

MANY PERISH IN MINE DISASTER

EXPLOSION DESTROYS VENTILATING FANS Entombed Men, Numbering 125, Succumb to Deadly Vapors.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 30.—The last ray of hope for the rescue of any one of the 125 or more miners who were entombed by an explosion at the Marianna mines, of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company, shortly before noon on Saturday, was dispelled at 8:30 o'clock at night, when the first rescue party reached the workings and found the dead bodies scattered about the floor of the mine. Few, if any, of the bodies are mutilated, and the men were undoubtedly smothered by deadly vapors which followed the explosion. All but two of the bodies in the mine, it is said, are those of foreigners.

No effort has been yet made to remove the bodies from the mine. Instead the rescuers and the mining experts are making a complete exploration of all the workings, to see if they are now safe. This work is expected to occupy several hours.

The workings in which Saturday's catastrophe happened are known as the Rachel and Ames mines, in reality a double mine with underground connections. Construction work was practically finished, and Deputy Mine Inspector Henry Lottitt, a few minutes before the explosion had completed a two days' inspection which had revealed no cause for apprehension. He and General Manager Kerr, of the company, came to the surface in the cage operated in one of the shafts a few minutes before 11 o'clock.

Mine Foreman Henry Thompson and two miners entered the cage, and it was started towards the bottom of the 500 foot shaft. There was an ominous rumbling, then a trembling of the ground, round about the mine mouth, as from an earthquake. An instant later there was a terrific report, and the cage was hurled up the shaft and through the roof of the shaft house, the mine foreman and the two men still in it. The bodies of the men were hurled through the top of the building, and far beyond it. Thompson was dead when picked up, while the others, although mortally wounded, were hurried to a hospital.

So great was the force of the explosion that shattered portions of the woodwork about the mouth of the shaft were blown into Ten Mile creek, two thousand feet from the shaft. Besides the three men in the cage, portions of at least two other bodies were blown from the shaft, and were found in the field nearby. The ventilating fans were put out of commission by the explosion, and for several hours, until repairs could be made, no air could be forced into the mine.

Immediately following the explosion a dense volume of smoke issued from the shaft, and it was feared a fire was raging at the bottom of the shaft. A short time afterwards the smoke almost entirely ceased, but those on the surface were unable to tell whether the fire had been smothered out or the shafts so filled with falling debris that the smoke could not escape.

Rescue work was immediately started. There was practically no hope from the first of any one of the entombed men being taken out alive, but this did not deter either officers of the company or volunteer rescuers from making the most strenuous efforts to hurry the opening of the mine. The scenes were pitiful. Among the women many were hysterical, and their shrieks and cries were heart-rendering.

SEEK LOWER RATES.

Fruit Growers Will Make Representations to Railway and Express Company.

Vancouver, Nov. 28.—Freight and express rates on fruit shipped from interior points to the prairie provinces and from the interior to Vancouver must be reduced.

This is the opinion of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association which comprises in its membership nearly every fruit grower in the province. Strong representations will soon be made to the railway and express companies.

COULD BREAK THROUGH BRITAIN'S DEFENCES

Opinion of German Military Authority on Possibility of Invasion.

Berlin, Nov. 30.—German military critics have contributed their opinions to various newspapers concerning the speech made in the British House of Lords on Nov. 23, by Field Marshal Lord Roberts, in which the speaker expressed fears of a possible German invasion of England.

That a force of 1,000,000 would be necessary to protect the islands. In every instance they deprecate the idea of war, but the possibility of such an invasion is not excluded, particularly in the event of the greater portion of the British fleet being engaged at a point distant from that selected for a landing.

The Tageblatt publishes an interview with an anonymous person, who is, however, described as a very high military authority, whose judgment is under favorable circumstances Germany could land a sufficiently strong invading force in England to enable her to dictate terms of peace.

The feeling of nervousness in England at this time arises from realization that they do not possess adequate forces under arms.

INGENICA BENCH CLAIMS ARE RICH

Miners Clean Up Fifty-seven Ounces of Gold in Twenty-eight Days.

Vancouver, Nov. 28.—The Ingenica country in north central British Columbia may prove a second Klondike, despite premature earlier reports to the contrary. Messrs. Stark and Stanler, owners of a group of bench claims on the Ingenica, near the mouth of McConnell creek, have reached here with 57 ounces of gold, representing the clean-up for twenty-eight days of eight hours. They had no assistance. They were obliged to wheelbarrow the gravel to the river, where they washed it in a sluicebox, located on a little fall in the river. They sold the gold to the assay office for \$17.04 per ounce.

The visitors state that they are satisfied the camp is all right. Good values, they expect, will be encountered as soon as drifting is started. The gravel in the creek claims even near the surface will pay well as soon as a head of water can be secured to operate on a large scale.

CALIFORNIA YOUTHS DIE IN SNOWDRIFTS

Three Perish From Cold and Hunger While Climbing Peaks.

Ventura, Cal., Nov. 30.—Frozen to death in the snow that covered the high peaks north of the Santa Clara valley on Wednesday night, the bodies of three Santa Paula boys were found late of Saturday after a search of two days.

The boys, Clifford Sharp, aged 17; Cuba Sharp, aged 9, and John Blas, aged 15, started out from home early on Thursday morning to see the snow. They went without coats, intending to be home for Thanksgiving dinner. When night came on and they had not returned the community was notified, but nothing could be done till daylight.

On Friday morning searching parties were organized. The gangs of Japanese from the Limonera ranch were impressed into service. Every available horse in the county was secured. Late on Saturday afternoon Henry Newman, who had been searching all day, found the bodies at the head of Fumadero canyon, about ten miles from Santa Paula. The boys evidently had gotten into the deep snow, and, becoming exhausted, had perished from cold and hunger. The bodies were brought to Santa Paula, where an inquest will be held.

The fathers of the boys are well known ranchers of Santa Clara district, east of Santa Paula.

POWER OF THE MAFIA.

15,000 for the Ransom of a Captive Sicilian.

The recrudescence of brigandage in Sicily is again sorely preoccupying the public mind.

A few weeks ago the son and heir of a rich Palermo merchant, named Diliberto, was kidnapped while walking home at night in the company of three college companions. Five masked marauders with revolvers stoked over these companions, who were made to lie prone on the ground until Diliberto had been blindfolded and hurried some distance away.

They were then ordered to proceed to the victim's home and deliver a letter from the brigands. This turned out to be a demand for a ransom of 300,000 lire (\$60,000).

Diliberto was forced to march untrapped for thirteen hours to the mountains. When the bandages were finally removed he found himself in a spacious cavern, where his captors had thoughtfully provided an oil stove and an abundant store of provisions. After he had written a dictated epistle recommending himself to his father's solicitude the brigands left him in the custody of a single member of the band. At nightfall a few days later Diliberto was again blindfolded and led down the mountains in the direction of his home, and at a certain point was set free. He reached home in the early hours of the following morning.

What has happened in the meantime to bring about his release? It is an undisputed fact that up to the present day many Sicilian farmers and landowners continue to pay a yearly tribute to the Mafia. This is a system of extortion, in which the Mafia operating in the country districts, they are separately constituted. This fact, says the Giornale di Sicilia, the principal newspaper on the island, induced the Palermo Mafia to interpose, through the Diliberto family, though having property in the environs, reside habitually in the city itself, where their charity is considerable.

The upshot of the negotiations was a complete amnesty and freedom for Diliberto, and one-fourth of their original demand. The Diliberto family, including the kidnapped heir, is content with a pact which involves, all once on their part and freedom for the disaffected party, and the Mafia declines to accept the offer. At the outbreak the police were handicapped in their attempt to impel the captive's life. Now, however, although the family declines all aid and information, mounted patrols are scouring the country, and President Nard Alexia, who has always shown confidence in the ability of his troops to suppress the revolutionary movement, has decided to take the offensive with three divisions of disciplined troops which have been concentrated here.

Campbell THE FASHION CENTER XMAS ANNOUNCEMENT EVER SINCE last Christmas we have been steadily preparing for the approaching festive season. In every fashion centre, clever designers have been initiating and skilled artisans manufacturing a wealth of Christmas finery specially and exclusively for Campbell's.

REBELS WIN FIGHT; MARCHING ON CAPITAL

Haitian Government Forces Driven Back—Alexis Himself to Take Field.

Port au Prince, Nov. 30.—Government troops under the command of General Cyprien, minister of war, composed largely of young recruits, who were sent out to capture the leader of the new revolution, General Antoine Simon, have met with a severe defeat at the hands of the revolutionists.

The engagement took place at Anza Veau, which lies about fifty-five miles to the east of Cap-Haitien, and this has gone far towards reassuring the affected parts, and after severe fighting the government forces were routed and driven back to Miragoane, about 50 miles from Port au Prince. It is reported that General Celestin has taken refuge in the German consulate there. Some of the wounded were brought to Port au Prince by the Haitian gunboat Centenaire.

President Nard Alexia, who has always shown confidence in the ability of his troops to suppress the revolutionary movement, has decided to take the offensive with three divisions of disciplined troops which have been concentrated here.

The United States cruiser Tacoma and the French training ship Duguay Trouin, have arrived here, and this has gone far towards reassuring the foreign residents. Reports have been current that the revolutionary army is marching on Port au Prince, but even if these reports are true, a considerable time must elapse before it reaches this city.

The insurgents have shown no signs of excitement, but the diplomatic corps has decided to prevent the entry of the revolutionists for the purpose of pillage, by having forces landed from the warships here.

Situation Serious. Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—The state department late on Saturday received the following dispatch from Minister Furness at Port au Prince, Haiti: "The government troops have been defeated and the insurgents are marching upon the capital. Situation serious."

WILL INVESTIGATE DEATH OF MAN NEAR KAMLOOPS

Allegation That He Was Thrown From Moving Train.

Kamloops, Nov. 28.—Early last Friday morning a week ago the body of a man was found lying along the C. P. R. track three miles east of the city. He was in a terribly mangled form, and his feet were almost crushed to a pulp, his boots being later found about two miles nearer the city.

He was later identified as Robert Somers, a tailor, who had been employed at Wilson's tailor shop for a week past.

An inquest was held, and the jury returned a verdict to the effect that Somers had died from injuries received from being run over by the train, and that exposure largely hastened his death.

But the case has taken a sensational turn, and it is now alleged that Somers was thrown from the train while it was travelling swiftly. This startling development was furnished through a statement made by Ah Tom, manager of the Vick ranch, just east of the city, who claims that he witnessed the endeavor of a member of the train crew to throw Somers off the train.

The attorney-general's department has authorized an investigation, and yesterday a telegram was received empowering the police to examine the members of the train crew. It is altogether likely that the inquest will be reopened, the application having already been filed with the department.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 30.—With the words, "Hello, Ralph," as his salutation, J. A. Finch on Saturday afternoon walked into the private office of Ralph B. Fisher, chairman of the grievance committee of the Oregon State Bar Association, and giving his victim but time to partly turn his head, he shot Fisher dead.

GANG OF YOUNG GIRL THIEVES IN TORONTO

Systematic Method of Shoplifting—Precocious Criminals All Under 14.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 30.—It has now developed that the two little girls from Symington avenue, who were arrested in West Toronto for shop-lifting, are members of a band of juvenile law-breakers who have been developing their thieving propensities in a very systematic manner. Both the local and Toronto police have got the names and addresses of several other girls all under 14 years of age, who have been working hand in hand collecting articles from stores. The value of the goods stolen now aggregates \$50.

Besides having become proficient at light-fingering, the girls had developed in crime so far as to have fictitious names prepared for the police in case they should be detected.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mothers' Club will be held in the Spring Ridge school house on Wednesday, December 2nd. A good programme will be provided, and a large attendance is hoped for.

The sum of £200,000 was spent in fruitless experiments to make artificial indigo, when a little thermometer was accidentally broken, and the drop of mercury solved the problem.

COAST DISTRICT, RANGE 4. Take notice that Arthur Howard Harman, of Victoria, B. C., accountant, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post planted 4 miles south and 1/2 miles west of the northwest corner of Section 33, Township 9, Range 4, Coast District, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres more or less.

COAST DISTRICT, RANGE 4. Take notice that Raymond Belleger Punnett, of Victoria, B. C., accountant, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post planted 4 miles south and 1/2 miles west of the northwest corner of Section 33, Township 9, Range 4, Coast District, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres more or less.

GLENFARG HITS VANCOUVER GROUNDS WHEN AVOC COLLISION AT NA Vessel Discharging Coming to Dry Dock Repairs.

(Special to the Times) Vancouver, Dec. 7.—In an avoid a collision with a tug last night in the first narrows Canadian Pacific Orienta farg, outboard, struck a reef immediately returned to her way and to-day is discharging dried tons of cargo, which will by some other vessel to Orienta.

The liner will go into dry dock. Two plates only are to have been smashed and the liner will go into the hold, morning. The Glenfarg struck at a narrow where the city crosses.

"ALL FOR LOVE" Japs Fight For White Girl—Scene in Los Angeles Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 7.—Anese fought for the love of a girl in the Nippon restaurant Second street, on Saturday.

VICE CONSUL SUICIDE Prussia Acid Route Chosen Representative at St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 7.—C. S. ... committed suicide. Prussia acid at his home.

SOAP DEAL LAID B. C. HARDWARE CO., LTD. PHONE 82 P. O. BOX 688

Have You Purchased Your Heater Yet? If not, here is what you want, either an OAK HOME, SPECIAL OAK, or a WOODS' RADIATOR They are neat, well finished, and perfect heaters THE PRICE IS VERY LOW

BUILDING OF NAVY IS HER OWN Animated Discussion in Reichstag on 15th day of November, 1908.