

A HUNDRED DEAD IN MINE EXPLOSION

Appalling Disaster in A Tennessee Mine. 3 Miles Under Mountain

BRYCEVILLE, Dec. 11—(By wire)—Seven men dead discovered today sitting upright in a cross entry two miles from the mouth of the mine, brings the list of known dead from the explosion on Saturday morning up to sixteen. Eight of the bodies are still in the mine. Rescue parties today renewed their attempt to force the mountain mine, here to give up its dead. Having forced their way three miles into the mountain the rescue crept expect to stumble on corpse-strewn chamber at any hour. There are 100 or more dead men remaining in the mine there is no doubt. All thought of rescuing alive any of those locked in the mine has been abandoned.

CLOSE VOTE ON PROHIBITION

WELLINGTON, Dec. 11—(By wire)—The proposal to adopt a general law of prohibition against the sale of alcoholic liquor throughout New Zealand has probably been defeated on submission to the people. Complete returns of the referendum held recently show 255,864 persons in favor of the measure while 202,608 voted against it. The proportion of voters required by law in order to carry the proposition into effect is sixty per cent.

KING RECEIVED ONE HUNDRED NATIVE PRINCES

DELHI, Dec. 10—King George has had a busy time since his arrival in camp for there has been a succession of ceremonies during the past three days. More than one hundred native Princes have been received in audience by the King, and their visits have been returned, at the King's command, by the Viceroy, King George and Queen Mary today received a magnificent open air church parade, which was an impressive spectacle. Few Americans are attending the Durbar, apparently being deterred by fears of extortionate rates for accommodations. At one of the leading

SAVES HUSBAND FROM PRISON

TORONTO, December 9—"Your wife says it was an accident, and I am going to give you the benefit of the doubt and will discharge you from this charge in the hope that for the sake of your wife and two children you will live an honest, sober life hereafter." In these words Judge Winchester, in the court of general sessions yesterday, set free J. P. Phins, charged with shooting his young wife, Mrs. Phillips was in a weak condition when she took the stand and gave evidence in an inaudible voice. The wife said that she and her husband had been down to the Woodbine race that afternoon. Although her husband had been drinking he had treated her in the most kind manner. At home that night he again drank heavily of champagne and whiskey. About 10 o'clock he had said to her, "Well, I guess I will go to sleep," and she had left him to go upstairs to undress one of the children. She heard a shot in the hall and rushing out she received the shot in her breast. In explaining the occurrence she declared that her husband could not have seen her and that the shooting was entirely accidental.

KING TO GRANT SOME REFORMS

LONDON, Dec. 11—(By wire)—The Daily Mail's Delhi correspondent says that, after the Durbar the King will announce an important reform, promising higher commissions for native officers.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 9—Queen Wilhelmina's subjects both young and old, indulged this week in the customary annual celebration of the "Feast of St. Nicholas," which corresponds to the Christmas celebrations in other lands, though coming three weeks earlier. No festival in Holland exercises a more enchanting spell over both young and old. The original custom was for the children to place their little wooden shoes upon the hearth on the eve of St. Nicholas Day, the legend being that on that night the holy man rode over the housetops on a snow-white steed accompanied by his little black servant, a Moorish negro. He was supposed to carry with him a large bag, full of toys and sweets of all kinds for the "good" children and riding over the roofs he threw the presents in passing down the chimneys into the shoes below, which were generally stuffed with a handful of straw by the children, for the white horse. In early days the Eve of St. Nicholas was given over to the children entirely, but by degrees the grown-ups have come more and more to share in it, until now throughout Holland it is a great occasion for big and little ones alike.

SHERMAN MAY RUN FOR GOVERNOR OF N.Y.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9—Vice President James S. Sherman does not expect and does not want to be a candidate for re-election with President Taft. This fact is quietly becoming known among Mr. Sherman's intimates in Washington and is the most interesting gossip of the inner circles. Mr. Sherman's decision, which practically it is, is not due to any personal unfitness to President Taft but is attributed to his unwillingness to run on a low tariff platform, and it is taken for granted that the President will insist on one. Mr. Sherman always has been a high priest to the vice presidency has no more disguised his dislike for the low tariff movement in his party than has Joseph G. Cannon. It is felt that the difference between the President and the Vice President on the tariff is irreconcilable and that Mr. Sherman's Washington career will terminate March 4, 1913. Mr. Sherman's friends plan, however, to bring him forward as a candidate for governor of New York. It is believed that the contest there, with Mr. Sherman as the Republican candidate, would be fought on State rather than on National issues, and that the support of the men of the type represented by Mr. Sherman is absolutely necessary to the success of the State ticket. It is probably in fact, the success of the Republican ticket in the Empire State. Both tickets would be strengthened, it is declared by the candidacy of Mr. Sherman and the prestige of the Republican party upheld. While this arrangement might not involve a positive trade with the National Administration, it is clear that unless the friends of Mr. Sherman, especially in the Central New York, were satisfied that the Vice President would be fairly treated by the Administration, they would not take off their coats for the re-election of Taft.

NOT TOO LATE?

Nearly every day brings inquires by phone or mail as to whether it is too late to enroll in The Guardian's Piano and Organ Owning Contest. In answer we say, it is not too late until the last day of the Contest. Those who desire to enter may do so at any time, the sooner the letter, since the advantage of an early start is obvious. If you thought of entering, but have not made up your mind now and send your name to the Contest Manager either by letter or using the nomination blank. EARLIER THE BETTER. It cannot be too strongly urged upon those who have not entered the Contest that now is the time to enter. The earlier you begin the greater opportunity you will have for enlisting your friends and getting them firmly aligned to work for you. Perhaps today, while you are trying to

HANKOW CHOSEN FOR A MEETING

SHANGHAI, December 11—(By wire)—General Liyun Heng has telegraphed from Wu Chang to the Imperialist party that the republicans have decided to select Hankow as the place for the meeting of the peace conference.

ITALIAN MURDER IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Dec. 11—(By Wire)—An old time Italian feud has its culmination today and as a result the body of Pietro Calabre, forty-nine years of age, lies in the morgue with a stiletto wound through the heart, while Antonio Datalo, thirty-five years of age, who is charged with having murdered him is locked up at police headquarters.

CUNARD LINE PLANS BIG CAPITAL ISSUE

LONDON, December 10—The Cunard Steamship company proposes to reorganize its capital stock with a view to placing its shares in a better position on the stock exchange, paying for the purchase of the Anchor line, and providing funds for other developments, as already reported in a Halifax Herald bulletin. It is pointed out that since its agreement with the government eight years ago the company has largely rebuilt its fleet, increasing the number of its out-going vessels from nineteen to twenty-four, and their tonnage from 137,000 to 266,000. Its average annual gross profits during the eight years have been £438,358, and the average amount written off for depreciation.

FIFTY CHINESE PROBABLY DEAD

CHIPPEWA, FALLS, Dec. 11—(By Wire)—Railroad men are on the outlook under orders from the Soo Line officials for fifty Chinese, believed smuggled into the United States in freight cars. The fact that the Celestials were sealed up in the cars when shipped makes it entirely probable that they have all perished on the way. As a result the railroad men have orders to conduct a strict search of freight cars known to have recently crossed the Canadian border. Hotels the minimum rate for each person is \$80 daily for a minimum of twenty days.

BRITISH IMPORTS AND EXPORT INCREASE

LONDON, December 9—The reports of the board of trade show that for the past eleven months the imports amounted to £615,674,630, an increase of £6,353,717 over the previous eleven months. The exports amounted to £415,710,518, an increase of £2,544,880.

THE SHIPPING OF CANADA GAINS A MILLION

OTTAWA, December 10—Increase in Canadian shipping and improvements in the transportation routes and aids to navigation are reported in the annual report of the marine department. The number of vessels in the register at the end of last year was 7,904 and the total tonnage 750,929. The value aggregated \$25,237,370. The value of 11,062,735 in the year. Men and boys employed in shipping were estimated to number 40,070.

WEATHER FORECAST &c.

TORONTO, Dec'r. 12—Fresh southerly and westerly winds; cloudy and mild with showers.

COMMUNICATION THROUGH PROVINCE AND WITH MAINLAND

The Northumberland left this port yesterday at 7.30 a. m., with passengers freight and mail, docking at Pictou at 11.00. She left on return at 2.35 p. m., with passengers, freight, express and N. S. mail arriving here at 6 p. m. She leaves this morning at 7.30 for Pictou. Yesterday the eastern express was on time, the Southern accommodation was 20 minutes late, the western accommodation was on time, the Summerside accommodation was 50 minutes late, the eastern accommodation was 1 hour and 10 minutes late and the western express was on time.

WHITNEY HOLDS SIXTY MAJORITY

TORONTO, Dec. 11—(By wire)—In the provincial elections today the Whitney Government was sustained by a slightly reduced majority. Full returns for the 106 seats show Government 81, a gain of seven seats; Opposition 24, a gain of 11; Labor 1. The Government majority over all is 56.

THE FATALITY FROM CHOLERA

CHIASSO, Dec. 11—(By wire)—An official bulletin issued by the Italian Government on the cholera epidemic reports fifty cases and thirty-five deaths in Italy for the weeks of November 26 to December 2.

HEAVY MAIL BY STEAMER DUE

HALIFAX, Dec. 11—(By Wire)—The steamer Hesperian due here on Friday has record mail consisting of 2,800 bags and 2,700 crates. All is Canadian mail matter. Sixteen baggage cars will be required to take it from Halifax.

FIVE KILLED IN COLLISION

PARIS, Dec. 11—(By wire)—Today five persons were killed and eight injured in a collision on the Northern Railway outside the Paris terminus.

MASKED ROBBERS HELD UP POOL PLAYERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 9—Five masked robbers burst into a pool room on Broadway, near Gates Ave., in Brooklyn, late tonight and at the point of revolvers lined up forty men whose pockets they rifled in real wild west fashion.

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FIRE WIPED OUT WHOLE FAMILY

QUEBEC, December 9—With the four members of his family lying dead in a vacant house in Champlain street, Thomas Jones, an Englishman, out from the Old Country only about four years, last evening was as a man in a daze. He had hardly yet come to a realization of the tragic event which yesterday morning had robbed him of his wife and three children.

FIFTEEN TEAMS IN SIX DAYS BIKE RACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—Fifteen teams, including Star bicycle riders of several countries were in readiness tonight to start at midnight on a pedalling grind for six days—or 142 hours to be exact. The peculiar contest has survived so many years that it has long been recognized as an annual feature, but it is said that this may be the last event of the kind seen in New York, as Madison Square Garden, where the contest has been held for many years, is to be torn down soon. There are seventeen eastern riders in this year's line-up and four from San Francisco. A conspicuous omission in the entries is the name of Walter Rutt, the great German sprinter. In his place Willie Lorenz, the present sprinting champion of Germany, has come and will have as his mate Karl Saldow, of Germany. This pair won the recent international six day race at Berlin, and the team will be one of those most closely watched in the present contest.

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GOLDEN THOUGHTS

The firefly only shines when on the wing. So it is with mankind; when once we rest it withereth.—Bacon. Beware of desperate steps. The darkest day, lived until tomorrow, will have passed away.—Cower. It is worth one thousand pounds a year to have the habit of looking on the bright side of things.—Johnson. God has delivered yourself to your care, and says, I had no one fitter to can.—Emerson. Be brief; for it is with words as with sunbeams, the more they burn—modest, beautiful, his, by nature—condensed the deeper they burn.—Southey. Epictetus.