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OVER 40 LIVES LOST

Fatal Accidents Near Berkeley, Cal., and In England.

POWDER WORKS EXPLOSION

Ten Tons of Dynamite Let Go Which Shook the Bay Region Around Berkeley Like an Earthquake—Flames Followed Explosion.

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 21.—With a force that shook the entire bay region like an earthquake, the packing house of the Hercules powder works at Pinole, 14 miles north of here, blew up on Thursday and in the explosion four white men and twenty-four Chinamen were killed.

Ten tons of dynamite went up in the terrific blast, shattering the sheds to dust and splinters.

W. M. Stillwell, foreman of the packing house, was blown to atoms at his post of duty.

Manuel Enos, Joseph Grace and W. A. Rodriguez were the other white men killed.

The twenty-eight dead included every man who was at work in the packing house.

Flames burst forth in the ruins following the explosion, and threatened the gelatine house, where two scores of girls were at work.

A panic ensued, and many were cut by flying glass and crushed and trampled in the mad rush for the doors.

Newcastle On-Tyne, England, Feb. 21.—Fourteen miners lost their lives by an explosion in the Glebebe pit in the village of Washington Thursday night.

There were fifteen men in the mine at the time of the accident, and only one escaped.

Shortly before the explosion occurred 500 miners ascended from the pit.

MAY ACCEPT INVITATION.

Non-Partisan Dinner To Be Given In Honor of Governor Johnson.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 21.—Governor Johnson Thursday night sent his reply to Congressman F. C. Stevens, at Washington, in answer to an inquiry whether the governor would accept an invitation to a complimentary non-partisan dinner in his honor to be given in Washington.

Governor Johnson says that he knows of nothing that would take him to Washington before May 14, when he will attend the conference of governors called by President Roosevelt to discuss the conservation of the natural resources of the country. If in the meantime he should find it necessary to go to Washington, he would be pleased to accept the invitation.

FATAL MINE ACCIDENT.

Ice Fell Down Shaft, Killing Two Men Outright.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 21.—While the miners were being lowered into the Stanton mine of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company Thursday a large quantity of ice in the shaft fell, striking the hood of the cage and demolishing it.

Two of the men were killed outright, one died on the way to a hospital and three others, it is believed, will die from their injuries.

GAVE ELABORATE RECEPTION.

American Minister at Madrid Entertained Spanish Grandees.

Madrid, Feb. 21.—W. M. Collier, the American minister to Spain, gave a specially elaborate reception Thursday night.

The American legation was sumptuously decorated and the affair was attended by the Spanish nobility, members of the diplomatic corps, members of parliament, military officials and Spanish grandees.

Department Changes.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The postmaster general has appointed Charles A. Conard, of Kentucky, to be chief clerk of the postoffice department to succeed Merritt O. Chance, of Illinois, recently appointed auditor of the treasury department for the postoffice department. Robert H. Prender, of the District of Columbia, has been appointed chief clerk of the office of the fourth assistant postmaster general to succeed Mr. Conard.

Cashier Gets Three Years.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 21.—Alex B. Butt, cashier of the wrecked People's Bank of Portsmouth, Va., Thursday pleaded guilty on three of the twenty-two indictments against him, and after making restitution to the depositors to the extent of \$37,000 on the to-

tal shortage of \$252,066, was sentenced by Judge Bain to three years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$7,184.

Killed on a Trestle.

Albany, Ga., Feb. 21.—A white man who was run down Wednesday night on the trestle leading to the Atlantic Coast Line bridge across the Flint river here, whose identity was a matter of mystery until identified at last as Augustus Hurst, who was many years ago sheriff of Thomas county and a terror to desperate criminals.

NEGRO SHOTS CONSTABLE.

Brunson Got Out of Buggy To Serve a Warrant When Negro Killed Him.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 25.—Gagland R. Brunson, a constable, was killed near Dillon, Marion county, by a negro whom he was attempting to arrest.

Constable Brunson had previously arrested a negro and was taking him to Dillon in a buggy, when he saw a negro for whom he had a warrant driving toward him. The constable alighted to serve the warrant and as he did so, the negro fired three shots into his body. Mr. Brunson then turned and with the assistance of the negro whom he was taking to Dillon got into his buggy, where he died on the way to town. Mr. Brunson's slayer escaped.

Great excitement prevails in Dillon, as Mr. Brunson was very popular and had a large family connection there.

The governor has offered a reward of \$100 for the capture of the murderer, and this sum has been increased by private subscription.

ROBBERS DIND FAMILY.

Father, Mother and Two Daughters Are Tied.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 25.—Two robbers took possession of the home of Irwin Brooks, aged 65 years, a farmer living in Wyandotte county, Kansas, while the members of the family were bound and kept prisoners in bed.

When Brooks resisted, the robbers shot him in the hand. They then tied his hands and feet and placed him in bed. Mrs. Brooks and two daughters, Emma, aged 22, and Eva, aged 17, were similarly treated.

The robbers ransacked the house and stole \$100. They prepared a meal and ate leisurely. They released the Brooks girl for a time, while she quieted her baby, which began to cry.

After the robbers left, the girls succeeded in releasing themselves and their parents.

\$28,000 CONFLAGRATION.

Lancaster, S. C., Suffers Severe Loss. Partly Insured.

Lancaster, S. C., Feb. 25.—Fire at this place Saturday night, destroyed property worth about \$28,000, on which there is less than \$13,000 insurance. About ten head of mules and horses were consumed in the fire.

The losses and insurance are: Gregory-Hood Live Stock company, \$15,000; insurance \$7,000. Methodist Episcopal church, brick building, \$5,000, insurance \$1,500. Dr. J. S. Macley's residence, \$4,000, insurance \$2,000. Other buildings were damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars.

The town is without fire protection, and the flames were checked after hard work by bucket brigades.

KILLED ON WAY TO CHURCH.

Crews Was Accompanied by Two Ladies When Shot Down.

St. George, Ga., Feb. 25.—While on his way to church at Baxter, Fla., Dan Crews, accompanied by his nephews and two ladies, was shot by Jim Petty with a Winchester rifle and instantly killed, 10 miles from here.

From information it seems the killing resulted from a row started several weeks ago. Petty has not been apprehended as yet.

Man Cleared of Killing Woman.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 22.—John Dagman, accused of the murder of Maude Parsons, killed during an alleged lovers' quarrel in a house in Birmingham, was acquitted.

Cabinet Factory Burned.

New York, Feb. 22.—The cabinet factory of Edward B. Jordan and company, in Brooklyn, was totally destroyed by fire Saturday, causing a loss of \$100,000.

Railroad Shops Closed.

Sedalia, Feb. 22.—The Missouri Pacific shops here, employing seven hundred men, were closed Friday until March 2.

\$100,000 FIRE LOSS

Serious Blaze Occurred at New Orleans, La.

BUSINESS AREA THREATENED

Julius Weiss Buildings, Common and Varieties Streets, Were Gutted—Occupied Principally by Law and Real Estate Firms.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 22.—Fire which broke out here Saturday morning for a time seriously threatened a large part of the city's business district.

The Julius Weiss buildings, on Common and Varieties place, where the fire originated, were gutted and several adjoining buildings were slightly damaged.

The Weiss buildings were occupied principally by lawyers and real estate firms.

The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

TOWN IS FIRE-SWEPT.

Russellville, Ala., Is Visited by Severe Conflagration—Loss \$40,000.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 22.—The entire eastside of the business section of Russellville, Ala., in the northwest portion of the state, was destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock Saturday morning.

The bank building is the only building left standing.

The Commercial hotel, valued at \$6,000, the stores of Douglas, Wilson and McIntosh, two barber shops and the Clark building, went down in ashes. The loss is estimated at \$40,000, with \$10,000 insurance.

SENATOR LATTIMER'S FUNERAL.

Delegations from Both Houses of Congress Attended.

Greenville, S. C., Feb. 22.—The funeral of the late Senator Asbury Churchill Latimer, who died in Washington Thursday, was held in the Methodist church at Belton, near here, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. R. L. Holdoy, pastor of the deceased, officiating. The floral tributes were numerous, among the most conspicuous being the one sent by the immigration commission, and the one sent by the guests of the Congress hotel, Washington.

There were present funeral delegations from congress and both houses of the South Carolina legislature, besides representatives from various commercial organizations in the state.

REFORMS FOR MEXICO.

Will Be Especially Made in Financial Questions.

Mexico City, Feb. 22.—Mexico is on the eve of great financial reforms. Jose Yves Limantour, minister of finance and public credit, has been in negotiation and in conference with the leading financial, commercial and banking men of the republic for several weeks.

The result of these conferences has been declared in a circular which has just been issued by the department of finance making an exposition of the aims and desires of the government and calling a conference of banking men in the near future to devise ways and means for the reform of the public credit system.

Boston Sculptress Dead.

Boston, Feb. 22.—Miss Harriet Hosmer, the sculptress, died Friday at her home in Watertown after an illness of three weeks. Miss Hosmer was born in Watertown in 1830 and spent most of her life in the art centers of Europe, returning to her old home a few years ago. Marble statues modeled by Miss Hosmer stand in many of the leading cities of Europe and the United States.

Belmont's Daughter Asphyxiated.

New York, Feb. 22.—Mrs. William Proffit Burden, who was Natica Rives, daughter of O. H. P. Belmont and a society favorite in New York, Newport and Washington, was found dead in bed at her Fifth avenue home Friday. Death, the coroner decided, was accidental and due to gas poisoning.

Mobile, Ala, Feb. 25.—About 11 o'clock Saturday night H. L. Riley, a street car conductor, shot and killed Heustis George, a white man, who operates a pool room at Plateau, on the Magazine Point car, at the Southern railway crossing. George is claimed to have threatened the conductor earlier in the night. George died instantly. Mrs. Joseph Lockley, white, was wounded by a stray bullet during the firing. Riley was arrested.

ALONE WITH COMPANION.

Seven Days in Lighthouse With Dead Companion.

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 22.—Floeing in terror over long stretches of treacherous ice from the Toledo harbor light house, where for seven days he had been imprisoned with the dead body of Captain Delos Hayden, Joe Berner reached the city Thursday night. He brought the news of the death to friends and relatives, telling of the nerve-racking vigil beside the dying man in the lonely lighthouse, and his still more terrifying experience while watching over the dead body waiting for a turn in the weather which might permit his escape over the ice.

Hayden was conscious to the last, and left a message for each of his relatives and friends. He died in his faithful companion's arms. Berner placed the body in one of the lower rooms of the lighthouse and began his wait for an opportunity to reach shore.

Around the lighthouse the ice was firm under the snow, and when Berner started out early Wednesday afternoon he had strong hopes of reaching the shore in safety. Yet the trip was extremely perilous, he being not even equipped with a pike pole with which to sound the ice.

Many times he fell into air holes, going into water and frequently he escaped by the merest chance.

FLORIDA DEMOCRATS.

Presidential Electors Will Be Elected by Primary.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 22.—There will be no democratic convention in Florida. A primary election will be held May 29, at which delegates to the Denver convention will be chosen, candidates making individual announcements. At the same time candidates will be nominated for presidential elector, United States senator, congressman from the three districts and the state and county offices.

The Taft faction of republicans has already selected delegates to the Chicago convention, with the exception of the third congressional district, in which the convention has not yet been called.

Anti-Taft republicans have selected delegates from the state at large, but delegates from the congressional districts have not yet been named. Socialists and prohibitionists have not yet announced the date of their conventions.

CANNOT SHIP TO DRY TOWNS.

So Rules Judge Richardson, of Alabama—Roads Await Decision.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 22.—Railroad officers are worked up over the charge of Judge J. C. Richardson, of a neighboring circuit, that any shipment of liquors from outside as well as in the state, are violations of the antishipping act, which provides against taking intoxicants from a selling territory into dry sections.

It had been thought that it could not be made to apply to interstate shipments, but this judge says it can, on the ground that every state may provide its own police protection. This will affect many cities near the state line if held to be good, those places having saloons set up to ship to the dry territory in Alabama and Georgia. Many roads have stopped movements of liquors awaiting decision.

VETERAN EDITOR DIES.

Crosby S. Noyes Lays Aside Pen After Long Service.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 22.—Crosby S. Noyes, editor of the Washington Evening Star, died shortly after 3:30 p. m. Friday at the Hotel Raymond, Pasadena, where he had been ill for some time. Mr. Noyes, who was surrounded by the members of his family at the time of his death, retained his faculties to the last.

Mr. Crosby Stuart Noyes was 83 years of age, and no less than sixty years of his manhood had been spent in the newspaper business.

Released on \$10,000 Bond.

Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 22.—George C. Scudamore, former cashier of the Pensacola Bank and Trust company, who is charged with embezzling \$40,000 of the bank's funds and who was recently adjudged insane by a lunacy commission, has been released from custody of the sheriff, his friends giving bond in the sum of \$10,000 for his appearance at the next term of court, to be tried upon the charge of embezzlement and forgery, provided he is then sane.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 20.—President A. G. Forbes, of the State Fair association, says that good progress is being made for the fair this fall. The debts are being arranged and the work of getting buildings in shape will soon begin. Secretary Tait is just now in the east looking after the racing events.

SEN. LATIMER IS DEAD

South Carolinian Passes Away After Short Illness.

DIED AT WASHINGTON CITY

Senator Latimer Was Taken Ill Only a Few Days Ago and Was Operated on for Appendicitis—Family Present When End Came.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Asbury C. Latimer, of South Carolina, died at Providence hospital at 9:15 a. m. Thursday of peritonitis.

Senator Latimer had been at the hospital since Sunday last, when he underwent an operation for appendicitis. It was then discovered that he was suffering with a far more serious ailment. The bowels had become twisted and his condition was found to be such that surgeons held out little hope for his recovery. He rallied, however, and his progress was satisfactory until 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, when steadily he began to grow worse. At midnight it appeared that recovery was impossible.

The members of the senator's family were with him when he died, having been informed that there was little hope that he would survive the night.

Colonel Ransdell, sergeant-at-arms of the senate, at once made arrangements for the removal of the body to the Latimer home at Belton, S. C. Senator Tillman announced the death of his colleague when the senate convened Thursday, after which the senate immediately adjourned. A committee of the senate will be appointed by the vice president to accompany the body to South Carolina.

BOLD DIAMOND ROBBERY.

In Broad Daylight Men Take Tray of Valuable Jewels.

New Orleans, Feb. 20.—A \$15,000 robbery in broad daylight in the heart of New Orleans, with hundreds of persons passing at the time, was perpetrated here Wednesday afternoon at the jewelry store of M. Waldhorn & Co., Conti and Royal streets.

Two men drove up in front of the store in a buggy. One of them alighted and smashed one of the large plate glass windows in the front of the establishment. He quickly seized two trays filled with diamonds, and jumping back into the buggy, was driven off. A large crowd started in pursuit, but men, buggy and horse were soon lost to sight in a cloud of dust in the old French quarters.

The proprietors of the jewelry store say the trays contained 112 diamond rings, whose value was between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

FATAL END TO FEUD

Kills His Neighbor and Then Surrenders to Officers of Law.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 20.—A special to the Sentinel from Sergeant, Ky., says:

At Stewart's Branch, a few miles west of here in Knott county, "Lid" Stewart shot and killed William Stamper, his near neighbor. The killing was the result of a feud of several years' standing.

Stewart then walked three miles to an officer to give himself up. He will be given an examining trial on Friday.

SHOT WIFE; THEN SUICIDES.

Tragedy at Supper Table of Wealthy Colorado Farmer.

Hotchkiss, Colo., Feb. 22.—Insane with rage because he objected to him scolding one of their children, M. U. Stoneburner, aged forty-one, a prominent and wealthy farmer, living near this city, Friday night shot and fatally wounded his wife and then placed the still smoking revolver against his breast and committed suicide before his six children seated around the supper table.

Furnace Resumes Operations.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 20.—With the blowing in of the iron furnace at Holt, Ala., Wednesday, four foundry ironmakers have resumed operations since Jan. 1. The total in the state in operation is sixteen, of which nine are in Jefferson county. Iron sales continue to be chiefly in small lots. The reorganization committee of the Southern Steel company will meet in New York about March 1, when plans will be announced for putting the numerous plants of this company into operation.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 25.—Governor Comer has been invited to a conference of governors with President Roosevelt at the White House on May 14. Conservation of the natural resources of the states is to be taken

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