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NINETY MINERS DEAD

As the Result of a Cavein at Pittston, Pa.

WERE PROPPING UP THE ROOF.

While It Is Possible That Some of the Men May be Behind the Fall, It Would be Impossible for Them to Survive in a Gaseous Mine.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 28.—While ninety miners were at work in the red ash vein of the Twin shaft, at Pittston, about 8 o'clock yesterday morning, the roof caved in, and it is believed that all of the men perished. About forty of the imprisoned men were English speaking miners, the others foreigners.

The following married men are among those entombed in the mine: M. J. Langan, inside superintendent, 49 years old; M. J. Lynott, inside foreman, 43; Alexander McCormick, 42; Thomas Murphy, driver boss, 39; James Costello, 24; John Kehoe, 40; James McDonald, 38; Ed Delaney, 38; Cornelius McGuire, 34; James Golden, 34; James Wall, 45; Michael O'Brien, 45; Michael Hughes, 35; Ed Kilday, 36; John Gaffney, 33; Patrick Ruane, 40; Thomas Tenpenny, fire boss, 34; Anthony Gordon, 28; Peter Martin, 25; Michael Ford, 29; Thomas Cardin, 28; John Oberle, 32, and Peter Joyce, 32.

The following victims of the disaster are all unmarried: Thomas Doing, 30; Timothy Durbrick, 25; Patrick Gibbons; Daniel Gavin; John Gill, 22; P. S. Kelly, 25; Patrick Boland; Anthony Kane, 34; J. W. Murphy, 28; Owen Lee, 22; Thomas Wall, 18; Dominick O'Malley, 30; Michael Gaughan, 24; John Hart, 30; James Dudley, 20; Michael Connell, 34; Daniel Ward, 38; Thomas Gaffney; Frank Kehoe, 19; James Burke, 35.

The following Hungarians are also entombed: John Holsten, Joseph Durenda, Tony Tollaski, Peter Savoski, Andrew Slovinski, Ignatz Maskovitz and John Cadamiski. All are married except the last named.

In addition there are about twenty other Hungarians and Poles whose names could not be learned.

Mr. Langan was acting mayor of the city and M. J. Lynott a ward councillor.

The men were at work propping up the roof when the fall occurred. The alarm was immediately given by the ringing of the fire bells, and rescuers were put to work without delay. At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the first bodies were found in the slope some distance from the plane where the men had been working.

About two weeks ago the surveyors reported to General Superintendent Law that the mine was "squeezing," and that unless steps were immediately taken to timber it a cavein or fall might be looked for. Superintendent Law lost no time, but at once put a number of timbersmen at work to brace the falling roof. The "squeeze" continued, however, and on Saturday the situation became alarming. In the afternoon a slight fall occurred, and the men who were at work had to retreat before it. A consultation of mine officials was then held, and it was decided that heroic measures would have to be resorted to to prevent heavy damage to the mine.

Inside Superintendent Langan gave instructions that the most experienced miners should be secured, and that the party would go down the mine at 1 o'clock. Expert timbermen put in an appearance at that hour and were soon lowered into the workings. They made their way to the red ash vein, 1,500 feet down the slope. The work of propping proceeded rapidly until 11 o'clock, when another fall occurred. It made a low, rumbling noise, and the flying coal and debris drove the men back.

Then the "squeeze" ceased again and the men thought it was safe to resume work. They labored until 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning, when, so it is presumed, the roof fell in without warning, making a tremendous crash. If the men received any warning they had time to run up the slope, but not to any great distance. The falling rock and coal filled up the slope and the adjoining gangways, completely shutting off all avenues of escape.

It is still possible that living men may still be behind the fall, although it is extremely improbable. Even if they escaped being crushed by the falling roof, the possibility of their being alive for any length of time in a gaseous mine is remote.

The alarm was first given by Water Carrier John Sheridan, who, with William Richard and Thomas Gill, were the only ones to escape of the whole party who entered the mine Saturday night. He was on his way up the slope to get some fresh water for the men, and when about a hundred feet from the foot of the shaft was knocked down by the concussion. He was badly cut and burned by flying coal and rock. He lay unconscious for ten minutes, and then came up the shaft.

The concussion was so great that it was heard for miles around. The foundations of nearly every building in Pittston were shaken, and windows and doors rattled as in a tornado. In the houses nearer to the mine persons were thrown from their beds.

People rushed from their houses, thinking it an earthquake, but the ringing of the fire bells and the shrieking of the big mine whistle told the story. Crowds of people gathered about the mouth of the shaft and numbered thousands by day-break. Stalwart men stood appalled, and frantic women who had husbands or sons in the doomed mine wailed in despair. One mother cried out that she had two sons below. Another was the wife or widow of some unfortunate, and had nine helpless children at home. Many knelt on the ground, and in voices broken with sobs implored divine Providence to restore their loved ones alive. When it was given out that there was little or no hope of rescuing the men alive women and girls fainted, and were borne away senseless.

Young Sheridan, the water boy, who had such a narrow escape, tells a thrilling tale of the disaster. He thinks there was an explosion of gas, which blew down the newly erected timbers and caused the cavein. When he left the mine to go out the slope to get water those inside had no apprehension of a fall or a "squeeze."

Everything was working nicely, and the men expected to be out of the mine within another hour. "The report of the fall," says the boy, was like a hundred cannon, and the force of it blew me fully twenty-five feet. I was hurled against the side of the slope. A piece of rock hit me back of the head, the wound commenced to bleed and I fainted."

Richards and Gill, who were on their way out after timber, concurred with Sheridan that the concussion was terrific. They were knocked off their feet and banged against some brattice work. They cannot conceive the possibility of anybody being in the wreck and escaping with his life.

THE MEXICAN ELECTION.

No Doubt of the Triumphant Re-election of President Diaz.

MINISTER ROMERO'S RESIGNATION.

Tendered on Account of an Article in an Official Journal—in a Complimentary Letter from the Foreign Relations Minister He Is Urged to Remain at His Post.

CITY OF MEXICO, June 29.—The preliminary federal election occurred yesterday all over the republic, and 16,000 electors will meet in various districts next Sunday and vote for the president, magistrates and members of the congress. There is no doubt of the triumphant election of General Diaz, whose candidacy has been welcomed in all parts of the republic. The polling booths were opened all over the City of Mexico and the election officers were busy. The lower classes abstained from voting.

A letter published from Hon. Matias Romero, Mexican minister at Washington, resigning his post on account of an article published in an official journal regarding the resignation of the minister, and which Minister Romero left to be severe in its judgment of his views regarding the proper settlement of that question.

Minister Romero reviews his patriotic labors in behalf of the country, often at great personal cost and inconvenience. He adds: "I have continued in my post believing that my long residence in the United States, my knowledge of its public men, and, above all, the kind welcome I have fortunately been given by all classes in that country, would enable me to lend effective services to Mexico; but if the incident referred to, or any other, has caused me to lose this confidence of my government, I shall not remain a single day longer in that post, and shall regard it as an especial favor that I be relieved of so burdensome an employment, in which it is necessary above all to have the confidence and the decided support of my government."

Minister of Foreign Relations Mariscal, in replying to Minister Romero, assures him of the entire confidence of the government, and says that the article in the official journal was made necessary by an editorial in an opposition paper, which had availed itself, in making a rude attack on the government, of the minister's arguments, and that a rectification in the official journal did not involve any reproach, but was only an explicit contradiction of statements made by the opposition papers.

In conclusion Minister Mariscal urges Minister Romero to put aside the fears which his delicacy have inspired and continue serving the republic with his accustomed abnegation and zeal.

The Associated Press interviewed Minister Romero last night to see if he had reconsidered his resignation, in view of the flattering terms of the letter of the foreign relations minister, but he said he could say nothing.

Two Filibustering Steamers Captured.

KEY WEST, Fla., June 27.—The steamer City of Key West which left here Wednesday morning with a filibustering expedition and arms and ammunition supposedly for Cuba, arrived here last night in charge of Lieutenant Hay, of the revenue cutter Winona, she having been captured off the Florida reef. The Winona also captured the steamer Three Friends, which is now on her way here. The cargo and men on board the City of Key West were to have been transferred to the Three Friends. Her arrival has created great excitement. An immense crowd was on the wharf. Great indignation is expressed by Cuban and American residents.

Shooting at a Church Funeral.

BAY CITY, Mich., June 29.—The row in the Polish Catholic church, which resulted in a large faction of the membership keeping the pastor, Father Matkowski, away from the church premises for months past, yesterday developed an exciting row. While a funeral was being conducted two of the Poles quarreled and exchanged blows. The adherents of the combatants took sides, and while the excitement was at its height some one in the crowd fired a revolver. The result was that two men were wounded, neither of them seriously. After this incident peace was again restored for the time being.

DEMOCRATIC POLITICS.

Ohio Puts Forth Another Candidate for the Presidency.

SILVERITES CARRIED EVERYTHING.

In New York State the Believers in a Gold Standard Carried the Democratic State Convention—Indiana for Matthews and Free Silver—Altgeld's Victory in Illinois.

COLUMBUS, O., June 25.—The Democratic state convention concluded last night after being in session continuously all day. It was primarily a silver convention and secondarily the budding of a boom for John R. McLean for the presidential nomination at Chicago. Of the 673 delegates 542 voted for free silver and 618 for McLean. Three men were mentioned by the delegates as Ohio's favorite for the Chicago convention—McLean, Campbell and Bookwalter. Ex-Governor Campbell had been a favorite until the silver tidal wave struck the state, but he was considered too conservative on the silver question.

When ex-Governor Campbell and his friends arrived here and found the sentiment drifting for McLean or Bookwalter they supported the former, defeating Bookwalter in a hot fight for delegate, and thus ending the Bookwalter boom for president, and leaving the field, so far as Ohio is concerned, to McLean, with the unit rule annexed. Today the McLean boom for president is no longer under cover. It is currently reported that Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, and others outside of the state are in the McLean movement.

The ticket selected by the convention is as follows: Delegates-at-large, John R. McLean, Allen W. Thurman, L. E. Holden and E. B. Finley; alternates-at-large, T. E. Powell and Charles S. Fleichheimer; secretary of state, Chilton A. White; judge of the supreme court, E. J. Blandin; dairy and food commissioner, Patrick McKeown; member of the board of public works, William Beaumont.

Governor Altgeld Renominated.

PEORIA, Ill., June 24.—For Governor, P. Altgeld of Chicago; lieutenant governor, Monroe C. Crawford of Union county; secretary of state, Finnis E. Downing of Cass county; auditor, W. F. Beck of Richland county; treasurer, Edward C. Pace of Coles county; attorney general, George E. Trade of Chicago; University trustees, Julia Holmes Smith, R. B. Morgan and M. W. Graham; delegates-at-large, John P. Altgeld, S. P. McConnell, W. H. Hinrichsen and George W. Fithian; national committeeman, Thomas Gahan, of Chicago. Notwithstanding Governor Altgeld's repeated declinations, the nomination was forced upon him by acclamation, every delegate rising in his seat and cheering like mad. The platform is unequivocally for free silver.

North Carolina Democrats for Silver.

RALEIGH, June 26.—The Democratic state convention ended its session at 4:30 this morning. The delegates-at-large to Chicago are John R. Webster, Thomas J. Jarvis, Edward J. Hale and A. M. Waddell. These and district delegates are instructed to vote as a unit unflinchingly and at all hazards for the restoration of silver. The state ticket nominated is: Cyrus B. Watson, governor; Thomas W. Mason, lieutenant governor; Charles M. Cook, secretary of state; Robert M. Furman, auditor; Benjamin F. Aycock, treasurer; Frank I. Osborne, attorney general; John C. Scarborough, superintendent of public instruction; A. C. Avery and G. H. Brown, justices of the supreme court.

Texas Democrats Indorse Bland.

AUSTIN, Tex., June 25.—An indorsement of Bland for president, and a straight-out silver platform at 16 to 1, regardless of the action of any foreign government, was the sum and substance of the Democratic silver convention which adjourned sine die yesterday after two days' session. The interest of yesterday's session outside of the fight over the platform, which was precipitated by some not wanting to make the silver issue independent of any other nation, was the row that was precipitated over the effort to have delegates instructed for Bland for president. The Democratic believers in a gold standard, who held a separate convention, will also have a delegation appealing for admission at Chicago.

Governor Atkinson Renominated.

MACON, Ga., June 26.—The Democratic state convention renominated the following state officers: For governor, W. Y. Atkinson; secretary of state, A. B. Candler; attorney general, J. M. Terrill; commissioner of agriculture, R. T. Nesbitt; comptroller general, W. A. Wright. W. J. Speer was nominated for state treasurer, the present incumbent, R. U. Harde-man, retiring. The platform declares for the free, unlimited and independent coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

Indiana Democrats Want Matthews.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 25.—At the Indiana Democratic state convention yesterday the Hon. Benjamin F. Shively, of St. Joseph county, who was nominated for governor, received 1,646 votes out of a total of 1,747. Ex-Congressman Cooper, the candidate of the gold standard element, received the remaining 101 votes. The convention declared for free silver and for Hon. Claude Matthews for president.

THE ONLY True Blood Purifier prominently in the public eye today is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Therefore get Hood's and ONLY HOOD'S.

Emperor William Studying Finance.

BERLIN, June 28.—It is the general expectation in official circles that a fresh attempt will be made in Germany in the autumn to arrive at an international understanding on currency matters. The preparatory work in anticipation of this course will be done during the summer by a high official of the foreign office. Emperor William, who has started away on his vacation, will devote his time, apart from current business, to the study of the currency question.

Arton Gets Six Years.

PARIS, June 29.—M. Arton, who was prominently identified with the Panama canal scandal, has been sentenced to six years' imprisonment at hard labor for his complicity in the fraudulent transactions that led to the scandal, and to pay back the money he embezzled from the company. M. Arton disappeared from Paris very soon after the Panama scandal promised to be made the subject of a judicial inquiry, and was extradited from England last year.

Venezuela Backs Down.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Minister Andrade, of Venezuela, yesterday received a telegram from his government announcing that the British crown surveyor, Mr. Harrison, whose arrest has caused strained feelings between the two governments, has been released by order of the Venezuelan authorities.

Death from Gasoline Explosion.

BORDENTOWN, N. J., June 29.—Anna Schick, wife of George Schick, who was frightfully burned on Saturday by her clothes taking fire while cooking on a gasoline stove, died at an early hour yesterday morning.

Dig down to the cause of your sickness, if you want to get well and stay well. Most likely its indigestion. The irritating poisons of fermenting, putrid food, left in the stomach by indigestion cause headache, neuralgia, dizziness, stomach-ache, nausea, irritability, and all the other well known symptoms of indigestion.

They also cause many pains and disorders which are often laid to other causes and hence are not easily cured. But as soon as the poisons are removed, all these symptoms and disorders disappear, because there is nothing left to cause them. Nothing succeeds in this like Shaker Digestive Cordial, because it prevents the undigested food from fermenting in the stomach and helps the stomach digest its food. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

Cornell Seniors' Great Victory.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 27.—The four mile straightaway boat race between Harvard, Cornell, Columbia and Pennsylvania, on the Hudson last evening was won by Cornell's eight in the phenomenal time of 19 minutes and 29 seconds. Harvard was second, Pennsylvania third and Columbia fourth. The race was a hard one for two miles, but after that Cornell had it their own way. Harvard tried their old scheme of tiring out Cornell at the start, but it failed. Cornell rowed a clean race, and without a break of any kind. It is estimated that 30,000 persons saw the race.

Crete's Christian Governor.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 29.—Georgi Berovitch, Prince of Samos, has been appointed governor of Crete in succession to the Mussulman governor, Abdullah Pasha. The island of Samos is autonomous, although it pays a tribute to the Turkish government, and Prince Georgi is a Christian. The recall of the former Christian governor of Crete, Carathodary Pasha, who was implicated in the Armenian troubles, fanned into flame the smouldering discontent of the Cretan Christians, and resulted in the disorders which have prevailed for several months in the island.

Actor Gentry Convicted.

PHILADELPHIA, June 29.—Actor James B. Gentry was found guilty of murder in the first degree. The verdict was reached only after thirteen hours of careful deliberation by the jury, and was rendered on Saturday morning. That some members of the jury were in favor of a second degree verdict is inferred by the length of time it took them to decide Gentry's fate. A few of them were for first degree from the beginning, and their arguments soon overcame a few others. As the verdict was rendered Gentry visibly weakened, the tears streaming down his face.

First Degree Verdict Against Farrell.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., June 29.—The most dramatic and sensational homicide trial ever conducted in the history of Blair county ended here Saturday afternoon in the conviction of James Farrell, the defendant, of murder in the first degree. Farrell's accomplice, Frank Wilson, was convicted last January of the same crime, and is now confined in the county jail awaiting the imposition of the death penalty.

Another "Unconstitutional" Law.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., June 29.—In the circuit court here Judge Wright decided that the state law requiring the national flag to be displayed over every schoolhouse in the state during school hours was unconstitutional and void. He quashed the indictments recently returned by the grand jury against Governor Altgeld, the trustees of the University of Illinois here and the officials of the city schools for violation of the law.