



A TERRIFIC GAS EXPLOSION

Killed Many Coal Miners at Carbonado Near Tacoma.

THIRTY-THREE MEN DEAD

Many Others Supposed to Be Under Mine Wreckage—Cause of Accident a Mystery.

TACOMA, Dec. 9.—A mine explosion at Carbonado, forty miles easterly from Tacoma, at 11 o'clock this morning, killed thirty-three men. Identification of the dead men is almost impossible. The scraps of clothing that still cling to the bodies of the men are carefully preserved, laid aside and labelled to aid in the identification. Frenzied relatives of the missing men gather at the mouth of the mine, watching eagerly to catch a glimpse of the forms as they are hurried by to the coroner's office.

The work of rescue is being rushed forward, but it may be days before the last blackened form is taken from the mine, for many men are believed to be buried under masses of earth and rock. To extricate them will take time, and thus far the work of rescue has been pushed forward at the extreme endurance of the workers, for the black damp and noxious gases have driven the rescuers back repeatedly.

Ominous Rumbling Under Town.

CARBONADO, Wash., Dec. 9.—Shortly before 11:45 o'clock this forenoon came the first report of a terrific subterranean explosion, in the mine of the Carbon Hill Coal Company, the tunnels of which run for miles under the town. There was an ominous rumbling, smothered sound for a few moments, and then it ceased abruptly. People who had been accustomed to a livelihood by mining knew at once what this meant, and stood around with blanched faces.

Apprehensions of some fearful disaster were confirmed in a little while with information that the morning shift in tunnel No. 7 had been caught in an explosion of firedamp. Between seventy and eighty men were at work in the mine at that time, and the meager report conveyed the information that all must have been killed, as there was no chance of escape. Those who were not killed outright would be hemmed in by the falling walls and timbers and suffocated by the fumes and smoke before any relief could come.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised 'Electric Bitters'; and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c, guaranteed, at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

Another Presidential Ticket.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 9.—The union reform party will nominate by direct vote a presidential ticket in 1900 on the established platform of the party, which consists of a single plank—advocating the initiative and referendum method for all legislation, both state and national. This decision was reached today by the national executive committee of the party at a conference in this city with the Ohio state executive committee.

Advances in Wages.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 8.—The United

Mine Workers have received notice of an advance of 15 per cent in wages in the Fairmount, W. Va., coal region, by two of the largest operators in the state. This is the second increase within three months. Other West Virginia operators, it is said, will follow.

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—The executive committee of the American Wool Company today decided to make a general increase of 10 per cent in wages of employees. The increase will affect mills in sections of New England, and benefit 25,000 hands.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 8.—The Augusta Manufacturers' Association voted today to increase wages of operatives 10 per cent, the new schedule to take effect January 1. The advance will affect nearly 8000 operatives.

Catarrrh Cannot be Cured

with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best. 12

Commander Howell Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Commander Charles I. Howell, chief engineer of the United States battle ship Maine, when that vessel was blown up in Havana harbor, is dead at his home in this city. He died from an apoplectic stroke. He was 61 years old and was born in Goshen, N. Y. He was graduated from the United States naval academy in June, 1868, fourth in his class. His appointment as an assistant engineer dates from August, 1870, and in 1876 he was raised to the grade of passed assistant. He was promoted to the rank of chief engineer in 1893. He served on the Maine from 1895 until the loss of the battle-ship.

He was then transferred to the Newark and later was assigned to shore duty at the Brooklyn navy-yard. He was made a commander in September, 1899. He was sitting at a table by the side of Lieutenant Fred W. Jenkins at the time of the blowing up of the Maine. That was the last he saw of the unfortunate officer, who perished in the wreck.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the throat, chest or lungs. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store; every bottle guaranteed. 5

Change in Spokane Falls & Northern.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 9.—James J. Hill has resigned as president of the Spokane Falls & Northern railway, and James N. Hill was today elected president at a meeting of the board of trustees held in this city.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1892. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

Use Clarke & Falk's quinine hair tonic to keep dandruff from the head.

AGUINALDO'S REAR GUARD

Stood the Americans' Fire For Four Hours.

THEY SUSTAINED HEAVY LOSS

While Our Troops Had Only One Killed, Six Wounded—Story Told by an Escaped Spanish Prisoner.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The war department has received the following from General Otis:

"Manila, Dec. 9.—A dispatch from General Young, at Vigay yesterday, says that escaped Spanish prisoners report a four hours' engagement on the 31 inst. between his troops and Aguinaldo's guard near Cavantes, fifty miles southeast of Vigay, with a heavy loss to the enemy, who is being pursued. Our loss was one killed and six wounded. The inhabitants of their own accord, joined the troops in repairing the trail and carrying subsistence.

"Have pushed the column to San Juan south of Bangued. Howe's column is on the rear trail; Datcher's battalion of the Twenty-fourth is out of reach, north of Bayombong, evidently descending the river. The natives report fighting twenty miles north. The navy reaches Apar tomorrow. A column of MacArthur's troops, the Twenty-fifth infantry, in reported near Iba, on the west coast of Zambales. Grant's column is near Subig bay.

"Lawton is in Bulacan province today, with sufficient troops to overcome opposition and scatter the enemy. It is probable the troops which engaged Aguinaldo's guard are Hare's command, as he was reported to be close in the insurgent leader's rear."

A frightful Blunder

Will often cause a horrible burn, scald, cut or bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures old sores, fever sores, ulcers, boils, corns, felons and all skin eruptions. Best pile cure on earth. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists. 1

Steelheads Expected This Week.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 9.—During the latter part of the coming week the first good run of steelheads is expected and a number of fishermen are preparing to set their nets in the water after them. Cold-storage people are paying five cents per pound for all that are being caught.

Last Throbbing Headache

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists. 1

It takes but a minute to overcome tickling in the throat and to stop a cough by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. This remedy quickly cures all forms of throat and lung troubles. Harmless and pleasant to take. It prevents consumption. A famous specific for grippe and its after effects.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—THOMAS C. BOWEN, Glencoe, O. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

Played Out.

Dull Headache Pains in various parts of the body, striking at the pit of the

stomach, Loss of appetite, Feverishness, Pimples or Sores all positive evidences of impure blood. No matter how it became so it must be purified in order to obtain good health. Acker's Blood Elixir has never failed to cure Scrofulous or Syphilitic lesions or any other blood diseases. It is certainly a wonderful remedy and we sell every bottle on a positive guarantee. Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

THE YANKEE IN GERMANY.

He is Regarded by the Germans in Anything But an Envidable Light.

How does the Yankee look in the imagination of my countrymen? In the German language only three things are usually connected with the adjective American; the Germans speak of American stoves, and mean a kind of stove which I have never seen in this country; secondly, they speak of American duels, and mean a crazy type of duel which was certainly never fought on this continent; and thirdly, they speak of American humbug, and mean by it that kind of humbug which flourishes in Berlin just as in Chicago. But the American man is of course very well known. He is a haggard creature, with vulgar tastes and brutal manners, who drinks whisky and chews tobacco, spits, fights, puts his feet on the table, and habitually rushes along in wild haste, absorbed by a greedy desire for the dollars of his neighbors. He does not care for education or art, for the public welfare or for justice, except so far as they mean money to him. Corrupt from top to toe, he buys legislation and courts and government, and when he wants fun he lynches negroes on Madison Square, in New York, or in the Boston public garden. He has his family home usually in a sky-scraper of 24 stories; his business is founded on misleading advertisements; his newspapers are filled with accounts of murders, and his churches with hypocrites.—Prof. Hugo Munsterberg, in Atlantic.

Sold Her Art Treasures.

Princess Helena of Orleans, wife of the duke of Aosta and sister of the duke of Orleans, has sold a considerable part of her valuables in her Turin, Genoa, Milan and Paris houses and placed the money thus realized at the disposal of her brother, to be used in the Orleans cause. The pictures and stationery have been purchased at the various museums and by English and American collectors of objects of art.—N. Y. World.

A SURE CURE FOR COUGHS.

Twenty-five Years' Constant Use Without a Failure.

The first indication of croup is hoarseness, and in a child subject to that disease it may be taken as a sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used in many thousands of homes in this broad land and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has not proved effectual. No other preparation can show such a record—twenty-five years' constant use without a failure. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

Sick Headache absolutely and permanently cured by using Moki Tea. A pleasant herb drink. Cures constipation and indigestion, makes you eat, sleep, work and happy. Satisfaction guaranteed or money back. 25 cts. and 50 cts. Blakeley & Houghton Druggists.

All persons wishing to take children, either boys or girls, for legal adoption or on indenture, should write to W. T. Gardner, superintendent of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon, at Portland, who can procure for them desirable children of all ages. All applications must be filed in advance.

"I was nearly dead with dyspepsia, tried doctors, visited mineral springs, and grew worse. I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. That cured me." It digests what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn, and all forms of dyspepsia.

Mr. J. Sheer, St. Louis, Mo., saved his child's life by One Minute Cough Cure. Doctors had given her up to die with croup. It's an infallible cure for coughs, colds, grippe, pneumonia, bronchitis and throat and lung troubles. Relieves at once.

Christmas will soon be here. Weather indications do not say so, but the interior of our store may be taken as evidence. We are busy as bees displaying the many new things we have gathered for this occasion and in but a day or two we will tell you of our readiness. In the meantime come in and look around. Every day sees something new arriving, and we aim to lose no time in showing them.

FOR THIS WEEK

..A Special Sale..

In Children's Worsted Dresses.

These dresses are of superior quality. The materials used are of the better grades, while the trimmings, the designs and the fit and finish bespeak care in the making and honesty throughout. Still our prices are not high.

Every dress is lined throughout and is made with a deep hem. Sizes range from 3 to 14 years. They come but one, two, or sometimes three of a style, for we had in mind these dresses were for nice wear and it would not do to have too many of any one style. The values run from \$2.95 to \$6.50 regularly. This week we quote special, the following for example:

A Child's Dress

made of a pretty blue cashmere, fancy yoke trimmed with three rows of narrow white silk ecotache, braid and small pearl buttons, edged with a silk ribbon ruffle, three rows of same braid around cuffs and bottom, lined throughout. Sizes 4, 5 and 6 years. Price \$2.95. Reduced this week to

\$2.19

A Girl's Dress

made of an all-wool navy blue Trece cloth, fancy reverses trimmed in white silk ecotache braid and cut steel buttons, lined throughout with a good percale, deep hem at bottom. White grained leather belt with covered buckle. Size for a girl of 10 years only. Price \$5.00. This week

\$3.98

A
\$10.00
Mackintosh
\$7.50.



For this week only.

We have a few too many of all-worsted navy blue Ladies' Mackintosh; made with a double-breasted detachable cape, box-neck in back. Entire garment lined throughout with a changeable Taffeta silk. Therefore, the price this week, instead of \$10.00, is

\$7.50.

A. M. Williams & Co.

NERVITA

Restores VITALITY, LOST NERVOUS FORCE AND MANHOOD. Cures Impotency, Night Emissions and wasting diseases, all effects of self-abuse, or excess and indigestion. Anervetic and blood builder. Brings the pink glow to pale cheeks and restores the fire of youth. By mail 50c per box; 6 boxes for \$2.50; with a written guarantee to cure or refund the money.

NERVITA MEDICAL CO. Clinton & Jackson Sts., CHICAGO, ILL. Sold by Blakeley & Houghton, The Dalles, Oregon.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OR., (See Stat. 3828.) Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed for his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on Saturday, November 25, 1899, viz: Isaac V. Howland, of The Dalles, Or.; Westwood Entry No. 5093, for the E 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 and SW 1/4 Sec. 18, Tp. 1 north, Range 14 E., W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. D. Hyde, J. W. Jeffry, Fred Sargent and J. W. Johnston; all of The Dalles, Oregon. G. T. JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

Clarke & Falk have on sale a full line of paint and artist's brushes.