



MINER HICKS IS PUT IN HOSPITAL

Rides Horseback to Clean Quarters.

RESCUERS ARE CELEBRATING

Long-Entombed Man Is in Grateful Mood.

TELLS OF EXPERIENCES

Two of His Companions, Caught Above Him, Were Choked to Death After Struggling Miserably for Several Hours.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 23.—(Special)—In less than 12 hours after being released from his tomb in the caved-in shaft at Camp No. 1 of the Edison Electric Company in the Kern River Canyon, where he was confined for 13 1/2 days, Lindsay H. Hicks this morning mounted a saddle horse and rode to the hospital of Camp No. 2, a mile and a half from the scene of the disaster. He will spend Christmas at the hospital as the guest of Dr. Stinchfield, the physician to whom the praise for the remarkable physical condition Hicks was found in when rescued is due.

After Christmas Hicks believes that he will have regained his strength sufficiently to allow him to leave the care of the physician, but Dr. Stinchfield has suggested that a week at least be spent there.

Miners Are Celebrating Event. Hicks lies in the Edison Company Hospital, forgetting in the luxury of his white bed the restlessness of the couch of granite and pillow of steel on which he suffered for days locked in the earth. With that unbounded enthusiasm of victory that only miners can know and with that enthusiasm stimulated by the cheer of the season, the 40 men who fought the fight for him and won are making Bakersfield ring with their hilarity.

Knees a Little Weak. "Why, man, I am all right; my knees are a little weak; that's all."

But Hicks was weaker than he believed, and the doctor's assistants, George Knox and Harry Linville, assisted by miner George A. Wilson, aided the rescued man. The walk to the hilltop is a nervous one, over a narrow and steep winding path, but Hicks did not burden his supporters.

"I don't believe that man rested more than five pounds pressure on my shoulder," said Linville today.

Hicks smiled as he heard the sounds of celebration today. "They certainly appear to be glad," he said. "I guess I was down there I could have a great time tonight. I used to drink whisky, too, but now that is over. I tell you, I had plenty of time to think while in that hole, and I have made some pretty strong resolutions, and I intend to follow them. Yes, sir; I have been a pretty lucky man."

Sees the Hand of God. "You bet you have Hicks, old man," joined in Superintendent Frank Miller, "it has been by the grace of God."

"I know it has, Mr. Miller; I know it was God who saved me. From the very moment I was swallowed in I saw that God was protecting me and I knew he would save me. I have not been a crank on religion and I am not one now, but just as sure as you are born I know it was God who saved me."

"Everything goes to prove it. The way I was knocked into the cavity, the way the pipe reached me, the rescue—everything goes to prove it. Of course the men did great work and I only wish that it could be within my power to thank them. But if God had not been on my side I know they would have never succeeded. I am grateful and I am not going to hell if praying will keep me from it."

Hicks was as chipper as a lark today.

Dust Choked Two Companions. "The only fear I had when I found I was closed in was that I might suffer from the lack of air when the timbers crashed in and a cloud of dust filled the space and nearly suffocated me. This dust, in my opinion, caused the death of two men above me. I heard them struggling frantically for about three hours and I know that their death was caused by strangulation."

"Soon I got a whiff of good, cool ozone, however, and then I felt all right. Of course, it was a long, hard drill, but I knew they were doing everything in their power for me and the only thing I could do was to be patient and wait. I knew they would get me and all it took was time.

many funny stories and tales that were sent down to me.

Tobacco His Staff of Life. "The tobacco was my staff of life. I don't know what I would have done without it. Every piece of it I chewed I made last as long as I could, and when no more could be gotten out of it I swallowed it.



Archbishop Ireland, Who Gives His Views on Separation of Church and State in France.

that occurred while he was in the cave. Rarely a day passed that he did not have many unpleasant encounters with the hordes of rats that infested the caved-in section of the shaft. It would scamper about his head, and it was not an uncommon thing for him to hit them with his hand. Many scampers over his body, but from the scampers in which he spoke they did not seem to worry him.

Of the dead bodies, he said two are above and three below the place he occupied.

Died an Awful Death. "The poor fellows below never knew what struck them, but those above had an awful death," he said.

Hicks will rest for a few days. He has not decided whether to go back to work here or accept an engagement in a vaudeville circuit at \$500 a month.

The remarkable condition of Hicks was a great surprise to Dr. Stinchfield. The doctor said:

"I found that his temperature was normal just after the rescue and his pulse a trifle high, which was undoubtedly due to the excitement under which the miner was laboring. His face is free from any lines or furrows and to look at him you could not see any difference from an ordinary workman who just had done a day's work in a shaft. He is weak in the legs and knees and his legs are sore, caused by sitting in one position unable to move. What little nervousness he displays will vanish just as soon as he grows stronger."

Search for the Dead. At Edison Camp today work in clearing out the caved-in drift began, and it will take from four to six weeks before this is completed. The bodies of the dead miners will be taken from the drift as they are reached.

A large number of the townspeople drove to the camp, expecting to view the scene of the remarkable adventure, but the miners had vanished, and orders prevented outsiders from going to the top of the hill.

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FRENCH BUGABOO IS THE MONARCHY

Cry of Peril to Republic Sways the Masses.

IMPLICIT FAITH IN THE STATE

Even Good Catholics Forget Their Teachings.

OLIGARCHY RULES NATION

Archbishop Ireland Declares People of France Have Not Yet Awakened to Fact That They Are No Longer Subjects.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 23.—Archbishop Ireland in his sermon at the cathedral this morning spoke on the topic, "Church and State in France." He said in part:

"Let not Americans be misled by words which have a totally different significance in their land from what is allowed them in France. Separation of the church from the state in America means liberty and justice; there it means servitude and oppression.

"Speaking Friday last to the cardinals present in the Vatican, Pius X said of the French situation: 'We are ready to submit to separation from the state, but it must be a fair separation—such as obtains in the United States, in Brazil, in Great Britain, in Holland—and not a subjection. No Catholic in the United States makes objection to separation, for there separation means exactly what it purports to mean.'

"Under advice from the head of the church the bishops of France refused the associations offered by the law of separation. They acted from principle. In the interest of religion they could not approve such associations; they cannot by tolerating them appear to approve them. They are not rebels against the laws of the country.

Ready to Welcome Prosecution. "The associations, as the Minister of Education, M. Briand, himself has declared, were not statutes binding upon citizens; they were privileges tendered to the church, which was free to ac-

cept or reject. She has rejected them. Pope and bishops knew well the consequences that were to follow; the spirit of the government was not hidden from their eyes; it was an era of oppression; but if no other escape from persecution were possible than the acceptance of the law of associations, they were ready to welcome persecution.

"It is a lamentable fact that there is in France a party bent on the destruction of religion. The war is made on the Catholic Church because she in France represents religion. In reality, in intent, and in fact, the war is against Christianity under any form, against religion of any kind, against the idea itself of a God reigning over men. The spirit of Voltaire and the encyclopedists of the eighteenth century never died out in France. It had an outbreak of triumph in the revolution, when God was declared nonexistent and infamy itself, denoted the Goddess of Reason, was uplifted to adoration upon the pillar of the cathedral of Paris. It slumbered a while under succeeding imperial and royal regimes; it has reawakened to new vigor in the freedom allowed to thought and speech by the present republic.

"This party of infidels and atheists (Concluded on Page 2.)

EVENTS OF COMING WEEK

Congress Keeps Holidays. There will be no session of Congress this week, owing to the adjournment over the holidays.

Investigation of Railway Agreement. An investigation of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railway situation, growing out of their common agreement and conspiracy, will be commenced by the Interstate Commerce Commission in New York City next Friday. It is expected that E. H. Harriman will be one of the witnesses. Frank B. Kellogg and C. A. Severance, of St. Paul, have been retained by the Interstate Commerce Commission to conduct the inquiry.

It is expected that hearings in this case will be held also in Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Denver, Salt Lake City, Omaha and San Francisco, and that many officials and employees of the two systems will be examined. The inquiry probably will not be completed before March 1. If deemed advisable the information obtained would be referred to the Department of Justice. The Interstate Commerce Commission regards the investigation as one of the most important it has undertaken for a long time.

Scientists Meet in New York. Five hundred of the leading scientists of America are expected to attend the annual meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Science, which will be held at Columbia University, New York City, beginning Thursday and continuing for one week. The members of 11 affiliated societies for scientific research are expected to attend the meetings also.

Britt-Fitzgerald Freight. A fight between James Britt and Willie Fitzgerald is scheduled to take place at San Francisco on Friday.

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man efforts the rescuing party managed to fight off the flames until all of the dead and injured had been removed from the wrecked cars, which then were allowed to burn.

Only a few passengers in the day coaches were injured, and in the sleepers, none of which left the track, there were no casualties.

The train which was wrecked was the southbound accommodation, running between Moosejaw, Canada, and St. Paul. It is due here at 11:45 P. M., but last night was nearly three hours late. The engineer was running his engine at a high rate of speed in an endeavor to make up the lost time.

A switch engine was shifting a cut of box cars in the western end of the yard and had just pushed them on the siding as the accommodation train suddenly swung into sight around the curve. The siding was not long enough to allow the box cars and the engine to clear the main track, and a head-on collision occurred between the switch engine and that of the passenger train.

Locomotives Are Demolished. Both locomotives were practically demolished and the baggage cars crashed through the smoking car, telescoping it. One of the day coaches was also derailed, but only a few passengers in this coach were injured. The other day coaches and the sleeping cars did not leave the track.

It is impossible to learn who was at fault in the accident. It is said that the switch engine had been given a portion of the running time of the passenger in which to shift cars in the yards, and it is supposed that the passenger train had made up more of the lost time than had been anticipated by the crew of the switch engine.

The coroner this afternoon empaneled a jury and began at once an investigation into the cause of the wreck.

The engineer and firemen on both the switch and passenger engines, when they saw the collision was inevitable, leaped and saved their lives.

The Dead and Injured. Following is a list of the dead and injured: CHARLES BACKUS, Bergen, N. D. N. J. VOLKERBERG, Anamosa, N. D. JOHN SATTERBERG, Anamosa, N. D. TONY GLENN, Velva, N. D. D. J. HERESFORD, Medicine Hat, Alberta. ROSENBAUM, Velva, N. D. W. J. DANIELSON, Shelton, N. D. A. O. ANDERSON, Starbuck, Minn. NILES HANSON, Kenmare, N. D. It has so far been impossible to secure a list of the injured in the wreck. Claim agents and other employes of the railroad have taken charge of the injured, and absolutely refuse either to give out a list of those hurt or to permit newspaper correspondents to secure the names in other ways.

The newspaper men on the ground have entered a strong protest against this action on the part of the railroad officials, but so far it has been without avail.

ELIHU ROOT MAY GO TO THE SENATE

Platt Plans to Retire from Congress.

TIME FIXED AT END OF SESSION

Governor Hughes Would Appoint Present Secretary.

APPROVED BY PRESIDENT

Such Strong Opposition Has Developed in Senate to Roosevelt's Plans That He Needs Strong Friends in That Body.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Thomas Collier Platt is planning to resign at the end of the present Congress and plans likewise are being laid to have Governor Hughes appoint Elihu Root to succeed him as United States Senator.

The Platt end of this story comes from close friends of the Senator and bears the stamp of an authentic statement. The Root feature is based on the knowledge of a movement that has been under very quiet consideration for a long time.

It is probable this story will meet denial from Senator Platt. No matter what the intentions of Senator Platt may be, he does not care to have the name known until the time comes for him to act. New Yorkers who are deep in the inside of political things apparently have understood for some weeks that Senator Platt would not serve out his term, which expires March 3, 1909, but for their own reasons most of them have been as anxious as Mr. Platt to keep matters quiet as long as possible.

Scramble Would Result. An authorized announcement too far in advance might result in an unpleasant scramble that would complicate the carrying out of a complete program. Secretary Root has had the matter pressed upon him vigorously of late and there are many conditions that cause him to view a change of his sphere of public activity with much favor. President Roosevelt would feel deeply the loss of Mr. Root from his Cabinet, but he, too, would reason in existing conditions why it would be wise for him to make the sacrifice.

In the first place, the President is a New Yorker and wants to see the Empire State restored to its rightful position of influence in the United States Senate. Elihu Root, it is conceded, would fill the bill in every way.

Needs Friends in the Senate. There are other considerations that weigh with the President. He has made up his mind not to be a candidate for re-nomination, so that Secretary Root's tenure of his present position would expire March 4, 1909. Moreover—and this consideration balances to a great degree the loss that would be incurred by Secretary Root's retirement from the Cabinet—the administration may need to strengthen its forces in the Senate. The new hostility to the President that has developed in the Senate since the beginning of the present session of Congress gives cause for heed.

President Roosevelt will not be contented to lie down and let things go by default just because he is to retire from the White House when his present term is finished. He intends to be militant to the end and desires to round out his administration by completing his program of policies. He realizes that systematized opposition in the Senate under the leadership of the able statesmen who seem determined to fight him may play havoc with his plans. As his supporter in the Senate, Mr. Root would be a mighty power.

Root Pressed by Friends. The understanding in administration circles that Platt would retire before the expiration of his term has been so well developed that some time ago the President in conversation with New York friends is said to have expressed his conclusion that the real trouble might be that Secretary Root might not care to go to the Senate. This was some time ago. More recently Secretary Root has set to pondering the situation through the importunities of close friends and it may be said that he appreciates the exigencies that have been set forth above.

More than this, the more personal side of the case has appealed to the Secretary of State. As a Senator he would not only be assured of a career for many years to come, barring the accidents of politics, but he would have nine months of leisure every other year and in the years of long sessions of Congress, five or six months. His present duties call for practically constant attention. Secretary Root's willingness to accept the toga would be the signal, it is believed, for the other aspirants to stand aside.

One of the current rumors has been that President Roosevelt would succeed Platt in the Senate. The President is not counting on this.

Postal Service Strike Ends. VIENNA, Dec. 23.—The "passive resistance" strike of 25,000 employees of the Austrian Postal Service, which was begun last Friday, has ended.

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"IS THE COAST CLEAR?"



BRYCE DECLINES PEERAGE

COMES TO WASHINGTON WITHOUT A TITLE.

First Plain Citizen to Represent Great Britain as Ambassador to the United States.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—James Bryce, it would appear, has declined a peerage, but at any rate, according to the Daily Telegraph, he will go to the United States as British Ambassador without changing his name, and thus be the first plain citizen to represent his country at Washington, and says the Chronicle, "Ambassadors who know and honor him as James Bryce will esteem him all the more because he declined a title."

The finding of a successor for Mr. Bryce as Chief Secretary for Ireland is giving Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman considerable trouble, judging from the many possible candidates named. According to the latest gossip, Lewis Harcourt, First Minister of Works, has declined the position.

The comments of the Irish papers of all shades regarding Mr. Bryce's departure are rather cool. They generally regard Mr. Bryce as lacking in necessary sympathy and as having been a rather weak than a strong Irish Secretary.

No Preferences to Be Shown. TOKIO, Dec. 23.—Dr. Goto, president of the Southern Manchurian Railway, says that the principle guiding the management of the company forbids the granting of preferential treatment to persons of any nationality, Japanese or otherwise.