

NEWS SUMMARY

A school building in course of construction at Antwerp collapsed, killing five men and injuring twelve.

Thirteen soldiers of the Poerist (Russian) garrison have been sentenced to death for mutiny.

Ohio coal operators have decided not to concede the demands of the miners for an increase in wages.

Four hundred military executions have occurred in Livonia as a result of the government's repressive measures.

The socialists of Finland are agitating for a general strike to show the discontent of the people of the conditions.

By the collapse of the gallery staving in Earl's mine, at Raibi, district of Tarvid, forty miners and one engineer were killed.

A snow avalanche at the Lofoten islands buried a number of fishermen's huts. Rescuers extricated twenty-one dead and thirty-nine injured.

There is great rejoicing in Oklahoma over the passage of the statehood bill by the senate, and universal concurrence in the amendments.

A military train with machine guns is held in constant readiness at the railroad station in Moscow, in case of emergency in the neighboring cities.

A wholesale bomb factory was captured by the police at the lodgings of a druggist in St. Petersburg. One hundred and twenty bombs were seized.

A provision limiting the salaries of government clerks over 65 years old to \$1,000 a year has been attached to the legislative appropriation bill by a sub-committee.

For refusing to handle their guns against the revolutionists in Odessa during the disturbances, thirty soldiers have been sentenced to various terms in prison.

The bite of a black spider brought agonizing death to Edmund Seecombe, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Seecombe, prominent residents of San Bernardino, Cal.

The international waterways commission has reached an agreement regarding Niagara Falls, by which both countries will take all precautions to save its scenic beauty.

Tartars of the village of Allatou fired on a detachment of passing cosacs. The latter bombarded the village for three hours and dislodged the Tartars, killing several of them.

The three men who on February 10 attempted to assassinate General Reyes, the president of the Republic of Columbia, were shot last week at the spot where the attack occurred.

The bodies of Mrs. Clinton Metz and her two children, who were frozen to death in the recent blizzard, have been found about half a mile from the Metz ranch, near Harrison, Neb.

In a saloon fight near the line of the Chickasaw nation, thirty miles east of Lawton, I. T., Ed Buchanan and Thomas Caldwell were shot and killed, and a third man was seriously wounded.

The London Express says that in consequence of repeated raids by the Waziris and other warlike tribes on the northwest frontier of India the authorities contemplate sending a powerful expedition to the disturbed districts.

At the village of Fucecchio, twenty-three miles west of Florence, Italy, a house where a dance was in progress took fire. In the panic which ensued, the floor gave way and sixteen persons perished while many others were injured.

In the twentieth annual report of the Boston chamber of commerce issued last week, it is pointed out that Boston has re-established herself as the second port of the country on combined values, taking the place of New Orleans.

The supreme court at Jefferson City, Mo., holds to be constitutional the statute making it a felony for a man to live in Missouri with his second wife though married to her in another state, the first wife living and not being divorced.

L. Stuckey, editor of the People's Demands, was shot and killed at Colfax, La., by A. M. Goodwin, editor of the Colfax Chronicle. The cause of the tragedy was the publication of an article by Stuckey reflecting on the character of Goodwin.

"Interesting, but untrue," is the British foreign office's comment on a story published in Paris to the effect that a formal political alliance between Great Britain and Spain will promptly follow King Alfonso's marriage to Princess Sofia.

PLUNGED TO THE BOTTOM OF SEA

Steamer British King Goes Down 150 Miles South of Sable Island.

Twenty-seven Lives Are Lost and the Remainder of the Crew Saved From an Ocean Grave by Heroic Rescuers.

Boston.—Suffering, mental and physical, and numerous acts of heroism in saving life rarely equaled in the record of tragedies of the sea attended the loss of the Phoenix line steamer British King, which on Sunday last, in the raging Atlantic storm, foundered about fifteen miles south of Sable Island and carried to death twenty-seven members of the crew. Thirteen members were rescued from the sinking vessel by the Leyland liner Bostonian, bound from Manchester to Boston, and eleven by the tank steamer Mannheim from Rotterdam to New York. Five others who had been drawn down in the vortex into which the British King was engulfed, were picked up by the Bostonian from a frail bit of wreckage which they had grasped after a desperate struggle for life in the whirlpool.

Two lifeboats from the Bostonian were crushed to fragments and the volunteer crews which manned them were thrown into the high-running seas while engaged in the work of rescue, but all were safely landed aboard the steamer.

The British King sailed from New York on the 1st, for Antwerp with a miscellaneous cargo and 150 cattle. Previous to the appearance of the rescuing steamers every small boat of the King had been demolished and there was no way in which the crew could leave the ship.

PARKHURST MARKED FOR DEATH.

Police Officials Said to Have Planned Assassination of Preacher.

New York.—An alleged plot to assassinate Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, following the recent municipal election in this city, inspired, it is asserted, by a police official and in revenge for raids made on certain places by agents of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, known also as the Parkhurst society, was revealed Wednesday when District Attorney Jerome summoned in Joe Doe proceedings Acting Captain John H. Shields of the West One Hundredth street police station; John Phelan, a plain clothes policeman, and two civilians, Richard Wilson and L. Rogers. Rogers, one of the witnesses, and a man named Kelly were employed during the last campaign by the Citizens' Union. A few days after the election Rogers told Kelly, it is alleged, of the plot to murder Dr. Parkhurst. According to statements already made, Rogers said he was approached by a policeman and asked if he would take the task of killing Dr. Parkhurst. It is declared that the policeman said a police official would pay \$500 for the work, and Rogers asked Kelly if he was willing to go into the scheme, taking for his part \$200, while he (Rogers) would get the remainder of the sum.

ST. JOHN RELEASED.

But Was Immediately Rearrested on Charge of Assisting in Murder.

Boise, Ida.—The defense in the dynamite cases scored its first victory Wednesday when Judge Stewart, in the district court, ordered the release of Vincent St. John on a writ of habeas corpus. The defendant was immediately rearrested by Sheriff Nichols of Canyon county on a charge of assisting in the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg and the victory was, therefore, only a technical one. Still the attorneys for the defense did not conceal their gratification over Judge Stewart's decision.

Cut His Throat in Jail.

Norfolk, Va.—Louis Brown, 29 years old, awaiting trial for the murder of Flossie Reese, at whom he threw a burning lamp which exploded, fatally burning the woman, committed suicide in his cell in the Norfolk jail by cutting his throat with a sharp knife which he had in some unknown manner smuggled into the jail. Brown's act was not discovered until a prisoner occupying a cell below heard a gurgling noise, and jumping from his cot found himself bespattered with blood which had run through the floor of the cell above.

Wanted to Shoot J. P. Morgan.

New York.—At a hearing in the private chambers of Magistrate Wahle in the Tombs police court Wednesday Mrs. G. B. Williams, an English woman who resides at the Hoffman house, was committed to Bellevue hospital to be examined as to her sanity. Mrs. Williams was arrested in front of the office of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., on a warrant sworn out by former Assistant District Attorney Lord. She had threatened to shoot J. P. Morgan and his son.

ERUPTION OF VOLCANO IN THE SAMOAN ISLANDS

Three Villages Destroyed by Solid Wall of Molten Lava Which Reaches Far Out into the Sea.

Honolulu.—The officers of the steamer Sierra, which has arrived here from Sydney, N. S. W., via Samoa, report that the eruption of the volcano on the island of Savali, one of the Samoan group, continues on a large scale. Three villages have been completely destroyed, including Malaeola, where was located the finest cocoa plantation on the island. The residences of A. King and C. Barleley has been reduced to ruins and are a total loss.

The lava from the mountain is flowing into the ocean in a stream three-quarters of a mile wide and twenty-five feet deep, at the rate of twenty feet an hour. At night a solid wall of molten lava five miles long may be seen reaching far out into the sea. For some distance ahead the sea water is boiling, and the surf breaks over the fiery stream.

The government recently chartered the steamer Maori to remove women and children from the zone of danger.

JARRED HIS TEETH LOOSE.

Spanish Deputy Assaulted for Being Too Critical.

Madrid.—As the royal cortege was passing the chamber of deputies a nephew of General Primo-Rivera, the former commander of the Spanish troops in the Philippine islands, savagely assaulted Deputy Sogiano for criticizing acts of Spanish generals in Cuba and the Philippines. Senor Sogiano was knocked down and lost two of his teeth.

The assault followed united declarations upon the part of Generals Rivera, Weyer, Blanco, Polavieja and Lanares, denying the charges of irregularity in Cuba and the Philippines. General Rivera announced that he would resign from the army unless the government defended the generals against the charges, and General Weyer declared he intended to take their defense into his own hands. Rivera's nephew thereupon determined to publicly assault Deputy Sogiano, who was chiefly responsible for the criticisms.

TRAGEDY BEHIND THE STAGE.

Actor Suicides While Play is in Progress.

Washington.—William Thomas, of Saginaw, Mich., a member of the chorus of "The Wonderland" company, performing at the Columbia theatre here, committed suicide Tuesday night by drinking carbonic acid while the play was in progress. Thomas was an admirer of Ibra Gordon, a 16-year-old girl, also a member of the company. The suicide was caused by disappointment because she would not reciprocate his affections.

Socialists Talk of Shouldering Guns.

New York.—John Chase, former socialist mayor of Haverhill, Mass., got the floor at Monday's meeting of the Central Federated Union to ask for co-operation in demonstrations the socialists are getting up to protest against the punishment of President Moyer. Secretary Haywood and other officers of the Western Federation of Miners, arrested in connection with the assassination of former Governor Steunenberg of Idaho. "If these two men are hanged," he said, "and if any man in this body or any other body is not then willing to shoulder a gun and fight for his class he is a coward."

Panic of Passengers Stopped by Threats.

New York.—A terrifying experience at sea was reported by the officers of the French line steamer Hudson, which arrived here Tuesday. During a storm which swept the Atlantic the 336 steerage passengers on the steamer became panic stricken and were quieted only after the captain and first officer had threatened them with revolver and knife. Captain Juham said that the storm, while it lasted, was the most severe he ever saw in his thirty years' experience at sea.

Ambushed by Indians.

Vinita, I. T.—Six United States deputy marshals were ambushed in Spavinaw hills, I. T., near Kansas, by a band of Indian full-blood outlaws. In a fight that ensued three deputies, I. T. Gilstrap of Kansas, Otis Tuttle of Vinita, and Richard Carry, of Tahlequah, I. T., were killed. Thomas Wotford, one of the deputies who escaped, carried the news to Tahlequah, and scores of men are being sent out to capture the murderers.

Turkish Commander Fails to Crush Revolutionists.

London.—The Times' correspondent at Constantinople says it is reported that Marshal Ahmed Fezi Pasha, commander of the Turkish troops in Armenia, after prolonged but unsuccessful sorties with 10,000 men, has retreated on Senas and has asked to be relieved from his command, despairing of being able to crush the rebellion owing to the failure of his transport service. The resignation has been accepted.

MINERS MUST STAND TRIAL

Habeas Corpus Motion Denied Men Accused of Murder of Steunenberg.

Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone Will Be Removed from the Penitentiary to the Canyon County Jail, Where They Will Await Their Trial.

Boise, Ida.—The motion of the prosecution in the Steunenberg murder case to strike from the answer of the Western Federation of Miners leaders all reference to the arrest of Messrs. Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone in Denver and their subsequent removal to Idaho, and all portions referring to the alleged conspiracy on the part of Governors McDonald and Gooding and others connected with the prosecution was sustained by the supreme court on Monday. This means that Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone and the others indicted for the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg at Caldwell, must stand trial for the crime.

Counsel for the prisoners, who are members of the Western Federation of Miners, gave notice of an appeal to the supreme court of the United States.

The application of Vincen St. John for a writ of habeas corpus was taken under advisement by the court.

Later in the afternoon the supreme court denied the application for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone and remanded the prisoners to the custody of the sheriff of Canyon county. At the request of the prisoners the place of their confinement will be changed from the state penitentiary to the county jail of Canyon county, at Caldwell.

In the decision rendered on the motion of the prosecution to strike out all the references to the arrest and extradition of the prisoners, the court held that the question of the manner of their removal from Colorado was not within the jurisdiction of the Idaho courts, after the prisoners had arrived within the confines of the state.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY DEAD.

Great Suffragist Succumbs to Attack of Heart Failure.

Rochester, N. Y.—The long and eventful life of Susan B. Anthony closed at 12:40 o'clock Monday morning. The end came peacefully. Miss Anthony had been unconscious practically for twenty-four hours, and her death had been momentarily expected since Sunday night. Only her wonderful constitution kept her alive. Dr. M. S. Ricker, her attending physician, said Miss Anthony died of heart failure, induced by double pneumonia. Miss Anthony was taken ill on her way home from the national suffrage convention in Baltimore. She stopped in New York, where a banquet was to be given February 20 in honor of her eighty-sixth birthday, but had an attack of neuralgia on the 18th, and hastened home. Pneumonia developed after her arrival here, and on March 5 both lungs became affected.

CHICAGO WINS VICTORY.

Way to Municipal Ownership Made Clear by Courts.

Chicago.—By the decision of the United States supreme court handed down Monday, the city of Chicago obtains almost complete control of the local traction situation. The decision sustains the acts of the state legislature extending the life of the charters of the street railway companies to ninety-nine years, but does not sustain the contention of the companies that contract rights which are limited to fewer years than remain to the charter life of the companies are also extended. Contracts or ordinances of the city limiting the use of the streets by the companies are upheld, and the rights of the companies in the streets are held to expire according to the expressed terms of the ordinances.

Money to Defend Officials.

Denver, Colo.—A mass meeting was held in Coliseum hall at which speeches were made in protest against the arrest of officials of the Western Federation of Miners, now held in Idaho in connection with the Steunenberg case. Eugene V. Debs was billed to speak, but did not appear, and it is understood he was not in the city at all. No explanation of his absence was given. A sum of money was raised to aid in the defense of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

Requisition for St. John.

Denver, Colo.—Governor McDonald has issued a requisition upon the governor of Idaho for the return to Colorado of Vincent St. John, now under arrest at Boise, Ida., in connection with the Steunenberg assassination. The application was made by District Attorney Seilig of Telluride county, Colorado, and is an outgrowth of the murder of Benjamin Burnham during labor troubles there, while St. John was president of the union.

PROPOSITIONS REJECTED BY THE COAL OPERATORS

Announce Their Decision in Reply to the Demands of the Miners and Submit a Counter Proposition.

New York.—The propositions of the United Mine Workers of America for a readjustment of wages and conditions in the anthracite coal fields, as a whole, have been denied by the committee representing the anthracite operators. As a counter proposition the operators suggest that the awards made by the anthracite coal strike commission, the principles upon which they are established by, the commission and the methods established for carrying out their findings and awards, shall be continued for a further term of three years from the first day of April, 1906. The present agreement terminates March 31 of this year.

The demand of the miners that the operators enter into an agreement with the union is declined on the ground that the anthracite operators "stand unalterably for the open shop, and again decline to make an agreement with the United Mine Workers of America, an organization controlled by a rival industry."

UNITED STATES TO EUROPE BY RAIL ROUTE.

Dazzling Scheme to Tunnel Under Behring Strait, Alaska, to Siberia.

St. Petersburg.—A more favorable attitude is being taken here toward the dazzling scheme for a tunnel under Behring strait and an all-rail route from the United States to Europe. Baron de Lobel, representing the American Trans-Alaskan Siberian company, is again pressing the project vigorously, and has made considerable progress toward securing a desired concession from Russia.

A distinct party of the government, which has the sympathy of Premier Witte, earnestly favors closer commercial relations between the United States and Russia, and this project appeals to it, not only as a method for accomplishing this end, but for developing the resources of Siberia.

Emperor Nicholas has created a mixed commission before which Baron de Lobel will make a final argument, March 16, and ask for eighteen months in which to complete arrangements and ten years to finish the road.

RACE WAR IN ALABAMA.

Trouble Was Begun by Negro Shooting into a House.

Mobile, Ala.—Sheriff Powers has received a telegram stating that there is a race war in progress at Wilmer, a small lumber town, twenty-four miles west of Mobile, on the Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City railway, and that several whites and blacks have been killed.

The trouble was begun by an unknown negro shooting into the houses of the employees of A. V. Pringle, a large turpentine operator at Wilmer. Mr. Pringle attempted to go for help and was shot in the hand by the negro.

Price of Coal Will Stand.

New York.—The price of hard coal will not be raised in New York city at least, even if there is a strike, according to a statement issued by the newly created publicity bureau of the anthracite operators. This bureau was started Saturday by the committee of seven operators which is now considering the miners' demands. The statement is as follows: "The anthracite coal operators now have stored in and about this city 9,000,000 tons of coal ready for consumers. It has been decided that whether there is a strike or not the price of coal f. o. b. will not be raised."

Boiler Explosion Kills Two.

Gold Run, Cal.—As the result of the explosion of the boiler of locomotive No. 1617, between Cape Horn and Gold Run, on the Southern Pacific road, Fireman D. W. Austin of Rocklin and Brakeman W. P. Frazier of Sacramento are dead and Engineer F. Doran of Rocklin is probably mortally wounded. The explosion was one of the most extraordinary accidents that ever occurred on the mountain division. It was caused by the water in the boiler becoming too low, probably the fault of the engineer.

Two Thousand in Isle of Pines.

Havana.—Dryden Fulton, who was appointed to take the census of the Isle of Pines and who was arrested by the Cuban authorities because he did not have their permission to do so, has arrived here. He says the census was practically completed before the Cubans stopped the work. He says there are less than 2,000 inhabitants on the island, and estimates the number of Cubans at 1,000 and actual Americans at about 700.

Murdered His Uncle.

Pagosa Springs, Colo.—An armed guard has been placed around the jail here to prevent lynching of Carl Weir, who has confessed to having murdered his uncle, Joseph Weir, whose body was found on the 8th inst. hidden in a clump of oak brush at a lonely spot in Blanco Basin, twenty miles from this town. The murdered man was known to have had over \$5,000 in cash and drafts and the money was found in his nephew's possession when he was arrested.

AWFUL DISASTER IN FRENCH MINE

Eleven Hundred Men Meet Death as Result of an Explosion.

Most Appalling Mining Catastrophe in the History of the World, Bringing Sorrow to Six Thousand Fathers, Mothers, Wives and Children.

Paris.—A mine catastrophe of incalculable horror and magnitude has stricken the great coal center of northern France. An explosion of fire damp at 7 o'clock Saturday morning carried death and destruction throughout the net-work of coal mines centered at Courrières, and fire following the explosion made rescue difficult, and almost impossible.

The death list number 1,100, and the whole of the region stands appalled at the terrible tragedy, which has brought sorrow to six thousand fathers, mothers, wives and children.

About 2,000 miners work the group of mines, and, with their families, make a population of from 6,000 to 8,000 souls.

The explosion took place shortly after 1,795 men had descended into the mine. There was a deafening explosion, which was followed by the cages and mining apparatus being hurled from the mouth of the Courrières mine. Men and horses nearby outside the mine were either stunned or killed. The roof of the mine office was torn off.

Immediately following the explosion flames burst from the mouth of the pit, driving back those without who sought to enter and dooming those within.

The work of attempting to rescue the imprisoned miners was hastily begun by officials, engineers and miners from the surrounding mines, who formed parties and made heroic efforts to penetrate the smoke and foul gases and bring out the imprisoned men.

The families of the entombed miners crowded about the shaft seeking fathers or husbands, and threatening in their efforts to obtain details to force back the gendarmes who kept them from the mouth of the pit.

The populace of the district is appalled by the disaster, which affects every household.

Those persons who were rescued were terribly burned. The latest estimates place those taken out at 591. For the time being the mine building has been transferred into a mortuary chamber, and all about in it lie the carbonized and almost unrecognizable bodies of miners which were taken there as they were brought up from the mine. Stricken relatives arrive at the mine building from time to time, searching for missing members of their families, and indescribable scenes of grief occur as women recognize loved ones.

Heartrending scenes, too, are witnessed about the mouth of pit No. 4, where, in the presence of Ministers Dubief and Gauthier, the bands of rescuers are continually descending and returning with bodies.

The women with children in their arms attempt to break through the cordon of troops which forms a lane through which the body bearers proceed to the mortuary chamber. Sometimes the burden consists of a mere heap of burned flesh, and in nearly every case the body is terribly lacerated. Only one-half of the bodies recovered have been identified.

The last great mine disaster in France occurred in 1886, when 293 persons were killed and 80 injured, but that and all others sink into insignificance before Courrières.

WOMEN IN BATTLE.

Mingled With Filipino Warriors and Were Killed During Fierce Fight.

Manila.—Brigadier General Bliss made a reconnaissance toward Mount Dajo during the week previous to the attack of the American force upon the Moro stronghold there, but it had no effect upon the hostile attitude of the outlaws.

An unofficial report says that the families of the Moros remained in the village located in the center of the crater at the apex of the mountain, and the women and children mingled with the warriors during the battle to such an extent that it was impossible to discriminate, and all were killed in the fierce onslaught.

All of the men who were wounded in the recent fight with the Moros at Mount Dajo are reported to be in favorable condition.

Six organizations of the troops which came from Mindanao are either on route home or have been ordered to return to their headquarters. Jolo is quiet and the sultan and head men have reported that general satisfaction is being expressed over the termination of the outlaws.

Attempted to Pace Between Cars and Is Crushed to Death.

San Bernardino, Cal.—William E. Hopkins, about 25 years of age, of Arlington, Riverside county, was killed Sunday night in the Santa Fe yards at Colton. Hopkins, who was traveling from Riverside to San Bernardino on the Salt Lake road, stepped from the train and walked in between two boxcars at Colton. A Santa Fe switch engine backed down, pushed a car over Hopkins, the wheels cutting his body nearly in two.