

NEWS IN GENERAL

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Scores of Miners Killed.

One of the most appalling mining disasters on record occurred Jan. 8, at Krebs about five miles from McAllister I. T. It is supposed that at least 100 lives were lost.

Just as the day shifts were about to come to the surface in the mine operated by the Osage Coal and Mining Company, in shaft No. 11, a terrific explosion occurred.

There were upwards of 400 men in the mine at the time, most of whom were near the entrance to the cage which was to bring them to the top. Those at the top heard the explosion and at once prepared for the work of rescue. The news spread rapidly, and it was not many minutes before the entrance to the mine was surrounded by a wailing and almost panic-stricken mass of humanity, composed chiefly of women and children.

Many of the men, some say nearly half of the number, employed in the mines succeeded in effecting their escape by climbing up through the air shaft. One of the men who escaped in this way climbed fully 400 feet with a broken leg. Many of those who climbed to the top were badly burned, in some cases the flesh stripping from their hands as they grasped the ladder.

THE KILLED AND INJURED.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 8.—A Times special from South McAllister says: It is still impossible to estimate the number of the victims of the Krebs disaster. From facts now at hand it is believed the killed will number fully 100 and the injured 115 about half of whom will probably died.

The work of rescue is terribly hazardous. The explosion has entirely changed the photography of the mine. Many tunnels are closed entirely and big loose boulders are balanced perilously on shelves of rock which a breath of air may hurl down upon the rescuers. Those identified number twenty-three. There are seventeen unidentified bodies and pieces of bodies.

ALL WHITE MEN.

ST. LOUIS, January 8.—W. A. Farnham, President of the Osage Mining Company, in whose mines the explosion occurred last night had just received a telegram which says that 143 miners have been rescued. The men were greatly exhausted and some of them were unconscious, but revived after reaching the fresh air. Mr. Farnham says the miners were all white men, and many had large families. Everything possible will be done to relieve the distress of their afflicted families.

SIXTY BODIES RECOVERED.

ALOHA, January 8.—The latest McAllister advice are that sixty corpses have been recovered and twenty-five rescued alive of whom eight have since died. The whole number entombed is now placed at 216.

Faith Cure.

ASPEN, Colo., Jan. 8.—Some sensational developments have just

come to light regarding the death of Judge James Watson, who died a few days ago of pneumonia. It appears that his wife was a strong believer in the Christian Science faith, and when her husband was taken sick refused to call a physician. Two sons, however, compelled the mother to allow the services of medical man, allowing her to select a nurse, also a Christian Science believer. Through a conspiracy between the nurse and the wife the medicine was extracted from the capsules and the faith cure relied upon. Mrs. Watson told the Judge that Christ was telling him through her to get up and walk, and persuaded him to make the attempt. He had taken but two steps from the bed when he fell over on the floor and expired. Indignation runs high, and Christian Science is at a great discount in this neighborhood.—St. Louis Republic.

HERALD'S WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON D. C. Jan. 13 1892 Speaker pro tempore McMillin, who was elected without opposition to preside over the House until Speaker Crisp, who is still confined to his room by the grip, shall be able to resume his duties, presides like a veteran, and is complimented on all side for the ease with which he has taken up the enormous duties of presiding over the House.

Notwithstanding the unprecedented appropriations of the billion dollar Congress, the cry for deficiency appropriations has already begun. The list is headed by Porter, of the census bureau, who, through the Treasury department has asked for a deficiency appropriation of \$1,000,000, to complete the work of that bureau, and there are those who doubt whether that amount will be sufficient, if Porter is to be allowed to do it in his own way. He may get the money, but it is not certain; and in any event he will probably be asked some puzzling questions as to how he had spent some of the \$6,400,000 previously appropriated for the Census.

The attacks on the McKinley tariff law in the House resemble the firing of sharpshooters. Bills have been introduced placing the following articles on the free list: Jute, jute bagging, iron ties, binding twine, lumber, tin plate, salt, agricultural implements, wool, coal and iron ore; and bills have been introduced to repeal the sugar bounty clause of the law, and so much of the reciprocity clause as gives the President authority to restore the duty upon certain products of countries which fail to make reciprocity treaties with the United States. These bills will all go to the Ways and Means committee, which will decide which of them shall be pressed.

Representative Mills, who has gone to Texas, has been granted an indefinite leave of absence by the House. The principal object of Mr. Mills in going home at this time is to regain his health, but it is probable that while there he may do some talking about the Texas Senatorship.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Democratic Clubs has been called for Jan. 20, by Representative W. L. Wilson, of West Virginia, who is chairman of the committee, and it is desired that every member shall be present or represented by

proxy, as important matters will be considered.

The democratic vacancy on the Interstate Commerce Commission has been given to judge W. M. Lindsey of Kentucky, a gentleman of whom nothing but good is known, and the republican vacancy to J. W. McDill, of Iowa, who has been Congressman, Senator, Judge and several other things with official salaries. Col. W. Morrison, whose commission expired Dec. 31, has been reappointed.

The silver question has already shown a ready disposition to bob up serenely in Congress at any and all times. Several bills have been introduced in the Senate providing for free coinage, and although there has been only one "bill" day in the House, four bills of the same sort were introduced, besides several others having a more or less bearing on silver. One of them provides for the repeal of the purchasing clause of the present silver law. Senator Stewart maintains that there is a law already in existence authorizing the free coinage of silver, enacted in 1837 and never repealed, and he offered a resolution instructing the Judiciary committee to inquire into the matter and report whether he was right or wrong. Senator Morrill delivered a very able and conservative speech this week against the unlimited free coinage of silver, in answer to Senator Stewart's recent speech.

The Harrison men are shouting "I told you so," because of a slight attack of nausea that Mr. Blaine had this week, and the present indications are that a concerted attempt is to be made to drive Blaine from the Presidential field, using his health as the principal weapon. It may succeed too, as Mr. Blaine is a monomaniac on that subject, and has been ever since that notorious sunstroke, away back in the seventies.

Andrew Jackson's birthday was fitly celebrated here the 8th, by local Democrats.

A joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to charter a vessel to carry the grain which has been contributed for the famine-stricken Russians to that country, was adopted by the Senate, but defeated by the House. The constitutionality of the resolution was doubted by some of the ablest Democrats in Congress.

Senator Morgan spoke here the 7th inst., in favor of his resolution directing the Committee on Foreign Affairs to procure additional information concerning the Nicaragua canal. He strongly favors the guarantee of bonds asked for by the company, but unless there is a change of sentiment there is no probability of the bill passing the House. As one prominent member of that body puts it: "I favor the building of the canal by this Government if necessary, but am opposed to any guarantee of bonds issued by a private corporation."

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