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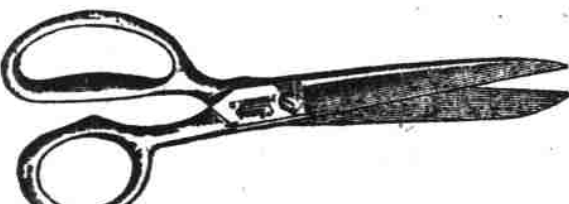
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## THE WRECKS OF HOUSES AND MOUNTAIN HIGH

Awful Scenes Along the Eighty-Mile Track of the Flood in the Pocahontas Region.

Whole Villages Swept Away, and Railroad and Telegraph Destroyed.

LOSS OF LIFE LESS THAN AT FIRST REPORTED

Bodies of the Dead Floating in the Streams and Caught in the Wreckage on Shores.

From a Laffan bureau correspondent. Bluefield, W. Va., June 24.—Although two days have passed since the suddenly rising waters of the North Fork and Elkhorn wrought such havoc among the mining villages scattered through the Pocahontas coal region, no one is able to make more than a guessing estimate of the loss of human life and property. It is certain that the damage to railroad and railroad and mining property was enormous. Fortunately the sacrifice of men, women and children whose homes were in the path of flood is much smaller than was first reported. General Manager Johnson of the Norfolk and Western says he believes the number of lost does not exceed 60. Despite the confident reports brought to the edge of the flooded region by a few straggling miners and others estimating that the loss aggregates 200 or more, it is significant that none of them can name a single village where more than four lives were lost. It is probable General Manager Johnson's estimate is exaggerated.

The flood was paralyzing in its effects. It paralyzed communication both by rail and telegraph and apparently benumbed the senses of the inhabitants of the mining villages. The facts certain are that the tracks of the Norfolk and Western are broken and useless for eighty miles in West Virginia. Telegraph over the same distance is useless. At least thirty drowned or killed are floating in the debris and the damage to the railroad and other property is about \$2,000,000.

The flood began at 2 o'clock Saturday morning. The rain fell in torrents for six hours. Fortunately the highest water of the in-rushing mountain streams did not occur till after day-break, thus giving many a chance to escape.

The flood subsided almost as rapidly as it rose, but in the short time it did enormous damage. The rails of the Norfolk and Western in many places are twisted like straws.

Not a bridge remains in the eighty mile section affected. Houses and trees are piled up in mountainous masses along the beds of streams. The spur tracks leading to the coal mines have slid bodily down the mountain sides. Even coke ovens at some points are swept away with their molten contents. The miners and families stuck to their houses until danger was imminent and before the danger was fully realized the houses began to move away. A man and woman and two children were drowned at Algona and fifty witnessed the sight from the mountain side unable to save them. In the bed and along the sides of the stream between Vivian and Keystone dozens of bodies of miners yet unidentified have been recovered.

The greatest loss was in the eighteen mile strip between Ennis and Vivian. Eleven little mining settlements were the worst sufferers. The inhabitants believe there was a cloudburst early Saturday morning near the headquarters of the North Fork, so sudden and disastrous was the flood. There will likely be some destruction among the miners and their families. At some places nearly all the commissary stores were washed away. The mining companies are doing all possible to relieve the suffering. The mining companies' loss is probably \$500,000.

The relief corps has penetrated a few miles of the stricken territory and no reliable estimate can yet be made of the number of lives lost. Fifteen hundred laborers are now at work clearing

away the debris and repairing the railroad tracks and establishing telegraphic communication. It will be several weeks before railroad traffic will be resumed and probably longer before the mines will be in operation. About twenty collieries and coke manufacturing plants are damaged ranging in extent from four to twenty-five thousand dollars. Today is clear and calm and the work of rescue is being prosecuted with vigor. There are thousands homeless and camping in the mountains. Their distress is augmented by anguish caused by missing children and friends whose fate is unknown. The bodies of John Lewis, white; Ira Nefand, a Hungarian mother and a baby have been recovered.

A graveyard was overflowed and the dead resurrected by the raging torrent went floating away in all stages of decay.

An electric light car has been obtained. It is equipped with complete electric lighting plant and apparatus and will be brought from Hagerstown from a special train so that work can be prosecuted at night. Every effort will be made to open the line for traffic in the shortest possible time.

BEGINNING OF THE FLOOD.

A railroad man at Vivian told the Associated Press correspondent that the rain started Friday night and continued with moderation, when there was a cloudburst while the passenger train was standing in the railroad yards. There were 40 passengers in the cars. The water rose rapidly. Houses and cars were washed away before the eyes of the passengers. Ropes were thrown which the passengers caught and then waded through the water, waist deep, to places of safety around the coke ovens. The ladies were placed on the tender of the engine, where they would be safe. Portions of the railroad yards were washed out and a hundred box cars were wrecked. The house of the postmaster at Vivian was washed away. The young son of the section master rode on drift wood for four miles and lodged

## PLUNGES DOWN AN EMBANKMENT

Wreck of Passenger Train on Pittsburg and Lake Erie Road—Of 275 Passengers Not 20 Escaped Uninjured --Wreck Takes Fire.

Pittsburg, June 24.—A passenger train on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie was wrecked today 26 miles northeast of Pittsburg while going at a speed of 45 miles an hour. Of 275 passengers not 20 escaped uninjured. Two of the train crew were killed, three passengers fatally injured, some dangerously hurt and over a score will be laid up for days with their injuries.

in a tree from which he was rescued. A colored section hand was drowned. The rain ceased at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. There has been no rain since, and the streams are falling. A furniture store and clothing store were washed away, as well as a dozen dwellings in the lower portion of the village. Two dead bodies, both negroes, and three white corpses were found at Empire. Two bridges were washed away at North Fork Junction, and three persons are supposed to have been drowned near the latter place. All the bridges and a trestle were washed away on the Simmons river branch of the Norfolk and Western system. Telegraph lines are down and the tracks badly washed out on this division. The damage over the coal fields is immense. Valuable machinery was washed away.

New York, June 24.—Mayor Lands Blue Fields, W. Va., wires as follows: "It is estimated 200 lives were lost in the Elkhorn flood. The damage to the Norfolk and Western railroad is estimated at half a million dollars and the coal companies' and individuals two million dollars. There is no communication with any point further down the valley than Elkhorn. I am unable to tell whether outside assistance will be needed until further information comes in."

## TO CONTROL THE WORLD'S SALT MARKET

A \$50,000,000 Corporation Being Formed for This Purpose.

New York, June 24.—The combination between the National Salt company, of this country, the Canadian Salt company and the Salt Union of England is about completed. It is believed that the Standard Oil interests are back of the deal. The International Salt company is the name proposed for the new corporation. Outside of savage countries and Russia it will control the markets of the world. The stock of the combine is expected to be \$50,000,000.

## CUBANS WILL RESPECT PLATT AMENDMENT

Havana, June 24.—The republican party of Havana province decided today respect the Platt amendment by a vote of 41 to 15. Guaberto Gomez made a violent speech against their action and later formally resigned from the party and as editor of "La Patria." At the municipal convention of the national party today it was also decided the Platt amendment should be accepted and respected. It was decided, however, that when the republic was established the party would work for the repeal of the Platt amendment by legal means since it tends to curtail independence.

## THE SHRINERS' DANCE

A Merry Ball at the Battery Park Last Night.

The Shriners opened the program for their convention now in session here with a dance at the Battery Park hotel last evening which was largely attended by the Shriners, their wives and daughters, and by the Asheville society folk. At least one hundred couples were in attendance and for several hours they tripped the light fantastic. During the latter half of the evening the german was danced, being led by Dr. Chas. S. Jordan, who piloted the dancers through numerous, varied and intricate figures. The conclusion was an old time Virginia reel in which the older folks joined in with much merriment. Between dances the glasses overran with excellent punch.

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## ADALBERT HAY'S DEATH

The Secretary of State Prostrated by the Calamity.

New Haven, Conn., June 24.—The condition of Secretary Hay, who suffered a collapse last evening shortly after arriving at the residence of Seth H. Mosely, where the body of his son rests, is considerably improved today. Adalbert S. Hay, son of the Secretary and former consul to Pretoria, was found dead on the sidewalk outside the New Haven House at 2:30 o'clock Sunday. It is believed that Hay became ill and went to the window for air, was overcome by a fit of dizziness and fell to the ground.

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## ANOTHER GREAT STEEL COMBINATION

Pennsylvania Railroad Acquires Control of the Cambria Company--Monopoly of Tube Business.

New York, June 24.—The Pennsylvania railroad interests, it was learned in Wall street today, have acquired control of the Cambria Steel Company. This with the Pennsylvania Steel company gives the interests connected with the company two companies, independent of the United States Steel corporation.

It was also announced that the United States Steel corporation had secured control of the Shelby Tube company, thereby securing a monopoly of the tube business.

## STRIKER'S RIOT AT COLUMBIA

Battle with Firearms--Non-Union Men Brutally Beaten.

Columbia, S. C., June 24.—The first blood shed in a strike riot in South Carolina was spilled yesterday at 4 o'clock in the Southern railway shops in this city. Information got to the strikers that there were forty men at work in the shops despite the many brought from distant points who had been induced to desert the company.

Several days ago Superintendent Welles applied to the mayor for policemen to protect the company's property, but this was refused as the mayor declared there was no danger. One policeman is on that beat. Just before daylight yesterday morning about one hundred and twenty-five men, with faces blackened or wearing black masks, attacked the north fence of the yards, which comprise twenty acres, quickly made a break and marched in. There were forty-two men in the yards, sleeping in two cars. One of the cars was, during the night, switched to a remote corner and escaped detection. The strikers advanced on the other car in which twenty men were asleep.

There was one guard, a man named Myers, at the car. He saw the column silently advancing and ordered the masked mob to halt and state their business. A spokesman said that they had come to release men being held against their will.

Twice the guard ordered a halt, and when the leaders were within thirty yards, fired both barrels of a shotgun into the midst of the mob. At the same moment a pistol ball struck Myers in the temple, but glanced around the bone. He got behind cover and used his revolver. The strikers attacked the car. They called on the men within to come out. There was no response and the rioters opened fire. The car looks as if it had run the gamut of Boer sharpshooters. There are two hundred bullet holes in it. The occupants escaped by throwing themselves on the floor. Finally all crawled out and were tied up by the strikers, who marched them up the Southern stacks for two miles, beating every one along the way with sticks and pistol barrels. The non-units were all badly cut up.

The policemen begged the strikers to be merciful. Two hours later, an engine, with the master mechanic and yard master, proceeded up the road, and between the three and seven mile posts, picked up nineteen of the beaten men. Only one refused to come back. A half hour after the attack two physicians received hurry calls. They reported attending four men, wounded in thigh, abdomen and head. If they knew the names of the wounded men they will not give them. On application Mayor Earle detailed a squad of policemen to guard the shop. They are now on duty. He would not allow them within the yards. It is believed at least half a dozen strikers were wounded by Guard Myers.

## THE RUSSIAN TARIFF.

London, June 24.—A news agency despatch from St. Petersburg dated today purports to quote M. DeWitt, the Russian finance minister, as saying the statement issued by Secretary Gage in explanation of the United States treasury department's action in imposing countervailing duties on certain

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Russian products, shows that the question is not fully understood by Mr. Gage. M. DeWitt says he cannot imagine that Mr. Gage would intentionally mislead the people of the United States. He can only conclude that Mr. Gage is not possessed of all the facts in the case.

## AT THE CASINO.

The Bruns and Nina Burlesquers opened a week's engagement at Riverside Casino last evening.

The initial performance was attended by a good sized crowd who were pleasantly entertained throughout the performance. The show as a whole is very creditable and contains some especially attractive features, among which are the musical act by Newell and Nillo, "Nina, the Dancer," in a beautiful electrical dance, and the horizontal bar work of Norwood and DeVaro. The singing and acting of Hickok and Acker was also good.

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