## Scene of Disaster in Which French Miners Lost Their Lives



Courrieres, the scene of the recent catastrophe, is in Pase de Calaia, northern France, eighteen miles dis-tant from Bethune. It has a popula-tion of 3,390. It is in the center of France's greatest coal district. This district has an area of 199 square miles, and employed in it are 20,000 MINES OF THE SHAFT VARIETY. | GROWING POWER OF THE WEST.

Some at Courrieres Extended Far into the Ground.

Coal mines are divided into two kinds, the drift mine and the shaft mine. The drift mine is dug into the side of the hill and extends by very alow degrees downward. The coal is brought to the surface in little cars drawn on narrow gauge rails by donkers.

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These mines sometimes extend inward for over a mile in one direction.

The Courriers mines are mostly of the shaft variety, however. Some of these shafts are very deep. On the day of the explosion men were heard calling for help from a depth of nearly half a mile.

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The miners in France do not use the safety lamps that many mining concerns in the United States now compel their employes to use. These lamps are little metallic oil-burning affairs affared to the miners' hast. The flame ignites from a cotton wick, and will burn hour after hour. Not even the eternal vigilance of the fire boss can prevent a holocaust if the miners themselves become careless.

In the Courrieres mines there are a

In the Courrieres mines there are a great many condemned "pockets," as they are called. These pockets at one time or another become filled with fire damp and the miners were warned not to go near them.

One rumor as to the cause of the explosion is that a miner either care-time to the cause of the case of

The topography of the stricken dis-The topography of the stricken dis-trict is very irregular and very much resembles that of Allegheny county. Pa. The district is thickly populate, and but a few miles out of the line-of travel of the multitude of tourist who throng northern France every

who throng northern France every year.

The mining population is not made in principally of Frenchmen any more than the mining population in the United States is made up of Americans. Poles and Hungarians, as well as a liberal spiribiling of Italians and the County of the County of

morency, however.

Gusens Tailer Than Their Consorts.
There hardly is a king in Christendom to-day whose wife does not overstop him by a head. King Edward is
six inches shorter than Queen Alexandra. The cara is overlopped a full
head by the crarins. Kalser Wilhelm
is of the medium height, but the German empress is tail, and that is why
the kalser will never consent to be
photographed beside his wife unless
she sits while he stands. The king of
Portugal, though fatter, is less tail
than his giusen. The queen of Denmark towers above her royal spouse.

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Peculiar Nervous Disease.
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hands. The amount of coal mined an-nually is 5,000,000 tons. Coal was first discovered here in 1717, at Tree-nes. For centuries the district around Courrieres has been prominent in its manufactures, and the almost inex-haustible beds of coal will secure it that supremacy for centuries to come.

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Will Soon Push East in Population and Commercial Supremacy.

The Management of the Commercial Supremacy.

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SARRIEN LONG IN PUBLIC LIFE.

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Second Time New French Premier
Has Been in Cabinet.

M. Jéan Sarrien, head of the new
French cabinet, has been a power in
French political life for fifteen years.
There have been few ministerial crises
in which he has not been consulted.
The last time that he held office was
in 1898, when at the request of his
friend, Brisson, he, with some reluctance, consented to accept the perilous
pool of minister of justice at the time
he instituted the proceedings in the
Supreme court, which resulted in the
quashing of the first trial and in the
ex-captain being brought back to
France to stand trial anew at Rennes.
He is a man of 66, a lawyer, born of
a middle class provincial family, and
during the war with Germany won
the cross of the Legion of Honor by
gallantry under fire as captain of Mobiles. He has represented his native



district of the Saone et Loire without interruption for nearly thirty years in the chamber of deputies.

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English Nobility in Trade.
English nobility has many matters on its mind these days. It wishes to keep busy above all things and there are individuals who are looking for gold galore by going; into trade. Carpet weaving is the latest industry to be invaded by these "distinguished" persons bent upon adding to incomes or finding work for their tenantry. Foremost among them is the Duchess of Sutherland, who has started looms at Heimsdale, in Sutherlandshire, in order to help the women affected by the decline in the Highland fabrates. As a purely business speculation the Earl of Pembroke and the Earl of Radmor have opened a carpet factory at Wilton. They bring to that admirable possession a cultivated taste and the beautiful things which they promise to turn out will be sought by devotees of the life luxurious.

Stomach Not a Necessity.

While the value of a good stomach is undoubted, fortunately, says Prof. H. J. Paterson, Nature is able to dispense with this organ, as most of its functions can be performed by other parts of the allimentary canal. It has been shown that dogs may gain in weight and remain in perfect health after removal of the entire stomach, while the elaborate observations made on a patiegt prove that the same holds good of human beings. Until some other cure for cancer is discovered, wide removal is the ideal operation.

## STORM BENEFITS CHICAGO TRADE

Cold Weather Creates Demand for Winter Wearing Apparel.

SPRING BUYING IS SUSTAINED

Country Merchants Laying in Good Stocks to Supply Needs of Custom-ers, Indicated by Reports Direct From Farmers.

Chicago dispatch: The weekly review of Chicago trade by R. Q. Dun & Co. follows: "The belated arrival of a torny weather stimulated demand in lines which had lagged somewhat lines which had lagged somewhat provided for fuel and heavy appared."

"Manufacturing proceeds' steadily, the leading producers in iron and steel having all the work which can be undertaken, while there is more effort to increase output in car building, farm implements, heavy machinery and electric supplies.

"An accumulation of freight awaits the opening of lake navigation, and vessel owners are pushing their preparations for heavy carrying. Farm reports indicate that spring work and the marketing crops are delayed by the heavy weather, but the growing crops stand well, the snowfall affording protection against freezing.

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GOES AFTER LUMBER DEALERS Evidence of Alleged Combine Sought

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Jackson, Miss. dispatch: The United States government is about to take a hand in the insvestigation of the alleged lumber trust in this state. Chairman McAllister of the joint legislative investigating committee today received a letter from the attorivey general of the United States, which says: "It appears that the combination is operating in violation of the Sherman insultrust act. I should appreciate it very much if you will furnish this department with a copy of your report, together with the testimony taken before the legislative committee. The purpose of this request is to obtain sufficient data to obtain sufficient data to continue the committee of the second of t

EARTHQUAKE KILLS OVER 1,00

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Tokio cablegram: Advices from Taliboku, capital of Pormosa, state that the earthquake on that island was more so:lous that at first reportation of the state of the state

Reck River on Rampage.

Sterling, Ill., dispatch: The flood situation on low-tree is again alarming and the ware repertured in a same of the sterling and the sterling at Hillsdale has been dangerously damaged. Thousands of arres are again under water.

NO REST NIGHT OR DAY.

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With irritating Skin Humore—Hair Bagan to Fall Out—Wenderful Resuit from Cuticura Remedies.

"About the latter part of July my
whole body began to itch. I did not
take much notice of it at first, but it
began to get worse all the time, and
then It began to get neasy and tried
all kinds of baths and other remedies
that were recommended for skin humisty hair began to fall out and time
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me wonderfully. For about four
weeks I would take a hot bath every
night and then apply the Cuticura Olatiment to my whole body; and I
kept getting better, and by the time
I used four boxes of Cuticura I was
entirely cured, and my hair stopped
falling out. D. E. Blankenship, 319
N. M. St., Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 27, 1905."

MAS INTERVIEWS WITH SPIRITS

Noted French Author Claims Powers as a Medium.

Sardou asserts that he is a highly sensitive and effective spiritualist medium; that he has had frequent interviews with spirits of friends who are dead, and that he has received messages, spirits guiding his hand to write them as they were communicated to him. He has a collection of many drawings he has made, the spirits guiding his pencil—strange faces of angels, of demons, human figures tolling up dark, steep hills, while ahead of them supernatural beings light the way or see obstacles in the path. The playwright says he cannot and does not attempt to explain these visitations, this guidance. But convinced of the objective reality control of the objective reality and power to enter into relations with humanity.

AROUND THE WORLD.

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A trip around the world in these modern times, is no extraordinary event, but to go around it on the trains and steamers of one company, is an event that cannot but arouse interest. For the first time in history, the earth has been girdled by the ships and trains of one transportation company—the Canadian Pacific Railway, January 19th, several passenger left Montreal on the Short Line groups of the Canadian Pacific Railway, for St. John, N. B., they arrived at that port on the morning of January 20th, where they boarded the Canadian Pacific Railway, for St. John, N. B., they arrived at that port on the morning of January 20th, where they boarded the Canadian Pacific Railway Co's Steamer, the "Monteagle" took them on February 5th to Hong Kong, on the other side of the world. The "Monteagle" are provided to Hong Kong, on the other side of the world. The "Monteagle" are provided to arrive the Hong Kong, on the Canadian Pacific Railway Co's Steamer, the "Monteagle" took them on February 5th to Hong Kong, on the other side of the world. The "Monteagle" are she took on her cargo. Cardiff was the final port of departure from the British Isles, and sailing from that period the state of the state of the state of the canadian Pacific Railway Co's Steamer, "Empress of India" will carry these passengers to Vancouver, arriving there on May 5th, and the Imperial Limited train of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co's Steamer, "Empress of India" will carry these passengers to Vancouver, arriving there now May 5th, and the Imperial Limited train of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co's Steamer, "Empress of India" will carry these passengers to Vancouver, arriving there now May 5th, and the Imperial Limited train of the Canadian Pacific Railway will bring them across the continent, over the majestic Rockies, and the great fast filling prairies of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co's Steamer, Tempress of Lake Superior to Montreal, so that under ordinary electumentances, they should reach home on May 13th next.

The March

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The March number of "Ferming" is an inspiration to begin work, and to improve on some of the old ways of doing things. The cover design—a Plowing Scene—is typical of what is going on all over the county. Two pages are devoted to the Month's Opportunities, and the various departments of farm life are covered in timely notes by authorities in their special lines.

A magnificent steel engraving of Hagerman Pass, the most famous mountain pass in Colorado, has been Issued by the Colorado Midland Railway. This engraving is 35x40 inches and suitable for framing. It will be sent to any address on receipt of 15 cents in stamps by C. H. Speers, G. P. A. Detaver, Colo.

Black Diamonds Exempt.
Diamonds had just gone up again.
Still the householder did not despair.
"Perhaps these barons don't know,"
he reflected, "that coal is carbon,
tod."

Blake Into Your Shees
Allen's Foot-Dase, a powder. It cures painful, amarting, nervous feet and ingrowing
naits. It's the greatest comfort discovery
of the age. Makes new shose easy. A
certain cure for sweating feet. Sold by
all Druggists, 180. Trial package FREEL
Address A. S. Olimsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Taken by Surprise.

"Maw, when did you first get acquainted with paw?"

"Several years after I married him,

Spring!

Time to cleanes the system and purify the blood. Take Gardeld Tee, Nature's perfect axative is in the best bood purifier nown It curve sick headachs, requistes the 1 ver. Lury, bonnach and bowest. Jend for sample. Gardeld Tee Co., Brooklan, N. Y.

Lots of men labor by waiting for

The color of Eggs.

The color of eggs has a great deal to do with the value of eggs in different markets. In the majority of the markets. In the majority of the markets nour small cities, towns and villages the people do not care whether as legs is brown or white. This is not market does not care whether as legs is the color. The construction of an egg it receives. But New York and Bottom. The this his New York and Bottom. The this his contract of the contract of an egg it receives. But New York wants a white egg; and a white egg, uniform in size and tint, will sell at about 2 e a dozen over the price of brown eggs or mixed eggs. The rich families of New York ejidentij like to have white eggs on thely tables. The opposite is true in Bottom. There the brown egg is in favor. It may be a coincidence that the Plymouth Rock specially using the proposition, should any a rown egg. The farmer supplying the Bostom. The farmer supplying the Bostom of the colored egg so much in demand in Boston. Pure color in eggs can only be obtained by pure breeding. As soon as Plymouth Rocks are crossed with other breeds they begin to produce off-colored eggs. Now and then a hen will be found having but little blood in her other than Plymouth Rock and yet producing a white egg. Such hens are eliminated from the flocks when they are discovered. The color is a fancy point but it is one that must be considered by the man that wants to get the most for his eggs.

Sheep as Manure Spreaders.

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Speaking of manure spreaders, there is nothing so cheap and effectual as a flock of sheep as handled at "Millerton," where they come into the barns adjoining the pasture, at will to eat of the hay thrown off the mow in the racks each side the inner walls of the barn. I have just walked out over the pasture where one flock of 140 have the run, and it would seem they have remained but a few nights in the barn this winter, as the more elevated places are sprinkled over with their droppings, just as it should be to maintain the fertility of the soil and a heavy growth of grass during summore of these fleids have been not been continued to the soil of the soil and a heavy growth of grass during sumproving or maintaining more grass than formerly. The sheep are not "running down" either, as is often said to be the case by those who probably overstocked their pastures.—I. M. Miller, Grant Co., Ind.

Boiting Food.

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Bolting Food.

An instructor in an agricultural college says: Bolting the food or gulping it rapidly and without sufficient mastication is always injurious to animals. Some horse acquire this as a habit, and it is hard to overcome. One of the beat methods of preventing it is to agreed the grain over a large area, as on the bottom of a manger, so that the horse bring over the properties of the contract of the same results. Smooth round stones the size of a man's fist can be viaced in the ordinary feed box, so that the horse is compelled to nose them over in order to get the grain. Animals that bott their feed should be given ground feed. be given ground feed.

Farm Accounts Difficult.

I am sorry to say that the farmers do not pay much attention to the matter of keeping farm accounts. When accounts are kept they comprise chiefly the buying or selling of etock, payment of hird help and the like. The above is the extent of my own bookkeeping, except on January first of each year I take an invoice. It is a difficult matter to keep an account of each crop separately, yet great begefits can be derived from it. However, it is not sentended to the selling of the selling the selli

Smith, Edgar County III.

Smuts in Foods.

Grasses and grain often contain ergot, a parasitic fungus, which shows itself among the healthy grains as long black kernels. This fungus most frequently attacks rie and related wild grains. The feeding of this "spurred rie" to animals is likely to produce in them r disease called ergotism. In this disease the blood vessels of the extremities contract to such an extent that the feet of the afflicted animals frequently slough off and sometimes also the tails. Corn smut, so far as known, does not cause disease. If fed in large quantities, however, it is likely to cause indigestion.—The Care of Animals.

Trap Nesta.

The trap nest is a good thing in the experiment, sation and the large poultry farm when the large poultry farm when the large poultry farm, to week to keep track of 'what wach hen is doing. On the ordinary farm, however, the trap nest is of no value, for the reason that, after abe has laid, some one must be at hand to release the fowl and record her number. If the farmer whese to keep an individual record of his poultry he will have to work up some other plas rather than that of the trap nest.

Don't neglect the calves. They want the warm side of the barn these raw days.

There is no Rochelle Salts, Alum, Limeor Ammonia in food made with

## **Calumet Baking** Powder

Oemplies with the Pure Food Laws of all States.

Machinery is the cornerstone of modern society, the very foundation on which law science, ethics, the arts, even the state itself, reats. It is so new that we do not yet understand. On the second of the se

Wore Bonnet Fifty Years.

Mrs. MacClean died the other day at New Ross, county Wexford, at the Prop of ninety-nine. At a recent exhibition at New Ross a black straw bonnet that had been worn by Mrs. MacClean for fifty consecutive years without a change of shape or trimmings was on view.

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How's This?

We ofter on Hundred Duisen Revised for any man of Culturis that cannot be cured by Hall's Castro. Core.

We, the undersigned, have innen b'. J. CHENTY CO. Tulesto, O. Tulesto, O

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Congressman Bowle of Alabama in a few days will introduce a bill providing for the erection in Statuary hall, Washington, of a statute to Col. J. L. M. Curry, the noted southern philanthropist and educator. Should the measure come to a vote the house of representatives will have a chance to say whether it will permit such honor to the memory of a Confederate soldier. Col. Curry's fame as a philanthropist is widespread, but he is perhaps better remembered as an aide to Gens. Wheeler and Jackson during the civil war. Should consent be given, Alabama stands ready to Turnish the monument.

Increase in Railroad Earnings.

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One hundred and fitty millions of dollars is a large sum for any industry to earn in one year, and yet this sum, great, as it is, represents not the gross earnings but the increased earnings of the railroads in this country last year. What the business of the people of America amounts to may be, imagined from the fact that they paid \$150,000,000 more money for freight charges in 1905 than they did in 1904. It takes a great many tons of freight at an average of 1 cent per ton per mile to pile up \$150,000,000, and that, as above noted, is not the amount of business done, but merely the increase of that business in 1905 as compared with 1904. And the railroads are not doing all the carrying for the American people by a long chalk—Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

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And the List Laugh is Always the Best.

"Six months ago I would have implemented at the toka that there could be anything better for a table beverage than coffee," writes an Ohlo woman—"now I laugh to know there is." Since childhood I drank coffee as freely as any other member of the family. The result was a punished I did not gain in bealth, but was afficieted with heart trouble, a weak and disordered stomach, wrecked nerves and a general breaking down, till last winter, at the age of 38 I seemed to be on the verge of consumption. My friends greeted me with 'How bad you look! What a terrible color!' and this was not very comforted me that they age of the toke of the control of the c