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TWO HUNDRED KILLED.

The Shaft is Filled With Falling Debris.

Three Hundred Miners Entombed and Rescuers Work Desperately to Save Them.

McALESTER, I. T., Jan. 8.—Last night there was an explosion in a mine and as a result over 300 men now lie dead and most 40 fatally hurt and many badly injured. At 5:30 p. m. mine No. 1, owned by the Osgood Coal & Mining Company, at Krebs, exploded just before the day shift was off and came out of the mine for support. A puff of smoke was seen to escape from the mouth of the shaft following this there was heard a terrible report followed by heavy rumbling. The men at the top of the shaft at once sounded an alarm and made preparations to send down a rescuing party, but found the mouth of the shaft completely closed up by debris. Efforts were at once made to clear this away.

At the time 300 men were in the shaft, most of whom were waiting for the cage to take them out and the rest of the shaft is one mass of dead bodies. Eighty-five men came out by the old entry and 45 were saved by the shaft, most of whom are more or less bruised and lacerated and will probably die. This leaves about 225 men yet in the mine, and in all probability 200 are dead. At 7:10 ten dead bodies were brought out and only one can be recognized, the remains are so mutilated. Thousands of anxious wives and mothers are eagerly watching them come to the surface, hoping to see their loved ones only to turn away disappointed. The explosion was caused by firing a shot when gas was in the mine. At this time it is impossible to learn the exact number of dead and wounded.

St. Louis, Jan. 8.—Officials of the Osgood Mining Company, in this city, the owners of the mine at Krebs, I. T., where the terrible disaster occurred last night, have received a dispatch from McAlester stating that 133 miners have been taken out of the mine alive, but many of them badly injured. The Associated Press dispatches state that there were 350 men in the shaft. This leaves 207 men unaccounted for, all white.

An Attempt to Rescue Judge Botkin's Prisoner is Likely.

TOPKA, Kan., Jan. 8.—Governor Humphreys has received a dispatch from General Roberts stating that it is rumored and believed in Arkansas, that an attempt would be made to rescue the four prisoners being held at the suggestion of Judge Botkin. Governor Humphreys at once wired General Roberts to concentrate his forces at Springfield station, and he would send additional forces. The Wichita company has been sent to Arkansas. The governor regards the situation in New and very critical and did not get to bed until a late hour this morning in order that he might receive any communications from General Roberts.

Spaniards in Mexico Say Dispatches Have Been Unduly Alarming.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 8.—The two Republics published the following call to arms, which is signed by upwards of 30 of the most prominent members of the American colony here:

"Many newspapers in the United States have recently published dispatches, letters and interviews concerning Mexico. A large number of these contain certain exaggerated or false statements, which are not only unjust to the government and the people of this country, but actually injurious to the interests here. In view of these facts, the undersigned citizens of the United States animated by a desire to see the truth prevail, request their countrymen residing in this city to assemble tomorrow for the purpose of taking such action as the circumstances may seem to demand. All the Americans in sympathy with this movement are earnestly asked to attend.

"Very anxious discussions have been excited between the Liberal and Clerical press over a dispatch from the United States stating that the Clerical party is backing Garza in the trouble on the frontier, and duels are expected.

An Explanation Requested.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 9.—A report is current in official quarters here that the Dominion government has been advised that on his arrival in New York from London, Sir George Baden Powell will find a demand from Lord Salisbury requesting an explanation as to the probable result of the walk over the British commissioners were to have.

A Local Train Collided With a Steam Street Roller.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—The narrow gauge local train collided at Park street, Alameda, this morning with a steam street roller and A. S. Sorensen, the engineer of the roller was fatally crushed.

Members of an Anarchist Society at Walsall are Arrested and One of Them Turns State's Evidence—Other Arrests May Follow.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Today the police claim that they have effected one of the most important arrests of a group of anarchists, residing at Walsall, Staffordshire, in connection with the recent explosion at Dublin castle. A man who was recently passing the police station in London, attracted the attention of the police by his peculiar manner, and he was taken into custody as a suspicious character. The police say they soon found ample justification for arresting the man. At the time of his arrest the man was carrying a parcel. When he was taken into the police station he was searched, and upon his person were found papers giving details of the anarchist plots and giving the names of persons implicated in the conspiracy. The papers showed that the headquarters of the anarchists was at Walsall, and steps were immediately taken to place them under arrest.

The result was a Frenchman named Victor Calles, Marie Pibelle, a woman with whom Calles was living, and Frederick Charles, all residing at Walsall, are in custody. The prisoners belonged to a socialist club in Walsall. The club room and residence of the prisoners were searched by the police and the investigation led to most important discoveries concerning the machinations and work of the plotters. The prisoners were arraigned in court to day and charged with having in their possession explosives which they intended to devote to unlawful purposes.

The magistrate discharged Marie Pibelle. Probably she made a confession and it is the intention of the authorities to use her as a witness against the other prisoners. The prisoners had in their possession a number of bombs, used in making bombs. They are of the conical shape and four or five inches long. Models of other parts of the paraphernalia used in making bombs were also found in the possession of the prisoners. The chief constable asked for an adjournment of the case hinting at the same time that it was probable that other arrests would shortly follow. The magistrate granted request of the chief constable, and the prisoners were remanded for a week.

The California Rival of Monte Carlo is a Myth.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—The reported formation of an Eastern syndicate to establish a gaming resort on an island off the coast of Santa Barbara, Cal., has been denied by Walter S. Maxwell, of Los Angeles, so far as his connection with the project is concerned. He and others interested in the island of Santa Cruz, which has been mentioned as the probable location of the resort. A dispatch from Santa Barbara states that negotiations have been pending to purchase the island of Santa Cruz for the purpose, but as all of the Santa Barbara islands, so called, are embraced within Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and Ventura counties, and are bounded by the political code, they are subject to the State and county laws relative to gaming, and a question has been raised whether the project is feasible.

Far-Right Reduction and Economy in Public Expenditures is at the Chief Issue of Next Fall—Freedom of Debate Will Be Granted.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Congressman William B. Springer walked into the House here last night at 9:45 o'clock. He had just come in on the Congressional limited train from Washington and was accompanied to his hotel by Mr. Alexander Meakin, of the Business Men's Democratic Club, before which organization he will speak tonight. Asked about the present situation in Washington, Mr. Springer said: "The outlook for united and harmonious action among the Democrats is most hopeful. Our prospects were never brighter and the enormous Democratic majority will not prove unwieldy and unmanageable. Mills will not sink. He will preside over his committee on interstate and foreign commerce till he is elected senator, as he almost certainly will be. We expect to finish up all business and adjourn in June."

"What action will be taken on the silver question?"

"Well, we shall not cross any bridges before we come to them."

"But we are now very near the bridge?"

"Yes, and we shall pass over it so quietly that we shall never know that there was anything in the way. There will be no silver legislation in the present session of Congress. Many silver bills will, of course, be introduced, and they will go to the committee on coinage, but I do not look for any decisive measure to get through."

"And the issue next fall?"

"It will be tariff reduction and economy in public expenditure; these in the order which I name them. The silver question will hardly cut any figure, and we shall have to stick to questions upon which we are thoroughly agreed. The rules to be adopted will allow complete freedom of debate. We do not want to cut off talk. In the House nothing is so valuable as talk."

Boiler Exploded.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 8.—The boiler of the saw mill at Balling Ala., exploded yesterday, wrecking the mill, killing the engineer and four other employees and injuring four others, two of them fatally.

Financially Embarrassed.

TORONTO, Jan. 8.—The Barnum wire and iron works at Toronto Junction, are financially embarrassed. Liabilities \$50,000.

Negro Thieves Attempt to Rob a Store, are Detected and Show Fight, When a Bullet Ends the Life of one of Them.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 8.—A fatal shooting affray occurred in Market street this afternoon, in which Henry Humble was shot and fatally wounded by W. J. James, the son of Robert James. Humble and Eugene Blanton, both colored, entered the gentlemen's furnishing store kept by the senior James, and while the young James waited on them his father was watching their movements.

Humble seized a large package of kid gloves, which he stuffed in his overcoat pocket. Blanton also pocketed a package of gloves. Robert James immediately locked the door, putting the key in his pocket. After looking at the men Blanton said: "I don't want any of your shirts," and uttering an oath, started toward the door.

Robert James then stepped forward and demanded the stolen property. Humble, with another oath pushed past James and attempted to open the door. Blanton was also very abusive and followed closely upon the former's heels. Humble, finding the door locked, turned and Mr. James and striking a pair of brass knuckles, struck at the storekeeper. Mr. James defended himself as best he could when Blanton joined in the attack.

Suddenly the discharge of a pistol was heard. Humble threw up his hands and fell heavily to the floor, mortally wounded. W. J. James then covered Stanton with a revolver until the officers arrived. When the two negroes attacked his father he stepped to the cash drawer and got a pistol. Just as Humble was preparing to strike Mr. James he leveled the pistol at him and fired. Humble died soon after.

There Were No Passengers and No Money in the Express Box—He Got the Driver's Small Change and May Get Ten Years if Caught.

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 8.—The driver describes the highwayman who stopped the Valley Springs stage yesterday as having an old slouched hat, a red bandanna handkerchief over his face and wearing a long overcoat with a rent in the side. The man carried a shot gun and compelled the driver to throw out the express box which, however, contained no money. The man secured \$5 from the driver. There were no passengers on the stage. An officer is looking for the robber.

A Colored Barber Refuses to Shave a Distinguished Negro.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—Dr. John Thompson, of New York, ex-minister to San Domingo, who is a delegate to the congress of colored Catholics in this city, met with an experience that rather staggered him. He wanted a shave and went to a barber shop on Lombard street near Thirteenth. Opening the door the doctor stepped into the shop and, nodding pleasantly to the colored proprietor, began to take off his coat.

"Beg pardon, sah," said the proprietor, touching the doctor's arm, "but this is a tonsorial establishment for white gentlemen only, sah." For a moment the colored man stood gazing at each other. Then the ex-minister put on his coat and said: "Are you not sorry to tell me this?" Then he stalked out of the shop. The affair aroused much indignation among the delegates to the congress when Thompson told of his experience.

A Young Man Feels the Latent Power of the Farmer.

BATAVIA, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Frank C. Baker, son of Dr. Baker, formerly of this place, but living at Bradlock, Pa., recently received serious injuries to his skull in alighting from a railroad train at that city. The injury was pronounced a fatal one, and young Baker's physician recently told him that it might cause insanity. On Tuesday Baker's brother-in-law, Jim Pratt, of Batavia, received the following telegram from Bradlock signed "Frank": "Come to Bradlock and take charge of my body."

An hour later, and while Baker's relatives were still discussing the singular message, a second was received. This one was from the telegraph operator at Bradlock and announced that Frank Baker had just committed suicide by hanging himself. It is supposed he had ended his life fearing that he would become insane.

So Weak That He Cannot Even Hold a Pen in His Hand.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—In spite of the favorable reports which have been sent out from Speaker Crisp's room at the Metropolitan for the past two days, the speaker is still critically ill, and his family are very much alarmed about his condition. Mr. Catchesays says that the crisis of his illness had just passed, and that pneumonia is still feared.

Another gentleman who has seen Mr. Crisp today says that he is so weak that he can't hold a pen in his hand, and that when he was called on to sign a check today, Mrs. Crisp had to hold his hand and guide it. The speaker is so sensitive to changes in the atmosphere that his bedclothing is sewed about him in the shape of a bag closed at the neck to prevent the air reaching him.

Over Report of a Trailing Between England and France in Morocco.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The Stock Exchange today is in a state of wild excitement owing to very warlike rumors. The report, as spread, is to the effect that a British war vessel at Tangiers has landed a force of blue jackets and marines at that place. It is added that the French admiral there has given the British admiral notice that France gives England 24 hours in which to re-embark her landing party and that if this is not done at the expiration of that time the French fleet will attack the British warships. It is supposed that this startling report is simply a canard circulated by bourse speculators, but the excitement prevailing shows how dangerous the situation in Morocco is believed to be. Inquiries made at the admiralty and at the foreign office fail to obtain confirmation or denial of the reports referred to. But the news has spread with marvelous rapidity and is now the cry of the top of the market. The report, though discredited on all sides, is causing a most dangerous feeling on the stock market.

War Vessels There—No Troops Landed.

MADRID, Jan. 8.—A telegram from Tangier says: Three British men-of-war have anchored in harbor and that the rumor of the landing British marines is without foundation.

She is Towed Into Port With a Shot Broken.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The British steamer Regina passed Kinsdale today, having in tow the British steamer Llandaff City, which was spoken December 29, with a shot broken. The Llandaff City sailed from New York December 17 for Bristol.

Men Not in Sympathy With the Administration to be Dismissed From the Collector's Office in Philadelphia Without Delay.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—President Harrison will today furnish the first practical evidence that he is a candidate for re-election. This action will be found in the dismissal of a number of employes in the office of the internal revenue collector at Philadelphia. The people who are marked for decapitation are anti-Harrison men and their places will be filled by other Republicans who are favorable to the President's second term aspirations.

Not only are these officials anti-Harrison men, but they are said to have used their positions to secure the defeat of Mr. Charles W. Henry, who is trying to secure an election as a delegate to the Minneapolis convention. Mr. Henry is a well-known business man of Philadelphia and a zealous Harrison man in the bargain.

The people who are to be dismissed in the collector's office were, with the collector himself, trying to defeat Mr. Henry's election. The President has been appealed to, and he has responded by directing Secretary Foster to cause all of the number with the exception of Collector Brooks to walk the plank. Mr. Brooks will be disciplined also. It is not intended to dismiss him, but he will be short of certain of his privileges, with a view to showing him that the administration means business and that none but its friends are to be put on guard.

Since his incumbency of the office Mr. Brooks has also drawn a handsome additional salary as the custodian of the building. He will enjoy this perquisite no longer. It is to be taken away from him at once and bestowed upon Mr. William Leonard, the United States marshal for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, who is known to be a loyal Harrison man.

And Get a Glass of Beer, Whiskey, Milk or Kool-Aid.

If there is any simple and practical means of suppressing the largest number of media between the producer and consumer, it is unquestionably the institution of those automatic fontaines and popular bars that have been in operation for about a year in Paris and in some other large cities of France and foreign countries, and which we propose to describe to our readers.

In the automatic distributor of which we speak, it suffices to put a coin, say a five cent piece, in a slot, when a tube placed beneath the money box allows a small glass of malaga, a large glass of beer, etc., to flow. The apparatus operates with perfect regularity, and the quantity of liquid is always accurately measured, its volume varying with its nature. There are distributors of this kind that serve hot liquids (such as coffee) or cold ones. A series of different out-lets is at present installed at the Exposition of Labor at the Palace of Industry.

The type of automatic distributor that we have selected to illustrate our description presents extremely the appearance of two superposed kegs. The upper keg protects a glass bottle containing the supply of liquid. The lower keg conceals the entire mechanism, the total height of these two kegs is less than four feet. The mechanism is exceedingly simple and certain, for it utilizes the most constant and infallible force at our disposal—that of gravity.

The work produced by the fall of the coin from the slot into the base effects the starting of the mechanism and the opening of the cock. The liquid on flowing into a reservoir makes the latter tilt, and this, at the same time that it closes the cock and stops the mechanism, causes the advance of a counter that verifies the number of drinks taken. The apparatus is then ready to operate anew. The money is inserted through a rectangular slot, regulatable at will, according to the price to be obtained. When the liquid is to be drawn hot or cold, it previously traverses a worm placed in a hot water bath or in a vessel filled with chopped ice. The simple passage through the spiral suffices to communicate to it the proper temperature, which latter is regulated by a cock placed upon the bottle and that allows the liquid to traverse the spiral with varying rapidity. Modifications upon which it does not appear necessary to dwell I permit of distributing liquids under pressure (such as beer and gas-olene beverages), with the same facility.

—La Nature.

LIVELY STUDENTS.

They Attack Their Teacher and Fatally Injure Him.

TOPKA, Kan., Jan. 8.—Will Erhardt, a teacher in a school four miles north of here, was attacked by three of his pupils last night after school and fatally injured.

Officially Denied.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—The fourth statement that military expedition is to be sent to the Oasis of Touat to enforce the French claims of the region is officially denied.

The Czarina Ill.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 8.—The Czarina is ill and unable to leave her apartments.

Executive Committee to Meet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—A call was issued today by Chairman Wilson for a meeting on Wednesday, January 23, of the executive committee of the National Association of Democratic Clubs.

ALLIANCE SPLIT UP.

Factions Develop in Minnesota

MANY MEMBERS DISGUSTED.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 9.—The action of the Donnelly faction of the Alliance yesterday in adopting the sub-treasury, the government land loan and free silver plank, has split the Minnesota Alliance irretrievably. The blue earth county delegation, headed by James H. Baker, ex-secretary of State, has bolted and adopted the following resolutions: "That we oppose the adoption by the State Alliance of a bill introduced in the Congress of the United States known as the sub-treasury bill, and regard such bill in the direct line of class legislation, notwithstanding it purports to be for the benefit of farmers."

Rollin J. Hall, of Morris county, ex-president of the Alliance, denounced the platform in the following vigorous language: "It was a rat-headed conspiracy of cranks. They seemed to have it all their own way. Because there was no organized opposition to them, Donnelly and Fish have been in an active canvass of the State to secure control of the Alliance since last July, and the delegates to that convention were of their own choosing. We are not discouraged, but simply disgusted. I think the insane ranting that was done at St. Paul was a rat-headed conspiracy, and in the end may be the means of smothering the vermin."

Asked if the faction of the Alliance which he represents would endorse the Minneapolis platform, Mr. Hall replied instantly and with great decision: "No, sir. All talk of fusion is ended for the present, the Democrats refusing to consider union on presidential elections and State officers unless the Alliance platform is greatly modified."

Both Claim That They Will Be Elected Senator.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 2.—The senatorial contest is reaching a crisis. It is believed that the close of the day will find the contest solved, but until the House and Senate caucus this afternoon is out of the way, all predictions must be accepted as ebullitions from enthusiastic adherents of the candidates. There are about seven doubtful assemblymen this morning, and all are claimed by both sides. The surprise of the morning is the declaration of Representatives Reeves and Williams in favor of Foraker. As a result of these declarations the Foraker men are very confident this morning. Everybody concedes that the contest will be a close one, and it looks at this hour as though the 95 votes of the caucus will be so evenly divided that the victor will have a majority of less than half a dozen. The Alliance and Labor people have been endeavoring to make an impression on Sherman, but apparently failed.

Welch, of Knox, declares he will not support Foraker, but will vote in favor of McKinley. Alliance and labor people point to Reeves' declaration as evidence of an independent movement against Sherman, but friends of the senator declares that this Reeves' argument is only a subterfuge to explain away his failure to support Sherman. The House speaker's position is not an important bearing upon the contest. Candidates are J. F. McGraw, and L. C. Laylin. The former is understood to represent the strength of Sherman in the House.

The Sherman people claim that if Foraker is to secure the nomination in the joint caucus for speaker by even a single vote Foraker must have 39 supporters in the house. A majority in the house is 37, consequently if Laylin is elected by a bare majority Sherman's success is beyond peradventure. If McGraw is elected by a bare majority Sherman's chances will not be jeopardized, but if he should be elected by a margin of three or more Foraker is the coming man.

It was nearly 3 o'clock before the Republican house caucus got to work. Lewis C. Laylin was nominated for speaker on the first ballot, the voting being 38 to 34.

This is an ominous sign for Foraker.

Burned to Death.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 5.—Near Clay Center, yesterday, Mrs. Franz Troedel and her little child were burned to death by the explosion of gasoline which set fire to their clothing.

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