

RECOVERING DEAD

REMAINS OF 71 PENNSYLVANIA MINERS BROUGHT OUT.

Work Has Just Begun for One Hundred More Men are Sure to Have Perished—Remains of Many are Burned to a Crisp and All are Horribly Mangled—Bereaved are Stupefied With Grief.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 29.—Three days have elapsed since the terrible catastrophe at the Harwick mine of the Allegheny Coal company and tonight at midnight 71 bodies have been recovered and brought to the surface. Only one of these has been identified. The day has been one of horror in the little village on the hill above the pit mouth, but even while the blackened bodies were brought from the top of the shaft and then on sleds to the schoolhouse on the hill above, where the undertakers were ready to receive them, there seemed to prevail in the community a clutch that repressed their natural feelings of passionate anxiety and sorrow, the grim realization that there is still much work to be done before the full extent of the catastrophe has been realized.

The Allegheny Coal company tonight in an official statement positively admitted that all of the men who were in the mine when the explosion occurred are dead. There are 171 names on the list, which does not include Selwyn M. Taylor, or the two men who were on the tippie above the mine shaft when the explosion came. Nor does the list include the name of Daniel Lysle, of Castle Shannon, whose body was found in the mine this morning. He was one of the men who went down in the mine to work last night but became separated from the rest and wandered off. His body was found sitting with his back to the wall of one of the rooms.

INCREASES PENSIONS OF MANY.

House Bill Makes \$8 Instead of \$6 Per Month the Minimum.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Representative Sulloway, of New Hampshire, chairman of the committee on invalid pensions, today introduced a distinctly service and age pension bill, which will give to each soldier who served 90 days and who reaches the age of 62 years, \$8 per month; 66 years, \$10 per month, and 70 years, \$12 per month. In addition to the foregoing rates, his bill gives to the men who served two years or more an additional increase of \$2 a month in each of the above classes.

The bill increases the minimum of pensions allowed to \$8 per month, instead of \$6, which will increase the pensions of 12,394 soldiers who are now on the rolls at \$6 per month. The bill further provides that the pensions of widows who married soldiers prior to January 1, 1870, and who are now on the rolls drawing \$8, shall be increased to \$12. Heretofore the law has been that they could not get \$12 unless their husbands die of disease contracted in the service.

GREATER NAVY IS FAVORED.

House Committee Discusses Recommendations of Moody.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Secretary Moody concluded his recommendations today before the house committee on naval affairs. He presented two plans prepared by the general board of the navy as the building plan for next year. The first was based on an expenditure of \$34,000,000, and included provision for one battleship, one armored cruiser, three protected cruisers, four scout cruisers, two squadron colliers and two submarine boats. The second plan provides for an expenditure of \$30,000,000, and is a duplicate of the first programme with elimination of two of the scout cruisers.

The secretary recommended building naval stations at Guantanamo, Cuba, and Subig Bay, P. I. The station in Cuba, ultimately, is to cost \$12,000,000, and the one in the Philippines \$9,000,000. One million dollars is asked this year for the Guantanamo station, and a little less than that amount for the one in the Philippines.

Japan Takes 20 Steamers.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 29.—The steamer Kaga Maru, which arrived this morning, brought news that 20 steamers had been commandeered by the Japanese government before she sailed, all for the naval department. The five liners of the Australian line of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, including the just completed Nikko Maru, had their fittings torn out and were hurried to Yokohama to be fitted as torpedo-carriers. Three steamers of the American route to San Francisco had been taken and will be made auxiliary cruisers.

Kaiser May Slip In.

Paris, Jan. 29.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald has telegraphed an extraordinary story to the effect that Germany and Denmark have reached an understanding under the terms of which, in the event of Great Britain fighting with Japan against Russia, Germany would amicably occupy Copenhagen with a powerful force, closing the Baltic and preventing the Russian fleet from leaving.

Will Be Russia's Last Word.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—The Paris correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt claims authority for the statement that the forthcoming Russian note to Japan will be Russia's last word in the matter. The correspondent says also that Russia is particularly opposed to the fortification of Mesampho.

HEYBURN URGES LAND REFORM.

Idaho Senator Makes His Maiden Speech—Stone Talks of Panama.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The time of the senate today was again divided between consideration of the Panama question and other subjects. There was only one speech on the canal, and it was made by Stone, of Missouri, who spoke to a resolution directing the senate committee on foreign relations to make an investigation into the Panama revolt. He contended the circumstances indicated complicity on the part of the United States in the secession of Panama, and urged that in the interest of the country's good name, all the facts should be known.

Heyburn, of Idaho, made his first speech in the senate in support of a resolution introduced by himself prohibiting railroad companies from taking up land in a solid body in lieu of land in forest reservations.

A number of bills were passed including one for a memorial bridge across the Potomac river at Washington.

When the senate convened, Heyburn made an address on his resolution directing a stay of proceedings on applications to patent even numbered sections of public lands in lieu of odd numbered sections, held by railroad companies in forest reserves. He complained that the present law permits railroads to surrender worthless lands, and take up other territory of much greater value. The resolution was referred to the committee on public lands.

TIRED OF GETTING LETTERS.

The Sultan of Morocco Finally Gives \$50,000 to the St. Louis Fair.

St. Louis, Jan. 28.—In the list of nations which are to be represented at the world's fair by national pavilions, Morocco probably will be missing. Secretary Stevens states that it is not now expected that Morocco will officially participate by erecting a pavilion, but that some use, doubtless, will be made of the \$50,000 appropriated.

According to information received by the exposition officials from Commissioner J. W. S. Langerman, who recently returned from a mission to Morocco, being empowered as the sultan's commissioner on his return, the amount appropriated by that potentate was \$50,000. Anent this appropriation an interesting story is told by Mr. Danforth, assistant to Commissioner Langerman. The amount was not given with very good grace, according to Mr. Danforth, who quotes the sultan as saying:

"Here is \$50,000. Take it. I don't care whether you use it for the world's fair or put it in your own pocket. I don't know where St. Louis is, except that it is somewhere in the United States, and I don't care. And please tell President Francis, whoever he is, to stop writing me letters about his fair, as I am tired of getting them."

JAPAN WANTS EARLY REPLY.

Russian Minister Given to Understand Delay is Too Great.

Tokyo, Jan. 28.—The Japanese government has diplomatically intimated to Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister, that an early response is desired to Japan's recent note to Russia. It is calculated here that the Japanese note reached the Russian cabinet on the afternoon of January 16, and it is felt that sufficient time has elapsed for its consideration and the preparation of a response. The Japanese government is conscious of the possible necessities of the military and naval situation, and is unwilling to permit evasions and delays which are designed to gain time.

The future course of the Japanese government is a carefully guarded secret. The length of time that Japan is prepared to await the pleasure of Russia is unknown. It seems probable that it has been determined to act decisively within a few days. The popular temper has long opposed further delay.

While many objected to Japan taking the initiative, a majority would now welcome the issuance of a brief ultimatum and a declaration of war if that should prove ineffective. Some outside opinion here inclines to the belief that the activities of Japan will be limited to the seizure of Corea, which enterprise, it is thought, Russia would not oppose.

Adopts Gold Standard.

Washington, Jan. 28.—A belated report has been received at the state department from United States Minister Beaupre, at Bogota, upon the monetary law of Colombia, which was passed by the Colombian congress at its last session. The bill provides that the monetary unit shall be the gold dollar of the United States; that future emission of paper money be prohibited; that in the departments and provinces where silver has hitherto been current coinage it shall keep to the gold unit and all paper money burned.

Czar Moves Troops.

Port Arthur, Jan. 28.—It is reported that about 150 wagons loaded with army stores have left Lino Yang daily for the past four days for the Yalu river, where it is intended to concentrate 8,000 Port Arthur and Mukden troops. The authorities assert that the hostility of Japan compels mobilization on the Yalu, and on this river Russia has heretofore carefully avoided alarming Corea by an appearance of threatening Japan.

Consuls to Reach Posts Soon.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Under the provisions of the treaty with China, the state department intends to dispatch at once by the shortest route, Messrs. Cheshire and Davidson, the two consuls to Mukden and Antung. They will be able to reach their posts in five or six weeks.

MINERS ENTOMBED

EXPLOSION OF GAS CAUSES DEATH OF NEARLY 200.

Only One Employee Who Went Down in the Morning Has Returned—No Warning of Disaster—Rescue Impossible on Account of Foul Air—Many Heart-rending Scenes.

Pittsburg, Jan. 27.—From all that can be gathered at this hour, between 180 and 190 men are lying dead in the headings and passageways of the Harwick mine of the Allegheny coal company, at Cheswic, the result of a terrific explosion today. Cage after cage has gone down into the mine and come up again, but only one miner of all those that went down to work this morning has been brought to the surface. The rescued man is Adolph Guina, and he is still in a semi-conscious condition at the temporary hospital at the rude schoolhouse on the hillside above the mine.

In addition to the miners who were at work when the explosion occurred, it is now believed by practically all of the men of the rescue party who have come up the 220-foot vertical shaft for a warning and a breathing spell that Selwyn M. Taylor, the Pittsburg mining engineer, who planned the mine, and who was the first to reach the bottom after the explosion happened, is also now among the list of dead. Of those in the mine all are probably dead.

The explosion occurred at 8:30 o'clock this morning, and the first warning was the sudden rumble under the ground and then a sheet of flame followed up the deep shaft. Both mine cages were hurled through the tippie, 20 feet above the landing stage, and the three men on the tippie were hurled to the ground. A mule was thrown high above the shaft, and fell dead on the ground. The injured men were brought at once to this city, where two of them have since died.

As soon as the rumble of the explosion and the crash at the pit mouth startled the little village, the wives and children of the men below rushed to the scene of the disaster, but to gain no encouragement. There was no way to get into the deep workings. The cages that let the men into the mines, and brought them out again when the day's work was done, were both demolished.

All day long there was a jam of waiting women and children about the mouth of the pit. There were calls for assistance and for surgical aid from the men in charge of the mine, but it was not until 4 o'clock this afternoon that the first attempt at rescue was made. This was a failure, as the two men who had volunteered were driven back by the foul air. Shortly after 5 o'clock Selwyn M. Taylor and one of his assistants signaled for the engineer to lower them into the shaft. Taylor is still down there. Three times efforts have been made to reach him, but so far without avail.

FIRE DESTROYS NORWAY TOWN.

Inhabitants Become Panicstricken and Lose All Their Property.

Aalesund, Norway, Jan. 27.—The fire which swept over this town yesterday morning destroyed every building in it with the exception of the hospital. The 11,000 inhabitants of Aalesund were compelled to camp in the open, as only a few damaged and uninhabitable houses were left standing. The children of the town had to be housed temporarily in the church at Borgund.

The panic among the people was so great after the outbreak of the flames that all attempts at leadership or discipline became out of the question; no excesses, however, were committed. The people first endeavored to save some of their property, but they soon found they had quite enough to do to save their own lives.

Russian Troops Expect War.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 26.—Four Italians, who have been working on the Manchurian railway, who arrived by the Victoria from Yokohama today, report the Russian soldiers all expectant of speedy war with Japan, have been passing through there and large detachments of artillery have been arriving. Great camps of soldiers are being made at many points ready for concentration on the Yalu frontier when necessary. Fortifications were being hurriedly erected in many places in Manchuria.

HEROES AT FIRE.

Elevator Men in Chicago Skyscraper Stick to Their Posts.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Fire in the 20-story Masonic temple caused a panic among the 4,000 occupants of the building, and damaged the stock and fixtures of tenants to the extent of \$20,000. All occupants of the building escaped without serious injury through the bravery of the elevator men, who remained at their posts operating their cars while dense clouds of smoke filled the building.

The fire broke out in the suite of five rooms on the fifth floor occupied by Robert Friedlander & Co., manufacturers of X-ray apparatus. A lighted match, carelessly thrown by an employe into a pile of excelsior in the packing room is believed to have started the fire. There was a large number of X-ray vacuum tubes stored in the company's rooms, and these exploded the moment the heat reached them.

The thousands of occupants of the building, with the memory of the Iroquois theater holocaust, which occurred but one-half block away, fresh in their minds, were alarmed when clouds of smoke filled every floor and rushed to the elevators. Many women fainted in the scramble to get into the elevators, but none was seriously injured. The large building was emptied within half an hour after the fire was discovered. Hundreds of men and women groped their way through the smoke and came down the stairs.

That the damage to property and individuals was not greater was probably due largely to the efficiency of the fire drill of the employes. When the great fire bell at the top of the rotunda sounded the alarm of fire, every janitor, engineer and fireman in the building responded and long before the fire department had reached the scene the temple fire brigade had attached hose to the stand pipes which extend from the basement to the roof of the structure and eight streams of water were turned upon the conflagration by the volunteer firemen. The fire department used but little of its hose, the building's equipment being called into use.

WORK CAN GO ON.

The Dalles Canal Will Not Be Delayed for Lack of Funds.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Senators Mitchell and Fulton have made a thorough investigation of the status of Oregon improvements, in view of no river and harbor bill at this session. They found that only one project can be taken care of in the ordinary way—in the sundry civil appropriation bill—and that is the canal locks at The Dalles. The senators were advised by the chief of engineers that there was on hand January 1 an unexpended balance of \$1,200,000 for the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river. The amount for the river between Portland and the sea was less than \$100,000. For this project Major Langfitt recommended \$1,200,000, but the war department cut the amount down to \$500,000, believing that no more than that amount could be utilized in one year. It was stated by the chief of engineers that the half million, if it could be obtained this year by any means, would be sufficient until a river and harbor bill could be passed early in the session, perhaps before the holiday recess.

The engineers recommended, and the war department concurred in the recommendation for the appropriation of \$500,000. In addition, \$125,000 is favored for dredging. It is deemed very important, the senators say, that this appropriation should be made, but under the existing conditions it cannot go in the regular sundry civil bill, in the regular course. All of the Oregon improvements, except The Dalles, are affected, and it is doubtful whether anything can be done before January of next year. It is the intention of the delegation to make the very best fight possible to get the necessary funds for carrying on the Oregon improvements.

Cost of Field Maneuvers.

Washington, Jan. 26.—A request for an appropriation of \$1,245,366 for field maneuvers for 1905, and of \$1,255,466 for the same purpose for the fiscal year of 1906, was transmitted to the house today from the war department. It is proposed, General Chaffee says, to hold the maneuvers in two of the four military divisions of the country each year. During the present year they are to be held in the Atlantic and Pacific divisions.

Great Radium Discovery.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 26.—What is said to be the richest radium bearing earth in the world has been discovered in the Llano gold and coal fields, 115 miles north of this city. Rumors of the discovery of the earth bearing a large per cent of radium in the Llano have been persistent for some time, and today these rumors were verified by the return of a party of scientists who had visited the mine to investigate the reports.

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