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51 MINERS ARE BURIED ALIVE

Explosion in Colorado Mine Shuts Off Avenue of Escape to Inmates.

DESPERATE EFFORTS AT RESCUE BEING MADE

Only One Chance in Million That Entombed Men Can Escape Alive and Morgue is Being Prepared—Relatives Look on Preparations Socially—After Damp Emergencies Lives of Rescuers—Effort Being Made to Reach Men by Abandoned Tunnel.

Trinidad, Oct. 10.—Fifty-one miners are in a living tomb today at Starkville with one chance in a million of escaping alive. Scores of workmen are frantically tearing at the masonry of an old tunnel in an effort to reach the prisoners in the main shafts. At daybreak the workmen were trying hard to penetrate the main shaft, but were compelled to stop because their lives were imperiled by the after-damp. Although the men inside are alive, the machine shop of the Colorado Mine & Fuel company is being transformed into a morgue while the women and relatives of the entombed men watch the preparations dully, hardly comprehending their significance. The explosion occurred Saturday night presumably from fire damp. The prisoners' only hope is to force their way through the clogged and gas filled main tunnel or to make their way to an old tunnel leading to the Engleville mine which adjoins the Starkville workings. During a fire years ago this tunnel was walled up but now scores of workmen are tearing the masonry down in the faint hope of saving the lives of those within.

One theory of the explosion is that a miner opened his lamp causing the collected coal dust to explode. The mine was considered safe as powder was not used, the coal being easily dislodged with a pick.

No Gas Pockets. Theories advanced, such as the presence of gas pockets, dust and other combustible material, are not accepted by officials of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, as having caused the explosion.

Although every thing in the range of human effort was done, all day and night to rescue the imprisoned men, the difficulty of overcoming the spread of the afterdamp told plainly upon the temper of the rescuers, who were visibly discouraged, but continued at work.

It was learned that the helmet men had a narrow escape from death and were rescued by miners who had no helmets.

The helmet men had entered the mine and falling to emerge, another party was sent in and found the helmet men lying prone upon the floor of the short cut, or west entry, overcome by gas. The oxygen in the helmets had become exhausted.

The most authoritative explanation of the cause of the tragedy yet secured was obtained from State Mine Inspector John D. Jones, when he came into the camp to forward some telegrams. He said the Starkville mine had been inspected officially by Inspector Frank Oberding, three months ago and found in excellent condition and that it had been worked ever since its opening in 1892 with open lamps because of the absence of gas. He was of the opinion that the mine was not properly sprinkled to keep down the dust and said he could account for the explosion in no other way. He said that when inspected three months ago the mine was noticeably free of dust.

According to a statement given out officially by the coroner, there are known to be in the mine 25 Poles, three Russians, five Americans, four Mexicans and one Serbian. These nationalities represented in the list of the entombed were classified after a careful house to house canvass of the camp, made by a mine clerk and the town marshal.

While this list only totals 46, the coroner says that he is positive that there are 51 men inside the mine, and explains the difference in figures by saying that the nationalities of some of the men believed to be among the missing are not known and no attempt was made to classify them.

Some who are familiar with the working conditions of the Starkville mine express the belief that the total number estimated by the coroner is too conservative, and they freely state their opinion to be that when the list is completed, it will number nearer 80 than 50. Hardened by previous experiences and sights surrounding explosions in mines, the residents of Starkville, in most instances, silently watched rescuers as they entered the mine and as they were later dragged to the open air for resuscitation. Tragic scenes usually seen at the mouths of mines

where lives are lost by gas explosions were not in evidence.

SOCIETY GAMBLERS WORSE THAN WHISKY SAYS WOMAN

Seattle, Oct. 10.—More than a score of members of the Purify league are touring the west investigating vice conditions and the white slave traffic. They spoke at a special meeting of the churches yesterday. Mrs. A. S. Sim, who styles herself a reformed whist player, declared that society gambling between women is doing more injury than all of the whiskey consumed. She said: "Eighty-five per cent of the fashionable society gamblers are church people, that is they are members of some church. Card playing among church members is the beginning of the undermining of their faith in Christianity. Other sins follow, so by it we are betrayed."

HONDURAN SOLDIERS ARE GUARDING AMERICANS

New Orleans, Oct. 10.—Honduran soldiers are today guarding American property in the island of Amapala according to private cablegrams. It is expected the gunboat Princeton will soon arrive and land marines to regain properties. The soldiers took charge on the order of the commandant of Amapala who is radically anti-foreign. The lives of the Americans are believed to be safe.

SHERIFF IS LOCKED UP BY PRISONERS

DARING JAILBREAK IN SANTA ANNA, CALIF.

Two Inmates Listen to Services by Missionary, After Which - They Knock Officer Down, Lock Him in Cell and Escape.

Santa Anna, Calif., Oct. 10.—Posses are searching the foothills for Rosario Sains and Alejo Mairs, prisoners of the county jail, who escaped after overpowering Sheriff Lacy and locking him in a cell with Miss Christine Keri, a missionary worker who was conducting services in the bastle. Sains is charged with murder and Mairs with forgery. Miss Keri had concluded her services and the sheriff had unlocked the cell, when the prisoners struck him between the eyes, tossed him into the cell and locked the door. They secured a rifle and revolver from the jail office and escaped on stolen bicycles.

Great Apple Show.

Watsonville, Cal., Oct. 10.—Jajaro valley, the home of the Bellflower and the delicious Newton Pippin, is the scene of the largest state apple show ever held in the United States, the big exhibition opening today to continue through the week. Scores of carloads of fruit are on display in one of the largest pavilions ever erected in the west, the city of Watsonville issuing bonds to pay for the structure. Next year it is proposed to make the show a national affair.

Register in New York.

New York, Oct. 10.—Registration of voters in all boroughs of New York city, commenced with a rush this morning and will continue, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 10 p. m. tomorrow, Saturday and next Monday. Registration in all other cities in the state and in villages of more than 5,000 inhabitants will begin Friday. In hamlets and country districts, registration will begin Saturday. The period for the filing of party certificates of nominations with the secretary of state at Albany expires today, but independent certificates may be filed up to Friday. The Tammany congressional convention in this city will be held Thursday.

Labor Men in Politics.

Worcester, Mass., Oct. 10.—Massachusetts labor organizations will take an active part in politics this fall, according to some of the delegates to the annual state convention of the American Federation of Labor, opened here today. The union leaders will vigorously oppose those whom they hold responsible for the failure of important labor legislation. The matter of postal savings banks will also be discussed during the convention, and several other matters of interest to organized labor will be acted upon.

Passenger Men in Dallas.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 10.—Members of the American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents, representing all the leading railroad systems of the United States, Canada and Mexico, began their annual business meeting here today. The deliberations will be concluded tomorrow, and the remainder of the week will be spent in touring the Lone Star state. The delegates will return to Dallas next Saturday to attend the opening of the Texas state fair.

FLAMES TAKE TERRIBLE TOLL

Forest Fires in Minnesota and Canada Make Thousands Homeless.

SEVEN TOWNS DESTROYED, DEATH LIST APPALLING

Worst Fires in History Sweeping Away Millions of Dollars Worth of Timber, Devastating Towns, and Driving People to Seek Safety—Estimated 2000 Persons are Missing—Sixty Bodies Have Been Recovered—Wagons Loaded With Bodies Enter Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Oct. 10.—Seven towns, Baudette, Spooner, Gracetown, Pitt, Cedar Spur, Swift and Roosevelt have been destroyed by forest fires in this vicinity. Five hundred people are missing and the death list will probably total a thousand. Lumbermen declare the loss of standing timber runs into the millions. Reports from Rainy River are that the dead are being brought in by wagon loads from outlying districts. Rainy river citizens have formed a vigilance committee, fifty men guarding against the activities of thieves and ghouls. It is known that seventy are dead and later reports indicate that two thousand are missing. Sixty bodies have been recovered. The majority of the missing are believed to have taken refuge in isolated villages. The towns of War Road, Minn and Sprague, Manitoba are threatened with destruction. Fire is within seven miles of Sprague. The Canadian Northern railway has dispatched special trains bearing apparatus and fire fighters toward the War Road, which is reported surrounded by flames.

Railroad Saves Many. The work of relief carried on by the Canadian Northern railroad saved thousands of lives, including practically all the inhabitants of Spooner, Baudette and Pitt, who escaped by the special trains that the company provided. The people had become so accustomed to the haze in the sky caused by the burning timber that they could not be made to realize that the situation was becoming dangerous.

The Canadian Northern railroad has been running relief trains in every direction, stopping at every point where frantic people were to be found along the track. Several trains have been run through suffocating smoke and over burning bridges, regardless of danger to the crews. Among the most dramatic incidents was the escape of 2000 persons in a long train of box cars. The throng of men, women and children awaited the train while their homes burned.

Lumbermen Incarcerated.

War Road, Minn., Oct. 10.—Courtiers today say scores of lumbermen were caught by the forest fires along the border and incarcerated. The destruction of seven towns means conservatively 750 dead they say. The fire zone is 80 miles long extending from Gravel Pit spur to Stratton, Ontario. Minnesota is rushing fire fighters to the scene by special trains.

Herbert Strohm, well known young man of Herston, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

ELY COMES TO EARTH TWICE

Aviator Trying for \$30,000 Prize Experiences Hard Luck on Trip.

FIRST DESCENT MADE 12 MINUTES AFTER RISING

Forced to Land by Carburetor After Traveling 11 Miles—Repairs Made During Night and Second Ascent Made This Morning—Falls Again After Going Short Distance—Field of Eight Entries Dwindles to One.

Chicago, Oct. 10.—Aviator Ely, attempting a flight from Chicago to New York for a \$30,000 prize met with the second accident of his trip today shortly after he ascended from the Beverly Golf links, where he spent most of the night fixing his aeroplane, broken when he first fell. He ascended a short distance and then fell. Unhurt, he set about repairing his machine again.

He started on the record-breaking test yesterday afternoon, but remained in the air only 12 minutes. In that time, however, he traveled 11 miles.

The aviator descended because of a clogged carburetor. The repairs were a matter of a few minutes, but in the rapidly gathering dusk Ely in trying to again start ran the machine upon a rock and the front running wheel was torn away. A new wheel was brought up and the force of mechanics began work while Ely went to Geary to spend the night.

Owing to the chill of the air and a smart northwest wind, only a small crowd gathered at the Hawthorne race track to see the start of the trial which, despite the fact that a field of eight starters originally counted on dwindled to one, it is still the most ambitious flight yet attempted in the United States. Willard and Curtis made technical starts, flying over the race course, but as previously announced, it was not their intention to make a race of it. Their machines were quickly taken apart and shipped to Gary, Ind., to be ready to supply any parts which Ely might need. It was from one of these machines that the spare running wheel, needed by the "Boston racer," was secured. Two hours after the start Curtis, Willard, McCurdy, Ely and a number of mechanics went over the biplane in the most careful way. The propeller developed a thrust of 320 pounds, worn wires were replaced and nuts and screws tightened. To make assurance doubly sure, Curtis made a trial flight of a few moments and upon alighting pronounced the machine ready for the start. There were 20 gallons of gasoline in the tank to feed the 60 horsepower, eight cylinder engine, and lubricating oil in proportion—enough to have carried the flyer 150 miles.

Ely was garbed from head to foot in light brown leather. On his right wrist a compass was strapped and in front of him attached to the machine was a watch. The latter indicated precisely 4:11 o'clock when the propeller began whirring. In nine seconds the aviator left the earth.

A snappy wind was on his quarter—almost at his back. That it was a great accelerate of his speed is shown

SPAIN TESTS LOYALTY OF RESERVE TROOPS

Madrid, Oct. 10.—There is increasing turbulence throughout Spain and outside agents of the revolutionists are smuggling arms into Barcelona, and other border towns. The Spanish government is taking stringent measures and the leaders admit an uprising is imminent. The government called its first reserves of the army to colors today and it is believed it did so to test the loyalty of the troops. The republicans openly claim the troops will desert when the uprising starts.

ROOSEVELT TAKES SLOW TRAIN THROUGH ARKANSAS

Hot Springs, Oct. 10.—Colonel Roosevelt arrived at Hot Springs today and opened the Arkansas state fair with an address, after being formally received at the station. Before opening the fair Roosevelt watched a picturesque ceremony typifying the Arkansas desire for peace in which one little girl in blue and another in gray released two white doves. Governor Donaghey introduced the Colonel. It was announced Roosevelt would spend four days in the southwest to make speeches defending the position he has taken on the tariff question.

POLICE BATTLE WITH ITALIANS AT DEPOT

NEAR-RIOT ENSUES WHEN OFFICER'S ORDER IS IGNORED

Nightwatchman Armstrong and Glenn Bushee Injured in Battle With Dagoes who Wished to Make Beds Down in Ladies Waiting Room.

A near riot occurred in the O. R. & N. passenger depot last night when Special Officer John Armstrong objected to the plans of a party of Dagoes to make a sleeping apartment out of the women's waiting room. Both men and women were in the party and all became involved in a general imbroglio when the officer insisted on enforcing his demands. When the battle became too warm for the officer he called for assistance and soon, night operator, night ticket clerk and night baggagemen all joined in an effort to quell the disturbance which is said to have lasted more or less seriously for the better part of two hours. Night Officer John Kearney finally arrived on the scene and also joined in the scrimmage.

One of the women is said to have drawn a knife but was prevented from using it. Officer Armstrong is nursing a bad cut over one eye while Glenn Bushee, one of the night baggagemen was struck back of the ear with some instrument in the hands of one of the belligerent amazons. No arrests were made, the belligerent party being allowed to take their train out when it arrived.

MONKS AND NUNS ARRESTED WHOLESALE

Lisbon, Oct. 10.—The arrest of monks and nuns continued throughout Portugal today, accompanied by looting by uncontrolled mobs. Government is at a loss where to send the priests condemned to exile. Cardinal Netto, former patriarch of Lisbon and Bishop Vasconcellos of Beja were escorted across the frontier into Spain today. Children of parochial schools have returned to their homes.

Abstinents meet.

Springfield, Mass., Oct. 10.—A diocesan convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union was opened here today. William J. Larkin, secretary of the union for nearly a quarter of a century, will voluntarily retire at the present session.

Lutheran Convention.

Charlottesville, Pa., Oct. 10.—Delegates from 128 churches are represented in today's convention of the Lutheran church synod. The sessions will continue through the week.

Stationers in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 10.—Baltimore will entertain this week the annual convention of the National Association of Stationers and Manufacturers.

Photo Is Cupid's Weapon.

Logansport, Ind.—Falling in love with the picture of Miss Carrie Loser, which as a graduate of the Indiana Commercial college, appeared in several papers about the state, Forest Graves, druggist and city clerk of New Ross and a graduate of this institution, wrote to the girl. She was impressed with the letter and answered it. Correspondence continued and the romance which developed will culminate Friday in marriage. Miss Loser is now a resident of Crawfordsville and the marriage will be performed at her home.

More than 5,330,000 horsepower is developed by the harnessed waters of the United States, the average per wheel being about 100 horsepower.

GRAFTERS AT PANAMA CANAL

Rumored That Combine Has Been Formed to Reap Big Profits From Ditch.

TAFT WILL PERSONALLY INVESTIGATE CHARGES

Despite Secrecy Information Relative to Huge Graft Scheme Leaks Out—Revocation of Taft's Decision Regarding Trip to Panama Taken as Substantiation of Report—Will Leave Soon to Investigate—Combine Would Have Monopoly.

Beverly, Oct. 10.—Information that combinations have been formed to reap a big graft at the Panama canal have been received here, according to a rumor. This information was guarded with the utmost secrecy but the announcement that President Taft has revoked his decision not to visit Panama until March, but will go at once is taken to mean that the information is credible. According to his present plans, Taft will leave for Panama the first week in November and it is said, he will go to learn of the alleged graft at first hand. Supplying coal to ships passing through canal at monopoly rates is said to be one of the activities planned by the combine.

HOMER PIGEONS KILLED BY SHOCK OF WIRELESS

London.—Wireless telegraphy is declared to be responsible for the ever increasing loss of homing pigeons, and experts declare that the ether waves entirely upset the homing instincts of the birds. Captain Fraser, mayor of Move, a well known breeder of homing pigeons, declares his conviction that the increased loss of his birds during recent years is due to the new electrical influence. Wireless telegraphy, he says, interferes with birds in flight, disturbing that mysterious sense determining the direction in which they wish to fly. It is possible, he adds, that the ether may even kill the birds. Anyway, the fact remains that within the last few years the percentage of losses has increased from some half-dozen to 60.

TRAM CAR IS FIFTY YEARS OLD.

Semi-Centennial of First One Operated Celebrated in England.

London.—Recently there was celebrated the semi-centennial anniversary of the introduction of the first tram car in Europe. It was run at Buxtonhead by the late George Francis Train. Mr. Train had an office boy named Clifton Robinson, now grown into the English tramway king. Sir Clifton Robinson on the tramways' jubilee day, described the modest beginnings of the splendid system of tramways which is to be found in most towns in this country. Speaking of the future of tramways in England, Sir Clifton thought it lay in the direction of combined tramways, tubes and railways, under one management.

WORLD'S BIG CHEESE BUILT ON FLAT CAR

Appleton, Wis.—The biggest cheese the world has ever known has been completed here. The cheese weighs 4029 pounds net, contains the Friday's milk from 5000 cows, amounting to 40,280 pounds, and required the services of seven cheese makers two days to build. The cheese will be on display at the national dairy show in Chicago. It has already been sold to a Chicago retail house for \$1409.80. It was built on a flat car.

Raps Student Tactics.

Washington State College, Pullman.—In a talk to the student body, Miss Grey, dean of women at the Bellingham normal, caused no little comment by her remarks as regards the civic morals of the student body here. "I do not wish to come here with criticism," said Miss Grey, "but I do wish to speak of the terrible marks and signs that I see painted all over the town. "I have taught in many schools in my career, but even in my experience in Chicago, I failed to find this rough and rowdy spirit and the small boy tactics of spreading paint in the tenement districts by the roughest element there."

Dublin Offenders Are Illiterate.

Dublin.—Of 5696 males arrested in this city during the year, 502 could neither read nor write; 5130 could read only or read and write imperfectly.

Has Heart Stitched Up.

Vienna.—A man who had his heart stitched up at a hospital at Schaefer, Austria, seven weeks ago after he had been stabbed, has left the hospital in excellent health.

GILLILAND'S BOOMERANG COMES BACK TO HIM WITH A WHACK

A boomerang is a peculiar missile used by natives of Australia. When a native throws it from him it describes several flip flops in the air and finally comes back to the thrower. It will hit the native in the eye if he is not careful.

T. P. Gilliland, who is seeking desperately to retain the county judgeship, has thrown a boomerang. In a local paper which is supporting Judge Gilliland, the following appeared yesterday morning:

"Yes, this county collected the sum of \$441,665 in taxes and of which Judge Gilliland paid \$114. How much did Jim Maloney pay? Never did a bright bushman act more foolishly than did Judge Gilliland when he sent that paragraph forward, or was it some fool friend who did it? It is a boomerang and here it comes back straight to the eye."

Investigation of the county records with reference to the taxes paid by Messrs. Maloney and Gilliland show the following: For the year Mr. Maloney paid a total of \$141.75 in taxes. Of this amount the sum of \$128.10 was upon bank stock owned by Mr. Maloney and

which ownership is shown upon the records at the court house. The remaining \$13.65 was charged to L. Hodgins & Co. and which sum Mr. Maloney paid personally, he being now the sole owner of the property of that company.

Mr. Maloney paid \$141.75 this year as his share towards maintaining the expenses of this county. This is a truthful answer to the question, "How much did Jim Maloney pay?" Anyone desiring to do so may verify the statement.

Now as to Judge Gilliland's taxes. The tax records show that he paid taxes this year as follows: Personal, \$10.92; real estate, \$63; total, \$74.92. This is shown by the record. Look it up if you care to.

Why did Judge Gilliland, or his foolish friends, bring up this subject? They knew Mr. Maloney was a heavier taxpayer than Judge Gilliland or could easily have found it out. But they thought they would be sharp and give out the false impression that Mr. Maloney does not pay taxes. It was dirty politics and such tactics can only hurt Gilliland. It is a beautiful case of the boomerang. The striker himself is hit and he deserves the buff.