

pany, this afternoon said he believed that but twenty to twenty-five men had been killed. Men who were working around the mine yesterday morning give different figures. They say thirtyfive to forty men went down the mine shaft in the cages, while about twenty climbed down the steps in the elevator shaft. From fifty-five to sixty men were in the mine and of this number but twelve have been recovered alive. All the rest, whatever the number, are dead.

John, or as he is popularly known, "Jonah" Mees, is one of the thirteen men who escaped from the mine alive. He is fearfully burned and is lying at home with his head swathed in

bandages. He told this story: "I was in the stable," Mees said, "currying my mule when the explosion My brother Sam was by my occurred. side and his boy Albert was standing in front of him. Then came the crack of the explosion. Never in my life have I heard such a terrific report. I thought my head had been blown off. In about two seconds the mine was filled with a dazzling light as the fine coal dust in the air was consumed. My brother Sam dropped to the ground as if shot through the heart. He must have been killed instantly. His boy, Albert, swayed and fell over upon his father. I began to back out of the stable, that is why my face is so terribly burned. I was afraid to turn my back upon the mules for fear they would stampede and run me down. I did not know then that they had all been killed by the explosion, for our lamps were blown out

and we were in total darkness. "After I got out of the stable I heard Albert crying for help. I went back and found him and Henry Atwood, a driver. I proceeded, half leading and halt carrying them, to the foot of the mine shaft. They were both delirious, mine shaft. and I believe I was, 100. Both of them persisted in standing up and began to walk around. I immediately forced them to lie down, to get them out of the path of the fatal after damp, which hovered about four feet above the ground. Then I felt myself going to sleep, but I did not care, although I realized that it was the sleep of death. I lay down upon something which I could feel, although I could not see, was a corpse, and fell asleep as calmly as ever I did in my life. When I awoke some one was forcing me to swallow brandy and coffee, and I was trying to explain that it would be needless for the to drive a wagon, as there had been an accident in the mine.

The force of the explosion was tertific, my face and scalp is literally filled with coal dust blown into it, just as if it had been shot out of a gun held within a few inches."

Another evidence of the force of the explosion was discovered today. On the hillside, fifty feet back from the main shaft, was discovered an arm and a foot. They were portions of a vic-tim killed 108 feet below the surface, and blown out of the shaft like a bula foot. let from a rifle.

From statements obtained today it seems clear that the presence of gas in quantities in the mine was perfectly well known and that naked lights were used for several days before the explosion. According to credible authority, hot a single safety lamp was used in the mine by the working crew since last Tuesday morning, four days before the explosion.

Fire Boss James Ratcliffe, whose duty it was to look after the safety of the mine, and upon whose care and intelligence the lives of the diggers depended in a large degree, told his story. Ratcliffe has not yet recovered from its harrow escape from leath. The fire

boss said: "I believe that the explosion was caused by a sudden fall which occurred by a sudden fall which occurred lust before the explosion. I do not beleve that there was enough gas in the mine to be dangerous. As a matter of fact, the coal itself gives off little Eas, but the gas comes chiefly from the roof of the pit. After the explosion I went into the mine with Jones, the pit boss. I went from the entrance of the main shaft toward the air shaft, 150 Sards away. Everything was filled with

the men at the Braznell mine today were many who had been at other explosions, but never had they seen such mangled, burned and distorted bodies Dr. H. H. Taylor, coroner of Fayette county, arrived early in the morning from Uniontown. He impanelled a jury, who viewed the bodies as they were brought to the surface. The inquest will be sheld at Unlontown as soon as all of the bodies are recovered.

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as if by a rawhide.

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aboard.

out of sight.

like a child.

seen huddled together on the wrecked

ship, waving their arms in an appeal

to be saved. To launch a boat in such

a sea would have meant instant death.

so the life-savers placed their gun in

position, and fired. The Ariosto was some 600 feet out and the line feil short.

Line after line was fired to the stranded

life-savers, but he left it to the crew

by the captain. These were saved,

Twenty-one declared they were doomed

f they remained aboard, and they left

The boat in which the twenty-one

men put off was one of the regular life-

boats. It was strong in ordinary weather, but a cockle shell in such a

sea. The ship was toesing heavily and

with difficulty it was swung from the

davits. The twenty-one men in their

excitement had made no provision for

the overturning of the craft and one

by one they clambered in, in haste to

Capt. Baines and the remaining eight

men from their perilous position watched the little boat put off, shout-

ing luck to the departing sailors. Toss-

ing about on the great waves, the sail-

ors pulling a strong stroke, the boat

seemed in a fair way of reaching shore. when a wave swept with mighty force

on the little craft, engulfing it. The

twenty-one men were thrown into the

sea, and although the watchers on shore were witnesses of the disaster,

The sea swallowed the unfortunate

men only for an instant, for they ap-

peared high on the crest of a wave,

making a last desperate fight for their

wrecked vessel, as he saw his men per-

ish-this mariner who had sailed the

world over for twenty-five years-wept

Meanwhile the Ocracoke life-saving

maining men made it fast, and an hour

later they had dragged the big hawser

The life-savers slowly ran out the

hours after the Arlosto first

Finally, one by one, they sank sight. Capt. Baines, on the

they were powerless to render aid.

So far as he was concerned,

ship, but all failed to reach.

to decide among themselves.

WORK OF MURDER.

Father Kills His Children and Himself-Drug store Tragedy.

Chillicothe, Mo., Dec. 24 .- The charred remains of William J. Thomas, a farmer, and his three children, were found in the ashes of their home, cleven miles southwest of Chillicothe, early this morning. It is supposed that Thomas murdered his children and then set fire to the house and took his own life.

About a year ago Thomas's wife committed suicide by taking poison. Thomas has told frequently his neighbors that his wife on her death bed exacted a promise from him that he would make way with the children and

himself and follow her. The dead are: William Thomas, the father, aged 55. Edna, 10 years old. David and John, aged 14 and 18 respectively.

Th affair was not discovered until early this morning, when a neighbor living about a mile distant saw that the house had been burned. He hurried over and it was a sickening sight that met his gaze. The house had been

totally destroyed by fire and the charred and blackened bodies of Thomas and his children were lying in the ashes. He aroused the neighbors and in a short while there were hundreds of people at the scene of the tragedy. The coroner was notified and an inquest is being held.

Thomas had been the victim of a long series of financial reverses. It was as a result of the reverses that his wife took her own life.

A story is told that at the time his wife killed herself, it was the under-standing between her and Thomas that he was to kill himself and the children then, but his nerve failed him and he failed to carry out his part of the agreement.

On Sunday a Kansas City live stock firm took under a mortgage foreclosure his last hoof of stock. Thomas went to some of his neighbors to get help to save his horses, but was refused. Then he went to town, borrowed a pistol and he went to town, borrowed a pistor and a target rifle. Returning, he stopped at the schoolhouse where his little girl was attending a Christmas entertain-ment and took her home. Not till this, morning was anything more seen of any of the family.

The bodies were burned beyond recrew stood its ground and continued firing lines to the stranded ship. About cognition, and the manner in which they met death will probably never be four struck, a life-line was cast over the ship's side. Capt. Baines and his reknown.

The iron of a pitchfork in the ruins leads to the belief that Thomas spread hay over the house after murdering the children, and shooting himself, then set

the place affre. Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 24.-Willie Kehr, a young drug clerk, shot and killed Sam Sanders, Jr., a well known man.

Sam Sanders, Jr., a wen known han in Holmes's drug store tonight. San-ders is highly connected, his father be-ing a retired steambert owner. Kehr is a German who had lived here ten years, Sanders attempted to shoot Kehr.

H XOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOX Baldness Can be Cured

just so long as there is a particle of vitality left in the hair roots. The fact that the head is smooth and shining is no positive proof that the roots beneath are dead. Deep down beneath the skin, hair roots may yet exist, filled with latent vitality, and all that is re-

ratus, consisting of the Lyle guns, breeches and life car, and it was almost fields and tops of trees along the road and in intrenchments without end. daylight when they reached the scene

'Corp. Robinson, in the advance, was wounded by the first volley. Maj. Lo-gan, in passing him, stooped over and of the wreck. They could see the outlines of a big steamer, but could not accomplish anything until daybreak. asked him if he had a first aid package, and was shot through the head, just above the temples. I was only a The wind caught up particles of sand, which were blown into the faces of the short distance behind and I called to life-savers until their cheeks were cut my acting hospital steward, Mercier, When daylight broke the sailors were and he went forward to him.

"I took Maj. Logan's head and Mercier his feet so as to move him, when poor Mercier was shot through the heart from a tree under which Maj. Logan was." I looked up and saw the fellow about fifteen feet above me, and drawing my revolver, I shot him and he fell from the tree.

Then, right at that spot, several others were killed or wounded, and when I established my dressing station In the meantime the waves were dashing over the ship, and Capt. Baines at that place the sharpshooters in the called his men together for a consultatreetops made things very lively for us tion, explaining to them that the until a detail of men cleaned out the chances were about even if they should take to the small boats or wait for the treetops. life-saving crew to fire a life-line on

"One hundred and fifty natives were killed, fifty prisoners and about 200 guns captured. The road was somethe captain said, he would wait for the thing terrible as it had been raining, the rice fields were like lakes and the streams, which were every few yards, Eight sailors said they would stick were greatly swollen and the bridges destroyed so that we had to ford or swim all of them. The natives all had Mausers and they knew how to handle he ship in small boats. All of them The battle lasted about three them. and one-half hours. Gen. Wheaton today sent us a letter of congratulation on our victory, the biggest one since the war started."

Sunday's Railway Wreck.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25 .- The woman who was killed in the railroad accident caused by a broken wheel near Pomona last night, has not yet been identified, but her name is supposed to have been Shanklin. Lyman White, of Colton, sustained a fracture of the skull and will probably die. The seriously injured are

David Johnson, engineer. Wm. Scott, of San Bernardino. August LaFardie, of North Cucamonga.

Milton Monroe, of Monroevia. L. E. Elfter, brakeman. E. H. M. McClung, of Crafton. Frank Donnatin.

Eleven others sustained lesser injuries. The locomotive is practically a hope-

less wreck, the baggage car is a total wreck, and the first passenger car is almost in ruins. It is estimated that the total destruction of property is upwards of \$20,000.



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Ache they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortu-nately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be wil-ling to do without them. But after all sick head

r said he believed that until Aguinal do was captured or killed the war would continue

Opening the important ports of north. ern Luzon on January 1 is expected to destroy the comer in hemp formed by certain exporters.

San Francisco, Dec. 25 .- Judge J. B. Early, who has been practicing law in the Philippines, has returned to this city on the transport Valencia. He said in an interview:

"There must be a reorganization of the courts in the Philippines before Americans will have confidence in them. The judges are Filipinos, and they adjudicate along the lines of the old Spanish laws, which do not even permit a jury. There are but two American judges, and they do not have enough power. Of course, there is an appellate court, but that, too, is composed of Filipino judges, who know but little of the letter or the spirit of American law.

DUBOIS AS A PROPHET Ex-Senator Says Prolongation of Boer War

Will Bring Free Silver.

Chicago, Dec. 24 .- "If the war in the Transvaal continues for two or three months longer, the cause of silver will have been won," said former United States Senator Dubois of Idaho, one of the Silver Republican feaders, who was in Chicago today.

"The short time it has been in progress," continued Mr. Dubols, "has furnished proof of the contentions of the friends of silver that there is not enough gold in the world to form the basis of the world's money, and if the war continues the length of time I have indicated, the truth of this will have become too apparent for successful contravention.

"I believe the Transvaal war will be a mighty influence in the campaign of next year in this country and that the object lesson will convince the people of this country that it is not safe to place upon gold the entire burden of the monetary volume of the world.'

WEEKLY DEATH ROLL.

Gen. Otis Tells of Fatalities Among Soldiers in the Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 24 .- The following is Gen. Otls's weekly death report: Nephrolithiasis-November 7th, Sixth infantry, John Smith, company C. Gunshot Wound-November 16th, Thirty-third infantry, Arthur D. Radzinski, sergeant-major: Thirteenth in-fantry, Charles E, White, company K. December 17th, Thirty-fourth infantry, Oscar E. Dolan, company G. December 21st, Eleventh cavalry, Joseph Kessinger, troop D. December 10th, Thirty-third infantry, Raynerd A. Anderson, company A, accidental. Typhoid Fever-December 16th,

Third artillery, Reymoud Carpenter, batter L. December 7th, Fourth cavalry, Hary Reno, sergeant, troop K. December 19th, Twenty-seventh Infan-try, Claude B. Christmas, corporal com-pany K; Twenty-first Infantry, Henry C. Merriam, company G. December 17th, Sixth infantry, John I. Free, company K. December 22nd, United States transport Hooker, James Conway, cable-man. December 23rd, Fourteenth infantry, William Schneebel.

Peritonitis-December 20th, Twentyninth infantry, Paul Gains, company

Malaria-December 15th, Twelfth infantry, George Burg, company I. De-cember 8th, Twenty-second infantry, Kenneth Rodenberger, company A. December 20th, Twenty-first Infantry, Isaac Watson, company F. December 21st. Thirteenth infantry, Paul H. Kleyck, company H. December 12th, Twenty-fourth infantry, James Book-er, company D. December 18th, Twenty-fourth infantry, Henry Cunning-

ham, company F. Dysentery-December 19th, Twentyfirst infantry, Edward Swanson, company M. December 5th, Twenty-second infantry, D. Buck, company A. De-December 4th, Fourth Infantry, Fred Morford, company K. December 22nd, hos-pital corps, Albert Dushilg; Fourteenth

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Washington, Dec 24 .- Superintendent Kimball of the life-saving stations bureau tonight received the following dispatch: "British steamer Ariosto, Capt. Barnes, stranded at Ocracoke beach, at 4 o'clock this morning. Twenty-one drowned and nine saved in

breeches buoy. "HOWARD, Keeper." Superintendent Kimball tomorrow

will instruct Lieut. Johnson of the revenue cutter service, who is attached to his office, to proceed to the scene of the wreck and make a report of the cir-



