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Cannot Reach Men

Several Explosions of Gas in a Mine at Port Royal, Pennsylvania.

Twenty Miners Are Missing and It Is Feared They Are Dead.

Port Royal, Pa., June 11.—By the explosion of gas in shaft No. 2 of the Pittsburg Coal & Coke company's mine about 9 o'clock last night seven men are supposed to have been killed and thirty wounded.

This is the partial list of the supposed dead: Wm. McCune, general superintendent of this district; Dennis Wortley, pit boss; Michael Roy, foreman; Michael Daly, who entered mine for the first time yesterday morning; Frank Devonport, married; Anthony Stickle, married; John Peoples, who has a wife and two small children here.

In the attempt to rescue the men known to be in the mine other lives were placed in jeopardy and may be lost. About 10 o'clock there was a low rumbling sound followed by a roar, which sounded like a cyclone, then

Three Sharp and Short Reports, immediately measures for the rescue of those in the mine were taken and a rescue party, composed of the men who had started off early in the day, was formed. The men entered the shaft and knuckled towards the spot where it was thought some of the men might be found. Lying at the bottom of the shaft were Lawrence Settler and John Staker. Unconscious and covered with dirt, they were quickly taken to the top of the mine. When they recovered they told the rescue party where four other men were entombed.

About 7 o'clock Wm. McCune, Dennis Wortley, Michael Roy and several other losses, with about 20 men, went down shaft No. 1, which is just opposite on the Baltimore & Ohio side of the river, and they are probably lost. About three hours after the rescue party had been in the mine, two more explosions were heard.

Meanwhile the crowd around the opening of the shaft had increased, including fathers, wives and sisters of many ex-

At 3 o'clock A. W. Sweeney and Frank Stratton came to the surface bringing Harry Beveridge

In an Unconscious Condition with both arms and legs broken and badly burned. He cannot live, Sweeney and Stratton succumbed after reaching the surface.

Before he died Sweeney, who was mainly instrumental in saving Beveridge, was able to tell that he climbed over the bodies of at least three men on his way out.

The explosion occurred at the time when the shifts were changing from day to night turn, and it is impossible to tell how many were in the mine at the time, but certainly no less than 30 are entombed.

Twenty Men Missing.
Port Royal, Pa., June 11.—At 4 o'clock this morning Superintendent Wm. McCune's hat and a couple of his boots were found, the hat being broken into fragments. There is no trace of him or any of the rescuing party.

The Port Royal mines are situated on the Youghioghy river 37 miles from Pittsburg. They are owned by the Pittsburg Coal company. District Superintendent McCune, who is reported killed, at the head of the above-hand of volunteers, was one of the most experienced and best known miners in western Pennsylvania. The Port Royal mines are located on the thick vein coal belt, and are for that reason extremely gas-ous and dangerous. The state mining officials have made their management officials have made their management officials have made their management

All the rescuing parties have come out of the burning mine. They say that the black dump makes work impossible, and give up hope of finding any of the men alive. Twenty men are

Known to Be Missing, and are supposed to be dead. They are: Frank Devonport, Antonio Stickle, John Wortley, Michael Roy, Wm. McCune, and several others of the mines of the Pittsburg Coal company between West Newburg and Enoka, Wm. Allison, superintendent of several mines below West Newburg, Dennis Wortley, pit boss of the Port Royal mines, Michael Roy, pit boss at the Enclid mines, John Keck, pit boss at the Darrs mines, Peter McCune, boss driver at Port Royal mine, and several others.

The injured brought out are: Arthur Wright, pit boss at the Smithton mines; Frank Krout, miner, both eyes destroyed and fatally burned; George Krout, miner, both eyes destroyed and fatally burned.

Seven years ago there was an explosion at Port Royal and the mine caught fire. It was necessary to fill it with water to quench the flames. To do this water was pumped from the bed of the river. This is now closed with a plug, which was arranged for such an emergency as the present, and to draw out the plug and the water will rush in.

This, of course, cannot be resorted to until all the men in the mine have been rescued or known to be beyond rescue.

Another Attempt to Reach Men.
Pittsburg, Pa., June 11.—At 10 o'clock

this morning a telegram was received at the headquarters of the Pittsburg Coal Company, owners of the Port Royal mine, which stated that there were from 14 to 16 men entombed in the burning mine. Another relief force was sent into the mine at 9 o'clock this morning.

Explosion This Afternoon.
West Newton, Pa., June 11.—Another explosion occurred at the Port Royal mine shortly before noon, and several of the rescuers were dangerously injured. Fire Inspector Callahan and Fire Boss McFee were in the most dangerously hurt, and may die. This last explosion in many minds settles the fate of entombed men, and all hope of getting them out alive has been abandoned.

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS.
Forty-four Athletes From New York Will Take Part in Meeting at Buffalo.

New York, June 11.—Forty-four athletes from this city are expected to leave tomorrow night for Buffalo, where they will compete in the amateur athletic union championships on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The entry list is the largest the union has ever had for a national championship meet. For the junior championships there are 125 entries, and for the senior championships 119, a total of 244. This is 71 more than last year. There are twenty entries for the handicapped events on the opening day. These handicaps are a new departure. It will be the first time any western athletes have competed since the championship meeting in Detroit in 1888.

Trade of The Country

Figures Issued by the Customs Department Shows It Is Still Growing.

An Increase During the Eleven Months, Ending May, of Over \$11,000,000.

Ottawa, June 11.—A statement issued by the customs department yesterday for eleven months ending May 31st last shows that the aggregate trade of the country increased in that time over \$11,000,000. Indications are that the year's figures will show a grand aggregate of foreign trade of nearly \$400,000,000.

It is specially noted that for the past eleven months the exports from Canadian manufactured articles increased over \$2,000,000, which is an increase of about 17 per cent.

The aggregate trade for the eleven months was \$335,026,996, as compared with \$323,159,346 for the same time last year, showing an increase of \$11,430,520.

There was a drop in imports from \$104,801,196 in 1900 to \$162,202,334 for the past eleven months, or a decrease of \$2,506,022. The exports, however, show an increase of \$14,229,382 as compared with the same time last year. The figures are \$173,024,464 as against \$158,795,280 in 1900.

In regard to imports it should be pointed out that the entire decrease is made up in coin and bullion which of course is not trade, and that the total imports of dutiable and free goods show a slight increase over the eleven months of last year.

Census Clerk.
Robert Fraser, Vancouver, B. C., has been appointed chief clerk of census for the province of British Columbia.

M. P.'S BANKRUPTCY.
Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett's Liabilities Are \$57,536 and Assets \$28,000.

London, June 11.—A meeting of the creditors of Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett in the bankruptcy court today disclosed his liabilities to be \$57,536 and his assets \$28,000. The chairman of the meeting stated that the assets were of very doubtful value. Among the creditors is Sir Ellis's brother, William Lehman Ashmead Bartlett-Counts, who figures for \$40,000.

Sir Ellis attributes his insolvency to losses on various investments.

THE MOUNTED RIFLES.

Col. Evans Will Be Selected as Commander—To Watch the Manitoba Liquor Case.

Ottawa, June 12.—Col. Evans will be selected to command the Manitoba and Northwest Mounted Rifles, and Major Hosmer, of the Manitoba Dragoons, will be second in command. The officers have just been selected from the Manitoba Dragoons and Brandon Infantry.

Manitoba Liquor Case.
Mr. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, leaves for London, England, on the 22nd inst., and will watch the Manitoba liquor case in the interests of the Dominion.

SNOWSTORM IN SCOTLAND.
London, June 11.—The abnormally warm weather in Scotland suddenly ended with a snowstorm this morning. The Grampian mountains are covered with snow.

Commando Surrenders

Commandant Van Rensburg and His Men Lay Down Their Arms.

Kitchener Reports That One Hundred Boers Have Arrived at Pietersburg.

London, June 11.—Lord Kitchener reports to the war office under the date of Pretoria, June 11th, as follows: "Commandant Van Rensburg and his commando have surrendered at Pietersburg."

"One hundred men have come in and others are following."

Kruger Knows Nothing.
The Hague, June 11.—Mr. Kruger has issued a statement to the effect that he knows nothing of the peace negotiations alleged to be proceeding with the Boer leaders. He says that if there are any negotiations on foot it is not through any action of his.

THE POPE NOT ILL.
His Holiness Is at Present Enjoying Good Health.

Rome, June 11.—The report carried to the United States that the Pope is again ill is without foundation. His Holiness is well, and yesterday granted an audience to the Belgian Dominican nuncios.

The statement circulated in America shows that the annual reports of the Pontiff's illness, critical condition and fainting fits have already commenced, and as the summer wears he no doubt as usual will be reported at death's door. The truth is, His Holiness is at present in exceptionally good health, and he enjoys his daily drive and walk. The other day the Pope strolled gazing at the yellow strip of sunlit Mediterranean and turning with a sigh to his nephew, the Pontiff used for the first time since his "imprisonment," a phrase which might have been construed as impatience at his "captivity."

"Ah," said he, "how I wish I could go to sea again. It would really renew my youth. The last time I really stayed at sea was about 55 years ago, when I was Nuncio at Brussels. I then went to Antwerp on the advice of a physician and can vividly remember even now how cool the water was, how invigorating, and what pleasure I took in swimming. I found the cure most beneficial."

As a matter of fact the Pope has such pleasant recollection of benefits of the sea that he decided some time ago to try the Knoppe cure for rheumatism, but this was such a dismal failure that for a long time after the word "water" was offensive to the Pope.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.
Ex-Premier Hardy Improving—Farmers Buying Machinery.

Montreal, June 11.—A Winnipeg dispatch says farmers evidently have great faith in the crop outlook this season, if criterion can be taken by the quantity of machinery sold. One city traveler has already sold 32 threshing machines, aggregating \$84,000, for full delivery.

Charlottetown, June 11.—The city council has passed a resolution instructing the police to have nothing to do with the enforcement of the prohibition act. This throws the responsibility on the government.

Toronto, June 11.—At 11:30 this morning the General hospital authorities reported ex-Premier Hardy as having a comfortable night and was improved this morning. The doctors now hope for his recovery.

Quebec, June 11.—Sheriff Gagnon died at an early hour this morning. He was one of the best known Liberals in this district.

London, June 11.—The body of Robert Farlow, who shot and killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Robert McCord, in Arva township, on Saturday night, is lying at an undertaking establishment here, unclaimed.

Streetsville, June 11.—Frank Rutledge, 21 years ago a simple village boy, a week ago a bank robber, and now a suicide, was yesterday buried in the church-douglas. The body having been sent on from Toronto to his parents, who reside here.

THE PRESIDENT INVITED
To Attend the Celebrations at Deadwood, South Dakota.

Chicago, June 12.—President McKinley will receive on Saturday next unique invitations to attend the carnival at Deadwood, S. D., beginning on July 3rd, which will celebrate the opening of the Black Hills reservation by white people 25 years ago. The invitation is engraved on a solid gold plate.

Will S. Warner, of Deadwood, passed through Chicago today on his way to Washington, carrying the invitation. The celebration is expected to prove of great interest in the western states.

A MILD ATTACK.
St. Petersburg, June 11.—The attack of typhoid fever in a mild form which the young Grand Duchess Olga, the eldest child of Emperor Nicholas, is suffering is following the usual course, and is not causing any alarm.

WRECKED BY A TORNADO.
Minneapolis, Minn., June 11.—It is reported that a tornado wrecked many buildings at Adrian, Minn., to-day. It is not known whether there was loss of life.

NOVEL SCHEME.

Buoys Will Mark the Path of the Baldwin-Ziegler Polar Expedition.

Chicago, June 11.—A special to the Chronicle from Quincy, Ill., says: "Packed in hermetically sealed forty balloons have been shipped to Tromsø, Norway, where the outfit will be added to the equipment of the Baldwin-Ziegler North Pole expedition."

"These balloons are not to be used for carrying passengers, but to mark the path of the expedition. To each will be attached 10 buoys, 10 feet apart, hanging one below the other, weighing ten pounds each, arranged with a liberator for detaching the buoys one at a time as they strike the earth. The buoy will contain a message showing the latitude whence the balloon was sent up and such other word as explorers care to leave behind."

"The buoys are made of copper and cord, and are shaped like a top. In the center is a hollow space which will contain the messages. When a certain amount of the gas has escaped the balloon will descend. As soon as it gets near enough to the earth for one of the buoys to strike the lower one is immediately detached and liberated from its weight, the balloon at once begins its upward ascent. This operation is repeated automatically until all the balloons have been dropped, when the balloon, now emptied of its gas, collapses and sinks to the ground. As there are forty of these balloons, they will be scattered over the arctic regions."

Washington, June 11.—The following statement has been given out at the White House:

"I regret that the suggestion of a term in Germany has been made. I doubt whether I am called upon to give it notice. I am called upon to give it notice of the greatest importance before the administration and the country, and their consideration should not be prejudged in the public mind by even the suspicion of the thought of a third term."

"In view therefore of the reiteration of the suggestion of it, I will say now, and for all, expressing a long settled conviction, that I do not intend to be a candidate for a third term, but would not accept a nomination for it were it offered me."

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BRITAIN'S RIVALRY.
Speech by Admiral Sir E. Seymour, British Commander of China Station.

Shanghai, June 11.—Admiral Sir Edward Seymour, British commander-in-chief of the China station, was the principal guest of the Chinese Association at its annual banquet last evening. During the course of a speech protesting against the policy of trade exclusion, the admiral said Great Britain had three powerful rivals—the United States, Russia and Germany. Of the three the United States was the greatest of her trade rivals, but the rivalry was not in conflict with Great Britain's policy of open door. Germany was a keen competitor, both as regards trade and sea power. Great Britain some day would have to reckon with the latter. Russia was not only extending her territory, but was re-asserting her trade.

Admiral Seymour insisted on the importance of holding and defending Shanghai in order to preserve the prestige of the foreign nations.

SUPERINTENDENT OF MINES.
Professor Eugene Hannel Selected by the Dominion Government.

Syracuse, June 11.—Prof. Eugene Hannel, head of the department of physical science in Syracuse university for the past 13 years, to-day received official notice of the ratification by the cabinet of the Dominion of Canada of his appointment as superintendent of mines.

Dr. Hannel is a former professor in the University and is a charter member of the Royal Society of Canada. He was born in Breslau, Germany, May 24th, 1841, coming to this country in 1859. He taught in Adrian, Hillsdale and Albion colleges in Michigan. In 1873 he went to Victoria college, Cobourg, Ontario. Dr. Hannel came to Syracuse university in 1888, taking the physical science chair.

MUST BUY NEW BUTTONS.
New York Police to Wear Buttons Gilded With 24 Carat Gold.

New York, June 12.—By an order just issued by Police Commissioner Murphy, the 2,000 uniformed men of the police force of Greater New York will be supplied to provide themselves with buttons gilded with 24 carat gold, instead of the cheaper ones now in use. It is estimated that the cost of the new buttons will amount in the aggregate to \$90,000 a year, and that the personal expense in which each police officer will be put in making the change will be \$9 a year.

A WOMAN'S REVENGE.
New York, June 12.—Mamie Collins, of Brooklyn, who was engaged short time ago to be married to Patrick Hawkins, also of Brooklyn, lay in wait for Hawkins last night because the latter had broken his engagement with her and dashed a small cross-bitcher full of oxalic acid into her face. Then she threw her arms about him shrieking and crying that she did not mean to hurt him. The man was blinded, and will probably lose the sight of both eyes.

Report of Commission

Leyds and Others Were Bribed by Directors of Transvaal Dynamite Monopoly.

Recommendations That the Railroad Concessions Be Terminated—Position of Shareholders.

London, June 11.—The blue book was issued to-day containing the report of the Transvaal concessions commission. It is clear, the commission avers, that a state which has annexed to another is not legally bound by any contracts made by the state which has ceased to exist, and that no court of law has jurisdiction to enforce such contracts if the annexing state refuses to recognize them.

The commission recommends that the government decline to recognize the dynamite concessions, and adds that it is satisfied Dr. Leyds and others have received from certain directors shares and financial considerations.

Regarding the Netherlands South African railroad, the report while admitting that the concession was legally granted, considers it injurious that the trunk railroad lines should be the monopoly of a single company. The concession should be terminated even if the company's conduct is not open to complaint, but its extraordinary action in the year precludes the possibility of its continuing to exist under British administration.

Discussing the position of the shareholders, the report says the belligerent acts, for which all the shareholders were legally responsible, caused immense damage to Great Britain, Cape Colony and Natal. The British government, as an act of grace, may show some consideration to the shareholders, but the commission considers this should be postponed till the shareholders have exhausted the remedies open to them against the directors, and until the damages caused by the company be good. The commission recommends the debenture holders to read recognition.

Boers Shot.
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A Tragedy On the Sea

Chinese Cook Shot Mate Adam Huber, of the Schooner J. A. Campbell.

Terrorized the Crew for Nearly Twenty-Four Hours and Then Committed Suicide.

Honolulu, June 5, via San Francisco, June 12.—Details of a sensational tragedy at sea were brought last Sunday by the American schooner J. A. Campbell, Capt. A. L. Smith, from Port Blakeley, with lumber. The mate of the vessel, Adam Huber, was murdered by the Chinese cook and the latter, after terrorizing the whole crew by holding possession of the galley for nearly 24 hours, during which it was every moment feared he would set fire to the vessel, was subjected to a steaming process to bring him out, but he shot himself rather than come forth and be captured. When the crew finally entered the galley they found the Chinaman's body nearly cooked by steam.

The Hawaiian Bar Association on the 29th ultimo, by a vote of 37 to 7, adopted a resolution asking for the removal of First Circuit Court Judge Humphreys. The resolution states that the judge has been conducting a partisan newspaper, that he has continued to be a political leader, that his conduct towards the members of the bar has been such as to destroy their confidence in his administration of justice and that it is necessary to the administration of justice that he be removed. A committee was appointed to take depositions and submit the case to Washington.

The grand jury investigation into the charges of bribery in the legislature has submitted a partial report to Judge Humphreys, but it has not been made public. Judge Humphreys gave the jury a statement submitting to them, it is said, a new line of inquiry. The grand jury has made a very rigid inquiry into the matter, having examined more than 50 witnesses.

THE DERBY WINNER.

Mr. Whitney Said to Be Anxious to Purchase Volodyrovski.

New York, June 11.—The London correspondent of the World says that Wm. C. Whitney, of New York, who leased Volodyrovski, the English Derby winner, from Lady Meux, is extremely anxious to buy the colt, and has offered her \$75,000 in cash, besides the \$45,000 which represent \$25,000 for rental for the year and \$20,000 one half of the Derby winnings. Lady Meux's share in the horse won. Mr. Whitney's lease of the horse does not expire until the fall of 1902. Every offer made by Mr. Whitney up to date for the purchase of the colt Lady Meux has refused.

London, June 11.—Richard Croker's Frozen Out, J. Reiff, won the Burton selling plate at the Lincoln summer meeting to-day.

LANDED AT AUCKLAND.
The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall Visit the New Zealand Town.

Auckland, N. Z., June 11.—The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, who arrived here yesterday from Sydney on board the steamer Ophir, landed this morning. They were greeted with salvos from the warships in the harbor, and a popular demonstration on landing. The town was crowded, among those gathered to greet the Duke and Duchess being many Maoris in native costume. In honor of the Royal visitors the day was observed as a general holiday.

Everything Provided

Commander Tilley Tells of Situation in the United States' Samoan Possessions.

The Soil Voluntarily Yields All the Natives Require to Eat.

San Francisco, June 12.—Commander B. F. Tilley, United States navy, governor of the United States possessions in Samoa, who is here on leave of absence, discussing the conditions in Samoa, said: "The natives are docile and contented. We have permitted the natives to follow their own customs when they are not prohibitive. It was necessary to reform their customs regulating marriage and divorce. The uniqueness of the conditions and the remoteness from high authority compelled me to act the part of a supreme law-giver as well as that of an executive officer. I issued ordinances forbidding the transfer of real property to whites by natives, and regulating contracts between natives and whites. The ordinances were necessary for the protection of the natives and the general laws of the United States do not fill the conditions in the islands.

"The possessions are divided into counties, each governed by a native officer appointed by the American commander. This system has pleased the Samoans. Recently the chiefs at Faga Toga offered the water front land to the government at a reasonable price, and announced that they would build a Presbyterian church with the money. The London mission works among them. All the natives are Christians, and extremely religious.

"Peace was what the islanders needed. They had been warring perpetually, and the warfare interfered with production. The soil voluntarily yields bread, fruit, coconuts and everything the Samoans require to eat, and there are really no reason why they should work. It is not surprising therefore that they are inclined to idleness. The population of American Samoa is about 110,000.

"I do not think the commerce of the islands ever will amount to great deal. The chief value of the islands to this country is the great harbor, which is protected against hurricanes and can easily be made secure against an enemy. Congress has passed an appropriation to enable us to enlarge the coal storage capacity of the harbor to ten thousand tons, enough to coal a fleet. The harbor is 2,000 miles from Honolulu, 1,400 miles from Auckland and 2,000 miles from Sydney.

"German Samoa is doing well under Governor Solf, the broad-minded man." Lieut. Commander Doran is now in command at Samoa.

FOUND DEAD.
Body of Engraver Discovered on the Streets of New York.

New York, June 11.—The body of Patrick Coyle, an engraver, of this city, was found early this morning lying in the middle of the street opposite the saloon of Francis A. Stevenson at the corner of 9th avenue and 16th street. The man's throat had been cut. John Simons, the night watchman, was arrested and held as a suspicious person pending an investigation of the man's death.

WOODMEN MEET.
National Convention Is Being Held at St. Paul, Minn.

St. Paul, Minn., June 11.—The 12th biennial camp or national convention of the Woodmen of America met here to-day in the auditorium. An immense audience witnessed the opening ceremonies. Welcomes and responses and preliminary routine in the appointment of committees filled the morning session. Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota; Governor Herried, of South Dakota; Lieut-Governor Northcott, of Illinois; Mayor Smith, of St. Paul, and others participated.

Reports of the head officers show a net gain of 211,370 in new members since the meeting of two years ago, carrying total insurance of \$38,500,000. During the two years 3,308 new local lodges were organized.

STRIKE TROUBLE.
Attack on Non-Union Men Who Returned to Work at Rochester.

Rochester, N. Y., June 11.—The first serious trouble since the inauguration of the general strike of street and building laborers on June 1st took place on St. Paul street to-day, when a mob of 500 strikers and sympathizers attacked the ten non-union men who had returned to work. A patrol wagon-load of policemen was rushed to the scene and held the mob at bay for half an hour, when the latter sullenly retreated with threats of returning in stronger force.

DECISION RESERVED.
Boston, June 11.—The action brought by Clarence M. Vener, of this city, to restrain the absorption of the Boston & Montana and the Butte & Boston Mining Companies by the Amalgamated Copper Company was held in the Supreme court before Judge Knowlton to-day, but the decision was reserved.

Brighter Prospects

Pekin Dispatch Says That Ministers May Reach Some Definite Understanding.

Firing of Forbidden City—Germany Decides to Maintain Garrison at Shanghai.

Pekin, June 11.—To-day's meeting of the foreign ministers showed better prospects of their coming to some definite understanding, the majority favoring the acceptance of China's offer of 405,000,000 taels as the amount of the indemnity to be paid to the powers.

There was considerable discussion as to how the four per cent. interest could be collected.

Mr. Rockhill will present at the next meeting an