

OF DEAD T HORROR

BODIES VIRGINIA MINE

of Explosion Possibility of Any Survivors.

Jan. 13.—Rescuers... 10.30... 26 bodies had been recovered...

of the number of... more than 100... and the deadly gas...

named Surratt, of... who went to the mine... the other explosion...

REFUGEES LIVE IN NEW YORK

Survivor in Family—Voyage of Gloom.

Jan. 13.—Bringing the first... of the earthquake... Italy arrived to-day...

of them utter distress... the disaster by wire-photos...

There were similar scenes... a distress. The one passed...

ONE DYING, NG FROM FLAMES

Members of Railroad Family Have Row Escaped.

Jan. 13.—In a fire... of Samuel... of the New...

who matriculated... of this city... faculty...

ing Inspector has issued... for the... \$800, and to R. Selkirk...

ONE HUNDRED MAY BE DEAD

MANY ENTOMBED BY MINE EXPLOSION

Tragedy Follows Tragedy in W. Virginia Property—Property Reported Safe.

Bluefield, W. Va., Jan. 12.—As the result of another explosion at the Lick Branch mine at Switchback, about 200 miles from here, between 50 and 100 miners were killed at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

On December 8th last an explosion occurred in that property, which up to that time had been regarded as a model mine. On that occasion the cause was not ascertained and the death list reached fifty.

Most of the miners who were engaged to resume work at the mine were Americans, with a few foreigners, and some colored workers as laborers. It was stated that the mine was examined early the day before the new shift went to work, and that it was reported to be safe.

MONTEREAL'S ELECTRIC CRISIS.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 12.—At its meeting yesterday afternoon the city council considered the threat of the Montreal Light Heat and Power company to cut off the city's electric lights on the 15th, provided the city by that date has not come to some arrangement with the company as to the price to be paid.

WROTE MASTERPIECE AFTER DREAM IN CHURCH

Inspiration of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Came in a Vision.

Heartford, Conn., Jan. 12.—Rev. Chas. E. Stowe, in a speech here last night before a church club, said his mother, Harriet Beecher Stowe, received the idea of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in a vision which she had in church in which she saw clearly depicted the pathetic death of old Uncle Tom. He said he mother began the story with this scene, writing the book backward.

OVERCROWDED JAILS.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 12.—Sweeping reforms affecting the criminal classes in the District of Columbia are recommended in a report transmitted to congress by resident Roosevelt yesterday from the committee appointed under the act of congress of May 25 last year to investigate the subject. Justice Stanford of Columbia, is chairman of the commission. The overcrowding of the jails and workhouses the commission declares to be a stench in the nostrils of everyone acquainted with the situation.

Advertisement for Steedman's Soothing Powders, featuring an illustration of a child and text describing the product's benefits for children's ailments.

CANADA TO TAKE OVER ESQUIMALT

(Associated Press Dispatch.) London, Jan. 12.—The Imperial government will transfer Esquimalt to Canada. The programme for its defence is being carried out by the Dominion government arranged with the home authorities.

TURKEY ACCEPTS AUSTRIAN INDEMNITY

Constantinople, Jan. 12.—The Turkish government accepts the Austro-Hungarian offer of \$1,800,000 as indemnity for the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, thus removing every possibility of war. The Grand Vizier has proposed to the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, at noon today, and notified him of the decision of the council of the ministers.

Possibility of European War is Said to Be Removed.

Vienna, Jan. 12.—The foreign office has received a dispatch from Marcus Pallavicini, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, in Constantinople, that the Turkish Grand Vizier has informed him of the acceptance by the Turkish government of the Austro-Hungarian proposal for a settlement of the dispute over Bosnia and Herzegovina. This direct arrangement between the two principals clears the way for a conference of the signatories of the Berlin treaty, which it is presumed here will, without doubt, approve of a settlement agreeable to Turkey.

BAND GIVES CONCERT.

Prince Rupert, Jan. 11.—A concert was given by the Kitchikita Cornet band in the Methodist church on Wednesday night and was well attended. The band is under the leadership of Joseph Nelson, of Metlakatla, a talented musician and composer of music, the band which now consists of 25 pieces, dispensed music that was mostly enjoyed by the crowded house. Their rendering of many of the difficult pieces was extremely good, and considering that it is but a few years since the first musical instrument was introduced at Kitchikita the progress made is marvelous.

PEKIN TELEGRAPHS.

Pekin, Jan. 12.—The diplomatic corps here has a strong collective representation to the Chinese government concerning the board of communications having usurped the full control of the Peking telegraph office, which the Chinese government in 1901 agreed should be under foreign superintendents.

MAYOR OF GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Jan. 12.—G. M. Tripp was re-elected mayor of this city by a vote of 100 to 75. There were only two nominations for alderman, Jeff Mavis and H. A. Shea. The remainder of the board of six will be reappointed by the mayor and two newly elected aldermen at the first meeting which will be held on Monday, January 18th.

PAT CALHOUN TO ANSWER FOR BRIBERY

F. J. Heney Prosecuting in Case Against President of the United Railroads.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 12.—Patrick Calhoun, of New York and San Francisco, president of the United Railroads and director of several large corporations, appeared in the Superior court to-day for the opening session of his trial on an indictment charging him with offering a bribe to Fred Nicholas, a former member of the board of supervisors, the legislative body of the city and county of San Francisco.

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TO REPEAL ANTI-AUTO ACT. Fifty Largely Signed Petitions Are Circulating in Prince Edward Island.

BIG BLAZE AT REVELSTOKE.

Revelstoke, Jan. 11.—One of the most disastrous fires that has occurred for some time in Revelstoke took place a few nights ago, resulting in the loss of the big building owned by the P. Burns Company, and occupied by the Mountain Supply Company.

SOLDIERS DIG AMONG RUINS

MIRACULOUS ESCAPES AFTER EARTHQUAKE

Survivors Buried for 14 Days in Devastated Messina and Reggio.

Rome, Jan. 12.—The fact that living persons still are being rescued from the ruins of Messina and Reggio has decided the authorities to continue the excavations of the wreckage, and several thousands of soldiers are to-day employed in this work who otherwise would be detailed to help in the distribution of the necessities of life for the survivors.

MEDALS FROM SCOTLAND.

New Westminster, Jan. 11.—Mayor Keary, manager of the exhibition, has received word from Glasgow, Scotland, that the Clydesdale Horse Society there has decided to again donate two gold medals for the 1909 exhibition. One for the best Clydesdale horse, any age, and the other for the best Clydesdale mare, any age. The animals to be registered in either the Scottish or Canadian stud book.

DOES AN APPEAL LIE TO FULL COURT IN DIVORCE?

Important and Interesting Point of Law is Being Argued Here To-day.

It is only the other day that a Privy Council decision settled the Supreme Court of British Columbia had jurisdiction to grant divorces. Now the question is raised whether any appeal lies from a single judge to the full court, as constituted for the hearing of appeals, and it happens that one of the judges who will decide that point is the one whose opinion caused such a flutter among divorces until the law lords rendered their decision.

PUBLIC HEALTH OF CITY HAS BEEN GOOD

Annual Reports Presented Before Board Show Good Conditions.

At the final meeting of the present board of health, held Monday at the city hall the annual report of the health officer and the sanitary inspector were received. The sanitary inspector's report stated that a house to house canvass had been made. That the Chinese laundries were in good and sanitary condition. Houses and schools had been fumigated where necessary and 32 persons had received disinfecting baths.

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CROFTON NOTES.

Crofton, Jan. 11.—The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Pollard was recently the scene of a pretty home wedding, when their daughter Lavina and Mr. L. Nicholas, formerly of Crofton, were united in marriage. Rev. W. Forbes Robertson, of Duncan, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas will reside in Nanaimo.

NEWFOUNDLAND LEGISLATURE

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 12.—A private despatch from St. Johns announces a saw-off arranged of all election petitions and that the legislature will meet in February with the same balance of parties as after the elections.

DEEP MOTIVE BEHIND GHASTLY CHURCH MURDER

Death Bed Confession of Clergyman, Who Suicided, is Not Believed.

Cartage, Ill., Jan. 12.—When the authorities have satisfied themselves as to the circumstances attending the murder of Gideon Browning by Rev. John H. Carmichael at Battle Run, Mich., it is expected that inquiry will be made as to the possible motive for the initial crime. Dispatches from Michigan reveal an unwillingness on the part of the officials to accept the theory of Carmichael's insanity as evinced from his strange confession.

NELSON CURLING CLUB.

Pitner & Leiser of Victoria Present Four Individual Trophies.

TOOK EXTRA WEEK'S HOLIDAY.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 12.—The strike at Toronto university is off. The students have returned after the extra week's vacation prescribed by themselves for themselves.

"BESTRIDES THE WORLD LIKE A COLLOSSUS"

Senator Tillman Makes Striking Attack on President Roosevelt.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—Being greeted by applause from the galleries when he entered the senate chamber yesterday to reply to President Roosevelt's strictures in respect to his connection with Oregon timber lands transactions, Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, proceeded to read his prepared remarks with little attempt at oratorical effort. He was accorded careful attention by senators on both sides of the chamber, the public and private galleries being taxed to their full capacity by visitors who occupied all the seats and standing room, while without the entrances, long lines of men and women unable to gain admittance, stood for nearly three hours vainly hoping to enter the galleries.

Mr. Tillman said, "that having made my own defence, I should turn my batteries on my assailant. I do not feel that my strength is sufficient for the double task, for my physicians have warned me against over-taxing myself. One of the truest and best sentiments in English literature is by Lord Byron: 'Sailing another will never make oneself clean.'"

"The president lives in a glass house, with even a glass door in it, and should remember the old adage. He has asserted all the power of the government to destroy me, but I feel that I stand unscathed, because if all other arguments fail to convince me, the character for rectitude, truthfulness and honesty which I have built in the sixty-one years of my life would at least be my bulwarks. Men who have always been clean and honorable do not suddenly become liars and hypocrites at sixty-one without any necessity."

"Later on in this session it is my purpose to devote some time to bringing Theodore Roosevelt face to face with his true self and let the people of the United States see what character he really has been showing to date. For the present I content myself with applying to him this quotation from Spencer's Fairie Queen: 'He ranges throughout the whole world; neither is there any that can restrain him. Of late he has grown especially presumptuous and pestiferous, barking at and biting all alike, whether they be blameworthy or innocent. None are free from his attack. He spares neither the learned nor the gentle poet, but tends and tears without regard to persons, reason or time.'"

CANONIZING JOAN OF ARC.

Rome, Jan. 12.—One of the last proceedings in the beatification of Joan of Arc, the ceremony called in Latin "Tute," occurred this morning in the presence of the Pope and the Congress of Rights of the Vatican.

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