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FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR.

## TERRIFIC MINE EXPLOSION AT DIAMONDVILLE.

### SIXTEEN MEN ON DEATH LIST

Reports From Scene of Explosion Indicate That This Number Perished in Mine.

SHOCK FELT ALL OVER TOWN.

Victims Were 4,000 Feet From Entrance With no Possible Means of Escape.

FEN AMERICANS AMONG THEM.

Explosion Caused by Blown Shot and Has Plunged the Camp in Deep Grief.

(Special to the "News.")

Diamondville, Wyo., Dec. 2.—A second had accident of a similar nature to that which occurred five years ago occurred here at No. 1 mine of the Diamondville Coal & Coke company last night at 11:15. It is believed that there are no less than 16 men dead in the mine in consequence.

The explosion was distinctly felt all over the town, in fact some of the buildings rocked in a very suggestive manner. Instantly doors and windows were thrown open and all rushed into the street. Then began a mad scramble to the mouth of the mine to learn the worst.

It was hours before a roll could be had and then it was found that there were 16 men missing. Somewhere in the mine they lay further than 4,000 feet from the entrance. Volunteers were called for and for hours they have been working their way, erecting brattices and otherwise taking all precautions against after damp and fire.

The first body was brought out before noon, that of Robert Marshall, the pumpman.

Of the other Americans inside the mine there are nine, four names only being obtainable at this time.

They are:

J. W. Grimshaw,

—Wilson,

—Shields,

—Greenwood.

Of the other dead are four Finns and two Austrians.

All hands are working hard to get at the remaining men, but all hopes of rescuing them alive have been abandoned. They long are this have succumbed to the deadly afterdamp which creeps along the galleries and suffocates every living thing within range.

CAUSE HARDLY KNOWN.

Just how the accident occurred will never be known definitely. The general opinion among the miners here is that it was a "blown-out shot," as in the case of the explosion of five years ago the blame of the accident by popular consent rests on the shoulders of the foreigners, who either through ignorance or carelessness take all kinds of chances.

Thomas Sneddon, the gigantic mine superintendent, has the work of rescue in hand, and has been up all night directing the recovery of the bodies and saving the property of the company by taking prompt measures to smother the after effects of the explosion.

HEARTRENDING SCENES.

The scenes around the portal of the mine are heartrending. Women and children are standing out in the cold eagerly watching for the string of cars to appear. As they come up at intervals there is a craning of necks and a rush for the roped-off enclosure, but such cars only come up for more material or else brings up one of the rescuers who has been overcome by the afterdamp. These men are brought out into the open air at intervals, but as soon as they recover they return to the work.

All work is suspended in this camp and about 800 diggers reinforced by parties from Kemmerer are laying off to take a hand.

It will be some days before the mine is worked again, but coal digging will go on as usual in No. 2 and No. 4 mines of the company here.

REPORT FROM CHEYENNE.

Many Physicians Summoned to Render All Possible Relief.

(Special to the "News.")

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 2.—Mine No. 1 of the Kemmerer Coal company at

Diamondville in western Wyoming, was wrecked by an explosion last night. It is reported that many men were killed outright and others entombed alive.

Telegrams from Diamondville, the scene of the mine disaster this morning state that from 15 to 21 men are known to have lost their lives and that fully as many more are entombed. A large force of men is working to reach the imprisoned miners, before foul gases overcome the unfortunates. Men, women and children are gathered about the mouth of the shaft frantically calling for their dead ones. Large forces of physicians are on hand rendering relief. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

(By Associated Press.)

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 2.—A blown-out shot in mine No. 1 of the Diamondville Coal & Coke company caused a dust explosion which wrecked the brattices and blocked the entrance to the lower levels, imprisoning 15 miners—five Finns, two Austrians and 11 Englishmen and Scotchmen. Robert Marshall, the pumpman, escaped.

One body has been recovered, but is unrecognizable. The imprisoned miners are certainly dead and work is being hurried to recover the bodies. The mine is not believed to be on fire.

Superintendent Snedden was prostrated by gas and shock.

An explosion on Feb. 26, 1901, killed 32 miners in this mine.

PLEADS FOR REFORM.

Unknown Crank Sends Strange Letter To Mayor Morris.

An anonymous letter was received by Mayor Morris today in which he is warned that unless a reform is made in this city, a great calamity will befall it. The writer states that he is a Jew, and he denounces all other faiths and creeds excepting the Jewish. He claims that the letter, which consists of 10 pages of closely written matter, was inspired and dictated by Jesus. He attacks the street railway and electric light system and various ordinances of the city, and requests the mayor to show the letter to President Joseph F. Smith and the city council, and to do all in his power to bring about a reform in the city before and during the next administration. He declares that Salt Lake City is one of the most wicked cities in the world, even worse than Russian cities where so many Jews have been massacred, and unless a great change is made, a calamity will befall it. The letter did not sign his name to the letter, which was sent by registered mail.

BIRTHS EXCEED DEATHS.

City Health Report Shows Quite a Satisfactory Condition.

The report of the city board of health for the week ending Dec. 2, shows 31 births, 15 males and 16 females. There were 20 deaths reported, 13 males and seven females; 18 cases of contagious diseases were reported, consisting of three cases of diphtheria; four scarlet fever; seven cases of smallpox; one case of verola; two chickenpox and one case of pneumonia.

POSTMASTER ARRESTED.

Oscar F. Lyons of Peoa Charged With Certain Irregularities.

Oscar F. Lyons, postmaster at Peoa, Utah, since 1881, and a resident of Utah since 1880, was today arrested on the charge of using postage stamps in a fraudulent manner. His arrest is the result of an inspection of his office by the postoffice inspectors, and all of his books have been retained as evidence. It is understood that the specific charge against Mr. Lyons is that his record of cancellations of stamps exceeds the number actually cancelled, although he states that he does not know how the inspectors reached this conclusion. Mr. Lyons came to Salt Lake in connection with the case Tuesday but was released on his own recognizance, as he wished to spend Thanksgiving day with his family without having them know of his difficulty. He returned again this morning voluntarily, and was placed under bonds of \$500. He will plead to the charges next Saturday morning.

Mr. Lyons is a well respected member of the community at Peoa. He has several times filled office of Stannard county, and was one of a group of men to found the first newspaper in Provo city. Before that he worked as a compositor on two Salt Lake papers, and has employed in this capacity by the Deseret News in the early fifties, soon after the paper was started. Mr. Lyons is a very old hand, and takes his arrest rather hard.

WITNESSED THE GAME.

Horace H. Smith Tells How Salt Lake Won at Butte.

Horace H. Smith returned last night, from Butte where he went as a foot ball fan to fan for the Salt Lake High school to victory, by acting as color bearer, and waving the large red and black silk flag belonging to the Salt Lake school from the dizzy apex of the Butte bleachers. Mr. Smith returns as happy as can be expected of a man who has left his voice behind him though whether he left his heart behind also cannot be stated with historic exactness. He observed all the cheering and the perfect rhythm with which he waved that big emblem attracted the admiration of every girl on the field.

Mr. Smith thinks about 1,000 people saw the game, which was a perfect one as far as the Salt Lake team was concerned; only the ball was wet and slippery and therefore difficult to handle. The crowd divided rapidly away, as it became evident how the game was going, but the noble Salt Lake contingent remained faithful and willing to the last, making enough noise to silence the steam siren at the nearest smelter. There was no betting to speak of, and the visitors from the south conducted themselves the entire time they were away like gentlemen. They kept clear of the saloons, and left a most excellent impression behind them, as gentlemanly football fans.

There was no need of any town marshal, as "The College Widow," to keep the boys straight and quiet. Twenty people altogether went from this city to Butte including Principal Eaton and D. A. Callahan.

### WINNERS OF THE CHRISTMAS NEWS PRIZES.

The members of the Deseret News Staff to whom were submitted the various articles entered in the Christmas News competition, have made their report, and the results are as follows:

The prize of \$50 for the best Christmas story is awarded to Miss Edyth Ellerbeck, No. 75 C street for her story, "And a Little Child."

This is the third time Miss Ellerbeck has been awarded a prize by the "News" in a Christmas story competition.

The prize of \$25 for the best Christmas poem goes to Mrs. Annie Pike Greenwood, the formerly well known Salt Lake writer, now a resident of Los Angeles. Her poem is entitled "Mary."

The prize of \$25 for the best article on "Salt Lake City in the Next Five Years," is awarded to Prof. L. E. Young, of the University of Utah faculty. This is Prof. Young's second appearance in the list of the Christmas News prize winners.

The committee states that the following contributions are entitled to favorable mention. The stories "An Echo from Bethlehem" by Ernestine Drummond, "The Heritage" by X. Y. Z., and "His Awakening" by J. C.; and the poems "The Lesson Taught by the Bells" by X. and "The Old Man's Christmas Story," by J. B.

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THE LENA LEAVES HONOLULU.

Honolulu, Dec. 2.—The Russian cruiser Lena, which was interned at Mare Island, San Francisco Bay, during the Russo-Japanese war, sailed today for Vladivostok.

### SULTAN SHOWS SIGNS OF HEALING

Unanimity of Ambassadors Having Effect on the Ottoman Authorities.

REJECT COUNTER PROPOSALS

The Powers Came to Conclusion That They Were Made for Purpose of Delay.

Naval Demonstration Will be Actively Resumed Monday—Islands of Lemnos and Imbros May be Seized.

Constantinople, Dec. 2.—The unanimity of the ambassadors is beginning to have effect on the Ottoman authorities. Even the military men who are leading the opposition against the acceptance of the demands of the powers are showing signs of weakening.

COUNTER PROPOSALS REJECTED.

Paris, Dec. 2.—It was learned by the Associated Press in the highest government quarter today that the powers, after carefully examining the sultan's latest counter proposals have decided to reject them and actively resume the naval demonstration in Turkish waters on Monday with the probable seizure of the islands of Lemnos and Imbros.

No consideration has been given to stopping the passage of the Dardanelles owing to the interruption of international commerce, which would follow.

After an examination of the sultan's counter proposals all the powers came to the conclusion that the propositions were dilatory and entirely unsatisfactory.

COUNT TOLSTOI INTERVIEWED

Expresses Himself as Optimistic Over Russian Situation.

Berlin, Dec. 2.—The Russian correspondent of the Tagessblatt has interviewed Count Tolstoi at his home, and telegraphs as follows:

"Count Tolstoi shows surprising optimism regarding the present conditions of Russia. He considers it is not dangerous, and thinks the industrial future in the few large cities play no role as against the peasant movement which hitherto has rested upon force and supplanted it with a government supported by love, good will and Christian acts."

MORE RANK WANTED.

By Officers of Army and Ordnance Department.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Strong effort will be made at the coming session of Congress to obtain more money for the medical and ordnance departments of the army that the officers in these departments may have increased rank. Under the present conditions the medical department of the army feels it is handicapped by the provision that a doctor entering the army cannot attain the rank of captain for five years. In the navy only three years is required for the same advancement. The ordnance department says it is unable to afford sufficient rank to applicants to make its work attractive.

FOR INSURANCE EXAMINATION.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Regular examinations of life and fire insurance companies, in the light of the insurance developments in New York and a general revision of the insurance laws for the national capital, are recommended by Sup't. of Insurance Drake in his annual report to the commissioners of the District of Columbia.

SUP'T. VAN DIVER REPLIES TO N. Y. LIFE'S PETITION.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 2.—W. D. Van Diver, state superintendent of insurance, through his counsel, Atty.-Gen. Hadley W. F. Lehmann and John M. Wood today filed in the United States circuit court here his reply to the petition of the New York Life insurance company in the injunction proceedings recently instituted by the New York Life company to overthrow the order revoking its Missouri license.

Sup't. Van Diver charged at the time he ordered the company's license revoked that the New York Life had forfeited its right to continue business in Missouri. He cited the testimony brought out in the four years past spent large sums of money to secure desired state legislation and in campaign fund contributions.

The answer filed by typewritten pages, it contains direct and severe attacks on President McCall, Vice President George W. Perkins and other officers of the New York Life. It directs specific attention to the charges that McCall and Perkins have in bad and questionable real estate investments, lost \$500,000 of the company's money. It maintains that the Missouri insurance department has the right to require insurance companies doing business in the state to manage their affairs in a proper manner, and to insist on election of new officers and the adoption of methods that will insure the funds of policyholders.

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