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Disaster to Alberta Colliery Comes
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Lethbridge, Alberta—A terrific explosion, coming without warning, Saturday entombed 250 miners employed in mine No. 20, of the Hillcrest Collieries, Ltd. Of the 50 rescued, only 14 were living. Despite efforts of the two-score mine experts, laboring amid the poisonous gases and debris, hope of rescuing alive the 200 men yet in the mine is waning.

At dusk a silent group of wives and mothers stood at the mouth of the mine which had been closed by the explosion, still hopeful that rescue would be made.

The explosion, which occurred about 9 o'clock in the morning, shook the countryside for miles, lifted the roofs from many miners' cabins and demolished numerous small buildings. A moment after the explosion, a score of panic-stricken surface workers rushed from the mine, followed by a dense cloud of smoke and poisonous fumes. When the first rescue crew arrived a large force of men set about to clear the shaft. Thousands of tons of rock had fallen into the mine and it is feared that the men, even had they escaped death from the poisonous fumes, probably were crushed to death by the falling debris.

No information as to what caused the explosion has been obtained, but it is believed it was due to the forming of gases.

Two trains filled with expert mine workers, doctors, nurses and officials of railways arrived and the work of rescue was begun. As the rescue parties entered the mine they found, jammed in a chaotic mass, horses, timbers, wagons and mining paraphernalia, the scene being indicative of the force of the explosion.

Hindus on Japanese Vessel Refuse to Let Ship Sail

Vancouver, B. C.—Rights of 376 Hindus aboard the Japanese steamer Komagata Maru to enter Canada assumed a serious aspect Saturday when the Hindus took absolute command of the vessel and intimidated the 30 members of the crew, who had made preparations for getting up steam and leaving the harbor. The Hindus warned the crew they would fight rather than allow the anchor to be lifted. The crew was held in terror.

Furthermore, it was announced that newspapers in India had bared an alleged conspiracy to overthrow the British government in that country. This plot, it is alleged, has been abetted by Hindus who have succeeded in gaining entrance to America.

This, coupled with the fact that the two Japanese warships which have been touring the Pacific Coast and visiting American cities are due there Sunday morning, has given an unexpected turn to the situation, which threatens to take the controversy outside the pale of immigration laws.

Yale Rowing Crew Beats Harvard by Four Inches

New London, Conn.—By a margin of four inches Yale won the varsity four-mile eight-oared race in the Thames river Saturday after a struggle which will stand out in rowing history.

Through a four-mile lane of steam yachts and motorboats the 16 crewmen toiled at the crimson-and-blue-tipped oars as no galley slave ever labored under the lash, while thousands of spectators shrieked hysterically.

When the knife-like prows of the racing shells had cut past the final line of flags and oarsmen dropped with heaving chests, few of the thousands knew whether victory had perched upon the bow of the Yale or the Harvard racing craft.

1000 Land; Vessel Sinks.

St. Louis—One hour after putting ashore nearly 1000 telephone girls at Alton, Ill., the excursion steamer Majestic of Peoria, Ill., carrying a crew of 37, sank in the Mississippi river just north of here at 1:30 o'clock Saturday morning. The steamer had run into the new intake tower of the St. Louis water works now under construction in the center of the river.

Woman Swims 7 Miles.

Newport News, Va.—Miss Elizabeth Upton Mehehan, Saturday swam across Hampton Roads, thereby winning the distinction of being the first woman to accomplish the task. She swam from Pine Beach to Old Point, a distance of seven miles, in two hours and 28 minutes, considered by experts to be splendid time.

Federation of Women's Clubs Ends Meeting

Chicago—The 12th biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's clubs passed into history Thursday night as one of the most successful ever held.

Features of the day were a protest against the indorsement of suffrage for women and a burst of giving which poured \$20,000 in comparatively small sums into the treasury of the federation and completed the endowment fund of \$100,000.

When the women started out to get the fund they evolved a plan whereby for \$50 the giver may name some person or organization to be listed on the honor membership roll; \$100 admits to the roll of honor, and \$500 to the founder's list.

Mrs. Percy V. Pennypacker, the president, started things with an eloquent plea for funds and New York state responded with a statement that the women of that state had completed their share of the endowment with \$4700. Other states followed suit and several women paid for the distinction for their husbands.

Mrs. Robert J. Burdette spoke for the press: "My husband is a newspaperman," she said. "My two sons are newspapermen and I have ink on my thumbs. I will give \$100 to place the press on the honor list."

The program committee underestimated the interest felt in the conference of the legislative committee and the chairman of departments and assigned it to a separate hall. The crowd was so great here that the Fire department protested and the auditorium, which was vacant for the afternoon, was taken and every seat was filled.

Roosevelt Will Not Enter Fall Political Campaign

London—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is suffering from an affection of the larynx as a direct result of the hardships he endured in his recent Brazilian trip, which will effectually prevent him from taking part as an orator in the political campaign in the United States this fall and compel him to exercise the greatest care for some months to come.

"This is my answer to those who wanted me to go into a campaign," said Colonel Roosevelt in describing the condition of his throat. "If anyone expected me to do so, I cannot now."

The announcement of the ex-president's disability was after he had paid a visit to Sir St. Clair Thompson, professor of laryngology and physician of diseases of the nose and throat in Kings College hospital, a specialist whom he had consulted when he was in London in 1910.

The exertion of addressing the Royal Geographical society recently brought about a culmination of the weaknesses which Colonel Roosevelt's friends observed on his arrival in London.

It was on account of throat trouble that he insisted on speaking in a small hall instead of a large one in which the society had wished to hold the meeting in order to accommodate the great number who had sought to obtain seats.

Fancy Trunks Are Doomed.

Detroit—Freak trunks, embellished with conical protuberances, slant sides and unusual tops, soon may be unpopular among the best trunk society. The American association of General Baggage agents opened its annual convention here with the avowed purpose of taking concerted action to urge the Interstate commerce commission to consider a plan for the standardization of trunks, both as to size and construction.

"Eugenic" Law Sustained.

Madison, Wis.—The Supreme court upheld the so-called "eugenics law," which had been held unconstitutional by a lower court in Milwaukee. The eugenic marriage law requires male applicants for marriage licenses to undergo blood tests as to a condition to granting of a license and was enacted by the last legislature.

Fierce Tribe Dispersed.

Oudja, Morocco—Columns of French troops under General Baumgarten and General Gourard, after four days of almost continuous fighting, have dispersed the fierce Riata tribe. The troops burned the villages and killed and wounded hundreds of tribesmen. The French lost 11 killed and 53 wounded.

20-Year Bill Advanced.

Washington, D. C.—It was announced by the house leaders that the 20-year reclamation extension bill which Western members are pushing for consideration will be brought before the house this week.

General Villa Reinstated Head of Constitutionalists

Washington, D. C.—Official information reaching the Washington government Thursday from Consul Edwards at Juarez said General Francisco Villa and General Venustiano Carranza, leaders of the rebels in Mexico, had patched up their difficulties and Villa would proceed to take charge of the military movement against Zacatecas, where the revolutionary forces recently met reverses.

That General Villa had determined on a break with Carranza and had demonstrated his attitude by imprisoning some officers in the first constitutionalist chief's command was verified in reports to the State department. It was declared, however, that Villa's action served the purpose for which it was originated, and the conqueror of Torreón and Saltillo would command the military advance against Huerta from this time without interruption.

The internecine dispute in the Mexican revolutionary ranks, while mediation at Niagara Falls rested, had stirred officials here, but Consul Edwards' message served to relieve anxiety. Other official dispatches received were to the effect that all the principal officers of the revolutionary movement sided with Villa in his differences with the constitutionalist first chief over methods of procedure in the campaign, and that Carranza had agreed that Villa should take supreme command in the military operation against the Huerta government.

El Paso, Tex.—Reports that General Villa had resigned as commander of the northern military zone were confirmed partially here. Carranza's offices at Juarez were confiscated by Villa supporters. Similar confiscations are authentically reported to have taken place at Chihuahua City and at Torreón.

Just after the bureau of information at Juarez had announced to the American press the receipt of a message from the front above Zacatecas, Colonel Ornelas' soldiers entered the telegraph office and the bureau and ordered that no paper be touched.

An American newspaper man was seated in the information bureau when the soldiers burst into the room. They ordered Perez Abrea, in charge of the bureau, not to touch a paper. The same soldiers, in personal command of the Juarez commander, shortly before had taken over supervision of the telegraph office adjoining.

The American finally slipped through the line of soldiers and arrived here. This action followed conflicting reports from the south regarding the failure or success of troops under General Natera, Carranza appointee, in attacking Zacatecas. From Natera official reports said that the attack was progressing successfully, while from other sources details were given of Natera's rout.

General Villa, in the meantime, had remained at Torreón, although ordered to proceed to the assistance of Natera by General Carranza. It was said by Carranza officials that Angeles, the constitutionalist secretary of war, had left Torreón with 5000 of Villa's troops, including a full division of artillery. Natera had complained of lack of cannon.

Mexico Mediation On Verge of Total Failure

Niagara Falls, Ont.—Justice Lamar and Frederick W. Lehmann, American delegates to the mediation conference, went to Buffalo Wednesday and talked for four hours with Rafael Zubaran and Luis Cabrera, personal representatives of General Carranza. Their purpose was to find some way to bring the constitutionalists in harmony with the scope of mediation. The mission was a failure.

The constitutionalist representatives who had come to Washington to see the American delegates told them why they could not agree to an armistice; why only man a prominent in the constitutionalist ranks would be acceptable to them for the provisional presidency, and finally they believed the constitutionalist army would settle the Mexican problem soon if left unhampered by foreign complications.

The Americans returned to Niagara Falls feeling that so far as the political pacification of Mexico is concerned, mediation had accomplished nothing and probably the end of the conferences was near.

Dispatches of the forcible seizure by a Villa official of the telegraph office at Juarez held previously by Carranza officials served to confirm suspicions which have been current in many quarters here of a breach between Villa and Carranza.

Convicts to Aid Harvest.

Kansas City—Fifteen county prisoners are on their way to Kansas wheat fields to assist in the harvest, as the result of an order made by Judge Latschaw, of the criminal court. The men were paroled by being sent to the harvest fields. "You have the best chances to make good," the judge said in paroling them. "Kansas needs men and you need liberty."

Federation Women's Clubs Hear Expert's Plain Talk

Chicago—George J. Kneeland did some plain talking to delegates to the General Federation of Women's clubs in convention here.

Mr. Kneeland is director of the department of investigation of the American Social Hygiene association. His remarks were based on statistics gathered by his investigators. He found that a prolific source of supply to commercialized vice comes from girls between the ages of 15 and 18 years, the dangerous age of the development of the sex instinct, and that a startling minority of these come from homes other than those of poverty and ignorance.

Mr. Kneeland's agents in the last year have gathered complete histories of 300 girls not yet professionally immoral, but well started on the downward path.

Contrary to the general impression and the reports of some investigators that a majority of these girls were feeble-minded or subnormal, Mr. Kneeland said that the majority of the girls were intelligent.

"Some of them," he asserted, "come from such homes as yours; some live at home in idleness and ease. We have letters from them showing marked intelligence and facility of expression. You will agree with me they are typical American girls, daughters of respectable and prosperous parents."

"But it is only fair to say that the majority are poor, coarse and ignorant, with a wide knowledge of evil and little conception of good."

Alaska's Greatest Mount in Alarming Eruption

Seward, Alaska—A light fall of sulphur dust here Wednesday night has caused the belief that Mount Katmai, the greatest volcano on the Alaskan peninsula, 300 miles west of here, is again in eruption.

The fall of sulphur dust followed an unusually dark day, during which the sky was overcast with heavy clouds high in the air. Reports from Valdez say a severe earthquake was felt there but no seismic disturbance was noticed here.

No reports from Kodiak or other points in the vicinity of Mount Katmai have been received, and whether the volcano is in violent eruption or has merely discharged a large volume of sulphur-laden smoke is not known.

Two years ago last Thursday Mount Katmai burst forth in violent eruption, covering Kodiak and adjacent islands and the mainland within a radius of 100 miles of the volcano with a deep layer of volcanic ash.

Eight Hours' Rain Storm in Paris Brings Death to 8

Paris—The death toll from Tuesday's tempest stands at eight. Eight other persons as far as is known, have disappeared and 70 were injured through the collapse of sections of the Paris streets.

One of the finest quarters of Paris can hardly be recognized, so extensive was the wreckage caused by the storm. Police keep back the curious spectators, for the wood pavement for yards around the great cavities caused by the flood undulates under the pressure of the moving earth underneath.

Police, firemen, soldiers and laborers are clearing away the debris in search of bodies, but the work is slow.

Public opinion has been aroused by the disaster and the press is unanimous in its attacks on the authorities, who, it is pointed out, have permitted the capital to be honeycombed by subways, electric, water and gas mains, without a semblance of supervision.

Three additional caveins occurred at the Rue Gluck, the Place de Rome and at the Saint Lazare station and at the Place d'Iena. At one of these points a telephone junction box was destroyed, cutting off 3000 subscribers.

At Troyes lightning struck a military tent, killing a soldier and injuring several others.

Boy Keeps Long Vigil.

Tacoma, Wash.—Terror stricken, 8-year-old Stanley Gilmore stood a lone death watch for eight hours Wednesday over the lifeless body of his 4-year-old brother, Hubert, who accidentally shot himself while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Gilmore, of Wilkeson, were in Tacoma. When the mother and father returned home they found little Stanley lying on the floor by the side of the bed, on which he had lifted his brother, whom he found dead at noon. He was in a nervous collapse.

Sheep Die Mysteriously.

Pendleton, Or.—About 400 sheep running on the range in the mountains near Meacham, in the eastern part of Umatilla county, have died mysteriously in the last few days, according to reports received here by Al and William Slusher, who have a large flock in that district. Al Slusher hurried to the mountains with a crew of men to investigate. It is reported that the sheep apparently died of poisoning.

GREAT BALLOON RACE FINISHED

Aeronauts in Air Many Hours
and Go Many Miles.

Fourth Excursion Lost in Wilds of
Forest Reserve and Wander
Aimlessly Five Days.

The National balloon race is over. Captain Watts, in the Kansas City III, won with a distance of between 75 and 80 miles.

Roy Donaldson and Aide Henderson, who sailed away in the Springfield III, landed at Blue Lake, northeast of Portland, a distance of 45 to 50 miles, and won second place.

Captain Berry, of St. Louis, won third, and Captain Honeywell fourth. The four balloons that started from Portland during the Rose Festival are accounted for, their pilots and aides are safe, either at home or on their way back to Eastern cities.

It was not until Wednesday, nearly a week later, that the public generally breathed a sigh of relief and relatives of Wilbur Henderson and Roy Donaldson rendered thanks when the joyful news of their safety was announced.

The news was flashed by telephone to Portland from a ranger's hut, in the wild and savage country to the east of Bull Run reserve, that the two emaciated men, almost on the point of collapse, had staggered towards his door begging for food.

The three other balloons had been accounted for by the following Saturday. When no news had come of the last, the Springfield, the delay led to general alarm, which gave place in the minds of the majority of people to a feeling that too much time had elapsed for either of the two occupants to be alive.

Each hour had lessened their chances, while the possibilities of finding them by search, remote at any time, had been still further lessened by the various rumors and fictitious reports that the balloon had been seen here, there and everywhere.

This is why the telephone carried such welcome news. The aeronauts were safe. No one knew definitely any more than that.

Then the search parties organized, by W. M. Davis, who immediately had telephoned the glad tidings, set out from their headquarters to go to Aims and from there to Walkers' Prairie to find the wanderers.

It is considered remarkable that, with all the searchers at work, forest rangers, deputy sheriffs, private citizens, dwellers in the neighborhood, working almost night and day to find them, these two men found themselves. Until they walked into the ranger's cabin, not a person had seen them nor a word from them could have come to any living soul unless there had been a man stationed practically on every five yards of ground.

The landing places and results of the race are as follows:

Watts and Fawcett—Winners with a flight of 75 to 80 miles. Watts gets first prize. Landed 9:20 Friday morning 11 miles north of Cascadia, Linn county.

Donaldson and Henderson—Winners of second honors with a flight of 45 miles, landing near Blue Lake, in Bull Run district, at 7 a. m. last Friday.

Berry and Morrison—Winners of third honors with flight of 27 miles. Landed at 8 p. m., same day of flight, near Clarkes, Clackamas county.

Honeywell and Stewart—Last in race, with 18-mile flight. Landed 7:30 p. m., same day of flight, near Beaver Creek, Clackamas county.

All four of the balloons landed in Oregon.

Notorious Chinese Brigand Escapes With 1000 Men

Pekin—"White Wolf," the notorious Chinese brigand, together with 1000 of his followers, broke through the circle of regular troops which had surrounded him on Lily mountain, 1000 miles to the south of Lanchow, since June 4.

"White Wolf," after devastating the provinces of Nan and Shen Si, on June 4, attacked Tao Chow, in the extreme south of Kan Su, and, after robbing the inhabitants, burned the town to the ground. He and his followers were surrounded afterward by the regular troops.

Father of Duchess Sued.

New York—A suit for \$100,000 damages for alleged breach of promise has been brought against Eugene Zimmerman, of Cincinnati, father of the Duchess of Manchester, by Miss Icy Wareham, a dog fancier of this city, it was learned here. According to an affidavit by Miss Wareham, reciting the grounds for suit given in the complaint, the alleged promise to marry was made in this city on or about December 20, last.