

WELSH MINE HORROR.

126 Men Killed by Explosion of Fire Damp.

Cardiff, Wales, July 12.—An explosion of firedamp in No. 2 pit of the United National Colliery Company, at Wattstown, in the Rhondda Valley, the centre of the Great Welsh coal fields, yesterday morning, is believed to have resulted in the loss of at least 120 lives.

A loud report was immediately followed by the belching of clouds of smoke and dust from the pit shaft, in which 150 men were working.

The force of the explosion wrecked the machinery at the mouth of the pit, cutting off communication with the doomed men in this direction. No. 1 shaft, adjoining, has ordinarily afforded communication with No. 2. The 800 men in No. 1 and the few who escaped from No. 2 were drawn up.

A rescue party descended, but its work was seriously impeded by the foul air and the falling masses of earth dislodged by the explosion.

Heroic efforts have been made for hours to reach the entrapped men, but late last night the absence of all sound from the interior of the mine told the tale of the worst disaster that has taken place in South Wales since 1894.

The news of the disaster spread rapidly, and thousands of men, women and children thronged about the head of the pit seeking information concerning relatives and friends. The mountain roadways were crowded all the afternoon and last night there were streams of people in the neighborhood of the mine, all contributing to the usual pitiful scenes.

Efforts at rescue were still in progress at midnight, and currents of fresh air were being driven through the shaft, but the rescuers worked without the hope of reducing the list of fatalities.

Cardiff, Wales, July 12, 12.52 a. m.—Fifty-nine more bodies have been found in the workings at the Wattstown colliery.

It is estimated that the total death list will reach 126.

TOOK A YOUNG UIRL.

James Irwin Deserted Wife at St. Catharines.

Philadelphia, July 11.—Tracing her husband, James Irwin, whom she alleges deserted her in St. Catharines, Canada, Mrs. Louise Irwin, by a clever piece of detective work, located him living in Frankfort with Ruby Logan, a seventeen year old girl, also from St. Catharines, as man and wife. Irwin and the girl were sent to prison today in default of bail.

Mrs. Irwin is 22 years old. When her husband left her on the 29th of March she thought that he had gone away alone. From the postmaster at St. Catharines Mrs. Irwin ascertained that a money order which she received from her husband came from Frankfort.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Irwin began to search for her husband among the Frankfort boarding houses. She traced the pair to a boarding house at Harrison and Charles Streets. Mrs. Irwin swore out warrants for the arrest of the couple. Chief of Police Haug arrested them Saturday.

Confronted by Ruby Logan in the station Mrs. Irwin said:—

"I did not know until I came to Frankfort that my husband went away with another woman. She is equally guilty, and I shall remain in Philadelphia to see that both are punished for their crimes."

Mrs. Irwin said later that she did not know the girl, but knew of her relatives in St. Catharines. Ruby Logan, who is very pretty, told the police that she was preparing to leave Irwin to return to her home.

Irwin was a soldier in the British army during the Boer war. He is twenty-six years old.

STARTLING TESTIMONY.

Loan of \$250,000 by Equitable on Property Worth \$150,000.

New York, July 11.—The World says:

"Revelations far more startling than those of Supt. Hendricks are contained in the testimony taken in the state insurance departments investigation of the Equitable Life Assurance Society."

"Senator Chauncey M. Depew testified that the Depew Improvement in which he was interested, obtained a loan from the Equitable of \$250,000 on property valued at only \$150,000."

"He admitted that neither principal nor interest had been paid, and that the Equitable had been forced to foreclose."

"He admitted that, as a member of the executive committee on the Equitable, he had not advised this loan, but had voted for it. He confessed to making a promise that the Equitable should be made whole, but in the same breath said that the promise was not legally binding."

SEPARATED FOR SIXTY YEARS.

Belleville, Ont., July 11.—Chas. Adams of this city, and his sister, Mrs. L. N. Rowe, Red Woods Falls, have met after sixty years' separation. Sixty years ago their parents left the daughter with a sister of the father's in New York State, when emigrating to Michigan, and took the baby boy with them. The son, after serving in the United States army, in the civil war, came to Belleville, married and settled here. His daughter, Mrs. Lofard, made enquiries for relatives and the result was the meeting of the brother and sister. Another brother discovered in Oswego will meet them here.

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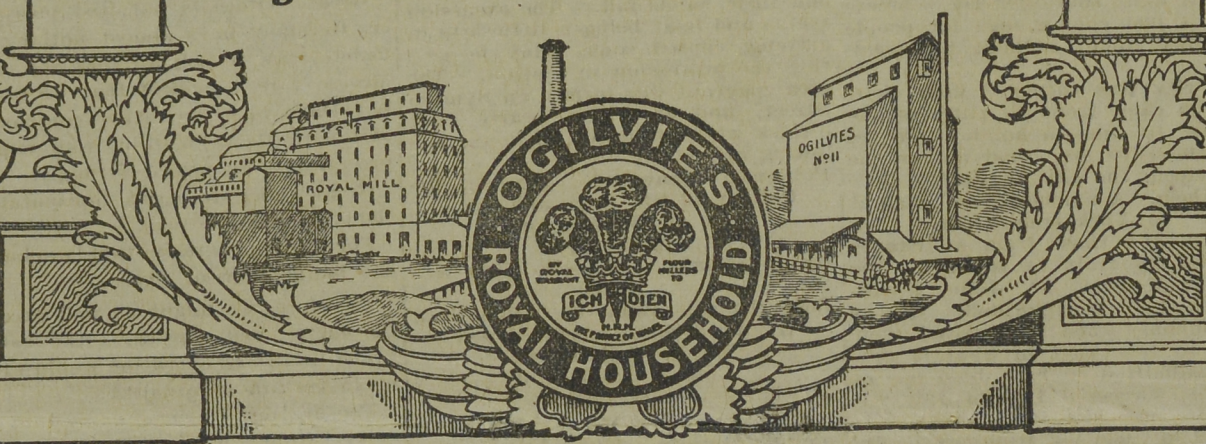
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TRIED TO GET LODGE SECRETS.

Georgia Citizen Fearfully Tortured—Did Not Give In.

Buford, Ga., July 10.—Thomas Davenport, a prominent citizen of Toccoa, Ga., has been the victim of one of the most vicious crimes ever perpetrated in this section. Bound, gagged, hoodwinked, forced to do without water or food for thirty hours, and at the end of that time hanged to a tree and left for dead, is the experience he passed through. Davenport was brought to this place almost a total wreck, and the story he tells sounds more like a tale of border adventure than an actual happening in a civilized community.

Davenport says he was enticed from his home by a note, presumably forged, from a friend in New Holland, a little town on the Southern railroad. This note stated that Davenport's friend was in distress, and begged him to come to New Holland at once. Unsuspecting, Davenport went on the first train, arriving soon after dark.

About one-half mile from the New Holland station, while on the way his friend's home, Davenport was seized by three negroes, who bound and hoodwinked him and ordered him to make no sound under penalty of death. He was then placed in a buggy, which was driven all night.

In the morning he was taken from the buggy and carried into the woods, where he was ordered to disclose the secrets of masonry. Upon

his refusing he was tortured and threatened in various ways through the day. Finally, at midnight, he was strung up to a tree and left for dead. In order, however, to make his case, as the negroes said, appear one of suicide, before Davenport was swung up to the tree, his bonds and hoodwink were removed for the first time since his capture. He thus managed to catch to the tree and hold while releasing himself from the noose.

For several hours Davenport wandered in the woods in darkness, emerging at last into a road that led him to the home of Zebediah Hannah, a prominent farmer, who lives three miles from Buford. The news was at once communicated to this place, when Davenport was brought here and placed on the train for home, and his relatives at Toccoa notified of his whereabouts.

There is the greatest excitement here over the crime, and parties are scouring all tracts of the woods in the vicinity of where Davenport found himself, in an effort to obtain a clue to the identity or whereabouts of the negroes. Officers are now working on the case from here and from New Holland, but so far as is known no clue has yet been discovered that promises a capture of the criminals.

FAREWELL TO KNOX COLLEGE.

Toronto, Ont., July 11.—After being one of the great centres of Canadian Presbyterianism for over half a century, Knox Church was the scene yesterday of services which marked its close, consequent upon the migration of the families which populated its pews to newer portions of the city, and the inexorable advance of commercial interests in the heart of Toronto.

Both services were largely attended. Those in the morning were conducted by Rev. Dr. Parsons, the former pastor, who delivered a reminiscence address, and those in the evening by Rev. A. B. Winchester, now in charge of the church.

The work of dismantling the interior of the building was begun today.

THIBET MAY CAUSE TROUBLE.

Pekin, July 11.—M. Pokotloff, the Russian minister at Peking, has left for Washington. Prior to his departure he requested the board of foreign affairs to sanction the despatch of a small body of Russian soldiers as an escort to the Dalai Llama to the borders of Tibet. The Chinese replied that the escort was superfluous, and refused their consent. Russia is apparently desirous to emphasize the fact that the Llama is under their protection, and it is reported that the Llama is drawing funds from the Russian bank at Kiachta. Minister Pokotloff recently privately interviewed the Llama at Urga and gave him presents. The Llama is still at Urga.

GOOD NEWS FOR TIPPLERS.

New York, July 11.—Professor Lassar, says a Berlin cable to The Herald, a famous Berlin skin specialist, has found means to restore red noses to their normal color and uses. An instrument, shaped like a large tooth brush, with forty platinum wires instead of bristles, is used, and this is connected with an electrical machine. The treatment consists of hammering the lurid nose until it bleeds, when the treatment is stopped for the day. Two hammerings a week for some months suffice to eliminate the excessive redness.

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