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# DO MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DIE IN MINE

## FIRE DAMP EXPLODES WITH TERRIFIC FORCE

### Rescue Parties in German Coalfields Unable to Reach Imprisoned Men and Nearly Every Miner in the Shaft Loses His Life—Many are Injured

(United Press Leased Wire.) Harmon, Germany, Nov. 12.—Three hundred and twenty-seven men are dead as result of a terrific explosion of fire damp in the Badbod coal mines near here. The explosion occurred last night and was followed by a fierce fire that followed every gallery with flames, snuffing out the lives of the imprisoned workers.

## COAST THIEVES' SYNDICATE

### Arrest Made of Teamster for Alleged Theft of Crate of Mushrooms It Is Believed Will Lay Bare the Methods of an Interstate Gang.

In the arrest of William Broyles, a teamster, the police detectives believe they have made a start in breaking up a syndicate of thieves, which, operating in every port of the Pacific coast, robs docks of valuable freight every week and passes the loot from one city to another.

## CITY IN AWKWARD DILEMMA

### Must Enforce Steam Car Ordinance Against Southern Pacific on Fourth Street, or Wink at Violation of Law—Mayor's Course Not Mapped Out.

If steam locomotives and freight cars are operated over the Fourth street tracks of the Southern Pacific after 12 o'clock tonight they will be in direct defiance of the city ordinance passed 18 months ago ordering the company to discontinue steam car traffic on this street after today.

## SOCIALISTS IN FEDERALIST CONTENT

### Measurable Entrance of the Federation Into Politics They Claim as Victory—Expect to Enlist All Labor Eventually.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Denver, Col., Nov. 12.—After contending all morning the delegates to the convention of the American Federation of Labor had reached no decision in the contest between the two factions of the Electrical Workers' union, seeking seats as delegates to the convention.

For many years the socialist delegates to the federation have been in the vanguard of the political movement. Each time the delegates have opposed them by insisting that the American Federation of Labor was a labor organization and not a political organization.

## VICIOUS PLOT CARMACK'S UNDOING

### Attorney-General McCann Swore to the Warrant and It is Stated that Evidence of a Political Plot that Will Rival that Alleged to Have Resulted in the Death of Governor Goebel of Kentucky, Has Been Discovered.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 12.—Intense excitement reigns here today as the result of the discovery of an alleged plot by some of the biggest politicians of Tennessee in connection with the shooting of former Senator Edward W. Carmack by Colonel Duncan Cooper and his son, Robert A. Cooper.

## FIRST WOMAN TO FLY IN WRIGHT'S AEROPLANE



Mrs. H. O. Berg, Who Risked a Flight in an Aeroplane.

Attached correspondence from the Curtis Brown syndicate. London, tells of the first trip of a woman in an aeroplane. The woman was Mrs. Hart O. Berg and she made the flight with Wilbur Wright.

## TRAIN IN EXPLOSION'S PATH

### Powder House on Line of Kansas City Southern Blows Up, Injuring Thirty Passengers—Train Is Blown from Track—Great Property Damage.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 12.—Thirty passengers on a Kansas City Southern train were injured, several probably fatally, when a powder house exploded at Holmes Park, south of here, today as the train was passing. The explosion destroyed three houses, and shattered buildings for a quarter of a mile in every direction.

## RATE HEARING IS HELD AT CONDON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Condon, Or., Nov. 12.—The state railroad commission held a grain rate hearing yesterday. District Attorney Burgett siding the commission in the examination of witnesses as to the cost of wheat raising. The O. R. & N. was represented by A. Spencer.

## DAKOTA CASE FULTON WILL BEARING SACRIFICE

### Decision of Supreme Court Holding the Legislative Pledge Act Unconstitutional Not Applicable to Oregon, Says Mr. Wood.

Opponents of Statement No. 1 have endeavored to create the impression that the Oregon law is open to the same legal objections which caused the supreme court of North Dakota to declare unconstitutional a law of that state requiring legislators to pledge themselves to vote for their party's choice for United States senator.

## MANY PRISONERS WILL REJOICE

### Petty and Political Offenders to Be Freed, on Abruzzi Wedding Day.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Rome, Nov. 12.—To promote the happiness of the people at the time the Elkins-Abruzzi nuptials are celebrated, imperial clemency will be extended all petty and political offenders, according to reports current here today.

## SIX CHINESE OVER NIAGARA

### Swept to Destruction While Trying to Sneak in From Canada.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 12.—Six Chinese were swept to death over the American Falls of the Niagara river here today while they were attempting to evade the federal officers and enter the United States. Four other Chinese were saved from the river and dispatched from the upper rapids by the bureau officers.

## LET US PULL TOGETHER

"We are in readiness to lend a hand to any movement for the development of our own industries," said C. E. Hickman, city manager of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company of this city.