

# 275 LIVES LOST IN "MODEL" MINE DISASTER

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bore through them to the bodies of the men lying dead in the bottom of the shaft.

## SHAFT BECAME A HUGE CANNON.

The explosion came just before the noon hour in the Rachel shaft. It was so terrific that the blast, blowing up the whole length of the deep shaft, tore loose the giant elevator cage at the surface of the mine and hurled it 300 feet away.

Two men were in the cage at the time. Both were instantly killed, the head of one of them being literally blown off.

Rescuers to the number of 200 are burrowing frantically at the mouth of the mine in a futile effort to dig down through the tremendous masses of coal that block at least the upper reaches of the shaft, while other rescuers, headed by President John K. Jones of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal company, have rushed to the scene in special trains from Pittsburg and Monongahela with the latest appliances, which are being erected at the head of the shaft to bore to the entombed men.

### Majority of Victims Americans.

Five thousands women and children and miners through the mouth of the mine, the former weeping piteously and pleading for the rescue of their fathers or brothers, which rescue seems impossible, because for the present there can be no way devised to reach the entombed men, though it is now believed some of them survived the explosion and still remain alive.

The officials of the mine are in a pitiful condition. They have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to make the Mariana fireproof and experts assured them that such a disaster as occurred today was impossible.

In the excitement and panic it is impossible thus far to learn the exact number of victims or their names, but the books of the company indicate that the majority of those buried in the Rachel are Americans and most of the others are English miners, imported by the company two months ago to work the richest shafts.

### Mine Pronounced Utterly Safe.

The day shift men entered the Rachel shaft and were lowered to their work, nearly 700 feet below the surface at 8 o'clock this morning. The mine, automatically flooded with pure fresh air from the surface through lighted incandescent electric lamps, needed no safety lamps for its workings and the dense network of steel beams proping every possible point of collapse gave the men a feeling of the most perfect security. Moreover, to make safety a double certainty, State Mine Inspector Louttit, accompanied by Mine Foreman Kennedy, had just finished the weekly inspection of the mine and reported that it was in perfect order and that the Rachel shaft was as secure from accident as the model homes in which the miners live, about the great mouth of the mine.

### Explosion as of a Volcano.

Then, as the miners sat down to eat their noonday luncheon at the bottom of the shaft, the inspector and foreman entered the hoisting cage and were taken to the surface.

The two men had walked some 300 feet toward the company's offices, the elevator operators were still in the cage at the entrance, when a tremendous detonation burst up from the bowels of the earth. The ground rocked for two miles around; the great cage, torn from its chains, lurched into the air and with its two dead men within crashed among the houses 300 feet away, while billows of smoke shot out of the mouth of the mine, shutting the scene of the disaster from the eyes of the diggers.

### Gas Well, or Powder Blast?

There was a second explosion, but the panic-stricken women and children rushing from their shaken homes heard neither great rumble in the depths below. This was the falling of tons upon tons of coal, which, loosened from the broken props by the force of the explosion at the bottom of the shaft, fell with a great crash down upon the other shafts below, and tumbled in avalanche masses to the lower depths.

There are only two conjectures possible as to the cause of the explosion. In close proximity to the Rachel shaft there is a large gas well, and one theory is that despite all the precautions of the model builders some of this gas found its way into the mine and ignited. Others believe that powder or dynamite used in blasting exploded prematurely.

### Air Shut Off; Suffocation.

Whatever the cause, however, the whole shaft was completely wrecked, and with it all the ventilating apparatus. After the explosion the air supply of the entombed men was shut off. Even if any escaped instant death they can hardly have escaped suffocation.

The first band of rescuers to reach the scene were old miners and the resident officers of the company. They numbered 50, and they were forced to fight their way to the mouth of the shaft through the crowd of weeping, screaming women and children. At first it was thought some of the buried men might still be alive, and the rescuers made attempts to reach them by the telephone system which stretched from the offices on the surface to the bottom of the Rachel shaft. But the shaft had been destroyed along with the air shaft, and when a moment later some of

# CELESTIN SCORE; FLEES

## Government Forces in Haiti Flee or Go Over to Revolutionists.

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 28.—The colony of Haitian refugees here have received advices from General Simon that the insurgents under General Fouchard have won a decisive victory in the first pitched battle of the present revolution. The government forces under General Celestin, minister of war, have been completely routed with a heavy loss and the minister himself is a frightened refugee in the German consulate in Miragoane.

The government forces are fleeing panic-stricken before the victorious rebels, who are marching on Port au Prince. It is declared here that President Nord Alexis is about to take the field in person and also that within a short time General Pizarro, who was driven from Haiti in the last uprising there and who has sailed to join the insurgents, will proclaim himself dictator of Haiti.

Details of the battles are meager. It is known, however, that the troops under General Celestin were drawn into a trap by Fouchard's forces at a point to the westward of Miragoane. The government troops were being held in reinforcements preparatory to attacking General Simon at Les Cayes. The latter sent word to Fouchard and presented as many of his troops as he could spare to join the insurgents on the north coast. Simon then made a feint against the loyal forces, which deceived Celestin, and when the latter attacked he seemingly weakened army near Miragoane he fell a victim to a trap. His forces were completely routed, many of them deserting and joining the insurgents, while others fled to Miragoane.

### HAITI BUYS RIFLES

#### United States Refuses to Recognize Haiti's "Paper" Blockade.

(Herald News by Longest Leased Wire.) Washington, Nov. 28.—Mr. Leger, the Haitian minister, has received graphic instructions from President Nord Alexis of the Haitian republic to purchase as many rifles and cartridges as possible on credit. He has also received 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition. M. Leger has opened negotiations with several domestic manufacturers. There is no legal objection to such a transaction, as it does not involve a breach of neutrality laws, the present government being recognized both de jure and de facto by the government. The Haitian government agrees to receive and protect the arms upon their arrival in Haiti waters. General Simon, leader of the revolutionists, should capture the rifles and cartridges, the Haitian government would have no redress. In revolutionary movements, as in warfare, arms shipped to one of the forces are always subject to seizure by the other side.

So far no report has been received at the navy department from Captain Hood, commanding the cruiser Tacoma, which was ordered to Aux Cayes to investigate the situation. Mr. Purvis, States minister at Port au Prince, has been instructed by the state department that the United States does not recognize the "paper" blockade of the Haitian ports of Gonaïve and Jérémie. The minister informed the department that the Haitian authorities had notified the local steamship agents that merchandise for them must be landed at the capital. Acquiescence in that the Union Republican club and the Bellwood club, the officers of the South Portland organization have revived by Mr. H. Gerry, Jr., who pointed out the question of whether or not the club would take a stand against the fulfillment of legislative pledges, and the members have decided not to join in the movement.

The Union club on the other hand, formulated after the plan of Tammany Hall by Max G. Cohen and his followers, has been bound to the Fulton scheme through the action of two or three of the members of its executive board. Its membership was given no voice in the matter. The Bellwood club, under the leadership of Jimmy Kertcham, an understudy of Max Cohen, the action of the South Portland club is representative of its membership, the action of the other two organizations is representative of a few of its executive committee.

Merchandise will be landed at Aquin and Jérémie as before the blockade was declared.

Boss William Kennedy and Mine Boss Joseph Kennedy went down in a bucket in Mine No. 1 at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Mine Inspector Louttit stated that he succeeded after much difficulty in reaching the hoisting cage. Here they found further progress barred. The late passage from the mine proper was choked and they gave it as their opinion that the shaft would not open the passage. They do not think it will be possible to get into the mine tonight.

### First List of Identified Dead.

So far six dead men have been taken from the mine, as follows: Henry Thompson, 70; unidentified miners, Clarence Williams, Joseph Powell, Owen.

It is known positively that elsewhere in the mine are 180 men who are sure to be found dead, if ever found. The mine inspector stated that he did not think any of the men in the mine could survive.

### ONE CLUB IS LOYAL

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Moral Question Now. "But after the campaign, and when a majority of the voters in every county in the state had voted, the instruction bill and elected a Statement No. 1 legislature, the question ceases to be one of politics. The question of whom shall the legislature elect is not open for discussion. The people settled that in June. It is now a moral question.

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## HELENA-BUTTE LINE ASSURED

### Construction Work Expected to Start Soon On Interurban Road.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Helena, Mont., Nov. 28.—The most enthusiastic meeting in the history of the Helena Commercial club was held this afternoon at which the Butte electric line and opera house projects were considered. E. W. Houghton, who came here as a personal representative of John Cort of Seattle, and who has just finished the new Salt Lake theatre, outlined his plans for the proposed Helena theatre for which a large number of subscriptions have been received.

The Butte electric line project was revived by Mr. H. Gerry, Jr., who pointed out that the source of the proposed line's power was now in fair way toward restoration, 200 men being at work in repairing Hauser lake dam, which went out last spring. He also said that money conditions were far more favorable in the east.

The route of the proposed line has been surveyed and is perfectly feasible. It would result in the development and operation of one of the largest municipalities in the state, which has been hampered by lack of transportation. In addition it would afford convenient and rapid transit between the two largest cities in the state. It is believed that the project will be carried through and actual construction work soon begun.

## CARRIED GUN FOR HIS DEBTOR

Declaring that he would kill Sam Teyema, whom he alleged owed him money, if it were not returned today, Joe Houseman, aged 48, was arrested at Amherst and Wall streets last night by Patrolman Welbrook and lodged in the city jail on a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

The officer was notified of the fact that Houseman was carrying a \$2 caliber revolver, fully loaded, in his hip pocket. He was threatened to kill. On the way to jail Houseman reassured his intentions of returning the gun work of his debtor if the money were not forthcoming very soon.

## CHRISTMAS RUSH ON AT THE POSTOFFICE

The Christmas rush at the postoffice has begun. Most of the holiday mail being sent away now by Portlanders is for relatives and friends in foreign lands whom people here wish to know that they have not forgotten though far away. The package business at the postoffice has increased almost twofold during the last few days. Likewise with the money order business—friends sending money instead of presents.

Beginning next Tuesday morning a policeman will be stationed in the postoffice for the purpose of answering questions, assisting those in distress and to preserve order among the thousands who pass in and out of the building every day. He will be on duty until after Christmas.

Postmaster Mirro has written to Chief Gritzmacher requesting that Policeman Joe Burke be assigned to the job.

Policeman Burke was formerly on the postoffice beat and knows every undesirable character in Portland who is not wanted about the place during the holiday rush—or any other time; for that matter.

## JUDGE KNOCKS "QUIET" DIVORCE

### Denies Woman Who Has Good Cause to Rebuke Common Practice.

San Francisco, Nov. 28.—Judge Graham today denied the application of Florence A. Voss for a decree of divorce from Carl C. Voss, merely because he was convicted that Mrs. Voss had come to this city from Chicago three months ago and established her residence here for the sole purpose of filing her action.

While denying the application, Judge Graham submitted that she had ample grounds for divorce. He said that the code provides that applicants must be bona fide residents of the city for three months prior to the filing of their complaint.

"The courts of this city," said the judge in his opinion, "have their full support and patronage from those who may have just cause for divorce in the county and community where they reside, but who hesitate to file

action there from fear of the notoriety and publicity which the trial may create, and seek a distant place where they believe they can obtain a speedy and quiet divorce. Courts should look with disfavor upon applications made under these circumstances.

## TOWN TOPICS

For Druggists Only—The board of pharmacy meets in Portland, Tuesday, December 8. George C. Blakeley, The Dalles, secretary.

Pharmacy students desiring special instructions preparatory to board examinations can procure same by applying at the Lane's Preparatory School of Pharmacy, 148 Second street.

A keepsake which shows the wear of years was lost in the postoffice corridor yesterday. It is a Masonic pin and square on a 5 cent piece, which has been cut out about the figures and ornate. The watch charm was turned over to Postmaster Minto by the finder.

Wanted—Names of persons who saw Chinaman hurt getting off S car going north on Third street near Ankeny, at about 5 o'clock last Wednesday. Gruber, 824 Board of Trade building.

Patronize Home Industry—Just a moment, gentlemen. We ask members of the manufacturers' association and other patriotic citizens who advocate the support and patronage of home-made goods. Do you wear Mount Hood shirts? McAllen & McDonnell are Portland agents.

## Does Exercise Reduce Fat?

### Champion Woman Athlete of the World Says No!

What the champion woman athlete has to say on this important question must necessarily carry much weight, and since she takes little exercise and since many of our readers will want to know who and what she is.

A correspondent describes the latest European sensation, for which she is responsible, as following: "After performing a number of difficult feats, Maupin reappears fully dressed in a tight-fitting broadcloth dirndl, which she buttons to the ankle. This reveals admirably the perfect lines of the 'most beautiful girl' in Europe. Maupin fastens quite a number of buttons before she is raised to the diving platform."

"Maupin's high dive is nerve-racking. On the lofty platform she stands with a strong draught

ashes her gown and hair about frantically. Outlined by the dazzling spotlight she seems to struggle to keep her footing. The effect on the audience is severe; it pierces scream shocks everybody and Maupin is seen falling confusedly through the air. For a minute that drags like 60 the tank shows not a ripple of life. It is she lying at the bottom lifeless! Thousands

are convinced of it. She always appears at the moment when the uncertainty is at its height, however, but minus her dirndl costume. In those 60 seconds she has stripped clean to her black swimming tights."

Stout people believe alone can reduce fat. Maupin denies this theory. The says they cannot be depended upon. Instead she trusts a simple little mixture of common domestic drugs to do it. Half ounce Marmola, 1/2 ounce Fluid Extract Cascara Aromatic, and 3/4 ounce Peppermint Water, to keep her fat in bedtime, she says, not all her activity or temperance in eating would serve to keep her in shape. As it is, with this receipt, she can check her fat forming tendency with the greatest ease or take off even a pound a day, while training, without harm, any time she so desires.



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