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WASHINGTON, 17.—The Secretary of the Interior has requested the Attorney General to institute suits in about forty additional cases against cattlemen for illegally fencing public lands in Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado. In many of these cases criminal actions will be brought.

Estimates of the Superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey for the next fiscal year, amount to \$568,000. Included in the estimate is the sum of \$30,000 for the resurvey of San Francisco bay and the entrance to the harbor, and of the mouths of the Sacramento and San Juan rivers, a work which, in the opinion of the superintendent, has been rendered highly desirable by the marked changes in recent years, due to deposits from hydraulic mining.

Randall has prepared a bill for introduction in the House providing that the presidential electors shall hold office four years and elect within one month a successor to the President and Vice-President whenever vacancies exist. An election of President would be necessary only in case a vacancy should occur simultaneously with a vacancy in the office of Vice-President. The Secretary of State and other cabinet officers in regular order have the right of succession during the interregnum.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., 17.—The fire on Bay Street was stopped at Kohn, Furchgatt & Benedict's store on the east, the western limit, including McConnell's hardware store. About 2 p. m. a portion of the wall of the Abel block fell crushing four colored firemen, one of whom, Richard Bradley, was instantly killed. The other three were badly, but not fatally injured. During the day a man working among the debris was suffocated by the smoke and carried to the hospital in a helpless condition. Loss estimated at \$450,000; insurance, \$350,000.

MONTREAL, 17.—A delegate from the Knights of Labor is here for the purpose of forming a lodge among the workmen of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways. A large meeting of the Grand Trunk hands was held last night, when 200 members joined the association. The French-Canadian workmen will meet tomorrow evening, when it is intended to form a French-Canadian lodge.

NEW YORK, 17.—The September statement of the Southern Pacific Railway, of the Atlantic system, which includes the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio, the Texas & New Orleans, the Louisiana Western, the New York & Texas and the Mexican & Morgan lines, show an increase of \$197,983 net earnings compared with September, 1884.

NEW ORLEANS, 17.—A special to the *Picayune* says: This afternoon at Laure, Mississippi, a colored woman named Cella Perryman was murdered, together with her two children, a boy and a girl, aged 8 and 11 years. It developed at the inquest that Sam Wilson, colored, aged about 22 years, during the absence of the mother and the boy attempted to outrage the girl and then killed her with an ax. He then enticed the boy into the house and slew him, after which he broke open the woman's trunk and took money and several valuable articles therefrom. The mother returned while Wilson was in the house, and he immediately attacked and killed her, and then set fire to the house and left the scene of the tragedy. The fire was discovered in time to rescue the bodies. The villain was captured and did not live to see the sun go down on his bloody work.

WASHINGTON, 18.—Western Senators are receiving letters in great numbers urging them to oppose the confirmation of Land Commissioner Sparks because of his recent rulings. Sparks was confirmed by the Senate as Commissioner of the General Land Office on the 25th of last March.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., 18.—The water in the Susquehanna river at Nanticoke broke through the workings of No. 1 stope of the Susquehanna Coal Company this morning and at noon there was about six feet of water in the stope. An alarm was sent through the workings when danger was apparent, and all the men except seven Hungarians, who were believed to have been drowned, hurried to the mouth of the stope and were rescued.

WASHINGTON, 18.—Among the measures introduced into the Senate today was the following:

By Frye—Providing that all future appointees as heads of departments of the United States army shall be officers selected from the army and nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate to be such heads of departments for a term of four years. It declares that this provision shall not apply to the head of any department until that office shall first become vacant. The President may in his discretion, however, at any time place upon the retired list any existing head of a department, and the retired list is enlarged for that purpose.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., 18.—Accounts from Nanticoke are conflicting. Advices received this afternoon were to the effect that 39 men employed on rock work in No. 1 stope were imprisoned in the upper lofts by the rapid rising of water. Several miners entered the stope at 3 o'clock with boats, intending to use every means to reach the men.

A dispatch received here at 6 o'clock

this evening from Nanticoke, stated that 61 of the miners were unaccounted for, and that it was supposed they were drowned.

Later advices state that all the men are reported to be out of the mine except 24. The fate of these is as yet unknown.

Later.—The disaster at Nanticoke was more serious than at first supposed. The theory that the water broke through the bed of the river has been dispelled by the fact that the place whence the water came is over 4,000 feet from the Susquehanna. It flowed from a pool on the surface. It followed the rock to a fault in the seam, ran into the gangway and stopes, thence to the lower working of No. 1 stope, when the water was discovered making into a stope where nearly a thousand men and boys were at work on the various openings, but at the particular spot where it first appeared there were not over thirty persons. It is reported there are now about thirty men, who are shut in by the water and rubbish that have accumulated in the west gangway in the second lift of the Ross seam. It is impossible to say what their fate may be. A rescuing party is following the face of the chambers in that part of the gangway with the hopes of reaching them some time during the night. Officials say there is no danger of the men suffocating, as they will get plenty of air from the faces of the chambers that are not clogged. The pumps were put into operation to-night. They have a capacity of removing 2,000 gallons of water per minute, and it is expected the mine will be clear by Monday next. Old miners are of the opinion that the men who are shut up will be rescued alive.

At 10 o'clock this evening the company were making every possible effort to reach the imprisoned men. Additional pumps are being rapidly put up. Another force of men have been sent down the air shaft, who will endeavor to cut through to the spot where the imprisoned men are believed to be. This work will be kept up night and day until the fate of the men is known.

LATEST.—Information received here at 11:30 from Nanticoke says the water has subsided and a large force of men are at work removing the quicksand that blocks the gangway. The rescuing party are now within forty feet of the men and there are strong hopes of reaching them by morning. The damage to the mine will be extensive and it will become weeks before work is resumed.

SAN FRANCISCO, 18.—The *Chronicle's* El Paso, Texas, special says: The Chinese located in El Paso are taking out naturalization papers and intend to become permanent citizens. Eight were made citizens to-day. It is thought the whole local colony, numbering over 200, will secure papers. The leading Chinese in the city state the movement will become general and their countrymen in all cities and towns in the Southwest will speedily renounce their allegiance to China and become American voters.

ELIZABETHPORT, N. J., 18.—The Singer Sewing Machine factory shut down to-day and 2,500 employees were informed by a placard that operations were suspended until further notice because of the tax levy of the city. A public meeting of the employees has been called for to-morrow evening. The company owes \$20,000 in taxes and refuses to pay.

SACRAMENTO, 18.—A citizens Anti-Chinese Association organized here to-night with a large membership. The association has for its objects the furtherance of legislation for ridding California of the Chinese and the displacement of Chinese by white labor.

ST. LOUIS, 18.—The St. Louis Stationery and Book Company confessed judgment to-day in favor of Hugh R. Hildreth for \$45,700. Other attachment suits were executed later by levying on the real estate and on the store. The liabilities of the company are stated to be \$150,000 and the assets \$200,000.

DALLAS, Texas, 19.—News was received at 1:30 this morning from Montgomery County, that the greatest excitement prevails there over the assembling of several hundred armed men who have determined to lynch the negro, Jackson, who a few days ago murdered the family of Robert Smith, after having robbed the house. The sheriff has the jail guarded as securely as he has been able, but it is believed the mob will overcome his force, as men are congregating from all parts of the country and by daylight will probably number 2,000.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., 19.—The outlook at No. 1 stope this morning is frightful. Sixteen English, Irish and Welsh, and 13 Poles and Hungarians are now known to be entombed in the chamber of death.

WASHINGTON, 19.—Representative Payson of Illinois says the settlers out West are needlessly alarmed about the recent decision of the Supreme Court, that technically the titles of railroad companies to settlers, but which have not yet been patented, still rest in the United States. The decision has been construed to mean that settlers who have so purchased have no valid title to their lands and may be deprived of them at any time. This is not the case. The title that the Government holds to lands by this decision is that the lands are to be held to secure the cost of survey, and may be acquired at any time by settlers by paying for the survey of their lands. Railroad companies will then have to make good the cost to them. The court suggested that a bill might be passed by Congress forfeiting the lands not patented

within a time stated after the passage of the act. Payson is going to introduce a bill in the House which was offered by him last year and passed, but failed in the Senate through amendments. This provides for the forfeiture of all lands upon which the cost of survey has not been paid within sixty days after the holders have received notice.

Representative Warner, of Ohio, has just returned from the anti-monopoly meeting in New York, where resolutions favoring the continued coinage of silver were passed. He says he will introduce a resolution in the House after the holiday recess demanding Secretary Manning's reason for not redeeming the bonds and asking for a call at once, the bonds to be paid for out of any money available.

CLEVELAND, O., 19.—A peculiar and dramatic scene was witnessed in the probate court to-day. Two years ago Frank F. Poffinger left his home in Bavaria to seek his fortune in America. He left behind him an affianced wife, Maria Epp, by whom it is alleged he had two children. He loved her and promised to send for her as soon as he could provide a home. In New York Franz met Jennie Thoenohlin, whom he married. The pair came to Ohio and went to live at Toledo. Two months ago, at his wife's solicitation, Franz sent for Maria Epp and her two children. They came on the first steamer, and in due time reached Toledo. When Maria Epp learned of the marriage she almost went wild, and Franz and his wife were almost equally frantic. To adjust the matter, Franz bought twenty acres of land near Toledo, and the whole family attempted to dwell together in peace, but of no avail. They drifted to Cleveland to-day, and asked all the city officials, high and low, to help them out of their dilemma. They were referred from one officer to another until they brought up in the probate court. Franz offered the wronged woman the Toledo farm, but she at first refused it, saying that marriage alone could heal her hurt. Later on she agreed to accept it, and the trio will pass Sunday here and fix up their differences if they can. Both women are quite intelligent and good-looking.

SAN FRANCISCO, 19.—Associated Press Yokohama advices give particulars of the arrest of Calvin Pratt, forger, who secured about \$14,000 from the Pacific Bank at San Francisco, and who is wanted at Denver for a similar offense. He was arrested as soon as he placed his foot ashore at Yokohama. He was readily identified from the description forwarded by Chief of Police Crowley, of San Francisco. The day after his capture he was examined before the Japanese Public Prosecutor, but refused to answer any questions except to say that his name was Philip S. Chetwynd, notwithstanding he traveled under the name of John Moran. In the hand valise which he carried ashore was found a medal on which the initials "C. P." were inscribed. The second examination will be held Dec. 5, when the prisoner's baggage, in which it is believed the money is hidden, will be opened.

A. Dayvdon, Russian minister to Japan, died at Tokio, Dec. 3, from apoplexy. Among the funeral cortège were two regiments of the Japanese Imperial Guard, in accordance with the special order of the Emperor.

LIMA, via Galveston, 19.—A telegram from San Mateo announces that the condition under which Col. Ralazye will reorganize the Council of Ministers of the Caceres government, is not acceptable to them. The minister of war has consequently ordered the formation of a national guard to be composed of four corps in Lima and two at Callao.

GALVESTON, 19.—A special to the *News* from Montgomery says: The Jackson negro who murdered the Smith family at Mink Prairie on the night of the 11th, was hanged by a mob at noon to-day, at a point near town, fearing an assault on the jail, the sheriff at midnight last night took the negro under guard and started for Houston. They had proceeded only a few miles when a band of vigilantes surrounded the officers and took Jackson away. They rode off and secreted him in the woods until noon, when it was announced that they would hang the prisoner at the cross roads near town. Several hundred persons visited the spot. The vigilantes brought forth Jackson, who confessed his guilt and said he deserved hanging. He was then pulled up to a high limb, where two victims had previously dangled. He died in a few minutes. No arrests have been made.

NEW YORK, 19.—The Denver & Rio Grande Railway Company asks the Stock Exchange to list the certificates of deposit of the United States Trust Company representing \$38,000,000 of the stock of the company. Under the plan of reorganization, the new company will issue to the holders of those certificates new common stock, dollar for dollar, for the deposited old stock, and \$12 of new stock for each \$6 cash paid up on the same. The time for depositing the stocks has been extended to January 6th next.

SAN FRANCISCO, 19.—The *Oceania* arrived this morning with Hong Kong dates of Nov. 26th and Yokohama dates of Dec. 5th.

A typhoon at the Philippine Islands in November, destroyed over 4,400 houses, including 13 churches and 10 convents. Eighteen lives were lost and 500 cattle destroyed. This report only comprises the destruction in 19 of the 34 districts of the Island. The remaining 15 have not yet been heard from.

VICTORIA, B. C., 19.—E. J. Dawne,

the Alaska Judge whom the Eastern detectives have been trying to catch, is in town, boarding at a cheap restaurant. This afternoon he rolled up his blankets and disappeared in the direction of the harbor.

NEW YORK, 19.—The steamer *Dolphin* left her anchorage in the Brooklyn navy yard this morning and proceeded out on her trial trip. She goes to Newport and will then go south. Her cruise will last 60 days, and during that time her merits and demerits will be carefully noted.

WASHINGTON, 20.—Since the present session of Congress began 728 bills and joint resolutions have been introduced in the Senate. Seven out of these, which originated in the House, have been passed by that body; 1,247 executive messages, containing about 1,500 nominations have been sent by the President to the Senate and have been referred to the proper committees, but no nominations have been confirmed. Two treaties, one relating to the boundary line between this country and Mexico and the other providing for a settlement of the claims of certain American citizens against Venezuela have been sent to the Senate for ratification. Twenty-four bills and joint resolutions have been introduced in the House of Representatives and four, two of which originated in the Senate, have been passed. Tomorrow an effort will be made in the House for the passage of the Presidential succession bill under a suspension of the rules. The result is doubtful, as the motion will not be in order until after the call of the States, for the introduction of bills and joint resolutions shall have been completed, and as members have their desks full of bills to be introduced, the call is likely to consume the day. The succession bill may be considered by unanimous consent, but this is not probable. As the opinion is entertained by many representatives that measures ought to go regularly to committee before receiving consideration in the House, it is not likely that the committees of the House, possibly excepting that on accounts, until after the holidays.

The Senate, if it has a quorum tomorrow, will probably continue consideration of the Dakota question until two o'clock, and of the bill fixing salaries of the district court judges after that hour.

House resolutions to adjourn tomorrow for the holiday recess will probably be adopted by the Senate without change.

WASHINGTON, 20.—Secretary Whitney positively denies that he endorsed the object of the recent meeting of silver men in New York, and has declared himself in favor of a suspension of silver coinage.

SAN FRANCISCO, 20, Deming, N. M., 20.—Saturday morning, near White House, northeast of Silver City, of company eight, United States cavalry troop, under Lieut. Fountain, were ambushed by hostiles with disastrous results. The following were killed in the fight which ensued: Surgeon Maddox, Privates Collins, Gibson, Hutton and McMillen. Lieut. Cabell and Corporal McFarland were slightly wounded. The Indians numbered 21. After the fight they headed west in the direction of Clifton. This is the same band with which Fountain had a fight on the 9th inst. No Indians were reported killed.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., 20.—To-day was the gloomiest Sunday ever witnessed in Nanticoke. Thousands of people poured into the town in vehicles, on horseback and afoot. Hundreds of them gathered in groups around the various workings where they discussed the situation of the imprisoned men. A message was brought here from Nanticoke this morning to the effect that a man had been found in the gangway and that he had evidently been dead several hours. At the company's office this was denied. They state that the situation remains unchanged from yesterday, they hourly expect to reach the fatal spot where the entombed men are supposed to be. Rescuing parties are continually at work. There is no hope of rescuing any of the twenty-nine victims alive.

## NEARING THE CHAMBER OF DEATH.

At 8 o'clock this evening the rescuing party struck a mass of wet sand and 45 additional men were sent in to remove it with buckets as fast as it was thrown out. At 9 o'clock an official report was received at the company's office here to the effect that the rescuing party were within 29 feet of the fatal chamber and were hoping to reach the imprisoned men by 11 o'clock.

At 11:30 o'clock a message was brought from the pit in which the relief party are at work. The messenger reported to General Superintendent Stearns that the men were still working vigorously, but had not yet reached the imprisoned miners. From the present outlook, it is doubtful if they gain entrance to the fatal stope chamber before to-morrow. Almost as fast as the sand is removed it falls in again, and the men are now laboring under great difficulties.

## LATER.

WILKESBARRE, 20.—At 1:30 o'clock a. m., a report from Nanticoke says that rescuers had finally reached the place where the men were supposed to be but they were not there. The rescuing party are now pushing forward to another chamber with hopes of finding them in a few hours.

NEW ORLEANS, 20.—The statement from Emporia, Kansas, to the effect that two boys had been intimate with Mrs. Minnie Walkup, while she was in prison there, is indignantly denied by

Mrs. Walkup. She says the report was the outgrowth of many blackmailing schemes that have been resorted to since her acquittal to extort money from her. She said it seemed to be the general opinion that she had come into considerable money from Walkup's estate, whereas she had not yet received one penny except such sums as her guardian had loaned her.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., 20.—A dispatch from the Creek Indian Nation says: "The four delegates who were recently appointed to represent that Nation in Washington this winter, and who started for the Capitol last week are under unofficial instructions to urge the adoption by Congress of a Territorial government for the Indian Territory. It is stated that the majority of the people in the Territory are in favor of such action."

PORTLAND, 20.—Julius C. Kooser, one of the quartette of dynamite leaders under arrest in San Francisco, came here in 1882 with a colony of Russian refugees sent out by the Hebrew Aid Society of New York, with the assistance of Henry Villard, then President of the Northern Pacific. He was the most intelligent man in the party, but very domineering and autocratic. His companions soon got to hate him on this account, and he left them, afterwards obtaining employment as a civil engineer in railroad work. He then went into a general merchandise business in a country town and failed, after which he went to San Francisco and became an agitator. He was never an immigration agent for the Northern Pacific as claimed by him.

CHICAGO, 20.—Oberne Heosick & Co's, hide, wool and tallow warehouse was destroyed by fire to-day. Loss \$350,000. Insurance \$300,000.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., 20.—The Camden Consolidated Oil Company of this city has suffered a loss of over \$50,000 by three forged drafts. It is not known who the perpetrators of the swindle are. The drafts were in the hands of a Santa Barbara, Cal., bank.

SAN FRANCISCO, 20.—Private advices by steamer *Oceanic*, arrived yesterday from China, states that the German man-of-war *Nautilus* has raised the German flag on the Marshal and Gilbert groups of islands, in the Southern Pacific, numbering about fifty in all, and claimed a protectorate over them. The natives are said to be civilized, and for many years have been under the influence of the American Missionary Society. Further particulars are expected by the Australian steamer due here on the 28th inst.

WASHINGTON, 21.—Dr. T. J. Maddox, who was killed in the fight with Indians near White House, New Mexico, on Saturday, is a son of Dr. Thos. Maddox, of Washington County, Md. He was commissioned as Assistant Surgeon in the army, in October 1881, and his first assignment to duty was to the Department of Texas. Dr. Maddox was 33 years of age.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., 21.—At 3 o'clock last Saturday morning the jail at Rockingham was forcibly entered by 50 masked men who secured a white man named John Lee, took him out of town and hanged him to the limb of a tree. Lee murdered Salmon Welch, three years ago for money.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., 21.—There have been no new developments since two o'clock this morning in regard to the entombed miners. The latest official message received at that hour was that the rescuing party who are working on the gangway from the air shaft had reached the first chamber in which it was hoped that some of the men would be found. The air was good and apparently fresh, but no signs of any living person was to be found. There are six other chambers along the gangways and it is thought the men may be found in one of them. A new gang of sixty men went into the mine at six o'clock this morning and are pushing forward with the utmost exertion, but it is hard to say when the next chamber can be reached. It is now fully believed that the missing men were caught in the sand and culm at the time the cave took place and that they are now dead.

The last messenger connected with the exploring party came out of stope at 11:20 o'clock. He reports that none of the men have as yet been discovered, and all hope of ever seeing their comrades alive again has been abandoned. They are making vigorous search, but it appears almost certain that the unfortunate men have perished and that when their bodies are found they will be under a mass of sand and culm.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., 21.—At 1:30 this afternoon the relief party are still pushing towards the imprisoned men, and have been spurred on by a signal they had received which indicates there is life beyond. Tapping was heard upon the air pipe by the rescuers and they naturally conclude that there is yet good ground to hope that at least some of the men may be rescued alive. It is the opinion of some of the best miners that they cannot reach the men for some days, owing to the extent of the obstructions. Others are sanguine enough to expect they will reach the men within the next ten hours.

## FOREIGN.

LONDON, 17.—A dispatch from Berlin to the *Standard* says: The Sultan of Turkey appoints Prince Alexander Governor for life over Eastern Roumelia with the right of succession.

DUBLIN, 18.—The *Daily Express*, a consistent upholder of the Loyalists, devotes a leading article this morning