

AN EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE

Fire Damp Causes a Terrible Disaster at the Black Diamond Coal Fields On the Northern Pacific.

Fourteen Lives Known to Have Been Lost--A Heartrending Scene at the Mouth of the Pit--A Call for Help Sent.

BLACK DIAMOND, Wash., Oct. 2.—One of the most frightful disasters in the history of coal mining in the Northwest occurred this morning at the Lawson mines, which are situated about half a mile from this place.

ation unless aid reaches them soon. The scene at the mouth of the pit is truly a pitiable one. Men, women and children are rushing about, wringing their hands and loudly calling for help to rescue their husbands, fathers and brothers who are now facing death in the bowels of the earth.

ON A BIG SCALE

North Yakima Fair the Best in the State's History.

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OVER 2200 MILES.

Wireless Telegraph Said to Be Transmitted a Long Distance.

SIDNEY, N. S. W., Oct. 1.—It is reported here on what is apparently good authority, that communication by wireless telegraph, has been established between Cape Breton and Cornwall, England.

On inquiry, Engineer Vyvian, who is in charge of the table at the head station, refused to either confirm or deny the report. He said it was a distance of 2,200 miles that the message would have to traverse in order to make the communication complete.

SENDING MARINES.

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 2.—The cruiser Prarie arrived here this afternoon and is now taking aboard five hundred marines for Culebra, West Indies.

FIGHT THE TRUST

Over Two Million Dollars Represented in Battle Against Meat Merger.

DENVER, Oct. 2.—The National Livestock Association, several of the large Western railways and the Government equal department, will be in the fight against the packing house merger.

SUICIDE EPIDEMIC

San Francisco Has Nineteen Cases Within Ten Days.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2.—The city is greatly wrought up over what seems to be an epidemic of suicides which has recently been developed. Within the last ten days the number of suicides here has been so great as to cause the authorities to become somewhat uneasy as to whether the city is to be besieged with a suicide epidemic.

PASS ON BONDS

Shaw Appoints An Advisory Committee.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—An advisory committee consisting of Treasurer Roberts, Comptroller Ridgeley, and Assistant Secretary Allen, has been appointed by Secretary Shaw to pass upon the municipal bonds offered.

The Treasury Department committee made public this afternoon a list of state and municipal bonds acceptable as securities as Government deposits. No western city was included.

ARGUMENTS CLOSED

Court of Arbitration Has Thirty Days to Render Its Decision.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—The State Department has received a dispatch from Judge Penfield, solicitor of the State Department, today, which says that the arguments in the plus fund case was closed at The Hague yesterday.

GETS SIX MONTHS

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 2.—Fred Ames, former chief of police, was this morning sentenced to one-half a year in the penitentiary for receiving bribes from respectable women for protection.

ST. LOUIS' GANG OF BOODLING ALDERMEN AND FREEBOOTING CITIZENS.



WILLIAM TAMBLIN

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 2.—Prosecuting Attorney Folk, who exposed the notorious gang of grafters and boodlers here, is now perhaps the most conspicuous citizen of St. Louis. He came here from Tennessee a few years ago, and when elected Prosecuting Attorney began an investigation into conditions affecting government and municipal legislation.



EDMUND BERSCH

among St. Louis' citizenship. He has caused publicity without consideration. Prominent, good name, hypocrisy nor anything else deterred him. He knew no favorites. He was inex-

orable. He, hailed before the bar of justice those who had debauched their private and official characters and told the world what they had done. As a result, St. Louis is in a fair way



CHARLES KRATZ

to rid herself in a measure from further corruption of that kind.

Three members of the Common Council or City Legislature, as it is called, who were mixed with the rotteness were: W. M. Tamblin, Edmund Bersch and Charles Kratz; and the man who unearthed the substratum of official villainess was Joseph W. Folk, whose picture is in the upper center of the group herewith sent to The Journal.

BLOODY BATTLE

Macedonians Attack and Capture Town.

DESTROY RAILROAD

Garrison Annihilated and Hundreds Dead and Wounded--A Terrible Uprising.

VIENNA, Oct. 2.—Macedonians destroyed hundreds of miles of railroads and captured the Town of Mitrovitsa, Serbia. Dispatches received here today state that 4000 Macedonians made an attack and captured the important town of Mitrovitsa, Serbia, annihilating the garrison of the defeated forces.

REBELS SURROUNDED. It is also reported that the Turkish troops surrounded a force of 300 rebels at Dadovia. After 14 hours of fighting the Macedonians succeeded in breaking through the cordon and escaped, leaving at least 150 dead and wounded on the field.

This uprising is one of the most important that has taken place in that country for some time and indications point to the fact that the rebels are prepared to make a strong fight. Additional troops will be hurried to the scene of conflict as rapidly as possible and it is believed that they will succeed in restoring order before any great amount of damage has been done.

MANCHESTER HEIR

The Duchess Gave Birth to a Son This Morning.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—The report has just been given out that the Duchess of Manchester gave birth to a boy at an early hour this morning. The Duchess of Manchester was formerly Miss Helen Zimmerman, the daughter of a well-known and wealthy resident of Cincinnati.

THE WEINHARD BUILDING.

The new Weinhard building, corner of Fourth and Alder, is receiving the last material for the very last story. This fine brick and stone structure was begun in April last, and has dragged on account of difficulty in obtaining the material, that mostly came from San Francisco. The roof goes on at once when the building will be quickly enclosed.

STUDENTS TURN ON THE ROSE

ST. PAUL, Oct. 2.—There was a wild riot on the campus of the State University this morning when four officers attempted to arrest students for bicycling on the walks. Five hundred of them seized the officers and deprived them of their coats and helmets, then tied them to trees and turned the hose on them.

EASTERN OREGON PINE.

Timber operations are commencing again on the Des Chutes, that were in part, at least, knocked out by the fire reports. One of the Portland operators reports 15 recent locations, made beyond Bend. Parties going there go in by the C. R. & Southern to Shaniko, and thence by stage to Bend, via Prineville.

WHEAT MARKET.

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—Wheat—69 1/2c.

BAKER MINE SOLD

Baisley-Elkhorn Passes Into Hands of Eastern Parties.

(Journal Special Service.)

BAKER CITY, Or., Oct. 2.—The celebrated Baisley-Elkhorn mine was sold today to the Beaver Mining Company, an Eastern corporation, of which F. P. Hayes of Philadelphia, is president. The amount paid is understood to be \$10,000. This gives control to that company of the entire Elkhorn mountain. The mine has always been considered one of the best in this section of country, and a fabulous amount of gold has been taken from it.

IS LIABLE TO COURTMARTIAL

FORT RILEY, Oct. 2.—For swearing when reprimanded by Colonel Sanno, of the Eighteenth infantry, Captain Butts, of Fort Russell, Wyo., a member of the same regiment, is said to be in danger of court martial. The incident occurred at the close of yesterday's maneuvers. The offender would have to appear before General Funston in such event. Captain Butts is a famous Indian fighter, the author of the Standard Military Manual of Athletic Exercises.

ABOUT POLICE STATION.

Detective Day yesterday arrested John Nolan and put in a charge of larceny. It is alleged that Nolan, in company with Fred Love of the Turf saloon, stole some soda water. Love was arrested several days ago, and is out on \$100 bail pending the trial.

Policeman Gibson yesterday arrested John Riley who was caught stealing some billiard balls in Erickson's saloon on Burrhead street. He was very abusive to the officers. Nell McKennon, George Bigger, John Corcoran, J. W. Watson and Frank Kelly are at the station for being drunk.

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GOT HORSE LAUGH

Witness Says He Was Fooled by the Briber.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 2.—Testimony in the bribery cases here is developing new features almost every hour.

Ex-Councilman Uthoff was on the stand this morning and testified that he had been offered a package containing \$50,000 by Snyder, which he had refused to accept. He said that Snyder then promised to give him \$100,000, which he told him he would accept. Snyder told him that he did not have that amount with him, but that he would go and get it and call later, which he failed to do.

IMPROVING THE RIVER

Government Engineers Removed 150 Snags Last Month.

The government snagboat has just begun the construction of an 800-foot dam at Five Islands Bar. This is one of the worst crossings in the Willamette river between Portland and Salem. The work will be finished about the middle of November. A crew of fifty men is at work on the snagboat and on the dam construction. Over 150 snags were removed from the Willamette River last month by the snagboat. Dams were also built last month at Candiana Bar and Coffee Chute.

Another crew of government employes are at work building a bank revetment at Corvallis for the purpose of preventing the river from cutting a new channel across the peninsula opposite Corvallis. This crew is composed of twenty-five men.

United States Assistant Engineer David B. Ogden is in charge of this river improvement work.

THE TELEGRAPH MONOPOLY.

Charles E. Welker, a prominent New Yorker, is in Portland, and was talking about the action of the New York Democrats yesterday, and especially the plank of their platform declaring for public ownership of the anthracite coal lands. "Why, that's rank Populistic doctrine," he declared, "but a doctrine that we will all be coming to very soon, under present indications. I am a Democrat, but to that extent have long been in sympathy with the Populists. Look at the telegraph monopoly," he continued. "Where will you find a business man but would like to see the Government running the telegraph at actual cost to the people, the same as it runs the Postoffice Department?"

BROKE VALUABLE PLATE GLASS

The large bent plate glass in the corner show window of Rosenblatt's clothing store was accidentally broken yesterday. The glass cannot be replaced from any stock carried on the Coast and must be shipped from the East. The clothing firm is fortunate that the loss is insured by Clements & O'Bryan, in the Chamber of Commerce building, who make a specialty of that class of risks.

DALLES MAN'S DARING DEED

Paul G. Kruger, of The Dalles, has been playing hero up in Washington, a few days ago between Prosser and Klona, Yakima County, he looked ahead and saw a team of horses hitched to a buggy in which were S. B. Brown, wife and child, which were S. B. Brown, wife and child, coming at a breakneck speed, the driver having lost control of the animals. Kruger hastily leaped from his cart, secured his horse, and as the runaway dashed by seized one of the animals by the bit, leaped upon its back, and soon had it under control.

VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—The War Department today gave out the announcement of the voluntary retirement of Gen. Bisbee, who has been for forty years in the service of the United States army. General Bisbee is now on his way home from the Philippines.

SOLDIERS FIRE ON RIOTING MOB

Company G Sends Two Volleys Into Maddened Throng--Strikers Are Becoming Unmanageable.

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 2.—Soldiers fired two volleys into a mob of striking miners here at an early hour this morning.

During a conflict with a mob here at an early hour this morning Company G, of the National Guard, were compelled to fire two volleys at the strikers before they could get them under control. The mob became incensed at the appearance of the soldiers and attacked them with stones and clubs, and the situation was becoming perilous when the order to fire was given. However, as yet no fatalities resulting from the volleys have been reported.

At the same time Company G was having its trouble, the companies stationed at the Sterrett colliery were fired on by a large number of strikers, but none of them were injured. Many riots occurred throughout the night and this morning the soldiers succeeded in capturing a miner who was armed with a revolver and acting suspiciously. He made a desperate fight before he was over-powered.

During the night John Muller, a non-union miner, was attacked and beaten to unconsciousness near the Holdoburg colliery. He was then placed on the track of the electric line. A car running at full speed struck him, killing him instantly and horribly mauling his body. The night was so dark that it was impossible for the motorman to see but a short distance ahead of him and before he knew it he was upon the helpless victim.

So far it has been impossible for the authorities to locate the perpetrators of the crime, who are in hiding.

SENSATIONAL ARRESTS.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 2.—A sensation was created here this morning by the arrest of a number of the strike leaders.

One of the most important moves made since the beginning of the strike here was that of the arrest of eleven strike leaders early this morning. The arrests were made by Sheriff Jacobs, who was backed by a company of militia. The charge against those who were arrested is rioting and making threats. This action has created great excitement and it is alleged offenders were being conducted through the streets to headquarters it looked for a time that a general attack would be made by the miners who were rapidly congregating. However

TO ENJOIN DRIVER.

The case of Troy Laundry Co. vs. W. P. Williams, occupied the attention of Judge George this morning. The laundry people are trying to enjoin Williams, a former driver, from taking patrons away from them, which he held while in their employ.

DETROIT CONFERENCE.

DETROIT, Oct. 2.—A thousand delegates have signified their intention of attending the Coal strike conference to be held here Tuesday. Mayor Low says he will attend if it is not settled before then.

STONE INVITED.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—It is reported here this afternoon that President Roosevelt has invited Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, to attend the conference tomorrow.