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THIRTEEN BODIES FROM DARR MINE

Work of Explorers Made Extremely Dangerous by Black Damp

SEVERAL MEN OVERCOME

Relations of Dead Miners Congregate About Mine in Greater Numbers

Jacobs Creek, Dec. 21.—But thirteen bodies had been recovered from the Darr mine when darkness came, and the hope of reaching them before tomorrow was abandoned. The rescue work progressed steadily until yesterday afternoon, but was slow on account of a great accumulation of gas, which necessitated more caution in the work of exploration of the mine. The mine has been penetrated about one thousand feet, but the slope is an old one, and the workings are nearly three miles from the surface.

In their endeavor to reach the victims several members of the rescuing party were seriously overcome late today by black damp. Their condition became so grave that physicians were rushed into the mine to render medical aid. Later the sick rescuers were brought to the surface and taken to their homes.

The scenes about the mines were of a more pathetic nature today. Apparently a full realization of the calamity had finally come to the relatives and the residents of the surrounding vicinity. Greater numbers congregated about the ill-fated mine and gave way to their feelings. The thirteen bodies thus far recovered have been identified and buried tomorrow. All are badly mutilated, and identification was had only through clothing. The legs of another victim are at the temporary morgue, but up to late tonight the rest of the man's body had not been found.

Thousands of people are expected to visit the scene of the disaster tomorrow. The squad of Pennsylvania state police will be reinforced by coroner's deputies, and it is believed there will be a full investigation. The geological expert, of Washington, and M. Fowler, of Chicago, arrived here today to investigate the accident for the government. The conditions surrounding the mine are also present, and whenever conditions will permit, a thorough investigation of the explosion will be made in the hope of reaching some method whereby the frequency of such horrible occurrences will be remedied.

BLOODSHED IN CHILE

Men Killed in Encounters Between Troops and Striking Nitrate Workers

Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 21.—The strike of the nitrate workers has resulted already in bloodshed and death, and is daily growing worse. In Laguna yesterday there was an encounter between troops and strikers, in the course of which seven men were killed and sixteen wounded. At Iquique, one man was killed and several wounded in an encounter with the authorities. A censorship has been established at Iquique.

The strikers now number not less than 20,000 men, and no work is being done anywhere in the Antofagasta, Mejillones or Caleta Buena districts.

President Mitchell Improves
Indianapolis, Dec. 21.—The condition of John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, had improved so much today that his physicians say he is out of danger and will recover.

Smallpox in Manitoba.
Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—The first case of smallpox of mild type is reported at Netla. These cases are all confined to seven families, and a strict quarantine is being enforced. The schools were closed some days ago.

Moorish Tribesmen Surrounded
Paris, Dec. 21.—A despatch received from Gen. Drude, in Morocco, declares that two French columns have surrounded a mountain retreat in which the rebellious Beni Nassen tribesmen have taken refuge.

NO SQUADRON COMING

Admiralty Emphatically Contradicts Statement Made by London Standard

London, Dec. 21.—The Associated Press is in a position to state on the authority of the British Admiralty, published in the Standard today, that the admiralty has decided to establish a May Pacific and a North Atlantic squadron, the base of which probably would be for the former at Honolulu.

There is no shadow of foundation for this story. It is the veriest bun-bun. It must be obvious to any one who gives the subject a moment's thought that such a move at the present time would be the last thing we would think of at the present moment, was the statement made by one of the highest officials of the admiralty.

The emphasis of this denial indicates that the Admiralty is anxious that the report should be promptly corrected at rest with the view of allaying any suspicion that might be aroused

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