

APPALLING MINING DISASTER IN ALABAMA

Explosion Causes Loss of 200 Lives--- More than Half the Male Population of Mining Village May Have Perished.

Palos, Ala., May 6.—The little mining village of Palos is in mourning today. More than half of the male population is believed to have perished as the result of an explosion in mine No. 3 of the Palos Coal and Coke Co., yesterday. About 200 men, forty-five white and 150 negroes, are thought to have been killed. Eleven bodies have been found. In the 230 foot level the greatest number of men were working and there it is expected most of the bodies will be found.

dispelled and as the rescue parties are equipped with oxygen helmets and other paraphernalia necessary for entering gaseous mine, it is hoped that all of the bodies will be brought to the surface today. Numerous cave-ins in the mine were caused by the explosion and the families of the entombed men are hoping that some may have found refuge from the deadly after-damp behind these. Mine experts however, hold no such hope. They say it is impossible that there are any men alive. The cause of the explosion has not been definitely determined, but it is supposed to have been due to a miner entering a gas pocket with a lighted lamp. Daylight found scores of women and children at the mouth of the mine waiting anxiously for news from below. All night they kept up their vigil in hopes that some of the miners might be found alive. Eight bodies were removed shortly after daylight today from the mine. The condition of the bodies indicated that death was instantaneous.

AMAZING FIGURES AS TO NATURAL WEALTH

As an indication of the wonderful wealth, resources, and possibilities of the newly discovered north-west quarter of North America, the opening article in the April number of "Hampton's Magazine" contains some startling figures. We used to measure in millions but Mr. Hampton, when he comes in compute, the possible wealth on only three commodities in Alaska, builds from millions to billions, and finally, when he totals up, he has the audacity to print \$1,513,935,000,000. This includes the value of gold, copper, and salmon only. All this wealth, according to the writer, is located in Alaska, which will be easy of access through the port of Prince Rupert when the new line is completed, and when resources of the territory immediately surrounding Prince Rupert are added to the commercial possibilities of Alaska, the prospect for traffic over the Grand Trunk Pacific will make the management begin to figure on a double track already.

PERSONAL

Mr. I. C. Burpee, engineer of ways and maintenance on the I.C.R., is a guest at the Queen.

COTTON FIRM IN DIFFICULTIES

Jackson, Mich., May 6.—Attorneys representing European firms have filed a petition in Federal Court here seeking a bankruptcy order against the firm of Steele Miller and Co. spot cotton firm of Corinth, Mass., and other Mississippi cities. Indebtedness of \$945,000 is alleged. It is alleged in the petition that the indebtedness was due to the drawing of draft with fictitious bills of lading attached which drafts they paid but for which they have received no cotton.

EARTHQUAKE SHAKES CENTRAL AMERICA

San Juan, Del., Sur Nigaragu, May 6.—Reports received from San Jose and Cosa Rica today state that no habitable houses remain in Cartago which was visited by a shock of earthquake on Wednesday night. Three hundred and fifty bodies have been recovered from the ruins. Martial law has been declared in the stricken town to prevent disorders and looting. The authorities are making every effort toward the relief of the injured and destitute. The victims who survived their injuries, are being removed to San Jose.

STILL LOOKING FOR A REFEREE

San Francisco, Cali., May 6.—San Francisco is still buzzing with rumors about the referee for the big fight. Outsiders seem to be pretty well agreed that the third man in the ring will not be a Californian, and they are looking to the east for available candidates. Among the Easterners given prominent consideration is Charles White of New York, and the fact that his name was not mentioned at Wednesday's conference here is believed to be significant and has given rise to the suspicion that he is being groomed as a dark horse by both factions. No official pronouncement regarding the referee matter has come from either camp since the meeting, but it is reported that Johnson is holding out for the men he has named and thinks Jeffries will agree to one of them. Jeffries does not appear to be concerning himself over the vexed problem and has passed it up to Berger.

Johnson continues to side step his gymnasium on the beach and is devoting himself to walking and to spins in his auto. There is one active man in his camp, Joe Thomas, the California middle weight, who is training hard for his fight with Billy Papka here next week.

ST. LOUIS TO HAVE AEROPLANE RACE

St. Louis, Mo., May 6.—The first strictly amateur aeroplane race in America will be held here June 25th, according to an announcement last night by officials of the Aero Club of St. Louis. The competition will be limited to persons who never have made a flight and the entries will be largely inventors of machines. Prizes will aggregate more than \$2,000. Ten entries already have been received.

COOMBS CASE AGAIN BEFORE COURT

St. John, May 6.—(Special to The Mail)—The case of H. Leslie Coomb was resumed this morning when the address of E. P. Raymond, counsel for the prosecution was heard, and that of Daniel Mullin K.C., for the defence began. The court adjourned until this afternoon.

EDNA MAY'S UNCLE SUICIDES

Syracuse, N. Y., May 6.—Andrew J. Feek, a few years ago one of the best known horsemen in this country, died today from arsenic, he had taken with suicidal intent. He was 75 years old, had been in poor health and had had financial reverses. Mrs. Oscar Lewis Ohn, (Edna May) is Mr. Feek's niece.

SCHOONER ASHORE AT TABUSINTAC

Three Men Lashed to Rigging Show no Signs of Life, and have Probably Been Frozen.

Chatham, N. B., May 6th.—Word was received from Tabusintac this morning, that there is a two-masted schooner ashore at the lower Tabusintac Gulley. The schooner is of about ninety tons burden, and is supposed to be the "John A. Gray," of Tignish, P. E. I., Frank Gallant, master.

Two men from Tabusintac rowed out to the schooner late yesterday afternoon and saw three men lashed to the rigging. They made no outcry and gave no sign of life, and it is thought that they are dead. The rescuers could not get closer than fifty yards because of the tremendous seas which swept over the stranded schooner. At times the men in the rigging were under the waves.

It is supposed that the schooner went ashore in the snow storm early yesterday morning, or late the night before. The schooner has a new foresail. A boat was washed ashore but had no name on it and no mark of identification. The telephone line to Tabusintac is out of order and no details are available until later. Another two topmast schooner, from Prince Edward Island, had been driven ashore at South Beach, on Wednesday night's storm, which was very severe. Several fishing gessels were driven ashore.

DETECTIVE UNEARTHS ATROCIOUS CRIME

Parts of Girl's Body Found Concealed in Different Places but Mystery Unveiled.

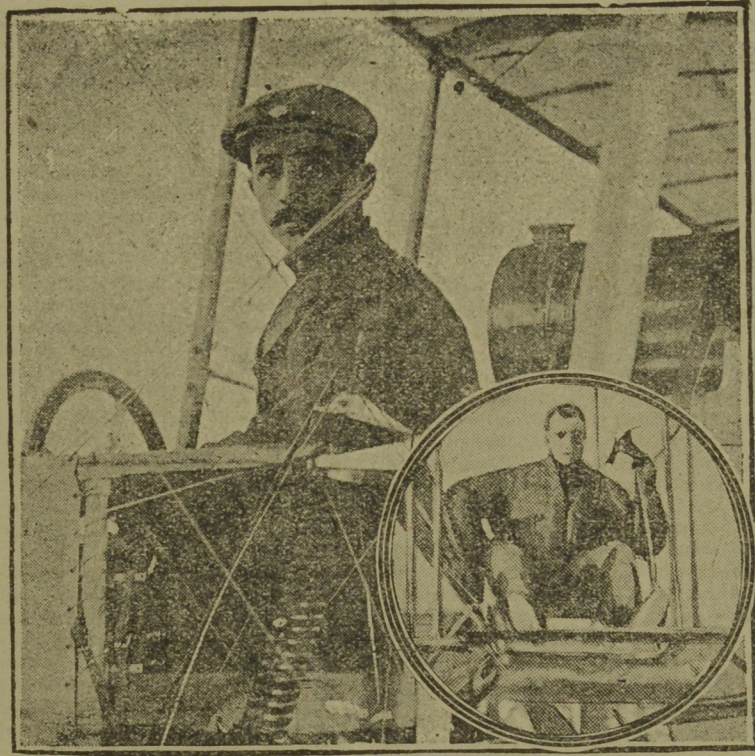
Paris, May 6.—M. Hemard, chief of detectives in Paris, has accomplished one of the cleverest pieces of detective work in recent years, in the arrest of the murderer of a poor street girl, whose atrocious murder has baffled the police for six weeks. The girl's head was found in a sewer and subsequently her hands, feet and other portions of her body were discovered in different places.

Hamard, with only the vaguest of clues doggedly searched 800 houses and finally found the key to the girls room in the bureau of an ex-convict, named Ferdinand, who had recently escaped from the penal colony in French Guiana. When confronted with the evidence of his guilt, Ferdinand broke down and confessed to cutting up and disposing of the body but asserts that the girl had died from natural causes in his arms.

ALLEGED ST. MARY'S MAN KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Concord, Mass., May 6.—George Smith, 47 years old, said to belong to St. Mary's, N. B., was instantly killed here Tuesday night by stroke of lightning. He leaves a brother and a mother. Numerous other relatives live in New Brunswick.

PAULHAN, THE FRENCH AVIATOR, WHO WON THE \$50,000 PRIZE



MONS. PAULHAN MR. C. GRAHME WHITE Manchester, Eng.—Mons Louis Paulhan won the \$50,000 prize offered by The Daily Mail for an aeroplane flight from London to Manchester. Mons. Paulhan's machine is the same as that used recently by him in that of Mr. Graham White, his English rival in the same race, though both men used the same type of motor.

STOCK MARKET AGITATED ON REPORTS KING'S HEALTH

New York, May 6.—Wall Street—The alarm in the London stock market over the condition of King Edward was reflected in wide declines in the opening prices here. Losses reached as much as a point in practically all of the international issues. Sales of 6,500 shares of United States Steel were made at 81 1/2, 82 1/2 compared with yesterday's closing price of 82 1/2 and 4,000 shares of U. P. at 180 1/2 and 180 compared with 181 1/2 last night. Rock Island lost 1 1/2, Reading and C. P. R. 1 1/2 and St. Paul 1 1/2. Measures of support made themselves felt promptly and caused fractional rallies after the opening.

News of the serious illness of King Edward caused general weakness today on the stock exchange where declines from 1 to nearly 2 points were registered throughout the list. The selling was conducted with a view of discounting possible heavy selling from London in the event of the king's death. The list was later supported.

SOME QUOTATIONS.

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes Add stocks, Amalgamated, Pacific, Erie, Northern Pfd., Penna., Pac., Southern Pac., Soo., Rock Island, Union Pac., U. S. Steel.

CORN MARKET.

Chicago—Corn—May, 61 1/2; July 62 1/2; Sept. 63. Oats—May—42 1/2; July 40 1/2; Sept. 39.

COTTON MARKET.

New York, N. Y., May 6.—Cotton futures, opened steady: May, 14.80; July, 14.07; Sept. 13.17; bid, Oct., 12.68; Dec., 12.51; Jan., 12.40.

ALARMING REPORTS AS TO KING'S HEALTH

Said to be Suffering from Bronchitis---All Sorts of Rumors are Current but Latest Report Shows Some Improvement.

CONDITION CRITICAL

London, May 6.—A bulletin issued this afternoon by the King's physicians says His Majesty's symptoms have become worse during the day and that the King's condition is now critical. A special cable to The Times says: Canada's loyal millions will learn with profound sorrow that King Edward's condition is far more serious than reported. The latest report is that the King is unconscious. The Canadian Associated Press has heard that a cabinet minister expressed a fear that His Majesty may not survive to night.

ALLEGED ST. MARY'S MAN KILLED BY LIGHTNING

London, May 6.—An atmosphere of great depression surrounded Buckingham Palace today. The bulletin describing the King's condition and which five eminent physicians now in attendance issued shortly before noon while vague in terms inspired profound gloom throughout the city. It was generally construed to mean that the outlook is not at all favorable. The suddenness of the transition from yesterday when it is believed he is critically ill, has shocked the country. For the moment business and politics are at a stand still. The Prince of Wales arrived at the palace at ten o'clock this morning and entered almost unobserved. All of the medical party remained within call of the sick chamber. The first unofficial news given out early today indicated an improvement, those with the King having been deceived by the fact that he had rested quietly through the night. The news was received with cheers by anxious crowds gathered throughout the city. This bulletin said that His Majesty's condition remained much the same. The subsequent examination developed that the patients bronchial tubes, instead of being in better condition were more seriously affected after the night's sleep than they were yesterday. The doctors announced that the next bulletin will be issued at six thirty o'clock this evening. The day was bright and sunny and before noon a great crowd was loitering in front of the palace in the vicinity of the new memorial Victoria building, and many carriages gathered in St. James Park. Only officials were admitted to the palace precincts. Early in the afternoon the members of the diplomatic corps called and signed the visitors book as did many others prominent personages. All left the Palace betraying by their expressions the fears entertained. The King's age and corpulence and the well known weakness of the heart which has caused occasional attacks resembling vertigo during the past two or three years and which were attributed chiefly to the constant smoking of strong cigars, all have served to weaken his power of resistance to disease. The prospect of the death or long illness of the sovereign confronts the country at the worst possible time in years.

From a political and other points of view, such an outcome would be particularly disastrous. The greatest constitutional crisis in generations hangs over Great Britain. King Edward is familiar with all features of the situation, which would be particularly trying to his successor, who, upon the threshold of his reign would be called on to deal with the question of employing the authority of the crown to curb the powers of the peers. From a social and business standpoint, the monarch's demise would be equally unfortunate. The social season when families are flocking from the country to London and the merchants counting upon a big business, is beginning, and was expected this year to be the most brilliant of many seasons. The King's death would throw the court and country into mourning and end the social activities. Consols, which to a great extent are a barometer of the condition of the country, dropped 81 11-16 when the market business closed today. Leading financiers when interviewed, expressed the opinion that the monarch's illness or death would have

only a temporary effect upon securities generally and that the decline already recorded represents the marking financiers when interviewed, in anticipation of the selling which usually follows any startling news.

At three o'clock this afternoon a court official stated that so far as could be judged without an expert examination the king's condition was a shade better than during the night.

The stock exchange was much excited in the early hours by conflicting rumors, one which had it that the king had died. The market opened weak under offerings but the general tone soon improved when the sensational report was disproved. Messages are pouring into the palace from all parts of the empire and foreign countries expressing their hope that better news will be issued soon. King Edward's first serious attack of bronchial trouble and which was accompanied with symptoms of asthma was experienced a year ago. Since that time His Majesty has suffered several recurrences of the malady including one during his recent visit at Biarritz. Each attack proved worse than the preceding one and more difficult to conquer. The present illness came suddenly and without warning. Callers at the palace today who had expressed the hope that reports in the morning papers were exaggerated had their worst fears confirmed by the palace officials. "I am very sorry to say" said one of the king's entourage with a shake of head, "that the papers have not exaggerated His Majesty's condition. It is very grave."

There are unmistakable signs that all the members of the palace entourage are greatly alarmed. One government official who in his official capacity attended upon the audience of the king on Wednesday and yesterday said: "The king looked very ill Wednesday morning and very much worse on Thursday. The chief outward symptom was extreme hoarseness. He was scarcely able to speak at time but insisted upon continuing the audiences. Upon one occasion during the audiences when the king's condition was the subject of remark, His Majesty said: "This is a return that I had at Biarritz, I got clear of it then, but caught another cold at the theatre. However, I will be all right in a few days."

Whitelaw Read, U.S., ambassador, who visited the king at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday said today: "I went to the palace upon the king's request to talk over some future engagements. The king then looked well and was in good spirits. He was however, coughing a great deal and complained that his cough was distressing and very tiring. However, he talked for fully half an hour I thought at the time that he hardly realized how ill he was." It was learned at one o'clock that although some of the attending physicians remained close by, their presence had not been required in the sick chamber for some time. This indicated at least that there had been no relapse. What the physicians apparently fear is that they will find some growth on the bronchial tubes to necessitate an operation. It is also known that when the king's throat had affected previously he was subject to spasmodic contractions of the vocal chords which were rather alarming. In His Majesty's present condition a sudden strain of such spasms put on the blood vessels would require likely instantaneous relief. Hence the constant presence of Dr. Thompson, the throat specialist who was called into the case this morning.

LONDON, MAY 6.—"WELL, IT IS ALL OVER, BUT I THINK I HAVE DONE MY DUTY."

THESE WORDS FELL FROM THE LIPS OF KING EDWARD VII. IN A WAKING INTERVAL LATE THIS AFTERNOON. HIS MAJESTY'S CONDITION IS DECLARED CRITICAL BY THE ATTENDING PHYSICIANS. GLOOM HAS SETTLED OVER THE CITY AND PROVINCES FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF TONIGHT'S DISTRESSING BULLETIN.