

## 46 MEN TRAPPED IN MINE AND FIRE RAGES

ONE MAN REMOVED IN UNCONSCIOUS STATE; OTHER BELIEVED TO BE DEAD

### FIRE ADDS TO THE HORROR

Mine Near Scranton, Pennsylvania, Explodes and Fire Immediately Breaks Out—Mothers and Daughters Crowd About the Entrance Regarding Work of Rescuers—Valiant Service Done by Firemen.

Scranton, April 8.—Death by suffocation, it is feared, was the fate of 46 miners trapped in the Hancock mine, when fire broke out today. Although every effort was made to save them, and though the fire was controlled at 1 o'clock, the lower levels were filled with smoke and gases, and rescue parties could not make their way through the tunnel.

Big fans are forcing fresh air into the workings, but the old miners fear black damp and gases from the fire have already overcome the entombed.

Men are forcing air down the tunnel at the foot of the shaft where the men are believed to be imprisoned. The shaft is choked with debris.

Equipped with oxygen helmets, a trainload of rescuers is being rushed to the scene. At a late hour this afternoon it is reported several cars in the mine are ablaze and water is being pumped into the mine to extinguish them.

After heroic work on the part of the firemen and rescuers, the fire was controlled at one o'clock. Despite the fact that red hot embers blocked all entrances to the mine the fire fighters, aided by frantic relatives, started the work of removing the debris. Unless the mine has filled with poisonous gases it is hoped all the entombed men will be rescued. A hundred women and children are crowding the entrances, seriously hampering the work.

One Man Rescued. Late this afternoon the mine was penetrated and Joseph Wickers, a fire boss, was rescued in an unconscious state. The officials stated there is a chance that others are alive, as air is being pumped down the shafts.

## SUPPRESSION OF DRUGS TRADE

OPIUM, COCAINE AND OTHER DOPE ARTICLES TABOOED.

The Hague Conference to See Steps Toward This Condition.

The Hague, April 7.—Great Britain, the United States, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Portugal, the Netherlands, Persia, Japan, China and Siam have named delegates to the international conference here next month to discuss plans for suppressing the opium traffic. At the suggestion of Great Britain a proposal will be made to include morphine and cocaine with opium in the prohibition to be enforced.

It is desired to place the traffic in these drugs under the control of international law. The conference will seek to have the delegates recommend to their own governments measures for the suppression of the production and use of opium, morphine and cocaine, except upon physicians' prescriptions; the prevention of the shipment of the drugs to other countries; the control of their sale and use; the closing of opium resorts and the extension to foreign concessions in China of the pharmacy laws of the various countries.

## DRYS LOSE IN MICHIGAN.

Anti-Saloon League Shows Loss of Power in Recent Election.

Detroit, Mich., April 7.—Complete returns from the recent election show in the wet and dry campaign that the anti-saloon league, which made the fight, lost ground. All the wet counties remained wet and two dry counties switched to the wet column. The 45 wet counties have a total population of 1,978,764 while the 38 dry counties have a population of only 830,185. This is taken to mean by those watching the situation that sentiment on the whole question is changing in the whole state.

### BIG LINER STILL AGROUND.

If Storm Comes Up Irene Will Be a Total Loss, Is Belief.

New York, April 7.—Thought the water is quiet, five tugs failed to pull the Irene off the sand spit today. The cargo will probably be lightered, and passengers all removed. She went aground yesterday with 2,500 passengers.

The wind is rising this afternoon and constantly driving the Irene further up the sand bar where she lies hard and fast. Should a storm break it is believed she will be a total loss.

## VOICE AND PIANO STUDY FREE

LESSONS IN EITHER UP TO \$50 OFFERED AS PRIZE.

Observer Secures Attractive Scholarship with Jean MacDonald Birnie

The Observer announces an attractive scholarship in music as one of the prizes which it has arranged for its educational contest. This scholarship consists of lessons in voice or on the piano to a number making a value of \$50 with Jean MacDonald Birnie of La Grande, one of the best known teachers and artists of Eastern Oregon.

On any occasion in La Grande or vicinity where music forms a part of an entertainment, Mrs. Birnie or her pupils are in evidence. During the six years she has been teaching in La Grande, she has brought out some most promising musical talent.

Endowed with inherited taste and faculty for music, Mrs. Birnie was given by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. MacDonald, pioneer residents of the Grande Ronde valley, the very best advantages. After schooling in La Grande, she was sent to St. Paul's Episcopal school for girls at Walla Walla, for a thorough course with the accomplished teachers of that historic institution. Historic, for St. Paul's is the oldest finishing school in the inland empire and has graduated many of the women of the prominent families of today. From Walla Walla Mrs. Birnie went to Portland where in voice, she took post graduate work with Imogen Harding Brodie. In Portland, too, for one of her teachers, she chose Miss Helen Harrington, who for several years was the personal pupil of Leschetizky of Vienna, considered the greatest living master of the piano in the world. The Leschetizky method is so highly considered by the great concert players

that, however skilled they may be when they begin their professional careers, they deem it necessary to go to Vienna to study with Leschetizky at one time or another.

Mrs. Birnie has agreed with the Observer to give lessons in voice or on the piano, as the winning contestant may choose, at any time during her teaching terms after the contest, no matter how many applicants she may have on the waiting list at the time the winner may come to her. Here is a rare chance for some young person who has the ambition to become a musician. To secure this valuable scholarship it is only necessary to gather contest votes for the Observer. Who will be the self reliant young person to capture these music lessons? Let the applicants come on.

Three young ladies and one young man in the Pacific northwest states who have secured their musical education through newspaper contests conducted by the contest editor of the Observer are drawing big salaries as professional musicians this winter. There is an eminence that comes with a scholarship won in this way that helps the young person up the ladder of fame to an enviable and secure position.

Only the first Nomination Blank counts 1,000 votes; each subsequent blank 1 vote. Names of people making nomination will not be divulged.

Cut Out Around Border.

## HIDEOUS CRIMES COMMITTED BY WOMEN

MEXICAN WOMEN CAMP FOLLOWERS EXERCISE CRUELITIES ON INSURRECTOS.

### CHIPUHA EXPECTS ATTACK

American Women Writing From Mexico Tells of Atrocious Crimes Committed on Injured Rebels Who Are Found on Field of Battle—Women Move Children and Goods to Juarez Over 200 Miles.

New York, April 7.—Tales of savage cruelty by Mexican woman camp followers are told in a letter received from the wife of an American army engineer at Chihuahua. According to the letter, the Mexican women go out on the battle fields with aprons filled with knives and rocks, and when they find insurgents wounded, they finish the job by crushing the skull, or plunging a knife in to the heart.

After the battle of Santa Eulalia, the army woman writes, her husband saw a number of dead rebels with their heads mangled. After the retreat of the rebels from Santa Eulalia the federals entered the city, and brutally butchered helpless men, women and children.

### Women Escape With Handcarts

El Paso, April 7.—That insurgents are preparing to attack the city of Chihuahua is reported by travelers who have arrived here. The arrivals declare that the citizen of Chihuahua are urging Governor Ahmuda to compel the federal troops to engage the rebels in open country and thus prevent a sacrifice of lives of women and children. Twenty-five Mexican women arrived at Juarez today to join their husbands who are federal soldiers garrison there. They pushed hand carts loaded with goods and children over 200 miles.

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## NOMINATE A CANDIDATE.

Nomination Blank—1000 Votes.

### THE OBSERVER CIRCULATION CONTEST

I nominate .....

Address .....

District No. ....

Phone No. ....

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## BRYAN WARNING DEMOCRACY TO BEWARE

INTERESTS TRYING ON DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO REMOVE OPPOSITION TO INTERESTS

### PROGRESSIVES IN DANGER

Commoner Issued Today Runs Glaring Editorial on Dangers Facing the Democracy Today—La Follette's Weekly Is in the Spotlight Again With Remarks on the Lorimer Case.—Taft Also Involved.

Chicago, April 7.—Two powerful political weeklies edited each by a prominent politician appeared on the political horizon today with curt statements to their respective parties.

### Warning to Democrats.

Lincoln, Neb., April 7.—W. J. Bryan in The Commoner, printed today in black faced type an editorial, which follows:

"It behooves all democrats to be on their guard. Friends of predatory interests, beneficiaries of special privilege and governmental favoritism are always working. They do not sleep. They are able to bring pressure to bear on their class of newspapers and always have somebody for an office whenever there is a vacancy. They already have candidates for congress, the senate, judgeship, the cabinet and the presidency. The interests are now planning to capture the democratic national convention and to nominate a candidate satisfactory to them. If they find the progressive sentiment too strong to be ignored, they will take someone progressive enough to furnish something to talk about, but not progressive enough to frighten the interests."

### La Follette Voices Opinion.

Madison, Wis., April 8.—Basing his arguments on the Lorimer scandal and the statement that Edward Hines, the millionaire lumberman and Taft, through Aldrich, had asked for the election of Lorimer, La Follette, in his weekly, declares today:

"When an eminent gentleman like Hines swears to a statement of fact, it is to be deplored that his statement should be denied by the president. Hines swore he did what he could to have Lorimer elected because Taft wanted Lorimer elected. Taft denied it. But Aldrich is also named by Hines as an architect of the Lorimer fortunes. Aldrich is silent. Should he see fit to speak, Aldrich would probably dispel doubts that Hines' testimony aroused."

### Religious Gathering at Bridgeport.

Bridgeport, Conn., April 7.—The annual state convention of the Young People's Christian Union, of the Universalist church, began here today with a good attendance of delegates from cities and towns throughout Connecticut. The proceedings will last over tomorrow.

### S. P. Men Discharged.

Los Angeles, April 7.—Without warning 365 employes of the Southern Pacific were laid off today. The officials announce the order is in line with general retrenchment on the entire Harriman system.

### Uniform Legislation Sought.

Chicago, April 7.—Many prominent members of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners were on hand today at the opening in this city of a two days' special meeting of the association. Uniform legislation and department rulings are the subjects up discussion.

### Arbor Day in Old Dominion.

Richmond, Va., April 7.—Arbor day was generally observed throughout Virginia today, in accordance with the proclamation of Governor Mann, by the planting of trees, shrubs and ornamental plants and by special exercises in the public schools.

## VOTE COUPON.

The Great Circulation Contest.

### LA GRANDE OBSERVER—DAILY AND WEEKLY

This Coupon Will Count One Vote.

For (Name) .....

Address .....

Not Good After April 15.

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## EXILED BREWER GIVES HIMSELF TO POLICE

MILLIONAIRE AN EXILE FROM ST. LOUIS NINE YEARS COMES HOME TO BE ARRESTED.

### FOLK CRUSADE THE CAUSE

Ellis Wainwright Returns to St. Louis to Give Himself Up to Authorities on Charge of Bribery to Secure Passage of Franchise—Has Been in Egypt and Paris Since His Indictment in 1902.

St. Louis, April 7.—After an exile of nine years Ellis Wainwright, the millionaire brewer who was indicted on bribery charges in 1902 during Folks' boodle crusade, returned today and surrendered himself to the chief of police.

Shortly before the crusade was inaugurated Wainwright went abroad. When the indictment was returned Wainwright was in Egypt. Hearing of it he refused to return, remaining in Paris.

Wainwright was indicted in connection with alleged bribery to secure a franchise for a suburban street railway company which controls a part of the city car system. The indictment was returned in 1902.

## DRAG SENATORS ON CARPET

SENATOR ALDRICH TO BE QUIZZED ON HINES STATEMENT.

Inquisitors to Get Aldrich Statement on the Matter.

Springfield, Ill., April 7.—The senate investigating committee of the Lorimer affair has summoned many legislators to appear before them in an effort to learn what they know of the \$100,000 jackpot which Hines alleged was collected to buy Lorimer's seat in the senate.

They will appear Thursday.

It is rumored the committee will go to Washington and take Former Senator Aldrich's testimony regarding Hines' statement that Aldrich had on behalf of Taft, urged the election of Lorimer. There is no confirmation to this report.

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## HYMN SUNG IN COURT TURNS THE JURY

MRS. BROOKS ACQUITTED OF MURDERING MRS. BINFORD—STARTLING CLIMAX.

### SINGS HOME SWEET HOME

Unwritten Law Triumphs in Texas Courthouse Where Woman Is on Trial for Killing Woman Who Alienated Her Husband's Affections—the Jurors Weep as Old Familiar Hymn Is Sung as Peroration.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 7.—The unwritten law triumphed today when Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks was acquitted after admitting she killed Mrs. Mary Binford because the latter alienated her husband's affections.

A remarkable feature came when Walter Scott, attorney for Mrs. Brooks sang "Home, Sweet Home," as his peroration in the plea for her acquittal. Jurors wept.

In her testimony Mrs. Brooks said she devoted an hour daily for four years in prayer that Mrs. Binford might become a better woman. Both were prominent church members.

### Shooting in Public Building.

The shooting was done in an office building. The first shot fired did not kill Mrs. Binford. Several others were aimed at the woman before she was finally killed. Scores saw the incident from start to finish and when the fatal bullet had been fired and Mrs. Binford was dead, Mrs. Brooks sank in a heap and sighed, "I am sorry."

This was last winter, and Texas has been greatly stirred over the affair.

### Sir Robert Weatherbe 75 Years Old

Halifax, N. S., April 7.—Sir Robert Weatherbe, for many years a prominent figure in the affairs of Nova Scotia, received numerous congratulatory messages at his home in Grand Pre today on the occasion of his 75th birthday anniversary. Sir Robert served on the supreme bench of Nova Scotia for 30 years and during the latter part of that period filled the position of chief justice.

### Athletic Meet in Cream City.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 7.—Seldom has ever an athletic meet in Milwaukee brought together such a large number of star performers as those who will compete here tomorrow in the annual indoor meet of the Amateur Athletic Federation of Wisconsin. Fifteen events will be decided and in each of them the best amateur athletes representing Wisconsin colleges and clubs will compete.

### Yesterday's Baseball Scores.

Portland 2, Vernon 4; San Francisco 3, Sacramento 2.

## BRYAN HOBNOBS WITH TAFT

REFUSES TO COMMENT ON WHAT WAS SAID BY THEM.

Commoner Spends a Half Hour Talking Politics With Taft.

Washington, April 7.—W. J. Bryan visited President Taft for a half hour today and talked politics. Bryan refuses to discuss the talk with the president.

When asked as to his opinion of the Lorimer case, he replied it did not know it had even been closed, except in the senate. He denied the endorsement of the candidacy of Governor Wilson, of New Jersey, as the presidential nominee.