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150 MEN ARE ENTOMBED IN BURNING TENNESSEE MINE

Entire Working Force Believed to Have Perished In Terrific Gas Explosion

MEN'S WIVES TRY TO HURL THEMSELVES IN FIRE

Country for Miles Around Shaken and All Attempts at Rescue are Frustrated by Deadly Flames--Government Rushes Aid to Scene.

Middleborough, Ky., Dec. 9.—More than 150 and probably two hundred miners are entombed in the mine of the Knoxville Coal company at Bryceville, several miles from this place and across the Tennessee state line, as the result of an explosion that is believed to have been caused by gas, which is still issuing from the mouth of the mine. All the men are believed to have perished.

The explosion occurred at 7:30 o'clock this morning and rocked the entire country for many miles around. It is believed that the victims are buried under tens of thousands of tons of debris, at least two miles from the main entrance.

The interior is burning fiercely and all attempts at rescue have met with failure, the gas and fire driving the rescuers back, after they had risked their lives in an effort to enter the death trap.

The explosion occurred only a few moments after day shift had entered the mine for their day's work, and immediately with the terrific report, hundreds of women and children, wives and families of the victims, knowing the meaning of the explosion, rushed to the entrance of the burning entrance and frantically fought with men and officers, in an effort to hurl themselves into the death with their husbands, brothers, sweethearts or fathers.

It will be many hours before the flames will have sufficiently burned themselves out to permit a rescue party to enter the hole, and large crowds of men are gathered about, awaiting the first opportunity to make a heroic dash into the mine, to save any life that was spared by the deadly gas or fire.

The only hope that is held out for the entombed men is that the explosion may have caused some of the walls to collapse and bottle them up and prevent the deadly gas or flames from reaching them. This course

would be possible only with a part of the number in the mine. President Stephenson of the mine company, was rushed from this city to the scene of the disaster on a special train and he took along all available men for rescue work, physicians, nurses and life saving devices.

He stated before leaving here that he felt sure that the number of men in the mine would not exceed two hundred.

The destroyed mine adjoins the Fraterville mine in which two hundred men were killed in the same manner in 1902.

Mine Bureau Sends Aid. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9.—The United States mine bureau life saving station here today was notified of the Bryceville, Tenn. mine disaster, within a few moments of its occurrence and immediately ordered rescue parties out from the Birmingham, Ala., and Kentucky rescue stations, to proceed to the scene. A mine rescue car is also en route from this place.

CONTROLLER BAY PROBE SUDDENLY COMES TO END

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Announcing that since President Taft and Secretary Fisher have completely changed their Alaskan policy and that no further action is necessary, the committee on expenditures in the department of the interior, today reported the formal dropping off of the Controller Bay probe.

Congressman Burke of South Dakota, tried to force a continuance of the probe but was defeated by a party vote of 4 to 3 and given five days to prepare a minority report. Burke denounced the famous "Dick to Dick" letter as a fabrication and demanded that every one connected with the incident be subpoenaed.

SHUSTER DEPIES ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN GOVERNMENTS

Teheran, Persia, Dec. 9.—Declaring the placing of 6000 soldiers on Persia's border by Russia is either an attempt to make war or a wanton act of hostility to Americans who are serving the Persian government, Treasurer Shuster today announced his determination to retain his position and defy Russia.

He said he would not leave until a good reason is given by England or Russia, to show that Persia would be benefited by his removal.

RELIGION FANATIC CONVICTED OF CAUSING SIX DEATHS

Portland, Maine, Dec. 9.—Refusing to accept the services of a lawyer, and declaring the Lord would protect him "Elijah" Frank Sanford, commander of the yacht Coronet, which is owned by the "Holy Ghost and Us" sect, was convicted today on six counts of manslaughter in connection with the deaths of several members of his crew from starvation, while the religious ship was on its last voyage.

NEWPORTS PRAISED FOR WORK ON LEVEE

Settlement was made yesterday for the work of constructing the levee, which is to protect the branch asylum from possible floods in the Umatilla. The levee was constructed for the state by the Newport company of Hermiston and the cost of the levee is in the neighborhood of \$16,000.

The new levee is a half mile in length and is built in a very substantial manner with a toe wall composed of enormous boulders. In passing up on the work upon the levee State Architect Knighton, who made the inspection for the state, highly complimented the Newport company upon the work. He declared it to be the best piece of levee in the state and thinks it sufficient to protect the new institution against the flood waters of the river.

UMATILLA STRIKERS, CHARGED WITH ATTACK ON BREAKERS, ARE CLEARED IN COURT

For lack of evidence showing the accused men, Frank Johnson and Archie McFarland, to be guilty of the crimes charged against them the cases against them were dismissed yesterday afternoon by Justice of the Peace Joe H. Parke and the men will not be held to await the action of the grand jury.

The preliminary hearing was warmly contested by both sides in the justice's court and it was upon the question of identity that the decision hinged. The defendants through their attorney presented strong evidence to establish an alibi. Al Anderson, a star witness for the defense, testified that at the time of the trouble he and Johnson were eating dinner several blocks away from the scene and that they did not even hear the noise of the fight.

Witnesses against the two strikers were the two Greeks who were the victims of the riot and a watchman named Craig. The Greeks identified Johnson and the identification was sustained by the watchman.

The testimony brought out the fact that the two Greeks were attacked by a number of men who stormed them with rocks and also fired at them. Johnson was accused of being the man who fired at them and he was charged with assault and battery. When attacked one of the Greeks fired several shots and on the stand in the justice's court he declared he fired into the air to frighten away his assailants but that he was unsuccessful in frightening them.

GERMAN MARINES ARE CAPTURED BY REBELS

Americans and Missionaries Slaughtered By Chinese

United States Government Starts Investigation—Rebel Chief Horrified by Manchu Atrocities.

Shanghai, Dec. 9.—The climax in the anti-German feeling came today when a body of German marines, en route from Shanghai to Hankow, were fired on by rebels at Kiu Kiang and then taken prisoners. The rebels feel strongly against the Germans, because they believe the Germans furnishing the imperialists with guns. German warships have left Shanghai for the scene of the trouble.

8,000 Manchus Slaughtered. Peking, Dec. 9.—News of 8,000 Manchus being slaughtered in Shan Si province was made public here today, in the first uncensored reports received from Sianfu since the recent outbreak there. Mission houses were destroyed and eight foreigners, including four Americans, were killed.

U. S. To Investigate. Washington, Dec. 9.—Minister Calhoun, at Peking, has been ordered to investigate the report that Americans were slaughtered at Sianfu by rebels.

Rebels Take Chang Shun. Tien Tsing, Dec. 9.—The advance guard of rebels, marching on Peking, today captured Chang Shun and demolished the railroad tracks and important buildings. Foreigners are safe. The real advance of the rebels on Peking will start in forty-eight hours unless a peace agreement is signed in the meantime. The Manchus are now preparing to defend the city and will engage in a crucial battle soon.

Slaughter Women and Babies. Shanghai, Dec. 9.—Accusations that the imperialists, at Han Yang, are putting defenseless women and children to the sword and committing other incredible atrocities, are made by English correspondents, arriving from the front.

Tang Shao Yi, imperial minister of posts and other government officials left Peking today to proceed to the place where peace negotiations are to be taken up with the rebels. The meeting will probably take place at Hankow or Nanking.

Rebel Chief Horrified. Wu Chang, Dec. 9.—Protesting against the Manchu atrocities, General Li, rebel commander, has written to Premier Yuan, begging him to force the imperialists to conduct the war humanely. He said that if the Manchus continue their savagery it will be hard to restrain the rebels from like tactics.

AEROPLANE WORTHLESS IN WAR ASSERTS ARMY COLONEL

Expert Officer Puts Wireless Telegraph in First Place and Adds That Cavalry Will Never Be Lost Again.

Kansas City, Mo.—"The aeroplane is worthless in time of war," declared Colonel W. S. Schuyler, U. S. A., a close student of aviation, in an interview here.

"In a real battle," continued the colonel, "the air currents would be so disturbed by the heavy firing that I doubt if the aeroplane could taxi. Its scouting value is lessened because the man in it can see little from a high altitude and he must be away up to be out of range."

Colonel Schuyler declared the most important recent invention as far as the army is concerned is wireless telegraphy. With the new army apparatus the operator has a range of twenty-five miles. This device keeps a scouting party of cavalrymen in communication with the main body.

"The cavalry will never again be lost," declared the colonel.

WIFE MUST PAY ALIMONY TO MAN SUED FOR DIVORCE

Bismarck, N. D.—A husband sued for divorce is entitled to alimony and support, under certain conditions, according to a decision of the supreme court handed down today in the Hagart case, from Grand Forks county. The husband, defendant, declared he was entitled to money for his support during the time the case was in progress, and the district court ruled with him, and from which decision there was an appeal to the supreme court.

The verdict of the lower court was today sustained by the supreme court. In the Hagart case the fight is over property valued at \$40,000. The Hagarts have been in court several years the third divorce proceeding being in progress now.

King Spends Formal Day. Delhi, Dec. 9.—Strictly ceremonial and lengthy visits from more native rulers occupied King George's time today. A few words and costly gifts were exchanged.

Perhaps we shouldn't blame some people for not being very thankful.

ANOTHER LABOR LEADER PREPARING TO MAKE SENSATIONAL CONFESSION, IS OFFICIAL TALK

Demand of Gompers' Resignation as President, by Union, May Cause Split of American Federation of Labor--Special Attorney General and District Prosecutor Also at Outs

Indianapolis, Dec. 9.—Sensational developments are expected in the McNamara investigation here following a semi-official announcement today that one of the reputed members of the "in-ide circle" of the International Bridge and Structural Iron Workers is preparing to make a confession in hope of obtaining immunity from prosecution.

Gompers' Resignation Demanded. Hutchinson, Kansas, Dec. 9.—The Trades Union Council today adopted resolutions threatening to quit the American Federation of Labor unless President Samuel Gompers resigns. They don't like his attitude on the McNamara case.

Prosecutors at Outs. Indianapolis, Dec. 9.—Strong color to reports that serious friction exists between United States Attorney Miller and Special Attorney General Lawler over the federal dynamiting probe, was given today when it was learned for a certainty that Miller has gone to Washington to interview Attorney General Wickersham.

Taft Hears of Dynamiting. Washington, Dec. 9.—United States District Attorney McCormick of Los Angeles, today conferred with President Taft at the white house. It is believed he made a direct report on the dynamiting probe in Los Angeles.

Labor Demands Investigation. San Francisco, Dec. 9.—In a full set of resolutions denouncing the McNamaras, the San Francisco labor union today demands a sweeping investigation of all rumors connecting the names of high labor leaders with the Los Angeles dynamiting or any other similar case. A spirited debate preceded the action.

U. S. AND RUSSIA MAY CEASE FRIENDSHIP

Washington, Dec. 9.—The probability of a break with Russia over the passport question, is believed to be not far off.

President Taft and his cabinet have not found a satisfactory way to solve the problem without embarrassing either the United States or Russia.

It is declared that President Taft won't be ready to report to congress on the matter for some time.

RUNAWAY DAUGHTER OF MILLIONAIRE IS LOCATED

Hutchinson, Kas. Dec. 9.—Through the publication here of a picture, in a newspaper of Louise Swan, daughter of a New-York millionaire, whose mysterious disappearance from New York last July caused a national sensation, she has been located at Dodge City, Kansas. She was traced down by a Santa Fe detective. She veils herself in mystery and says a love affair caused her to leave home because it was not satisfactory to her parents. She declines to state whether she will return to her home. She is being closely watched.

TAFT AND G. O. P. LEADER HOLD CONFERENCE TODAY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Secretary Hayward of the republican national committee called upon President Taft today. Hayward predicted that Hilles, Taft's private secretary, will be national chairman of the republican committee, which meets Tuesday to discuss the platform, select the convention city. St. Louis and Chicago are both seeking the convention.

Turkey Expels More Italians.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Dispatches from Smyrna announced that Turkey, in reprisal for the Italian attack on Tripoli, has expelled all Italians from Smyrna and confiscated their property.

BEWARE THE HOBBLE AND WEAR 'EM LOOSE!"

"Order Hoop-skirt," Says Doctor. About Tight Gowns and Tuberculars. Chicago.—The hobble and tube skirt and other tight-fitting garments are given as causes of tuberculosis by Dr. Heman Spalding, chief of the bureau of Medical Inspection. Loose-fitting clothes are, he declares, proper for maintaining health and happiness. Dr. Spalding recommends that coats and underclothing be purchased about four sizes larger than those customarily worn if they have been tight-fitting. If a tight-fitting hobble or tube skirt has been worn, he recommends the styles be forgotten and the wearer order a hoop skirt.

learned that all the McNamara evidence gathered in Los Angeles was turned over by him to Special Attorney General Lawler. It is understood that both McCormick and Miller, at Indianapolis, will work under Lawler's direction.

Special Attorney General, in charge of investigation and U. S. district prosecutor are at outs.

Grand jury will rest until Tuesday.

San Francisco labor unions demand full investigation of all charges against labor leaders.

President Taft given details of investigation.

Job Harriman offers to make accounting of defense fund, to committee.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 9.—Defiant to the last in their refusal to make any statement to the federal grand jury, John and James McNamara will be taken to San Quentin prison within the next twenty-four hours.

Prosecutor Fredericks today notified Sheriff Hammel that there is no use in retaining the brothers longer as the jury won't meet again until Tuesday.

Should the McNamaras change their minds they could be returned here.

When the federal investigation is renewed it will take up first the bringing of the explosives from Munich, Ind., to San Francisco, then later here by James McNamara and Orle McManigal and other men, whose names are kept secret.

The ground work for this inquiry was laid by McManigal and J. W. Kaiser, head of the powder company at Munich. Kaiser testified that he sold the powder to McNamara and others and identified some shown him as part of that shipment.

At noon it was rumored that the McNamaras would be taken before the grand jury despite their refusal to testify.

In answer to published intimations and charges that he had expended part of the McNamara fund in his political campaign, Job Harriman, who was associate counsel for the McNamaras, today offered to show a committee where every dollar of the McNamara defense fund handled was expended.

Lawler in Full Charge. Washington, Dec. 9.—Despite all the secrecy thrown around the visit of Assistant Federal Prosecutor McCormick of Los Angeles here, it was

Whereas, after exhaustive surveys and favorable reports of the United States engineers the attention of the Army Engineers and the President of the United States has been favorably attracted toward the consummation of this great work, and

Whereas, after all this unselfish effort on the part of all patriotic citizens this great work appears about to become a reality, and

Whereas, thousands of America's best citizens have been attracted toward this work at great cost and sacrifice to themselves believing as they have believed that this extension would indeed become a reality, and

Whereas, the State of Oregon has not now any other proposed project so attractive or feasible as this said extension, the same being well known to the reclamation service as well as the President himself, and

Whereas, should this proposed extension work proceed at once it would be a great help to the people who are now located on the already reclaimed lands as well as those located on the desert lands in this section, furnishing them as it would, employment in the otherwise idle seasons, thereby adding them as it would in the enormous task which is their lot in this great work, until such time as

Whereas, the great state of Oregon has contributed to this cause in a far greater measure while profiting thereby far less than any other state, and

Whereas, the Federal government has now under construction a great reclamation project in Oregon known as the Umatilla Project, and

Whereas, after great labor on the part of our reclamation service and after years of unselfish effort on the part of all the patriotic citizens of Oregon, the wisdom and urgent need of greatly extending this said Umatilla Project has become manifest, and

Man Greets Acquaintance With Friendly Slap on Back; Injury Results. Harlan, Iowa.—As a result of a friendly slap on the back, which was given him by Earl Wallace, L. R. Parker, formerly of De Kalb, Ill., is paralyzed. Parker is night operator of the Great Western here, and was filling the station stove with coal when Wallace saluted him with a jovial cuff. Parker fell to the floor, unable to move a muscle. His spine is injured.

SLEAP PARALYZES A MAN.

Alone he has sailed from Maine to Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, Newfoundland, and back, and he is now preparing to give the results of his explorations to the scientific world.

Mr. Curtis' yacht, the Otomanu, is yawl rigged, carrying jib, main and mizzen, and even a spinnaker when one man could set it. She is forty feet on deck and twenty-five feet on the water line, has a ten-foot cockpit and a cabin of about the same length.

Sails 5000 Miles Alone. Cambridge, Mass.—George Carroll Curtis, painter and sculptor, formerly an instructor in geology at Harvard, has returned here, having completed a 5000 mile cruise single handed.

Widow of Garfield's Avenger Insane. Washington.—A niece has brought suit to have Mrs. Catherine M. B. Jones, the widow of "Avenger Bill Jones," who tried to kill Guitan after the latter had assassinated President Garfield, insane. Mrs. Jones is 82 years old. Her niece charges that she lives in a squalid hut, although she has property worth \$5000. The niece is trying to secure control of this property.

LOCAL ELKS WILL MEET GRAND RULER

Pendleton Elks will honor Jno. P. Sullivan, grand exalted ruler of the order by greeting him at the train as he passes through tomorrow evening on eastbound No. 18. He will be on board that train accompanied by Mrs. Sullivan and by Grand Secretary Robinson and two members of the board of grand trustees.

Under the arrangements made all members of the local lodge of Elks are asked to be present at the O.-W. R. & N. depot when the visiting party arrives to aid in extending them a welcome to the city.

350 ATTENDANTS AT HERMISTON MEETING FAVOR WEST EXTENSION IN RESOLUTION

(Special Correspondence.) Hermiston, Ore., Dec. 9.—At a big booster meeting held here last evening and at which affair about 350 west and people and visitors were present resolutions favoring the West Extension were enthusiastically adopted. The resolutions are as follows:

Whereas, since in order to provide homes and sustenance for the millions who are even yet unborn—the reclamation of arid and semi-arid lands has become the greatest question before the American people and government, and

Whereas, after decades of the most sincere effort on the part of our Federal government certain methods have been evolved whereby it has become possible to carry on this great work in some degree, and

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Whereas, the State of Oregon has not now any other proposed project so attractive or feasible as this said extension, the same being well known to the reclamation service as well as the President himself, and

Whereas, should this proposed extension work proceed at once it would be a great help to the people who are now located on the already reclaimed lands as well as those located on the desert lands in this section, furnishing them as it would, employment in the otherwise idle seasons, thereby adding them as it would in the enormous task which is their lot in this great work, until such time as

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