

400 MEN ENTOMBED,
HAVE ALL PERISHED?

Eighty-Five Bodies So
Far Recovered.

Five Rescuing Parties In
Work of Relief.

Broken-Hearted Women
Horror-Stricken.

Monogah, W. Va., Dec. 7.—With unabated energy five rescuing parties, working from every possible point to enter and explore mines Nos. 6 and 8, of the Fairmont Coal Company, a subsidiary of the Consolidated Coal Company, of Baltimore, where a terrific explosion of black damp occurred yesterday, are this morning putting forth every effort to reach the 315 men whom they have every reason to believe are still in the mine, dead or alive, although there is scarcely a hope entertained that a single one of the 400 or more men who went into the mine yesterday morning has survived the terrific explosion and the poisonous fumes with which the mines filled immediately after the death-dealing crash.

Eighty-five bodies have so far been brought to the surface, and the dozen undertakers from this and surrounding towns, who were on duty all night, by daylight had these bodies washed and made as presentable as possible in an improvised morgue, into which one of the mine buildings has been converted.

With the dawn of the day there began a heart-rending march up and down along the aisles in which these bodies have been laid by surviving wives and mothers and sweethearts, orphaned children and strong men, each seeking a near relative or beloved friend.

There are between 5,000 and 6,000 inhabitants in the mining town of Monogah, and it is doubtful if in this entire population there are a score of persons who have not either a near relative or close friend numbered among the victims of the disaster.

People Are Stunned.

The people of the town are stunned by the catastrophe. They had long regarded these mines as practically insurance from the dangers so common to the coal mining industry. The plant of the company was provided with every device for the protection of life, and the equipment was considered the most modern and complete outfit used in the production of bituminous coal. A mine disaster here was considered next to impossible, and the fact that these mines should be the scene of the most frightful disaster that has ever occurred in the bituminous coal mines of America comes as such a shock to the residents of the town that they are stupefied by it.

All of last night hundreds of men stood about the entrance of the two mines. They said nothing, but when approached and asked a question they would give way to their emotions.

Some Sad Scenes.

During the night few women were to be seen, but all day yesterday the women were the chief actors in most pathetic and heartrending scenes. They crowded the sides of the hills overlooking the ill-fated mines and cried aloud. As the day advanced they became almost crazed through grief and suspense. One woman pulled out her hair, hand-fuls at a time. Another tore all the skin from both of her cheeks with her finger nails. Some lay down on the frozen ground, and cried themselves to sleep. In this condition many were carried to the hospital.

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FIND NO CAUSE FOR ALARM
AT FILTERING BASINS.

Trades and Labor Council Committee Handed In
Its Report Last Night.

At last night's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council a report was received from the special committee—Messrs. Berry, Rollo and Thompson—appointed at the previous meeting to investigate the condition of the filtering basins. It was as follows: "Your committee went to the Beach on Friday morning, November 15, at 9:10, and proceeded to view the basins and surroundings, which we found in very good shape, so far as we could see. The caretaker gave us all the information we desired, and explained the working of the inlets and outlets of the basins, and from a surface observation everything appeared to be in good condition. This took up all our time until noon. "After dinner we proceeded to rake the basins. After having raked the southern basin, and finding some weeds and a little dirt, we raked the other basin, where no work had been done. Comparison between the two led your committee to believe that while the southern basin was not as clean as we would have liked to have found it, fairly good work has been done, and a great improvement has been made, and the condition of the water in the said basin is not such as should cause any alarm to the citizens of Hamilton. "From general observation, and from information gathered, your committee is satisfied there has been some mismanagement on the part of those who had charge of the sand-sucker. In our opinion, from the information obtained, the men in charge of the machine were incompetent, and were therefore unable to produce the good results we believe that the machine is capable of if properly managed. "Your committee is of the opinion that, if properly managed, the machine will do the work for which it was purchased. We would, therefore, recommend that the City Engineer, Fire and Water Committee, or whoever else has the matter in charge, be requested to secure a man capable of managing the machine before proceeding to do any further work in the basins. "Your committee desires to say that it received the best possible assistance from the caretaker, and was given all the information asked for, and was not denied any facilities for carrying out the investigation. "In conclusion, your committee thinks, from its limited knowledge of water systems that the system at the Beach as explained to us is one of the best in America, and with proper care, the citizens of Hamilton could be supplied with the best and purest water on the continent." The report was adopted. The council passed a resolution, advising that all bread be wrapped in paper before being sent out from the various bakeries. The members did not think, in the interest of the public health, that bread should be handled as at present by drivers, whose hands may not always be clean. It was announced at the meeting that some person was soliciting advertisements for a trades council directory. No person, it was stated, is authorized by the council to do so.

LATE DR. HOWARD.

Funeral Took Place Yesterday to Grove Cemetery.

Dundas, Dec. 7.—The funeral of Dr. Howard took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, King street, to Grove cemetery. The religious services were performed by Mr. T. J. Mansell. The burial was conducted with Masonic ceremonies his brother Mason attending in large numbers to pay the last tribute of respect to a departed much beloved brother. The pallbearers were Thomas Goodbrand son, Wm. Hardy C. M. Jarvis E. A. Wadehouse Thomas C. Morison and W. G. Mallett. The American Vitagraph Company gave an exhibition of moving pictures in the town hall last evening to a large audience of delighted people. The company will pay another visit to the town in three weeks, and afterwards during the season every fortnight. Mrs. A. W. Fisher, West Flamboro, is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

EAST END REVIVAL.

Large Ingathering at the Meeting Last Evening.

Another large ingathering of the unconverted at the East Hamilton revival meeting in Barton Street Methodist Church took place last night at what was the largest and best meeting yet. The workers were overjoyed at the large number of conversions among their friends and prominent people for whom they had been praying. Evangelist Turk spoke with great power on character building, those upon the sand and those upon the rock, those who live for pleasure or riches, or power, or depending on morality or formality are building up on the sand, those who are building up on Christ are building upon the rock. The testing time comes to all, the storms will certainly beat upon the buildings and only those built upon the rock will stand. Madam Egbert will sing at the union meeting in Wesley Church this afternoon, and at all the revival services tomorrow.

SOCIAL NIGHT.

Large Crowd Enjoyed it at Alexandra Rink.

The first social evening this season was held at the Alexandra Rink last night, and the skating floor was crowded to its utmost capacity. There was also a good many in the balcony. The crowd in masterly fashion. The idea of having the floor for couples for the major portion of the evening seemed to catch the fancy of the crowd. The management intends to hold another next Friday evening. The rink has engaged Mr. John McNish, of Kingston, as floor manager, and he handled the large crowd in masterly fashion. Especially was this so in the grand march, in which between three and four hundred people took part.

This is the Place

To buy your thermometers at. We are very careful to have thermometers that are correct, and carry a very complete line of Clinck thermometers; we have them from 75c. to \$2.00. Canteen or cabinet thermometers at from 15c. to \$5.00. Also cold storage, ham testing, daisy, syrup and candy-makers' thermometers.—Parke & Parke, druggists.

SUNFIELD
TO HANG.

Court of Appeal Confirms His Conviction.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 7.—Special.—The Court of Appeal has affirmed the conviction of Jacob Sunfield for the murder of Radzyk. He will be hanged on 27th of this month unless his sentence is commuted to imprisonment for life.

KING OSCAR PASSING AWAY. "The King's strength has been continuously decreasing during the night. His majesty it at times not fully conscious. Action of the heart is weaker. Pulse 88. Irregular breathing difficult. King Oscar's periods of unconsciousness are becoming more prolonged. During the short intervals when his Majesty rallies he seems to recognize the persons at his bedside.

SAYS THEY WERE
WARDEN'S GUESTS.

IN BAR AFTER LEGAL HOURS ON THURSDAY NIGHT.

Inspector Birrell and Two Police Officers Visited the Franklin and Lay Charge Against Proprietor.

At the Police Court this morning there was very little grist to be ground in the mill of justice, and it was ground quickly.

A. A. Goetz, of the Franklin House, was charged with keeping his bar open till 11:25 p. m. on Thursday night last. George S. Kirk appeared for him and obtained a remand till Monday. Inspector Birrell stated this morning that he walked quietly to the door of the bar, inside the hotel and easily turned the handle. The door was opened a cautious inch and the Inspector promptly shoved his foot in and forced the door open, and running to the outer door opened it and called in Police Sergeant Moore and Constable Duffy. There was about a dozen men in the bar and Mr. Goetz claimed they were some of the warden's guests, who had gone there to get their horse checks after the banquet. The Inspector says, however, that for every one of such that Goetz gets to testify he can put three city men into the box who "don't know a warden from a hole in the ground."

James Gordon, 92 Florence street, was charged with being drunk. His face was covered from his hair to his chin with blood from his nose, and he got off on the condition that he should wash it off quickly.

SAT UP ALL NIGHT.

Oxford County Council Fought Over Lawyer's Bill.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 7.—(Special)—The Oxford County Council broke all records last night when the closing session of the year commenced at half past seven in the evening, and came to a close at eight minutes to seven this morning, after a continuous sitting during the interval. A greater part of the evening was used in threshing out an account for \$500 submitted by W. T. McMullen, a local lawyer for legal services. It's payment was very strongly opposed and it was finally decided to offer him \$350, if his account were found correct by the committee appointed.

THE VETERAN CANADIAN

Piano Manufacturer, Gerhard Heintzman.

Mr. Gerhard Heintzman has been before the Canadian public as a practical manufacturer of high-grade pianos for upwards of 50 years. He has the unique distinction of personally making his first eight pianos throughout and these instruments are giving excellent satisfaction to-day in the homes in which they are placed. The enduring qualities of these first pianos indicate the comprehensive knowledge and fidelity to a high ideal that has been the solid foundation on which the piano enterprise has steadily grown. Mr. Gerhard Heintzman supervises every detail in the production of his superb pianos to-day and the New Art styles are pronounced by critics to be the finest ever introduced by a Canadian manufacturer. Call and inspect the new stock of pianos which has just arrived for the Xmas trade at the Hamilton showrooms, King street east, opposite New Terminal Station.

A Smoker's Christmas Present.

B. B. B. English briar pipes of the finest quality in handsome companion sets, with straight and curved stems, and interchangeable amber and vulcanite mouthpieces, are sold in great variety at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

EDWARD JOHNSON COMING.

Music lovers will be glad to learn that Edward Johnson, the famous New York tenor, will appear at the Grand Opera House here on Jan. 13th, together with Miss Jeanette Spencer, who is to be soloist for Mendelssohn's choir in Toronto next year.

Some one asks what becomes of all the bad actors. Read the answers in the stars.—Chicago News.

The Man
In Overalls

Shop early.

Has somebody been moving John Paterson's route through the park?

This is a poor year for debutantes.

Zim has the glass hand for any of you that may be down in Ottawa.

The Mayor believes in making a man pay for his bath.

Just like the Mauretanias, the Macassa has broken the record.

There is, of course, a ray of hope that Peter Ray's bill will be paid.

That report upon the inefficient teaching Santa Claus.

Is Col. Ptolemy for the manufacturers or the farmers on the tariff question?

That report upon the inefficient teachers must be buried in the depths of the City Hall vault.

Dominion jurisdiction or no Dominion jurisdiction, isn't there law enough to prevent the Radical from doing a street railway business?

Selling debutantes at that rate is like giving money away.

Having moved his route through Dundurn, John Patterson had better be watched lest he move the park just the least little bit.

No wonder we're poor with the over-draft eating everything up.

Do you notice how scared the aldermen are when the North End Improvement Society goes after them?

If there are to be any drawings this winter, see that you are not of the number.

No suppose we take a show of hands as to the carrying of the hydro power by-law. The prospects for it are not over bright.

If you don't do it to-night, do your Santa Clausing on Monday morning early.

Shop early and often.

MADE A SCENE
AT THE TRIAL.

MRS. OSBORNE-FRAWLEY TAKEN FROM COURT YESTERDAY.

Screamed That She Could Not Say Anything Against Kistenmaker—Case Stands Till Monday.

Rochester, Dec. 7.—Weeping hysterically and crying almost at the top of her voice that she was not the murderer of Fred Kistenmaker, Mrs. Nellie Osborne, who took the stand in her own defence yesterday afternoon, was taken from the Supreme Court by court attendants after she had been questioned for a short time by her own attorney. Her counsel had asked her about her quarrel with Kistenmaker on the night of the murder. She replied: "I can't tell anything against that man, I loved him too much."

Her attorney told her that she might as well answer his questions because the District Attorney would question her on the same thing. She reiterated that she could not answer and when Mr. McNernery asked:

"Did he choke you?" she seemed to experience a spasm of emotion and almost screamed: "I cannot say anything against him."

Previously to the scene created by the defendant she denied having ever made threats against Kistenmaker; contradicted in its entirety the testimony of Mrs. Sager regarding the alleged threat as to trip to the lake.

Dr. Buck, of St. Mary's Hospital, a witness in the case, attended Mrs. Osborne. Court adjourned to Monday.

TO-DAY'S GAME.

Montreal Seconds Arrived Here This Morning.

The Montreal seconds, champions of the Quebec Rugby Union, arrived here shortly before noon, accompanied by about twenty followers. "Chaucer" Elliott, the coach, accompanied the boys, who put up at the Waldorf Hotel. He says the team is in fine shape for the game with the Tigers II. This afternoon for the Dominion championship. They will probably line up as follows:

To-till, full back; Easton, Scott and Eveleigh, halves; T. Riddell, quarter back; Douglas, Denne and Cameron, scrum; Ryan, Ward, Bartons, Broderick, Coliclan, Wardell, Ewing and Hurd, wings.

George Ballard will referee and Benny Burlan will act as umpire.

WHEAT AT 92.

Big Drop in all Grain Prices on Local Market.

Wheat has taken such a tumble in price that there ought to be a prospect of flour taking a tumble also, and of consumers getting more than 16 ounces of bread for five cents. When wheat prices went up to about \$1.02 to \$1.05 on the local market not many weeks ago the millers advanced the price of flour to \$3 a barrel, wholesale. Wheat has been below the dollar mark for almost a month now, and since Thursday last has gone down to 92 cents. The price of flour is still \$5.

Oats have also taken a very marked drop. A few weeks ago they were as high as 65 cents. To-day the quotation is 50 to 51c.

TO PROVIDE A JOB
FOR WILLIAM BERRY.

DIED IN ENGLAND.

Former Chief Engineer of Great Western Railway.

An old and esteemed former resident of this city, Mr. George Lowe Reid, who was chief engineer of the old Great Western Railway many years ago, died this morning at Brighton, England, at the age of 79 years. Mrs. Reid, wife of deceased, was a sister of Mrs. (Dr.) Malloch. Mrs. W. M. Findlay and Mrs. W. R. Macdonald, of this city.

FILED A CAVEAT

Against Will of Man With a Record Name.

On October 19th, 1907, James Cowan Prince-of-Orange McCoy, better known as Squire McCoy, of Simcoe, died and left considerable property near Simcoe, and a will, which H. D. Petrie, acting for Clifford H. Lees, has filed a caveat against the probate of, on the ground that Mr. McCoy was of unsound mind. Kerr & Thomson are acting for the executor of the estate, and moving to set aside the caveat.

NOT EXECUTED.

Twenty Year's Imprisonment for United Statesers.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 7.—A special to the Republic from Chihuahua says the three Americans, Richardson, Mason and Hare, who were sentenced to be shot for the murder of two other Americans, Mitchell and Divors, whose insurance they attempted to collect, were not executed yesterday. An official order, signed by Governor Creel and the Chief Justice of the State of Chihuahua, commuting the sentence to 20 years' imprisonment, was read to the men at noon and they were placed in solitary confinement.

OBITUARY.

The funeral of Ellen Bourke took place yesterday evening from her late residence, 134 East avenue north. Rev. R. J. Treleaven conducted the service, assisted by Rev. R. Whiting. The pallbearers were: J. Bristow, J. W. Tallman, T. Morris, J. Henry, W. B. Smith and W. Hazell.

William Galbraith, for many years a resident of this city, passed away this morning at the residence of his son-in-law, Christopher Curry, 223 Wellington street north, in his 67th year. He leaves three daughters and five sons. A funeral service will be held on Sunday evening at 8:45, and on Monday the remains will be taken to Milton for interment.

The funeral of Evelyn, infant daughter of G. H. Yeo, took place this afternoon from her parents' residence, 57 Crooks street. Rev. Dr. Russell conducted the services.

The funeral of Thomas Lewis will take place on Monday morning from his late residence, 168 West avenue north, to St. Patrick's Church, thence to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

The funeral of the local police were notified of the sudden death of Mrs. Nicholson Brown, and inquired enquiries. They stated this morning that deceased was a daughter of Capt. Nicholson. The family lived on Main street east, near Wellington, for some years. Deceased has several sisters, who also formerly lived here, and relatives still in Hamilton.

The health report for the week shows four cases of chickenpox, three each of mumps and typhoid fever and two each of diphtheria and erysipelas. One of the typhoid cases was contracted outside the city.

A. W. Peene, architect, took out a permit this morning to rebuild that portion of the Burrow, Stewart & Milne factory destroyed by fire recently. It is estimated the job will cost \$5,000. P. McKay is the contractor.

George Kidley, who has charge of the animals at Dundurn Zoo, says there is no truth whatever in the story that one of the bears escaped and roamed about the Grand Trunk yards before being captured.

The following passed the preliminary civil service examination for Hamilton: C. E. Gompf, E. F. Henderson, James M. Law, Charles W. Little, William Merrifield, Ernest A. Morgan, Joseph Smith.

DEAD AT SIOUX FALLS, S. D.,
AND LOOKS LIKE SUICIDE.

Mrs. Gertrude Nicholson Brown Who Was Here Recently, Died Unexpectedly.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Gertrude Nicholson Brown, a member of the local divorce colony, died suddenly at her apartments late last night under somewhat mysterious circumstances. While there are indications that Mrs. Brown committed suicide, the friends of the dead woman scout this idea. They say she had not been in the best of health for some time and that her death resulted from heart disease, from which at least two of her immediate relatives died. They point out that she engaged the services of a nurse, who was present when she died, and that had she intended ending her life she would not have permitted anyone around. Mrs. Brown was an Englishwoman, her husband being a prominent Englishman. She was about 32 years of age, and first came to Sioux Falls about a year ago. After remaining here for a period of about six months, she left for the East. It is known that a part of the interval until her return to Sioux Falls, about two weeks ago, was spent with relatives in and about Hamilton, Ont. Those acquainted with Mrs. Brown claim that after her return she did not show the same jovial disposition as on the occasion of her first sojourn in Sioux Falls. She appeared down-hearted and despondent. The coroner's inquest will be held on Saturday afternoon.