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Terrific Explosion in Big Pennsylvania Coal Mine

Bodies of Victims Continue to Be Found Up to Going to Press—Rescue Work Going on in Gas Filled Tunnel—Relief Crews at Work During the Night—Conditions Pathetic.

Mather, Pa., May 21—Five more bodies of victims of the Mather mine explosion were removed from the workings shortly before noon today, bringing the known dead to 44. The men were found nearly two and a half miles back from the shaft entrance to the mine.

The disastrous explosion in the Mather Mine entombed 120 miners late on Saturday. Rescue workers pushing their way through the gas-filled tunnels had recovered 36 bodies today. Little hope was held out for the remainder of the men.

The explosion came just as the day men were about to leave the workings. It was a terrific blast and swept all before it, catching, in addition to the day men, the night men, who, inside, were preparing to take up their tasks.

The explosion was believed to have occurred at the fourteenth butt entry, one and three-quarter miles from the main shaft. Smoke poured from the mine and deadly after-damp and gas spread through the workings.

Unofficial check-ups showed that 160 miners were under ground when the blast came. Of that number 120 were listed as missing, 36 known dead, 5 are in a Waynesburg Hospital in critical condition and 9 escaped.

Rescue work was begun immediately.

Fifteen rescue crews equipped with masks to ward off the poisonous after damp and gas, tonight had fought their way through the debris strewn passage-ways. Their progress was slow, for they were forced to build air locks at intervals so as to flood the explored sections of the mine with pure air. Watching in shifts, the rescuers progressed during the night and today to a point near where the terrific explosion occurred. Behind this point it was believed most of the missing men would be found. And, as one veteran rescuer put it "the chances of getting them out alive are slim."

Bodies Mangled.

The bodies recovered were brought to the surface by rescue teams, were taken to the mine machine shop where undertakers from all parts of the mining field were on duty. Here the bodies were prepared for burial and removed to a recreation hall for identification. Some of the bodies were burned and mangled and seven were unidentified.

ELEVEN GERMANS KILLED BY GAS

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Hamburg, Germany, May 21—Eleven persons were reported dead today in a mysterious explosion of a tank of deadly phosgene gas used in war, that was being taken through the populous suburb of Wilhelmsburg.

Hamburg, German, May 21—With eleven persons reported dead and 100 seriously affected, a huge cloud of deadly phosgene gas that threatened Hamburg, throughout the night, was blown at least temporarily to ward open country at noon today by a Providential wind.

WAITERS START LONG HIKE ALL DRESSED UP

Berlin, May 21—Just to prove it can be done, two waiters are hiking from Berlin to Genoa, 1,000 miles, wearing boiled shirts, swallow tails and patent leathers.

FUNERAL OF LATE CAPTAIN READ HELD ON SUNDAY

The respect in which the late Captain Joseph Read the veteran shipping master was held, was evidenced on Sunday afternoon by the large and representative concourse which turned out to pay their last tribute to a good citizen and kindly neighbor.

Service was held at the late home of the deceased gentleman, 164 Charlotte Street by Rev. Dr. G. C. Warren pastor of the Brunswick Baptist Church. A male quartette consisting of Messrs Cecil Holder, George Brown, F. L. Cooper and Alderman Moses Mitchell rendered several hymns including "I Cannot Always Trace The Way" and "Abide With Me". Rev. Dr. Warren in the course of touching funeral tribute read a poem composed and sent to the late Captain Read on his birthday some months ago by Captain A. G. Dickson of Vancouver. The reading of the poem brought tears to the eyes of many present. Captain Dickson who is an Albert County man started his career as a ship master more than fifty years ago. At the conclusion of the service the funeral proceeded to the C. P. R. station where the remains were taken to Hopewell Cape for interment.

The mourners were R. P. Allen, H. J. Mawhinney, Carl Coonan, H. W. Estabrooks, J. B. Dickson, C. A. Sampson, J. H. Frink, Capt. Seely, Capt. Dillon, Dr. Kierstead, W. A. Loudoun, Major J. S. Scott, J. W. Spurden, W. A. Erb, George Tennant, W. K. Tibert, L. A. Merrill, G. N. C. Hawkins, L. C. McNutt, R. A. McFadden, John A. Reid, A. C. Fleming, J. H. Fleming, F. B. Edgecombe, George W. Hodge, Joseph Walker, F. S. Lister, J. F. VanBuskirk, R. S. Barker, J. P. McPeake, Dr. W. J. Irvine, J. L. Neville, W. E. Seery, Albert E. Eardley, A. J. Donohoe. The pall bearers were: J. M. Scott, C. K. Palmer, James Pringle, LeBaron Bull, R. L. Phillips, William J. Scott.

BODY OF WOMAN FOUND IN RIVER NOT IDENTIFIED

The sensational report circulated in some quarters on Saturday to the effect that the body of the woman found at Glasiers wharf, Lincoln on Friday was that of a local woman who disappeared during the exhibition, has been traced by the Provincial Police and found to be incorrect. The mystery remains unsolved. The report that the body was that of a Miss George Fritz of VanBuren, Me., was found to be incorrect. The woman was found residing in Maine.

The body of the unfortunate woman, who died of a fracture of the skull and whose body entered the water after death, evidently coming a long distance down the Saint John River, is in Fredericton awaiting identification. The Provincial Police are working on the case.

Fishermen Return

Local fishermen who spent the week-end at the various fishing havens at points outside the city, were successful in securing some fairly good catches. The Tay, Cain's, Dunbar, Arnold, Portobello and Five Mile were well populated yesterday with fishermen from all over.

ACADIA COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT DURING THE WEEK

London Editor Delivered Baccalaureate Sermon to Students.

SAWYER MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED

Closing Exercises at Horton Academy Are Being Held Today.

Wolfville, N. S., May 21—The class day exercises at Horton Academy took place this afternoon at University Hall with a large attendance of friends of the graduates.

University Hall was taxed to its capacity yesterday to hear Rev. Dr. J. C. Carlisle of Folkestone, England, editor of The Baptist Times and Freeman of London, deliver an inspiring baccalaureate sermon in connection with ninetieth anniversary exercises of Acadia University.

This evening the unveiling of a memorial tablet to Dr. A. W. Sawyer took place and there was a special address by Congressman C. A. Eaton, L.L. D., Acadia '90, of Plainfield, N. J.

Rev. Dr. Carlisle said in part:

"The greatest questions are not answered by a simple 'yes' or 'no'. Certitude does not rest entirely upon reasoning processes. St. Paul wrote to Timothy concerning those who were ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Dr. Moffat translate the passage, 'Wayward creatures of impulse who are always curious to learn and never able to attain the knowledge of the truth.' As old Bishop Butler taught, 'Probability is the guide of life.' Yet many mistakes lie in assuming things are unknowable when they are simply unknown to us."

"The old materialism has passed. Nature is interpreted upon a spiritual basis, and the prophet declares that the God of nature is the God of grace. Whatever theory may be adopted, life is seen to be struggling toward attainment. The flower seeks its way through the earth to the radiant light in which it may unfold its beauty. Man is ever striving after God, the expression of his deepest longing is, 'Oh that I knew where I might find Him.'"

"The purpose of life must be worthy of the Creator. When God made man He made a living spirit in His own likeness; one who could be called a son of God. All the ages of the world were preparatory to that which was the greatest event in time. We cannot believe man was brought into existence for any purpose that would not be worthy of the character of our Father as He is revealed in Jesus Christ. When we think of God we shape our thoughts in the light of the revelation, full of grace and truth which came in Jesus Christ our Lord."

Opera Staged.

In one of the most finished performances ever presented in Wolfville, the School of Music of Acadia University Saturday evening staged the famous Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera, "The Mikado," before a large and enthusiastic audience in University Hall. Its tuneful melodies, bright, sparkling choruses and the perfection of the performance gave great pleasure to the friends of the University and graduating class who are in Wolfville at this time.

The cast included E. R. Massey, F. L. Newnam, J. A. Linton, Bernard E. Cross, Miss Gertrude Metcalfe, Miss Jean Brown, Miss E. V. Bradshaw and Miss Mona Parsons.

London, May 21—Some of John Bull's citizens are trying to stir him up over his evident preference for American cash over his works of art. The secretary of the Antique Dealers' association says that since the war antiques and art treasures worth a quarter of a billion dollars have gone to America. He is starting a campaign to keep them at home.

American Marines To Protect Fellow Citizens in China

Sailors Now Assigned to Peking and Tientsin—To Look After American Citizens—Warning Given to Chinese Foreign Office—Danger to American Property.

(Special to The Daily Mail by the British United Press.)

Tokio, May 21—American residents in Peking and Tientsin will be protected by United States marines now assigned to these two cities, the United States Government has warned the Chinese foreign office. The legation at Peking, according to advices received here sent the foreign office a note warning that if fighting between the northern and southern armies should break out near Peking and Tientsin there was grave danger to American life and property.

The note gave the hope that the Chinese would avoid embroiling the United States in the difficulties and said the United States troops were in China solely to protect the Americans.

The note said that the United States was not interested in the Chinese domestic struggle.

TELLS HOW SHE SELECTED BEST PUFF

New York, May 21—Miss Anne Morgan, sister of the banker, is the latest lady of social prominence to describe with photograph and signature, presumably for an honorarium in four figures, how she selected the best puff blinfolded. Perhaps her woman's club will benefit.

BOY DROWNED NEAR BIG FALLS

Lepreau, N. B., May 21—Arnold Flynn, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Flynn, of Lepreau, was drowned shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday near the Big Falls on the Lepreau River, where he had gone with two older brothers to fish. The body was not recovered until 3.30 this afternoon after 11 men had been grappling for some time. The Coroner, Hon. Dr. H. I. Taylor, viewed the body and gave permission for burial. The funeral will take place on Tuesday morning at Dipper Harbor and interment will be made in the Roman Catholic cemetery. Beside the parents, there are several brothers and sisters surviving.

Young Flynn had been accompanied by his oldest brother, Edward, who is a young man, and by another brother, Russel, who was also older than himself. They had chosen a good fishing pool, where the water was about seven feet deep, situated about one mile above the falls.

The eldest boy had gone away from the shore when the drowning happened, but was quickly on the scene. The young lad had been standing close to the edge of the rock when his foot slipped and he fell into the river. None of the three brothers could swim at all, and the two on the shore made frantic efforts to rescue the drowning boy by pushing out logs and poles for him to catch hold of. All their efforts were in vain. There was no one within sound of their voices to come to their help, and they ran to their home, a distance of nearly three miles to bring assistance in grappling for the body.

A Portland, Oregon, man was swindled out of \$222 by a medium who assured him she could cure his headache. Now, undoubtedly, his headache is worse than ever.

BROKE RECORDS LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING MEET

(Special to The Daily Mail)

Chicago, Ill., May 21—Mrs. Myrtle Huddleston, Long Distance Swimmer broke all existing endurance records here today when she completed fifty hours of swimming in the Lincoln Park west Hotel Pool. The men's record was forty-six hours and women's thirty hours.

Mrs. Huddleston, who swam the English Channel two years ago said she was not exhausted by the feat. Sleepiness was her only complaint as she left the pool.

SHERIFF HOLDING PEGGY'S MOTOR

New York, May 21—A sheriff is now in control of a \$40,000 foreign automobile, which Peggy Joyce says she owns. It was built to order for the late Rudolph Valentino and sold after his death to John T. Locke, broker, who gave it to Peggy. Locke is under indictment for using the mail to defraud. Payments are due on the car.

NOVEL AD MAY BRING THE RETURN OF COAT

New York, May 21—Miss Elise Plankinton of Fifth avenue, who presided at a booth in a Madison Square Garden charity bazaar recently advertises in the papers that unless Mrs. returns a coat and shawl she took from a box her name will be given to the police.

FOUND HIS GIRL THROUGH RADIO

(Special to The Daily Mail)

Bayonne N. J., May 21—Evelyn Johnson, 13, who disappeared May 10, came home after she heard her father, a member of the Bayonne Quartette sing "Old Pal, why don't you answer me," over the radio.

Running out of gas in front of a filling station is a thing that happens once in a decade.