

PANORAMIC VIEW SHOWING SECTION OF PARIS INUNDATED



LOOKING ACROSS THE ILE DE LA CITE TOWARDS EIFFEL TOWER. PHOTO BY VAUGHAN THOMPSON.
1. NOTRE DAME. 2. HOTEL DIEU. 3. ST. SULPICE. 4. PONT D'ARCOLE. 5. PONT NOTRE DAME. 6. BOND AU CHANSE. 6. STICHELLE.
7. HOTEL DE VILLE. 8. QUAI DE HOTEL DE VILLE.

56 ARE DEAD IN THE LATEST MINE DISASTER

This Accident Occurs in Mexico

MANY INJURED, TOO

Explosion is Attributed to the Ignition of Gas

LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 2.—One of the greatest disasters in the history of Mexican coal mining took place early today in the Esau mine at Las Esperanzas, Mex. The toll of human life is officially placed at fifty-six, while the list of injured numbers nearly as many.

The explosion occurred in the No. 3 shaft of the coal mine of the Esperanzas Mining Company, and is attributed to the ignition of gas from a cigarette of a miner who was smoking contrary to the rules.

The miners, principally Mexicans and Japanese, had assumed their places in the workings shortly after seven o'clock. About 8:30 o'clock, those at work above ground heard a loud explosion, and almost instantly a cloud of dust and smoke shot from the mouth of the shaft.

Assistance was immediately forthcoming, and as soon as the air in the shaft could be purified sufficiently to permit rescuers to descend, many volunteers were ready to risk their lives in an endeavour to rescue their stricken brothers below.

Three cages were sent down, all loaded. The first and second levels were intact, and beyond being frightened, the men working in these levels were safe. They were brought to the top as rapidly as the cages could be loaded.

The rescue party went down to the third level and as soon as they could be sufficiently cleared, entered the various shafts and began a search for the dead.

Scattered about in various positions in the workings, they found the bodies of the suffocated men.

After six hours' work, 53 bodies were brought to the surface, while nearly 40 injured men were removed to hospitals for treatment. The injured owe their escape to the fact that they were working at points in the third stage of the workings where they were practically protected from the rush of foul air.

As the bodies were brought to the surface, screaming women and children were congregated about the mouth of the shaft.

Most of the killed were Mexicans, the Japanese miners being employed in other parts of the mine.

BALLINGER GETS COUNSEL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—Secretary Ballinger at last, after much persuasion, has decided to employ counsel to appear before the Ballinger-Pinchot congressional investigating committee to defend his side of the case. Mr. Ballinger steadily refused to engage counsel in his own behalf, declaring he had nothing to conceal. Senator Nelson, chairman of the committee, expressed the attitude of the committee as favoring the presence of counsel for both sides, wherefore Mr. Ballinger finally has decided to follow the suggestion.

SHOULD KEEP OUT OF PORCUPINE SCHEMES

Mayor of Shediac Back From the New Gold Fields

Says the Wealth is There in Spots But There Will be Many Fake Companies in the Field First.

MONCTON, N.B., Feb. 2.—E. R. McDonald, mayor of Shediac, was in a visit to the new gold fields at Porcupine Point, and advises prospective investors not to put any money into Porcupine claims for the present, at least. He says the rush to new fields is so wild that claims are staked without the slightest evidence of mineral deposit. Swamps, muskegs, hills and valleys alike, are blanketed. Until development is done it is impossible to estimate the extent or the width of the gold field. It runs in a northeasterly and southwesterly direction and within its boundaries are veins of free gold bearing quartz occasionally showing upon the surface. In some of the richer claims as in Wilson, O'Brien and Bannerman, pure gold nuggets the size of peas can be seen scattered through the quartz. McDonald is of the opinion that Porcupine will repeat the history of Gowganda and after the wild rush ceases, and sound business prevails, that there will be but two or three good gold producers in the whole region, but the gold area is wider in Porcupine than it is in Gowganda.

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While work underground continued unabated, practically the only activity apparent at the camp today was that of the force of men detailed to assist the coroner in preparing the bodies for burial.

Late this afternoon Coroner Gulliford sent 23 bodies to Trinidad on a special train and tomorrow probably will forward the remaining sixteen recovered to that city, where a general funeral will be held. Late this afternoon, also, a semi-official statement was given out which showed that exploring parties have penetrated five thousand feet from the entrance along the main slope.

DRAKESBORO, Ky., Feb. 2.—With crepe hanging on every other door along the main streets of the little mining town of Browder and motley funeral corteges, headed by all sorts of improvised hearse, moving toward the cemetery, today was largely spent in the preparation of the dead. There was no attempt at holding religious services over the mangled bodies.

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LAUGHS AND SMILES AT MURDER CHARGE

Young Music Teacher Says She is Sure of Acquittal—Dying Statement Not Admitted.

WATERBURY, Conn., Feb. 3.—The failure of the prosecution to have admitted as evidence an alleged dying statement of the murdered man and a prediction by the accused that she would soon be free, were features in today's sessions of the trial of Sophie Krickman, the young music teacher, for the murder of Bronislav Kulivnikas in the woods near Union City on the afternoon of September 17, last. Up to the opening of today's proceedings, the prosecution had secured the admission as evidence, one dying statement made by Kulivnikas and had one thrown out. Today, the state presented a third, in which Kulivnikas is alleged to have said: "I am dying, get me a doctor," but Mr. Kennedy, attorney for the defense, objected to the admission and was sustained by the court.

"It was one of the happiest days I have spent since I was arrested. I feel as though I was going to be discharged. Ever since childhood, I have always had a premonition of what was coming. When it was for the best, I had a pain about my heart and to-night that pain is there, but I am so happy."

75 VICTIMS IN MONDAY'S PIT HORROR

Thirty-five Widows, Sixty-five Fatherless

WORK CONTINUES

Crepe on Every Other Door in Little Kentucky Town

PRIMERO, Colo., Feb. 2.—Monday's explosion in the main mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company claimed a total of 75 victims and left 35 widows and 65 fatherless children.

These facts were determined late today when the official canvass of the company was completed.

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A MESSAGE OF HOPE TO WORRIED MOTHERS

There is no other medicine can equal Baby's Own Tablets for the cure of stomach, bowel and teething troubles. They come as a message of hope to worried mothers as they make sickly, peevish, crying children bright and well. And the mother has the guarantee of a government analyst that this medicine contains no opiate, no sticky, poisonous, crying children bright and well. And the mother has the guarantee of a government analyst that this medicine contains no opiate, no sticky, poisonous, crying children bright and well. And the mother has the guarantee of a government analyst that this medicine contains no opiate, no sticky, poisonous, crying children bright and well.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 2.—A young man was shipping bilkily up the gang plank of the S. S. Finland today, just before the vessel sailed for Europe, when two detectives seized him and carried him off to police headquarters. The prisoner was George Baker, or Becker, who is wanted here and in Allentown, Pa., and in other eastern cities, for passing worthless checks for sums ranging into thousands.

JANUARY EQUALLED LAST YEAR'S RECORD

Temperature for Month Same as in 1909

Remarkable Conditions at Fredericton—Only Eighty Seven Hours of Sunshine—Interesting Figures.

The weather during January showed remarkable changes. Especially, temperatures were relatively mild until the 15th of the month. From then until the close of the month mild weather was experienced. Cold weather closed the month. The conditions were much the same throughout the province.

Director Hutchinson reports that the maximum temperature at St. John was 32.5 degrees, on the 22nd. The minimum registered was -7.7 degrees below zero on the 5th. The average for the month was 27 degrees, which was the same for January 1909.

The rain fall during the month was 4.91 inches with 56 inches of rain and melted snow. The snow fall was 219 inches. Moderate southeasterly gales prevailed on the 18th, and southeast gales on the 22nd. The month closed with severe south to west gales with a rain fall on the 29th and 30th, of two inches.

The average cloudiness for the month was 6.3, compared with 5.5 in January, 1909. At St. John during the last month the wind velocity was 10,372 miles. In January, 1909, the velocity was 10,812.

Fredericton had most unusual weather. During the month there was only eighty-seven hours of sunshine. The maximum temperature was 59 degrees. The minimum was 25 below zero. The rain fall for the month was 3.36 inches with 7.10 inches of snow. Fredericton had 5,800 miles of wind.

At Moncton the maximum temperature was 50 degrees above. The minimum was 12 degrees below zero. The total rain fall was 2.46 inches with 4.5 inches of snow. The first half of the month was cold and cloudy, but towards the end heavy rains and freshets were frequent.

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TRY TO DISPROVE SACKVILLE CLAIM

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Sir Robert Finlay, representing Lionel Edward Sackville-West, now Lord Sackville, a nephew of the former British minister at Washington, occupied today's session of the probate court, with the introduction of documentary evidence to disprove the legitimacy of Ernest Henry Sackville-West, who is petitioner in a suit to have the court declare him the oldest and legitimate son of the late Lord Lionel Sackville-West, and as such, to establish his right to the estates now held by Lord Sackville.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—An important aid to navigation has just issued from the hydrographic office, in the shape of a volume of 984 printed pages, made entirely up of tables, the purpose of which is to enable a navigator to identify with precision any star that he may see, even through a small rift of clouds in stormy weather. By the institution of a few such stars the navigator will be enabled to get the position of his ship on the high seas regardless of the sun or moon.

RETURNS HOME LOADED DOWN WITH DENIALS

Shaughnessy Denies Allan Rumor

DITTO PIERS REPORT

Wm. Whyte Wants \$30,000, 000 for the West This Year

MONTRÉAL, Feb. 2.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, who returned from Europe today, contradicts the report of Steamship Superintendent Piers' resignation, and also that Hugh A. Allan is to reside in London and look after C. P. R. steamship matters. Apart from this the president of the Canadian Pacific had little to impart of public interest.

Mr. Wm. Whyte, who reaches here tomorrow from Winnipeg, is said to bring requests for an expenditure of thirty millions this year in the West.

SACKVILLE PRETENDER THROWS UP THE SPONGE

On the Pretext That the Trial is Not Fairly Conducted, He Brings About Suspension of the Siding.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Sir Edward Clarke, counsel for Ernest Henry Sackville-West in the latter's suit to establish that he is the legitimate son and heir of the late Lord Lionel Sackville-West, withdrew abruptly from the case today following a disagreement with his client as to his procedure.

Several depositions denying the reputed marriage of Ernest Henry Sackville-West to the late Lord Lionel Sackville-West, were read when Sir Edward arrived and announced his retirement in consequence of a letter which had just been handed him by his client in which he was instructed to request the court for an adjournment to request the production of important documents from Spain. The letter which the barrister proceeded to read aloud concluded:

"Should Sir John Bingham refuse I wish you to retire from the case as I do not care to go further with such an unfair trial."

Sir Edward explained that he was not prepared to apply for an adjournment as he could not say that the Spanish documents referred to were material to his case. The petitioner's junior counsel followed suit and President Bingham suspended the sitting.

The action is defended by the present Lord Sackville, a nephew of the former British Minister to the United States. Among the depositions offered when court opened was a statement by the diplomat in which he said: "When my daughter, Ernestine, was in Washington they passed as my legitimate children, but everybody knew that they were illegitimate."

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MEAT PRICES ALMOST BACK TO OLD FIGURES

Again Climbing in New York, Despite the Boycott

Reduction in Supplies the Cause—Dealers Determined to Win in Fight Against Consumers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Meat was still on the rise in the local markets today. Boycott of meat, prices continued to advance over the lowered rates prevailing in the latter part of last week and now approximate figures quoted before the beginning of the anti-meat movement.

This movement showed no signs of abatement today. Retailers in many sections of the city, especially the poorer quarters, reported a falling off of from one-third to one-half in sales. Shipments, however, have been curtailed. This is in line with the recent hints from Chicago that prices would not stay long below the previous ruling high market, as curtailment was relied upon to lessen supply and adjust it to the reduced demand.

"Big dealers here admitted today for the first time that receipts were heavily reduced. The retailers have been encouraged to maintain prices and consumers are now getting little direct benefit from the agitation.

The Hudson County, N. J., grand jury today took up the inspection of the big cold storage plants. The visits will be continued, until all have been looked into. Meanwhile additional subpoenas have been issued for packing company employees, and Judge Swartz of the New Jersey Supreme Court has announced that he will summon the jury to his court and charge it as to its duty. The jury is trying to find out whether there is an agreement between the big warehouses to hold back supplies and maintain high prices.

DEGREE IN THE CURRENCY

DIVORCE CASE FILED

A Bulky Document—Appeal Will Occupy Several Days—Costs Waro Paid.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 3.—The decree in the case of Mary Eliza Curry vs. L. A. Curry was this morning filed by the registrar of the divorce court with the clerk of the pleas. Owing to the extensiveness of the case, the decree is a very lengthy one, consisting of three hundred folios, or about thirty thousand words. It is no doubt one of the longest decrees ever entered on the record of the divorce court. The case was commenced on October 11th, 1908, and continued along until December 22nd last, when judgment was given, Judge McKeown dismissing the plaintiff's libel on the ground that under authority there was not sufficient evidence for the court to grant the separation asked for. From this decision Mrs. Curry is now appealing. Numerous witnesses were examined both here and in St. John and the evidence taken makes three good sized volumes. The appeal will probably last a couple of days. The registrar was asked if the court costs had been paid before the decree was filed. He replied that no decree was issued, whether such granted or dismissed application for divorce, until costs were first paid and he did not know of any exception to this rule having yet occurred.

Modiste To wear a fashionable hat with grace you must have a head like this wooden model. That is the reason why madame looks so charming in the hat I made for her.

PAID FOURTH OF \$643,000 FOR SILENCE

Mrs. Stewart-Ford's Trial

NEW TESTIMONY

Warriner Tries to Make Out Defendant Didn't Get Hush Money

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 2.—About one-fourth of the \$643,000 which Chas. L. Warriner, defaulting local treasurer of the Big Four R. R. has confessed to have embezzled, was paid by him to Mrs. Jeannette Stewart-Ford and Edward S. Cook, of Chicago, according to Warriner's testimony today in the trial of Mrs. Ford for blackmail. "Calmer," the witness said that during the seven years he was embezzling the funds of the railroad he was paying approximately \$1,000 a month to both Cooke and Mrs. Ford.

According to Warriner, he paid blackmail to Mrs. Ford not because she knew that he was short, but because she was aware that Cooke was short in his accounts when he left the Big Four service and that when Warriner succeeded him he concealed this shortage. This testimony was a surprise to the prosecution, for under one promise to Mrs. Ford is accused of receiving stolen money. A second indictment, however, charges her with blackmail only.

There was another unexpected turn in the trial when it became apparent that Warriner has no intention of accusing his quondam friend Cooke of blackmail.

The defense strove vainly to make Warriner admit that not only did Cooke blackmail him, but that the embezzler was also compelled to pay hush money to Mrs. Cooke and Cooke's son. Warriner admitted that he gave the maintenance she never asked him for money, and the only reason he helped her and her children was "because they were the only ones I felt any moral obligation to assist."

Pressed for a further explanation, he said he meant they were innocent of any wrong-doing and he did not like to see them suffer.

The attitude of Warriner is not the least curious feature in the strange case. The man appears to positively enjoy his cross-examination. His composure is in strange contrast with the demeanor of the woman against whom he is testifying. Mrs. Ward weeps almost continually.

DIVORCE GRANTED IN THE BROKAW CASE

Wife of Millionaire Society Leader is to Receive Alimony of \$15,000 a Year.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw was today granted a separation from her husband W. Gould Brokaw, the millionaire clubman and society leader, and was awarded alimony of \$15,000 a year. The decision was handed down in the supreme court as Minola by Justice Putnam before whom the case was tried. The separation was granted on the ground of desertion.