

A RUSSIAN MINE HORROR.

Fire and Explosion Bring Death to Many Miners.

160 Bodies Taken Out, 200 Men Yet Below—Wounded and Dying.

Twenty Miners Believed to be Lost in Mexican Mine Explosion.

Yusova, European Russia, July 6.—Fire broke out today in the Rikovsky mine, which yesterday was the scene of an explosion of gas that resulted in a very heavy loss of life. The work of rescue and fighting the fire is being conducted under the greatest difficulty. Over 200 men remain down in the mine, shut in by falling earth, while 160 bodies already have been brought out. Seventy-five wounded were removed to hospitals, and of these ten are dead and many more are dying. It is believed that the present number of dead will be increased by 75. The explosion occurred just after the night shift entered the mine. The last twenty men of the shift were still in the cage at the bottom of the shaft and they were drawn to the surface unharmed. Rescue parties were at once organized, and commenced to go down. Six of the rescuers were suffocated. The others bravely continued at work.

Las Exparanzas Mexico, July 6.—An explosion took place late yesterday in slope No. 9 of a mine belonging to the Mexican Coal & Coke Company. The shift, composed of about twenty Mexican and Japanese miners, were at work under the ground, and it is believed none have survived. Relief forces are at work rescuing the bodies. The damage to the mine is thought to be great.

OPERA HOUSE FIRE.

Royal at Berlin Scorched—Will Delay Season.

Berlin despatch: Fire broke out in the Royal Opera House this forenoon, having caught from a plumber's furnace being used in the fourth gallery. The roof of the old structure was soon blazing, but the firemen extinguished the flames before more than a part of the roof had been destroyed.

While the damages will amount to but a few thousands, it is probable that the opening of the opera season, set for August 10th, will be delayed. Immense crowds gathered in Unter Den Linden and patrols of mounted police were required to disperse them and keep the people moving.

DISTRESS ABOUT CANTON.

Floods Cause Great Suffering in South China. New York, July 6.—The Herald correspondent at Hong Kong has sent the following cable despatch: The marked unrest and commercial depression which lately have characterized the territory of South China have been intensified recently by the sufferings of the bulk of the population in the lowlands surrounding Canton and along the rivers, caused by the biggest flood in three decades.

A vast area has been inundated and many thousands of persons rendered homeless and starving. Great numbers of them are joining bands of brigands and pirates. Officials and the people in the unaffected parts are liberally donating food to relieve the great distress, but their inability to effectively distribute supplies to the sufferers in the outposts is giving the greatest concern in the peace provinces.

THE PRINCE'S VISIT.

His Highness Will Land at Quebec on July 22nd. Quebec, July 6.—The office landing of the Prince of Wales will take place at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 22, after His Royal Highness will have received the Governor-General and other distinguished callers, whose names are to be published later.

CHINESE HIGHWAYMEN.

Claimed They Entered Toronto Store and Robbed It. Toronto despatch: If the story told by Lee-Sing and others of 180 York street is correct, his fellow-countrymen in Toronto are rapidly acquiring the habits and customs of our more complex civilization.

He said one night recently he was in his store when three Chinese entered. One of them grabbed him by the throat, another drew a revolver and threatened to blow his brains out, while the third emptied the till. After throwing him to the floor and kicking him the three vis-

itors made off, pursued by P. G. Bolton and a friend of Lee's.

The robbers were seen to go into a house at 145 Adelaide west, and an entrance was effected by the officer with the aid of a pickaxe. Inside the house Shin Keeft and Wong Hing were picked out of a motley group as being two of the three assailants. When charged yesterday with assaulting Lee Sing and stealing \$110 from him, they pleaded not guilty and elected to go before a jury for trial.

WHITE SLAVES.

Girls on Knees Thank Buffalo's Police Chief. Rescued From Slavery Worse Than Death in Raid.

Buffalo, July 6.—With faces blurred with tears, two young women sobbed out thanks to the police for their rescue from a life of shame and misery in police court yesterday morning. They voluntarily submitted to the order of Judge Nash, confining them to the House of the Good Shepherd pending the trial of the cases against the two men who are alleged to have kept them in confinement for nearly two months prior to their rescue on Saturday night by Detectives Newton and Murray.

When arraigned under that section of the criminal code providing a penalty for the detention of a female against her will, George Colletti, a saloonkeeper, and Philip Ray, both of No. 13 State street, pleaded not guilty and waived examination. Judge Nash ordered them held for the grand jury.

On her knees, Helen Kocenska, 19 years old, of No. 13 Rommel avenue, thanked Superintendent of Police Regan for her release on Saturday night. She and a friend, Rosi Tomaro, 21 years old, of Secal street, West Seneca, were accosted by two men in Washington street while looking for work two months ago, she said. They were led to Colletti's place, where, after they had been served with drugged intoxicants, their clothes were taken from them, the girls told the detectives.

On pain of being shot, the two girls were held prisoners, and were forced to accept the attentions of other men besides the saloonkeeper and Ray, into whose hands they were delivered, they declare in a sworn statement. When captured, during a raid of the detectives on the place on Saturday night, both girls were scantily clad.

TORONTO WOMAN KILLED.

Mrs. Frances Gilmore Thomson Murdered in Chicago. Chicago, Ill., July 6.—The police have practically abandoned the theory that robbery was the motive for the murder of Mrs. Frances Gilmore Thomson, the woman found bound and dead at 1,242 Michigan avenue yesterday. Detectives are searching for a man and woman who left at the time of the murder, and also for the dead woman's husband, but have no actual evidence incriminating anyone.

SUSPECTS IN LODGE CASE.

Three Men Are Under Arrest at Port Perry. A Port Perry despatch: It is believed that the assailants of F. J. Lodge, who on Tuesday night beat, gagged and bound him, and who may yet have to answer to a charge of murder, are safe under lock and key. The men suspected are Fred Murray, an ex-convict and all-round bad man; George Easton, an elderly man, with a record, and Frank Smith, a young fellow unknown to the police. The suspects were brought up to-day, and were sentenced to thirty days in jail as vagrants. Meantime Provincial Detective Miller, who has been sent down at the request of the Port Perry authorities to investigate the case will collect evidence on the more serious charge.

THE DAYLIGHT BILL.

Approved by Select Committee of British Commons. London, July 6.—The daylight bill, a measure by which the United Kingdom is to be lured into starting the day's work one hour ahead of the time indicated by the sun, has received the unqualified blessing of the select committee of the House of Commons, and all indications point to its being made effective next April. The bill proposes to advance the clock one hour in April in order to promote the greater use of daylight, and to give the masses one hour more playtime by light of day.

IS YOUR SHIRT COLORED?

If So, Your Are a Sloven, Says the Lancet. London, July 6.—According to the Lancet, the man who wears colored shirts is a sloven. The medical journal also declares that colored handkerchiefs are an abomination. "When a man finds it convenient to wear colored shirts and cuffs," is the medical journal's argument, "it means in reality that he can carry dirt for a little longer without giving offence than if he wore spotlessly white material. Materials which do not compel constant change by becoming offensive to the eye if they are slightly soiled are bound to be worn too long. By wearing only religiously clean linen a man reduces his chances of picking up bacteria."

HAD THREE BEST GIRLS.

Could Not Marry Them All So He Suicided.

Took Poison For Two and Shot Himself For the Third.

"For Carrie," "For Eva," and "Henrietta" Notes He Left.

Chicago, July 6.—A despatch to the Record Herald from Hazelhurst, Miss., says: Unable to decide which of three women he really wanted to marry, Eli Hood, 17 years old, a boarder at the farm house of Eli Graves, eight miles from Hazelhurst, yesterday decided that the best way out of the difficulty was to commit suicide in such a way that each of the women will know that he had killed himself for her.

For Miss Carrie Nelson, 18 years old, he swallowed thirty grains of morphine; for Miss Eva Spillman, aged 25, he drank four ounces of laudanum; and for Miss Henrietta McDonald, aged 16, he put the muzzle of a shot gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger with his toe. Beside his body was found on a table a paper wrapper that contained the morphine in it was scrawled "For Carrie." The empty laudanum bottle stood on a slip of paper on which was written "For Eva." An empty envelope on which a picture of a shot gun had been drawn, was inscribed "Henrietta." Except that he had been acting queerly and that he had become despondent, Graves said he saw nothing in Hood's behavior that indicated that he contemplated self destruction.

HOW IS THIS?

Scotchman With a Seven Foot Beard.

Montreal, July 3.—A gentleman who has the proud distinction of owning the longest beard in the world, so far as is known, is at present honoring Montreal with a short visit. He is Mr. Alistair Wilkie, of Upper Craigie, Perth, Scotland, and is staying at the St. James' Hotel. When not showing off his magnificent appendage, Mr. Wilkie winds it about his body like a scarf, thus taking advantage of it to ward off wind and weather and other unfavorable climatic conditions. When combed long, Mr. Wilkie's beard trails several feet on the ground, so to give bystanders a proper view of its length and magnificence when showing it off he stands on the top of a table. Mr. Wilkie has entered several competitions with other gentlemen, who have claimed to have longer beards, but has always vanquished them with ease, the nearest person to him being a man from New South Wales, who only has a beard four feet two inches long. Mr. Wilkie is in the prime of life and his beard is still growing.

KILLED BY HEAT.

Eleven Deaths in New York—Hard on Babies.

New York, July 6.—A total of eleven deaths is the heat record in Greater New York within 24 hours. Prostrations from the continued heat wave have been so numerous that all the hospitals are overcrowded. The mortality was highest among babies. Early to-day two more deaths were reported to the Brooklyn coroner's office. Local showers are expected to bring relief to-day.

MINISTER'S LECTURE FATAL.

Man Upon Whom It Was Inflicted Committed Suicide. New York, July 6.—Charles Phillips, a widower, who had a responsible position in the Jersey City office of the Pennsylvania railway, was found dead in his room in the boarding house of Andrew Stiff, at No. 11 Court street, Newark, to-day. He had committed suicide. A note which he left read: "This harsh act might not have been committed but for my lecture on drinking given to me a few nights ago by a local minister who I was in the presence of several friends."

A BAR TO DUELLING.

Sanction of Court of Honor Must Be Obtained in Austria. Vienna, July 6.—The long sustained efforts made by the Anti-dueling League in Austria to limit the practice of dueling in the empire have finally met with success, for the imperial sanction to a decree prohibiting dueling in the empire without the consent of a military court of honor has been secured. To fight a duel without this consent will be held to be a breach of the regulations, and severely punished. It is expected that this decree will reduce the practice greatly.

THE CATTLE EMBARGO.

British Meat Traders Ask That It be Removed. London, July 6.—The Meat Traders' Association at a meeting to-day demanded the removal of the Canadian embargo and the restrictions upon the importation of cattle for humane slaughter from all countries free of disease, pointing out the dangers of the American trust. A deputation was appointed to see the Premier.

ALL S. A. VETERANS SHARE.

Mr. Oliver's Bill Regarding Land Grants to be Enlarged. Ottawa, July 6.—Hon. Mr. Oliver has given notice of a resolution to enlarge his bill for land grants to South Africa veterans, so as to include all who resided in Canada at the time of their enlistment. In the case of death before 1910 the land or scrip goes to his heirs. It was originally proposed to make the grant only to men enlisting in Manitoba, Alberta or Saskatchewan.

MONTREAL SHIPPING.

A Large Increase in Merchandise Sent Out This Year. Montreal, July 6.—Harbor returns for June show a large increase in the volume of shipping over last year. Had it not been for the unfortunate break in the Cornwall Canal on the 22nd of the month, this effectively tying up navigation, the increase would have been shown all along the line. As it is for the shorter period this summer the transfer of some commodities is far in advance of that for the whole month in 1907. Carriage of wheat is the most striking example of the increasing trade of the St. Lawrence waterway, there being a gain of one and a half millions of bushels brought for transhipment from Montreal harbor.

PARTICULAR JAMES.

Many Respond to Toronto Man's Ad. For a Wife, But None Suit. Toronto, July 6.—James W. Ross is in demand. Young women, old women, blondes, brunettes, tall, short, slight and stout, but all with the necessary money, have responded to James' yearning for a bride well endowed with this world's goods, and his trouble now is that none of them measure up to what he considers his "affinity."

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DR. WILSON'S MURDERER.

"I Killed Him Because He Killed My Wife."

Writes the Man Who Is Suspected of Doing the Deed.

Tracing the Person Who Sent Him the Poisoned Ale.

Philadelphia, July 6.—In locating the express office from which the bottle of supposed poisoned ale was sent to Dr. Wm. H. Wilson, who died under mysterious circumstances last Friday, securing a description of the man who sent the package, the detectives have learned something definite concerning the letter received by Dr. Wilson prior to the delivery of the ale, and which letter was prepared to make it appear that it had been sent from a local brewing concern. On the envelope and letter was stamped the German letter "S." The detective found a rubber stamp maker who sold such a stamp to a man who answered the description of the one who left the package containing the poisoned ale at the office of a local express company.

It is possible that an arrest will be made to-day. The description of the man who left the Wilson package at the express office tallies somewhat with that of a man who has been under suspicion for several days. He is said to be wealthy, and to have knowledge of the brewing of ale. It is said that this man some years ago sent a patient to Dr. Wilson who tried to extort large sums of money from him from time to time. It is further said the man under suspicion brooded over the affair, and became weak-minded.

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Northcliffe is the principal proprietor, says there is no truth in the revival of the report, and it is denied also by The Times.

The Times is authority for the further statement that the directors of the company formed in March will take over the control of the paper July 4.

QUEBEC PAGEANT.

THOUSANDS OF COSTUMED PEOPLE IN VARIOUS SCENES. It is a Big Task That Mr. Laucelles is Directing—Some of the Groups Will Number Over Four Hundred.

Quebec, July 4.—The work of preparing for the great historical pageant goes on apace, and the citizens are coming to realize what a vast affair it will be. Of the military and naval display a good deal has been written. There will be at least a dozen large warships in the Quebec basin when the Prince of Wales comes up the river on July 21, and 12,000 of Canada's soldiers will be on parade. The historical pageant, however, will contain the greatest element of novelty. There will be some three thousand persons in costume, some on horse and others on foot. It will be divided into historical features, as follows:—The Jacques Cartier scene of arrival, 21 performers; mounted division, representing Henry IV's Court, 150 costumed characters; Francois I. with 44 courtiers; a scene of Champlain, with 150 performers, in addition to which will be added a representation of the crew of the Don de Dieu; a scene from Montmagy participated in by 210 costumed characters; likewise the Dollard scene, 117 performers, and the Laval representation, comprising 488 performers; the St. Lamon scene, with 120 performers, and scenes from Frontenac by 271 costumed performers, also the French and British armies in uniforms of three centuries ago, in which 425 performers will figure, making a total of 3,150 costumed performers, besides allegorical devices and other interesting features that will go to make up the pageant.

M. Laucelles is working indefatigably to make this part of the tercentenary programme a success, and is now assured of that fact. The whole population of Quebec is interested, including the retail merchants who have voluntarily consented to close their stores at 4 p. m. on all days on which their clerks taking part are required for rehearsal. The rich costumes to be worn by those taking part in the pageant are being made by hand by the women and women, and are practically ready. Rehearsals will soon begin on the Plains of Abraham, where a huge grand stand calculated to accommodate at least 25,000 spectators is being erected.

In the meantime the ground on which the tented city will be located is all laid out in streets, and a water main from the city waterworks being laid that will furnish water to every tent occupied by guests. The dining-rooms and cafes in connection with the tented city are all planned and provided for, and will be open for business several days before the celebration is inaugurated. The camping grounds for the 13,000 Canadian militia due here during the celebration has been secured and marked out to the location of the different corps. In the meantime the Lodging-house Committee has perfected the organization of its work, and has to date 2,500 rooms upon its lists, and at the same time opened a bureau of information in The Daily Telegraph building.

The Brothers' school, convents and other public institutions have also concluded to open their institutes to the public in case there is an overflow of visitors who require accommodation. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will receive the address to be presented to him in French close by the Champlain monument, situated on the Dufferin Terrace, and will reply in French.

The fireworks under preparation during the celebration will be the largest and grandest ever witnessed upon this continent. They will be set off upon the Levis Heights in order that the immense multitude of spectators will observe the effect without difficulty from the Quebec side. The art pieces in course of manufacture will be immense in size, and portraying many features in connection with the early history of Canada, including the battle on the Plains of Abraham and battles at sea. Several huge bombs will be fired off from the vicinity of No. 1 fort Levis, in order to give an idea of the size of these bombs it is said one of them will cover forty acres after it has been exploded in the air over the River St. Lawrence.

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