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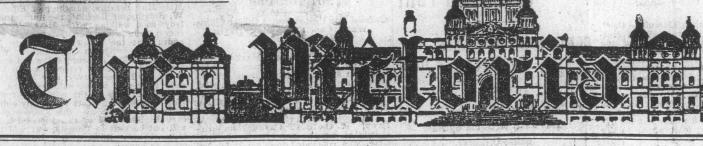
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THE EXPLOSION

OVER ONE HUNDRED LIVES PROBABLY LOST

The Efforts of the Rescue Parties to Reach Entombed Men Were Unavailing.

Johnstown, Pa., July 10.—Johnstown has again been visited by an appaling disaster which has brought serrow to hundreds of hones made desolate by a mine explosion which took place in the Cambria Steel Company rolling mill mine under Westmount Hill, at 12.20

o'clock this afternoon.

How many are dead it may take several days to determine, but that it is a long list is certain. It may reach 200 or more men. It was nearly an hour after the explosion before any general knowledge of what happened got abroad. Men who came from the mines escaping with their lives told the news and soon it spread all over the city. Hundreds rushed to the point and awaited news that did not come from the ill-fated with the come from th

tions were made to begin that work at the Mill creek entrance.

Soon after the news of the explosion reached the Cambria officials the mining engineer, Marshall G. Moore, and one of his assistants, Al. G. Jrosser, made an attempt to enter the mine. They were followed by Mine Superintendent Geo. T. Robinson, but the deadly gases stopped their progress, and they were compelled to return to the surface. Mine Foreman Harry Rodgers, his assistant, Wm. Blanch, and Fire Bosses John Whitney, John Retallin, and John Thomas, were overcome by gases, and it is feared they perished in an effort to rescue the miners. A son of Harry Rodgers then tried to reach his father, bue he was quickly overcome by the deadly gas, and was carried out unconscious.

Johnstown, Pa., July 11.—At 2 o'clock this morning, Mayor Pendry stated that the first of the bodies of the dead miners would be brought from the mine at 3 o'clock. Mayor Pendry stated that General Manager Price told him the number of bodies in sight at 2 o'clock was 65. At midnight President Powell Stack-

house was seen at the mouth of the mine and gave out the following statement:

"The disaster is an awful one, and came on us entirely unexpected. The mine has been inspected only three days ago and was pronounced in a satisfac-

tims. Heads are missing from many of the bodies, while all are burned and blackened almost beyond recognition. Grief-stricken crowds still linger about the mine entries. Sleep has visited none of them. No attempt at identification was made at the mine. That many of the men who were thought last night to be still in the mine will be able to sur-

be still in the mine will be able to survive until reached by the rescuing party is not thought probable.

Immediately succeeding the explosion the air all over the big mine became so that the core the big mine became so the core of t

said:

"As to the direct cause of the explosion I cannot exactly, say. We know that it was an explosion of fire damp in the sixth right heading of the mine in that section commonly known as the Klondike. So far as I can find out now, there were not more than three or four deaths from the explosion, the balance being caused by the afterdamp." Rescue Party in Mine.

Johnstown, Pa., July 11.—A searching party of forty, headed by Mine Superintendent Robinson, entered the mine at 9.30 o'clock. Those on the outside do not expect the bodies of victims will be brought to the surface until the middle of the afternoon. of the afternoon.

Killed While at Lunch. Killed While at Lunch.

Johnstown, Pa., July 11.—From the positions of the bodies the dead miners were eating their lunch when stricken down by the explosion. Buckets and remains of their lunches were found scattered over the floor. Evidently their lives were lost painlessly. Of the 47 bodies at the morgue, 21 were identified as Poles. As fast as identification is completed the bodies are being taken to their houses. At noon the charnel house was about cleared of bodies.

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The searching party that entered the mines this morning penetrated to the four left headings, which they were unable to reach last night. They found in one group twelve bodies. They believed six of these were living. At 2 o'clock this afternoon they sent out for medical assistance. Doctors Woodruff and Updegraff have gone in.

Men who came from the mines escaping with their lives told the news and soon it spread all over the city. Hundreds rushed to the point and awaited news that did not come from the ill-fated mine.

At the openings across the river from the Cambria Iron Co., police stood guard permitting no one to enter the mine from which noxious gases were coming. It was nearly 4 o'clock when all hope of sending rescue parties from the Westmount end was abandoned.

Two men who had escaped from the mire, Richard Bennett and John Myers, went back two miles to see what assistance could be rendered, but the damp drove them back, and they fell prostrate when finally after a desperate struggle they reached the outside. Two doctors gave the men assistance, and after workink with them half an hour restored them. Their story of the situation in the mine made it clear that the rescue work could not proceed from the Westmount opening and the hasty preparations were made to begin that work at the Mill creek entrance.

Soon after the nines escaping The Rolling Mill Mine.

Johnstown, Pa., July 11.—The Rolling Mill mine has been worked for about fifty years. Five or six years ago the section where the disaster of yesterday occurred was opened and the miners fancifully called it the Klondike. It is said that for the past three years safety lamps have been kept up. For the last three years safety lamps have been carried by the men.

Outside of the property loss the catastrophe will cost the Cambria Steel Company a large sum. The company has paid the family of every person killed in its employ the sum of \$1,000, and to those who lost an eye, a hand, a limb, or became otherwise partially disabled, the sum of \$500. It is said that these sum of \$500. It is said that these sum of \$2,000, and to those who lost an eye, a hand, a limb, or became otherwise partially disabled, the sum of \$500. It is said that these sum of \$2,000, and to those who lost an eye, a hand, a limb, or became otherwise partially disabled, the sum of \$500. It is said that these su The Rolling Mill Mine.

Johnstown, Pa., July 12.—One hundred and five are now dead from Thursday's explosion at the Relling Mill mine, of the Cambria Steel Co. It is improbable that this record will be much increased. In no case is it expected the list will exceed 110 or 115. The mine workings, which it was dangerous to enter yesterday. Were thoroughly explored by a searching party during the night.

Farly this morning the charred and mutilated bodies of fifteen victims were brought to the pit mouth and taken to the morgue. The bodies were found in the upper end of the heading where the explosion occurred, and could not be reached until the healing had been entirely cleared of noxious gas. Three deaths occurred during the night at Cambria hospital. These were among those who were brought out of the mine yesterday afternoon living, but unconscious. It was learned at the pit mouth to-day from mine officials that every heading and chamber, both to the right and left of the main Klondike heading, was searched during the night, and that not a trace of any dead or living, victims was found. It is admitted, though, that some may have crawled into obscure workings in their flight from the afterdamp which followed the explosion, and there died.

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the air all over the big mine became so foul that even the huge pumps working to their full capacity and the air they supplied turned into the proper channels to reach the imprisoned men, none of the mine officials would hold out any hope for the lives of those thought to be still in the mine. As near as can be learned there was not one dozen Americans killed, the rest being Hungarians and Slavonians. These foreigners lived in different sections of the town, and is difficult to tell how many are actuly missing.

Killed By Afterdamp.

Johnstown, Pa., July 11.—The first official statement of the disaster was given an Associated Press reporter by General Mine Superintendent George T.

VOLCANO NO LONGER POURING FORTH FIRE

Japanese May Resist Attempt of the United States Expedition to Occupy Marcus Island.

Honolulu, July 3, via San Francisco, July 12.—The volcano Kilauea is dying down to normal conditions. The steamer Mauna Loa arrived last night from Hawaii with news that the fire had disappeared, though there is still a large column of smoke.

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It is not unlikely that international complications may ensue between the United States and Japan as the result of local people taking possession of Marcus Island, a small guano island lying about 2,800 miles west of Honolulu and about 1,000 miles southeast of Yokohama. An expedition is to leave here next week under command of Capt. A. A. Rosehill for the purpose of occupying the island, as Rosehill was recently granted the title to the island by the United States. If the experience of Capt. Pierce, of the transport Sheridan, is to be taken as any indication, the services of an American war ship may be necessary to place Rosehill in possession of the island. About four months ago Capt. Pierce stopped at Marcus Island for the purpose of adjusting his instruments. With a small party he went ashore in the steam launch. He was met on the beach by about 20 Japanese, many of whom were armed with rifles, and who ordered the Americans to leave the island at once, Seeing that the display of firearms did not frighten the visitors, the spokesman of the Japanese produced what purported to be an official document from the Japanese government, and flourished this paper before Captain Pierce.

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An exploration of the island disclosed the fact that the Japanese were evidently at work obtaining guano. Capt. Pierce made no attempt to molest the Japanese. He was not then aware of Rosehill's

THE TROUBLE AT SANDHURST. Lord Roberts Replies to Criticism House of Lords—Irish Affairs.

London, July 10.—Lord Roberts, commander-in-chief of the forces, replying in the House of Lords to-day to criticisms made by Earl Carrington, Liberal, and others regarding the rustication of 29 of the cadets of the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, as a result of their failure to denounce the persons guilty of starting the recent fires at the institution, and who were not convicted with any connection with

nres at the institution, and who were not convicted with any connection with the attempt at incendiarism, defended his order which affected the rustication of the cadets in question on the grounds that otherwise he found it impossible to discover the culprits. He promised personally to investigate the case of each of the rusticated cadets to see that no boy would lose his seniority injustly. Lord Roberts said, however,

Intosh & mres had been reached.

The vote on the Irish estimates in the out street, and the content of the cont

United States Treasury Department Prepares Plans for Payment of Ex-

United States Treasury Department Prepares Plans for Payment of Expositions Accounts.

Washington, July 11.—The treasury department has perfected a plan for the payment of the claims against the Pan-American Exposition Company, to be paid out of the appropriations of \$500,5000 made in the General Deficiency Act. By the terms of the appropriation, payments are to be made pro rate on claims for "labor, material, services and other expenses," and no payments are to be made pro rate on claims to be pro rated aggregate about \$640,000. The claims are to be filed and audited at the treasury department, and the warrants are to be drawn in favor of individual claimants. These warrants are to be delivered through, and receipted for by John G. Milburn, who was president, of the exposition. In this way the necessity for Mr. Milburn giving a bond will be avoided. This is the plan which will be submitted to Mr. Milburn to the will be approval.

Washington, July 11.—The treasury department, will leave early next week for Harrison Hot Springs. He has been ordered to do this in consequence of nervous trouble, which shows itself in the form of insomnia.

ANNUAL MATCH.

The Cricket Elevens of Eton and Harrow Began Contest at Lords' Grounds To-Day.

London, July 11.—The annual cricket match between elevens representing Eton and Harrow began at Lords' grounds here to-day. There were the customary large number of society women as spectators. Eton won the toss and went to the wicket, but the stay was signally short. By lunch time they were all out for 72 runs.

Harrow played a strong game and totalled 241 runs in their first innings.

At the close of the day's play Eton, in

NOVELIST DEAD.

London, July 12.—Mrs. Annie Alexander Hector, the novelist, who wrote over the nome de plume of Mrs. Alexander, died suddenly in London last. Thursday. She was born in Dublin in

Arnual Meeting Held at Nelson—The President's Address—Election of Officers.

TOTOTTA TIMES TURSDAY, JULE 15.

Nelson, July 9,—The annual Baptist onvention of British Columbia assemblconvention of British Columbia assembled here this morning. At the morning session the delegates were welcomed and enrolled, after which the retiring president, Rev. I. G. Matthews, M. A., of New Westminster, delivered his annual presidental address. He took as his theme "The Great Commission." He pointed out that a divine imperative addressed to a responsive people is the basis of every great advance and that the divine imperative of "The Great Commission" comes to us intensified by the centuries which lie between. His address was followed by the introduction of new pastors and the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resultof new pastors and the election of offi-cers for the ensuing year, which result-ed as follows:

President, Rev. M. Vansickle; first vice-president, A. B. McNeill; second-vice-president, R. Robertson; third vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Grant; secretary, Rev. F. W. Auvache; treasurer, E. B. Morgan.

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The afternoon session was occupied with the reception of reports, some of which occasioned vigorous discussion. The reports indicated progress in every direction. In the evening, after an address on "The Holy Spirit in Mission Work," by Rev. Wm. Thompkins, Rev. Roland D. Grant, D. D., delivered the convention sermon, which was a vigorous setting forth of Baptist teaching in regard to the subjects of baptism. gard to the subjects of baptism.

Another session will be held to-mor-

row.

The delegates in attendance from Victoria are: Rev. J. F. Vichert, Mrs. Wm. Grant, Mrs. W. H. Spofford, J. T. Croot and Wm. Marchant.

BAR TENDER'S CRIME. Killed His Wife, His Mother-in-Law and Another Inmate of the House.

Portland, Ore., July 12.—A. L. Belding, a bar tender, has shot and killed his wife, his mother-in-law, Mrs. McCroskey, and Frank Woodward, an inmate of the house, and fatally wounded his father-in-law, D. L. McCroskey. Belding married the daughter of the McCroskey eight vars ago, but has not

Belding married the daughter of the McCroskeys eight years ago, but has not lived with his wife for some time. He was jealous of Woodward, whom he suspected to being on intimate terms with Mrs. Belding.

After his bloody work was finished he walked out of the house and gave himself up, saying: "These people have been misusing me for years, and I am sorry that I did not kill them all. They are a bad lot."

THE WATER SYSTEM HAS BEEN IMPROVED

Twelve-Inch Mains Substituted for Smaller Pipes - Preparations for To Day's Celebration.

looked upon as second to none in the province.

'It is proposed to ask for a better rating by the underwriters as a result of the improvements to the system.

Local Orangemen have gone to considerable trouble preparing decorations for the celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne. For two days workmen have been engaged putting up arches, etc. An immense crowd is expected.

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Harrow played a strong game and totalled 211 runs in their first innings. At the close of the day's play Eton, in their second inning, had secured 96 runs for one wicket down. Harrow all out in first innings for 241 runs.

Ers', strike has every hope of a settlement to-day, least to day, and the day to day.

Building Dispute Settled.

Boston, Mass., July 11.—An agreement has been concluded between a comment has been concluded between a comment the East, all making better than limited time from Revelstoke to Vancouver. The first train beat the previous record by which wo hours.

The tug Superior, which sunk in the harbor on Monday night, was hooked by grappler this morning and is being raised to keep peace in the building trades at least for one year. Eight hours per day with 28 cents per hour are agreed upon.

Belfast, Ireland, July 12.—A hundred thousand Orangemen participated in to-building trades at least for one year. Eight hours per day the first train beat the previous record by the East, all making better than limited the East, all making better than l

London, July 12.—In the annual cricket match between Harrow and Eton, begun at Lords' grounds yesterday, Eton were all out in their second innings for 228 runs.

In London,

London, July 12, -Lord Kitchener arrived at Paddington station at 12.40, and was welcomed by the Prince of Wales and greeted by cheering crowds. An address was presented to the general, and he shortly after started for St. James's Palace. He arrived at St. James's Palace at 1.27 p.m. The Prince of Wales was already there awaiting him.

him.

Lord Kitchener's progress through the metropolis after three years' absence at the Boer war was one of the most memorable of the many remarkable of the past three years. From the moment he set foot in London till the time of his disappearance beneath the portal of St. James's Palace he was the object of such an oftburst of popular enthusiasm as to quite overshadow the demonstrations on previous similar occasions.

PROPOSED AMALGAMATION.

Terms Drawn Up by Delegates and Operators.

Birmingham, Ala., July 11.—The United Mine Workers to-day voted against accepting the scale agreed upon by the joint committee of miners and operators. Another effort will be made to modify the scale so as to make it acceptable to both sides. If a strike should result 15,000 men will be affected.

Hope of Settlement. Chicago, July 11.—This morning an authorized statement was given to the Associated Press to the effect that the arbitration committee which is trying to seeme a settlement of the freight handlers' strike has every hope of a settle-ment to-day,

Belfast, Ireland, July 12.—A hundred thousand Orangemen participated in today's annual celebration. The entire police force was on duty and the military were consigned to their barracks. The united States hattleship Illinois, flagship of Rear-Admiral Arents Crowinshield.commander-in-chief of the European station, and the United States cruiser San Francisco, sailed from Gravesend to-day for Christiania, Norway.

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A RECORD RUN.

Train Which Reached Vancouver To-day The Nellie G. Thurston's Catch Has-From East Made Better Time Than Imperial Limited.

Vancouver, July 11.—Fishermen last night averaged as high as forty to sixty sockeyes to the boat. The Japanese of Steveston are coming in this afternoon to ask for fifteen to seventeen ceuts, flat, from the canners, while the Japanese of North Arm and Canoe Pass will probably to go back on the union and are agreeing to go fishing on Sunday night. Captain Wm. McKenzie, of McKenzie Bros., and Miss May Everett were married last night.

Three trains arrived this morning from the East, all making better than limited time from Revelstoke te Vancouver. The first train beat the previous record by

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EXCHANGED SHOTS WITH OUTLAW LAST NIGHT

He Afterwards Disappeared Into Brush -Bloodhounds Have Been Sent to the Scene.

Auburn, Wn., July 11.-Sheriff Cudihee received word early to-day from the members of the posse who exchanged shots with outlaw Tracy a few miles west of Covington at 11.40 o'clock last

night.
The dispatch, sent by J. A. Bunce, states that the convict was chased into the brush at a point west of Covington. An urgent request was made that the hounds be sent to the spot at once. Former Chief of Police Woolley and Deputy Sheriff Brewer, of Everett, have been added to the force covering the region between here and River Bridge. The bloodhounds were sent to Covington before daybreak. ton before daybreak.

Eluded the Guards. Covington, Wn., July 11.—Tracy has again slipped through a cordon of guards, this time at the mouth of Sluice creek, and fought a battle with deputies. He is now in the timber. No one was hurt in the fight.

Late last night he reached a saw mill plant a mile from here. Deputy Sheriffs J. C. Bunce, Fred Bunce, Galvin and Crowe had been sent to guard this point. Crowe and the Bunces, father and son, Crowe and the Bunces, father and son, posted themselves on the railroad near the saw mill, Galvin being on the other guard line. Tracy soon appeared and when order to halt started to run. The Bunces fired four times each. Tracy ran up the track and encountered Crowe. Tracy fired at him at close range twice without effect. Crowe was burnt slightly by the powder.

Tracy then entered the brush along the side of the track and was lost in the darkness. The deputies made a hurried detour through the woods to Covington to head him off, but on their arrival found that he had not passed the station.

A man thought to be Merrill, the other

escaped convict, appeared yesterday at the home of a farmer near Ravendale, near here, and sought food. He re-mained in the vicinity all day.

Tacoma, July 11—This forenoon Sheriff Cudihee and a numerous posse were in the vicinity of Covington, where outlaw Tracy eluded the posse at midnight. Every train zoing toward the Northern Pacine tunnel through the Casendes was stopped and searched. The formation of the country is such that Tracy may be said to be cornered in the point of a triangle. Developments are momentarily expected.

THE CORONATION.

It is Officially Stated That King Edward Will Be Crowned Between August 8th and 12th.

London, July 11.—It was officially stated to-day that the coronation of King Edward will take place between August 8th and 12th. The proposed pro-

CANADIAN NOTES

Sad Fatal Accident—Hon, T. Greenway Opposed to Increased Duties on Manufactured Articles.

Neepawa, Man, July 11.—At Hunt's alley, Riding Mountain, on Wednesday, hile a Grecian was loading a gun to noot a wolf, the weapon was discharged. killing his wife.

The Toronto Fire. Toronto, July 11.—The losses by the fire yesterday are placed at \$300,000; insurance \$175,000.

Hon. T. Greenway's Views. In an interview here, Hon. Thomas Greenway, ex-premier of Manitoba, strongly opposed the increased duty on manufactured articles, as proposed by the Canadian manufacturers. Mr. Greenway says, it would be most injurious to the growing West.

Killed by Lightning.
London, July 11.—Mr. Barry, a Caradoc farmer, lost twelve cattle by lightning this week.

SALT HALIBUT.

Nanaimo, July 10.—Capt. C. G. Johnston, manager of the Pacific Fish & Cold Storage Company, is now in this city conferring with the members of the company before starting East to market the salt halibut. The cargo of the Nellie G. Thurston made three carloads, which have been shipped East. Capt. Johnston will go East about the first of the week. The schooner Nellie G. Thurston, which is now on the ways, will arrive here Monday, and after taking on supplies will go north.

DROUGHT BROKEN.

Welcome Rains in New Mexico Which Mean Much-to the Cattlemen of Territory.

Albuquerque, N. M., July 11.—The first rain storm has occurred here since last October. The downpour lasted nearly two hours. Ranchmen from the eastern ranges say that heavy rains have visited them in the last few days, assuring plenty of water and grass for some time.

Ten years ago a pound of aluminium cost it costs less than one-tenth that sum.