

MINERS ENTOMBED AND SUFFOCATED.

Thirty of Them Believed to be Dead.

Rush of Black Damp in Pennsylvania Mine.

Women and Children Cry With Horror.

Fayette City, Pa., Dec. 2.—Between 25 and 30 miners, possibly more, are entombed in the Naomi mine of the United Coal Co., located three miles west of this city, and there is practically no hope that any of them are alive.

It is said a miner entered an old working with a lamp and caused the explosion. Had the disaster occurred on any other night except Sunday, the number of victims would have been twice as large.

Work is said to have been going on at night, but on Sunday night only half the night force goes to work. The mine is of the shaft type and the concrete sides of the entry were broken down so as to completely close the passage back a considerable distance.

One man, an unidentified foreigner, managed to climb to the top of the first air shaft but dropped dead there. No sign of life has come from the others.

Just after the night force entered the shaft there was a flash which lighted up the mine and all around it. There was a roar as tons of coal and slate crashed down into the entries crowded with workmen. Then utter darkness followed, the explosion putting out of business completely the lighting and air facilities of the mine.

In the homes of miners the explosion felt like a death signal and emptied every miner's cottage in the vicinity. The occupants of these men, women and children—gathered around the mine this morning. The women and children cry continually.

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Columbus, Dec. 2.—Jerking his arm from the grasp of an attendant, Albert Wiedeman, a patient at the Parkview Sanitarium, committed suicide by throwing himself under a passing High street car. He was terribly injured and died at 1.25 in the afternoon.

Wiedeman had been an inmate of the State Hospital for the Insane at Athens, but was taken to his home at Lynchburg, Highland County, for a few days by his relatives, then brought to the Columbus Sanitarium for treatment.

FRENCH BALLOON.

Passed Over Co. Antrim, Ireland, Going Backwards.

London, Dec. 2.—The balloon which passed over County Antrim, Ireland, yesterday afternoon, has been identified as the French Government airship La Patrie.

BRYAN THE MAN.

Will Likely be the Democratic Candidate For Presidency.

New York, Dec. 2.—Out of 76 Democratic Senators and representatives polled in Washington by the New York World, forty-four declare unequivocally that the recent statement of Wm. J. Bryan, that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency, eliminates all other candidates.

ENDED IT ALL.

Murdered His Wife and Then Sent a Bullet Into His Brain.

New York, Dec. 2.—Five years of unhappy married life for Peter Vogel and his wife came to an end some time during last night, when Vogel shot his wife and then sent a bullet into his own head, causing probably instant death.

FOR PERSONAL INJURIES.

Acting on behalf of Fred. C. Salmon, Kerr & Thomson have issued a writ against F. A. Whitman, contractor for the Norman School, for unstated damages for injuries received.

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R. L. GUNN APPOINTED MASONIC GRAND SECRETARY.

Mr. Murray's Successor Had Has a Long and Honorable Masonic Career.

R. W. Bro. Ralph L. Gunn, one of the best known Masons in Hamilton and a citizen of whom Hamilton is proud, has been appointed Grand Secretary of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, succeeding the late M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.

DEBATE ON SPEECH.

Trade With Antipodes—Telegraph System—Member Sick.

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—(Special)—The debate on the Speech from the Throne opens this afternoon, when Mr. Hall, of Peterboro, will move, and Mr. Lacombe, of Richelieu, will second the address. The two leaders will follow, and the probability is that the debate will last for several days.

Commissioner Larke, Sydney, writing the Trade and Commerce Department, says that on account of the prolonged drought there has been enquiry for food stuffs from Canada.

DR. CHOWN ON SOCIAL CRISIS.

INTERESTING ADDRESS BEFORE THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

Some Discussion on a Reference to a Drinking Nation Sending Missionaries to a Sober Nation.

Rev. Dr. Chown, General Secretary of the Temperance and Moral Reform of the Methodist Church, delivered an address to the Hamilton Ministerial Association this morning.

The speaker's subject was, "The Social Crisis and How to Meet It." The speaker said that he assumed that his hearers recognized that the social question is one of the prominent problems in church work.

CALL ANNOUNCED.

Knox Church to Consider it on Wednesday Evening.

At the morning service in Knox church yesterday Mr. W. Moffatt announced on behalf of the session that Rev. Dr. Nelson, the pastor, had received a call from a Minneapolis church, at a salary of \$4,000 a year and a free manse, and he asked the congregation to consider the matter.

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BRITANNIA RINK.

At the Britannia roller rink many entries have been made for the one mile ladies' race, which takes place tomorrow night.

CONGRESS OPENS.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The first session of the sixtieth Congress convened today. Both houses adjourned until tomorrow out of respect for the members who died since the last Congress.

WON'T BE EXECUTED.

Karlruhe, Dec. 2.—The death sentence passed upon Karl Hau for the murder of his mother-in-law, Frau Molitor, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

NO ONE IN IT.

Paris, Dec. 2.—The airship sighted over Ireland yesterday, La Patrie is practically given up as lost. An inquiry into its escape has begun.

TELL HARD LUCK STORY.

Tale of Peonage and Persecution Told by Russian Jews.

Were Unmercifully Beaten by Sailors on Board Ship.

And Beaten by Negroes in a Colorado Clearing.

New York, Dec. 2.—The world this morning says: A band of poor Russian Jews, fleeing from the American southwest, reached this city yesterday with a harrowing tale of peonage and persecution on account of their faith.

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Three weeks to Christmas, and this is the best buying week. Get busy.

Why should anybody be dismissed from the Asylum because of his politics? Nobody is being dismissed on that account from the Custom House or the Post Office, although there are a few jobs there that one or two Grits I know could fill to the King's taste.

We don't want to elect aldermen because they belong to a certain lodge or party, or any other clique. Vote for merit who are untainted, who will work for all the citizens, and not for a section only.

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THAW'S TRIAL.

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NORSWORTHY-ROBSON.

A pretty wedding took place on Nov. 27 at the residence of Joseph Robson, near Langton, Ont., when his eldest daughter, Miss Ethel, was united in marriage to Herbert Norsworthy, of this city.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

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

The Man In Overalls

The French Treaty may be the best thing that ever happened to Canada, but there are two reasons which call for its condemnation by Tory newspapers—It is French and negotiated by Sir Wilfrid.

Talking of the London bribery case, the "I-am-holier-than-thou" attitude of the Tories is both laughable and sickening.

Have nothing to do with tagged aldermen candidates. Plain citizens are good enough for us.

Have you begun your Santa Clausing yet?

The proposed school trustees' trip to Rochester is another way of piling up the overdraft for little purpose.

What's to be done with Pritchett? Is he immune from persecution?

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Apparently the most of us go through the world with our eyes shut. Just look at the many funny things Col. Grant found up in the quarry on the mountain. I am up there pretty often, but I never caught a graptolite dictionnaire rectiformis, and would likely run if I saw one.

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The Hydro power by-law looks like a very acrid lemon.

Don't keep the house too warm, nor too close. The fresh air won't hurt you.

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At the risk of being a little ahead of time, this paper requests its readers not to save all their Christmas good will for their families and friends.

Already on one of the store counters crowds of restless and impatient shoppers are searching for Christmas presents. On the other side hundreds of men and women are piling and unpling stocks of goods, patiently answering questions, restraining a natural desire to be impatient in reply to impertinence and altogether having a very unpleasant and nerve taxing experience.

We ask our readers to do their shopping early to get as far as possible ahead of the rush, and try to make things a little easier for the clerks and salespeople by being as polite as they expect those who serve them to be. This is the time of the year the employees in the stores look forward to with dread.

The Christmas spirit of good will to all is too often kept in cold storage till Christmas. Why not try this year to use some of it in advance—to make welcome Christmas presents of tolerance and good nature to the girl who tries to find exactly the shade of ribbon you want or the young man who hunts all over his shelves to find a smoking jacket for your husband?

And if you will try to do your shopping early in the day, as well as early in the season, you will save crowding and aid scores of tired store employees. A little charity, patience and thoughtfulness will go further toward brightening this Christmas than all the wreaths of holly you can weave.

Again we urge, shop early—early in the month and early in the day.

A SERIOUS ROW IN ITALIAN QUARTER.

COURT OVER.

Judgment Reserved in Several Important Cases.

Chief Justice Falconbridge concluded the sittings of the non-jury High Court, on Saturday afternoon. In the action of Doig vs. Farmer, judgment was reserved. The action of Crolley vs. Bradfield, a dispute over a right of way over private property, was also heard.

WILL PROSECUTE.

Market Constable After Those Practising Fraud in Eggs.

Market Constable Nichol is making war on the farmers who try to work off stale eggs on the unsuspecting shopkeeper and householder. With eggs scarce and away up in price the officer says a good deal of this is being done and he intends making it interesting for some of the offenders.

BLACK HEADED GULL.

Many are Being Killed, Although Against the Law.

The black headed gull has made its appearance in Hamilton Bay, and hundreds have been killed by sportsmen, thinking them to be the crow duck, and it is now up to those sportsmen to look up the law and see how large the fine is. One man shot 42 of these birds yesterday, not knowing what they were.

FORGED CHEQUE.

Hamilton Police Looking For Man Who Passed it.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 2.—(Special)—Word has been received from Hamilton that a cheque for \$400, bearing the forged signature of H. H. Williams & Co., was cashed here on Saturday, and the police of that city are looking for E. B. Rick, who is alleged to have passed it.

MRS. PERKINS' SUITS.

One of the Cases in Each Class to be First Disposed of.

Toronto, Dec. 2.—(Special)—Divisional court has directed that the libel suits instituted against newspapers for their reports of the trial of Mrs. Mattie Perkins at Cayuga, and the circumstances surrounding the death of her husband shall stand until one case in each class is disposed of. There are in all more than forty suits.

FATAL WRECK.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 2.—In a wreck on the B. & O. Railroad at Shenando Junction this morning three passengers were killed and a dozen other persons were injured.

A Smoker's Christmas Box.

The finest quality of pipe tobacco in fancy tins, suitable for a holiday gift, is sold at peace's cigar store. It costs 15c, 20c, 25c, 40c, 50c and 75c at the head-quarters for fine tobaccos, 107 King street east.

GOOD ROADS.

Toronto, Dec. 2.—The Government has approved of a country road system for the county of Oxford. It will include 255 miles of road, and will cost \$330,000. Of this amount the Government will pay one-third. Roadmaking machinery to the value of \$21,000 has already been purchased.

\$750,000 FIRE.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 2.—Fire last night destroyed business property in the heart of Houston to the value of \$750,000, breaking out in the rear of the Frank Dun jewelry store and pawnshop.

BEATEN BY HIGHWAYMEN ON THE GOVERNOR'S ROAD.

Approach of Another Rig Frightened Robbers Before They Got Victim's Money.

Mr. Thomas Pringle, a well-known resident on the Governor's road, about a mile and a half west of Dundas, was set upon and fearfully beaten on Saturday night by highwaymen, who knew that he had money about him. They did not get the money. Mr. Pringle drove into Dundas in the afternoon to pay carpenters who had been working for him. He was not able to find them and, after tea, started for home again. He had not gone very far beyond the town when he was set upon by two men; they pulled him out of his buggy, and as he resisted, they gave him a fearful beating. Just then, and before they could rifle his pockets, another rig was heard approaching, and the highwaymen ran. Mr. Pringle was just able to drag himself into his rig and reach home. His people heard him drive in, and wondering that he did not go into the house, went out and found him unconscious in the stable. Medical aid was procured and he is now recovering.