

FIFTY-ONE KILLED IN MINE DISASTER IN INDIANA

Explosion of Gas Takes Heavy Toll at Sullivan, Ind.—Crews Handicapped by Fumes in Efforts to Bring Victims Out.

Sullivan, Ind., Feb. 20.—In an explosion of gas that wrought the greatest mine disaster in the history of the Indiana coal fields, 51 men were killed almost instantly at 10.45 o'clock this morning in the City Coal Company mine, on the outskirts of this city.

There were 121 miners in the mine at the time of the explosion, which occurred in the third and fourth entries north, where most of the men were at work who were killed. Rescue crews went to work at once and the rescue team of the United States Bureau of Mines at Vincennes, Ind., reached the scene of the disaster by motor truck at 11.45 o'clock in the morning, one hour after the terrific explosion. They were on the bottom in 35 minutes after arrival.

Miners who were injured were brought to the surface at once. The work of bringing out the dead proceeded slowly, the bodies being brought out singly. Rescue workers were handicapped by fumes of gas which flooded the mine immediately after the explosion.

Tremendous crowds thronged the scene soon after the word of the disaster spread throughout the town and surrounding communities, and automobiles were parked along the roads leading to the shaft for distances of several miles.

Wives and children of miners employed in the shaft crowded about, seeking information, and groups of wailing, sobbing women and children clustered about as the news was broken that 51 of the men were known to be dead.

A signal to the hoisting engineer was received within three minutes after the explosion, but one of the cages was caught on the bottom by wreckage and miners were forced to climb into the shaft to the bottom and cut away the wreckage before the hoisting engine could be used. But one cage was being used as a result in the work of bringing the bodies to the surface. A row of waiting ambulances removed the dead to the city.

Sheer courage and heroism marked the work of rescuers, who braved the deadly fumes of gas and descended time after time into the mine to bring out the dead—Many were overcome and several were carried from the mine.

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BOY LOSES LIFE WHEN HOME CATCHES FIRE

Two Others Heroically Rescued by Passer-by—Chance of Recovery.

A despatch from St. Catharines says:—One of the saddest fatalities that has occurred for a long time moved the city to its depths on Thursday night when "Billy" Park, the nine-year-old son of ex-Alderman Wm. W. Park, was suffocated on Thursday night, and the lives of two other children endangered, when the house caught fire and was almost completely destroyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Park had left the three children at home while they went to a dance that was being held at the Rotary Club. Passing the house, which is situated on Queen Street, about the centre of the city, about 11 o'clock Thursday night, Frank Mokley, a returned soldier, saw the smoke coming from the building and heard the screams of the children. Breaking a window he heroically forced his way to the room where the three children were and carried them from the blazing building.

The children were immediately rushed to the hospital, and though every effort was made to save the lives of all, it was found that "Billy," the middle one of the three boys, was dead. The two other children are in the hospital, where, doctors state, they have a chance of recovering.

The origin of the fire is in doubt, but thought to have been caused by an overheated pipe. The parents were immediately notified of the tragic occurrence, and are overcome with grief at the fatality that has occurred.

Wheat Crop Grading Lower Than Last Year

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Last year's crop seemed to many people to have been a rather short one, but the record of grain inspections extending over the last 24 years shows that only four times has the number of this crop year's inspections been exceeded.

The wheat crop is not grading nearly as high as it did last year. The January inspections show that only 46.87 per cent. of the cars inspected graded No. 3 Northern or better. During the six months ending January the percentage was 59, as compared with 85 for the corresponding period a year ago.

French Airman Wins Life, Weds War Godmother

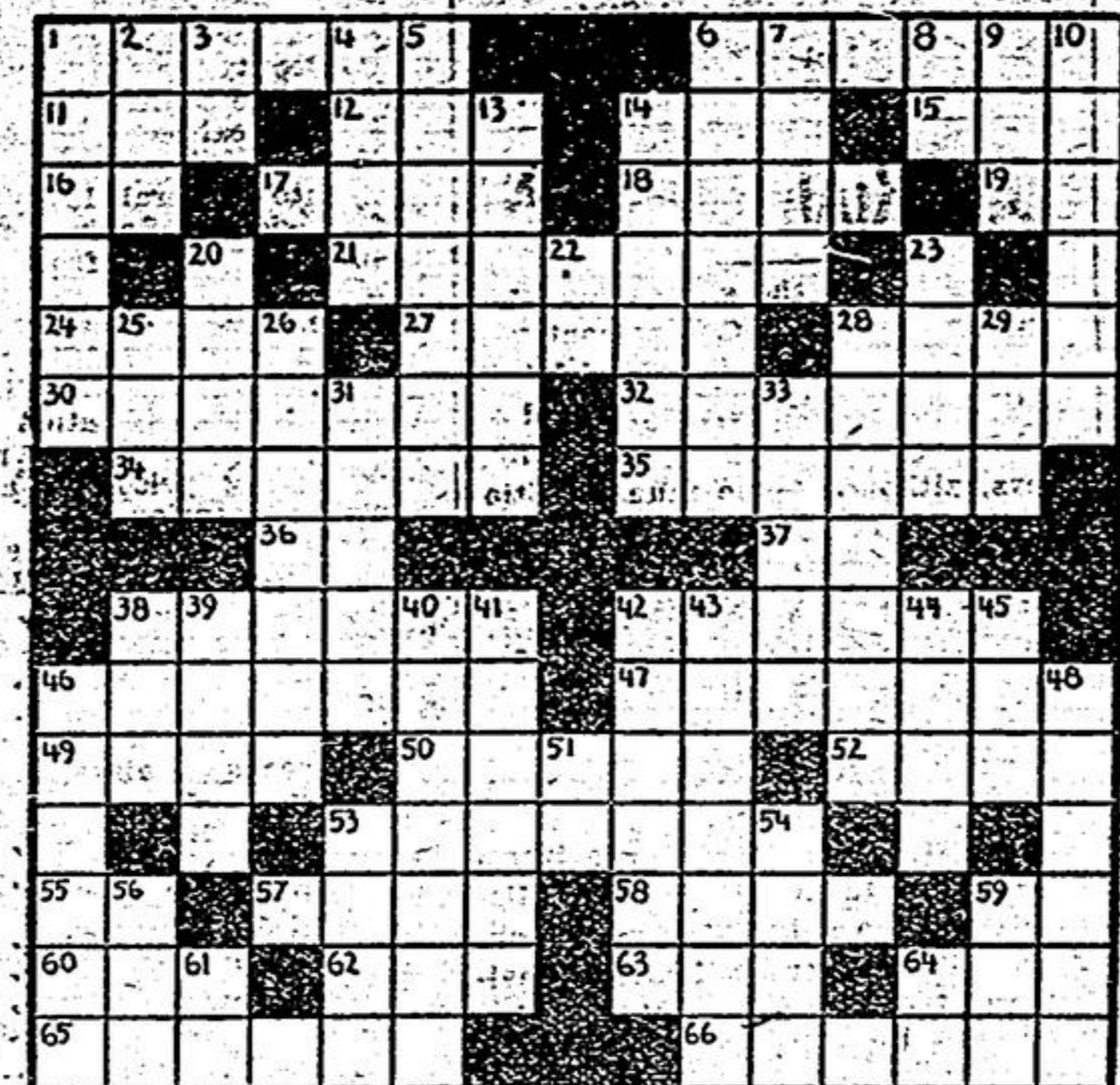
An unusual war romance has come to a happy ending in the marriage of Emile Picard, French aviator, and Mlle Emma Bon, who was his godmother during the war, says a Paris despatch. What gives peculiar piquancy to what might have been the usual story is that two years ago Picard despaired of life and gave up all hope of happiness.

He was flying to Sicily in 1922, when his plane was wrecked on the rocks off the Sicilian coast, near Pantelleria. The machine caught fire and its pilot was horribly burned. For some time little hope was held for his recovery, and Picard knew that even if he did recover he would be disabled for life. It was then that Mlle. Bon, hearing of his plight, again took over the role of godmother she had played during the war.

Rio Practices Gay Steps as Carnival Approaches

Rio de Janeiro has started training for the carnival. Social clubs throughout the city, with the exception of the aristocratic suburbs on the ocean beaches, are now giving dances every Saturday night, and the people are staging street battles of confetti. Amateur orchestras and bands are practicing American jazz and the maxixe, the Brazilian national dance.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

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| <p>HORIZONTAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1—Pushed 6—Small containers for liquids 11—A unit of weight 12—A precious stone 14—Anger 15—A small child 16—A note in music 17—Barter 18—Blood 19—Personal pronoun 21—To disturb 24—Product of a tree 27—A singer 28—East Indian tree 30—Individual characteristics 32—Portions of bacon 34—Most unusual 35—A powerful nation 36—Farming activity (abbr.) 37—A letter 38—Decorative 42—Position in golf 46—Prophets 47—Inclines to one side 49—A parent (French) 50—A leather fastening 52—To be borne along 53—A ship 55—Inside 57—To escape 58—To beseech 59—An interjection 60—A dog 62—Part of the body 63—To place 64—To fondle 65—Dried stems of grain 66—To wish for | <p>VERTICAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1—Scattered 2—Garden implement 3—A preposition 4—An exclamation 5—Takes out 6—Order of proceedings 7—At hand 8—A preposition 9—Depressed 10—Cut of beef (pl.) 13—Slightest 14—To disregard 20—Something insignificant 21—An article 23—To peep 25—Implement on a boat 26—Imprisonment 28—More sparse 29—Part of verb "to be" 31—In kingly fashion 33—A weapon 38—Metal in native state 39—Seldom seen 40—Those who test 41—Regard 42—Scalwags 43—With sloping ends 44—Line the roof of 45—Limit 46—Pertaining to the eyes (pl.) 48—A legislative body 51—Sun god 53—Cabbage salad 54—Comparative value 56—Product of a tree 59—Possessive pronoun 61—A common carrier (abbr.) 64—Printer's name for mixed type |
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OPIUM CONFERENCE ENDS LONG EXISTENCE

Ten Nations Affix Their Signatures to All Three Instruments Adopted.

A despatch from Geneva says:—Terminating a long and laborious existence marked by crises and thrills rivalling those of the famous Genoa Conference, the International Opium Conference adjourned on Thursday sine die. All the delegates, harassed and worn out by several months' negotiations, manifested their content that at last things were over.

Those who affixed their signatures to all three instruments adopted by the Conference, the anti-narcotic convention proper, the protocol and the final act, which contains a series of resolutions, were Australia, Belgium, Great Britain, Greece, Japan, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Persia, Portugal and Siam. Both Greece and Persia signed "ad referendum."

Bolivia and Hungary merely subscribed to the final act. The German plenipotentiary informed inquirers that he would sign; he walked several times into the protocol chamber, sat in a chair with pen in hand, deliberated, and then walked out without affixing his signature.

TWO CHILDREN DIE IN BURNING HOME

Mother Absent at Time at Bedside of Another Son.

Alexandria, Feb. 22.—While their father was absent in Vermont and their mother was at the bedside of a stricken son in a Montreal hospital, Pearl, aged 12, and Paul Emile, aged 10, children of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrille Lacomb, were burned to death when fire destroyed their home here this morning. Miss Massia, in charge of the house and children in the absence of their parents, narrowly escaped with her life.

The fire broke out about 2 o'clock in the morning from an unknown origin, and the housekeeper was awakened to find the building in flames and filled with smoke. Her endeavors to reach the sleeping children were cut off by the flames and she fled from the house crying for help.

Despite brave efforts on the part of the firemen, they were unable to rescue the children. The house was completely destroyed and the furniture was a total loss. The little bodies were recovered later.

Mr. Lacomb was absent on a business trip to Burlington, Vt., where he has large manufacturing interests, and Mrs. Lacomb was in Montreal, where a son was seriously ill in a hospital.

Michael O'Leary, V.C., Held on Alien Smuggling Charge

Buffalo, N.Y., Feb. 22.—Sergeant Michael O'Leary, holder of the Victoria Cross and other awards for gallantry during the World War, was held for the Federal Grand Jury by United States Commissioner Keating yesterday on a charge of conspiracy to smuggle aliens into the United States.

O'Leary, whose home is in Fort Erie, Ont., was formerly employed at Bridgeburg, Ont., as a railroad policeman. In January, two aliens were found by immigration inspectors in a freight car which came across the International bridge. The aliens are alleged to have identified O'Leary as the man who placed them in the car.

Lady Byng Decorated Girl Who Saved Man from Bull

Preccott, Feb. 22.—In the Palm Room of the Chateau Laurier at Ottawa, Margaret A. Casselman of Mountain Township was presented by her Excellency Lady Byng of Vimy with a Human Society medal in recognition of bravery displayed in saving S. D. Thorpe on Sept. 17 from being gored to death by an angry bull at the risk of her own life.

KING'S MEDICAL ADVISERS SAY INFLUENZA "SOMEWHAT SEVERE"

Slowly Recovering from Attack—Will Take Few Weeks' Cruise in Mediterranean.

London, Feb. 22.—King George Mediterranean, and it is not question must, on recovery from his present illness, betake himself out of the rigorous English climate as a precaution against the possibility of a second attack of influenza, which is very prevalent in England at the present time.

So the King's physicians, Lord Dawson, Sir Milson Rees and Sir Frederick Stanley Hewett, have ruled. The three physicians paid their customary morning and evening visits to the Palace to-day, and after a rather long consultation issued a bulletin at 8 o'clock this evening, revealing for the first time how very severe the bronchial attack had been, and why recovery was so slow.

The physicians have advised the King to spend the remainder of the winter in a yachting cruise in the Mediterranean.

The official bulletin reads:—"The King passed a fair day. There is still a rise of temperature in the evening, but the slow progress continues.

"At its onset, the influenza, which attacked his Majesty, was somewhat severe, the bronchitis extending to the base of the lungs—a form of malady which is apt to be tedious and resistant.

"In order to secure complete restoration of health and fitness, we advise, when the stage of convalescence has been reached, that His Majesty shall proceed to the south of Europe and cruise in his yacht for a few weeks." (Signed) HEWETT, REES, DAWSON.

The Week's Markets

TORONTO.
Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$2.10 1/4; No. 2 North, \$2.04 1/4; No. 3 North, \$2.01 1/4; No. 4 wheat, \$1.90 1/4.
Man. oats—No. 2 CW, 72 1/2c; No. 3 CW, 68c; extra No. 1 feed, 69c; No. 1 feed, 66c; No. 2 feed, 62 1/2c.
All the above c.i.f. bay ports.
Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, \$1.45.
Millfeed—Del., Montreal freights, bags included. Bran, per ton, \$31; shorts, per ton, \$33; middlings, \$39; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.40.
Ont. oats—No. 2 white, 57 to 59c.
Ont. wheat—No. 2 winter, \$1.60 to \$1.65; No. 3 winter, \$1.58 to \$1.62; No. 1 commercial, \$1.57 to \$1.61, f.o.b. shipping points according to freights.
Barley—Malting, 89 to 90c.
Buckwheat—No. 2, 80 to 84c.
Rye—No. 2, \$1.34 to \$1.39.
Man. flour, first pat., \$10.70; Toronto, do, second pat., \$10.20; Toronto.
Ont. flour—90 per cent. pat., \$8.15, in bags, Montreal or Toronto; do, export, nominal, cotton bags, c.i.f.
Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$8.50 to \$9.
Screenings—Standard, re-cleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$28.
Hay—No. 2, per ton, \$14.50; No. 3, per ton, \$11.50 to \$12.50; mixed, per ton, \$11.60 to \$12.
Cheese—New, large, 23c; twins, 23 1/2c; triplets, 24c; Stiltons, 24c. Old, large, 24 to 25c; twins, 25 to 26c; triplets, 26 to 27c.
Butter—Finest creamery prints, 34 to 36c; No. 1 creamery, 33 to 34c; No. 2, 31 to 33c. Dairy prints, 26 to 28c.
Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 52c; loose, 50c; fresh firsts, 48c.
Live poultry—Hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 18c; do 3 to 4 lbs., 13c; roosters, 12c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 18c.
Dressed poultry—Hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 25c; do 3 to 4 lbs., 16c; spring chickens, 4 lbs. and over, M.F., 35c; do, corn fed, 32c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 25c; turkeys, 35c.
Beans—Can. hand-picked, lb., 6 1/2c; primes, 6c.
Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.
Honey—60-lb. tins, 13 1/2c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 13 1/2c; 5-lb. tins, 14c; 2 1/2-lb. tins, 15 1/2 to 16c.
Smoked meats—Hams, med., 25 to 26c; cooked hams, 37 to 38c; smoked rolls, 18 to 20c; cottage rolls, 21 to 23c; breakfast bacon, 23 to 27c; special brand breakfast bacon, 29 to 31c; backs, boneless, 33 to 36c.
Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$17.50; 70 to 90 lbs., \$16.80; 90 lbs. and up, \$15.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$33; heavyweight rolls, \$27.
Lard—Pure tierces, 18 to 18 1/2c; tubs, 18 1/2 to 19c; pails, 18 1/2 to 19 1/2c; prints, 21 to 22c; shortening, tierces, 14 1/2 to 15c; tubs, 14 1/2 to 15 1/2c; pails, 15 1/2 to 16 1/2c; prints, 16 1/2 to 17c.
Choice heavy steers, \$7.75 to \$8.25; butcher steers, choice, \$6.75 to \$7.25; do, good, \$6.25 to \$6.75; do, med., \$5.50 to \$6; do, com., \$4.50 to \$5.25; butcher heifers, choice, \$6.75 to \$7; do, good, \$6 to \$6.50; do, med., 5 to 5.75; do, com., \$4.50 to \$5; butcher cows, choice, \$4.50 to \$5.25; do, fair to good, \$3.50 to \$4; canners and cutters, \$2.25 to \$2.75; butcher bulls, good, \$4.25 to \$5.25; do, fair, \$3.75 to \$4; bologna, \$2.50 to \$3.25; feeding steers, good, \$6.75 to \$6.50; do, fair, \$4.75 to \$5.50; stockers, good, \$4.50 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$4 to \$4.25; calves, choice, \$11 to \$12; do, med., \$7 to \$9; do, grassers, \$3.50 to \$4.50; milch cows, choice, \$60 to \$70; fair cows, \$40 to \$50; springers, choice, \$70 to \$90; good light sheep, \$7 to \$8; heavies and bucks, \$4.50 to \$6.25; bulls, \$3 to \$4; good ewe lambs, \$14.50 to \$15.50; bucks, \$12.50 to \$13.50; do,

Canadian Crew Saved By Italian Steamship

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 22.—Rescue of the crew of ten men from the disabled and sinking Canadian trawler Canada by the Italian steamship Arfena, in a position north-west of Bermuda, was reported in a wireless message picked up to-night by the Naval Communications Radio Station.

\$982,386,900 in Wealth Which Cannot be Taxed

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Dominion of Canada tax-free bonds outstanding at present total \$982,386,900, it was stated in the House of Commons on Thursday by the Acting Minister of Finance in answer to a question from J. A. Wallace, (Progressive, Norfolk).

Why is a native of a country in Africa like a poor Irishman? He lives in Ashantee (a shanty).

HEROIC "MOUNTIES" REPORT PERILOUS LIFE-AND-DEATH STRUGGLE IN FAR NORTH

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Separated from the drifting floe by several yards of open water or alternately by a heavy grinding mass of broken ice. We eventually succeeded in getting Acheat's outfit on firm ice just as darkness came on. By this time the ice was piled up all around our bobbleigh 20 feet high, so that it was impossible to move. The noise made by the grinding ice was deafening and the pressure was increased by a gale from the southwest. Early in the morning the following day the wind dropped and we succeeded in getting our outfit on the firm ice by noon of the 30th. The balance of the day and late in the afternoon of the 31st was spent in drying our clothes and equipment. A succession of such incidents make up the 47 days' patrol carried on by Staff Sergeant A. H. Joy.