

Occasional rain to day with southerly winds.



LITTLE HOPE FOR ENTOMBED MEN; 3 BODIES FOUND

Fate of 225 Miners Imprisoned in Tennessee Coal Shaft is Still Unknown; Work of Rescue Remains Impossible

CAUSE OF EXPLOSION NOT YET DETERMINED

Same District Visited by Disaster in 1902, When 187 Persons Lost Lives.

(By the International News Service.) Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—For the second time in 10 years a great mine disaster has made the Knoxville colliery district echo with the sobs and wails of women and children—relatives of the men whose lives were snuffed out in a flash as they worked. Two hundred and twenty-five men—perhaps more—perhaps a few less—were entombed in the cross mountain mine near Briceville. The possibility that any is alive is so slight that it was practically admitted at midnight that not one of the men will escape. An explosion of blasting powder or coal dust rocked the earth today within a few minutes after the shift had gone to work. Three of the men, fortunately late to their work, were in the passageway leading to the working pit two miles into the bowels of the earth. They heard the crash and turning, fled for their lives. Of the many who descended, they are the only ones who came out. Horror-stricken, they crawled to the surface and gave the alarm. In an hour rescue parties were organized and started into the shaft. Rescue parties powerless. But the rescue parties were impotent. Almost as soon as they descended a cloud of smoke trickled from the mouth of the cavern. A few seconds later it became a thick black pillar and the rescuers, choking and blinded, rushed to the air. When the rescuers succeeded in extinguishing the flames, gas prevented their entrance into the level. The explosion is believed to have occurred two miles from the opening and about 800 feet below the surface. All of the men who were in the mine were working within a few hundred feet of the hole and it is possible they were killed at the first blast. If any survived, fire damp would have choked out their lives before now. The only hope now expressed is that the men who were in a part of the roof and blocked the passage way between a few of the miners and the deadly fire. The great air fans were kept pumping at top speed throughout the day and night in the hope that someone was alive and might, with proper air, be rescued. Rescue parties time after time attempted to descend into the workings but were driven back. Once the body of a miner was found. It was brought to the surface and identified as that of Lee Paulson. Late tonight two more bodies were recovered. They were found within a quarter of a mile of the mine entrance and both were badly mangled, indicating that death had been due to the explosion. Aside from the gas, the entombed men are walled in by thousands of tons of slate and coal which were scattered loose from the walls by the force of the explosion. As news of the disaster spread throughout the Briceville district men left their posts in other workings and hastened to join the rescuers. Women, wild eyed and disheveled, ran shrieking to the mouth of the pit and attempted to enter. Scores of men dragged them back and with rude efforts tried to cheer them. Entrance impossible for days. With the coming of the federal rescue car number seven tonight, it was learned that it may be days before the mouth of the shaft is sufficiently cleared of smoke and the deadly damp to make possible an entrance. Before then, it is feared, the men and boys who may have been saved from instant death will have starved to death. The federal rescue crew was powerless. It could make no headway in the smoke filled pit and the announcement that nothing could be done was received with a long tremulous sob from the crowd of hysterical men and women who surrounded the opening. Whether the explosion came from coal dust or blasting powder is a mystery. Within the last three weeks the mine had been inspected by a federal inspector and an inspector for an insurance company which insured the lives of the miners, and pronounced safe. A. F. Hetmaker, inspector for the Cross Mountain system of mines went into the shaft yesterday and pronounced it perfectly safe. The Cross Mountain mine is one of a chain owned by the Knoxville iron company and has been in operation more than 50 years. The mining district near here has a tragic history. Not 10 years ago, on the morning of May 19, 1902, the terrible Fratersville disaster snuffed out at one stroke the lives of 187 men and boys. Most of these were killed in the explosion. Others escaped that only to be killed by mine damp and die of starvation. Rescuers who made their way into the workings a week after the explosion found one chamber of horrors already under another. Already a large relief fund has been started and an appeal made for food and clothing for the families of the men in the mine. With winter upon them, many are without enough money to last for more than a few days and it is feared famine will add to the horror of the situation. Several thousand dollars has been subscribed in Knoxville alone.

"Higher-up" Offers to "Sell-Out" Dynamiters on Way to Prison

FEDERAL OFFICIALS ARE OFFERED FULL HISTORY OF CRIMES M'NAMARAS BEGIN JOURNEY TO CELLS; SPECIAL CAR USED

One of Those Deeply Involved in Dynamite Conspiracy Offers Confession in Return for Immunity. Each Handcuffed to Deputy Sheriff, Brothers Start on Trip to San Quentin That Is to Swallow Them for Years.

(By the International News Service.) Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 9.—With the hand of the United States government closing in on the reputed "inner circle" of the McNamara dynamiting conspiracy, interest here tonight centered in the semi-official information that one of the alleged "higher-ups" had made overtures to the federal officials relative to a full statement of the activities of John J. and James B. McNamara. It is asserted that not only have the federal authorities been offered a complete verbal statement detailing a carnival of crime, but that documents, reputed to contain damaging evidence against a number of prominent labor leaders, have been proffered, in exchange for immunity for the informer. Reason for Visit Seen. The visit of United States District Attorney Charles W. Miller, in charge of the local federal investigation, to Washington yesterday and his conference with department of justice officials, is believed to have been in connection with the alleged offer of the one "higher up." No decision in the matter, it is learned tonight, has been arrived at by the federal officials. J. A. G. Badort of the National Erectors' association, who is now in Indianapolis, in connection with the federal probe, refused to comment on the probability of one of the "inside circles" making an important statement to the authorities. Protracted secret conferences in the (Continued on Page Ten.)

"JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS"



Tired and Ruffled Governors Trundled About Quaker City

Western Executives Somewhat Stirred by Charges of Alabama Executive That Western Legislation Was Destructive and Advertising Questionable.

(By the International News Service.) Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—The western governors and their party have been the guests of the Philadelphia Commercial club today. They reached Philadelphia about noon, somewhat the worse for the wear of last night's dinner at Baltimore, a function which lasted until 1 o'clock with nearly four hours of solid and liquid oratory. Their feelings were slightly ruffled by the plain speaking of Governor O'Neal of Alabama, who took occasion to repeat with emphasis his address to the governors at the Spring Lake conference in the course of which he spoke with much asperity of the destructive methods of western legislation, criticizing the western ideas of progressiveness and intimating that the western states used questionable methods in advertising their section and depicting other parts of the country. The westerners felt that the introduction of a discourse of a political nature was a breach of etiquette at a function supposed to be purely social and that the governor of Alabama exceeded his privileges in using the opportunity to harangue critically other guests and harp on his idea of sectional conduct or misconduct. There was little or no opportunity for the resentful governors to reply to the gentleman from Alabama and after sleeping over the incident they expressed their satisfaction that it had been permitted to pass unnoticed and unanswered. Except for a short breakfast address by Governor West in reply to a speech of welcome from Governor Pennell, the day was devoid of speaking, always excepting the back platform remarks of Colvin Brown of California, whose description of the attractions of the coming Panama-Pacific exposition excited the citizens of Chester. The afternoon at Philadelphia was given over to motoring and sightseeing, the entire party first calling on Mayor Elenkenburg at the city hall and later taking a boat for a ride down the Delaware and a visit to the navy yard at League Island. The Manufacturers' club gave the governors an informal dinner tonight. Following the dinner a large public reception was held and the governors were presented to and welcomed by a large element of Philadelphia's society. Most gratifying to many of the westerners in the governors' party is the increasing interest in the exhibitions. The crowds that went through these cars at Baltimore yesterday were largely in excess of any previous record of the trip. (Continued on Page Four.)

ROCKEFELLER, GATES MOST RESPECTFULLY DECLINE TO EXPLAIN

Oil King and His Alms-Giver Turn Down Bid of Representative Stanley to Appear Before Steel Investigators to Deny Merritt's Story.

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Statesmen Real and Near Are Included In Gridiron's Jest

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ANTI-TRUST BILL IS TAKEN TO INDICATE DEMOCRATS' TREND

Measure Passed Aiming Blow at Tobacco Combination May Show Character of Legislation to Be Expected.

CHAMP CLARK PRESSING COLLEAGUES TO HASTEN

Speaker Eager to Have All Community Matters Taken Up Without Delay.

(By the International News Service.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—During the first week of its session the Democratic house passed a bill aiming a blow at the tobacco trust. This action may forecast the character of the legislation to be enacted, or at least discussed at the session which has now opened. The bill authorizes the census bureau to ascertain every six months the quantity of leaf tobacco held in storage warehouses. It is in the interests of the tobacco growers and is designed to prevent a corner or monopoly of leaf tobacco by the manufacturers. Pension Bill Thrown Out. Following action on this bill the Democratic leaders threw into the house the Sherwood service pension bill which grants to veterans of the Civil war graduated pensions up to \$1 a day. This bill is to pass the house before the end of next week. After that will come a number of bills on the house calendar of local importance. The important legislation will come after New Year's. Chairman Underwood announces he will be ready with some of the important tariff revision bills immediately after the holidays. He will bring forth the wool, cotton and steel revision bills in the order named. His exact timetable he has seen the president's message on wool and cotton tariffs what the Democratic bills will be. The general impression in the house is that there will be little change if any in the new bills to be presented by the Democrats of the ways and means committee. From the revision bills presented at the last session. Clark Presses for Action. Speaker Champ Clark is pressing for action by the Democrats on all matters to be supported by the Democrats at the coming session of congress. He says there is much to be done and he does not want the Democrats to be charged with responsibility for failure to pass legislation desired by local communities. The ways and means committee will meet the coming week and take up work on all the important schedules of the tariff. An innovation will be that the speaker may attend the sessions of the committee to give its members the benefit of his judgment and experience on tariff legislation. For many years under republican control of the committee, Speaker Clark was the ranking Democratic member and he has fought the Democratic fight for low tariffs in the house for years. Senate Marking Time. The senate has been marking time during the past week and will continue to do so until the house shall have sent across some bills which the senate thinks worth its time to consider. Up to the present the senate has been busy considering nominations by the president and mulling over the presidential message on the trusts and foreign affairs. Most of the committees of the house will get busy next week. The committee on interstate and foreign commerce, Chairman Adamson, will leave from New York Sunday to inspect the Panama canal. This committee will have charge of the fixing of the tolls and enacting the regulations governing the Panama zone. The members of the committee desire to see for themselves whether the progress of the canal warrants the claim that tolls should be established at this time. Steel Inquiry to Go On. The Stanley steel investigating committee will resume its hearings Monday on the work of the steel corporation investigation, and Andrew Carnegie is expected to testify before the committee during the week. The committee on expenditures in the department of the interior will take up questions involving the work of the reclamation service and especially with reference to the construction of the Roosevelt dam in Arizona for the irrigation of lands in that country. Colonel Roosevelt is said to have urged this work to be done and it is now charged that the Southern Pacific railroad is the only beneficiary of the projects, which cost many millions and forces the issuance of \$20,000,000 bonds by the government that the reclamation service might not become bankrupt.

Western Governors and Official Party on Eastern Tour



Governor Oswald West of Oregon is seen in the second row, next to the right end. The picture was taken at Rochester, New York.

MIDNIGHT PLUNGE IN PACIFIC SURF TAKEN BY THE MULTNOMAH CLUB EXCURSIONISTS

(Special to The Journal.) Gearhart, Or., Dec. 9.—A plunge in the Pacific ocean surf at midnight is a delight—as you like it—now being enjoyed by a large number of the 125 Multnomah Amateur Athletic club excursionists who came to Gearhart this afternoon. This remarkable manifestation of the passion for swimming followed a dance given at the Hotel Gearhart by the club members. It was scheduled for the entire party to enter the surf but a few lacked courage when the crucial moment came. It is a commentary on winter conditions along Clatsop beach that the temperature of air and water are nearly equal today. The water is 45 degrees and the air this afternoon was 50, neither uncomfortably cool, according to the M. A. A. C. standard. The special arrived at 5 o'clock this afternoon and half an hour after it was in, Arthur Cavill, swimming instructor last year at the Multnomah club; J. Wesley Ladd and Frank Watkins went into the surf, which seemed even pleasanter than at the annual club swim in 1910. A swim by everybody in the auditorium was a feature of this evening's program and all day tomorrow bathing in the auditorium and in the surf will be the order. The party is not quite so large as last year, but is having a dandy time in every respect.