

## TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN BLAST FURNACE

Men Enveloped In Shower Of Molten Metal.

WERE MEMBERS OF REPAIR GANG

Two Others Not Accounted For and May Have Been Blown Into Furnace. Bodies Burned Until Recognition is Almost Impossible.

Philadelphia, April 1.—One dead, seven not accounted for, two missing and seven others so badly burned and disfigured as to be almost unrecognizable, was the terrible result of an explosion in a blast furnace "I" of the Edgar Thomson steel plant of the Carnegie company at Braddock, Pa., early this morning.

The name of the dead man is given as John Smith, probably an Anglicized form of his proper name. The others have not been identified.

As far as can be learned the explosion was due to a supposed defect in the electrical department of the furnace.

During the night the furnace worked in an unsatisfactorily way, and about daylight a number of men were sent to the top to repair the trouble which was located at the "bleaker." At the same time the discovery was made that the automatic electrical equipment was out of order and additional men were detailed to locate the trouble. While seventeen men work at work later at the top or bottom, a "hang" in the furnace was found and before the alarm could be given, there was a terrific explosion and the workmen were enveloped in a rain of molten metal, coke and lime, which burned the clothing from their bodies, and rendered them unconscious. Notwithstanding the danger of a second explosion, a party was organized and the men rescued from their perilous position. Only fifteen could be found, however, and it is not known whether the two missing were blown into the furnace or are wandering about the district in a semi-demented condition.

### THE ACOUSTICON A SUCCESS.

Wonderful Invention of Alabama Man Stands Rigid Tests.

New York, March 28.—Another demonstration of the powers of the acousticon has been given in this city by the inventor, Miller Reese Hutchison.

Mr. Hutchison selected as subjects for the experiment several inmates of the New York Academy for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb. Some had been stricken with deafness at too early an age to remember what the meaning of sound was, and one young girl in particular almost went into spasms of delight when the ear piece was adjusted and she heard the strains of music.

Mark Twain was in the little audience as was also Mrs. George Dewey, wife of the admiral. There was one skeptic present. He was deaf, but had no faith in the invention, so he asked to be put in the chair. This was done, and his face flushed with surprise when he was able to distinguish "Mamma" from "Papa." Hutchison said: "Hello" to him and he repeated it.

A number of other tests were made and all were successful.

### DROPPED ROCK ON TRAIN.

Passengers on New Jersey Central Have Narrow Escape.

Bayonne, N. J., March 28.—An attempt to damage a New Jersey Central train while it was passing through Bayonne last night resulting in a wreck or at least an injury, to many passengers. The train was heavily loaded. As it was passing under the bridge at East Forty-sixth street some one dropped a stone weighing about 30 pounds from the bridge to the top of the coaches. It is supposed the purpose was to drop the rock on the engine. The rock had a 20-foot drop. It hit the roof of the first passenger coach, broke through, shattered the gas connections and fell in the aisle between seats that contained passengers. The noise of the tearing through the roof and the dropping to the floor caused women to scream and faint and there was general excitement in the car. A brakeman not knowing what had occurred, pulled the brake cord and the train was stopped suddenly.

### HUNG FOR ROBBERY.

Alabama Imposes Death Penalty For That Crime.

Birmingham, Ala., March 27.—Will Dorsey, a negro, was hanged here today at 11:59 a. m. for highway robbery, it being the first instance in the state's history where the death penalty has been imposed for this crime. Dorsey was convicted for entering the home of David McNamara, a mine

operator, near Pratt mines, three years ago and shooting down McNamara and robbing the place.

McNamara, though badly wounded, recovered. Dorsey claimed that the shooting was done by another negro, but did not deny complicity in the crime.

He met death stoically.

### Decision On Vaccination Law.

Terre Haute, Ind., April 1.—Judge Stimson, of the superior court today decided that the boards of health have no authority to exclude unvaccinated children from public schools. The case will be appealed.

### ESTATE NOT SETTLED.

Heirs of Late C. P. Huntington Still Wrangling In Court.

New York, March 30.—William W. Bennett, counsel for G. Brilly Reynolds, of Washington, in an affidavit accompanying a request made to Surrogate Fitzgerald for an order to compel the executors of the estate of Collis P. Huntington, to file an inventory of the estate, charges that it is plain that the executors do not intend to file an inventory of the estate, which, he says, he is advised consists, among other things, of personal property worth from \$60,000,000 to \$70,000,000.

From the best information now obtainable, the estate will show a valuation of about \$21,000,000 at the time of the death of Mr. Huntington.

No explanation is obtainable at present for the apparent shrinkage of the estate to this low figure. When Mr. Huntington died those in a position to know about his affairs said his estate was worth between \$27,000,000 and \$30,000,000. The state comptroller's office has taken about two years to make its appraisal for taxation purposes, and is not yet ready with a report.

### DIAMONDS ARE UP.

Wearers of the Precious Stones Must Pay Higher Prices In Future.

New York, March 29.—Another advance in the price of diamonds is announced. Private cablegrams from European brokers which were received by diamond importers here stated that 5 per cent had been added to the price of all grades of rough diamonds. The advance is to take effect at once.

There was a similar advance five weeks ago, and dealers said that still higher prices were to be expected in the near future.

Retail prices are said to be higher now than they were a year ago, and the advance in rough stones will be followed by an increase in the retail rate.

"Mining of diamonds is becoming more and more difficult every year," said a New York dealer, "as the mines get deeper the cost of operating becomes dearer. In addition to that, there is a constantly increasing demand for the gems."

Prices have been advanced three times in the last six months. Each change has been 5 per cent.

### BURDICK INQUEST ENDED.

Accomplished Nothing Except to Lift Name of Burdick from Mire.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 28.—The inquest into the death of Edwin L. Burdick, who was murdered just one month ago in his home in Ashland avenue, ended yesterday afternoon.

At the close of the inquest Judge Murphy announced that an official inquiry into the death of Arthur R. Pennell, who has figured prominently in the Burdick inquest, would begin Monday. The Burdick inquest has served to develop several theories relative to the crime. But the investigation has not added anything more than an appearance of reasonability to any of these theories. Aside from the failure of the authorities to secure evidence bearing directly upon the commission of the crime or to establish the identity of the murderer, there is a feeling of satisfaction that the name of Mr. Burdick has been lifted from the mire in which it was dragged and that his character has been shown in its true light.

The evidence brought out under the examination of witnesses by District Attorney Coatsworth, has shown Burdick to have been a loving father, always willing to sacrifice his own happiness and pride for the sake of his children; that he was the victim of false friendship, broken pledges and in the face of it all, a forgiving, indulgent husband.

The efforts of the authorities to fix the crime upon some one did not end with the inquest. At the same time there is now little hope of success in this undertaking.

Judge Murphy said after court adjourned this afternoon that his judgment in the case would not be handed down until Monday or perhaps later in the week.

It is possible that he may issue warrants for the arrest of "John Doe" and "Jane Roe." If Judge Murphy sees fit to take such action the district attorney will be obliged to submit the whole case to the grand jury.

## GREATEST NAVY IN THE WORLD.

So Declares Admiral Dewey of Uncle Sam's Sea Power.

Newark, N. J., March 28.—The Evening News prints an interview with Admiral Dewey, credited to its Washington correspondent in which the admiral is quoted as saying:

"The United States has the greatest navy in the world—every man in the United States navy is a man of intelligence. He knows just what to do and the right time to do it. A warship is an enormous machine shop and every part of that ponderous creation must be operated by intelligence. Every unit cannot be told at the time of action by officers just what to do and when to do it. The least man must know for himself. Orders that were given to a crew are necessarily general in character, but in conflict; every stroke of work must be directed by intelligence. This is what makes the United States navy the greatest navy in the world.

"The German navy, for instance, is an entirely different organization in its makeup on human material. I have made a deep study of that navy. My belief is that its efficiency in possible action is greatly over estimated. The men do not begin to compare in education and intelligence with the Americans. Their men have, in my opinion, been educated so that they look to the officers and depend upon them for specific instructions in the least matters. They have not the self-reliance of the Americans."

### CHINA NOT DISTURBED.

Returning Missionary Declares Reports of Trouble Exaggerated.

San Francisco, March 28.—Rev. Dr. R. T. Ryan, of the Southern Baptist church, who for the last 17 years has been a missionary in China, has reached the city, enroute to his home in North Carolina.

He reports that the rumors of prospective trouble from an insurrection in southern China have been greatly exaggerated. He does not believe any serious trouble is to be apprehended. The withdrawal of the garrison from Shanghai recently caused an idle rumor to the effect that trouble was about to arise. China has, in fact, according to Dr. Ryan, never before been in such good condition for the invasion of peaceful missionaries and other foreigners. Some inconvenience is always to be feared in out of the way places from small bands of insurrectionists, but in the main, the country is not disturbed.

### STRIKE RIOT IN RUSSIA.

Twenty-Eight Persons Reported Killed and Fifty Injured.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—A great strike riot accompanied by much bloodshed has occurred at the town of Slatouk, in the government of Oofa, among the Ural mountains. Twenty-eight persons were killed and 50 others were wounded.

Slatouk is the chief town of a mining district and the center of the southern imperial mines. It has iron works and an extensive manufacturing of Damascus scimitars and articles of inlaid and embossed steel. Slatouk has a population of about 21,000 souls.

### A Thoughtful Man.

M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., knew what to do in the hour of need. His wife had such an unusual case of stomach and liver trouble physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. King's New Life Pills and she got relief at once and was finally cured. Only 25 cents at Z. W. Nichols drug store.

Senator Frye finds the path of single blessedness a difficult one to tread. He has no sooner quieted all suspicions regarding his intentions towards a blooming Minnesota widow than Dame Gossip attempts to connect his name with the widow of a late vice-president.

### Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident is narrated by John Oliver, of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in an awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters. To my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at Z. W. Nichols' drug store.

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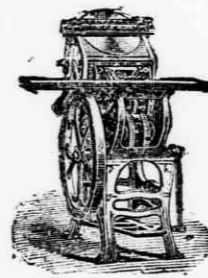
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