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SEVENTEEN CUT OFF BY A GAS EXPLOSION

The Gas Fired By the Lamp of a Miner.

THIS IGNITES POWDER

All Air is Cut Off and the Miners Are Entombed.

SMOKE AND GAS FORM A VAIL OF DEATH

Beyond it the Rescuers Cannot Go. Two Men Guided by Their Lights Crawl to Them Out of the Depths and Are Saved.

(By the Associated Press.)
Roanoke, Va., Sept. 15.—A special from North Fork, W. V., to the Roanoke Times says:
A disastrous gas and powder explosion occurred in the Big Four mine of the Algoma Coal Company here this morning about 8 o'clock. James Lester, an engineer; John Rockie, a Hungarian miner, and fifteen colored miners are known to be in the mine now, and there is no chance of their being recovered alive as they are beyond the point where the explosion occurred, and the gas and smoke is so thick that the rescuing parties are being driven back.

H. F. Frankfeldt, the bank boss, and George Gaspie, a Hungarian miner, succeeded in crawling over the fallen coal and slats to the lights of the rescuing party and were taken out alive, although they are both badly burned and nearly suffocated by the gas and smoke inhaled. The explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas catching on fire from the lamp of a miner who was going to work, and this, in turn, fired six kegs of blasting powder that had been stored back in the mines. The explosion knocked down all of the brattices for a quarter of a mile back towards the mine entrance, thus cutting off all of the air from the men imprisoned behind the debris.

There had been a small gas explosion in the mine on Sunday last, which burned two mine mules to death, and Mine Superintendent A. J. Stewart had personally cautioned the men who worked in the mine not to attempt to work again until the air had been tested by a safety lamp, but they disregarded his caution and went in to their death.

A BIG WAGON FACTORY.

J. C. Cathey Bound Over to Superior Court for Felonious Assault.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 15.—A big wagon factory, financed and operated entirely by Charlotte capital, is to be established shortly at Thomasville. The capital stock will be less than one hundred thousand dollars, with the privilege of increasing. Capt. W. B. Ryder, formerly division superintendent of the Southern here, is the moving spirit in the enterprise.

THE STRIKE DRAGS ON.

Mitchell and Stone Did Nothing Toward Ending It. No Distress Among Strikers.

(By the Associated Press.)
Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 15.—In an interview over the long distance telephone with the News today, John Mitchell at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., said:
"I can't predict when the anthracite strike will be settled. If anything is being done toward a settlement by the other side, I don't know of it."
"Nothing towards a settlement was accomplished at the Harrisburg conference between Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, the presidents of the three anthracite districts, myself and others who have been trying to end the strike. We simply met and discussed the causes and progress of the strike."
"Did Governor Stone represent J. P. Morgan or any of the anthracite Presidents?"
"I did not understand that he was representing any one but himself. There is no foundation for the report that the men are to return to work on the promise that the operators will make concessions and arbitrate afterward. The miners would not return to work under such an arrangement."
Mr. Mitchell declared that the men are confident of winning and that there had been no desertions among the strikers.

MONEY RATE STEEP

Climbing Up the Golden Stairs, it Touches Twenty Per Cent.

EX JUSTICE GRAY IS DEAD.

Commissioned Associate Justice of Supreme Court by President Arthur.

CARREAZO GIVES UP

A Probable Death Blow to the Revolution East of Bogota.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 15.—The State Department has received a cablegram from Minister Hart at Bogota, Colombia, which says that the Revolutionary General Carraza, who has been operating with a strong force on the great plain east of Bogota, has surrendered.

This is regarded as of the utmost importance to the government authorities, who consider that it assures the pacification of the whole eastern region.

The Colombian government also has announced the repulse by a government vessel of a revolutionary attack some days ago on the Magdalena river.

TO ASSIGN HOBSON TO DUTY.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—Naval Constructor Richmond Pearson Hobson, who appeared before a retiring board a few months ago and failed to qualify for retirement, will shortly be assigned to duty at the Navy Department.

FRAZIER AND CARMACK OPEN CAMPAIGN.

(By the Associated Press.)
Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 15.—The gubernatorial campaign was opened by the Democrats at Winchester this afternoon, and speeches were made by James H. Frazier, candidate for Governor, and Senator Edward W. Carmack. Mr. Frazier discussed the trusts and the Philippine policy of the administration, and Senator Carmack also confined himself almost exclusively to those issues.

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In the Harbor Vessels Fear to Move Through the Deep Gloom. The Fires Still Blazing in Oregon Along the Columbia River.

(By the Associated Press.)
Seattle, Wash., Sept. 15.—A special from Kalama, where great loss of life from forest fires was reported Saturday and yesterday says:
"News from the fire on Lomis River yesterday confirms the report of Saturday night and adds to the loss. The fallen timber has blocked the only road leading up the river so that the work of the rescuers is slow. A party of ten persons with a team was known to be camping in the timbers. The charred remains of the horses and wagons were found, but not a trace of the people can be discovered. Quite a number of people were in the timber at and around Trout Lake fishing and hunting, but no authentic reports have been received from them and it is feared that there has been great loss of life."

ON THE DIAMOND.

(Special to News and Observer.)
LaGrange, N. C., Sept. 15.—In a game here Saturday between the LaGrange and Fort Run teams LaGrange won the victory by a score of 9 to 1. They will play again on the 20th inst., at the park in LaGrange.

PILOT MOUNTAIN WINS TWO GAMES.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Pilot Mountain, N. C., Sept. 15.—In a stirring game begun here Saturday Black Mountain baseball team forfeited to Pilot Mountain in the fourth inning. No cause was given for quitting.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Baltimore—(First game.)	R	H	E
Baltimore	.. 0	0	0
Washington	.. 0	1	4
(Second game.)			
Baltimore	.. 0	1	0
Washington	.. 2	1	0
(First game.)			
Chicago	.. 0	0	2
Detroit	.. 0	0	0
(Second game.)			
Chicago	.. 0	0	2
Detroit	.. 0	1	0

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Philadelphia—(First game.)	R	H	E
Boston	.. 0	1	3
Philadelphia	.. 0	0	0
(Second game.)			
Boston	.. 0	0	1
Philadelphia	.. 1	0	1
(By the Associated Press.)			
At Chicago—	R	H	E
Chicago	.. 3	0	0
Cincinnati	.. 1	0	0
(By the Associated Press.)			
At New York—	R	H	E
New York	.. 0	0	0
Brooklyn	.. 3	0	0

EASTERN LEAGUE.

Providence 5; Rochester 1.
Buffalo 12; Worcester 1.
Jersey City 5; Montreal 3.
Toronto 3; Newark 2.

Southern League.

New Orleans 1; Atlanta 5.
Nashville 7; Shreveport 2.
Chattanooga 3; Little Rock 2.

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THE FIRES HAVE ABATED.

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 15.—The smoke has cleared away and the sky is again visible. Forest fires have abated in all directions. Reports from Marion county say the sky has cleared there, the fires have ceased and the men have gone back to work in the logging camps. The damage is less serious than had been apprehended.

THE WORST IS OVER.

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 15.—Smoke from forest fires is thicker in Portland this morning than at any time this year. Between midnight and daylight it was impossible to see fifty feet away and the arc lights could hardly be seen. In the harbor the steamboats did not dare to stir, the smoke was so dense. In Multnomah and Clackamas counties the fires have practically burned out and the settlers are returning to their homes. Along both sides of the Columbia River fires are still burning, though the worst is over. In Oregon as far as reported only two lives have been lost.

A HUNDRED FAMILIES BURNED OUT.

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 15.—A special from Elms, Wash., says fully one hundred families have been burned out in that vicinity. The total loss is estimated at \$200,000.

SOME NARROW ESCAPES.

Aberdeen, Wash., Sept. 15.—The conditions in regard to the forest fires in this section have materially changed for the better. The reports of loss of life in certain instances have not been confirmed, all those having been reported as lost now being accounted for although there were some narrow escapes and startling experience in the Hogueam river.

FIFTY DIE IN THE FLAMES.

Forest fires took death and destruction in the West.

(By the Associated Press.)
Kalama, Wash., Sept. 15.—News reached here Sunday night that the forest fires on Lewis River have wrought sad havoc. D. L. Wallace, his wife and two children were burned to death. They were camping in the woods when caught by the fire. A 12-year-old son of Mr. Hanley also is dead. Mrs. John Polly, her baby and a brother, name unknown, and Mr. Newhouse and Mrs. Graves are dead. Fifteen others were found without clothing excepting gunnysacks.

THREE BREAK JAIL

And One of Them Occupied the Same Cell With Wilcox.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

In many cities yesterday the anniversary of President McKinley's death was observed by memorial services in the churches.

An unknown negro was killed by the train at High Point Saturday night.

Governor Beckham, of Kentucky, has decided that legal steps should be taken to prevent the proposed contest between Young Corbett and Terry McGovern, before the Southern Athletic Club at Louisville, if it is to be a prize fight, and in violation of the Kentucky laws.

The force of native consular which has been in pursuit of the Rios band of desperadoes in Tuxtepec province, Luzon, has killed 18 and captured 25 of the bandits. Rios, the leader of the bandits, says he will never be captured alive.

Winfield Scott Stratton, the millionaire who opened the famous Independence and Washington mines, is dead. His wealth is estimated at from \$15,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

George Lutz, engineer; Jas. J. Dooley, fireman, and Walter Weber, conductor, were blown out of the cab of a locomotive which exploded on the Pennsylvania Railroad just west of Jersey City Sunday. Lutz was killed and the others seriously scalded and bruised. No cause of the accident is given.

THE STEAMSHIP COMBINE.

General Board of the International Trust Meets, The Organization Perfected.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Sept. 15.—The General Board of the International Steamship Combine, organized by J. P. Morgan, met today. Those present, including Mr. Morgan, W. J. Pierie, of the Harlan and Wolfe Shipbuilding Company, of Belfast, Ireland, the accredited representative of these interests abroad; Clement A. Griscom, F. A. B. Widener and several others. Organization has been perfected, according to a representative of the Morgan firm, and shares of the companies in the combine have been deposited. Beyond the statement that additional details had been discussed at today's meeting, no information was given out.

CRAIG AND PRITCHARD.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Asheville, N. C., Sept. 15.—Hon. Locke Craig and Senator Pritchard today arranged a list of appointments for a joint canvass of the State. They are as follows: Kingston, September 22; Smithfield, September 27; Fayetteville, September 27; Wilma, September 25; (Inch); Rocky Mount, September 25; Raleigh, September 27; (night); Pittsboro, September 27; Oxford, September 30; Greensboro, October 1; Lenoir, October 2; Statesville, October 8; Charlotte, Octo-

RYAN WINS A FAST AND FURIOUS FIGHT

Carter Goes at Him Like a Young Tiger.

HE HAS HIS HANDS FULL

For Six Rounds They Pound Each Other Savagely.

A HEAVY RIGHT SWING FLOORS CARTER

He Rises and a Second Blow Again Fells Him, Once More Staggering, Erect a Third Crashing Blow Knocks Him Out.

(By the Associated Press.)
Riverside, Fort Erie, Ontario, Sept. 15. Carter and Ryan fought six rounds here tonight, and the mill was as exciting a spectacle as is often witnessed in the ring. Both men proved themselves heavy hitters and for some time the contest was in doubt, but in the sixth inning Carter went to the floor and was counted out.

Betting men seemed to appreciate that it was the first hard fight which Tommy Ryan had engaged in since he assumed the title defaulted by Bob Fitzsimmons. The fact that they were against a lusty young fellow, famed for his endurance and hitting power, made friends of Ryan very cautious in their speculation. They began by asking even money. The Carter men demanded 2 to 1. When the Ryan men loosened up to 10 to 7 there were busy with their greenbacks when it came time for the men to enter the ring. Ryan evidently had been disappointed in the handy manner in which Carter made the weight. The articles called for 158 pounds at 4 p. m. Carter tipped the scales with not an ounce to spare, but trained to greyhound perfection and Ryan looked askance at his splendid form.

AMERICAN MOLASSES COMPANY.

(By the Associated Press.)
Trenton, N. J., Sept. 15.—The American Molasses Company was incorporated today with a capital of \$3,000,000, divided into 1,500,000 preferred stock bearing 7 per cent non-cumulative dividend and \$5,000,000 common stock. The company is to deal in sugar, syrups, glucose, molasses and similar products. The incorporators are: Horace S. Gould, John I. Billings, Evan J. Dudley, K. K. McLaren and H. K. Woods, all of Jersey City.

A DILAPIDATED CRUISER.

(By the Associated Press.)
Newport News, Va., Sept. 15.—The protected cruiser San Francisco arrived in Hampton Roads Sunday from Havre, France, via the Azores and yesterday went to the Navy Yard at Norfolk for a survey by the Naval Board. The cruiser was recently remodeled there, and is said to be in such dilapidated condition that a board of inquiry may be ordered to investigate the cause.

REVOLUTIONISTS NEAR COLON.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 13.—The State Department today received a cablegram from Consul Malmros at Colon, which stated that the revolutionists were approaching that city and expressing fear that the Colombian troops were not sufficiently numerous to safeguard the city. The dispatch was immediately sent to the Navy Department.

FIFTY PASSENGERS DROWNED.

(By the Associated Press.)
Madras, British India, Sept. 13.—An English mail train yesterday, 205 miles from this city, dashed over a bridge, which had been undermined by floods. Fifty passengers, included among whom were eight Europeans and four soldiers, were drowned. Twenty-five persons were saved from the wreck.

GREENWOOD COLLIERY TO RESUME.

(By the Associated Press.)
Tamaqua, Pa., Sept. 13.—The Greenwood Colliery east of here, which, it is said, resume operations on Monday. No coal will be mined, the purpose being to run through the breaker, the material from the rich culm banks which surround the place. The plant is operated by the Bedlam Brothers, but is controlled by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company.

COLD WAVE MOVES SOUTH.

The crest of the cold wave has been reached tonight, and there will be a general warming up.

YOUNG MAN KILLED IN A FEUD.

(By the Associated Press.)
Fairburn, Ga., Sept. 13.—William Whaley, a prominent young man from Fayette county, was yesterday shot and instantly killed by Beauregard Russell, at Russell's home. A feud had existed between the two young men for some time. Whaley is said to have drawn his gun and threatened Russell when the latter killed him.