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"HUNG JURY" IN "FATTY" ARBUCKLE CASE

MINE EXPLOSION KILLS EIGHTEEN, EIGHT MISSING

BODIES OF VICTIMS CHARRED SO BADLY PROBABLY THEY WILL NEVER BE IDENTIFIED; MINE ENTRANCE SCENE OF HORROR

Fall of Tons of Slate Following the Explosion Is Believed to Have Crushed Many More Miners; Gas Cause of Explosion Is Belief.

BROWNSVILLE, Penn., Feb. 3.—Eighteen unidentified men are known to be dead, and eight other miners are unaccounted for but believed to be dead, as a result of the explosion in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company, 22 miles up the Monongohela river.

The explosion is believed to have been caused by gas. The fall of tons of slate following the explosion is believed to have crushed many more miners, according to company officials' statements early this morning. One statement by a company official was that about 100 miners were at work at the time of the explosion, but that some had escaped by use of ropes and cables by which they clambered up the 250 foot shaft.

The entrance to the mine is a picture of horror. At the base of the shaft are the bodies of the dead miners. They have not been identified. The bodies of some of the victims are charred so badly that they probably never will be identified.

Sam Brown, former catcher for the Boston Braves, is directing the rescue work. His wife is aiding him. Brown is superintendent of the mine. A body of state troopers have been dispatched to the mine to aid in the rescue and preserve order.

The mine in which the explosion occurred is the largest of the 63 mines operated by the H. C. Frick Coke company.

Doctors and nurses, with medical supplies and blankets, have been sent from Brownsville.

A large number of women and children, families of the miners, have gathered about the mine to identify the bodies as they are taken from the pit below.

MOTION PICTURE DIRECTOR'S DEATH STILL MYSTERY

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 3.—Giving the greatest consideration to the theory that he was slain in a vengeance love plot, presumably by a man at the instigation of a woman who was jealous of the attentions he showered on a widely known screen actress, police are bending every effort to solve the murder of William D. Taylor, famous movie director.

It was reported to police authorities that Taylor attended several so-called "snow" parties, at which narcotics were served. The slaying, detectives pointed out, may have been an aftermath of such a party.

Taylor was one of the leading directors for the Famous Players-Lasky corporation. He was apparently seated at his desk going through a number of cancelled checks, when a bullet fired by some mysterious assailant, ended his life.

The dead man apparently did not have a chance to defend himself. His revolver was found in a bureau drawer upstairs.

Robbery was not the motive for the crime as none of Taylor's valuables had been disturbed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—It is believed that the plenary session of the armament conference, called for tomorrow, will end the three months parley.

12,000 Troops Evacuate Ireland

DUBLIN, Feb. 3.—It was announced today that more than 12,000 troops have evacuated Ireland. Most of the auxiliaries have gone, and the evacuation of 500 black and tans will begin tomorrow.

The dismissal of the Royal Irish constabulary and the constitution of a popular police force is contemplated. It is probable that some of the existing forces will be re-embodied in the new organization and the cost for the compensation for the dismissed men and officers will fall on Ireland. The cost of compensating the black and tans will fall on England.

The investigation of the departments of the civil administration by the new government has shown in many cases an excessive staff, and officials will be required to furnish details concerning their ages, salaries and duties. Numerous dismissals from the surplus staffs are probable.

RAILROAD STRIKE SPREADING OVER ALL OF GERMANY

BERLIN, Feb. 3.—A great rail strike, spreading over the entire country, was in effect on all German railway lines today.

The walkout, which was timed for midnight last night, today was effective throughout all Germany. The strikers have been orderly everywhere according to reports.

The Wirth government is preparing and organizing an emergency service.

Engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen were among the categories called out by a narrow vote of the leaders, given out as 20 to 15.

BERLIN, Feb. 3.—German trade unions served an ultimatum upon the government today, threatening a general strike of all workers tonight, unless President Ebert withdraws his proclamation imposing penalties upon striking railway workers.

\$308,869 Raised for Community Chest

PORTLAND, Feb. 3.—After three days of diligent work, the community chest campaigners reported subscriptions amounting to \$308,869 pledged.

Although the gains so far cheered the campaign leaders, the amount yet to be pledged, set them more firmly in the harness of strenuous pulling. It is always the last thousand dollars that come hardest, and there is nearly half a million dollars yet to be gained before the Portland community chest can serve fully in relief of need and character building.

LIQUOR LAWS HERE TO STAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—Any faint hope that the payment of the soldier bonus might be effected through the loosening of the liquor laws to permit the manufacture of light wines and beer, was surely blasted today.

"You are just wasting your time and ours," said Representative Green, acting chairman of the ways and means committee, to the witnesses appearing to urge liberalization of the Volstead law to provide funds for the payment of the soldier bonus.

"More than two-thirds of the present membership in the senate and the house voted the liquor laws on the statute books, and they won't be modified," said Representative Green.

SOLDIER BONUS WILL BE PASSED SAYS FORDNEY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—The soldier bonus bill carrying provisions for raising funds for cash compensation, will be passed by the house within two weeks, according to the prediction of Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee, made following a conference with President Harding.

In discussing the soldier bonus before the ways and means committee yesterday, Secretary Mellon expressed the belief that the foreign debt could not be depended upon for financing the measure, and that a special tax should be placed on certain articles to raise the \$425,000,000 required.

These estimates of revenue from special sources were made by the secretary:

One cent increase in first class postage—\$70,000,000.

Increased second class postage to wipe out deficits in that branch of the post office department—\$30,000,000.

Increased cigarette tax, the increase amounting to 50 cents per thousand—\$25,000,000.

Increased tobacco tax, two cents per pound—\$5,000,000.

Increased documentary stamp taxes—\$40,000,000.

A license tax of 50 cents per horse power on automobiles—\$100,000,000.

The total estimated return from these sources was \$300,000,000. The list could be extended to make up the \$425,000,000 needed for the first year," said Mellon.

THIRD VICTIM OF TRAIN CRASH DIES

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 3.—The death list of the logging train crash Tuesday afternoon near Cochrans, was increased to three yesterday, when Francis Weist, head of the Weist Logging company, died. Weist was injured internally and was weak from loss of blood. Transfusion of blood from his son Clayton failed to save him. Another son, Clifford, injured in the wreck, is still in a weak condition. His recovery is uncertain.

The second victim, Amos Nelson, died Wednesday night. R. B. Parker was killed outright when the train plunged from the trestle into the canyon 40 feet below.

Butte Falls Man Killed By Tree

Frank E. Trefren, of Butte Falls, died Thursday afternoon at the Sacred Heart hospital, Medford, as the result of injuries sustained while assisting in clearing timber from the right of way of the railroad which is being built near Butte Falls. A limb from a falling tree caught Mr. Trefren and crushed his skull, but did not kill him instantly. He was hurried to the hospital and an operation performed with the hope that his life might be saved, but he never regained consciousness.

Mr. Trefren is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nellie Trefren; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Trefren of Butte Falls; four brothers and four sisters. Only two of the brothers, George and Joseph, of Butte Falls, will be able to attend the funeral, which will be held from Stock's undertaking parlors on North Main street at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Interment will be in the Mountain View cemetery.



Haz Kik

I refer the following letter to the honorable Chamber of Commerce: "Texarkana, Ark., Jan. 28, 1922. "Mr. Bert R. Greer. "Dear Sir—Will you please have the Chamber of Commerce send one of its booklets each to the following men here: W. P. Dews, 924 Beach St.; Joe Bayless, M. P. R. R.; H. Y. Dennington, care Mo. Pac. R. R.; and T. B. Book. "Fred Ratkins." The Ashland Chamber of Commerce does not have such trash, Mr. Ratkins. The quickest way NOT to get people to come to Ashland is to have NOT any literature, NOT any live secretary, NOT any broad organization, and then spend ALL your money for eats instead of information. HAZ KIK.

BLACK SMOKE ISSUES FROM SISTINE CHAPEL

ROME, Feb. 3.—A thin column of black smoke, issuing from the Sistine chapel chimney, proclaimed that the conclave of Roman Catholic cardinals has taken the first ballot in the election of a new pope, without making a decision.

Another ballot will be taken late this afternoon.

Large crowds gathered all day yesterday and this morning in St. Peter's square watching for the tell-tale smoke wreaths from the Sistine chapel, where the conclave sits. A ballot is taken in the morning and evening of each day the conclave is in session, and the smoke puffs are the only indication to the watchers of the progress made. When no election is effected, a little straw is burned with the election papers, causing the smoke to assume a dark color. When the choice is finally made the ballots, burning alone, emit a thin wisp of light smoke.

It is the general belief at the Vatican that the election will be brief, as a majority of the cardinals are in favor of a continuation of the late pontiff's policy, and that there is nothing to do but choose a man who will follow that program.

ROME, Feb. 3.—A second ballot, late this afternoon, like the first, was fruitless. For the second time during the day a black smoke was seen to rise from the Sistine chapel. The waiting crowds began clearing the court before the Vatican, knowing that there is no chance of an election before Saturday at the earliest.

BUDGET SYSTEM PROVES SUCCESS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—The operation of the bureau of budgets during the six months ending December 31, resulted in a saving to the United States of at least a hundred million dollars, according to the report that Budget Director Dawes submitted to President Harding at the semi-annual meeting of the business organization of the government.

The president appeared at the meeting and expressed his appreciation for the efforts made to reduce expenses in the face of the "unrestricted flow of extravagance and the tendency to drift the ship of state on the rocks of bankruptcy."

Martial Law Zone Extended At Mexia

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 3.—Governor Neff issued a proclamation early today extending martial law in the zone of Mexia, in order to cope with the state of lawlessness which has followed the rapid growth of the new oil fields.

The zone was extended, it was stated, because scores of gamblers, bootleggers, and confidence men, who have been driven from the city, have resumed operations just outside the city, defying the efforts of police to put them out of business.

The city of Mexia was placed under martial law over three weeks ago when it was learned that open gambling was being carried on, and that liquor was being dispensed over the counters of soft drink houses. The violation of law and order was so general throughout the city that it was necessary for the state to send troops to the new oil field to handle the situation.

JACKSON COUNTY BOND BUYERS SHY AT GRANTING PAR

Representatives of Portland and Spokane bond houses met with the county court Tuesday and dickered without result over the purchase of county bonds. The court demands par as required by law, and the bond house representatives desire a discount of 1.5 per cent.

The grand jury for the February term of court will convene February 20, and the petit jury will be called February 27. A new grand jury will be drawn at this term of court, the old one completing its work.

So far there have been no Jackson county women qualify for jury service, but any number, according to the county clerk, have phoned to have their names removed from the list. Under the law, women do not have to serve unless they want to, but they will have to follow the red tape, to-wit: due and official service by the sheriff, and a written declaration at that time, on a blank he will furnish.

There has been a brisk business the last week in dog licenses, over 200 being sold up to noon today.—Medford Mail Tribune.

Collapse Is Laid To Faulty Building

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—Bad engineering, coupled with cheap and faulty construction, was held responsible for the collapse of the Knickerbocker theater and the resultant loss of nearly 100 lives, by Senator Capper of Kansas, after an investigation of the ruins of the ill-fated structure.

Senator Capper, who is a member of the senate District of Columbia committee, introduced a resolution, providing for senate investigation of the disaster. He was accompanied in his inspection of the scene by Senators Jones of Washington, Gooding of Idaho, and Sheppard of Texas, all members of the district committee, and Representative Umshaw of Georgia.

The Kansas senator said District of Columbia officials who approved the plans for such construction as was used in the Knickerbocker, were responsible to a large extent for the collapse of the building.

"Government engineers on the ground told me," said Senator Capper's statement, "that none of the bearings of trusses or beams on the walls were anchored or fastened to the walls, which, in my judgment, was a fundamental error in such construction, because any unusual disturbing cause might gradually slip the beams from their support."

FAILS TO GIVE VERDICT AFTER NEARLY 40 HRS

IT WAS LEARNED THAT TEN JURORS WERE FOR CONVICTION AND TWO FOR ACQUITTAL OF COMEDIAN.

Court Was Set for Monday for Determining Whether There Should Be a Third Trial for the Manslaughter Charge.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—The Roscoe Arbuckle jury, after 40 hours deliberation on the evidence given in the manslaughter case, stated that it was impossible to reach a verdict, and were discharged by Judge Loud-erback shortly before noon today.

Court was set for Monday for determining whether there should be a third trial.

The jury did not report how the vote stood, but it was later learned that ten were for conviction and two for acquittal on the last four of the 14 ballots taken.

Arbuckle was prepared for a disagreement, but the report of the manner in which the jurors stood was a great shock. He refused to comment.

Although a disagreement was reported yesterday, both the state and the defense professed hopes of a verdict from the jury today. Followers of the case, however, were reported to have made betting odds of five to three that there would be another "hung jury."

PARENT-TEACHERS CLUB PROGRAM WAS EXCELLENT

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association at the senior high school was well attended yesterday afternoon. The following excellent program by the students was greatly enjoyed:

Reading—"Taking Care of the Baby" Velta Ackley
Violin solo—"Viennese Melody" Kreisler Leonard Pettit
Reading—"Cupid and a Cadillac" Beth Johnson
Music Glee Club
Reading—"An Aspiring Dish Washer" Corinne Robinson

At the business meeting which followed the program, Mrs. Perozzi reported that an outdoors drinking fountain could be placed in the Hawthorne school grounds for about \$50. In as much as there are 300 children at the Hawthorne school and only one available drinking place—and that in the basement—it was voted to have the outdoors fountain placed as soon as the weather permits. A similar fountain was placed at the junior high school building last spring. It was announced that women may now enroll for the spring session of the Smith-Hughes sewing and millinery classes. The millinery classes will not start before March 1, but the sewing classes may start as soon as sufficient members have been enrolled. A number have already enrolled.

BULLETINS

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 3.—Arthur Lewis, general manager for the Western Smelting and Refining company, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself. Lewis was reported to have been ill during the last week, which with domestic troubles is thought to have been the cause of his act.



Russia and Germany invited to world's economic and financial Congress—News Item