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FATAL FORCE OF GAS.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION AT A CARNEGIE FURNACE.

Carelessness of a Workman Causes Heavy Loss—Six Men Killed and Five Fatally Injured—Mouth of a Furnace Choked with Ore and Slag.

Six Killed, Ten Injured.

An explosion at furnace H, of the Carnegie Steel Company, at Braddock, Pa., at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning killed six men, injured ten more and destroyed \$30,000 worth of property. Five of the injured will die. All of the killed and injured were Hungarians, except James Harrison, the foreman. The explosion was due to a "hang" in the furnace, which suddenly loosened and dropped into the molten metal below, generating an immense quantity of gas so suddenly that it could not escape by the ordinary means and the explosion followed. The terrible loss of life was due to a peculiar cause. A few minutes before the explosion occurred one of the top fillers dumped a barrow of material into the bell of the furnace, which he had forgotten to raise. This clogged the top of the furnace and prevented the gas escaping. A gang of sixteen men, in charge of James Harrison, was sent at once to the top to remove the obstruction. All were closely crowded around the bell of the furnace, removing the material when there was a terrific explosion and men, barrow, tools and material were hurled in all directions. Flames, dense gas and smoke belched from the furnace-top, and the men fell as if shot. Only one man was killed instantly.

CONDITION OF SEAMEN.

United States Bureau of Labor Investigating the Merchant Marine.

The Bureau of Labor has recently undertaken an independent investigation in a field of inquiry which it has not before entered. The work of American seamen in the merchant service is the subject to which the officials of the bureau are devoting a part of their attention during the present season. Agents have been stationed at five principal ports of the country—New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and San Francisco—whose business it is to investigate the conditions of the life and service of the common sailors employed in the merchant shipping carried on under the United States flag. The terms upon which seamen are employed, the wages paid them, the treatment accorded them at sea, and incidentally the rations and accommodations furnished on ship board are being investigated. Particular attention is being paid to the contracts made with seamen and to the custom which largely prevails among ship captains of engaging the services of middlemen to enlist their crews. It has always been assumed by the Government that the sailor was a proper subject for paternal legislation and the offices of shipping commissioners have been instituted for his protection. The investigation is expected to develop whether the system of commissioners can be considered a success in fulfilling its mission.

MORA CLAIM SETTLED.

Spain Will Pay \$1,500,000, but Withdrew Interest.

An agreement has been signed by Secretary of State Olney, Minister Dupuy de Lome of Spain, Antonio Maximo Mora and Mr. Mora's counsel providing for the settlement of the Mora claim on the basis of \$1,500,000 on Sept. 15. By the agreement the claimant waives all demands for interest and accepts the amount named as full satisfaction of the claim. There is only one point on which it appears possible that there may yet be a hitch. The Spanish Government insists that the payment shall be made by Captain General Campos in charge of the Spanish forces in Cuba, and that the money shall be transferred to Mora or his representatives in Havana. Mr. Mora does not accept this condition, and insists that as the settlement is the result of negotiations between Spain and the United States, the payment should be made either in Madrid or Washington. The agreement provides that the claim shall be paid in Spanish gold dollars, which are of slightly less value than the American coin.

BANDITS OF THE RAIL.

Hold Up the Union Pacific Flyer in Nebraska.

Union Pacific No. 8 overland flyer, due in Omaha Wednesday morning at 10:23, was held up by highwaymen at some point between Brady Island and Gothenburg, Neb. The train left North Platte at 11 o'clock Monday night. The engine was cut off by the bandits and sent forward while they looted the train. The engine went on to Gothenburg for assistance. The robbers blew up the express car with dynamite. While they were using the engine to get the express car open the fireman ran off with the engine to Gothenburg for assistance. The country in the vicinity of the holdup is fairly well settled. All were heavily armed and a conflict is probable.

SANK IN THE MISSISSIPPI.

Steamer City of Sheffield Strikes an Obstruction.

The steamer City of Sheffield, from St. Louis to Tennessee River, struck an obstruction in the Mississippi River back of Cairo, Ill., and sank. She will be raised without trouble. No lives were lost and the passengers who remained on board were taken off by the Margaret. The Margaret had 100 passengers. The boat knocked a hole in her bottom twelve feet long, and filled and settled down smooth and square on a bar. Most of the passengers were asleep and knew nothing of the accident until morning.

Four Firemen Badly Injured.

At Indianapolis the boundary of Ewald, Over & Co. was burning the roof fell. Fire Chief Webster, Captain John Glazier and Pipeman Tony O'Hare and Benjamin Dick and Pipeman Deck were severely bruised. Loss by fire, \$10,000; insured.

Many Blessings for Layden.

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Distilleries to Start.

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DRUGGISTS TALK FIGHT.

Convention at Denver Declares War on Cut-Rate Stores.

Nearly five hundred retail druggists, coming from all parts of the country and representing the 10,000 persons engaged in the business in the forty-third annual convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association at Denver. The delegates were called to order in the assembly hall of the Brown Palace Hotel by the president of the organization, William Simpson, of Raleigh, N. C., who delivered a lengthy address dealing with numerous questions affecting the druggists of the country. There was some small talk concerning the competition to which the retail druggists are subjected from dry goods, department and other stores, as well as from the "cut-rate" emporiums that are now to be found in every large city. This is a sore point with the delegates, who now find their business being diverted to the cut-rate stores of those of them were of the opinion that the only plan for relief is to beat the "cutters" in their game by cutting prices to bedrock until they are glad to get out of the business.

THE BALL PLAYERS.

Standing of the Clubs in Their Race for the Pennant.

The following is the standing of the clubs in the National League:

	P.	W.	L.	cent.
Cleveland	101	61	33	.625
Baltimore	91	56	33	.615
Pittsburg	97	58	33	.598
Chicago	99	55	44	.556
Cincinnati	94	62	42	.553
Boston	93	51	42	.545
Philadelphia	93	51	42	.545
Brooklyn	95	50	45	.525
New York	95	47	48	.493
Washington	87	30	57	.343
St. Louis	98	32	66	.326
Louisville	91	22	69	.242

WESTERN LEAGUE.

The following is the standing of the clubs in the Western League:

	P.	W.	L.	cent.
Indianapolis	95	61	34	.642
St. Paul	95	56	39	.588
Minneapolis	96	55	41	.572
Milwaukee	94	49	45	.521
Detroit	103	43	60	.414
Terre Haute	98	40	58	.408
Grand Rapids	99	33	66	.333

THOUSANDS DIE OF THE PLAGUE,

Cholera Making Frightful Inroads in the Army of Japan.

Although passengers arriving by the Orient liner which have reached Victoria this week agree in the statement that cholera is working frightful havoc in Japan, the newspapers of that country contain no reference to the devastation of the plague. This is probably due to the fact that the disease finds its victims chiefly among soldiers recently returned from the front, and the Government therefore takes advantage of the law relating to the press censorship to the fullest extent. According to officers of the Victoria and the more recently arrived Express of Japan, the military has suffered a loss of thousands during the past few months, and the principal stations in Japan are at present converted into great hospitals. The Formosa expedition has proved especially disastrous.

SOLD FOR \$0,900,000.

Whisky Trust Assets Go Under the Hammer for that Sum.

Receiver McNulta, of the whisky trust, received the bid of \$9,000,000 of the reorganization committee for the seventeen distilleries and the appointments owned by the trust and thereby consummated one of the biggest transfers of property that have ever been made at auction in this country. Financial men declare that this sale, involving nearly \$10,000,000, marks the final delivery of an industrial plant everywhere. The amount obtained was exactly the sum named in legal proceedings as the upset bid offered by the reorganization committee previous to the efforts of interests said to be identical with those of ex-President Greenback and ex-Director Morris to enjoin the sale to the reorganization committee on the complaint that the latter contemplated nothing less than the rehabilitation of the old trust.

CANADIAN CATTLE BARRED.

British Board Says Embargo Will Not Be Raised.

A question of great interest to Canada was asked in the House of Commons at London by Mr. Price, who inquired if the Government was aware that the present exclusion of Canadian cattle had been granted the necessary Government license to enable them to establish registered distilleries from which to make peach brandy.

MURDERER GRANTED AN APPEAL.

At Nashville, Tenn., an appeal to the Supreme Court has stayed the execution of R. R. Barton, colored, who was found guilty of the murder of Andrew Brown, colored, on Jan. 19, on the Murfreesboro turnpike.

DEPLORABLE TRAGEDY.

Jacob Schlesser Sr. lived with his family at 4631 Kedzie avenue and ran a grocery at 4811 Archer avenue, Chicago. During the last few years his son, John, has assisted him in the store. Schlesser, Sr. was out with the wagon Thursday morning. Just after noon he drove past the store and stopped in front of Charles Reichel's saloon across the street. He remained there for hours, playing cards and drinking. His son took the horse and put it in the stable. At 4:45 o'clock the father came out and was told John had stabled the horse. On hearing this the angered man drew a pistol and crossed to the store. "Did you take that horse?" he shouted to the son. John answered "Yes," and instantly his father fired, the bullet entering the right lung. The lad fell and bystanders ran to his aid. Only one shot was fired. "A smile played about his lips," said Thomas P. Flynn, one of those who had lifted up John's head, "and he said, 'Oh, father!' Then he died." Schlesser fully realized that night what he had done. He sat in his cell, silent most of the time, his head bowed in agony. Occasionally he cried out in agony.

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business which ought to have been done in May and June was pushed into July, so that the midsummer decline, due in July, comes in August. With this in mind, one is not surprised to find the shrinkage from July to August rather more conspicuous than usual. The disappointing crop reports Saturday, though evidently distrustful, lessen confidence in regard to the future of trade, even while some speculators gain by them. Back of all doubts is the fact that the industries are doing better than anybody could have expected."

SEVEN PEOPLE MEET DEATH.

Fatal Capsizing of a Pleasure Craft at Grey's Creek, Md.

By the overloading of a small pleasure boat at Ocean City, Md., an entire family was drowned Sunday and two other families are in mourning. A party of farmers from the neighborhood of Frankford and Selbyville, Del., had a fish fry on Grey's Creek, a branch of the Isle of Wight Bay, with bathing, fishing and amusements. William Hudson carried a party of nine out sailing and as the boat was about to come back the women of the party jumped screaming on the high side, capsizing the little craft, which was hardly large enough to carry five persons. The following seven were drowned: Lina Hall, aged 19; Lulu Hall, aged 14, daughter of Elihu Hall; Mrs. Elihu Hall; William Sturgess, aged 43, Philadelphia; Laura Sturgess, aged 23; Ida Sturgess, aged 16; May Sturgess, aged 12; Myrtle Stevens, aged 10, daughter of Joshua Stevens, of Selbyville.

THE OUTLOOK FOR CROPS WAS NEVER BETTER.

Most Satisfactory Reports from the Great Grain Producing Tracts—Oats, Rye and Fruit Flourishing—Corn Yield the Greatest Ever Known.

BOUNTIFUL HARVESTS.

This is likely to be a phenomenal year for agriculturists as the indications for good crops throughout the farming districts of the whole West have never been surpassed. Grain of every sort and all variety of fruits will be most abundant, and as the farmer looks over his fields of rich crops and his trees laden and weighed down with fruit his heart laughs aloud with joy.

Kansas has this year raised nearly 7,000,000 bushels of Irish potatoes, the largest crop in the history of the State. In many instances 200 bushels have been raised on a single acre, which were sold on board the cars at 50 cents per bushel. Taking the State as a whole, the yields of fruit and garden products were never so bountiful, and the trees and vines were never before so laden. Conditions average 75 per cent. for apples, peaches, grapes and cherries, and in one-half of the State apples and peaches rate at 100 and above.

The stories of drought and distress which went forth from Nebraska last fall and winter will be repeated this year, for while farmers in many sections are on the anxious seat as to their corn crops, they are just completing what is probably the most satisfactory harvest of small grain in the history of the State. Indeed, the yield of wheat and oats may be said to be a record-breaker. The acreage of both these cereals this year, along with rye and barley, was less than that of last, but the production of all, according to estimates made, will be far above the average. This is all the more gratifying from the fact that the early drought was the cause of gloomy forebodings.

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FUTURE IS BRIGHT.

WILL STUDY AMERICAN CROPS.

Germany Attaches an Agricultural to Its Embassy.

Several of the European Governments have decided to send to their embassies or legations in this country what they term "agricultural attachés." Such an attaché will be expected to keep his home Government informed not only as to crop conditions, prospects and prices in the United States at regular intervals, but also to keep his people posted as to progress in all agricultural methods and improvements from time to time. Germany is the first to send an attaché of this sort, who arrived in Washington a few days ago and called upon the Secretary of Agriculture. His name is Beno Reinhardt Freiherr von Herrmann. He is a baron, although an agriculturist, so that he will doubtless be welcomed into official society this winter, despite his long name. It is understood that both the English and French Governments will soon follow the example of Germany and send an agricultural attaché to their embassies here, and Secretary Morton now thinks that it might be wise on the part of our Government to return the compliment by sending some of our most practical and successful farmers abroad in place of the few military and naval attaches who presumably adorn the diplomatic service of the United States.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF VETERANS.

Accommodations Provided Those Attending Chattanooga Reunion.

The Chattanooga national military park commission has issued the following announcement on behalf of the veteran soldiers who wish to go to the encampment at Chattanooga:

"It appears from numerous letters received by this commission that its previous circular in regard to furnishing quarters in camp barracks has been construed to mean that such barracks will be erected without regard to the orders received, and that those desiring these quarters can obtain them upon their arrival at Chattanooga. This, however, is not the case."

"As Congress made no appropriation for the benefit of veterans in the Dakotas, the great wheat-growing States, the crop is placed at 2,400,000 acres and the yield at about twelve bushels

DIED IN THE FLAMES.

HORRID FATE OF MANY IN A HOTEL FIRE.

Gumry House at Denver Wrecked by an Explosion at Midnight—Guests Caught in the Ruins—Fire Breaks Out and Firemen Forced to Retreat.