

FEARFUL DEATH

Of Many Miners in a Coal Mine Which Is Now

FIERCELY BURNING.

Seventy-five Miners Are Entombed by the Explosion in the Mine Which Was Caused by Gas. The Women and Children Urge the Men to Rescue.

A dispatch from Bluefield, W. Va., says there are sixteen known dead and seventy-five men entombed as a result of an explosion of gas, followed by fire at the West Fork mine of the Pocahontas Collieries company Wednesday night.

Women relatives are crazed by the knowledge that loved ones are either dead or dying, spur on the rescuers and beg to be allowed to go in the mine themselves.

A telegram from the scene of the explosion says the work of rescuing bodies from the West mine has been in progress since early Wednesday night.

The mine was then bratticed as the rescuing parties progressed and at this hour, 9 o'clock p. m., they have about reached the place of the origin of the explosion.

A number of bodies have been located by the exploring parties but cannot be brought to the surface on account of the debris occasioned by the terrific explosion.

There were supposed to be some 60 or 80 people in this section of the mine when the explosion occurred, but a greater number of them being miners, there is no record kept of them.

Parties coming to work Thursday morning from the Tug river, on the West Virginia side of the mine, did not know there had been any trouble in the mines until they ran into some bodies on the tracks, and some mules dead with a man pinned between them.

While the force of the explosion was terrific yet the foremen who were at the mines' office did not know there had been any trouble until the men and mules failed to come out at the time for quitting work.

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Two of Leekie's party, John Oham and Ed. Brown, were overcome by gas and died, and Leekie barely escaped with his life. The third party was formed and continued the work.

All this time the work of bratticing the mine, necessary for carrying on the work of rescue, was being effectively carried on. Some confusion was caused in the determination of the exact number of men entombed by the fact that when the explosion occurred the exchange of shifts was in progress.

The scenes around the mine were pitiful. Relatives and friends gathered in groups at the entrances and elsewhere awaiting tidings of the victims gave vent to their grief as the bodies one by one were brought out.

Lighthouses Gone.

Forty-four lighthouses were swept into the sea and lost or the structures are so badly damaged that the lights can be shown and four lighthouse keepers were drowned during the recent hurricane.

Fish Poisoned.

Hundreds of roach and jack have been found floating helpless or lifeless in the R. V. Short, at Bishop's Store, England, and it is believed that the fish have been poisoned by disinfectants used in the street gullies and the excretions from motor cars.

SOME PLAIN TALK

TO THE NEGROES FROM A NORTHERN NEWSPAPER.

It Says Very Emphatically That the Negro Will Be Put Down.

In discussing the recent race riot at Atlanta the Northern papers generally have taken a very calm view of the situation. There is a notable absence of abuse of the South. The following from the Philadelphia Ledger is a fair sample of the comments of the Northern press on the race problem in the South, and it would be well for the negro to take notice.

A dozen years ago it was the fashion for Northern newspapers and "organs of opinion" to denounce the South for lynchings, and to try to make it appear that the Southern people were a band of semi-civilized creatures, to be carefully differentiated from their brethren of the North.

Within recent years this libel is not heard so often. Within the past few weeks the lynchings in South Carolina, which Gov. Heyward tried in vain to prevent, were the results of attacks on defenceless women.

The North no longer considers the South as in a class apart, because it understands the facts, and for the better reason that the North now has a savage record of its own. In Wilmington, Del., on Saturday, a negro was whipped and began to serve a life sentence for attacking two women in the highway.

These outbreaks will occur, and it is now pretty well understood by the people of the North, from their own experience, that if negroes persist in attacking women the law will break down.

There is only one thing as appalling as these outbreaks, and that is the seeming impossibility of solving the problem involved in the presence of 10,000,000 people lately from the wilds of Africa dwelling among 100,000,000 people of another race, color and civilization.

And every decent negro community should begin to recognize the fact that the most dangerous enemy to the negro race in America is the worthless negro vagabond who brings upon the heads of the innocent a terrible vengeance and involves all elements in deadly anarchy.

Arthur Turner, a 10-year-old boy working on the S. E. Ry. railway, Orangeburg river bridge near Columbia, Friday tripped himself by stepping on a piece of iron on the bridge and fell eight feet into the water, missing a rib of a rib floating by, but about six feet. He swam to the raft and walked home. When the doctors got to him they found only a bruised face.

Sixty Persons Lost. Sixty persons are reported lost in the foundering of the emigrant steamer Charleston, which went down off Haines Head, September 30th. A raft belonging to the Charleston was picked up by a steamer which rescued twenty three of the crew who had been drifting nearly eight hours.

STORMY TRIP.

A Thrilling Story of a Voyage in a Storm

GAVE UP HOPE ONCE.

But Anchor Held and Schooner and Crew at Last Reached a Port.

Wind at Sea Made a Plaything of the Vessel.

The Charleston Post says a letter has been received from James A. Deal, son of Capt. James C. Deal, a well known pilot, telling of how the schooner Laura B. Anderson, on which he took passage north, weathered the severe storm of a few weeks ago, which brought great destruction to vessels and caused loss of much life.

The letter gives an idea of the terrific force of the wind and sea and accounts for the loss of so many vessels off the North Carolina coast, several of which were in company with the Laura B. Anderson, on the trip up the coast from Charleston. The letter is an interesting narrative of a trip, which was especially eventful to the young man, who was the guest of Capt. Thomas Higbee on the passage to New York, where he has since entered the Patterson Nautical College.

We left Charleston on September 9, in tow of the tug Protector, and when we got outside the bar, near the Charleston lightship, the wind had died out. The next morning, we got the ship under way in a light wind from the southwest, and with this fair wind we spread on full sail to get out into the gulf stream, where we would have the benefit of the current north, running at the rate of two and a half to three and a half knots an hour.

The sea was now lashed to its greatest fury. The wind had increased to about seventy-five miles about 5 o'clock, and just when matters looked as bad as they could be, we parted the starboard anchor, and then had to put out a kedge and soon afterward the kedge also parted, and we were dependent now solely upon the port anchor.

"We lay in our position until Tuesday morning about 9:30 o'clock, when we weighed anchor and started for Cape Lookout Cove, arriving there on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. There we remained until Saturday 3:30 o'clock, when we were taken in tow by the tug I. J. Merritt. We were on our way to the east in fine style until we were struck by a fierce easterly gale from the lightship, which made us turn back and go into Hampton Roads on Monday night at 10 o'clock.

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At New Orleans six persons were drowned in the Mississippi sound by the hurricane, else a large sailing vessel and about 30 small vessels were wrecked and Sun Island, Cat Island and Horn Island were submerged. The federal quarantine station on Ship Island was badly damaged, and about 100,000 damage was done to property on the mainland.

PLENTY OF FISH.

THE GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTES A LARGE NUMBER.

Nearly Every Waterway in the State Got a Fresh Supply of Fish Last Year.

The work of propagation and distribution of food fishes for the past year has been vigorously prosecuted in all parts of the United States by George M. Bowers, fish commissioner, and his assistants.

The principal function of the bureau of fisheries, the maintenance and increase of the available supply of aquatic food products, has its largest fulfillment in the artificial propagation and distribution of fish and eggs. The extensive and depleting commercial fisheries for a number of species and the constantly growing demand for food and game fishes for stocking private lakes and streams have led to such an enlargement of the field of operations that about fifty species are now cultivated, the list including the principal fishes of all parts of the country.

The output for the year 1905 was over 350,000,000 more than for any previous year in the history of the bureau. This increase represents in particular a great production of Pacific salmon, lake trout, pike perch, yellow perch, large mouth black bass, lake herring and lobster and in addition, the propagation of the blue in white fish for the first time.

During the last year large mouth bass, fingerlings, yearlings, and adults have been deposited at the following places: Denmark, Savannah Pond, in the pond at Esopus; in the following tributaries of the Esopus river: Bay View Dam creek, Buck Head creek, Cedar Sack creek, Eliza creek, Esopus creek, Fork Sack creek, Poy's creek, Two Mile Creek, Warrior creek.

The same variety of fish have also been deposited at Point-a-Inn and in Greenville, in Greenville county. In Greenville county the following streams have been well stocked with large mouth bass: Buck Horn creek, Middle Tiger river, Mount Creek, Resey River Mill pond, Blotian creek, South Elmore creek, South Sautee river and Wolf's pond.

The same variety has also been placed near Jefferson, Johnston, Kershaw, Landrum, Leesville, Livingston, Lynchburg, Mason, Mullins, O'ran, Neeces, Rock Hill, Catawba Power Company's pond, in Spartanburg; at Drayton Mill pond, both in and near Drayton pond proper, Floyd's pond, High pond, Lawson's fork, North's Mill pond, Raquet's pond and Walte's Mill pond.

They have also been left in Sumpter county and at Swansea, Trenton, Troy, Vardery, Welford, Westville and Williston. Rainbow trout were generously distributed in Yule's spring, near Greenwood.

Sun fish were placed at Barnwell, Bluffburg in Goose creek, near Charleston, in the lake at Columbia, also at Cowpens, Darlington, Enores, Greenville, Lancaster and Landrum. In the latter place the following ponds were stocked: Blue pond, Coles creek, Page Pond, Smith creek. They were also left at McBee and Rock Hill and placed in the city reservoir at Spartanburg and in the Drayton pond. Trenton also received a supply.

A street car filled with terrified passengers dashed across New York Thursday at full speed while Motorman Leo Seaward, suddenly bereft of reason stood on the forward platform flourishing the heavy controlling bar and threatening to brain any one who approached him.

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Bank Waikie was convicted at Jessport, Ga., on Thursday of running away with the life of one Bracket and was given two years in the penitentiary, his navy wife was fined \$50.

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GIRL SHOT DOWN

By Boy She Had Refused to Marry.

DYING IN HOSPITAL

His Victim Exclaims "I Love You and Forgive You." After the Tragedy He Tries to Commit Suicide

and Shoots at His Captors.

Scorned by the girl he loved, William Kiley, who said he was a reporter, lay in wait for his erstwhile sweetheart, Margaret Lynch, Wednesday night, and when she alighted from a trolley car, and was about to enter her Williamsburg home, he drew a revolver and shot her twice.

And as mortally wounded, with a bullet through her left eye and another through her hand, she tried to crawl away from him, he yelled in glee at the success of his crime, turned the pistol upon himself, and, when he failed at suicide, tried to kill the two policemen who arrested him.

Kiley, who is less than twenty years old, lives at No. 2326 Second avenue, New York. At the bedside of his dying sweetheart late Wednesday night he told the story of the tragedy while the girl gasped for breath and bowed her head weakly in confirmation of the tale she was too near the grave to tell herself.

"It was four years ago that I met Margaret Lynch," said Kiley to the nurses, doctors and policemen gathered about the cot. "She was the sweetest girl in Williamsburg, I fell in love at the sight of her face before either of us said a word to the other."

"No man ever happier caring for a girl than I, until a few weeks ago something happened which I won't tell about and Margaret said she did not love me any more and that I must not come to see her again. Twice after when I called her parents sent me away. Then I knew that life wasn't worth the living any longer and I decided that both Margaret and I should die together."

At this point in the story the dying girl raised herself upon the cot and whispered something to her lover.

"You tried to kill me," she sobbed, "but I love you yet, and I forgive you."

Kiley was so overwhelmed at this deathbed confession that he could not continue his story, and Police Free stone, of the Olymper street station, who had arrested him, took up the tale.

He said he was standing with Special Officer Tamney at the corner of South Tenth street Wednesday night, when Miss Lynch alighted from a Franklin avenue car directly in front of her home. As she mounted the piazza Kiley arose from his concealment in the bushes nearby and, confronting her, said:

"I have found you out. You have ruined me. But once before I go away I want to ask you to explain why you have thrown me love aside."

Miss Lynch consented to walk with Kiley, and they had moved half a block when the man suddenly drew a .52 caliber revolver from his hip pocket and shot point blank at the girl who still stood by his side. The ball penetrated her left eye and lodged at the base of the brain.

As the wounded girl fell to her knees and started to crawl away Kiley fired a second shot which went through her left hand. Then crying out in place at his crime he turned upon him. If he fired two more shots, which failed to find their mark and sped harmlessly through his hat. By this time Policemen Freestone and Tamney ran up and grasped with the would-be murderer. Kiley let go his last shot at Tamney but failed to hit and in a moment the officers had the gun away from him and the handcuffs upon his wrists.

A great crowd gathered about the wounded girl and the man who shot her. Still trying to crawl to safety, Miss Lynch was holding her wounded left hand over the mutilated eye through which the first bullet had passed. Blood streamed behind her, and the crowd, seeing her pitiful plight was only kept from mobbing Kiley by the Olymper street reserve, who had been called out.

Finally the girl and her assailant were taken away in a patrol wagon. At the Eastern District Hospital Miss Lynch lapsed into unconsciousness while her lover was telling the tale of the tragedy, and though an operation was performed for the removal of the bullet from her brain the physicians said she would die before morning.

Kiley was picked up in the Olymper street police station. A report from Chicago says Theodore, of his own free will, betrayed the whereabouts of his father and assisted in his capture. Theodore's father is said to have been made an Assistant State Attorney James Barrour when that official promised him freedom from punishment in return for his information and aid in prosecuting other officials of the banking institution. This promise was not delivered before the cutting up began.

BOLD ROBBERS

ENTER A BANK IN BROAD DAY LIGHT

And Beat the Officials Into Insensibility and Take Five Thousand Dollars.

At San Francisco, armed with pistols and pieces of gas pipe, two robbers entered the Japanese Bank at noon on Thursday, and after beating two of the bank officials, escaped with \$5,000 in gold. Urakta, manager of the bank, who was acting as paying teller of the institution when he was struck down, died Thursday afternoon without having regained consciousness.

The robbers selected a time when there were but few persons transacting business in the bank and the sensational and bold deed was so quickly effected that it was all over before the crowd of people passing the doors of the institution were aware of what had taken place. While one of the hold-up men engaged the paying teller of the bank, the other walked to the rear of the bank and going behind the counter poked up a sack containing \$5,000.

The action of the robber who went to the rear of the bank was witnessed by one of the clerks who immediately raised a cry of alarm. The cry had scarcely left his lips before he was struck down by the man who was carrying out the gold. The robber who had been talking to the paying teller drew a piece of gas pipe from his pocket and struck him a blow that rendered him unconscious.

Both robbers stopped long enough to beat their victims into unconsciousness and then walked leisurely from the bank and disappeared. The crime was discovered a moment or two later when several customers entered the bank to make deposits. They found the Japanese lying on the floor and immediately gave the alarm.

The police arrived shortly afterward and the two injured men were taken to a hospital where Urakta died. Despite the fact that the police in every portion of the city are on the look out for the robbers not the slightest trace of them has been found.

Hurled to Their Death.

At Cleveland, Ohio, clutched in each others' arms, two young men fell from the fourth story of the Lake Shore Railroad office building and were hurled to their death on the pavement below, at 5 o'clock Friday evening. The dead men are J. W. Bunts, aged 30, and Harry Wilfred, aged 17 years, both of whom were clerks in the office of the superintendent of motive power of the Lake Shore railroad. Bunts was killed instantly and Wilfred died in an ambulance while being taken to a hospital.

The young men had had some trouble previously and a renewal of this latter afternoon led to an altercation between them. It was as a result of this that they fell from the window, which was in the center of the downtown business district, and dozens of horrified pedestrians with snafu during their flight through the air from the fourth story to the pavement, in which their bodies turned over and over again, neither of the men relaxed the grasp maintained from the beginning of the scuffle which led to their fall, and each held on to the other with a death-like grip till their bodies struck the pavement and lay motionless where they fell.

Fatal Bull Fight.

During a bull fight at Bordeaux, Spain, Thursday a matador fell dead from excitement. The management thereupon announced that the performance was at an end. The spectators protested, and refused to leave. The management yielded and ordered that the performance continue, but the performers refused to take any further part in the fight. Some men from among the spectators accordingly jumped into the arena to carry on the performance. The bull attacked them furiously and gored five of them, one fatally. The management again attempted to stop the performance, but the spectators again protested and attacked the attendants. They varied this performance with attempts to set the amphitheatre on fire. The police finally expelled them.

Body of Child Found.

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Wants Divorce. Miss Amelia Robinson of Saratoga, Arizona, is suing Dr. S. M. Samuel of Atlanta, Ga., for \$25,000 for breach of promise of marriage.

GAS EXPLODED.

Six Killed and Dozen Hurt in Subway at Philadelphia.

PROPERTY DAMAGED.

Explosion Due to Leak in Big Gas Main in Busy Section. Flames Burst from Dozens of Pipes and Firemen Use Dirt to Extinguish.

A terrific explosion of illuminating gas in the subway of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, under construction at Sixth and Market streets, Philadelphia at 7 o'clock Friday morning, resulted in the death of six men, injuring a dozen others and caused thousands of dollars' damage.

The explosion was caused by a leak in the city gas main, which was improperly repaired Thursday night.

It is believed that a workman carrying a lamp into the great hole, ignited the gas. Sixth and Market is one of the business sections, but fortunately, there was little traffic there when the explosion occurred.

About a dozen workmen were gathered near a large derrick and about five men are believed to have been in the subway. The force of the explosion wrecked the subway for half a block and all the heavy timbering and other structural work, including tons of earth, fell into the excavation. The heavy rain during the night had slightly weakened the walls of excavation and added to the damage.

Just as the gas blew up a double team cart was being driven directly across the covered subway. Vehicle, horses and man were blown high in the air, and the horses and cart fell into the hole. The driver landed in the street only slightly hurt.

Several workmen standing near the derrick were blown across the street and either killed or injured, and a number of pedestrians were hurt by falling glass and signs from tall business houses on both sides of Market and Sixth streets.

Those portions of the subway not covered with dirt burst into flames and for a time no person dared venture near the place for fear of further explosions. Firemen were quickly on the spot but water was of little use, owing to the fact that the flames were shooting from dozens of gas pipes, and the large gas main.

Dirt was then resorted to, and in the course of a few hours the flames were extinguished.

From Fifth to Seventh streets on Market and for half a square of Sixth street North and South large plate glass windows were broken and thousands of dollars' worth of goods in show windows damaged.

Gored to Death.

Frederick Cowan and his seventeen year old bride were gored to death by an angry bull in a meadow, near Martinsburg, W. Va., Thursday afternoon. The young couple had just left the home of the preacher, who had married them, after a sensational elopement. The bright red dress, which adorned the person of the pretty bride, attracted and enraged the bull. Mr. and Mrs. Cowan had cut across the field to the railway station in their eagerness not to miss their train. They had not gone far when the enraged animal charged. The young husband fought with the animal desperately in an effort to save his young bride and himself, but the horns of the enraged brute ripped in to his side and hurled him to the ground, where he was trampled to death under the cruel hoofs. The bull then turned his attention to the bride. The girl was too paralyzed by fright and horror then to attempt to make her escape and she was an easy victim. She was caught like a chip in the wind upon the already gory horns of the great animal, tossed into the air, caught again and finally hurled far over a barbed wire fence into the adjoining field. The young woman was so badly injured that she died within a few hours of the accident. The bull is the property of John Hatfield, who lives near Richmond Falls, in Raleigh County. The young couple had eloped and indulged in a hurried marriage in opposition to the wishes of their parents.

The Tax Levy.

Comptroller General Jones will review his light bill. The coming legislature for a flexible tax levy, and along with this he will repeat his recommendation that the present system of assessing property by county and township boards be abolished in favor of a state board of four or five members, who will be paid a salary to go over the state and get the property on the books on an equitable basis.

Big Land Sale.

The Calhoun falls property, situated in Abbeville county, was sold in the town of Abbeville on Monday for \$245,500 to Andrew P. Calhoun of New York. The property was a part of the estate of Jas. E. Calhoun and embraced 13,900 acres, on which were located the famous Trotter Shoals. The shoals are considered among the best in the state and have for some time been sought by mill promoters.

Stock Out Tomorrow. E. F. Jones, manager for the Bell telephone company at Swainsboro, Ga., has disappeared with \$1,000 of the company's money and cannot be found.