

SNUFFED OUT BY EXPLOSION

One Hundred Miners Perish in Disaster in West Virginia.

Bluefield, W. Va., Jan. 12.—Again the earth trembled today and that unknown substance in which there is more deadly energy and destruction than the atom in tons of dynamite, let go its awful engine of disaster in the mines of the Lick branch colliery and snuffed out one hundred lives. It was in these same mines, where two weeks ago to a day 50 miners were killed by a similar explosion.

In the quiet of the early morning, there came a mighty rumbling in the bowels of the earth, which reverberated along the miles of corridors and air passages crowded with those who work there. Above, the tons of earth and stone that lay above the workings and the mountain's crown, giant trees quivered, and from the mine mouth belched forth a cloud of flame, soot, dust, debris, heavy timber, broken mine cars, and even a massive motor used to haul the heavy laden cars carrying the debris.

Scarcely had the detonation died away before a throng of terrorized women and children, in anxiety and dread, rushed to the mine mouth and implored those there to allow them to aid in the effort to save some of their loved ones.

Mine Foreman Bowers, who was near the entrance, was blown from his feet, but managed to crawl out safely, as also did Robert Smith, a miner. With the foreman was a miner named Holiday, but he was bowled over. A rescue party, organized on the moment, rushed into the law of the smoking mine and tried to rescue him. They were driven back by the deadly fumes of the after-gases and were compelled to leave him to his fate.

A train was rushed from this city to the scene of the disaster, some 25 miles away, where exploration and rescue. There was supposed to be from 60 to 80 miners in the section of the mine effected. The debris from the explosion of two weeks ago had not been cleared away, and 30 men were engaged in this work. Nineteen contract miners, with their crews, were at work in a new entry, and it is feared that all of these men were lost.

The explosion was in a different part of the mine than that of two weeks ago. Since that catastrophe the mine had been inspected by Government officials and by the most experienced mine men in the region and all, it is said, expressed the opinion that it was safe.

BIG FINANCIER GUILTY

Pittsburg Railway Magnate Tried to Buy a Councilman.

Pittsburg, Jan. 12.—Charles S. Cameron, president of the City of R. R. Company, who has been on trial for several days charged with attempting to bribe former Councilman Wm. A. Martin in connection with a franchise to the Tube City R. R. Company, was this afternoon found guilty. The jury was out but fifteen minutes.

Attorneys for Cameron gave notice of an appeal for a new trial, and the accused was held in \$20,000 bail. Former Councilman W. A. Martin, who is serving a sentence in the penitentiary for accepting a bribe, and C. R. Richardson, a broker, who is awaiting sentence for his part in the Tube City Railway scandal, were the principal witnesses today.

Martin declared that he was honest in selling his honor to Cameron, and that he considered it very cheap at \$70,000.

The district attorney could not draw from Martin any testimony of value in connection with the case of the seven councilmen and two former bankers now under indictment on charges of attempted bribery.

Martin folled all efforts to make him involve or furnish others. Richardson related the story of loans made to Cameron for the purpose of hoodwinking Martin.

A BIG AWARD

\$30,000 for Loss of Leg in Ottawa Street Car Crash.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—A verdict for \$30,000 against the Ottawa Electric Railway Company was given by the jury at the assizes here in favor of Edward A. Bredenberg. Bredenberg is a mining engineer of London, England, and had his leg amputated as a result of it being crushed in the street car accident on the Britannia line on May 24. The company offered no defense, but will likely appeal against the amount.

Arising out of the same accident, Miss Ellen Driscoll was awarded \$4,000, and Miss Mary C. Herbert, \$1,160.

THIS SIMPLE RHEUMATISM RECIPE ALSO SPLENDID FOR THE KIDNEYS

EVERY AFFLICTED MAN AND WOMAN IN LONDON SHOULD MIX AND TAKE IT.

This is a simple home recipe now being made known in all the larger cities through the newspapers. It is intended to check the many cases of rheumatism, kidney and bladder trouble which have made so many cripples, and invalids and weaklings of some of our brightest and strongest people. The drugists here have been notified to supply themselves with the ingredients, and the sufferer will have no trouble to obtain them. The prescription is as follows: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce, and Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Mix by shaking well in a bottle. The up-

EUROPE FACES BRIGHT FUTURE

Austria's More Peaceful Stand Expected To End Crisis in Balkans.

London, Jan. 12.—Last week ended with less cause for gloom in Europe than was apparent when it began. Austria and Serbia were at each other's throats a few days ago and war seemed to be inevitable at last. Now, while no reconciliation is complete for the moment, recent visitors to the Balkans declare there is snow covering the ground, which is looked upon as a guarantee that hostilities was to be prevented for a while at least.

Fine weather, however, may bring a big risk of an outbreak, as campaigning then will be possible. Austria apparently is reconsidering its rigid attitude to make any concessions, especially as its loss by the boycott instituted in Serbia and Montenegro is no greater than the indemnity which it originally asked from Turkey.

It is also thought now that Montenegro and Serbia could be satisfied if Austria gave up the control of the Montenegrin sea coast and the town of Spizza.

The European political situation is complicated, however, by the renewed outbreak of indignation against England on the continent. The campaign of the German and Austrian press has received further gravity by the adoption by the German Emperor of the article by Gen. Schlieffen, which charges England especially with a design to attack Germany.

England takes these attacks calmly. In the circles where the anti-German crusade has been carried on for so many years. Two of these anti-German organs are the Spectator and the National Review. But foolish as these articles are in the newspapers of the different countries, they all are symptomatic of the perilous state of unrest in Europe at this hour, where and while nobody wants a war danger or the outbreak of war.

Tories Still in Wrangles.

Our Christmas holiday and the accompanying pause in political activity have been a boon for the Tories, who have been engaged in this work. Nineteen contract miners, with their crews, were at work in a new entry, and it is feared that all of these men were lost.

The explosion was in a different part of the mine than that of two weeks ago. Since that catastrophe the mine had been inspected by Government officials and by the most experienced mine men in the region and all, it is said, expressed the opinion that it was safe.

Balfour remains ominously silent and his friends confess that he views the situation of his party with despair. The revelation of the vendetta of the tariff reformers against the free trade Unionists have damaged the position of the tariff reformers and the Tory constituencies have revolted, declaring they will stick with the free trade Unionists members and denouncing the taxation on bread as fatal to the Tory party.

The Tories still are wrangling over their own differences on tariff reform. The revelation of the vendetta of the tariff reformers against the free trade Unionists have damaged the position of the tariff reformers and the Tory constituencies have revolted, declaring they will stick with the free trade Unionists members and denouncing the taxation on bread as fatal to the Tory party.

The English newspapers are beginning to be filled with long letters from the Irish landlords in another attempt to destroy Birrell by portentous lying. The struggle to restore to the people the land now held by cattle drivers abhors the whims of the landlordism on reasonable terms and gives to the congested districts in the west gigantic subsidies for improvement and purchase.

It is the first real chance for a resuscitation from the present wretchedness and the Irish party is practically unanimous for the bill with the exception of O'Brien, and he figures on disorders in Ireland.

If the landlords, encouraged by O'Brien and the possibility of a near election and a Tory triumph, hold out, then indeed disorder will come. It is Ireland's fierce desire to be done finally with landlordism and the ranches and, if Parliament will not do it, she will do it herself.

Gibson W. Seace, aged 78 years, of Brantford, a well-known resident, was seized with a fainting spell yesterday after clearing the snow from the walk in front of his house on Northumberland street. He died before the doctors could be summoned, death resulting from over-exertion of the heart.

Gave Wrong Verdict

AGED FARMER HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM PREMATURE DEATH.

One of the most ancient families of the British nobility has for its motto "Dum Spiro Spero." ("While I breathe I hope") and surely this might well be taken as the battle cry of every sufferer from Lung disease in this fair Canada of ours.

That many lives have been allowed to sink into the grave by default, especially in cases of Lung trouble, is apparent from the constant testimony of those who after having received such a verdict, by the use of PSYCHINE have been restored to complete health and vigor, and who have proved that the doctor's judgment was erroneous, by living to a good and robust old age.

Such a case is that of Mr. John Radford, of Rushview, Co. Dufferin, Ont., who some years ago had reached such a low state of health that his medical attendant assured him that his lungs were so seriously affected that it was absolutely useless for him to take any more medicine, and in fact that nothing more could be done for him. It was at this point that Mr. Radford started to use PSYCHINE. In a very short time his health began to improve, and he was soon able to go out to work on the farm again.

On August 24th of this year Mr. Radford writes: "If it had not been for your PSYCHINE, I should have been in my grave years ago. I have had no need of any more medicine since, as I have enjoyed perfect health. I am now 82 years of age, and feel quite sure. I recommend PSYCHINE to all sufferers from Lung disease as a SURE CURE."

Such evidence as the above cannot be gainsaid. It is genuine, convincing, and conclusive; but why not get a sample bottle and prove its merits for yourself?

NEWS FROM WESTERN ONTARIO

Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, expended \$13,700 last year. Pietro Socco was fined \$20 at the Falls for shooting at a woman. Hamilton winter assizes were opened by Mr. Justice Teetzel yesterday. Four Chinamen in Windsor were arrested playing fan-tan in a laundry. The laymen's missionary movement was launched in Hamilton last night.

Alex. Austin was sentenced at Niagara Falls to six months for forgery. Wm. M. Reekie, formerly of the M. C. R., died suddenly at St. Thomas, aged 76.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Martin, of St. Thomas, celebrated their golden wedding yesterday.

St. Thomas city council appointed chairman of committees at its inaugural meeting Monday.

Forty Hindus passed through Niagara Falls yesterday on their way to South America.

The two-year-old son of Herbert Clark, of Raleigh Township, had his tongue torn by a fall.

M. M. Robinson, a Hamilton sporting editor, was indicted by a grand jury of criminal libel.

At the same hour on Sunday when Christian Friedman died in Guelph his brother died in Buffalo.

Ald. Ryan, of Hamilton, whose qualifications are questioned, took his seat at the council inaugural.

"Teddy" Elliott, of Wingham, was struck by a hockey puck and is in a serious condition from hemorrhage of the lungs.

The smallpox quarantine in St. Thomas will be raised tomorrow. Only one case has been discovered and no more are looked for.

An attempt will be made by the councils of Dutton, West Lorne, Rodney and other municipalities in that district to have better protection for their railroad crossings. A number of people are killed every year in that district.

Malcolm McKellar, a well-known resident of Strathroy, died yesterday, after a long illness. He was well known in Strathroy, and much respected.

Hamilton will next year vote on a license reduction bylaw to cut off seven hundred licenses, and already the campaign has begun. The anti-reduction people are looking into the qualifications of the temperance aldermen.

FIFTEEN DAYS ENTOMBED

Boy Rescued From Messina Ruins After Remarkable Experience.

Messina, Jan. 12.—The bodies of nearly 100 men employed in the orange and lemon stores have been taken from the ruins, all in an advanced stage of putrefaction. Fifteen men during the excavation came upon a 5-year-old boy, who was apparently unharmed. He had no idea of the length of time he had been buried, and it is possible that he was entombed by debris in one of the latter shocks. The boy seemed to be in excellent condition.

A large quantity of anti-tetanus serum has arrived here and has been distributed among the communities of Messina, Catania, Palermo and Reggio.

The fact that living persons still are being rescued from the ruins here and at Reggio has decided the authorities to continue the excavations of the ruins, and several thousand soldiers were today employed in this work, who other wise would be detailed to help in the distribution of the necessities of life for the survivors. The escapes after fourteen days of burial seemed almost impossible. In most cases these now being brought out alive were imprisoned in rooms and cellars not completely demolished, and their situation was such that they could get hold of some little nourishment.

R. J. Young & Co. ! R. J. Young & Co.

No Previous January Sale ever brought as large or enthusiastic crowds. The savings on necessary materials for spring sewing are many instances about half. Come tomorrow and come in the morning.

We thought that pretty nearly the whole town attended our Smallwares Sale yesterday. We've enough to supply all Western Ontario. Had to buy tremendous quantities to get these prices.

Get your share of Pins, Needles, Safety Pins, Hooks and Eyes, Domes, Tapes, Mendings, Hair Pins, Buttons, Collar Supports, Hair Nets, Forms, etc., at HALF REGULAR PRICE AND LESS.

Embroideries and Laces Go at Half Price During This Sale. All New Spring Goods

Fifty cartons of Cambric and Swiss Embroidery Edgings, Laces, Flouncings, Corset Embroideries, etc., go to make a big sale.

CAMBRIC EMBROIDERIES — Ten cartons of regular 25c and 35c qualities. Sale price, per yard 19c
FIVE CARTONS, EMBROIDERIES, EDGING AND INSERTIONS; worth up to 10c yard. Sale price, per yard 5c

YOKE LACES. Regular 15 qualities. Sale price, per yard 5c

TORCHON LACES AND INSERTIONS. Worth up to 7c yard. Dozen yards for 25c

R. J. Young & Co. ! R. J. Young & Co.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Letter of Thanks.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Having been a patient of the Victoria Hospital for over five months, I would like to thank the nurses for their kindness to me, especially when I was very sick, and to say they did everything possible for my comfort. I may say I think they are a credit to the hospital and to the city, and the city ought to be proud of them, and also the hospital. The reason I write this is because I have known people who have no use for the hospital or the officials, but after being there so long I do not see any grounds for complaint. I for kindness to me. W. S. GIBSON.

Ottawa P. O., Jan. 11.

Compensation.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

The question of compensation for the withdrawal of a liquor license is again receiving considerable attention. It is claimed that the value of licenses has correspondingly increased with the decrease in number. Is this really a fact? Do hotelkeepers today make more money over the bar than they did when licenses were more numerous? Is it not true that the constant agitation against liquor consumption has so changed public sentiment that there are fewer customers of the bar than in former years? Almost anyone can recall instances where hotels have had to close for want of support, not because the licenses were withdrawn.

Education and agitation, with the use of the local option law, are accomplishing grand results, and should be kept to the front.

We have no right in this country to introduce any question of compensation either by government or licensees. No hotelkeeper has gone into the business without knowing that the value of the number of licenses, and that he gets his license only from year to year.

Yours, W. K. MACLEOD.

NILESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Results of December Examinations—Names in Order of Merit.

The following is the report of Nilestown public school as taken from the December examinations. Highest and low per cent of marks given in each class and names arranged in order of merit:

Junior IV. Class—Walter Neville, Mary Edwards, Florence McNally, Harold Greenfield, Lawrence McNally, equal, Arthur Hearn, Myrtle Jones. Highest 85 per cent. Lowest 62 per cent.

III. Class—Jean Gilmour, Norman Jackson, Elmer Knott, Vernon O'Brien, John Jeffrey, Nellie Saxby, Lela Barrows, John Rawlings. Highest 91 per cent. Lowest 47 per cent.

II. Class—Douglas Gilmour, Violet Edwards, Inez Jeffrey, Nell Campbell, Anna Hart. Highest 82 per cent. Lowest 65 per cent. Loraine Neville absent.

Part II. A—Hazel Smith, Eddie Smith.

Part II. B—Frank Moore.

Part I.—Olive Fletcher, Edna Gracey, Pearl Murphy, (Nora Connor, Lizzy Murphy, equal), Lulu Connor. Teacher—Charles F. Walker.

ARCHITECTS COMPLAIN

Against Americans Having Plans Accepted on this Side of the Line.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—The Ottawa Chapter of the Ontario Association of Architects is complaining of the custom whereby United States architects are obtaining favor in Canada. According to a report submitted at the con-

vention of the Ontario Association, which opened yesterday, a custom exists whereby United States architects obtain acceptance of their plans through the medium of a Canadian associate. This is greatly deprecated by the Ottawa chapter, and the matter will be fully discussed in the course of the convention.

In his presidential address Mr. H. B. Gordon advocated the institution of a Government examination and licensing of architects to prevent the erection of unsightly and badly constructed buildings. He also advocated regulating the height of buildings by law.

The economical advantages of reinforced concrete construction were set out in an admirable paper by Mr. W. J. Francis, of Montreal, and subsequently the members dined together at the St. Charles. The election of officers will take place today.

Lord Northcliffe has decided to give a memorial window to Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, as a tribute to the American people.

NATURE AND A WOMAN'S WORK



LYDIA E. PINKHAM

Nature and a woman's work combined have produced the grandest remedy for woman's ills that the world has ever known.

In the good old-fashioned days of our grandmothers they relied upon the roots and herbs of the field to cure disease and mitigate suffering.

The Indians on our Western Plains to-day can produce roots and herbs for every ailment, and cure diseases that baffle the most skilled physicians who have spent years in the study of drugs.

From the roots and herbs of the field Lydia E. Pinkham more than thirty years ago gave to the women of the world a remedy for their peculiar ills, more potent and efficacious than any combination of drugs.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is now recognized as the standard remedy for woman's ills.

Mrs. J. M. Tweedale, 12 Napanea Street, Toronto, Canada, writes to Mrs. Pinkham:

"I was a great sufferer from female troubles, had those dreadful bearing down pains, and during my monthly periods I suffered so I had to go to bed. I doctored for a long time but the doctor's treatment failed to help me. My husband saw Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound advertised and got a bottle for me. I commenced its use and soon felt better. I kept on taking it until I was well and an entirely different woman. I also found that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made childbirth much easier for me. I would recommend your Vegetable Compound to every woman who is afflicted with female troubles."

What Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did for Mrs. Tweedale, it will do for other suffering women.



ALLAN LINE SAILINGS

TO LIVERPOOL
Corsican sails Jan. 22
Hesperian sails Feb. 5
Tunisian sails Feb. 19
Gramscian sails Feb. 27

TO GLASGOW
Sicilian sails from Boston Jan. 25
Laurentian sails from Boston Feb. 6

TO LONDON
Sardinian, from St. John Feb. 4
Pomeranian, from St. John March 4

Full particulars on application to F. B. CLARKE, E. DE LA HOOKE or W. FULTON, local agents, London. xxt

REDUCED RATES TO BERMUDA

The most delightful winter resort in the world. Ideal climate.

The Garden Spot of the World Less than two days from New York by the superb nineteen-knot twin-screw ocean liner, the George Washington, sailing every Thursday. The fastest and most comfortable boat to Bermuda. First-class round trip fare, including stateroom, berth and meals, \$40 and up. Handsome booklet and full particulars of your local ticket agent.

The Bermuda-Atlantic S. S. Co. 21-24 State street, New York, N. Y.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP TICKETS

WHITE STAR LINE.
New York—Queenstown—Liverpool.
N. Y.—Plymouth—Cherbourg—Shannon.
Sails every Thursday. The fastest and most comfortable boat to Bermuda. First-class round trip fare, including stateroom, berth and meals, \$40 and up. Handsome booklet and full particulars of your local ticket agent.

AMERICAN LINE.
Philadelphia—Queenstown—Liverpool.
Atlantic Transport Line.
New York—London Direct.

RED STAR LINE.
New York—Antwerp—Paris.
WHITE STAR-DOMINION LINE.
Royal Mail Steamers.
Montreal—Quebec—Liverpool (Summer).
Portland—Liverpool Direct (Winter).
E. DE LA HOOKE or W. FULTON, Agts.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

FROM LONDON
TORONTO
AND RETURN
\$3.65
INCLUDING ADMISSION
TO THE
ONTARIO HORSE
BREEDERS' EXHIBITION
TICKETS GOOD GOING
JANUARY 12 AND 13
Return limit, Jan. 16.
City Ticket Office, 461 Dundas
corner Richmond.

WABASH

NOW IS THE TIME TO
VISIT THE LANDS OF
SUNSHINE AND FLOWERS

Round trip tickets are now on sale daily at lowest rates from all Wabash stations to the South and West, including TEXAS, OLD MEXICO and CALIFORNIA. The GREAT THROUGH CANADIAN LINE between the East and West.

For rates, time of trains, apply to your nearest Wabash agent, or address J. A. RICHARDSON, district passenger agent, 5 Young Street, "Traveler" Bank building, Toronto, and St. Thomas, Ont.

TRAVELERS' GUIDE

BRIDGE AND TORONTO.
Corrected to Jan. 10, 1909.

Arrive from the east—*3:48 a.m., 10:56 a.m., *11:54 a.m., *11:28 a.m., *6:29 p.m., *8:00 p.m., 10:10 p.m.
Arrive from the west—*12:00 a.m., *3:55 a.m., *11:28 a.m., 1:10 p.m., *4:10 p.m., 6:25 p.m.
Depart for the east—*12:14 a.m., *3:40 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., *11:35 a.m., 2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:55 p.m. (Eastern Flyer).
The train leaving at 7:30 a.m. and 2:05 p.m. stop at all stations.
Depart for the west—*3:50 a.m., 7:40 a.m., *11:18 a.m., *11:43 a.m., 1:40 p.m., *8:13 p.m.
The 7:40 a.m. and the 1:40 p.m. trains stop at all stations.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.
Arrive—10:25 a.m., 4 p.m., *6:50 p.m. (Eastern Flyer), 11 p.m.
Depart—6:35 a.m., *11:35 a.m., 2:20 p.m., *8:10 p.m. (International Limited).

STRATFORD BRANCH.
Arrive—*3:25 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:33 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11:25 p.m.
Depart—6:00 a.m., 10:26 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:55 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.
Arrive—10:10 a.m., 8:10 p.m.
Depart—8:30 a.m., 4:50 p.m.
Trains marked thus * run daily. Those not so marked run daily except Sunday.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.
Depart—5:40 a.m., *7:10 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., *3:40 p.m.
Arrive—8:45 a.m., *12:20 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:40 p.m., *9:20 p.m.
To and from Walkerville without change. Trains not "starred" to Port Stanley.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.
Arrive—From the east—*11:30 a.m., 8 p.m., *10:52 p.m. From the west—*4:30 a.m., *8:35 a.m., *5:20 p.m., *8:45 a.m., *5:28 p.m. For the west—*11:38 a.m., *8:10 p.m., *11:00 p.m. Trains marked thus * run daily. Those not so marked run daily except Sunday. **From Chatham on **Runs only to Chatham.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.
Arrive—5:55 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 5:1 p.m., 9:50 p.m.
Depart—7:15 a.m., 2:20 p.m., *10:25 p.m.
*Runs through to Waterford.

GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM

TORONTO AND RETURN

\$3.40 From LONDON

With 25 cents added for admission to Ontario Horse Breeders' Exhibition. Good going Jan. 12 and 13. Return limit Jan. 16, 1909.

CALIFORNIA, MEXICO, FLORIDA

Round trip tourist tickets now on sale to all principal winter resorts. Full information from E. De La Hooke, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, or E. Ruess, Depot Agent.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL

"The Niagara Falls Route."

ROUND TRIP WINTER

Tourist Rates

and excellent service now on to

Florida and the South

Through sleeping cars, tri-weekly service, Detroit to Jacksonville, Fla., and many other points in the South.

The close connections made at Detroit with no delays, make this the quickest and most satisfactory route.

Call or write for rates and full particulars. City office, 48 Richmond street, Phone 26. THOS. E. EVANS, C. P. & S. H. PALMER, D. P. A., St. Thomas; O. W. RUGGLES, G. P. A., Chicago.