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ACROSS THE BORDER

An Unpleasant Affair Reported to Have Occurred Near Helena, Montana.

Pleasure Party Drowned—A Boiler Explosion—General American News.

Salt Lake, Utah, June 30.—A special to the Tribune from Helena, Montana, says: Two men and one woman dead and a man under arrest as accessory to the murder, is the result of a woman's unfaithfulness and a man's perjury. The dead are: Paul Vinette, a haitoured; his wife, and "Took-a-Fine-Gun," a full-blooded Indian. The man under arrest is "Make-the-Fire," a brother of the dead Indian.

The scene of the murder was the Blackfoot reservation. "Took-a-Fine-Gun" had been paying attention to Vinette's wife, in spite of Vinette's protests. Wednesday he caught the couple in the bushes, and took a shot at the Indian, who escaped uninjured, vowing vengeance. Next day Vinette mounted his horse to hunt for cattle that were missing. He had not proceeded far when two shots were heard, and Vinette's horse came back riderless. "Took-a-Fine-Gun" and "Make-the-Fire" rode up, saying they had killed Vinette. Then with Mrs. Vinette, the trio rode away. Mounted police followed, and the next morning two shots were heard in a clump of bushes. An investigation revealed the bodies of Mrs. Vinette and "Took-a-Fine-Gun." He had killed her by shooting through the head, and then committed suicide in a like manner. "Make-the-Fire" was charged with murder. The bodies were buried at once to keep the Indians, who were growing revengeful from excitement, from attempting to take the life of the man under arrest.

Placerville, Cal., June 30.—A boiler explosion occurred at the saw mill of Snow Bros., about four miles from the city. The mill building was torn to pieces, but only one man was seriously hurt.

Shavanes, Wis., June 30.—Word has reached here of the drowning of six persons on Shawnee Lake during a gale on Sunday evening. A party consisting of O. A. Risum and wife, Herman Drucker and wife, Louis Cokey and wife and child, of Pulvers; Miss Emma Garbner, of Shawnee, and Mrs. Manitowoc. The party started from Cecil about 5 o'clock in O. A. Risum's yacht, en route for a day's outing on the north shore of the lake. When about three miles from shore the boat was capsized by a sudden squall and the party precipitated into the water. Mr. Risum and Mr. Drucker clung to the capsized yacht for several hours, the latter holding the child in his arms, when they were rescued by parties from Cecil, who were attracted by their cries for help. The bodies of the other six have not been recovered.

Roca, Cal., June 30.—Fire broke out in warehouse No. 4, belonging to the Sierra Lake Ice Company, at Prosser creek, destroying the entire building. At the time of the fire there were nine thousand tons of ice in it, on which there will be a loss of 75 per cent. The entire loss will be about \$25,000.

Santa Cruz, Cal., June 30.—Jackson Crooks, the San Francisco capitalist who was accidentally shot, died on Sunday morning. Crooks was changing his clothes when a pistol dropped from his pocket and went off, striking Jackson Crooks in the stomach, inflicting a mortal wound.

Santa Rosa, Cal., June 30.—Judge W. N. Scawell died at his residence here this morning, aged 85 years. He was a native of Missouri and came west 33 years ago, locating at Napa City. He was prominent in politics there, being postmaster under President Buchanan. He came here 23 years ago and was police magistrate for nearly twenty years.

New York, June 30.—The Irish National Federation of America has issued to its branches in this country a notice of the Irish races convention to be held in Dublin in September. The convention is called by a council of the federation in Ireland and the chairman of the Irish party. Its object as set forth in the call, is to reconstitute a united home rule party and to satisfy the yearnings of the Irish race all over the world for a thorough restoration of the political forces of Ireland. Each branch of the federation in America is entitled to one delegate to the convention.

Denver, June 30.—A special to the News from Colorado Springs, Col., says: Late this evening a patrolman Gordon Bish was patrolling an alley in the business portion of the city he was shot and instantly killed by an unknown man who a few minutes later took his own life in preference to being captured. It is believed that the murderer and suicide was surprised by the officer in an attempt at burglary. Another man was seen running from the alley immediately after the shooting, was captured and is now in jail suspect of being implicated. It was about ten o'clock when five shots were heard in the alley. Many persons were on the street and a general rush was made for the spot. The murderer saw his escape shut off, and at first took refuge in a coal house, with the evident intention of offering resistance. A few minutes later, however, recognizing his desperate situation he fired the muzzle of his pistol to his forehead and sent a bullet through his brain. Neither the dead murderer nor

his supposed accomplice have been identified.

Post Townsend, June 30.—Fred Miller shot and instantly killed John Marinhook, commonly known as "Crazy Jack," at Dutchman's Hood Canal, on Saturday evening. Both men are farmers and the quarrel is said to have originated over a woman. Meagre particulars were telephoned in at midnight Sheriff Hamilton, Prosecuting Attorney Rupert, Coroner Tucker and Constable Hovis left for the scene of the murder at two o'clock this morning. The men quarrelled about a woman last Friday, it is said, when Miller drew a knife and threatened to kill Marinhook. The latter got a gun, Miller put his knife away and the neighbors separated. Last night Miller armed himself and visited the ranch of Mr. Pearce, for whom Marinhook was working. The latter was in the back yard, some little distance from the house. A few moments later a shot was heard, then Miller walked up to the house, handed Mr. Pearce his pistol, which belonged to Marinhook, saying that "Crazy Jack" was in the back yard dead. He was found with a bullet hole in his mouth, having been instantly killed.

HE WON'T LET GO

The Prince of Political Cracksmen Hanging on to Office Like a Leech.

A Brother-in-Law of Archbishop O'Brien Gets a Very Questionable "Plum".

Ottawa, June 30.—Tupper is still hanging on to office and working hard to get offices for his supporters. His latest appointment is that of John Wellington Hughes, who was brought here by the late Sir John Thompson and who has been doing odd jobs among the numerous departments ever since that time. Hughes has now been appointed permanently to a position at the Soo canal. The reason of Hughes' appointment is because he is a brother-in-law of Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax.

Today is the end of the financial year and the government has no more money to squander. There is no use of talking about precedents in this case for there is no precedent in British parliamentary government of any administration being in power after the life of parliament had expired, and after the period when all estimates which had been voted had been expired. British legislators provide no precedent for anything of this character.

An influential French company has sent out an agent to Canada to arrange for a shipment of Canadian horses and cattle.

A gang of picture fakirs who have been operating here as the Paris Studio of Art skipped out yesterday to avoid prosecution for a breach of the avoided traders by-law.

C. Marker, of the dairy commissioner's staff, has been authorized to open up a dairy school at some convenient point on Vancouver Island. Mr. Marker has been out in British Columbia for some time.

Senator Robt. Read, of Quinte, died here last night of heart disease in his 82nd year. He was taken ill about the close of last session and suffered greatly, but passed away quietly. At his bedside were his daughter, Miss Read, and his second wife, whom he married only two years ago, a Mrs. Wartman. The body will be sent to Belleville to-morrow for burial.

Hugh John Macdonald arrived last night. Toronto, June 30.—There is much speculation among postoffice and custom house employees as to when Sir Charles Tupper will resign, as the question whether their salaries will be paid on time next month is involved. After to-night, when the civil servants in the pay of the Dominion government will receive their salaries for June, the government not being empowered to expend one more cent, supplies having been voted only until June 30th. If Laurier meets the house on the 16th with a government formed, it may be possible to pass supplies in time to pay the civil service for July. If Sir Charles Tupper waits until he is hedged out of power it will be the middle of August before Laurier can pass supplies, and postoffice and other employees will have to wait two months before another salary day comes round. The latest rumor in semi-political circles is that Mr. Casey, of West Elgin, will be appointed customs inspector of Hamilton, in place of Alex. McKay, and that David Mills, late of Bothwell, will get his seat.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION. U. S. Court of Appeals Declares Paris Award Must Be Upheld.

San Francisco, June 30.—The United States court of appeals has decided that the Paris award in matters pertaining to sealing in Behring sea must be upheld as the supreme law of the land and that the United States government had no right to make special laws governing citizens in hunting seals, that do not permit them equal privileges with citizens of foreign countries in the sealing grounds. The decision is important as it defines clearly for the first time the restrictions to be placed upon American seal hunters in Behring sea. Harsh narrative remedies are fast giving way to the gentle action of mild effects of Carter's Little Liver Pills. If you try them they will certainly please you.

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TERRIBLE FATALITY

Further Particulars of the Terrible Accident in a Pittston, Pennsylvania, Mine.

An Immense Cave-in, Very Much Resembling an Earthquake, Occurred.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 30.—While 90 miners were at work in the Red Ash vein of the Twin shaft at Pittston, about 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, the roof caved in and it is believed all of the men perished. About 40 of the men were English speaking miners, the others foreign. The names of the former are: M. J. Lavin, inside superintendent; M. Lmet, inside foreman; Alexander McCormick, fore boss; Robert Hastin, machinist; Thomas Murphy, driver boss; and the following miners: M. Costello, J. H. Kelly, Michael Gahan, John Hart, James Dally, Michael Connel, Daniel Ward, Frank Kehoe, James Cleary, Edward Buckley, John Casey, Edward Rogers, James Kehoe, James McDonald, Ed. Delaney, Cornelius McGuire, James Goldman, T. O'Brien, Michael Hughes, James Burke, Edward Kilkenny, Patrick Ruane, Thomas Tenpenny, Michael R. Gaffney, Thomas Doing, Anthony Kane, J. W. Murphy, Owen Lee, Anthony Gordon, James Will, —Wall, his son, Dominic O'Malley, Peter Martin, Michael Ford, Timothy Burbrick, Thomas Dempsey, Thomas Carlin, Patrick Gibbons, John Doyle, Peter Joyce, Anthony Gordon, married; John Gill, single; Daniel Davin, single; P. S. Kelly, single; —Heistrich, married; Joseph Zuridlo, married; Tony Tolstaki, married; Peter Savoskiz, married; Andrew Stovinski, married; Simon Maskovitz, married; John Obedinsky, single. There may be other English speaking miners among the unfortunates. Thirteen Polanders and Huns were entombed and it is thought the total number of bodies in the mine will reach 100.

The men were at work propping up the roof when the fall occurred. The alarm was immediately given by the ringing of the fire bells and rescuers were put to work without delay. At 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon the first bodies were found in the slope some distance from the plane in which the men had been working. More than two-thirds of the victims were killed. Among them were acting Mayor Langan, who was the inside superintendent of the mine, and J. H. Linet, a ward councillor.

About two weeks ago the miners reported to General Superintendent Law that the mine was becoming unsafe unless steps were immediately taken to timber it, a cave-in or fall might be looked for. Superintendent Law lost no time, but at once put a force of timber men at work to brace the falling roof. The "squeeze" continued, however, and yesterday the situation became alarming. In the afternoon a slight fall occurred and the men who were at work had to retreat before it. A consultation of mine officers was then held and it was decided that heroic measures would have to be resorted to prevent heavy damage to the mine. Inside Superintendent Lanigan gave orders that the most experienced miners should be secured and that the party would go down the mine at 7 o'clock. Expert timbers were put in appearance at that hour and were soon lowered to the workings. They made their way to Red Ash vein, 150 feet down the slope. The work of propping proceeded rapidly until 11 o'clock, when another fall occurred. A low rumbling noise and the falling coal and debris drove the men back. Then the squeeze ceased again and the men thought it was safe to resume work.

They labored until 2:30 o'clock, when it is presumed the roof fell in without warning, making tremendous crash that is believed, however, that men were not all together, but some near the slope and these probably ran up the incline when the fall occurred. If the men received any warning, they had time to run up the slope, but not to any great distance. The falling rock and coal filled up the slope and the adjoining gangways, completely shutting off all avenues of escape. It was at first supposed the men escaped being caught and that they were imprisoned behind the debris. It is still possible, however, that living men may still be behind the fall, although it is extremely improbable. Even if they escaped being crushed by the falling rocks, the probability of their being alive for any length of time is a gaseous mine is doubtful.

The alarm was first given by John Sheridan, who with Thomas Gill and another man were the only ones to escape out of the whole party who entered the mine last night. Sheridan was on his way up the slope to get some fresh water for the men and, when about 100 feet from the foot of the shaft, he was knocked down by the concussion. He was badly cut and bruised by the flying coal and rock. He lay unconscious until minutes and an came up the shaft. The concussion was so great that it was heard for miles around. The foundation of nearly every building in Pittston was shaken and windows and doors rattled as in a tornado. In the houses near to the mine, persons were thrown from their beds.

The first thought was that a great earthquake had occurred and the inhabitants rushed pell mell from their houses. The ringing of bells and the shriek of the big mine whistle told the story. Great crowds assembled at the mouth of the shaft. Stalwart men

stood appalled and frantic women, who had husbands or sons in the doomed mine, waited in despair. One mother cried out that she had two sons below. Another was the wife or the widow of some unfortunate one, and had nine helpless children at home. Many knelt on the ground and in voices broken in sobs, implored the divine Providence to restore their loved one alive. When it was given out that there was little hope of rescuing the men alive, women and girls fainted and were borne away.

Special efforts were promptly begun. The best miners who remained on the surface joined voluntarily in the hazardous task, for hazardous it certainly was. It was the constant menace of another fall or an explosion of firedamp. Special efforts were made to keep the air fan in order so that it by chance the men were alive, they should have fresh air to breathe. The locked slope and gangways held out little hope of the air reaching them. The rescuers were divided into three relays of forty men each under the direction of Mine Foreman Alexander McMullen.

The men worked as they had never before worked clearing away the debris in the slope with the energy that only springs out of the knowledge of dear life. A piece of rock fell from the ceiling, considering the difficulties they had to contend with, and at 8 o'clock this morning had cleared the slope a distance of 600 feet.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon it became necessary to swear in extra policemen to control the crowd around the mouth of the shaft. It had increased to fully 7,000. Ropes were stretched around the shaft and only mine officials were allowed to enter the enclosure. Sheridan, the water boy, who had such a narrow escape, tells a thrilling story of the catastrophe. He thinks there was an explosion of gas which blew down the newly erected timbers and caused the cave-in. He said those inside had no apprehension of a fall or explosion. Everything was working nicely and the men were not out of the mine within an hour.

"The noise of the fall," says the boy, "was like a hundred cannon and the force of it blew me fully twenty-five feet." He was hurled against the side of the slope. A piece of rock hit me on the back of the head, and the wound commenced to bleed and then I fainted."

Richard and Gill, who were on their way out after timber, concurred with Sheridan that the concussion was terrific. They were knocked off their feet and banged against some of the timbers. They cannot conceive the possibility of anybody being in the wreck and escape with his life. Superintendent Law says: "Nobody regrets this dreadful occurrence more than I do. It is too early yet to give any reason as to the cause of the accident, but I can assure you that if I thought there was a danger in the work undertaken by the men, I would not have allowed them to enter the mine. I don't care for the names of the mine. It is the loss of life that gives me so much sorrow."

The report that two bodies had been found in the mine was proved to-night to be premature. Up to 9 o'clock to-night no bodies had been found. At that hour all hope of finding any person alive had been lost. The superintendent of the Lehigh Coal Company, who is an authority, says it will be ten days before the bodies are reached. During the hours of the afternoon the rescuers made but little progress, because the part of the slope upon which their energies were bent was "working." The heaviest timbers were like straws under the heavy pressure from above. The breaker of the Twin shaft buried down three feet into the slope. There were over 100 men in the mine at the time, but all escaped through a second opening. The first great disaster in the an thracite region was in September, 1883, when 120 men perished in the Arondate mine, this country. The cause of the mine caught fire and all the men in the mine were suffocated. This great catastrophe caused the legislature to pass a law compelling mines to have two openings. But when a cave-in occurred in a mine and the men are surrounded on every side by debris, it makes little difference how many openings there may be.

At 11 o'clock last night the situation at the ill-fated mine was unchanged. The rescuers were hard at work, but making little progress. Superintendent Law has given orders that the rescuers must proceed with great caution now as the rock they are laboring under is "working" more or less. There is danger that, in hurrying the work other lives may be lost.

A conference of prominent mine superintendents from all over the Wyoming valley was held to-night and the situation was discussed. The conclusion was reached that to prevent further loss of life the work of rescue must proceed with care. It is also the unanimous belief of the superintendents that the mine is now a tomb and that it will be some days before the rescuers reach the bodies.

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"NOT FOR JOSEPH."

Debate on the Agricultural Rating Bill too Much for Mr. Chamberlain's Nerves.

Exciting Scenes During an All Night's Session of the British House of Commons.

A Battle Royal Occurs Between the Government and Opposition Forces.

London, June 30.—The house of commons sat throughout the night debating the Agricultural Land Rating Bill, intended to lessen taxation on agricultural land. The debate proceeded quietly until 2 o'clock in the morning. The government kept their forces well in hand, ensuring a majority of over 150. After midnight the excitement increased and the different clauses were carried under the closure rule.

The Liberal leader, Sir William Vernon Harcourt, denounced the method which the Conservative leader, Mr. Balfour, was adopting in order to extricate the government from a mess into which it had fallen from making too many election promises and overweighting itself with important bills, which, like the educational bill, recently shelved for repairs, they had been unable to pass in spite of an overwhelming majority—a fact for which the leadership of Mr. Balfour had been greatly to blame.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, angrily retorted that the opposition was most expected to assert that its tactics were rapidly reducing parliamentary proceedings to little more than a farce.

Mr. Jas. H. Dalziel, Liberal, accused Lord Hugh Cecil, Conservative, fifth son of the Marquis of Salisbury, of a deliberately organized interference with the debate. The Speaker, the Hon. Wm. Court Gully, when appealed to declined to interfere beyond exhorting the members to be more orderly during the debate.

A little later Mr. Dalziel characterized Sir Michael Hicks Beach's speech as being "impertinent," whereupon there were cries of "withdraw." The speaker then suggested that Mr. Dalziel had no intention of being offensive in his remarks, and after some more skirmishing with another clause, the bill was closed.

This brought forth another storm of abusive shouts from the opposition. Dr. C. K. D. Tanner, Irish Nationalist, was heard to shout "enough" and for this the doctor was warned by the chair. After the morning came on the members began to get hungry and thirsty and things generally became quieter. When the sun rose the government leader was still at his post, apparently ready when he entered the house on the previous evening and evidently ready to fight all day of necessary.

The Liberal leader was also standing by his guns, but showed the effects of wear and tear of the night. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, who is generally in the thick of such a fight as this, was absent. He was present, it is true, on one division, but, apparently not caring to face the storm which he saw approaching, disappeared from the house and enjoyed a good night's rest, while his fellow cabinet ministers fought throughout the long, dull hours between midnight and morning.

The bill was finally reported to the house at 8 o'clock this morning, and the third reading of the Agricultural Land Rating Bill was fixed for Wednesday.

NEW DISCOVERIES IN GREECE.

The excavations which are being carried out in Melos by the British School of Archaeology have resulted in some interesting discoveries. Among these are a draped life-size statue of a priest of Dionysus, of which the head and the feet are missing, and a colossal statue, perhaps of Apollo, of which the head and limbs are missing, but a portion of the right leg and foot has been recovered. Four draped Torsoes of the Roman period have also been found, the probably being a statue of Ariadne. A Roman mosaic floor has been laid bare, upon which thirty inscriptions were discovered, most of them being in the peculiar Melian character.

MISCELLANEOUS.

St. John, June 30.—The funeral of the late Sir Leonard Tilley took place on Saturday and was largely attended. The full court of Manitoba to-day quashed the early closing by-law for the city of Winnipeg, under which grocery stores are closed at 6:30 each night during certain periods of the year. The court held that the by-law was objectionable, as being a restraint upon trade.

Ely, Minn., June 30.—In an accident at the Pioneer mine yesterday, three men were killed and two were seriously injured. Several hundred tons of earth overhead gave way.

—Mr. James Perdue, an old soldier residing at Monroe, Mich., was severely afflicted with rheumatism, but received prompt relief from pain by using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "At times my back would ache so badly that I could hardly raise up. If I had not gotten relief I would not be here to write these few lines. Chamberlain's Pain Balm has done me a great deal of good. For sale by all druggists, Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver."

SITUATION UNCHA. GED.

Late Report of the Mine Disaster Received This Afternoon.

Wilkesbarre, June 30.—The situation at the Twin shaft this afternoon has undergone no change. Rescuers continue to work under great difficulties. The squeeze is now general and at the foot of the shaft a loud rumbling noise of falling rock in distant parts of the mine can be heard. At five o'clock another slight fall drove the men back. Double timbering is now being resorted to. It is very slow and tedious work and even under the most favorable circumstances the workers could not hope to clear the gangway to where the entombed miners are in less than a month. It is now stated that the number of men in the Twin shaft is between sixty-nine and seventy-two.

SILVERITES ON TOP

From Indications Silver Men Will Have Democratic Convention Their Own Way.

Likely to Control It, Dictate Its Platform and Nominate a Presidential Ticket.

Chicago, June 30.—One week from today the Democratic National Convention will meet in this city. From present indications the silver men will control it, dictate its platform and nominate a presidential ticket. The gold standard men, failing to stem the bi-metallic tide, will either have to acquiesce in the evitable or withdraw from the convention as did the silver Republicans in St. Louis.

The respective strength of the gold and silver wings of the Democratic party is as follows: For silver: Alabama 22, Arkansas 16, California 18, Colorado 8, Georgia 24, Idaho 6, Illinois 28, Indiana 30, Iowa 28, Kansas 20, Kentucky 20, Louisiana 16, Mississippi 18, Missouri 34, Montana 6, Nebraska 16, North Carolina 22, North Dakota 6, Ohio 46.

For Gold: Connecticut 12, Delaware 6, Maine 12, Maryland 16, Massachusetts 30, Michigan 28, Minnesota 18, New Hampshire 8, New Jersey 20, New York 72, Pennsylvania 64, Rhode Island 8, Tennessee 24, Texas 30, Utah 6, Virginia 24, Washington 8, West Virginia 12, Wyoming 6, Arizona 2, Indian Territory 2, New Mexico 2, Oklahoma 2.

For Gold: South Dakota 8, Vermont 8, Wisconsin 24. Total delegates for silver, 562. Total delegates for gold, 334. Eight delegates from Florida and two from the District of Columbia are non-committal.

DID HE SUICIDE?

Fears for the Safety of James Ross, of Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, June 30.—It is feared that James Ross, brother of A. W. Ross, ex-M.P., has suicided. There has been no trace of him since Sunday night. He left letters after him to the effect that he would not be seen alive again.

A TORONTO LADY'S SUCCESS.

Mrs. J. R. Maynes' Successful Debut As a Vocalist.

Toronto, June 30.—The Evening Telegram's special cable from London says: Mrs. J. R. Maynes, a former Toronto lady, made a most successful debut as a public vocalist at a grand concert given yesterday in the town hall of Kensington. Mrs. Maynes, whose professional name is Madame Elise Menard, possesses a mezzo-soprano of more than ordinary purity, flexibility and power.



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