

25 MINERS KILLED IN MINE BLAST

Some Bodies Still Are Buried Under Debris.

FOUR OF CREW ESCAPE

Appearance of Victims Indicates Asphyxiation Was Cause of Death; More Sought.

GATES, Pa., Feb. 2.—Twenty-five miners are known to have been killed in the explosion at the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coal & Coke company here early today, it was reported by coal company officials tonight, and there was a possibility that the number of dead might reach 36. Thirty men were working in the section where the explosion occurred, four of whom escaped.

Sixteen of the dead were taken to a morgue at Maestown tonight. Six bodies remained at the bottom of the shaft, awaiting the discovery of the three or four which were still buried under the debris.

The cause of the explosion, which occurred a mile and a half back in the workings, has not been determined.

Men Are Asphyxiated.
From the appearance of the bodies, it was indicated death had been caused by asphyxiation.

The mine is one of the largest in this vicinity and normally employs about 1000 men. It has been working day and night shifts and a large number of the men were in the entries and rooms when the explosion occurred.

Bodies Found in Shaft.
Trained rescue crews from all parts of the Connellsville coal field worked in relays and finally reached the shaft in men.

The bodies were located in an entry and taken to the foot of the shaft. Hundreds of persons assembled from nearby mines and a detail of the state policemen were sent to the shaft to hold them back. In the crowd were many members of the families of the dead miners.

SCREEN CHIEF IS SLAIN

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Bullet Penetrates Heart.
Mr. Taylor was director-in-chief at the Famous Players-Lasky studios in Hollywood and was internationally known as a motion picture man. He was born in Malloes, County Cork, Ireland, in 1877, and served in the British army during the world war.

A bullet was taken from Mr. Taylor's body at an undertaker's morgue and turned over to the police. The heart had been penetrated by the missile.

Engagement Is Rumored.
For several months it had been rumored, but never confirmed, that Miss Norman had been engaged to marry Mr. Taylor.

The police expressed the belief the director was slain by a man, basing their theory on statements made by Mrs. Douglas Maclean, wife of a film actor, and her maid that they had seen a stranger about the Taylor apartments both before and after neighbors heard the explosion.

It was thought possible the slayer obtained entrance to the Taylor apartment while the director was accompanied by Miss Norman to her automobile.

The description of the stranger—a man large of stature, wearing rough dark clothes, a cap and a muffled—is entirely different from that of a former servant of the director, who was said to have been suspected by the director of having committed recent robberies at his apartments.

The police further advanced the theory that Mr. Taylor had been slain by a man who was jealous of him and elaborated on this to include several possibilities.

The police were said to be considering the possibility that Mr. Taylor was shot by the discarded suitor of some woman with whom he had been friendly by a former servant he had caused to be arrested for an alleged crime and who was said to have threatened his life; by a burglar who was surprised when Mr. Taylor returned from escorting Miss Norman to her car, or possibly by a woman who, for some unknown reason, had become enraged at him.

Miss Norman stated tonight there "had been no affair of the heart whatever" between her and Mr. Taylor.

"His friendship for me was that of an older man for a girl who liked the outdoor sports he liked and who was eager to please," she said.

"When I went to Mr. Taylor's home Wednesday evening, it was in response to a telephone call he had made to me."

"I had my chauffeur drive me to Mr. Taylor's home."

"Then when I went up the steps I heard Mr. Taylor talking to some body over the phone, underneath the stairs, and I hesitated about going in until he had finished. Then I entered. He had been talking to a woman who had charge of the income tax business for many of the picture folk, including myself."

"He came in and said: 'Gee, I am glad to see you.'"

"It was about five minutes after 1

when I arrived at his house. We talked about books. I am studying French, and as he spoke French fluently he was of great assistance to me."

"He went with me to my car. He expressed surprise at some of the magazines in my car, and some were light. I suppose, and he gave me one of Freud's books to read."

"He said he would phone me later in the evening to see how I liked it, but he did not. That was the last I heard of his voice. When Edna Purviance told me this morning he was horrible mistake."

"I had known him for six or seven years. He was uniformly kind to every one."

Motion-Picture Colony Stirred.
News of the death of Mr. Taylor stirred the motion-picture colony here and a group of directors and others prominent in the industry met tonight to consider offering a reward for the arrest and conviction of his slayer.

Some of the efforts of the police were directed to a search for the person who some time before Mr. Taylor's death wrote him a note enclosing pawn tickets for jewelry stolen from the director's home.

The zone of the apparently written in Sacramento, Cal., December 27, 1931, it read:

"To the inconvenience of you even temporarily. Also observe the lesson of the forced sale of assets."

"A merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year."

(Signed) "ALIAS JIMMY V."

Mrs. Marjorie Berger, said to be an income tax expert, told the police she stated that Mr. Taylor had told her he had been receiving "mysterious" telephone calls.

"Why don't you get somebody to watch?" Mrs. Berger said she asked him.

"Oh, no," she said, Mr. Taylor replied, but did not explain his aversion to the procedure she had suggested.

Feavey, Mr. Taylor's houseman, told the police he discovered his employer's body about 7:30 o'clock, this morning when he arrived for work, as he did not remain in the Taylor house hold over night.

He opened the front door, he said, and saw the body lying on the floor of the living room. The feet were toward the door and a chair had been overturned over the legs, he stated.

The overturned chair was the only evidence of a struggle or of the haste of the assailant to escape, the police said.

On a writing desk near the door were papers which indicated that he had been preparing his income tax returns. On the top of the desk was a picture of Miss Norman and two others of the same actress were found in a conspicuous place in the apartment.

Photographs of Mary Pickford and Mary Miles Minter also were in the apartment. Mr. Taylor had directed both of them.

CHEST PROGRESS MADE
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applauded by the assembled chest officials.

Determination and cheerfulness were keynote of the war council, such as an extent that General Smith felt moved to characterize the meeting as "bully," and to express his belief in the temper of his forces.

Meeting Is Called Bully.
"It was a perfectly bully meeting," said the general, "and from the fact that you are all here and show such interest and determination to put over the drive, I know that we are bound to meet with success."

"I wish that each of you would add headquarters in giving the lie to reports that chest salaries are being paid to the executives of the company," said the general.

Field officers of the chest organization, after the council had opened with a prayer, Charles E. Couche, made brief reports at the request of General Smith. These indicated the will to succeed and a belief in success.

Jim Clarkson—"I have not spent ten minutes in my office since the drive started. I am out there in the field, beating the record of my regiment."

J. O. Elrod—"We are not downhearted. We are getting along all right."

Doing Well Is Report.
Fred German—"We are doing as well as can be expected. The employees of Felschner, Mayer & Co., have given us a big boost, an average of \$2.50."

E. N. Strong—"Doing well. The wrapping girls in Lumber, Wolfe & Co.'s store have given \$5 each, and some of the salesgirls have given \$60."

Others in this town to do as well there's nothing to it. One big corporation gave just half what it did last year, and must be re-sold."

J. T. McBride—"We accept the challenge of Colonel Clarkson. We will win 100 per cent. We have got to win and are going in to win."

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ARBUCKLE JURORS STILL UNDECIDED

Alignment for Defendant Is Rumored in Courtroom.

FATTY APPEARS JOVIAL

Defense Counsel Declares Third Trial Will Be Asked in Event of Disagreement.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—After deliberating since 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the jury had not agreed tonight whether Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle was guilty or innocent of manslaughter as a result of a fatal attack on the actress Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress. The jury was taken to dinner at 9 o'clock. There was no indication of a verdict. At 9:30 P. M. the jury was locked up for the night on account of a slight attack of illness suffered by Juror Lee Dolson.

The jury has been out nearly 30 hours. It will return to court at 9 A. M. tomorrow. The first trial resulted in a disagreement of the jury. Courtroom gossip had it that the jury stood seven to five for acquittal, and also that the jurors were aligned in the event of a disagreement. But nothing authentic came from the room where the jurors continued their debate.

Milton M. Cohen, Los Angeles, of the defense counsel staff, said that the defense would insist on a third trial in the event of a disagreement. The district attorney would make no comment.

The Arbuckle appeared jovial and carefree throughout the day.

The jury was heard from but once during the morning and afternoon. This was when it asked for the complete transcript of the trial on certain points. It indicated a long session according to court officers and counsel familiar with such requests.

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FISHERMEN WANT LIGHT
Cape Disappointment Instrument Helps Operators Get Bearings.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Secretary Somppi of the Columbia River Fishermen's league, sent letters to the Oregon legislature, asking for a congressional delegation making a strong protest against the proposal of the lighthouse department to suspend the operation of the Cape Disappointment light at the mouth of the river.

Mr. Somppi called attention to the urgent necessity for maintaining the light as the gill-netters, drifting in lower harbor, get their bearings from the light. From the drifting grounds in the river the light at North Head cannot be seen and the fishermen believe that the suspension of the light at Cape Disappointment to get their positions.

FERRY FUNDS ARE RAISED
Clackamas County and Oregon City Provide Total of \$1500.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Appropriations totaling \$1500 for the inauguration of a ferry across the Willamette river have been made by the city and county. The county court, after an investigation, today voted \$1000 and the council last night appropriated \$500. A total of \$4000 has been raised among merchants.

The ferry is to provide means for transfer of autos across the river during the period that the Oregon City-West Lin bridge is being rebuilt. The light bridge will bridge the two cities and the county will care only for foot traffic.

Taxis at Station Opposed.
SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The Salem city council, at its meeting next Monday night, will consider an ordinance prohibiting taxicabs from making their service at the station of the Oregon Electric depot, which is located in the heart of the business district. Members of the council said they had received many complaints with relation to these taxicabs, and that the time had arrived for action. Taxicab operators have indicated that they will oppose adoption of the ordinance.

Commissioner Corey Appointed.
SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—H. H. Corey, member of the Oregon public service commission, received a letter today to the effect that he had been appointed to the position of railroad service, accommodations and claims by the National Association of Railway Commissioners.

Fred A. Williams, chairman of the Oregon public service commission, is a member of the executive committee of the national association.

ASTORIA TO GET \$11,000
House Approves Senate Amendment for Repairing Wharf.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—The house today agreed to a senate amendment to the treasury appropriation bill providing for construction of bonded liquor in warehouses to be designated by the commissioner of internal revenue. Two amendments, one carrying \$1,000,000 for the construction of a vault for the treasury and the other \$500,000 for a site and other preparations for erecting a national archives building in Washington, were opposed and the bill was sent back with the expectation that the senate would agree to elimination of the two amendments.

The house agreed to a senate amendment carrying \$7500 for the salary of an under-secretary of the treasury during the coming fiscal year, but struck from the bill provision for an assistant secretary at \$5000.

Another senate amendment waiving the existing law which precludes appointment of retired army and navy officers receiving retired pay of \$2500 or more a year to the position of director and assistant director of the budget bureau, also was agreed to by the house.

Other senate amendments accepted included one providing \$11,000 for the wharf at the Astoria (Or.) quarantine station.

MINISTERS LOSE FIGHT
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provision of high school dances by members of the faculty, together with various provisions for chaperonage and other safeguards against immorality.

Confidence Is Expressed.
Directors Eisman and Woodward, speaking for themselves and their fellow-members, expressed entire confidence in the Parent-Teacher association, and praised its workers highly for their service to the schools and the community. They praised, as well, the high standards and service of the deans of women, and expressed the belief that every objection to school dances can and will be eliminated.

Mrs. W. H. Bathgate, president of the Portland Parent-Teacher association, thanked the directors heartily and assured them that their confidence in the association was well placed. Under the supervision of the organization, she pledged all grade school community dances will continue to be clean and wholesome, with the schoolhouse serving as a community center.

The old charges of immorality, which have not been sustained by proof in

the opinion of the board, arose in the writer of charges poured out by dance opponents and came to a crisis when Mrs. Grace Flynn, her voice breaking, asserted that sex attraction is the sole lure of the dance.

"I say to you," she continued, "that in one and all the first attractions and the last is sex. That's vulgar and you don't like to talk about it. But I say to you that your girl does not leave the dance floor the same girl that she was when she went on."

"That's a lie!" proclaimed one female voice.

"The dance," that statement," shouted Ben B. Thomas. "When any woman will get up and say such a thing, that a girl can't dance and come off the floor without being disgraced, I say it is rotten! I say that such a statement is not right!"

Threats were made that the decision of the board would lead to a test case in the supreme court, to determine whether the Oregon law forbids dancing in public school buildings. The directors were agreeable. Director Clark informed the dance opponents that the board had decided in its rights, and would welcome an action to interpret the statute.

It is understood that the dance regulation committee, authorized by the board's action, will welcome all responsible and earnest participation.

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