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## FORLORN HOPE RETARDS RESCUE

### IMPOSSIBLE TO GET HELP AND 125 MINERS

### DEAD BODIES SEEN BUT CANNOT BE REACHED

Comparatively Few Bodies of Mine Horror Have Been Brought to Surface—Rescuers Working Two Miles In—Pathetic Scenes Enacted at the Mouth of the Shaft Where Families Congregate.

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 11.—All hope of saving 125 miners in the workings of the Cross Mountain mine is abandoned. Sixteen bodies were recovered this morning and government rescuers say there is no chance for them to live in the blackdamp.

The bodies can be seen, but it is impossible to reach them. It will be days before the corpses are removed.

An investigation is under way to determine whether negligence caused the disaster. The government crew is working two miles in.

Many of the miners' families are facing starvation. The average wage was \$35.00 monthly. Pitiful scenes are enacted at the mouth of the shaft here. Wives, mothers and children are congregated.

Eighteen bodies have been recovered late today. Conservative estimates of the dead are set at 89. Dr. Holmes, head of the bureau of mines, arrived today and took charge of the rescue work.

Holmes, after a hurried investigation said there was a possibility for the men in the far recesses of the mine to be alive but he believed that 150 were in the shaft.

### AVIATOR COMPLETES JOURNEY Trip Actually Done in Less Than Four Days' Time—Delays Many.

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—Aviator Rogers is today safe as the first transcontinental aviator. He finished the flight yesterday after a month's delay on account of a bad fall at Compton. His flight of 4,262 miles was actually done in three days, ten hours, 15 minutes. It took him practically 24 days to make the trip.

### Southern Poultry Show.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 11.—The annual exhibition of the Southern International Poultry association opened in the auditorium armory today and will be the center of interest among poultry fanciers until it closes next Saturday. The largest display of birds ever seen here is on order. Practically every section of the south is represented, and the competition among exhibitors is lively. Three thousand dollars in cash and 100 silver cups will be distributed among the winners.

## JUROR ESCAPES FROM BAILIFFS

### HIDE CASE TOO STRENUOUS FOR ONE OF JURY.

Climbs Down Porch Post and Makes Getaway—Trial Is Delayed.

Kansas City, Dec. 11.—Objecting to the continuing of service as a juror in Dr. Hyde's murder trial, Harry Waldron climbed down the rain spout at the hotel where the jurors are sleeping. He is not found a new trial will be necessary.

Waldron climbed through the transom of his room and fed. Judge Porterfield said that nothing toward a new trial would be done until the missing juror was found and accounts for his action.

### Jewish Women in Council.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 11.—Papers dealing with all phases of philanthropic, religious, educational and social work will be read before the national

council of Jewish women, which holds its triennial sessions at the Hotel Walton this week. This council is one of the largest and strongest of the women's organizations in the country and will have among those participating delegates from all parts of the country, many of them of national reputation.

### Still Trying Mabray Gang Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 11.—The case of Benjamin Marks, alleged to have been a member of the notorious Mabray gang of swindlers, came up for trial in the district court here today.

J. C. Mabray, the leader of the gang, who was recently released from the Leavenworth prison, is to be tried on other charges pending against him as soon as the trial of Marks is concluded.

### Luna Park Afire.

New York, Dec. 11.—Luna park at Coney Island is afire and likely will be a total loss. At 4 o'clock this afternoon the flames were beyond control.

## ALASKAN BILL MUCH CHANGED

### AMENDMENTS TO ACCOMPLISH RADICAL CHANGES HEARD.

### La Follette Bill to Be Changed in Three Particulars if Works Wins

Washington, Dec. 11.—Immediate development of the Alaskan coal fields along lines recommended by the former chief forester, Gifford Pinchot, was urged in the senate today in three amendments by Senator Works of California to the Alaskan bill, introduced by La Follette. The amendments provide for staking coal claims for a period of ten years after the method used in placer mining, for the government construction of a railroad from Matanuska or Behring coal fields to cost \$3,000,000, and for a survey of a route for another government railroad from the interior of Alaska to the coast.

Railroad Board Reports

Washington, Dec. 11.—Concurring heartily in the findings of the railroad securities commission which he appointed, President Taft today sent the board's report to congress. After months of hard work, the board concluded the present dual federal and state control by laws over the railroad securities is not possible of continuance.

The house and senate leaders have agreed congress shall recess from December 22 to January 3.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Attorney-General Wickersham returned to his office today recovered, after a brief illness.

### KING REVIEWS TROOPS.

Indian and British Troops Are Presented With Colors.

Delhi, Dec. 11.—Another round of state processions this morning; then King George attended a military review and presented colors to the three British and two native regiments on parade at the grounds at the military camp. It was attended by most of the native rulers. Everything is ready for tomorrow's big show, the durbar, and nearly a half million people are here.

Murder Trial at Waco.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 11.—The case of Jim Fox, charged with the murder of Policeman Frank Glasgow at Hillsboro last June, came up for trial today. The case was brought here on a change of venue from Hill county.

### New Florida Road Opened.

Palatka, Fla., Dec. 11.—Celebrating the advent of the Ocala Northern railway into Palatka, hundreds of visitors gathered here today to listen to addresses and to participate in the festivities arranged by the local board of trade.

### To Vote on Saloon Restrictions.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 11.—The first referendum election in Springfield since the adoption of the commission plan of government will take place tomorrow. A vote will be taken on four measures, all of which propose further restriction on saloons.

## DYNAMITERS DRAW NUMBERS

### MEN AT PRESENT IN JUTE MILL BUT MAY MOVE.

### ONE IS NUMBERED 25,315, THE OTHER IS 25,314

Both Look Toward Future When They Can Consider a Parole—Probable That One of the Dynamiters Will Become Prison Printer, Although Definite Disposition Is Not Made Known as Yet.

San Quentin, Dec. 11.—Working on the jute looms in the prison mill, the McNamara today began paying, in long years, the penalty for their crimes.

John McNamara is no more a big labor leader. He is convict 25,315. James, the murderer of 21, is numbered 25,314. They arose early today

and after breakfast went to the rooms at 7:15. There is a chance that later James, who is a printer, will be transferred to the printing plant of the prison. It is uncertain what John will do.

Both are looking ahead to the future when they may ask for a parole. John will have a chance in five years, and James in seven.

### Reformer Seeks Mayoralty Again.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 11.—A number of Massachusetts cities are to hold their municipal elections tomorrow. More than ordinary interest is manifested in the mayoralty contest in Salem, where Arthur Howard, the young editor whose reform methods caused a great stir in the "Witch City" during his former term as mayor, is seeking election again.

### G. O. P. Leaders Assemble.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Practically all of the members of the republican national committee have arrived in the city for the meeting tomorrow at which the time and place for holding the national convention will be decided, and other matters preliminary to the presidential campaign will be discussed.

## BRIBERY TOLD TRIAL COURT

### "PERFECTLY SAFE" IS WAY GO-BETWEENS CONSIDERED ACT

### FRANKLIN'S LANGUAGE REPEATED BY LOCKWOOD

Case Against Mrs. Bain Not to Be Made Principal One—Witness Relates the Conversation Taking Place Between Man With the Sick and Aged Juror—Juror Bain and His Wife Are to Talk.

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—With the McNamara in San Quentin, where they were taken yesterday, interest is today centered in the hearing of Franklin before Justice Young, charged with the bribery of Mrs. Bain, a wife of a juror and George Lockwood, a prospective juror. The Lockwood matter was what the prosecution intended to press.

Lockwood testified he was approached by Franklin before his name was drawn as a juror and offered \$2,000 but was refused. Later he told Frederick's suggestion went through with the deal when Franklin raised the offer to \$3,500. He said Franklin told him he would have to see Darrow before completing the arrangements. Later they met and Franklin said he meant Captain White, not Darrow. Frederick today denied the rumor that he would prosecute Darrow for

white, the first witness said that Franklin, in making the dicker with him, said he wanted White to become custodian of \$3,500 to pay Lockwood in the event of an acquittal or a disagreement in the McNamara jury. "He said it would be safe, because they have already accepted two jurors who will vote right."

Lockwood continued by saying that Franklin told him that they had reached a time of life where money counted more and he assured him that everything was safe and that the defense would provide a sufficient number of reasons to make the juror doubt the other testimony.

### \$2,000 in Initial Offer.

Fredericks today denied the rumor that he would prosecute Darrow for

## A Chinese Cavalry Patrol. Will They Catch the Rebels?



Photo by American Press Association

AS in the case of many another revolution, it is apparently the army of China which has decided the fate of the Manchu dynasty and ruling class. Yet for ages the profession of arms has been scorned by the Chinese, the soldier having been esteemed the inferior of the merchant and the farmer. It is only a few years since shooting with the bow was one of the recognized and highly commended exercises of the regular army, if any military force within the empire could be called regular. Since 1905, however, China has been paying a good deal of attention to her army, having organized an active force and a first and second reserve. The plan contemplated thirty-seven divisions, including all arms, and its projectors hoped that in 1913 these divisions would number nearly 500,000 men, of whom 380,000 would be available for active service. Japanese officers before the Chinese acquired a distrust of their energetic neighbors were the principal instructors of these modern drilled and equipped troops. Military schools have also been maintained in the various provinces. The effective fighting strength of the army was last year estimated at 152,000 men, of whom only 8,000 were cavalry. If all the mounts are of the kind shown in the illustration it is not to be wondered at that the regulars so seldom overtook the rebels.

bribery, saying he had no evidence. Darrow again denied the bribery charges.

When the luncheon recess was taken Bain and his wife remained to testify. They were needed to show Franklin's criminal intent as the status of the Lockwood case is not legally as strong as the prosecution wanted.

### 48 Are Called.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Forty-eight persons were subpoenaed here to go before the federal jurors probing the dynamiting at Los Angeles. They are chiefly hotel employes where McNamara registered as Bryce, and employes of the Giant Powder company.

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—The police are hunting for a culprit who placed ten pounds of dynamite in the doorway leading to the engine room of the Munger laundry. The police believe the explosive was placed there by someone who feared a nation wide investigation and wanted to get rid of the stuff.

## LYNCH'S SCALP HANGS FIRMER

### MEETING OF MUGGLES THOUGHT TO ESCAPE LEADER.

### Important Topics to National's Greatest Game Under Consideration.

New York, Dec. 11.—Some interesting reading for the baseball fans is expected to be furnished by the series of meetings which began here today and will occupy the greater part of this week. In addition to the annual meetings of the National and American leagues there will be meetings of the National Commission, the National Board of Arbitration, the Eastern League and the Baseball Writers' association.

The American league assembled today to wind up the business of the past season and discuss preliminary plans for the coming year. The season of 1911 was a very successful one for the league and as nothing has occurred to disturb the harmony among the magnates the meeting was little more than a love feast.

Liveller proceedings are promised tomorrow when the National league meets in annual session. The recent death of President Russell of the Boston club has caused a revival of the talk of "syndicate baseball" and Barney Dreyfus of Pittsburgh, who has led the fight against the so-called syndicates, will probably bring the matter to the attention of the directors. Rumors are still current that an attempt will be made to oust Thomas J. Lynch from the presidency of the league, but those in a position to know declared today that while the meeting might develop some surprises the "passing of Lynch" would not be among them.

The special meeting of the National Commission, the supreme governing body in the baseball world, will transact considerable business left over from the recent Cincinnati meeting. It is considered doubtful, however, if the commission will devote much serious attention to the charges of collusion between scaplers and officials of the New York club in the sale of tickets for the world series last fall. The majority of the magnates are now inclined to let the matter drop, though all are in favor of adopting some plan that will prevent a repetition of the scandal in the future.

The Eastern league also seems to have something at the league's annual meeting. Owner Chapin of the Rochester club has come to town with the avowed intention of returning home with the scalp of President Ed Barrow dangling at his belt. Chapin has a number of grievances against Barrow, but as the most of them are of little concern to the other club owners the probabilities are that Barrow will be returned to the presidency for another year at least.

### To Honor Duke of Connaught.

Montreal, Quebec, Dec. 11.—A special convocation of McGill university, for the purpose of conferring the honorary degree of Doctors of Laws on the Duke of Connaught, will be held in the Royal Victoria college tomorrow afternoon.

## STORMS HINDER RECORD POLLING

### BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT OF FINAL COUNT TONIGHT

### VOTE NOT ABOVE NORMAL IN ANY OF THE PRECINCTS

Slight Violations of Corrupt Practices Act Are Reported in Yet Quietness Prevails Throughout the Day—Storm Holds Disinterested Voters Back—Swearing Becomes a Nuisance Everywhere.

Snow, rain and inclement weather in general is keeping back what pretended to be a record breaking vote in the municipal election today. At three o'clock the different wards of the city were just about keeping their own as compared to normal conditions but the heated campaign, it was generally conceded, would drive out more

men to the polls than give attention to the municipal elections under less heated conditions. For percentage of gain over last year South La Grande, or Number One, as it is technically known, showed the biggest per cent. Last year 10 votes had been cast at noon and this year 40 had been through the polls. In No. 3 where the normal voting strength is 300, or a trifle more, 130 had voted at 1 o'clock; in No. 2 where the top-notch strength is 350, at 2 o'clock about 175 had voted. The hours between 5 and 7 will undoubtedly see quickening of polling for at that time all the laboring men will be off shift to cast their vote—though the day has not passed without a heavy labor vote.

### Quiet Over Entire City.

Up to three o'clock the day had been active but without a semblance of unnecessary ado. Minor violations of the stringent anti-corruption laws were noted—a few candidates are said to have handed out personal cards contrary to the law's provisions. No material violations are reported, however.

### Many Sworn In.

Especially in No. 2 has the swearing in nuisance been prevalent. There has been a steady stream of unregistered voters and most of those who were registered were recruited into the witness ranks at some time or other during the day. Throughout the entire city the swearing in blanks were freely used. A large per cent of permanent voters of the city were not registered.

### Forecasts Not Permissible.

Wide and severe in its scope, the anti-corrupt practices act precludes the possibilities of public expression of forecasts, yet it is nevertheless a fact that both sides are confident—the one depending on a large vote to aid in his cause and the other sure of his direct support and perhaps not so desirous of a record poll.

The voting closes at 7 o'clock and by 8 the count should be under way.

## EUGENE-COOS WORK STARTED

### EXTENSION WORK HAS COM- MENCED, SAYS CONTRACTOR.

### Construction of Railroad From Eugene to Coos Bay to Be Realized.

New York, Dec. 11.—Operations for the extension of the Pacific-Great Western from Eugene to Coos Bay has already begun, according to a statement today of Arthur McArthur, president of the contracting firm who are to construct the line. This is a big development scheme of western Oregon.

### Court Denies Appeal.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The United States supreme court today denied the motion of the Leaf Tobacco, the board of the trade of the Independent Tobacco companies, in New York, to file a petition for a review of the proposed re-organization plan of the trust.