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# ST. JOHN SEMI-WEEKLY SUN

## 1100 MEN KILLED IN COAL MINE EXPLOSION

Europe's Greatest Mining Disaster families of the entombed miners crowded about the shaft, seeking husbands or fathers, and threatening in their ef-Depopulates French Village--Six Thousand Frantic Mourners at Pit's Mouth--Few Rescued Terribly Burned--No Hope For Entombed Hundreds--Rescue Party Perished.

PARIS, March 10.-A mining catas- military guard, 400 soldiers having ar- crawled in single file toward the shaft, trophe of incalculable horror and magnitude has stricken the great coal centre of northern France. An explosion of fire damp at 7 o'clock this morning out to the people that tappings on back for forty minutes and succeeded carried death and destruction through pipes by the imprisoned men had been in saving him. It took us four hours out the work of coal mine centres at heard, but gradually this hope vanish- to reach the shaft." Courriers, and fire followed the explosion, making rescues difficult and almost impossible. The intense excited to break through the cordon of troops, most impossible. The intense excited to break through the conduction of the conduction in the vicinity presented early estimates of the exact loss keeping the crowds from the pit. One chamber, and all about it lie the carried by the conduction of 4.35 p. m. gave 1,045 miners entombed tering the mine, but he never returnand probably lost. At 8.45 o'clock this ed. RESCUE PARTY SHUT OFF. nounced the awful total of 1,193 dead. All France has been profoundly shocked by the magnitude of the disaster

the scene of the disaster.

ed by the cages and mining apparatus

being hurled from the mouth of the

Courriers mine. Men and horses

nearby outside the mine were either

stunned or killed. The roof of the

Immediately following the explosion

PARIS, March 11.—The worst fears

as to the enormity of the mine disas-

ter in the Courriers district of the

Pas de Calais Saturday morning have

at 1,100, and the whole of the region

stands appalled at the terrible tra-

gedy which has brought sorrow to six

isand fathers, mothers, wives and

The last great mine disaster in

France occurred in 1885, when 293 per-

mine office was blown off.

which is said to be the greatest in the Minister of Public Works Gauthier,
Minister of the Interior Dubief, and
the secretary of President Fallieres

as women recognize loved ones.

Heartrending scenes, too, are witnessed about the mouth of pit No. 4,
the bodies of the killed and help in the history of continental mining.

President Fallieries sent his secre tary, accompanied by Minister of Publle Works Gauthier and Minister of the Interior Dubief, on a special train to ministerial crisis was temporarily forgotten, senators and deputies join-ing in the universal public manifesta-SCENE OF CATASTROPHE.

The scene of the catastrophe is the trophe from M. Lavaurs, the director mountainous mining region near Lens, of the mine. His voice was choked the department of Pas De Calais. with emotion as he spoke,

"Of 1,800 miners who went down in Here are huddled small hamlets of the miners, who operate the most product the pits when the explosion occurred." tive coal mines in France. The sub- he said, "675 were working in pit No. terranean chambers form a series of 4, 483 were in pit No. 3, 571 in pit No. tunnels. Six of the outlets are near 2, and the remainder in pit No. 10.

Lens, and others are at Courriers, "Those rescued were taken out as "Those rescued were taken out as fol-Verdune and many other points. The lows: From pit No. 4, 190; from pit No. output of these mines is practically 3, 15 escaped through pit No. 11, 490 nbustible and is largely used in came up from pit No. 2, and 74 from the manufacture of gas and smelting. pit No. 10. A number of these were About 2,000 miners work the group of injured and some of them have died mines, and with their families make a since. At the present moment over population of from 6,000 to 8,000 souls. 1,000 men remain imprisoned."

The catastrophe took place shortly Another director declared that the mine this morning. There was a

after 1,795 men had descended the imprisoned men numbered 1,100. Minister Dubief inquired: "Have you deafening explosion, which was followstill any hope?"

BELIEVES ALL DEAD.

To this the director replied: "No; believe all of them are dead." This was whispered into the ear the minister in order that his words flames burst from the mouth of the might not be overheard by the pale-pit, driving back those without who faced miners who stood anxiously about sought to enter and dooming those the mine building waiting for an official view on the state of affairs.

Then the ministers listened to a graphic picture of the scene in the mines by Leon Cerf, one of the men rescued, and who still is suffering from the terrible effects of his experience. "I was working with a gang when the and, dashing into a recess in the gallery, we were followed by a blast of poisonous gases, which rushed by, how ons were killed and eighty injured; ever, without affecting us. We remain

but that and all others sink into in-ed there for eight hours, when, feeling significance before Courriers. that suffocation was gradually coming The vast mortuary camp is under on us, we attempted to escape. We

rived there to assist in holding in but several of the men dropped dead on check the crowds of distracted mourn- the way, including my son and the ers. For a time hope had been held foreman. I carried my nephew on my

A TERRIBLE SIGHT.

has been transformed into a mortuary cape to the pits which remained intact bonized and almost unrecognizable first cages came up at 10 o'clock with bodies, which were taken there as they about a dozen half suffocated men who were brought up from the mine. Stricken relatives arrive at the mine It is reported that a rescue party, building from time to time searching been asphyxiated. Assistance reached numbering forty, has been cut off by for missing members of their families, Courriers from all sections of the de the caving in of one of the galleries. and indescribable scenes of grief occur partment, and a large force of voluments.

remained on the ground endeavering where in the presence of Ministers Du- work of salvage. to comfort the distressed families of bief and Gauthier the bands of resthe miners. President Fallieres has cuers are continually descending and given \$2,000 to aid in relief measures. returning with bodies. The women The ministry will add a further sum to this and the chamber of deputies break through the cordon of troops will be asked to vote \$100,000 for the purpose of alleviating distress.

Minister Gauthier and Dublef have chamber, Sometimes the burden concerning to details of the cates. sists of a mere heap of burnt flesh, and in nearly every case the body is terribly lacerated. Only one-half of the bodies recovered have been identified. Despite the danger incurred, the volunteers, who include a number of

those who were successful in escaping trolley, and thus they were enabled hesitate to descend the shaft. Some of them have been down more than a the mining region. The most agonizdozen times. One of them, after having seenes are witnessed at the pit ing brought up fourteen bodies, was mouths, and the gendarmes experisuffocated in his fifteenth attempt, and ence the utmost diffculty in restraining it is feared that other fatalities amair in the mines is still impregnated with noxious gases. A number of the men engaged in rescue work have already been brought to the surface unconscious, and as they were driven to their homes in closed carriages the women followed and broke the winlows, suspecting that bodies were be-

ing hurried away. Several miners have come up from pit No. 11, which is connected with pit No. 3. They effected their escape by means of a ladder, and as they came from the mouth of the pit they appear-

A MINER'S STORY. No. 4, wher about 500 men remain, explosion. explosion occurred. The foreman im-mediately shouted for us to follow him, from the shaft. Suddenly I felt a puff told the correspondent that the cage shaft. I was half suffocated and was metres, while the gallery where the Officials of Dowie's Church Strugg-

was working are dead."

saw bodies lying in piles. My son is

Replying to an inquiry as to whether more men alive in the mine, an engi neer who had been down the shaft said: "It is scarcely possible. The lamp and turning the state of the galleries is such that clearing them will be a difficult task,

while the flames were so fierce that

many of the victims must have been reduced to ashes." It is thought hardly possible that Ghastly Find in the River Visiulamany bodies will be recovered tomor-row, owing to the difficulty of reaching the bottom pits, the runners on which the cages descend being broken

The engineers are endeavoring to devise means for locating the dangerous zone in the mine and aerating the The shaft of pit No. 3 is

THE WORK OF RESCUE. The work of attempting to seccue the parties and made heroic efforts to saw citadel.

bring out the imprisoned men. The POPE RECEIVES forts to obtain details to force back the gendarmes who kept them from the mouth of the vit. The populace of AMERICAN VISITORS. the district is appalled by the disaster,

Throughout the afternoon the heroid efforts at rescue were continued, but nightfall brought the conviction that the entombed men had been suffocated, and the despatches from Lille at 8.45 p. m. announcing the dead at 1,000 appears to remove the last hope that oth-

place those taken out at 591.

ribly burned. The latest estimates

PARIS, March 10 .- During the evening a despatch was received from Lille which seemed to give some clue to the origin of the explosion. It was stated that a smouldering fire broke out last night in the Cecil pit near Hericourt, at a depth of 250 metres, where masonry works were proceeding. M. Barult, the chief engineer of the mines, descended for the purpose of investigating the circumstances which led to the fire. This is all that is known of the origin of the terrible catastrophe: The cage in which the miners descended to pits 2, 3 and 4 were at about 7 o'clock this morning hurled thirty feet from the mouth of the shaft. A miner working near the mouth was instantly killed and a horse was thrown into the air. Some imprisoned miners sought to esand several rescues were made. The were taken to the nearest hospital. It was feared that the remainder had

RESCUED MAN'S STORY.

One of the rescued miners, Pierre Dasson, said: "I was 280 metres from the shaft when I heard a deafening explosion. The air immediately became rarified and filled with polynous varous Instinctively I with poisonous vapors. Instinctively I groped my way towards the bottom of the shaft of pit number 2, near which I found a number of suffocating comrades, who had fallen helpless in the galleries and were crying for assistance. I assisted them to mount the reach the shaft."

the fate of relatives.

SCENES HEARTRENDING.

PARIS, March 10 .- At 8 o'clock to night a rescue party at Courriers brought out several engineers, two of whom were unconscious, but were revived under medical assistance. The attempts at rescue have been given up, as the galleries have fallen in. Crowds still surround pit four, and the scenes are heartrending.

The chief engineer of the departmen pas de Calais, M. Leon, says the fire ed to be bordering on madness. All of Monday afternoon and that the engithem were more or less injured. When neers coped with it as best they were asked about their comrades, one of able, but being unable to master it them said: "It is horrible. All of them they closed all the outlets. Fissures, he thinks, must have formed which permitted the gases to escape and A young miner who escaped from pit these becoming ignited, resulted in an

of hot gas and started toward the was unable to descend more than 150 unable to advance farther because of miners are entombed is fifty metres the fumes. Finally, however, I suc- farther down. Rescuers who descendceeded in reaching the cage and came ed in this cage report having heard distinctly the imprisoned men tapping "After the blast I neither heard nor on the water pipes, but the hope that saw more of my comrades, and I be- was rekindled by this statement was lieve that all in that gallery in which extinguished by Engineer Leon, who ander Dowie has become a secondary estimates it will take eight days to figure, while officials of his Church in Another miner said:

"It is indescribable. Everything was demolished or has fallen in. I estimates it will take eight days to figure, while omciais of his Church in dislodge the debris at the shafts and Zion City are striving to hold together meanwhile the miners would die, the fiscal affairs of the institution and prevent it from complete wreck. tion. The latest news received in It was reported that urgent private Paris is to the effect that rescuers were cable messages sent to the "Apostle" One rescuer has, asserted that he heard voices in the mine, and others found two horses still living. This cult and dangerous. Up to the pretive rise to hope that asserted that he still at work, but were making slight in Jamaica had been returned undelivered. It became an open secret
that Deputy Overseer Voliva had cut

### FASTENED WITH WIRE.

Victims Were Evidently Warsaw

WARSAW, March 10.-Fishermen in completely blocked and the authorities mutilated bodies fastened together the Vistula recently discovered sixteen are considering the advisability of with a rope. Several of the bodies the shaft in order to clear it and thus faces of all them had been covered were without hands or feet, and the with pitch so that indentification was impossible. The police, who were notified forbade the fishermen to tell any one of their discoveries under severe imprisoned miners was hastily begun by penalties, and it is supposed that the officials, engineers and miners from bodies were those of revolutionaries the surrounding nines, who formed who were secretly executed in the War-

Plerpont Morgan and Others Were Presented

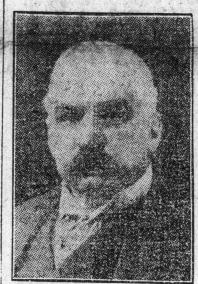
Religious Objects Belonging to Mrs. Hollins.

ROME, March 12.—The pope received today in private audience J. Pierpont Morgan, M. B. Hollins, Mrs. Hollins and Miss Hollins, all of New York.



POPE PIUS X.

library and merely consisted of an exchange of compliments, the pontiff ex-



pressing his appreciation of the kindness of Mr. Morgan in visiting him and recalling his visit of last May. The pope blessed some religious ob jects handed to him by Mrs. and Miss

#### ZION AFFAIRS IN BAD WAY.

ling to Keep Off Financial Wreck

CHICAGO, March 11.-John Alev-

moisture, self-regulating, gives rise to hope that some of the sent time 150 bodies have been taken loose from Dowie and was defying from pits, all the men having been many of the Apostle's cherished rules. It was said that Dowie was no longer the active head of the church. In ad- John harbor, \$20,000 for Negro Point dition to the question, "Where is Dowie ?" these questions were in many "What has become of the private bookkeeper who kept the ledgers mounted with brass locks and opened only at the command of Elijah? Why was it necessary to forcibly open the secret office in the Zion Administration building yesterday, in which the vanishing bookkeeper kept tab on all incoming subscriptions, tithes and the like ?" While all the deacons were engaged in prayer for a safe passage through the present crisis a number of the socalled parochial members, men who had staked their fortune with Dowie. met in Elijah avenue and discussed

#### LITTLE STRANGER WELCOMED

LONDON, March 12.-Former Pre mier Balfour returned to the house of commons today and assumed the leadof the opposition. He was heartily welcomed on all sides. Irish members saluted Mr. Balfour

### AGAINST SEWERAGE AND PURE WATER

Startling Results of Fredericton Civic Contest.

Only Three Aldermen of the Old Board Returned—Mayor McNally's Close Call.

(Special to the Sun.) FREDERICTON, March 12.-In the civic elections today last year's board of aldermen were routed foot, horse and artillery. In no uncertain way the ratepayers expressed their disapproval of the council's past acts. Of the candidates who voted in favor of the new sewerage system and the installation of a filtration plant, all went down in the sweep with one single exception, ance was thrown out. to the weakness of the candidate opposing him. It has a most thorough beating. Mayor McNally himself crept through with a majority of only fiftynine. To the deluge some of the best nine. To the deluge some of the best men who ever sat at the board go down and out morning which destroyed Morrison's

The defeated all take the verdict mystery.

NAKUSP, B. C., March 12.—During mind storm on Saturday evenmuch excitement prevailed. philosophically, and some are only too pleased to have the opportunity of repleased to have the opportunity of re-

St. Ann's ward—McGinn, 650; Ever-local owners is not great and the town is rid of a decided eyesore from its ett, 620; Kelly, 216. Carleton ward-Hanlon, 626; Maxwell, 458; McKenzie, 397; Reid, 109.

Randolph, 443.

Kings ward—White, 518; Boyce, 447:
Chestnut, 367; Barbour, 346. The two hig/est in each a reflected alderland of the track methers of last year's council, three were today reflected, namely, Everett, McGinn and Hanlon, Five were defeated—Barbour, Chestnut, Randolph Mitchell and Mr. Chestnut, Randolph Mitchell and Mr. three hours. Chestnut, Randolph, Mitchell, and Mc-Kenzie. Alderman Stockford was not a candidate, as he entered the mayoralty contest, and Ald. Edwards had refinite arrangements for the funeral will

new men. Of these seven, however, Scott, Maxwell, Moore and Boyce have occupied seats on former occasions, so Hooper, Colter and White are the only three who will sit at the board for the

Alderman McGinn has the honor of leading the poll, with Recorder Colter second and Ald. Hanlon third. After the closing of the polls a large growd gathered in the city councilchamber , where brief addresses were delivered by Mayor McNally, J. D. Stockford and a large number of the

All returned thanks for the votes given them, the successful ones promising to do their duty on behalf of the this morning. city, while the defeated gracefully owed to public opinion.

### ESTIMATES WERE

BROUGHT DOWN Amounts Voted For Intercolonial, St.

John Harbor Dredging and Other Important Works

OTTAWA, March 12.—The estimates

vere brought down for nine months from July 1st next, amounting to \$51,-594,532 consolidated and \$16,342,015 capi-The vote for the Intercolonial am ounts to \$1,508,590, and \$10,000,000 for the National Transcontinental; for increased Intercolonial accommodation at St. John, \$4,300; \$100,000 for dredging St. breakwater, and for dredging generally in the maritime provinces, \$115,000. For the operating expenses of the Intercolonial, \$1,100,000.

Campbellton public building, \$5,000; repairs to public buildings at St. John, \$2,000; and Woodstock armory is the list of New Brunswick building appro-

MONCTON CURLERS WIN

HAMPTON, N. B., March 12.-Two rinks of Moncton junior curlers played applique. on Hampton ice tonight against two rinks of Hampton juniors, with the groom stood under a beautifully confollowing score by skips:

Hampton. Strong, skip...... 9 Sproule, skip....16 representing a bell, and the bride car-Totals.....24 The visitors returned by the mid-

Don't play to an empty house; get B. Eddy, Toronto.

JEALOUS MAN STABS RIVAL

Latter Died Almost Instantly—Disastrous Fires-News of Canada.

WINNIPEG, March 12.—During a quarrel over the affections of a Galician girl, Miss Sophie Koyk, Fred K. Kyrk stabbed Tom Kakochinski three times in the heart on Saturday night, the latter dying almost instantly. Kyrk was arrested, together with four other men and women, who are held

Peter Verigin and two men with hir were very busily engaged during the last week purchasing supplies for railway work to be done by the Doukhobors during the season of 1906. Large quantities of ploughs, scrapers, carts, dump carts, etc., have been secured in addition to much other material and food and clothing supplies. A contract which the community have with the C. P. R. involves the moving of about one million cubic yards of earth. A

thousand Doukhobor workmen will be employed on the contract. Law amendment by committee committee the legislature on Saturday authorized an amendment to Winnipeg charter permitting a vote to be taken at any time on the question of Sunday cars.

The new brewery of the Canada Malting Co., in course of erection, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night, entailing a loss of \$100,000,

WOLSELEY, Sask., March 12.-A disand out—men who have given up much and out—men who have given up much of their time and labor to the city's eral adjoining buildings, entailing a interests. As the result became known loss of \$40,000. Senator Perley owned

pleased to have the opportunity of retiring to private life. There can only be one conclusion gathered from today's contest, after stripping it of surplus, and that is that Fredericton is not in favor of sewerage or of the purification of its water. The result of the furniture was removed. It was only the poll was as follows: the poll was as follows:
Mayor—McNally, 464; Stockford, 405; through the strenuous efforts of a large volunteer brigade that the surrounding Aldermanic election: Wellington ward
—Scott, 560; Hooper, 528; Mitchell, 301;
The loss sustained by Revelstoke and

58; McKenzie, 397; Reid, 109.

Queens ward—Colter, 638; Moore, 538; tion as a city. The limits will include

nts for the funeral will be made this afternoon. Bishow Casey The new board thus possesses seven has been asked to preach the funeral

#### WANTED NO NONSENSE ABOUT TAINTED MONEY

Former Bank Teller Admitted Theft to Brother-Wife Knew About It

TORONTO, March 12.—Edwin St. G. Banwell and Mrs. Banwell had their preliminary hearing in the police court Thos. Kirkwood, inspector for the

Crown Bank, was the first witness. H. Selwin Banwell, clerk in the Home A large number of bonfires burned in different parts of the city tonight in front of the residences of the sucter sent home by Banwell to his bro-

ther was as follows:

"Dear Hugh—Have done what I have often threatened, left home for keeps. Ir cidentally I have taken some of the bank's money, so will likely be away some time. Nora is with me, but if anyone says she led me to do it or any such rot they are hars. It's my come such rot, they are hars. It's my own idea, and I would have done it long ago but for Nora. As my contributions to the family are now cut off, I enclose some of my pile, which please use for mamma's benefit. But I think it would be better to tall have the some of the second mamma's benefit. be better to tell her nothing about it. In fact, you had better not let on you heard from me at all, and for God's sake don't let there be any nons about tainted money or such rot. You need the money, so may as well take it, But go canny about using it."
Other correspondence showed that the

girl knew of the theft before leaving

were committed for trial. MILLSTREAM.

MILLSTREAM, Kings Co., March 9.

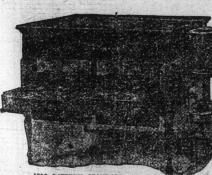
-On Wednesday last, at the home of the bride, Isaac G. Gamblin of Apohaqui was united in marriage to Miss Edith V. Law of this place. The Rev. D. B. Bayley, B. A., performed the ceremony, assisted by the Revs. H. F. Ball and E. C. Jenkins, cousin of the groom. A very large number of guests had assembled for the service. The bride was elegantly attired in a

gown of cream voile, trimmed with accordion pleated chiffon and chiffon rucheing, with a magnificent chiffon collar. Her travelling suit was of brown broadcloth trimmed with cream

During the service the bride and structed green arch, artistically woven with flowers. From the top of the McClellan, skip....15 Appleby, skip....17 arch was suspended a clever device ried a lovely bouquet of white carna-

33 tions. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple, together with 100 guests, sat down to lunch. The tables were tastefully decorated with carnations, with a cry of "Welcome little stran- the people in.—Alexander Burnett, E. daffodils and lilies. They received a

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