

# SIX ARE DEAD IN COLORADO MINE

## Engine House Burned and Filled the Works With Poisonous Gasses.

### SIX MEN SHUT UP IN TERRIBLE MINE TRAP

Silverton, Colo., June 8.—The scene of a Terrible Holocaust—All Escape Shut Off by Bursting of Buildings at the Mine Entrance—Gasses Killed Six and Sickened 30 Others Before Rescue Came—Village Is Panic Stricken.

Silverton, Colo., June 8.—Six men are dead, eight others in a dangerous condition from breathing foul air and 25 more temporarily confined to their homes from weakness due to contact with poisonous air in the Gold King mine, located at Gladstone, six miles from here.

The dead: Peter McNiny; Roy Coburn; Alex. Johnson; A. W. Burns; Victor Erickson, Gus Olsen.

On Thursday night fire was discovered in the engine room of the mine and before it could be brought under control, that building had been destroyed, as well as the shaft house. The two buildings were located near the portal door of the main shaft and to prevent the spread of the flames and accumulation of smoke in the workings of the mine, these doors were closed temporarily.

Before taking this precautionary move, the men working the night shift in the mine were hurriedly notified of the conditions on the surface and instructed to withdraw. When the flames had been extinguished in order to make sure that all was well with the men, the list was checked over.

This discovery was made then that three men were missing. Immediately efforts to rescue them were started, but with little hope of reaching them alive, as the machinery operating the fans had been put out of commission by the destruction of the engine house and any pure air that might have reached them from the surface had been shut off by the closing of the portal doors.

### TELEGRAPHERS MAY STRIKE.

Members of Commercial Union Want More Pay.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 8.—A demand for the same wages which were paid before the strike of the telegraphers on the Western Union Telegraph company will probably be made by the national convention of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, which opened here today. Threats are made of a general strike if the demand is not complied with.

The locals of the union in a number of cities, including New York, voted some time ago to make the demand.

They claim that union operators who returned to work were compelled to drop out of the union and forfeit their insurance policies in the labor organization. They also insist that the companies have discriminated against their former employees, particularly in women operators.

### LUNCHEON AT THE NORMAL.

Annual Event at Weston Celebrated Sunday.

Weston, June 8.—President and Mrs. French gave their annual luncheon to the seniors yesterday afternoon. It was an affair of music, mirth and flowers.

The young ladies were all clad in blue with yellow flowers, the class colors being blue and gold. Two rooms held the well arranged tables at which the seven course dinner was served.

Two young girls from the freshmen one each from the sophomores and juniors gowned in white, assisting in the service. Toasts, songs and the reading of the class prophecy prolonged the feast from which formalities disappeared. Dainty clusters of hand-painted forget-me-nots embellished the place cards, red and white sweet peas decorating the red room, yellow roses the dining room.

### EMBEZZLER CAUGHT.

Prominent California Politician Is Under Arrest.

San Francisco, June 8.—Charged with the embezzlement of \$500 of the funds of the Metropolitan Surety company of which he is the Pacific coast manager, Judson C. Bruste is under arrest in Los Angeles. The authorities here are awaiting his return to San Francisco to be tried on a felony charge.

He is secretary of the state board of railroad commissioners and a prominent politician. The warrant was sworn to by D. A. Macbeth, an eastern representative of the firm.

### Safe Crackers at Work.

San Leandro, Calif., June 8.—Safe crackers, thought to be the men who blew open the Southern Pacific safe in Melrose, recently, completely wrecked the safe in the company's station at San Leandro. Nitro glycerine was used. Nothing was taken.

### REDISTRICTING RESERVES.

Plans of the President Are Being Put Into Execution.

Washington, June 7.—The first step toward carrying out a comprehensive plan of redistricting the national forests in western states has just been made by the president in signing executive orders effective July 1, establishing the Cache and Pocatello national forests in northern Utah and southern Idaho.

The object of this plan is to equalize areas of administrative units and rearrange their boundaries in such a manner as to promote the most efficient administration. No actual addition to the national forest area is involved in the plan.

The Cache forest will consist of the Logan and Idaho divisions of the Bear river national forest, and will be administered by Supervisor Woodruff, with headquarters at Logan, Utah. The Pocatello national forest will consist of the present Pocatello and Port Neuf national forests, together with the Malad division of the Bear river forest. These areas will be administered by Supervisor Wrensted, with headquarters at Pocatello, Idaho.

Under the general plan of redistricting 18 new administrative units will be established from the existing national forest area. The attempt is being made by the forest service to reduce the area of the administrative units to an average of approximately 1,000,000 acres. This will not be possible in all cases, as is shown by the fact that under the plan of redistricting there will be 144 supervisors who will administer more than 155,000,000 acres of national forest area.

## BANKER FLEECE ANOTHER BANKER

WALTER BARNETT FACES TERM IN PENITENTIARY.

Former Vice President of Looted California Safe Deposit and Trust Company—Manager of Defunct Institution Is Now Doing Time at San Quentin and Will Be State's Chief Witness—Prosecuting Attorney Denounces Defendant.

San Francisco, June 8.—The actual trial of Walter Barnett, former vice president of the looted California Safe Deposit and Trust company, charged with felony and embezzlement, was begun today before Judge Conley. Assistant District Attorney Coke made the opening statements.

Barnett is accused of stealing \$295,000 in bonds of the securities of the Colton estate. J. Dalzell Brown, former manager of the bank, will be the state's star witness.

Mrs. Dahlgren, one of Colton's heirs, was the first witness. She testified that she deposited the securities in the bank.

Barnett will take the stand in his own behalf. In the opening statement, Cook denounced Barnett and explained the cipher code used by the defendant to communicate with the bank officers.

### Clever Burglar Escapes.

Los Angeles, June 8.—With the assistance of two unknown confederates O. T. Adams, charged with burglary, feigned insanity and escaped from the county hospital in an auto early this morning. Deputy Sheriff Hutchinson fired at the man as he was getting into the auto, but missed. With a steel bar and a block of wood, the door of Adamson's room was raised from its hinges. He left the building wrapped in a blanket.

### Oregon for Bryan.

Portland, Ore., June 8.—That Oregon's delegation of eight will be instructed to vote for Bryan "first, last and all the time," at the Denver convention, is the statement of Chairman Alexander Sweek and other prominent democrats gathered here on the eve of the state convention. Adherents of Johnson are few and have made no headway against the overwhelming sentiment for Bryan existing in Oregon.

### Mother Strangles Babe to Death.

Redwood City, Cal., June 8.—Mamie Slaus is held in jail today pending the investigation of her confession to the police that she strangled her infant, and threw it into the bay. The body was found floating near shore. Suspicion pointed to the young mother, and when the crime was fastened on her she coolly admitted she strangled the child. She will be tried for murder.

### Robber Is Caught.

Ely, Nev., June 8.—Just as he was about to board the train at McGill Junction, 14 miles north of here today, officers overpowered the man who robbed the saloon at Riptown of \$800 Friday and recovered the money. The officers had traveled 100 miles before they got track of the man.

### Thomas Would Fight.

San Francisco, June 8.—Willis Britt, brother of Jimmie, has assumed the management of Joe Thomas, and is now arranging several bouts for him. He has challenged Ketchell to a six-round fight and has also wired Charlie Harvey for a fight with him.

### Billek Must Hang.

Springfield, Ill., June 8.—Governor Deneen and the board of pardons today refused to commute the sentence of death of Herman Billek, convicted of poisoning six members of the Verzal family. He hangs Friday.

## FRESH HOPE FOR ANTI-TAFTITES

### Cannon's Manager Rushed to the Scene and the Fight Is Renewed With Vigor.

#### TAFT WILL PROBABLY WIN EVERY CONTENTION

Hitchcock Is Finally Ousted From the Committee and Then Declines to Go Back When Opportunity Is Offered—Hurry Call Is Sent for Congressman McKinley by the Allied Leaders—Oregon Man Offers Hitchcock His Seat and Is Turned Down—Taft's Manager Claims 700 Votes on the First Ballot.

Chicago, June 8.—New hope was given the allies today in their battle against the Taft-Roosevelt power in the republican national committee by the arrival of Congressman McKinley, manager of the Cannon boom.

Senator Hemenway of Indiana and Senator Murray Crane of Massachusetts, who have been at the head of the allies, sent a hurry call for McKinley.

The contests before the national committee will be continued in accordance with the statement given out by the allies last night after they had given up the plan to save their power until they could appear before the credentials committee of the convention.

Today the fight seemed to be on with all its original vigor. There is little doubt but the Taft men will carry every issue before the committee.

Frank Hitchcock, Taft's manager, whose presence on the national committee caused such an outcry, announced today that he would not participate in the sessions any more. Solomon Luna, of New Mexico, whose proxy Hitchcock held, appeared in the committee room personally. Hitchcock refused to attend the sessions as assistant secretary of the committee.

The committee today placed the Taft delegates from the third congressional district of Florida on the temporary roll. Hitchcock remained in the ante-room during the session. He declared he was certain Taft would have 700 votes on the first ballot and said Luna asked him to take his place until he returned to Chicago. Charles Carry of Portland, Oregon, sent his proxy to James McLachlan, who offered it to Hitchcock, who declined it. The Taft delegates from the first congressional district of Georgia were seated at noon.

### Taft Gets Them All.

The arrival of Arthur I. Vorys, of Ohio, the original Taft manager, coupled with the absence of Hitchcock from the committee, started the rumor that Hitchcock had been supplanted as Taft's director general. Vorys has established separate headquarters.

Taft delegates from the second and third Congressional districts of Georgia were seated this afternoon. The Taft delegation from the first district of Kentucky was also seated. This delegation was contested by Mr. Fairbanks.

The Louisiana contest will be the next taken up.

### ASSASSINATION PLOTS EXCITE PORTUGAL.

Lisbon, June 8.—Consternation reigns at the Palace following the discovery of a plot today to blow up young King Emanuel, whose father and brother were assassinated. Three conspirators have been arrested.

They had planned to assassinate the king during the state religious feast to be held June 18 with a bomb, which was to be placed so the king would not escape.

Outbreaks are feared. The palace guards have been increased. The queen suffers from the shock caused by the news. The royal families are virtually prisoners.

### Confederates Gathering.

Birmingham, Ala., June 8.—Saddened by the recent death of their commander-in-chief, General Stephen D. Lee, but with much of their old enthusiasm left to them, the hosts of the United Confederate Veterans are gathering in Birmingham today. The sessions of the encampment will be commenced tomorrow and will last three days. Many officials of Grand Army and other patriotic organizations of the north will be the guests of the Confederates and will join with the "boys in gray" in mourning the loss of their great leader.

### Ran Away With Brother's Wife.

Weiser, June 8.—A mild sensation was created here when it was learned that Ed Dutton, a well known resident of this valley, was arrested at Medford, Ore., and is now in charge of Sheriff Winkler of this county, who will return with him as soon as extradition papers are received. The crime for which Dutton is under arrest is eloping with the wife of his brother, George Dutton, who resides west of town, taking with them the two children. When the case comes up for trial some sensational developments are expected.

### Oregon Democrats Meet.

Portland, June 8.—Oregon democrats will hold a state convention at Portland tomorrow morning. It is expected Chairman Sweek and Secretary John B. Ryan will be reelected.

## REPUBLICAN PLAN FOR A PLATFORM

### Rough Draft of National Document is Completed by Wade Ellis of Ohio.

#### EVERY IMPORTANT QUESTION IS COVERED.

Unequivocal Declaration for Tariff Revision, Amendment to Anti-Trust Law, Trusts for Restraint of Trade and Control of Prices Condemned—Emergency Currency Bill Approved—Ship Subsidy Endorsed and Recommendation Favoring Admission of Arizona and New Mexico Will Be Included.

Washington, June 9.—Wade Ellis, attorney general for Ohio, returned from Virginia beach today with a rough draft of the Chicago platform. He says Taft has gone to Chicago.

The substance of the platform declarations which he drew tentatively with the approval of the administration are as follows: The endorsement of the policies of the present administration will be the central idea of the platform.

Tariff—an unequivocal declaration for revision.

Railroads—a declaration favoring amendments to the anti-trust law that will enable railroads to enter into reasonable traffic agreement without fear of prosecution and will also pronounce in favor of national control as against combination ownership.

Trusts—a resolution condemning such combinations as create monopolies, to limit production and control prices.

Finance—a note congratulating the country and congress on the passage of the currency bill.

Navy—a plank urging an increase in fighting ships.

New states—the recommendation for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as new states. Shipping—endorsement of the ship subsidy idea.

Labor—a recommendation for enactments to insure labor organizations against snap judgment by courts in the issuance of injunctions.

### Taft Wants Clean Scrap.

Chicago, June 9.—Efforts of the Taft men to sweep everything before them was resumed today, when the Louisiana compromise proposition which caused the adjournment Monday, was taken up by the national committee today.

Former Governor Marmouth of Louisiana, speaking for the Taft leaders, said: "We must go into the convention with a full vote or we will not enter. We must rule or get out; there will be no compromise."

Senator Dick arrived today, and opened headquarters for Senator Foraker. He says Foraker's candidacy is serious.

John Montgomery is here in the interest of John Hays Hammond, the only working candidate for second place on the ticket.

### BAD FIRE AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

Vancouver, Wash., June 9.—A fire starting in the center of the Pittcock and Leadbetter mill at noon today, caused a loss of \$250,000 and destroyed the main part of the plant. The origin is unknown. Fortunately the wind was in the right direction to save the town from burning.

There is only one fire engine in the town. The fire burned several hours before the firemen were able to extinguish the flames. A part of the Northern Pacific trestle was destroyed.

### 8000 ARE HOMELESS.

Topoka, Kas., June 9.—Eight thousand persons are reported homeless as a result of floods. Late reports say the river is rising hourly. Great fears are entertained for the safety of property and lives. Train and mail service is tied up here.

### Russell Sage to Marry.

London, June 9.—Russell Sage, the young American actor who gave up Wall street for a stage career, will play a leading part in a wedding tomorrow, when he will take to himself a bride in the lovely person of Miss Pauline Weston, daughter of the late John L. Weston, of Charleston, S. C. Miss Weston is one of the society leaders of the aristocratic southern city and recently inherited a large fortune from her father.

The wedding will be celebrated quietly and the young couple will spend the summer in Norway. Sage will return to New York in August to resume his theatrical career.

### Traffic Demoralized.

Butte, Mont., June 9.—It will be at least a week before traffic will be resumed as a result of the damage done to the railroad tracks by the floods. The Northern Pacific has succeeded in opening service to the east, but the trains are stalled to some extent by a landslide 20 miles from Butte. Many new station buildings will be reconstructed along the line and levees are being constructed along the shores of Boulder to save the town from being swept away.

### Letter Wedding Tomorrow.

Washington, June 9.—All arrangements have been completed for the wedding tomorrow of Miss Juliette Williams and Joseph Leiter, the Chicago millionaire.

### TO SINK MONITOR.

Important Naval Test in Hampton Roads Tomorrow.

Norfolk, Va., June 9.—Another important naval test will take place tomorrow in Hampton Roads, when the monitor Florida, whose turret was on May 27 the target of the big guns of the Arkansas, will be torpedoes with a Whitehead torpedo. Since the former test, the Florida has been at the Norfolk navy yard fitting out for tomorrow's test.

The torpedo will be sent against a spot on the side of the vessel about eight feet under water. Inside the vessel, just back of the spot that is to be hit by the torpedo, a bulkhead of a new form has been built; it probably will be filled with water. It is expected the torpedo will sink the Florida, but as the experiment will take place in water not over 25 feet deep, it will be easy to refloat the vessel.

At the sale held this afternoon the following clips were sold: F. V. Chapman to Greene; George M. McDonald to Greene; John Perkins to Greene; and A. B. Chapman to Defour.

### BRYAN'S NAME CREATES ENTHUSIASM.

Portland, Ore., June 9.—William Jennings Bryan is the idol of the Oregon democrats as was demonstrated in the state convention here today. When the Nebraskan's name was mentioned the delegates went wild with enthusiasm and made so much noise that Chairman O. P. Coshov's voice was not heard. Bryan will undoubtedly be endorsed. Coshov mentioned the name of Ferrin in making a speech.

### KING EDWARD KISSES THE CZAR.

Reval, Russia, June 9.—Traffic in the Gulf of Finland was suspended today to make way for the visit of King Edward to the czar. Nicholas and retinue arrived this morning. He was joined two hours later by Edward, who kissed the czar affectionately on both cheeks. They remained in conference some time.

Tomorrow Nicholas acts as host on the imperial yacht Sestart.

## SPLIT IN RANKS OF REPUBLICANS

### LOUISIANA DELEGATION IS EVENLY DIVIDED

Nine Votes for Taft and Nine Against Him—Governor Warmouth Is Furious—Leader of "Lilly Whites" Declares There Can Be No Compromise With Black and Tans and Says He Will Bok the Convention Before He Will Agree to It.

Chicago, June 9.—The first split since the republican national committee began the hearing of contests was made today when, after a hot discussion and much objection, it was finally determined to divide the Louisiana representation, but even this is considered a victory for Taft, as it leaves his men in control of the state.

The fight has fastened the name of "Lilly Whites" on the Taft men and the term "Black and Tans" on the allies, so far as the contests in the south are concerned.

The decision means that Pearl Wight, a Taft supporter, will be the sole dispenser of federal patronage in Louisiana.

Former Governor Warmouth of Louisiana, is furious at the result. When the committee adopted the compromise resolution he was asked to accept it. "I will bolt the convention first," he said. "There can be no compromise that I could accept; it is impossible."

Warmouth says he will never enter an agreement with the Black and Tans.

The committee took an adjournment and adjourned before going on with the contests in order to allow Warmouth to cool off. The compromise gives nine votes from Louisiana to each side.

Taft delegates at large from Missouri were seated this afternoon.

### BARNETT TRIAL CONTINUES.

Defendant Was Correspondent of Wrecked Institution.

San Francisco, June 9.—The trial of Walter Barnett, charged with embezzling the Colton securities, was resumed today before Judge Conley.

James Conning, secretary of the wrecked California Safe Deposit & Trust company, continued his testimony. Conning brought out the fact that the correspondence of the subsidiary companies, the West Coast Investment company and the Noyes Land company as well as of the main concern, was in charge of Barnett and all mail matter addressed to them was opened by Barnett.

There were spirited objections to this line of testimony and the judge was compelled several times to call the counsel of both sides to order.

Some important testimony is looked for from Miss Mary Bishop of Alameda, who was Brown's stenographer, to whom he dictated letters to Barnett.

### Traitor Publicly Disgraced.

Paris, June 7.—Lieutenant Ullimo, the traitor convicted by courtmartial for selling documents describing the defenses of Toulon and code of signals, will be publicly degraded before the men he commanded, next Monday. His sword will be broken in front of him, his uniform will be stripped of all decorations, and then he will be compelled to pass in front of his men.

## UMATILLA MEN ARE INDICTED

### Federal Grand Jury Charges Fraud in Indian Land Matters.

#### ALL THOSE INDICTED ARE WELL KNOWN CITIZENS

Col. James H. Raley, John Crow, John M. Wynn, Alonso Knotts, William Slusher, William Rabe, Bailey Ross, John Vert and Others Were Indicted Monday Evening—More Indictments Are to Follow—Many More Umatilla County People Are Under Investigation.

As a result of the investigation of the alleged land frauds in Umatilla county by the special federal grand jury in Portland, seven prominent Umatilla county men were last evening indicted.

Those indicted are Col. James H. Raley, John Crow, Alonso Knotts, John M. Wynn, William Caldwell, William Slusher, W. C. Matthews, John Vert, Bailey Ross, Samuel Oimstead and William Rabe.

The charges against these well known citizens is that of attempting to defraud the United States government out of 30,000 acres of land under the act disposing of the unallotted portions of the Umatilla Indian reservation.

The land in question is located on the Blue mountain foothills in the vicinity of Upper McKay and Meacham and a large part of that involved is now in cultivation, other portions are being pastured and still other portions have been cancelled and are now subject to entry.

The cases will create widespread interest in this county and eastern Oregon and perhaps 300 people will be called as witnesses when the cases come to trial. Many entrymen who would have been involved in the alleged frauds relinquished their claims during the rigid investigation by Captain J. H. Alexander in this city a year ago and these entrymen are now being used as witnesses.

It is understood that the grand jury has about 20 other Umatilla county people under investigation and other indictments are certain to follow those already announced.

### STARTS LAUNCH SERVICE.

Small Craft to Fly Between Lewiston, Clarkston and Asotin.

Lewiston, Idaho, June 9.—Captain Ralph Baughman, master of the steamer Mountain Gem, plying between Kennewick and Priest Rapids, on the Columbia, arrived in the city last evening in a gasoline launch which he will use for passenger service on the Snake river, between Lewiston-Clarkston and Asotin. The boat was built for Captain Baughman in Seattle. It is 45 feet long, has a 25-horse power engine and is licensed to carry 25 passengers. Its speed in still water is 25 miles per hour. The boat started on the Asotin run this morning and Captain Baughman says he expects to make the six-mile trip in 35 minutes. Three round-trips per day will be made, the boat's schedule being arranged to connect with Northern Pacific trains at Lewiston.

### Warships Go South.

Navy Yard, Puget Sound, June 9.—An order has been received here to send the ships of the Atlantic fleet, undergoing repairs here, to San Francisco as early as possible. The Georgia leaves June 16, the Illinois on the 20th, the Wisconsin the 22nd, the Kentucky the 25th, the Nebraska, the 27th, the Rhode Island, Virginia and New Jersey, the 28th, and the Kearsarge 29th.

### Three Are Critical.

Los Angeles, June 9.—Three of the survivors of the explosion in the boiler room of the cruiser Tennessee are in a critical condition today. They are: Walter Burns, a coal passer, Brooklyn; A. Hayes, water tender, Brooklyn; S. Stamatic, fireman, Norfolk, Va.

### To Attend June Bride.

Washington, June 9.—Miss Ethel Roosevelt, daughter of the president, will be one of the bridesmaids at the wedding tomorrow of Miss Georgiana Farr to Fletcher H. Sibley, which will take place in West Orange, N. J.

### CHECK FORGER CAUGHT.

Smooth Thief From Union County Located at North Yakima.

The grand jury has returned an indictment against George E. S. Powell, who is charged with putting out some bad checks, says the La Grande Star. Powell was arrested a few days ago on this charge on complaint of parties at Union. He fixed the matter up and was discharged. Powell then left this part of the country and in the meantime John Matrens, the hotel proprietor, and Mr. Gassett, the liverman, at Union, found themselves in possession of some paper that could not be turned into cash.

After the finding of the indictment Sheriff Childers located Powell at North Yakima, Wash., and he was placed under arrest at that place yesterday. The sheriff will leave for North Yakima this morning to bring Powell back to La Grande.

Powell is a young man of very clever address and has been in this section of the country several weeks taking orders for the enlargement of pictures.