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ANOTHER FATAL MINE DISASTER

Eight Lives Lost and 400 Others Imperiled by Explosion of Gas.

QUICK RESCUE WORK SAVES MANY MINERS

Open Lamps Cause Explosion in Mine at Perrin Ill., and Eight Are Killed—Management Immediately Starts Rescue Work and Hundreds of Lives Are Saved—After Damp Stops Work of Rescuers—Damage Not Estimated.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Eight men were killed and the lives of 400 others were imperiled by an explosion of gas in mine "A" of the Chicago & Cartersville Coal company at Perrin, Ill., late yesterday. Open lamps carried by the mine engineer and his assistants caused the disaster, according to a long telephone message from the mine office. There were three men and a boy in this party. All lost their lives.

Prompt action by the management resulted in the safe exit of the hundreds of men at work below ground. Within five minutes after the first report of the explosion miners in the immediate vicinity of the accident were started toward the surface and on the return trips of the cages rescuers were lowered to entries No. 7 and No. 8 west, where the catastrophe took place.

Mine Engineer Killed. Among the dead were: W. T. Pierce, mine engineer. Eugene Barrett, assistant engineer. Thomas Williams, assistant manager.

Thomas Guinney, superintendent of the mine, and Robert Huston, manager, headed the first relay of rescuers.

Despite the black damp that flowed into the chambers adjoining those in which Pierce and his party were killed, these men plunged into the workings. Three bodies blocked their path. Hasty examination showed that the men were alive and they were rushed to the surface. One was A. J. Huston, a brother of the manager. The others, Charles Klem and Albert Shelton, were with Huston, revived, and all are expected to recover from the effects of the gas.

After Damp Stops Rescuers. The rescuers next found the bodies of Snyder, Grecco and Romeo, miners. None of these men had been burned, the condition of the corpses testifying to the force of the concussions. The body of Harbor, a miner, was badly burned, the features being scorched almost beyond recognition. Efforts of the rescuers to penetrate more deeply into the workings were repulsed by increasing after damp. The ventilating apparatus of the mine had not been damaged, but it could not cope successfully with the gases and Guinney and Huston and their helpers were forced to retreat, leaving the bodies of Pierce and his companions.

Joy and Grief Mingled. News of the disaster spread through Perrin and women and children rushed at once to the shaft house. As the cage emptied load after load of rescued miners, sobs of anguish gave way to cries of joy. These in turn were soon hushed to murmurs of sympathy as the bodies of the dead were brought to the surface.

Immediately after the explosion State Mine Inspector Little of Carbondale, was notified. He arrived a few hours later and is overseeing the work of the fire fighters. The damage to the mine cannot yet

ALL CLASSES AND PARTIES HONOR "LITTLE TIM."

New York, Dec. 24.—Financiers rubbed elbows with Bowery toughs, and republicans mingled with democrats today when the body of Timothy P. Sullivan, the east side boss, was buried. An immense throng attended the funeral, the Bowery turning out en masse to honor the memory of "Little Tim," whose purse has often stood between them and hunger. Prominent politicians from all over the state were present, some of them acting as pallbearers.

he accurately estimated. The colliery is one of the oldest in this section and has had few accidents. The mine is under the active management of J. B. Peters, of Carbondale, vice president of the Chicago & Cartersville Coal company. The president of the concern is J. L. Bease of Chicago. Mine officials were unable to account for the seeming lack of caution in using unprotected lamps. They point out, however, that gas was not known to exist in the west entries, and it is believed that the engineers' party stumbled into a recently formed pocket.

No More Bodies Found. Perrin, Ill., Dec. 24.—Although a searching party has been working all night under the direction of the state mine inspector, Little, no bodies of victims of the explosion in the mine of the Chicago & Cartersville Coal company in addition to the eight already recovered, have been found. Investigation into the cause of the disaster is being made today.

FIFTY BODIES LIE DEAD UNDER RUINS

AWFUL DISASTER OCCURS IN OKLAHOMA RAILROAD SHOPS

Rock Island Railroad Shops Wrecked by Explosion Shortly Before Noon—Seventeen Bodies Recovered—Believed Fifty Beneath Ruins.

Shawnee, Okla., Dec. 24.—Seven bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the Rock Island railroad shops here, which were wrecked by an explosion shortly before noon. The bodies of fifty employes are believed to lie beneath the ruins. The disaster was caused by explosion of a stationary engine in the shop.

RUNNERS ARE SUSPENDED.

Sheppard and Hayes Suspended from Military Athletic League. Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Melvin W. Sheppard, champion middle distance runner, and William J. Hayes of St. George's Catholic club of this city, were indefinitely suspended yesterday by the governors of the Military Athletic league of Philadelphia.

The league is affiliated with the A. A. U., which must also suspend them under the terms of its agreement with the Philadelphia body. The men were scheduled for a race here on December 11 at a meet arranged by the league. Both refused to run.

JOHN D. WILL SPEND SIMPLE CHRISTMAS DAY

New York, Dec. 24.—J. D. Rockefeller will spend a simple Christmas day. He will have turkey but no Christmas tree. The Rockefellers will attend a Christmas service at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church in the morning and will dine at their Tarrytown home in the evening. Their daughter, Mrs. Harold McCormack of Chicago and her husband will be the guests of the Rockefellers.

EIGHT DEAD IN XMAS TRAGEDY

Children's Impatience to See Christmas Tree Starts Fire Which Burns Family.

LIGHT CANDLE ON TREE WHILE PARENTS SLEEP

Parents in New Castle Prepare Surprise in Front Room for Children—Forbid Youngsters from Going in Room Until Morning—Neighbors See Light in Room After Parents Retire—Thought That Curiosity of Children Overcame Parental Obedience.

New Castle, Dec. 24.—Eight persons lost their lives early today in a fire destroying the home of Guttena Degerbo at Hillsdale, nine miles from this city. The dead are Degerbo, his wife, three children and three men boarders.

The desire of the Degerbo children to see the Christmas tree which had been prepared for them in the "front room" of their little home is believed to have been responsible for the fire. Last evening the children were sent to bed so the parents might prepare the tree to make their Christmas the happiest.

After the tree had been trimmed Degerbo called several neighbors to view it. The little ones were told the room was being prepared for Santa Claus' visit, and they could not enter it until Christmas morning. Late last night the neighbors who visited the Degerbo home saw lights burning in the Christmas tree room. It is now thought that unable to restrain their patience, the children slipped in to see the tree after the parents retired and lighted one of the candles which decorated it. The candle the neighbors believe, burned down during the night and started the fire that snuffed out eight lives.

NANCE O'NEIL WINS RECOGNITION IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 24.—Nance O'Neil for years a great favorite on the Pacific coast stage but without recognition here, has won New York laurels at last and is heralded today as one of the foremost emotional actresses of the age. Following her greatest success in "The Lily" which opened last night in the Stuyvesant under the direction of David Belasco, her position is established above question. After the third act of the play the curtain had to be run up 25 times in answer to the insistent applause. The audience gave Miss O'Neil the sort of demonstration that is the dream of aspirants to dramatic success. All New York papers today agree in paying her high compliments and proclaiming her one of the best actresses of the world of her type.

W. J. BRYAN THREATENED WITH PNEUMONIA

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 24.—William J. Bryan, who has been in this city for several days as the guest of his cousin, William S. Jennings, was too ill last night to deliver his scheduled lecture at the Duval theater for the benefit of the hospital.

Mr. Bryan is suffering from a severe cold and is threatened with pneumonia. He has cancelled all future dates and will remain here for several days.

A message from the bedside of William J. Bryan at 11:30 o'clock last night, declared he was resting easy. Mr. Bryan's condition is in no way serious but his physicians say it will be necessary for him to remain indoors for several days to ward off the threatened pneumonia.

WIFE ALMOST SACRIFICES LIFE TO SAVE HUSBAND

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—Eighteen-year-old Della Estep, the child wife of Joseph Estep, a machanic, is fighting for her life in a local hospital today while physicians are working to allay her suffering from burns she received last night in an attempt to get her husband from the burning operating room of a Nicolodan where he met his death. Estep, who is known on the Pacific coast as Leroy, the machanic, was operating a picture machine when the film exploded and enveloped him and the room in flames. Through the only exit a square hole, Mrs. Estep endeavored frantically but in vain to rescue him and was horribly burned.

Canadian Train Wrecked.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—A Canadian Pacific railroad train from the northwest, eight persons on board, bound east is reported wrecked west of Sudbury in Ontario. It is reported that 17 passengers were injured.

SCHLEY ROUSES HORNETS' NEST

Demand that Peary Submit Proofs to Denes Stirrs up American Geographers.

PROFESSIONAL PRIDE OF AMERICANS RESENTS DEMAND

Declare Themselves Perfectly Competent as Judges and That Findings do not Need Verification—Would Submit Data to Copenhagen Scientists But Not for Official Action—Egan Denies Danish King Decorated Dr. Cook.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Rear Admiral Schley's demand that Commodore Peary submit his polar data to the consistency of the University of Copenhagen for verification following that body's repudiation of Dr. Cook, has raised a storm among the membership of the National Geographical society, which gives Peary a clean bill of health.

Leading members claim that the scientists of the United States would be demeaning themselves if they acknowledged that their findings needed verification. There seems to be no disposition to withhold from the Copenhagen board the data filed by Peary, but there is a well defined opposition against turning it over to the Danish scientists for official action.

The argument advanced by Admiral Schley that such examination would remove all question of doubt from the claim of Peary, is accepted as rather gratuitous. The records of Peary have been found unimpeachable by American scientists and therefore, the question is not, whether Peary is right but whether the scientists are wrong.

Say Nothing to be Gained. "Nothing can be gained by submitting Commander Peary's data to the University of Copenhagen," said Professor Gannett, chairman of the committee that passed upon Peary's proofs, "and I do not see any reason why he should. The committee that passed upon his papers is fully qualified to arrive at an unbiased conclusion, notwithstanding that almost every member is acquainted with Commander Peary, and I need not say that the investigations were carried on along scientific lines, without regard to the personality or the standing of either claimant."

Rear Admiral Chester, who attacked Cook's data some time ago, denounced the proposition of Admiral Schley as "absurd." He declared he did not believe that the University of Copenhagen would consider making a request for the proofs, and that the whole matter was a mere's nest. He also drew attention to the fact that the Royal Geographical society of England and the Geographical society of Berlin had acknowledged Peary as the discoverer of the pole, and that the later society had planned to honor Peary in Berlin next year.

Also he touched upon the verdict of the Duc d'Abuzzi, himself an explorer of no small fame, that Peary had placed foot on the apex of the world as additional proof why the demand of Admiral Schley might well be ignored.

Danes Send Cook's Report. A cablegram dated Copenhagen to J. Howard Gore, a member of the special committee named to look into the Cook data unofficially announced that the Danish scientists had sent their report on Cook's data to the National Geographical society. The report and the field note book of Dr. Cook probably will be reviewed by the committee early next month.

Cook Not Decorated.

That Dr. Cook was not decorated by the king of Denmark as has been generally supposed, is the substance of a statement made tonight by Dr. Maurice E. Egan, United States minister to Denmark. Dr. Egan, who is on a leave of absence from his post, is spending the holidays in Washington. "Contrary to the generally accepted opinion, Dr. Cook was not decorated by the king," said Dr. Egan tonight. "The king held his decoration back awaiting the decision of the University of Copenhagen. The honorary degree of the university conferred upon Dr. Cook and the medal which the Royal Geographical society of Denmark gave to him were not for his supposed discovery of the pole, but for his previous achievements in polar explorations, particularly his work in the Belgian expedition. He will not be asked to return these honors."

Commander Peary had appeared in Copenhagen a short time after he discovered the pole he would have received a reception equally as enthusiastic from the king and the people."

H. R. Newport, the mayor of Hermon, has been here today doing Christmas shopping and transacting business.

BRANDS DR. COOK AS AN IMPOSTER.

New York, Dec. 24.—The explorers' club this afternoon denounced Dr. Frederick A. Cook as an imposter and declared his claim to having scaled Mount McKinley is not borne out by the evidence secured by the investigating committee. The committee in its report to the board of governors made today stated especially they did not consider the affidavits of David Barrill, who accompanied Dr. Cook on his Mt. McKinley expedition.

THIS IS HELD TO BE CAUSE FOR BREAKING ENGAGEMENT.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 24.—When a woman lets it be known that she objects to babies it is sufficient grounds for a man to refuse to make an engagement and the woman cannot recover for breach of promise.

This is the decision of the Kansas supreme court in the suit of Mary V. Reynolds against J. Wilson Curry, which was appealed from Jefferson county. According to the records, Curry paid court to Mary Reynolds. He admitted in the lower court he called often and stayed late at the home of the young woman, and that he really cared for her as a companion.

He talked marriage to her many times, but when he found she had said she never wanted to be a mother he refused to make the engagement for marriage. He quit calling at the home and later Miss Reynolds brought suit for breach of promise.

MISS CLEMENS FOUND DEAD IN BATH TUB

MARK TWAIN'S DAUGHTER SUCCEEDS TO EPILEPSY

Arose and Gave Father Cordial Greeting and Went to Bath Room—Maid Found Her There Dead Half Hour Later.

Redding, Conn., Dec. 24.—Miss Jean Clemens, the younger daughter of Dr. Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) was found dead in a bath tub at her home here shortly before eight o'clock this morning by her maid, following an anxious wait for her mistress to appear in her dressing room. Epilepsy from which she had suffered several years, is given as the cause of her death. During the last few months her condition seemed improved.

When she arose at seven o'clock this morning she greeted her father cordially and retired to her bath room after instructing her maid to be ready in the dressing room half an hour later. When the mistress failed to appear, the maid investigated and found the body. Mark Twain is reported nearly prostrated with grief and it is feared the shock may prove serious. Miss Jean Clemens is 25 years old and has recently acted as her father's secretary. Twain's other daughter, Clara, at present on her honeymoon in Switzerland, has been notified of her sister's death.

OVERALL TO GET BONUS IF HE WINS 30 GAMES

Chicago, Dec. 24.—President Murphy of the Chicago Cubs, announced today that he has promised a \$500 bonus to Orvall Overall if the big right hander wins thirty games next season. Orvall draws an extra check for his work last season and President Murphy promises him another if thirty games falls to the Cubs through his efforts.

F. L. COYKENDALL TO BE MADE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Conductor Frank L. Coykendall, popular O. R. & N. employe, is to be made assistant superintendent, according to a report that is now in circulation in railroad circles and which same has all indications of being authentic. At this time no official announcement of the promotion has been made but according to the rumor in circulation Coykendall will be made assistant superintendent and will perform the duties of trainmaster at Portland. The change is brought about through the resignation of J. D. Matheson, who is now the first assistant superintendent at Portland. Mr. Matheson is to take a position with the Oregon & Washington. His place as top assistant is to go to Walter Guild, formerly private secretary to General Manager

ZELAYA DOES SKIDOO STUNT

Former President Making Tracks for Mexican Ship and Will Sail Away.

UNITED STATES SENDS WARNING TO MADRIZ

Dictator Bound for Mexico and Then to Brussels—Estrada's Cause Growing More Popular—Madriz' Term Doomed—U. S. Holds President Responsible for Americans' Safety—Estrada Moves Upon Capital and Nothing Can Save It.

Managua, Dec. 24.—There is no doubt in the minds of the people today that former President Zelaya is preparing to flee to Europe. Early today a guard of soldiers who remained loyal to the dictator, marched to his mansion. It is reported they will escort him to Corinto, where he will board a Mexican gunboat that lies in the harbor. It is believed that Zelaya will go from Corinto directly to Mexico. From there he will go to Brussels, to remain until the crisis in Nicaragua has passed.

Estrada's cause is gaining much popularity and support among the inhabitants of the capital. It is considered more than a possibility that the Madriz government will be overthrown even before Estrada's victorious forces reach Managua on the march that was begun today.

U. S. Warns Madriz.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Following a preliminary warning to President Madriz that the United States will hold him personally responsible for the safety of Americans in the western part of Nicaragua, the state department last night extended more than moral encouragement to the revolutionists. Under orders from Secretary Knox, American Red Cross funds are to be expended in caring for the sick and wounded of both armies, more than 2000 of whom are incapacitated in Bluefields.

This move on the part of the United States is expected to be more efficacious than a strong force. "Bread instead of bullets," is the watchword of the state department, and it is generally believed that the prospects of food and medical attention will win over more men from the government ranks than any other plan that could be adopted.

Managua Will Fall.

Bluefields, Dec. 24.—General Diaz and his insurgent forces today began an advance upon Managua, and it is believed before tomorrow night that Estrada's other army will be moving toward the capital. Since the sweeping defeat of the Zelayans at Rama and Recoro, detachments of the rebel army have been pursuing the troops of the former president that avoided capture. The remnants of the dictator's troops have either been driven to the mountainous country in the interior or have been disposed of and practically nothing stands in the path of Estrada. It is believed that nothing can save the capital from falling into the hands of the rebels.

Strike Not Yet Settled.

Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—President Hawley, and a committee of railway switchmen, are again in conference with railroad managers today in an effort to settle the northwest strike. Yesterday's conference at St. Paul failed to bring the dispute any nearer to a settlement.

"TICKET OFFICE WILL TELL TRAIN TIME" MR. JACKSON

Hereafter when you want to gain information relative to the arrival of trains do not ask the central girl, but call the O. R. & N. ticket office, Main 42. You will be able to secure all the information you need, according to C. J. Jackson, freight and passenger agent for the railroad company. "It is the intention of the railroad company to give the best service possible and our men have orders to answer phone calls and to give inquiries full information regarding trains," said Mr. Jackson to the East Oregonian today. "If people have trouble in finding the depot or in getting the information they need they should report the matter to me and I will give their complaints attention." This will be good news to local people and incidentally Mr. Jack-

son's attitude upon this subject shows that the railroad company proposes to be more accommodating than in the past in the matter of giving out data regarding trains. In the past it has been a frequent complaint that the ticket office has refused to answer phone calls. The excuse has been that the force in the office has not been sufficient to permit of answering inquiries. In view of Mr. Jackson's firm stand and the instructions he has given his men this plea no longer can be made. It will be up to the ticket office to give out information relative to the trains, arriving both during the day and night. Those who fail to get the office by phone should comply with Mr. Jackson's suggestion and file a complaint with the agent.