SATURDAY....

SOMETHING THAT CANNOT BE GUARDED AGAINST.

YESTERDAY's dispatches tell a fearful story of the killing of one hundred and fifty human beings in a Virginia coal mine, by the accidental explosion of gas. The strong presumption is that some careless hand lifted the Astoria land grant is gratifiying. the safety cover from his lamp to A Washington dispatch of the 13th light his pipe, or grown contempta- says that a majority of the senate ous of danger, swung an exposed committee to whom was referred the light in some portion of the mine matter have voted to recommend that filled with the inflammable gas. That the senate proceed to declare it forby far the greater number of calama- feited. So far everything works well. tous occurrences are attributable to just such impulses of toolhardy people appears from the investigations set on foot to locate the blame for the January chapter of horrors.

In nearly every instance the cry was raised, at first blush, that the owners of the vehicle of death were answerable for the mishap, and they were berated soundly for supposed Saturday March 15, 10:30 a m oriminal negilgence, indifference to loss of life, or avaricious disregard of laws providing for the safety of passenger or employe. Subsequent in quiry, however, rarely failed to elicit the fact that but for the unaccountable behavior of a subordinate, against whose fatal conceits it were impossible to guard, the deplorable happening would not have come to

Now and then, as in the case of the burning of a convent at Belleville, Ill., the loss of life was due to a lack of precaution against manifest dangers and the absence of ordinary avenues of escape. But in most instances, as in the railroad collision at Toronto, the bursting of a boiler at Rochester, N. Y., the wrecking of the steamer City of Columbus, and the mine explosion in Colorado, besides a score of calamities less fatal (including, probably, last Wednesday's Pocahontas disaster), the blame has been fastened upon those in position to bring about disastrous results by swerving from the line of duty-by departing from a strict observance of the rules and regulations laid down for their guidance.

A conductor's rash determination regardless of orders to the contrary, resulted in the death of thirty or forty persons at Toronto. An engineer conceived the daring plan of increasing the capacity of an engine by hanging a few bricks to the safety valve, the outcome of which novel proceeding was the death of four of his fellow workmen, the maiming of a number of others, and the demolishment of his employer's mill. The City of Columbus, an iron vessel fitted out with all the means of preservation and escape in use on shipboard, was wrecked on the best known portion of the Atlantic coast, on a moonlight night, at the cost of one hundred lives, because the officer in command took it into his head to save a few ship-lengths in distance by hugging the shore, in direct disobedience of the captain's parting injunc tion. The best ventilated mine in Colorado was converted into a death trap for half a hundred miners through the agency of one of their number, whose remains were found in the gallery he had been warned not to enter with a lighted lamp. Nobody survives to throw light upon the explosion of the dynamite cartridge factory in Pennsylvania, but as that peculiar type of disaster is almost invariably attributable to the single cause of heedlessness on the part of employes, grown contemptuous from long familiarity with danger, it is conjecturable that this latest instance is not an exception to

Had the fact been established that the foregoing series of accidents might have been foreseen and avoid ed, the interests of property and ord inary regard for human life would demand and quickly secure the taking of measures to avert like disasters. But the unpalatable truth must be confessed that the fixing of the blame for all these mishaps leaves nothing upon which to rest the consoling thought that perhaps in the future we may be saved the depiction and contemplation of daily horrors. Against the capricious workings of the human mind inventive science buffets in vain; safety valves, air brakes, levers, rudders, danger signals, stringent regulations, the lessons of experience, the uplifted arm of the law, and even the intuitive law of self-preservation are as powerless to save as the straw in the grasp of a drowning man. Owners of vessels, railways, mines, factories, and magazines, however well equipped with safety appliances may be their ships, trains, boilers, or shafts, and however perfect their confidence in the skill and prudence of those they see fit to intrust with the management thereof, can give passenger or employe no assurance of absolute safety until dtd man's devotion to duty gains complete ascendancy over his irrational impulses -a consummation most devoutly wished for, but resignedly despaired of. There is no guarding forts of a home. Terms reasonable. against, no escape from, the impulses of fools.

So Bismarck has made a speech explanatory of his action in relation to the now famous Lasker resolutions! In Lasker at office of N. D. Raymond, City (fall; or on the premises of O. D. Young.)

Astoria, Nov. 3d, 1883.

pend entirely on "the point of view." Looking at it as an American, it seems insulting on the part of Bismarck to snub our government. Looking at it from a trans-Atlantic point of view. Bakery & Confectionery MARCH 15, 1884 it seems as though our American congress had been a little to hasty. The truth is that congress wanted to compliment Germany and the testy old chancellor thought that a covert slur was intended. Probably the best thing for both sides to do is to "forgive and forget."

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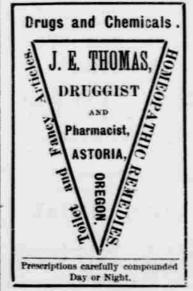
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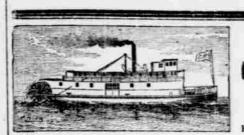
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