

Four Men Blown Into Eternity.

Victims of an Explosion in the Eckhart Packing Company's Plant at Fort Wayne, Ind.—One Fatally and Three Seriously Injured—Dead and Wounded Buried in Ruins, Which Soon Took Fire.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 29.—Four men were killed, one fatally and three others seriously injured, and half a score more or less severely hurt in an explosion which wrecked a large section of the Eckhart Packing company's plant at 7 o'clock this morning.

THE DEAD.
John Polz, Fort Wayne.
John Matthews, Plymouth, Ind.
Henry Pennington, Fort Wayne.
Edward Miller, Fort Wayne.
SERIOUSLY INJURED.
William Kintz.
William Yost, fatally.
John Kollisch.
The explosion occurred half an hour after operations had begun for the day, and is believed to have been due to an accumulation of natural gas in the cellar beneath the section of the factory destroyed. There were a score of men at work in the several departments of the plant and the explosion was so forceful that it was feared that the building, which was 50 by 100 feet, and two stories in height.

The dead and injured were buried in the ruins and the peril of those yet living was increased by flames following the explosion and the escape of large quantities of ammonia stored in the building. The fire was soon extinguished and the work of rescue began. Foltz, Matthews, Miller and Pennington were dead when taken out. The property loss will probably reach \$15,000.

DAVIS' DYING STATEMENT

Chief of Police Kieley of Plainfield Obtains One From Engineer in the Graceland Wreck—Was Told He Could Not Live, and He Did Not.

New York, Jan. 29.—Chief of Police Kieley of Plainfield admits that he obtained an important statement from James H. Davis, the engineer, who sustained probably fatal injuries in the wreck at Graceland Tuesday night, and also from Fireman McCarthy. Davis was told he could not live, and was advised to do all he could to explain the circumstances of the accident, and throw any light he could on the cause. It is said he defended himself and placed the blame primarily on the engineer, but also on the fireman and others connected with the New York Central road, but not to a hint as to the nature of the statement could be ascertained from the chief directly.

Chief Kieley says both statements, which are regularly sworn to, will be made public at the proper time by the chief clerk. Davis is the engineer of the Central New York train.

MAJ. E. F. GLENN IS ACQUITTED.

Manila, Jan. 29.—Major Edwin F. Glenn of the Fifth Infantry, who was tried yesterday on the charge of unlawfully killing prisoners of war, has been acquitted. The verdict is popular.

AN IRONCLAD ALLIANCE.

Such is the Agreement Between Great Britain and Germany. New York, Jan. 29.—Writing with reference to the Venezuelan affair, the London correspondent of the Tribune suggests for its action by Germany and Great Britain came from Great Britain in July or even in February, 1902. What cannot be denied by the diplomats of the British ministry is that an ironclad alliance was made by which England was deprived of independence of action and committed to the German empire until the German empire was settled. It is incredible that the precise form of this alliance was not made in Germany. Wherever the proposal for joint action originated, whether the British ministers agreed their own claims or accepted the German patent, they tied their hands and exposed themselves to the possibility of being used by the United States. P. C. Gould hits off the situation in a clever cartoon representing the British as explaining to Brother William that the German emperor is going to take the business together and he cannot drop his partner.

Bolton Makers' Strike.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 29.—The bolton makers and their helpers in the Boston and Albany railroad shops in West Springfield, numbering about 40, struck today. The step was taken to secure the withdrawal of a fellow workman, who they claimed was not a member of the union in good standing, from the reason that he had not paid his dues for some time.

A British Bark Lost.

New York, Jan. 29.—Fire today in the factory of the Stanley Soap Company, 60 West Thirtieth street, burned out three floors. The lumber yard of Robert Wick, in the rear, was damaged.

No Comments on Canal Treaty.

New York, Jan. 29.—No comments on the making of the canal treaty are made by the newspapers, but the people here are generally satisfied, cables from the Canal Zone indicate that the treaty is well received.

DESPORTS NEWS.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1903. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

To Maintain Nation's Honor.

Germany Will Not be Allowed to Bluff American Government by Any Attitude She May Assume—Allied Powers Reject Minister Bowen's Offer.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The Venezuelan situation, especially the attitude of Germany, was discussed by the senate committee on military affairs today, and the situation influenced the committee on some matters pertaining to the army appropriation bill, among which was the decision to accept the house provision relating to transports, that they be retained in the service.

The committee also provided for an increase of electricians, skilled gunners, machinists and others, who take care of and handle guns in the sea-coast defenses. Some other additions were made in the bill with a view of improving the service.

The discussion was general and earnest and the conclusions reached were that the United States make it plain that the honor and dignity of the country would be maintained and that Germany should not be allowed to "bluff" the government by any attitude she might assume.

BOWEN'S OFFER REFUSED.
London, Jan. 29.—Great Britain, Germany and Italy have not yet joined to accept the proposal that all the countries having claims against Venezuela should be placed on equality with the Venezuelan government.

ALMOST A BREACH REACHED.
Washington, Jan. 29.—There was a pause in the Venezuelan negotiations today that approached perilously near a breach, and the end is not yet in sight. It all grows out of the attitude of the allies in insisting upon preferential treatment for themselves in the settlement of their claims.

Strike on a Dutch Railway.
Amsterdam, Jan. 29.—The freight traffic on the Dutch railway companies is paralyzed in consequence of the strike of 200 engine men in sympathy with the employees of several transportation companies who have been on strike for some time past.

Department of Commerce Bill.
Washington, Jan. 29.—The senate committee on commerce today heard the report of the sub-committee appointed to analyze the department of commerce bill as it passed the house and make suggestions as to what, if any amendments should be made to the measure, but decided to report the bill back to the senate without amendments and ask for a conference with the house. Accordingly after the senate convened, the bill was thus reported by Senators Hanna, Nelson and Clay in conference on the part of the senate.

For a Greater Chicago.
Springfield, Ill., Jan. 29.—In the senate today Senator Humphrey introduced a joint resolution for a Greater Chicago. The resolution provides for the abolishment (with the consent of a majority of the legal voters) of township government, park and school boards and any other local municipal corporations within the city and devolve the functions of these bodies upon the city authorities. The resolution was referred to the judiciary committee.

In the House Landsman Introduced a Bill to Amend the Law Against Prize Fighting by Making it the Duty of the Governor to Call for a Referendum to Prevent Violation of the Statute and Providing that he may do this without waiting for a request for assistance from local authorities.

TO CONTROL SMELTERS.
Proposition to Amend Colorado Constitution to Give Power Over Them
Denver, Colo., Jan. 29.—A bill has been introduced in the house by Representative John W. Wolcott, of the mining district, to amend the constitution of the state to give the state control of smelter and ore reduction mills and enable it to fix their charges.

Coal Strike Hearing.
Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 29.—The Philadelphia and Reading Coal & Iron company, the last of the signatory companies to the arbitration plan, opened its case before the coal strike commission today. Simon J. Wolcott, of the company's leading counsel, presented the commission in book form all the communications which have passed between the mine workers, their organizations and the coal operators.

The first witness was John Veith of Pottsville, general mining superintendent of the company.
Under examination he gave in detail a technical description of the varying conditions of the mines. If a miner is unable to earn living wages it is the rule of the company to give the men an allowance. The company does not maintain company stores or employ company doctors. Neither has it a docking system.

At the opening of the afternoon session of the coal strike commission Attorney Wolcott, for the Reading company, announced that at a conference held during the noon recess between John Veith and George W. Hartley, secretary of district No. 9 of the miners' union, it was agreed that the weighing of coal in the Ninth district, which takes in all of the southern coal fields, is impracticable because of the pitching veins. This settles so far as the lower fields are concerned, one of the principal issues in dispute in the other two regions.

Big Increase of Capital.
Columbus, O., Jan. 29.—The Cincinnati and Columbus Traction company of Cincinnati filed a certificate of increase of its capital from \$10,000 to \$2,500,000 today. The company will build an electric line from Cincinnati into Washington court house, and there make traffic arrangements to reach Columbus over the Columbus & Southwestern railway system.

WILL KEEP RICHELSEN.
Westminster Presbyterians to Give Preacher Permanent Call.
The Westminster Presbyterians will give Rev. John Richelsen a permanent call next Wednesday night, and this will be followed by installation from the presbytery. Mr. Richelsen is a Princeton college graduate and theological seminary '91 graduate, and began his ministry in an humble way at Soda Springs. He did not remain long there, however, as his abilities were discovered by the Salt Lake Presbyterians, and he was called to this city at the first opportunity.

Great Fog in New York.
New York, Jan. 29.—A fog of great intensity over New York bay today caused a collision between a railroad tug, New York Central No. 6, and the

Liberty Island boat Bay Ridge. The tug was rounding the battery, and struck the Bay Ridge at her bow. A big hole forward of the cabin and below the water line was made. The Bay Ridge at once sank. Nobody was hurt. A number of coast liners due last night had not been reported this morning and it was supposed they were waiting outside for the fog to lift. They are the Celtic, from Liverpool; Bordeaux, from Havre; Nova America, from Naples; Rhine, from Bremen; Amsterdam from Rotterdam; Auguste Victoria, from Hamburg, and the Teutonic from Liverpool.

The Lahn, from Genoa and Naples, due this morning, had not been reported at 9:45. The Celtic, which left her berth at 8:30, and anchored on the east side of the battery, passed out to sea this morning.

Elevated trains and ferries were run with the greatest difficulty during the early hours and there were long delays.

A passenger train and a relay engine collided at St. George, S. I. The engine and two coaches were damaged and the passengers shaken up, but nobody was seriously hurt.

Ex-Secretary Long Worse.
Boston, Jan. 29.—It was announced this afternoon that the condition of former Secy. of the Navy Long who is at St. Margaret's hospital, is not so favorable. A consultation of physicians was held today but it was stated there is no immediate cause for alarm. What seems to have been an attack of the grippe has affected the patient since midnight and in view of the kidney trouble the physicians are watching the case carefully.

Root Staff Bill.
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Yankee Marines In Salt Lake.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS.

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Three Hundred of Them Pass Through on the Way to the Philippines—Officers and Men Have Visited Nearly All of the Leading Seaports of the World—Striking Reminder of the Recent Troubles in China.

At 7:45 this morning 300 marines and 14 officers came in on a special train over the Rio Grande en route from Washington, D. C., to the Philippines, where the men are to see land service for a spell. The train, which was a handsome one made up of one baggage car, nine tourist cars and a standard sleeper, was personally conducted through Denver by H. M. Cushing, the popular traveling passenger agent for the Rio Grande, here. "Harry" saw to the feeding of the multitude at the eating stations and in a manner that redounded to the credit of the Gould system, despite the snowstorms and other incidents connected with railroading on mountain divisions.

The officers and most of the men are all great travelers, having visited most of the noted seaports of the world and participated in the Spanish war, when the marines were the first to land and the last to leave the island and in the face of this had the lowest percentage of sickness in their ranks during the

entire campaign. Among the party were several officers who saw service in China, among them being Capt. Hall of company C, who in an unassuming manner told some very interesting stories of that relief.

Among other things that have not appeared in print Capt. Hall this morning stated that when the allied troops relieved the beleaguered whites and that historic occasion they found that even the sick had recovered under their pillows in order that they could shoot themselves should the Chinese succeed in breaking in on them. The hospital stewards, also, he said, had agreed to kill the helpless and then themselves sooner than let any of their number fall into the hands of the Chinese to be tortured. He also stated that for days the women had given up a portion of their rations so that the fighting men could get enough to keep up some of their strength.

The four companies of marines in their neat uniforms were under the command of Maj. Barton, and before leaving Salt Lake on their way west the officers returned a very cordial vote of thanks to the railroad company for the manner in which the train had been handled.

MORE SNOWSLIDES LOOKED FOR
Conceded That Roaring Avalanches May Come Down Mountains at Any Time Owing to the Great Depth of Snow—Conditions at Park City.

The great snowfall of the past few days and the big slide at Park City yesterday that caused the death of three men at the Quincy mine and the injury of several more, are reminders of the fact that conditions are such that other slides may be expected at any time. This being true it follows that life in the mountain towns just now is not as alluring as it is in midsummer. It is hoped that the warning of yesterday may cause the sturdy miners to take extra precautions for safety. As it is it is conceded by mine managers that they are in danger in a number of places though not in Salt Lake.

The snow is very deep in the ravines and upon the windward sides of many of the hills, and as it begins to thaw it is highly probable that there will be numerous slides, in most of which the snow will appear to have come from the sky. The strong wind that came with the storm has had much to do with piling up the snow in spots and thus increasing the danger. The Wasatch range appears to have a little more than its share of the fall, a fact that will make it a mighty good water source for the coming summer.

HELD COURT IN HER BOUDOIR.

Unique Proceeding in the Sensational Damage Suit of Zelma Summer, the Actress, Against Peter Ehrenheim Of Hotel Herald.

The trial of the sensational damage suit of Zelma Summers, the actress at the Le Petit theater, against Peter Ehrenheim, the proprietor of Hotel Herald, was commenced in Judge Tanner's court today. The action was brought to recover \$100 as damages for the unlawful withholding of plaintiff's trunks containing her theatrical wardrobe, and for \$400 as damages for an alleged assault committed upon plaintiff when she demanded the possession of her trunks.

The complaint alleges that on Jan. 7, 1903, plaintiff tendered to defendant the amount due him for board for the time she was there, but that he refused to take it and also refused to allow her to remove her trunks from the hotel. It was when an attempt was made to remove the trunks that she claims he assaulted her by striking her, using abusive language towards her and forcibly ejected her from the hotel, all to her damage in the total sum of \$500.

When the case was called this morning plaintiff was not present and her attorney, P. J. Daly, asked for a continuance for the reason that his client was too ill to attend court. He proposed a note from her to that effect and read it to the court. The attorneys for defendant, A. B. Irvine and Ashley Snow, strongly objected to the continuance, as they had all the time and money they could get to prepare for the trial. They claimed that it would be a hardship to continue the case and have to pay the witnesses for another day's attendance in court, which they could not do.

At this time, they claimed that plaintiff was taking such action for the purpose of harassing defendant and doubtless to attend court because defendant had seen her on the street only yesterday. Judge Tanner finally decided that he and the attorneys would go at once to the plaintiff's home and take her testimony, so that the case could be proceeded with without any delay and without injustice to either party to the action. The other witnesses were subpoenaed for 10 o'clock this afternoon and the judge, attorneys and defendant proceeded to the private boudoir of the actress, where a session of the court was held.

IDAHO LAW-MAKING.

Petitions for Initiative and Referendum—Members Are Busy.
(Special to the "News.")
Boise, Idaho, Jan. 29.—Much routine business was accomplished by each house of the Idaho legislature today. Many committees are at work on the various bills in the senate, Brigham of Latah, president pro tem of the body, presented two initiative and referendum petitions from his district, praying for submission of amendment to state constitution, providing for direct legislation. A strong effort has been made, especially by the Democrats of the state, to secure a large number of such petitions to be presented to the legislature and those brought up this morning are regarded as the first of a long series.

The committee of the whole in the senate acted favorably on a bill to provide funds for the payment of claims for the maintenance of the academy of Idaho at Pocatello. Senator Smith's bill for bridge over Snake river at Weiser was passed.

IDAHO MAN KILLED.

George Clawson Meets Death in Shelley Roller Mills.
(Special to the "News.")
Shelley Idaho, Jan. 29.—A fatal accident occurred in the Shelley roller mills yesterday morning when George Clawson, assistant miller, was caught in a belt while assisting to put it on the pulley from which it slipped off again and caught on the shaft. As the belt wound up it caught Clawson on the left foot, instantly jerking him up and killing him. His head was battered by a pulp against the overhead rafters. His left leg was completely torn from his body at the hip and still whirled around the shaft after his body had dropped to the floor.

Mr. Clawson was a young man well liked by all who knew him and his death will be deeply felt.

THE QUINCY DISASTER.

Body of Charles D. Frink to be Shipped For Burial
The body of Charles D. Frink, one of the unfortunate victims of the Quincy disaster at Park City, will be shipped to Salt Lake tonight for burial. The particulars as published in last night's "News" are more minutely correct, and there is little to add to what has already appeared. The occurrence has cast a gloom over the community, but satisfaction is expressed that it was no more serious than it was and that so many of those caught in the avalanche escaped with practically no injury at all.

SALT LAKE AS PORT OF DELIVERY

Senator Turner Reports Substitute for the Bill of Senator Kearns—Supervising Architect Taylor Opposes New Building Idea—Other Utah Matters.

(Special to the "News.")
Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Senator Turner, from the committee on commerce, today reported favorably the following substitute for the bill of Senator Kearns, which provides that Salt Lake City be constituted a port of delivery and that the privileges of the section of the act approved June 10, 1880, governing the transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisal be extended to said port. Section 2 provides that there shall be appointed a surveyor of customs to reside at said port, whose salary shall not be less than \$1,000 per annum, with the usual fees and commissions not to exceed \$5,000 per annum.

The bill of Senator Kearns provides for the purchase of a site and the erection of a customhouse building as the secretary is favorable to make Salt Lake a port of entry. Objection was made to the purchase of a site by Mr. Taylor, supervising architect, who said that the new public building, which is now being constructed, will provide for ample accommodations for the surveyor of customs and such help or assistants as are likely to be required, and that facilities may be readily provided in the basement of said building for the examination and appraisement of imported dutiable goods.

BY SUTHERLAND.
Congressman Sutherland today introduced a bill authorizing the secretary of war to cause Maj. Eugene F. Swift, U. S. Army, retired, to be re-examined as to his fitness for active duty and in case it shall be determined by the surgeon general that he is fit for active duty the president be authorized to appoint him to his position on the active list of the army at the time of his retirement.

LOGAN REMEMBERED.
The following appointments have been made in the geological survey—W. D. Beer of Logan, Utah, engineer, salary, \$1,000; Geo. L. Swenson, Logan, engineer, salary, \$2,000; A. J. Parshall, Cheyenne, Wyo., hydrographer, salary \$300 per day.
Samuel Christensen of Fairview, Utah, appointed railway mail clerk.

NEW POSTMASTERS.
Postmasters were appointed today as follows: Victor, Brigham county, John L. Eynon, vice Arthur W. Porter, resigned; Wyoming—Battle, Carbon county, John H. Schmitz, vice Miss Clara J. Smith, resigned.

TO DEFEAT QUARLES BILL.
F. A. Blackwell, manager of the Howard Lumber company, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is in the city to consult with Senator Dubois on the defeat of the Quarles bill.

BLUFF ACRE POSTOFFICE.
A "bluff acre" has been established at Blue Acre, Beaver county, Utah, with Leander E. Keiser as postmaster.

WOLCOTT TO MAKE NO FIGHT

Admits Defeat But Says He Beat Himself—Will Try Again Four Years Hence, When He Will be a More Popular Man.

Major Bird, attorney for the Utah Fuel company, returned this morning from Denver, where he has been on business. He says that all differences that may have existed in the past between the Utah people and the Colorado Fuel & Iron company are over, and that the two companies are now not only friends but allies. The major found time to attend "high jinks" in the Colorado legislature, and was at the state house when the 51 Democrats got in their work for Henry M. Teller. He reports that ex-Senator Wolcott will make no fight, on the contrary, he consents up that he beat himself, but proposes to make a grand campaign for the senatorship four years from now when Tom Patterson's term expires. The ex-senator claims that people have accused him of feeling about the common lot of mankind, which is not so, and he proposes not to make the campaign from the rear end of a Pullman, but from the tailboard of a prairie schooner, and become personally acquainted with every man, woman and child in the state of Colorado.

DETAINED FOR MUTINY.
Men Held Suspected of Murdering The Ship's Captain.
Liverpool, Jan. 29.—The British steamer Brunswick, Capt. Brown, from Maranhao, Brazil, via Funchal, arrived here today and landed five survivors of the ship's crew. The ship was captured by a German submarine, and the crew was held for ransom. The ship was captured by a German submarine, and the crew was held for ransom.

CARNEGIE BRANCHES OUT.
Proposes to Give Court of Arbitration a Library.
The Hague, Jan. 29.—The foreign minister, Dr. Van Lynden, replying to a question in the chamber today as to whether an offer from Andrew Carnegie of \$250,000 to found a library for the international court of arbitration had been accepted, said it had not been rejected and added that no offer had been made in a form rendering either acceptance or refusal possible. The minister observed that, in view of the special character of the arbitration court, the best form for such a gift would be to make it a special foundation. Moreover, the government was willing to administer the gift if it were offered.

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