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TEN MINERS SUFFOCATED IN WORKINGS!

Gas and Sulphur Fumes from Small Locomotive the Cause.

ACCIDENT MOST PECULIAR

Miners to the Number of Fifty With General Inside Foreman Golden Were on Loaded Train.

HALF JOURNEY FROM MINE MADE

When It Was Discovered That Nearly Every Man in the Party Had Been Overcome—Then the Engineer Crowded on Steam to Reach the Open Air.

HARRISBURG SAYS AN EXPLOSION

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 25.—A telegram received at the Susquehanna Coal Company's offices, in this city, this evening, states that ten miners were suffocated by gas and sulphur fumes from a small locomotive this afternoon in the workings of the Summit Branch Coal Company, at Williamstown, near Harrisburg.

The accident was one of the most peculiar in the history of the anthracite mines, and no reason for it can be assigned by the officials. The victims include Michael Golden, general inside foreman of the company, and nine miners and laborers.

The tunnel in which the disaster occurred, is one mile in length, and is used by the coal company to convey the coal mined in the working in the Bear Valley to the breaker in the Williams Valley. The men employed in the mines in the Bear Valley, who reside in Williamstown, have made a practice for years to ride to and from their work on the trips of cars that are hauled between the two valleys by small locomotives.

About 4 o'clock this afternoon, General Inside Foreman Golden, and about fifty miners, boarded a loaded trip which was about to be hauled from Bear Valley to Williamstown. Everything went all right until about half the journey was made, when some of the men attracted the attention of the engineer, who at once stopped, and it was found that nearly every man in the party on the cars had been overcome by the gas and sulphur, which emanated from the stack of the locomotive and floated back over them. The engineer at once crowded on all steam possible and the unconscious men were hurried to the Williamstown end of the tunnel with all the speed possible. Here help was at once summoned and the men were taken to the surface, where a corps of physicians made every possible effort to resuscitate them, but all came too late for Foreman Goldman and the other victims.

The tunnel has been in constant operation for more than forty years, and this is the first accident of any kind that has happened in it. It is the perfectly free from mine gases, and the ventilation is so perfect, and the air current so strong and steady, that besides being used for hauling cars, the tunnel has formed one of the in-takes that furnish air to the mines. No trouble has ever been experienced before from gas from the small mine locomotives, and the officials are entirely at sea as to the cause of the tragedy this evening.

All the telephone and telegraph wires leading to Williamstown, were put out of service by a storm this afternoon, and Williamstown was cut off until this evening, when the Pennsylvania Railroad Company restored its telegraph service.

The names of the mine victims besides Foreman Golden cannot be ascertained here at this hour.

Harrisburg, May 25.—Ten men were killed and several reported injured in an explosion of gas in the Susquehanna Coal Company's mine at Williamstown, in the upper end of the county, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The dead:

W. M. GOLDEN, general inside foreman.
GEORGE RAIDLE, master mechanic.
JOHN KURNEY.
JOSEPH PUNCH.
ENOCH MORGAN.
ALBERT NAU.
FRED GRIMES.
ADAM SCOPPENHEIMER.
JOHN FREDENCH.
SAMUEL FREDRICH.

Full details are unobtainable because of broken wires.

A spark from a dinky engine, drawing a train of cars loaded with sixty miners on the last trip for the day is supposed to have been responsible for the explosion, which has created the greatest excitement in the Lykens Valley region, where all the men live.

The Williamstown mine is one of the largest in the Lykens Valley region and employs several hundred men. To-day's is considered the worst accident, which has ever occurred in the region.

The first word of the accident came to Coroner Krause, of this city, early this evening. He will leave in the morning to make an investigation.

MORE TESTIMONY.

It Was Given Before the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

New York, May 25.—Contracts between the Guaranty Trust company of New York, the Temple iron company and the six railroads included in the inquiry which are alleged to secure the Guaranty company as trustee against loss by binding the railroads on a respective percentage based on their tonnage of coal carried to tidewater from the Temple iron company's collieries, were produced by R. C. Hubbard, secretary of the Guaranty company, to-day, when the Interstate Commerce Commission continued its inquiry into the methods of the coal-carrying roads.

Those contracts were produced by direction of the commission, following the examination of President Baer, of the Reading company, yesterday.

The first witness called by the commission to-day was President Truesdale, of the Lackawanna system, who had been directed by the United States supreme court to answer certain questions propounded to him at a previous session of the commission last September. Mr. Truesdale said that the price of Lackawanna coal at tidewater was fixed by the officers of the company under his general direction. There was no agreement as to price circulars, and the fact that prices were uniform, he explained by saying that one company would follow the lead of another as a question of policy.

E. M. Olyphant, secretary of the Delaware and Hudson railroad, and O. O. Waterman, secretary of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre coal company, laid before the commission contracts which they refused to produce when the commission was in session last September.

President Truesdale was recalled and said it was true that at a basis price of $4.60 for coal at tidewater, as prevails to-day, with a proposition in the selling contract for sixty-five per cent. of the selling proceeds to go to the operator, his road handled coal from the independent collieries at a loss. He explained, however, that the tonnage involves, represented by a small proposition of the Lackawanna's tonnage. Coal might at times be carried at a loss to preserve the roadbed's established tonnage or meet existing conditions of trade.

To Commissioner Prouty Mr. Truesdale said his company carried more coal west and north than to tidewater.

He denied that there was no actual competition where the circular prices are maintained. There is competition for producing fields, sales fields, and for other advantages, he said.

Counsel for the Delaware and Hudson road made strong objection when Secretary Oyphant was called and was asked to produce the contract with the companies relative to the transportation and sale of the coal of Hickory & Cayuga. His objections, which were based on the fact that the contract was dated prior to May 1, 1898, and was abrogated in 1899, when the Delaware and Hudson canal was abandoned, was overruled. The contract was offered in an attempt to show freight discrimination, it being contended in this instance, the Erie made about about a 25 per cent. cut in the tariff rate.

After Theodore Vrooman, first vice president of the Philadelphia and Reading, had been questioned briefly regarding the cost of operation, the commission adjourned until to-morrow.

SUPREME COURT.

A Blair County Case Among Those Handed Down.

Philadelphia, May 25.—The supreme court finished its regular sessions yesterday and adjourned to meet in this city on June 15, when it is probable a number of decisions will be handed down. A reargument was ordered on James Ruck's appeal in his attempt to recover $5,911 from the state.

The following decisions were announced:

Wernburn et al., vs. the city of Pittsburg, e. p. 2, Allegheny. Reargument ordered before full court on the Allegheny county list, 1904.

Ruse vs. commonwealth, c. p. Dauphin, reargument ordered.

Hoffman's estate, Lenares appeal, o. c., Erie, reversed, with directions to revoke probate of codicil, etc.

Wolfer vs. Metcalf, c. p. Blair. Judgment reversed with a venire de novo.

Laughead vs. Frick Coke Company, c. p., Fayette. Judgment affirmed.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church, etc., v. Smith, executor, etc., c. p. Warren. Judgment affirmed.

Methodist Bishops Assigned.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 25.—The committee on disposition of the Methodist Episcopal general conference has made the following assignments of bishops to the various cities chosen by the conference yesterday as episcopal residences: New York, Bishop Fowler; Boston, Bishop Goodsell; Philadelphia, Bishop Mallalieu; Washington, Bishop Cranston; Cincinnati, Bishop Spelmeyer; Buffalo, Bishop Berry; Chicago, Bishop McDowell; St. Louis, Bishop Fitzgerald; Denver, Bishop Hamilton; Chattanooga, Bishop Wilson; Minneapolis, Bishop Joyce; Portland, Bishop Moore; San Francisco, Bishop Hamilton; Shanghai, Bishop Bashford; Zurich (Switzerland), Bishop Burt; Buenos Ayres, Bishop Neely.

It is unlikely that any changes will be made in the committee's recommendations by the conference.

Driving Overland to St. Louis.

Lilly, Pa., May 25.—Elias Stinger, of Eldorado, Blair county, who was to have left that village Monday noon on an overland trip to St. Louis, did not get started until this morning. Mr. Stinger passed through this borough at 6:30 o'clock this evening. The paraphernalia which he carries, and which is necessary for the trip, makes a heavy load, and the drive over the mountain this far, while almost free from accidents, was very tiresome. He expected to reach Ben's Creek before sundown.

BIG FIGHTING IN PROGRESS!

Such Stated to be Condition in the Neighborhood of Port Arthur.

NEWS COMES FROM CHEFOO

The Rumors Refer to Both Land and Sea Engagements but St. Petersburg Cannot Verify Them.

WHAT SOME CHINESE SCOUTS SAY

Report That the Japanese Advance Is Falling Back on Feng Wang Cheng and Their Baggage Being Sent Further East.

FURTHER NEWS OF THE CAMPAIGN

Chicago, May 25.—A special to the Daily News from Chefoo, says:

"While cruising in Society bay, this morning, the Pawan ran across a Japanese fleet of four cruisers and four destroyers. The vessels were evidently assisting some landing party. From Chinese junks in the bay, it was learned that heavy fighting is in progress ashore in the neighborhood of Port Arthur."

St. Petersburg, May 25.—No confirmation is obtainable here of the report from Chefoo that Port Arthur was bombarded yesterday by the Japanese fleet but with telegraphic communication interrupted, the authorities here are not in a position to question the accuracy of the statement made.

Liao Yang, May 25.—Chinese scouts report that the Japanese advance is falling back on Feng Wang Cheng and that heavy Japanese baggage already has been despatch further eastward.

The Chinese governors in the surrounding districts have offered their services to General Kuropakin, in order to aid him in maintaining tranquility in the country. They also have assured the commander that they intend to do everything possible to prevent native disturbances.

A wounded Cossack who arrived at the village of Sayusiensk, yesterday, reports that a fight took place north of Takushan on May 20, in which the Japanese ambushed a sotnia of the Cossacks and nearly wiped them out. The Cossacks were patrolling to the north of Takushan for a distance of eighteen miles, when they fell in with three squadrons of Japanese cavalry, who retreated. The Cossacks followed and fell into an ambuscade, a body of Japanese infantry, being concealed behind a small hill.

Commander Bockromeloff ordered his men to draw their sabres and cut their way out when his horse was shot under him. He had lost time to order the sotnia to scatter when he fell wounded.

The Japanese then closed in on two sides, firing volleys at close range. The two remaining officers fell and the sotnia retreated with the loss of three officers and thirty men.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—Emperor Nicholas to-day received the following telegram from General Kuropatkin, dated May 24:

"There has been no change in the general situation in the direction of Feng Wang Cheng or the Gulf of Liao Tung with regard to the position of the enemy. It is established that 6,000 Japanese troops have been concentrated at Feng Wang Cheng, and that there are four line regiments and fifty guns at Pian Min.

"The advance of small detachments of Japanese toward Sin Yen has been observed. It was carried out very slowly and with great precaution.

"A force of 3,000, including infantry of the line and guards and the squadrons of cavalry advanced May 22 along the Sin Yen road between Sedzehopu and Saitzalapuda, on the left bank of the Taraas river. At the same time there was a simultaneous advance of the enemy from Feng Wang Cheng and Pian Min towards the lower court of the Taying river on the way to Lung Wang Mia.

"The advance guards of these columns crossed to the right bank on May 22 and one column of three companies and one squadron occupied the Liao Tai pass, ten miles south of Sin Yen, on the Takushan road, and the neighboring villages of Ongsiaoi and Kwanfu.

"On May 22 an intermediate detachment comprising a battalion of foot soldiers and one squadron of cavalry occupied Pikeanto, on the right bank of the Taraas river, on the Takushan road, 7 1-3 miles from Sudiapuzi."

St. Petersburg, May 25.—9:30 p. m.—The greatest precautions are being taken to prevent the outbreak of epidemics among the troops in Manchuria. Men specially trained in disinfecting are despatched to all the big camps by the Red Cross society and according to reports received the sanitary conditions are fairly good. Some sporadic cases of typhus and cholera were recognized early, but apparently there is no danger of an epidemic.

Letters received here from Liao Yang say that the conditions there are much improved, dry weather prevailing in April and early in May. Harbin was being cleaned up. The conditions in Corea, on the other hand, are described as terrible, and doubtless are responsible for the sickness prevailing in the Japanese army. The Red Cross society has established over 10,000 beds in Manchuria for the purposes of the war and has divided the immense territory from the Volga to Port Arthur and Vladivostok into four districts each in charge of a superintendent, whose duty it is to forward supplies and despatch physicians and nurses, where they were needed. There are central establishments at Irkutsk, Chita, Mukden and Liao Yang. Port Arthur and Vladivostok have their own equipment. In addition to the hospital trains, eighteen barges are being fitted for the transportation of the wounded and sick by the Sungari and Amur rivers. Much is expected of the flying detachments, each made up of a surgeon, four medical students and eight men trained to apply the first aid to the wounded and operate under fire. Reports of their work at the Yalu river are awaited here with great interest.

London, May 26.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Shimonoseki, Japan, under date of May 25, says that only minor operations are now proceeding on the peninsula of Liao Tung and that the main attack will probably be postponed for some time.

The Standard's correspondent at the headquarters of the Japanese First army, under date of May 23, says there is no change in the military situation. The Russians seem to be perfectly content to remain on the defensive and are vigorously strengthening their position with Liao Yang, as the base. They are a little more active, however, northeast of Feng Wang Cheng, where the patrols of both armies are in touch almost daily.

TYNER AND BARRETT

Declared Not Guilty of Charges of Conspiracy.

Washington, May 25.—Within twenty-six minutes of the retirement of the jury in the case of James N. Tyner and Harrison J. Barrett, tried on charges of conspiracy in connection with their duties as law officers for the postoffice department, a verdict of not guilty was returned. General Tyner expecting a longer wait, had been wheeled from the court room, and his nephew and co-defendant hastened to give an order which caused his return.

General Tyner appeared greatly excited as he attempted to face the jury and when the verdict was returned he broke down completely. Several of the jurors were with him and all of them shook hands with him.

The Tyner-Barrett case was begun on May 2, and has been before the court nineteen full days.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

They Elected Officers and Adjourned Finally.

York, Pa., May 25.—At noon to-day the grand commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania concluded its fifty-first annual session. Williamsport was selected as the next place of meeting, officers were elected for the year and charters were granted to two new commanderies, Germantown, No. 81, and DuBois, No. 82, and to-night about sixty families are homeless.

Memorial Day at Williamsburg.

Special to the Tribune.

Williamsburg, May 25.—The members of the Grand Army post here have now completed their arrangements for the proper celebration of Memorial Day. The sermon on Sunday in the Lutheran church by Pastor W. M. Spangler promises to be largely attended. The Memorial Day address will be delivered at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon and as the orator of the day, the Hon. John M. Reynolds, of Bellefonte, is one of the most eloquent speakers in the state, it is confidently believed the meeting will be one of the most remarkable and interesting ever held in this old town. The various local patriotic and fraternal societies of the town have been invited to participate with the Grand Army of the Republic in the exercises and it is presumed the invitation will be accepted and that the citizens and women and their children from all the surrounding country will be interested visitors.

Thinks Law is Unconstitutional.

Harrisburg, May 25.—Secretary of Internal Affairs Brown filed an answer in the Dauphin county court today in the mandamus proceedings instituted by Attorney General Carson to compel him to furnish the equipment for the inspectors of scales, weights and measures appointed recently by Governor Pennypacker for the cities of Pittsburg, Allegheny and Scranton.

Secretary Brown says the state owns no complete standard of weights, measures and tests and that he is unable to secure an equipment for the inspectors out of the appropriation of $2,500 made by the last legislature. He also contends that the act of 1895, under which the inspectors were appointed, is unconstitutional.

Methodist Episcopal General Conference.

Los Angeles, May 25.—The Methodist Episcopal general conference to-day assigned the sixteen bishops of the church to their respective residences for the next quadrennium, adopted the reports of the Epworth League committee and the committee on book concerns, balloted for editor of the Epworth Herald, and held memorial services in honor of the memory of some of the leading clergymen of the church, who have died within the past four years.

There are six candidates for the position of editor of the Epworth Herald. It is believed that the ballot taken will show the election of S. J. Herrick, who is announced to-morrow morning. Dr. Herbin is assistant editor of the New York Christian Advocate.

Presbyterian General Assembly.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 25.—The leaders of the movement in the Cumberland branch of the Presbyterian church of the United States, for union with the Cumberland church, one of the southern branches, were at sea to-night. The big fight over the question comes up in the general assembly here to-morrow. The leaders had hoped they would go into the fight to-morrow with the prestige of a resolution of the Cumberland assembly, now meeting in Dallas, Tex., declaring in favor of union. The leaders waited up to nearly mid-night for word from the Dallas body, but nothing definite came. The opposition to union in the southern assembly will make a strong fight to-morrow.

YAZOO CITY FLAME-SWEPT!

Monetary Loss to a Mississippi Town Roughly Estimated at $2,000,000.

MANY BLOCKS WERE BURNED

The Conflagration Started in the Morning and Was Soon Beyond Control of Its Fighters.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD A LOSER

Everything From the River on the South Was Burned, a Distance of Twelve Blocks by Three Blocks in Width.

MAYOR HOLMES WAS BADLY INJURED

Jackson, Miss., May 25.—1 p. m.—A telephone message just received here from the edge of Yazoo City says that fire, which started there this morning, is beyond control. Chambless, White was killed and Mayor Holmes badly injured while fighting the flames. It is now thought the loss will be a million and a quarter dollars. The Illinois Central passenger depot is on fire, together with freight cars, standing in the yards. It looks as though the whole town is doomed to destruction.

2.25 p. m.—The fire is now believed to be under control. The loss is roughly estimated at two million dollars. The fire destroyed everything from the river on the south, a distance of twelve blocks and three blocks wide.

Jackson, Miss., May 25.—All the business houses of any importance, a large number of private residences, the principal hotel and the compress and cotton yard of the town, are gone. The fire was started at 8:30 o'clock this morning and burned until 5 o'clock this afternoon, destroying a total of 290 houses. The financial loss will be the heaviest in the history of Mississippi, since the war. The fire was three blocks wide and twelve blocks long. A man named Chambliss was killed by falling walls, and Mayor Holmes was very badly hurt. To-night about sixty families are homeless.

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FROM ALDERMEN'S OFFICES.

Disposition Made by Magistrates in Cases Before Them.

Alderman J. J. Irwin's court was a very busy place yesterday as will be seen by the number of cases disposed of:

In case of W. T. Dunn, charged by C. F. Zeal with unprovoked assault and battery, defendant was held for a hearing on May 26.

In the case of Commonwealth vs. Davy Douglas for cruelty to animals, defendant was fined $10 and costs and discharged from jail.

Commonwealth vs. William Zimmerman, charged by Michael Conley with larceny. Zimmerman was held in $200 bail for his appearance at next court.

Michael Conley, charged by Rita Zimmerman, of Bellwood, with assault and battery, was held in $300 bail for his appearance at the next court of quarter sessions.

Commonwealth vs. Rita Zimmerman, charged by Michael Conley with concealing stolen goods. Defendant was discharged for want of sufficient evidence to convict.

Commonwealth against Fred Mittermeyer, charged by his wife, Francesa, with wantonly and cruelly illtreating and neglecting her, and refusing to support her and minor child, Mary, and threatening to do his wife bodily harm. In default of bail defendant was committed to the city prison for a hearing.

At Alderman Kinch's court W. F. Cornell was tried for jumping a board bill at the Belmont hotel. A warrant was recently issued for his arrest, but he eluded the officers for some time. Yesterday he was located in Johnstown, where he was arrested and brought to this city for a hearing. The case will likely be satisfactorily adjusted and for this reason the alderman suspended judgment.

Accidents Treated at the Hospital.

The following accident cases were treated at the Altoona hospital dispensary yesterday:

Thirty former patients received treatment at the dispensary during the regular morning hours.

Wilford Brandt, aged 14 years, of 114 East Sixth avenue, for the removal of a thorn from his left leg.

Ralph Colizan, aged 14 years, of 1907 Sixth avenue, for a contusion of the right wrist. He received the injury while wrestling.

Harold Burley, aged 9 years, of 811 Howard avenue, for a laceration of the forehead. He received the injury while playing base ball.

Ella Windertz, aged 17 years, of Unionville, for the removal of a cartridge ball from the right shoulder. A few days ago his son attempted to shoot a dog, but missed his aim and the ball hit the father in the right shoulder.

Joe Madonna, aged 22 years, a miner residing at Gallitzin, was admitted to the hospital yesterday morning, suffering with an infected hand. While at work in one of the mines of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke company a piece of coal fell on his hand and infected a wound which became infected.

Police Station News.

Two boys were arrested at 7:15 o'clock last evening for playing ball in the alley between Twelfth and Thirteenth avenues and Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets. Both left security for a hearing.

Charles Caswell was arrested at 9:30 o'clock last night at Eleventh avenue and Eleventh street, by Patrolman Gill, on the charge of fast driving. He was locked up and the team turned over to Duke & Arthur, the owners.

Mary Weston and Stella Weston, two gypsy girls, were arrested on Bridge street at 4:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Patrolman Spangler. The officer was attracted to them by their gaudy dress and general appearance and he followed and placed them under arrest on the charge of being fortune tellers. At the police station the girls each left $5.80 security for a hearing.

Eastern Star Officers.

Pittsburg, May 25.—The second and closing day of the state grand chapter, convention of the Eastern Star, was given up principally to the election of officers and selection of the next meeting place. The election resulted:

Miss Mary Saunders, St. John's chapter, Philadelphia, grand worthy matron.

John Andofer, Pheonix chapter, Southwark, grand patron.

H. Heselbarth, Guyasuta chapter, Pittsburg, associate patron.

Philadelphia was chosen for the next meeting place on the second Tuesday in May, 1905. Guyasuta chapter entertained the delegates and visitors to-night with a reception and musicale.

Cricket Field Well Patronized.

The Cricket field at Chestnut avenue and Seventh street has become a great place for recreation for the young people who reside in that vicinity, since the warm weather hit the city. Every evening many young men and boys assemble on the grounds and play ball until dark. They take great interest in the sport and seem to reap a deal of good from the pastime. Base ball is not all that is played on the field as the tennis courts are in fine condition and are being used by a number of young ladies and gentlemen who live in the neighborhood. Some of the matches are snappy and interesting and before the summer is over there are likely to be several match games played.

Prices Took a Drop.

Prices were considerably lower yesterday at the Green avenue market, on account of the impending dull times. Butter and eggs were reduced in price, selling for 20c and 18c, respectively, and will likely sell for 15c next week. The price of strawberries came down toward the close, and the berries were quickly disposed of at four boxes for 25 cents. A large assortment of flowers were displayed and sold readily. Old potatoes sold for 60c and new ones for 50c. Tomatoes brought from 10 to 25 cents per box; cabbage 2 to 10 cents a head and beans 10 cents a quarter peck.

OHIO DEMOCRATS NAME A TICKET!

Platform as Adopted Contains a Two-Cent Railway Fare Plank.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

Interest in the Convention Centred Around the Various Presidential Elements.

THESE LATTER NUMBERED THREE

Hearst Men Opposed Unit Rule, Colonel Kilbourne Wanted Endorsement and Harmon Wanted Delegates to Vote as a Unit.

THIS LAST WON BY SMALL MARGIN

Columbus, O., May 25.—The democratic convention here to-day nominated the following ticket:

Secretary of State—A. P. Sandles.

Supreme Judge—Philip J. Renner.

Clerk of Supreme Court—Peter Mahaffey.

Dairy and Food Commissioner—Quinto M. Gravatt.

Member of the Board of Public Works—W. H. Ferguson.

Delegate-at-Large—Wm. S. Thomas, John A. McMahon, Edward H. Moore and Charles P. Salen.

There were three presidential elements here to-day. The Hearst men originally wanted instructions, but finally limited their opposition to the unit rule. The friends of Colonel James Kilbourne, of Columbus, who was the democratic candidate for governor three years ago, wanted "endorsement." The friends of Judge Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, who was attorney-general under Cleveland wanted neither endorsement nor instructions, but the unit rule. The Harmon men apparently won.

The platform was adopted as presented, with the exception of a two-cent railway fare plank, which was added at the instigation of Mayor Johnson of Cleveland. The majority for the unit rule was only 61 out of a total vote of 723. The Harmon men to-day limited the effect to avoiding either instructions or endorsement and making sure a unit rule under which William R. Hearst will have votes from Ohio, although he has carried at least three districts.

The so-called conservatives claim thirty-five delegates in the fight of the Ohio delegation to St. Louis in thirty-six conventions (friendly to Harmon), Hearst, six, and Folk four.

Alabama Democrats.

Montgomery, Ala., May 25.—The democratic state convention was held here to-day and despatched its work in a few hours. While no instructions were given, the resolutions adopted, recited that at the present time Judge Alton B. Parker, is the most available and acceptable candidate for the nomination of the presidency, and that the sentiment of the convention is for his nomination. The unit rule was put in force and an overwhelming majority of the delegates elected, favor the nomination of Parker.

Edward L. Russell, Colonel H. S. D. Mallory, Congressman William Richardson, and Rufus N. Rhodes, were elected delegates-at-large to the St. Louis convention. It seemed to be the overwhelming sentiment of the delegates that the vote of Alabama should be cast for Judge Parker.

Of the four delegates-at-large, all favor Judge Parker, and of the eighteen district delegates, ten are for the New York judge.

Slade Makes a Denial.

William Slade, the alleged negro murderer, is confined in the city prison to await a hearing before Alderman Dollyne to-day. He was brought back from Brownsville where he was arrested by Constable Roe. Some of Slade's companions who were working on the railroad with him at Brownsville became afraid of him and they "peached" on him, and he was taken into custody. Leopolda Poeti, is the last act of the Italian Slade is supposed to have killed at the end of the Gallitzin tunnel on December 1, 1902. In an anti-mortem statement made to the coroner, Poeti said that he had been shot five times by his assailant, and that in the scuffle he had bitten the assailant on the wrist. It is said that Slade was seen about Gallitzin the next day, and that he had his wrist bandaged up. Slade denies that he is the murderer of Poeti and claims that he was not in this part of the country last winter.

Conference of German Baptists Over.

Carthage, Mo., May 25.—The annual conference of the German Baptists of the United States, which has been in session here for four days, closed to-night. The last act of the conference was the selection of missionaries to represent the church in Indiana. The following were selected:

J. M. Pittenger and wife, of Ohio; Enoch H. Eby and wife, of Kansas; S. P. Bottenhle and wife, of Colorado; A. W. Ross and wife, of Colorado; W. J. Stewart, of Pennsylvania; Miss Gertrude Rowland, of Maryland. They will sail for India next September.

Resigned From Forestry Commission

Harrisburg, May 25.—Secretary of Internal Affairs Brown to-day tendered his resignation to Governor Pennypacker as a member of the State Forestry commission, owing to his inability to give the position the attention it requires.

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