

## DEAD RECOVERED.

AND MANY MORE YET TO BE TAKEN FROM WRECKED MINE.

## SMALL NUMBER SURVIVE.

Rescue Work Will Be Pushed Until Every Man Has Been Accounted For.

Johnstown, Pa., July 12.—Yesterday was a day of heroic rescues at the ill-fated rolling mill mine of the Cambria Steel company. Thrilling experiences attended the efforts of the forty intrepid and daring fellows who willingly went down into the earth with very faint hope of finding some one alive. Death lurked everywhere for them. But all undaunted and swayed by the nobles purposes they essayed the task. The reward of their efforts was the saving of the lives of fourteen of their fellow comrades and bringing them back again into the sunlight and restoring them to their families. Dead and maimed bodies were located but no effort was made to bring them out of the vast theater of death until every human energy was put forward toward seeing that no living soul might escape their aid. That done, the dead were attended to and put in tram cars and brought up and exposed to morbid gaze while being transferred to wagons in which to be taken to the morgue. Eighty-seven dead bodies were recovered from the mine between daylight and nightfall, still a party of officials and miners battled on, three miles inside the camp. Occasionally word would come to the surface by some mysterious means that another heap of remains had been exposed to the vision of the searchers. There remain dangerous headings in the Klondike section of the mine yet to be explored.

No one knows how many dead will be found there. The mine officials refrain from guess work on the subject. The impression prevails among the employes of the mine that 150 is a low estimate of the casualty list.

Fated Johnstown spent the day horror struck. From dawn to dusk flying ambulances coursed through the streets bearing grawsome burdens from the mine to the morgue and from the morgue to the homes. Great crowds swarmed about the pit mouth and bulletin boards were eagerly scanned for news from the scene of the disaster. Exaggerated rumors of all kinds prevailed. One report gained credence that disaster had overtaken the rescuing party which entered the mine shortly after 9 o'clock. This proved one of the entertaining yarns that had its origin among the crowd at the pit mouth. Returning rescuers substantiated the horrible details of the disaster.

### Strike at El Paso.

El Paso, Texas, July 12.—One hundred and twenty-five men walked out of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio shops here yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Their demand for 10 per cent increase in wages was refused, hence the strike. Machinists, coppersmiths and boiler-makers are the only class of men who walked out here.

### Charged With Dynamiting Fish.

Texarkana, Texas, July 12.—Dennis Hodge was arrested here yesterday on the charge of dynamiting Clear lake several days ago. The lake was assailed in different places with explosives, after which the fish began to die in great quantities and none now are left.

A depth of 12 inches of dead fish covers the surface of the lake and the stench is insupportable. The place was one of the most popular resorts for sportsmen in North Texas, and the lake was the prettiest sheet of water in the South.

### Refuse to Resign.

Bloomfontein, Orange River Colony, July 12.—Many of the Boer commandants, field cornets and officers of the late Free State government refuse to sign the oath of allegiance, though few of them object to signing the document called "the declaration," acknowledging King Edward the lawful sovereign.

### Killed by Lightning.

Kirbyville, Texas, July 12.—Mrs. Sallie Dubose, the wife of Pete Dubose, was struck by lightning and killed.

## BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT.

Rumors of Other Strikes and of a General Tie Up Unconfirmed.

Houston, Texas, July 12.—The progress of the Southern Pacific strike was not marked yesterday by any very important events, yet the quiet that prevailed was felt by some to be the calm before a storm and many rumors were current of coming developments that would cause a serious break in the even course of affairs.

One of the most serious rumors was to the effect that in the event that the Southern Pacific should place new men in the shops the transportation department would walk out and tie up the whole system. There was no means of verifying this report, but if true it will be a tremendous factor in the present strike and rapidly bring events to a focus.

The receipt of the news that the Southern Pacific employes had gone out on strike at El Paso was cheering to the strikers here as they consider it of great bearing upon their own situation.

Manager Van Vleck has given a statement of figures on wages which show that the employes' demands and the company's offer are less than 2 cents apart, which gives a new light from which to view the situation.

### Texas Farmers' Congress.

College Station, Texas, July 12.—Because of the seeming understanding concerning the time of meeting of the Texas Farmers' Congress, I desire to make the following statement: The Texas Farmers' Congress meets at College Station at 2 p. m., July 15, and continues in session to 12 m. July 18. Quoting from a letter from Mr. T. J. Anderson, general passenger and ticket agent Sunset-Central railroad: "All notices to our agents authorize the sale of tickets on the 14th and 15th and trains arriving at College Station morning of the 16th."

A large crowd is expected at the meeting, and I take this opportunity of advising all who expect to attend to notify me so that accommodations may be reserved. Very truly yours,

B. C. Pittuck, Secretary.

### Would Not Obey Father.

Knoxville, Tenn., July 12.—One of the most sensational elopements which has occurred in this city for months was divulged yesterday when it became known that Emily Taylor, the beautiful 22-year-old daughter of ex-Governor "Bob" Taylor, disappeared from her home for the purpose of marrying George F. St. John, a prominent society physician. St. John had been engaged to Miss Taylor for many months. A few weeks ago he became involved in a gaming scandal of slight importance, and Governor "Bob" came home from Texas to break off the match.

Miss Taylor refused to obey her father in the matter, and yesterday morning shortly after breakfast, she left her handsome home on Fourth avenue. The next heard from her, for everybody thought that she had merely gone shopping, was a message sent to her father by St. John asking for Mrs. St. John's (nee Taylor's) trunks.

### Money for A. and M. Colleges.

Washington, July 12.—Warrants are being issued at the treasury department for \$25,000 for each of the forty-eight States and Territories for the benefit of the agricultural and mechanical colleges. The money is paid out of the funds derived from the sale of public lands, under the provisions of the Morrill act, passed in 1860, providing for the payment of \$15,000 to each of the States and Territories with an increase of \$1000 a year in the appropriation until it reached \$25,000. The maximum was reached in 1900. Porto Rico, Indian Territory and Alaska are not provided for in the act.

The warrants will be forwarded to the treasurers of the different States within the next ten days.

### Homeseekers Numerous.

Denison, Texas, July 12.—A large number of homeseekers and prospectors are pouring into the State. Every passenger train is crowded. A colony direct from Paris, France, farmers, arrived yesterday at noon. They are prospecting for suitable lands to engage in grape culture and wine making. After looking over Texas they will proceed to Southern California.

### The Cash Balance.

Austin, Texas, July 12.—The cash balance in the State treasury to the credit of the general revenue account at the close of business yesterday was \$1,287,653 against \$1,465,455.95 for the same time last year.

## MINE EXPLOSION.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., AGAIN VISITED BY ANOTHER CALAMITY.

## CAUSE IS YET A MYSTERY.

Causes 350 Miners to Lose Their Lives—Believed That No One Can Be Saved to Tell the Story.

Johnstown, Pa., July 11.—Johnstown has again been visited by an appalling disaster.

It is only less frightful than the awful calamity of May 31, 1899, in cost of life, but in its terrible consequences it has brought sorrow into hundreds of homes, made desolate by a mine explosion, which took place in the Cambria Steel company rolling mill mine, under Westmont hill at 12:25 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

How many are dead will take several days to fully determine, but that it is a long and shocking list is certain. It may reach 200 or more.

It was nearly an hour after the explosion before the general knowledge of what had happened got abroad. Men who escaped with their lives told the terrible news and soon it spread like wildfire all over the city. In scores of homes there were the most pathetic scenes. Mothers, wives, daughters, sons and relatives were frantic with grief. Hundreds rushed to the mine and with sobbing hearts awaited the awful news.

At the opening across the river the Cambria Iron company police stood guard, permitting no one to enter the mine, from which noxious gases were issuing. It was nearly 4 o'clock when all hope of sending rescue parties from the Westmont opening was abandoned. Two men who had escaped from the mine—Richard Bennett and John Meyers—went back two miles to see what assistance could be rendered, but the frightful damp drove them back and they fell prostrate when they finally, after a desperate struggle reached the outside world safe again. Two doctors gave the men assistance and after working with them half an hour restored them. Their story of the situation in the mine soon made clear that the rescue work could not proceed from Westmont opening and hasty preparations were made to begin that task at the Mill creek entrance.

Mine Foreman H. Rodgers, his assistant, William Blanch, and Fire Bosses John Whitney, John Retallick and John Thomas were overcome by the gases and it is feared they perished in an heroic effort to rescue the miners. A son of Harry Rodgers then tried to reach his father, but he was quickly overcome by the deadly gases and was carried out unconscious. William Stibich spent several hours at the Mill creek opening. He said he believed as many as 450 men were still in the mine. In his opinion, from all he could glean, not to exceed 150 men had come out.

One of the men who got out safely, said it is not known what caused the explosion and that it will probably never be known as he believed none of the men at work in the Klondike district can be saved.

Mining Engineer Moore and Superintendent George T. Robinson are at the head of a rescuing party from the Franklin slope and Conemaugh mine. It will be absolutely impossible to state the loss of life until the rescuers reach the scene of the disaster.

Several miners have reached the surface who were working near the scene of the explosion. They say they passed through a portion of the Klondike district and saw the bodies of at least fifty men. The men who came out were foreigners and were in such an excited state that it was impossible to get a connected story from them. The mine has been open for about fifty years and was producing 3000 tons per day. It is the property of the Cambria Steel company, with general offices in Philadelphia.

### In a Critical Condition.

Houston, Texas, July 11.—Mrs. Ira P. Davis, who was accidentally shot by her husband night before last, is lying in a critical condition at the Houston infirmary with little chance for recovery. But attended by loving relatives and skillful nurses, and given the advantages of the best surgical skill of attending physicians, who are doing everything possible for the wounded woman. The slender chance of life is being carefully guarded and hope is the only resource.

## STILL AT LARGE.

Tracey, the Oregon Escaped Convict, Continues to Elude His Pursuers.

Kent, Wash., July 11.—Harry Tracey, the Oregon convict, has not yet been captured. He was at the home of E. M. Johnson, two miles southeast of his place, Wednesday night. When he left the house he was armed with a new revolver and his rifle and had a plentiful supply of both ammunition and provisions. Tracey sent Johnson to Tacoma to purchase the revolver and ammunition. He threatened to exterminate Johnson's family on the least sign of treachery. The convict seemed fagged out and talked very little about himself or his plans. While at the house he spent nearly all the time watching for his pursuers. He left the house after dark, taking Johnson's horse, headed either for Seattle or the Palmer cut-off. Not only did Tracey force Johnson to buy the revolver, but he made him borrow the necessary money. Johnson went to Tacoma and secured the weapon without sounding any kind of warning to the authorities. He was badly frightened. Upon the return of Johnson from Tacoma, Tracey ordered Mrs. Johnson to cook him enough provisions to last a week. She boiled two dozen eggs, fried bacon and gave him a large supply of sugar and flour.

## STRIKE IN STATUS QUO.

Meeting of the H. and T. C. Shop Men Did Not Materialize.

Houston, Texas, July 11.—The expected movement of the Houston and Texas Central shop employes toward asking an increase in wages, which was anticipated as an important factor in the Southern Pacific strike, did not materialize yesterday evening, but fell flat, thus relieving the tension of expectancy which affected not only railroad officials and strikers, but the general public.

The day passed quietly at the shops elsewhere, nothing occurring to break the monotony of the situation, the precautions taken by both sides as to guards having and the proper effect, as no collisions were reported between any of the men.

Mr. Morrison and the committee of shop men spent most of the day at Labor hall quietly discussing plans of action and the possibilities yet before them, and had nothing new to offer concerning their movement. Mr. Morrison was asked his views on the action of the Houston and Texas Central shop men and he replied by saying that it was a matter to which he had not given much thought, being so busy with his own affairs and couldn't give an opinion on the matter, but would wait and see the outcome.

### Deputy Marshal Appointed.

Galveston, Texas, July 11.—Nicasio Idar has been appointed deputy United States marshal of the Southern district of Texas at Laredo, the appointment being made by United States Marshal Hanson. Mr. Idar has been a justice of the peace at Laredo and is also the publisher of a Spanish newspaper in that city. His oath was filed with the clerk of the United States court here yesterday.

The oath of Frank Cerda, whose appointment as deputy United States marshal at Rio Grande City was announced some time ago, was also filed here yesterday. Mr. Cerda was formerly a United States deputy marshal in the Western district of Texas. It is observed that he is retained by Marshal Hanson, but none of the deputy marshals who served under Dr. John Grant were retained in either the Southern or the Eastern district. This is said to be due to the unfavorable impression made on the administration by a letter made public by Dr. Grant, in which he arraigned the president for dismissing him.

### Hurt in a Runaway.

McKinney, Texas, July 11.—James Pipkin, a well known farmer living in the northeastern part of this county, was seriously injured in a runaway here Wednesday. He had just driven to town with a load of hay, when his team became frightened and ran, throwing him from the top with great force.

### Shooting Near Bonham.

Bonham, Texas, July 11.—Last night McKee Blair of this place was shot and probably fatally injured. Cause of shooting has not been learned. Hugh Simpson of Dodd City, six miles east of here, has been arrested.

McKinney.—The county equalization board has about completed its work. The valuation of the roadbed of the new Frisco railroad through Collin county, twenty-one miles, was fixed at \$5000 per mile.

## FARM AND FLOCK.

Prairie hay finds ready sale.

Peaches continue abundant. Oranges are in steady demand. Kansas oats are in fine shape. Georgia corn suffers from drouth. Cotton looks fine in Wood county. Kansas will raise a large corn crop. Rains have benefited Alabama crops. Mulberries were numerous in Texas this year.

Red River county has raised many watermelons.

Corn around Troupe was cut 30 per cent by the drouth.

Wood county will raise more corn than was anticipated.

Recent rains insure plenty of feed stuff in Wood county.

Farmers around Rising Star report success with Kansas corn.

Corn around Dublin, Erath county, will be about one-third of a crop.

Freestone county farmers are hopeful of raising a fair amount of corn.

Rains around Alto have greatly benefited pear, potatoes, grass, corn, etc.

Rice prospects are better since head waters forced back salt water in Louisiana bayous.

In Red River county, except in a few localities, a magnificent crop of corn is assured.

Rip Robinson of Gonzales has placed a large drove of cattle on feed in Jackson county.

The Wynnewood fruit farm near Wynnewood, I. T., will ship 10,000 Elberta peaches.

A bunch of 2-year-old black cattle sold at Kansas City last week for \$8.35 per 100 pounds.

Dr. Pierson of Amarillo sold fifty cows to John L. Sullivan of Moore county for \$30 per head.

Farmers in that section of Ellis county around Ferris are planting sorghum, Koffie corn and millet.

A number of Abilene country farmers have planted considerable June corn and hope to realize a good yield.

June apple crop in the Denison section is about all gathered. Owners of the trees have realized about \$150 per acre.

Corn that was planted late in Anderson county has been greatly benefited by the splendid rain and cotton saved.

Houston received her first bale of cotton of this season on the 1st inst. It was grown in San Patricio county. It was auctioned off for \$180.

Most farmers around Mabank planted northern corn the past spring. It has matured early, resulting in there being more corn made than last year.

It is claimed that if mesquite beans are gathered and preserved they will equal as a feed for stock one-half the value of the corn crop of southwest Texas.

Two cars of cattle, bound for Chicago, were shipped from Corsicana by Ed Burns of Angus. The same day Edens Bros. of Corsicana shipped four carloads to St. Louis.

A. Haworth of Tulsa, I. T., has contracted for 16,000 Elberta peach trees, and C. D. Orcutt of the same place for 8000 of different varieties. The trees are to be set out this fall.

Cuero's new creamery is getting about 2000 pounds of milk daily from farmers in the vicinity of that city and the merchants are now enabled to supply their customers with home-made butter of fine quality.

J. K. Zimmerman, owner of the Shoebar ranch, has sold to Adair & Walsh for delivery at Timber Lake 5000 yearling steers and heifers, half and half, at \$19 for the former and \$15 for the latter.

The fruit prospects are fine in that portion of the Panhandle around Higgins. Peaches, apples, pears and plums are excellent, and it is thought a great many more fruit trees will be set out next fall and spring.

Congressman Beidler of Ohio has a fine dairy farm nine miles from Cleveland and daily serves 4000 families of that city with milk. He raises a variety of crops, and his property is considered one of the most valuable Buckeye state possessions.

Manley Stevens, living near Cleburne, planted five acres in what is known as "Oklahoma big-bearded" wheat. It made forty-four bushels to the acre. He sold the wheat to other farmers for seed at \$2 per bushel. This is certainly a nice profit.