard was on the stand of the day but his examination mated about 25 persons were killed and brought out no new points.

of a private nature, but left his col- the following conditions, that is leagues to do what they thought proper say: to in the premise.

"First :- The second party shall pay The special committee submitted, as said sum to the Bank of As he substance of their findings in rela- toria, Oregon, as trustee, as follows: tion to Mr. Garland and his project, the 20 per cent thereof, on or before Feb. following form of bond-contract drawn, ruary 1, 1908, and 10 per cent thereof upon full agreement with Mr. Garland, each month thereafter until the same is Mine Owners of Goldfield Will nd covering the whole status of opera- paid in full, payments to be made on or tions involved as between that gentle- before the first of each month. man and the individual subscriber for "Second: Said money to be held by

the bonds; and which reads, as follows, said bank as trustee to be delivered and in full: paid over to the order of the said cor-"In consideration of the covenants and poration when the said corporation and

agreements hereinafter mentioned, to be said first party shall have performed well and truly done and performed by all of the conditions and stipulations bereinberore mentioned within the times of herein mentioned as the second party, I, Wm. H. Percintetore mentioned. Time of per-Garland, of New York City, New York, formance of the covenantand stipulation hereinafter mentioned as the first party, on the part of the first party and said hereby coverant and agree as follows, corporation, to be held as of the essence of this contract. It is provided, howthat is to say:

"First: To organize during the months ever, that the entire issue of said \$500,

things, to own real estate and to engage 000,000 of which stock to be subscribed

"Second: Said corporation will acquire, on or before the first day of June, 1908, the fee simple title to not less than 1000 continuous feet of water

frontage on the Columbia River within the corporate limits of the City of Astoria, and will, on or before the first day of November, 1908, have completed on said water frontage a dock or docks.

purchose price paid for said real estate, to aggregate at least \$200,000; said corporation will also have purchased and Said committee shall examine and detersteam vessels of modern type, equipped on the part of said first party, and said

Hear Hilton.

NO COMPROMISE TO BE MADE

Looking to the Abandonment of the Position Taken by the Mineowners' Association That Any Miner Who Goes to Work Must Renounce the Union.

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GOLDFIELD, Dec. 19 .- The mineown ers of Goldfield will listen to the propo-"These deposits must be made on or sition of Attorney O. N. Hilton, of Denver, acting for the Western Federation of Miners, has presented, though there is small probability any compromise shall fail to do and perform the conditions and stipulations herein mentioned can be made at this late day. What the by it required to be done and perform- proposition is, which Hilton has to pliance by the first party and said cor- by them, that any miner who goes to poration shall deposit with the said work must renounce the Western Fedbank, bonds, to the amount hereby eration, will be accepted. Hilton has stated he is authorized to make import-"That for the purpose of determining ant concessions, even to the removal of whether or not the terms of this consome of the members of the tract shall have been fully performed by Federation, who may be considered Oregon; irrigation of arid lands, Ellis the first party and said corporation, the as agitators, from the camps. The mines

to are hereby appointed agents or ber of men as were at work yesterday. the subscribers hereto, to-wit: No considerable number of men, to break the strike, have been brought in as yet. General Funston left for San cancy; agricultural, one; manufactures, Francisco today.

MILLS NOW SECRETARY.

DENVER, Dec. 19 .- James R. Kirwan, for first-class passenger and freight ser- corporation, if no certificates to that acting secretary of the Western Federa-

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.- Speaker Cannon today announced the committee assignments for this Congress. Many changes from the last Congress were made, but in the main the members who heretofore head important offices, are retained in them. Among the assignments made today were: Agriculture, Hawley, of Oregon; claims, Hawley of of Oregon! mines and mining, French of Idaho; navy affairs, Ellis of Oregon. Republican vacancies remain unfilled on various committees as follows: Com-mittee on elections, number 3, one vaone; levees and improvement of Mis-sissippi, two; war claims, two; private land claims ,two; ventilation and accoustics, one; expenditures in navy department, one; accounts, two. While the clerk was reading the com-

mittee exhibited unusual interest. Almost every seat was occupied. Many gave evidence of their satisfaction with their assignments, but a number clearly, manifested some disappointments.