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EIGHT MEN KILLED

BY AN EXPLOSION

IN ILLINOIS MINE

Accident Similar to Cherry

Disaster Imperils Four

Hundred Other Lives

Superintendent Leads First

Relay of Rescuers In Face

of Llack Damp

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Eight men were killed and four hundred others

had narrow escapes in an explos

ion of sas in mine "A" of the Chi-

at Herrin, Ills., late today.

Open lamps carried by employed of the mine were believed to have

caused the disaster. There were three men and a boy in this party and

manager; unidentified boy agout six-

Rescuers Face Death.

were killed, these men went into the

After sending to the surface three

unconscious persons the rescuers next found the bodies of Snyder,

The efforts of the rescuers to pen-

ical women and crying children to the

be accurately estimated. The collery is one of the oldest in this section,

and few accidents have ever occurred

life, formerly was a federal inspector

of government work on the Mississippl

Pierce, the engineer, who lost his

The damage to the mine cannot yet

all are dead,

miner.

workings.

RESCUE OF BODIES

FIRE PREVENTS THE

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., FIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24, 1909.

ALBERT CROWNED KING OF BELGIANS AMID REJOICING

In Coronation Speech Prom ises World Humanitarian Rule in Congo

SOCIALISTS TRY

But Are Howled Down by Cheering of The New Kings' Loyal Supporters

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23.--Prince Albert, son of the late Prince Philippe Count of Flanders, was crowned king of the Beigians today, assuming the title of Albert I. With his gueen, Elizabeth, and their sons, Princes Leopold and Charles, the new king rode in state from Lacken to the parliament, acclaimed b ythousands along the gaily decorated streets. The oath of office was administered before a joint session of the house of parliament and the feeble attempt of the socialists to sound a discordant note was drawned by the cheering of the king's loyal supporters. In his speech from the throne,

King Albert said: "I pledge myself to do my duty scrupulously and to concentrate all my strength and devote my whole

life to the service of the fatherland."

Tonight the city is alive with lights and merry making, strongly contrasting with the depression and signs of mourning that prevailed immediately following the death of Leopoid. But the explanation is to be found in the they hold in the esteem of nations. Policy in Congo.

The scene in the house of parlia-ment where the oath to the throne was taken was impressive with its gorgeous setting of royalty. Here the new monarch made an address destined by its democratic tone and unto doubt her promise that such a policy would be maintained.

Preceded by Queen Elizabeth and

coach, Albert made a "Joyous entry" into the city.

MORMON ELDERS WATCH

THE BATTLESHIP UTAH

Senator Smoot Proud That

Launching Was on Joseph

Smith's Birthday

GREATEST U.S. SHIP

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.--Uncle

Sam's greatest buffleship, the Utah.

was launched today at Camlen, N. J.

The fighting Levisthian slid down the

ways as Mary Alice Spry, youngest

daughter of Governor Spry of Utah

cracked a bottle of champagne on the

The big hull dipped into the water

and glided from the ways as nicely

as if a superhuman hand had picked

her up and dropped her into the

water. A half dozen tugs in waiting

darted out and made lines to the ship

and towed her back to the moorings

knocking away the blocking that was

between the new fighting ship and

the sea. Members of the Mormon

church sat upon a platform built for

them near the prow of the ship. When

the launching was all over Senator

Reed Smoot turned to the Mormon

anniversary of the birh of Joseph

Senator George Sutherland, also of

in the building of the Utah. Nine

months and eight days elapsed from

the laying of her keel to her launch-

The Utah is the fifth of the all big gun type of the battleship fleet of the

United States to be launched. When

completed she will be more power-

congress the "Skeered of Nothin'.

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elders and said:

. A multitude that crowded ever

armor plate and christened her.

GLIDE INTO ELEMENT

INTERVENTION IN NICARAGUA WITH BREADNOTBULLETS

With Nine Hundred Dead in Battle, Remnant of Zelaya's Army is Naked And Starving. U.S. Offers Food And Raiment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-Follow-TO MAKE PROTEST Madriz that the United States will gram from Consul Moffat, depicting the state of affairs at Bluefields. His hold him personally responsible for the safety of Americans in the western part of Nicaragua, the state department tonight extended more than moral encouragement to the revolutionists. Under orders from Secretary Knox, American Red Cross funds are to be expended in caring for the sick and wounded troops of both the Estrada and Zelayan armies, more than 2,000 of whom are incapaciated in Bluefields.

"Bread Not Bullets." This move on the part of the United States is expected to be more efficient than the dispatch of a strong force. "Bread instead of bullets," is the watch word of the state department, and it is generally believed that the prospects for food and medical attention will win over more men from the government ranks than any other plan that could be adopted.

According to the latest reports, the medical corps of the various war vessels now at Bluefields has installed hospitals ashore where scores are being cared for. The procession of sick and wounded men through the town is said to be pitiful, and although Estrada is doing everything in his power to relieve the suffering, his resources are meager.
Will Send Supplies.

With a view to relieving the situa-tion, Secretary Knox tonight consult ed with the American Red Cross, and immediately afterwards dispatched personal popularity of King Albert the following dispatch to Thomas H. and his queen and the high position Moffat, United States consul at Bluefields: "The American National Red Cross

will telegraph you tomorrow, the 24,1 lic five thousand dollars and they will send another \$5,000 if needed. Navy department has instructed Captain guarded from the public. to land whatever surplus supplies can be furnished from our ships now ut equivocal expression on the great Bluefields and orders will be given question of the Belgian Conco. to attract the attention of the world. Colomization should mean civilization, stores intended for the marines, or onization should mean civilization, stores intended for the marines, or said the king. The nation desires a policy of humanity and progress in department, such supplies as you may department, such supplies as you may the Congo, and no one has a right ask for within the limit of \$5,000 to be cabled you tomorrow. You will co-operate with Shipley in the distribution of supplies, payment for all of

The dispatch of this telegram fol ng a premptory warning to President lowed close on the receipt of a telestory of the suffering of the Zelayan soldiers was brief, but graphic. Inci dentally he reported that more than nine hundred men were killed on both sides in the recent battle at Rama. The dispatch follows:

"Two thousand starved, emaciated prisoners have been brought here rom Zelaya's surrendered army. The sight of the sick and weary, tottering through the streets is horrible hospital established by the Den Moines and Tagoma contains ninety wounded the city hospital sixty. Few of the surrendered army have shoes or blankets. Scores were almost naked, all are in a pitiable condition. Estrada is furnishing them with blankets. clothing, shoes and food as best he can. Flour, beans, rice, sugar, coffee and condensed milk are needed instantly to feed the starving Zelayan soldiers. Disease and death threatens, unless they are properly given best of food and care.

ZELAYA GETTING AWAY. MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec., 23 .-Ex-President Zelaya will leave here omorrow and probably abroad the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero immediately. The gunboat s now lying in the harbor of Corinto.

Owing to the hostile demonstrations which have been going on here for the ast few days against the old administration, it is likely that Zelaya will proceed to Corinto escorted by a strong guard.. The former president has been keeping close to his residence, and has been little seen in pub-

News of the defent of the Zelayan army at Rama has been carefully

The present government ondition to oppose the advance of President General Estrada's army. Madriz has behind him a strong political force, but few fighting men and no preparations have been made to repel an attack.

NEGRO INCENDIARIES.

AMERICUS, Ga., Dec. 23.—Three negroes were jailed here today upon the two little princes Leopold and which both those landed from ships the confession of one of them re-Charles, who accompanied the royal at Bluefields and those sent from garding the burning of the barn and will be recouped from Red live stock on the forest plantation near Americus recently.

SCHLEY'S SUGGESTION RECORD ASSHOP-LIFTER

National Organization of Stay at Home High Brows are Satisfied

DANES! OH PIFFLE! "BABY SHOP LIFTER

ST LOUIS, Dec. 23 .- An eight year old girl, dimpled, blue eyen and pretty is held by the police as "the haby shop lifter." She is Annie Pavlinski, daughter of

rested three times for theft; has spent graphic society, which gave Peary a two weeks in the industrial school clean bill of health. and escaped; has ran away from home dozens of times and makes a practice of pilfering money from her lather and her big brother.

Has Been Arrested Three

Times for Theft But Goes

Right on Stealing

She was found asleep in a hallow today, scantily clad and blue with cold. A policeman took her to the matron of a police station where it was learned she had run away from home workmen were nearly an hour pockets of \$1.50

Annie's first exploit was robbing a notion store of sixty cents worth of toys. She was arrested but the prorwiHu prictor refuses to prosecute.

Two weeks later on July 29, she entered a grocery store, concealed her-self under a counter and stole \$13 from a grocer's till. Her investments "It may be a coincident, but it is in candy and toys caused suspiction; a happy one that the launching of she was arrested again and was senin candy and toys caused suspicion; this ship should take place on the tenced to the industrial school.

Fourteen days later, ragged, but blithe, she reappear d at home, having escaped. Though she has several Utah, was present. Governor Fort times fallen in the hands of the poof New Jersey was one of the guests. lice, she was not returned to the in-A record in construction was made stitution.

AMERICAN LEADS INSURGENT ARMY

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec., 23 -- Associful than the Delaware and North insurgent forces in Nicaragua caused Peary ag the discoverer of the pol movement n another country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 -Rest Admiral Schley's demand that Com mander Peary submit his polar dat to the consistory of the University of 'openhagen for verification, follow ing that body's repudiation of Dr. Cook has raised a storm among the Frank Pavilnski. She has been ar- membership of the National Geo-

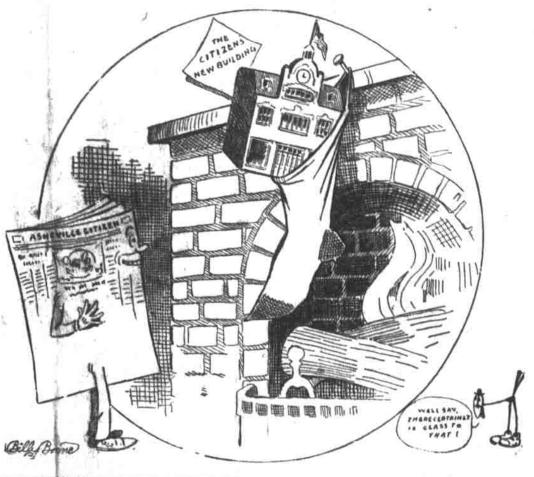
> The leading members claim that the scientists of the United States would be demeaning themselves if they acknowledged that their findings eeded verification. There seems to e no disposition to withhold from the Copenhagen board the data filed by Peary, but there is a well defined opposition against turning it over to the Danish scientists for official ac-

The argument advanced by Admiral Schley that such examination would remove all question of doubt from the claim of Peary, have been found whether Peary is right, but whether he scientists are wrong.

Copennagen," said Professor Garne L. four" are rumored to amount to about who was chairman of the committee \$13,000,000. that passed upon Peary's proofs, "anl don't see any reason why he should."

Rear Admiral Chester, who attacked οοκ's data some days ago, denounces was 17.54 the proposition of Admiral Schley as "absurd." He declared he did not believe that the University of Copenhagen would consider making a request for the proofs, and that the whole matter was a mare's nest. He a.s. drew Attention to the fact that the Royal Geographical society of Eng sted Press dispatches announcing that land and the Geographical society of Captain Godfrey Fowler is leading the Berlin had already acknowledge Dakota of the dreadnaught class great surprise in the adjutant-gen- an dthat the latter society had planand has been dubbed by a member of eral's department here, as Captain ned to honor Peary in Berlin next congress the "Skeered of Nothin". Fowler is not only a member of the year. Also he touched upon the ver-The Utah has a length on the load Texas national guard, but a member dict of the Duc D'Abruzzi, himself an waterline of 510 feet, or 521 1-2 feet of the governor's staff and under the explorer of no small fame, that Deary over all, and a beam of \$8 feet and law all such officers have to obtain had placed foot on the apex of * in Z inches, and her speed is expected to permission to leave this country to world, as additional proof why the join in any kind of revolutonary demand of Admiral Schley might well Saturday partly cloudy, moderate Mr. Sonneck's volume is not for free any one who may be found guilty of be ignored.

The Citizen's Stocking.



The dead are, W. T. Pierce, mine engineer; Eugene Barrett, assistant engineer; Thomas Williams, assistant BROKAW IS A VERY DECENT SORT OF CHAP ACCORDING TO HIS EVIDENCE teen years old; George Snyder, miner; Salvatore Grocco, miner; Pietro Romeo, loborer and Thomas Harber,

Never Was Drunk in His Life. Mixed Ginger Ale With Aerated Water to Keep James Quinne, superintendent of the mine and Robert Hueston, man-From Drinking With Guests, and in Short Never Did Any of the Things ager, headed the first relay of rescu-ers. Despite the black damp which flowed into the chamber adjoining those in which Pierce and his party Wife Charges Against Him.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—W. Gould her flowers, she accused me of meet-Brokaw, whose wife is suing him for ing some woman. I denied it. She called poison night" directed Mr. Me-separation with alimony of \$60,000 a year, took the stand in his own de-fense today and swore in the court same." room at Mineola, L. I., that his father-in-law, J. A. Blac, had threatened to kill him because he loved her the n ach. When he to'd Mrs. Brokaw of this threat she laughed and said

hen his wife took polson. In minute sly. detail his lawyer led bim through the the years of their highried life with "Will you tell the court of your Broken was not in her room, painstaking after life to the charges drinking agreement with your wife?" couldn't find her and got a nurs lant.uage bro ght ngainst him in the

estimony of his wife Brokaw made a good witness. His were ready and firm. Mrs. Brokaw color of champagne. I wished to apwas ashy pale. Her head tossed scornfully when her husband's testimony contradicted hers.

Never Was Drunk. Brokaw swore that he had never een drunk in his life. "The times when Mrs. Brokaw said

was flushed from a long walk or and not the imitation. He had never struck his wife ver struck anyone in my life," he testified,

awore, "Mrs. Brokaw knows I could | Shown a list of objectionable names bed beside his wife. not harm her.

called her a liar, but did not until she lorgnette, and said: had called me a d--liar. I had been out and when I came back bringing uage

said I lied and I had to tell her the Intyre

Brokaw swore that his wife had smoked cigarrettes before their marriage, and that she had promised him A Drinking Agreement.

drunkenness, cruelly and apusive asked John F. McIntyre, his coun-

"Yes," answered Brokaw. pear to drink with my guests and tablet. yet not to drink. This mixture bubbled and yet was harmless. I have used it for years, I do not drink."

Mr. Brokaw didn't recall any ecene following an incident at the table when a guest had changed his wife's

which Mrs. Brokaw said her husband

"Of course I don't use such lang-

"On that night" complied the wit-Greece and Romea ness. " lahd the Marquis Hermosa and others to dinner, Mrs. Brokaw did not etrate more deeply into the workings were repulsed by increasing banks of come down. After dinner I went to her room and knocked. She did not to stop it. He had never seen her answer. Then I said: "Mary, I want after-damp and they were forced to retreat leaving the sodies of Pierce and his companions. "Don't mind father, Billy; Les drink cocktails, but he had under- to come in." She did not answer. Fi-Fire Gains Headway.

Fire also began to tain headway and it is not expected that the bodies can be recovered before tomorrow. stood from his servants that cecktaffs nally I pushedin the door. She was Mr. Brokaw described the night were taken to her at her home on the furious, I told her I only wanted to When I came upstairs again Mrs. kiss her good night and left. can be recovered before tomo Tonight all efforts are being dir

couldn't find her and got a nurse to towards fighting the flames, News of help me hunt. After a search the rin and there was a rush of hysternurse called to me from a room at "We the end of the hall. I got there just wanted to mix our ginger ale with in time to see the nurse struggling to attitude was easy and his answers acrated water until it was the exact take something out of Mrs. Brokaw's mouth. It was some kind of a white

"I screamed, 'My God, she's dead!" "Did you do anything to cause her to take poison?"

"Absolutely nothing." Had Another in View.

There was a quarrel and a separwas drunk," he testified, "my face glass so that she got real champagne ation at Atlantic City. When he went od not the imitation.

"If Mrs. Brokaw drank champagne kaw at the Savoy. He bought a bunch she was the only who knew it," he of violets, and going to the hotel near midnight, placed the flowers on the

"This is my coffin," was her remark He admitted that he hadd called had applied to her when angry, Mr. Mr. Brokaw said, and she followed it his wife a liar. "Yes," he said. "I Brokaw scrutinized them through his up by saying she did not want "my flowers or me either." Asked if she

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AN END TO HIS JEALOUSY

JEALOUS HUSBAND PUTS

Kills Wife, Her Mother and Then Takes His Own

LONDON, Ky., Dec., 23 .- A triple murder and suicide occurred at Pitta-burg, Ky., a mining village yesterday, when William Murray, a miner shot and killed his wife and her mother and Elbert Cole and himself, Murray's objections to the alleged attentions of Cole to Mrs. Murray are given as the cause of the crimes.

Cole, who was a son of assistant Mine Inspector Perry C. Cole, was twenty two years old. He was manager of a general store, in which he Mwray entered the store and with-

out a word shot Cole. Then he went mother-in-law as she was leaving the house. He then shot his wife who was returning from a visit from a neighor. He dragged her within the yard. laid her dying beside the body of her mother and fired a bullet through Mrs. Murray's heart. He then shot himself and fell between the women's bodies.

BRYAN THREATENED WIT HPNEUMONIA

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec., 23,his cousin, ex-governor William cution was barred by the statute of Jennings, was too ill tonight to liver his scheduled address at the Duval Theatre for the benefit of a local WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—"There may be a sequel to the disappearance of the letter that will be seen to the disappearance of the letter that will be seen to the disappearance of the letter that will be seen to the disappearance of the letter that will be seen to the disappearance of the letter that will be seen to the disappearance of the letter that will be seen to the letter that will be seen that the letter that will be seen to the letter that will be seen that the letter that the let ture dates and will remain here for

A message from the bedside of Hon. William Jennings Bryan at 10.30 o'clock tonight was to the effect that he was resting easy but still confined

SAW HUSBAND KILLED.

MOULTRIE, Ga., Dec. 23.—Charlie States in both words and music in the department is making an effort contradistinction to "America" and to discover by whom the letter was district, this county, was shot and "The Star Spansfed Banner" both of taken, having filed it with his personal killed this morning in the presence bor, according to a measure to the sheriff here.

ARE TALKING SEVENTEEN CENT COTTON NOWADAYS

May Delivery Passes Sixteen Cent Mark and Other Months are at Top

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 -The bullish today realized for the first time in five in "Patriotic popularity." cars sixteen cents a pound cotton t or the staple on the New York exhange. While the May option at 16.01 today was the only cotton on the list to reach the sixteen cent quotation he entire list advanced slightly and still holds higher than at any time sin ctehe Sully boom in 1904. The bull campaign now on is said to be impeachable by American scientists, headed by Col. W. P. Brown and and therefore, the question is not Frank B. Hayne of New Orleans, who were associated with Sully five years ago, and by F. B. Scales and James "Nothing can be gained by submit-ting Peary's data to the University of The aggregate profits of this "big

The bulls now predict seventeen cent cotton before the end of January. The record during the Sully boom

WASHINGTON, Dec.,

North Carolina: Fair Friday; north to northeast winds

Volume Just Issued Shows Hearst Magazine Sued and

"DIXIE" MOST POPULAR

That It Comes First With "Yankee Doodle" Second

WASHINGTON, Dec., 23.-"Dixie"

exhaustive report on four famous Sugar Trust." American music compositions. "Yankee Doodle" though no longer a national song, is still a national sir, and second only to "Dixie" in the popular-Ity contest

'Hail Columbia" and "America" are

a correct version of both text and music of all four pieces. Facsimiles of the original manuscrips are reproduced in the volume.

The history of "Yankee Doodle" is fescribed as "a perfect maze of conflicting stories" and countless additions to the variations from the orriginal. As many as fourteen variations of the "Star Spangled Banner" are noted, accompanied by a gradual which partly originated in England, correspondence and a prosecution of of his wife, by John Lott, a distribution.

SUGAR TRUST ARTICLE OF OUR NATIONAL SONGS LEADS TO COMPLICATIONS

Government Will Prosecute for Stolen Letter

NE WYORK, Dec. 23 .- Thomas B. nthusiasm which has attended the has finally been officially proclaimed Harned, a Philadelphia lawyer, has cotton market in its recent advances as first of American songs and music brought suit in the United States Circuit court against the International to his home nearby and shot his Such is the verdict of O. G. T. Son- Magazine company, owned by W. R. neck, chief of the division of music Hearst, asking damages of \$75,000 the library of congress, who has just for an alleged libel in the current issued from the government press an an article entitled "Tragedies of the In this same article appeared a

> General Wickersham to Henry A. Wise, United States district attorney which in some manner was copied from an original in Mr. Wise's deak. The origin and evolution of "Yan-kee Doodle", "Star Spangled Banner", by the federal grand jury in con-Harned is one of the men indicted nection with the Pennsylvania Sugar treated in full detail in Mr. Sonneck's Refining company's suit whose demurer to the indictment, however, was in this city several days the guest of He has furnished as far as possible, sustained on the ground that prose-

copy of the letter written by Attorney

of the letter that will be very un-comfortable for somebody," said an official of the department of justice

A message f today when his attention was called to the publication of that written by process of polishing and modification. Attorney General Wickersham June The year in which "America" was first 27 last to District Attorney Wise at to his bed. sung in public is fixed as 1822, but New York which found its way inte the exact place and date was not def- one of the magazines. The letter had initely ascertained. "Hall Columbia" relation to a feature of the sugar trust is strictly a product of the United prosecutions. Mr. Wire, it is said, at States in both words and music in the department is making an effort contradistinction to "America" and to discover by whom the letter was

purloining it will be undertaken.