

165 ARE KILLED IN ALABAMA COAL MINE

GLOOM HANGS HEAVY OVER PENNSYLVANIA TOWN

GAS EXPLODES; CONVICTS DIE IN DEPTHS OF EARTH

Estimates of Death Are Growing
Hourly—Over 100 Men Still in Mine
—Resources Hard at Work—Only
a Few Escape.

GAS POCKET IGNITED; AIR FANS DESTROYED

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for Bosses.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 8.—One hundred and sixty-five men are imprisoned, and believed dead and many more are injured as the result of an explosion in the Mamer mine early today.

The estimates of dead are growing hourly. Over 100 men are still in the mine. Several bodies have been recovered.

Practically all the men working in the mine where the Littleton explosion occurred were negro convicts except for the bosses of the various working crews. The Pratt Consolidated Coal Company of Birmingham owns the mine.

It has been learned here that the disaster resulted from the ignition of a gas pocket, but the extent of the fatalities as yet is difficult to determine. The explosion came at 6 o'clock this morning, just after the first shift went on for the day.

State Mine Inspector Hillhouse and the crew of the United States Mine Rescue Station from here are at the scene of the disaster. Owing to the isolation of the mine it has not yet been learned here whether any of the bodies of the 200 men said to have perished have been recovered from the blazing pit.

The fan which supplied air to the shaft was destroyed and most of the shafting was destroyed.

The explosion occurred far under ground. Rescuers are working in shafts searching for bodies and survivors. Fifty convicts have been rescued. A number of them did not know of the explosion.

"JEAN VALJEAN" MAY BE FREED

Man Who After Ten Years of Upright
Life is Caught and Jailed for Old
Crime is Expected to be Pardoned
by Governor.

COLUMBUS, Ga., April 8.—Thomas E. Stripling, the modern "Jean Valjean," who after ten years as chief of police of Danville, Va., was arrested as an escaped slayer and returned to prison here, declared today that he had not a doubt that his freedom would be given him.

"Ever since my arrest," said Stripling in a statement to the United Press, "I have felt in my heart that the prison commission would recommend my pardon. They are men; they are human, and they have wives and children of their own. How could they refuse justice to a man whose only crime was doing what every man who loves his home and who honors womanhood would do? That was all I did when I killed a man because he attempted to injure my sister. I fully believe Governor Brown will accept the prison commission's recommendation and that he will pardon me.

CALIFORNIA IN OREGON'S WAKE

Governor Signs Direct Primary Bill
Which Provides Same Plan for
Election of United States Senators
as Obtains in This Office.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 8.—Governor Johnson today signed the direct primary bill providing for the "Oregon" plan of choosing United States senators at the primary election, a choice which shall be binding on candidates for the state legislature. The act assures the election of United States senators from California by the people directly as in Oregon.

NO FAITH IN BANKS; ROBBED

John Maxwell of Eugene is Poorer
by \$1800 Because He hid It in
Flower Pot—Officers Think It was
Stolen.

EUGENE, Or., April 8.—Because he distrusted banks, John Maxwell, pioneer farmer residing near here, has lost a sum of money said to be between \$1500 and \$1800. He had hidden it in a flower pot under the floor of an outhouse and when he visited the scene the money had disappeared.

The authorities believe the money was stolen by some one familiar with Maxwell's habit of secreting money around his farm.

REBELS PLAN A FIERCE ATTACK

With Many Extra Rifles and Enough
Ammunition For an Army Insur-
rectos Off to Engage in Battle
With Federals.

MEXICALI, Mexico, April 8.—Eighty-five rebels with extra rifles and enough ammunition to kill an entire army loaded aboard the mules they stole yesterday from the Cudahy ranch near here known as Captain William Stanley and his band of insurgents left Mexicali at noon today. The party headed straight for Packard, eight miles south to engage Colonel Mayo's force of 500 federals. It was apparently the intention of Stanley to hurl his handful of men upon the enemy in the open plains, in the hope of crippling them so badly that the thirty rebels left behind to guard Mexicali could hold the town against an onslaught. Stanley faces an unusual dilemma, which probably accounts for his foolhardy action. It is win or die with him for if he is defeated, he faces either death from the federals or court martial as a deserter from the United States army. Stanley is a former quartermaster sergeant in the United States army.

Before leaving Mexicali, Stanley promised Captain Griffith of the United States army that his men would return the property taken from the Cudahy ranch. Eight soldiers, who have been with Stanley, deserted a few hours before his departure and fled across the line into United States territory. They were captured by the patrol.

General Tasker H. Bliss is expected to arrive here tomorrow to take personal charge of the patrol at this point.

HOSPITAL PLANS TO ARRIVE SOON

Will Be Submitted to Local Contractors This Week for Bids—Building
Will Be Started in Near Future and
Work Will Be Rushed.

MUCH BUILDING I SIN SIGHT FOR THE YEAR

New Hospital Will Be Modern and Up
to Date in Every Re-
spect.

This week the Sisters of Providence will arrive in this city for the purpose of submitting their plans for the new hospital to be erected in this city at a cost of \$100,000 to local contractors for bids on its erection. As soon as these bids can be obtained the contract will be let and the building erected as rapidly as possible.

The plans for the new hospital give every promise of an up to date institution in this city. They are complete in every detail and physicians of this city who have seen them pronounce a shining very fine.

The building will stand on Nob Hill and will be quite an addition to the city. Time limits will be incorporated in the contract in order to assure the completion of the building by fall.

The erection of the new hospital in this city is but one of many new buildings which are to be erected this summer. Yesterday the announcement of the erection of a new \$18,000 two story building on Grape street was made. In addition to this the work on the new apartment house on the corner of Fir and Sixth streets is to be started this week. Mrs. Carnahan is excavating for a building on her property on Central avenue, and many other buildings are contemplated. It looks like last year's building record will be shattered during 1911.

NEGROES HANGED BY WHITE MEN

Masked Men Drag Three Blacks From
Jail and String Them Up—One is
Shot Down as He Flees for
Shelter.

ELKVILLE, Ga., April 8.—One hundred masked men early today lynched three negroes here who were charged with having murdered Newton Eason, white, on January 13. The three were Dawson Jordan, Chas. Pickett and Murray Benton. Overpowering the jailer, the mob dragged the victims from their cells. One of the negroes fled and was shot down as he ran. The others were hanged to a nearby tree and their bodies riddled with bullets as they swung.

WILL SELL, NOT BUY, RACING TRACKS SAYS MATT WINN

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—"I'm more likely, sub, to be selling race tracks this year than buying them, sub. This sub, is not a very prosperous year for racing men."

This was the way Colonel Matt Winn of Louisville, Ky., who is here today, denied the report that he had come to San Francisco to confer with Clarence P. Waterhouse regarding the opening of a new race track at Tia Juana.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 8.—A canvass of the votes cast in yesterday's election shows that Alfred J. Morley was elected mayor by a majority of 766 votes over his opponent, E. M. Rannerman.

3897 PEOPLE GRANTS PASS

So Says Uncle Sam in His Announce-
ment of Last Year's County—Med-
ford is Fifth City in State Accord-
ing to Complete List of Towns.

JACKSONVILLE THIRD TOWN IN THE COUNTY

Ashland Has 5020 While Central
Point is Fourth in County With
761—Big Growth Since.

A complete list of the census of the various Oregon cities and towns has just been issued by the census bureau. The list gives Grants Pass 3897 people and was the only important center in Southern Oregon, which had not had its census announced previous to the publication of this list. This confirms the claims of Medford that it leads all Southern Oregon towns. The list gives Medford 8840 and growth since since one year ago when the census was taken the present figures are already hopelessly out of date. Medford is now claiming 11100 based on the school census. Ashland 7000 and Grants Pass 650. And these later figures are out far from correct.

According to this list Jacksonville is the third town in the county having a population of 785 which just beats Central Point with 761. Gold Hill has 423.

Medford is the fifth city in the state, Portland is first, Astoria second, Salem third, Eugene fourth and Medford fifth. If a census was to be taken at the present time Medford would probably jump to fourth place at her school census shows that she is larger than the Lane county metropolis.

Here is the complete list in the state:

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LAWYER LAUGHS AT FUND STORY

Lorimer's Counsel Thinks Funk's
Statement is a Joke—Effort Made
to Serve Subpoenas on Other Cap-
italists.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 8.—Declarations that the charge made by Clarence S. Funk to the Illinois legislature that a \$100,000 "slush fund" had been used to elect William Lorimer to the United States senate were derided here today by Judge Hancey Lorimer's counsel. Denying that Edward Hines the lumber magnate, had ever raised the \$100,000 as Funk charged, Hancey made the following statement to the United Press.

"The charges amount to nothing. They are all innuendo, based on hearsay. Who is Funk? He has nothing. People are not going to somebody's hired man to ask for \$10,000 to elect a United States senator.

"The whole affair is a part of a general scheme to 'get' Lorimer. They want to get him because they can't use him. By 'they' I mean the newspapers who have been fighting him. When they failed in attempts to use him they immediately opened the attack.

"Funk told nothing of evidential value. Nothing from nothing leaves nothing."

Efforts were made today to serve subpoenas upon certain prominent men to appear in Springfield to go one the grill as to what they knew about the Lorimer case. The process servers tried particularly to find four men who Funk says were present when he talked to Hines in the Union League Club, at which time, he says, Hines told him of the \$100,000 "slush fund" for Lorimer.

Chapman Avers That Medford Is Livest Wire in Northwest

(Oregon Journal.)

"Without disparaging other clubs, I think Medford has the best Commercial club in the state of Oregon for a city of its size," said Manager C. C. Chapman of the Portland Commercial club, upon his return from the Rogue river valley last night.

"Medford has a live population and they are certainly doing things there in a progressive fashion. We people of Portland should become better acquainted with them and their district. The Rogue river valley has the advantage, too, of a blending of the climates of California and Oregon, and it is simply delightful.

"Most of the people are easterners and from the middle states, and they are certainly pleased with their new homes. I say new homes, but not a few of them have been there several years, having gone into the valley soon after it was discovered that fruit could be grown to the greatest perfection.

"The city is building up rapidly. Many store buildings are being erected, but there seems no difficulty in filling them. They have stores there, that compare favorably with the largest in Portland, with an air of metropolitan life everywhere in evidence.

"Medford is a city of automobiles, and it certainly does one good to see how the orchard owners enjoy suburban life, while at the same time they are part of the city, the auto having solved the problem of distance.

"The Medford people and the people of the Rogue river valley are determined to make a big showing and they are making splendid headway. It behooves the people of Portland to become acquainted with the Rogue river valley. The benefit will be mutual. We know pretty much here of our own section, but should also become familiar with other sections of the state. The people here do not realize even in a small way, what an asset the state has in the Rogue river valley."

Mr. Chapman was at Medford Wednesday to address the Commercial club and discuss plans for the future and he says he found the work carried on splendidly. One feature that appealed very strongly to him was the fact that the club sends literature to every person applying to the Portland chamber of commercial club's promotion department for information about Oregon. This he considers an excellent method that should be observed by every club in the state. The Portland club's inquiry department sends out a list of names and addresses of people every day to the various commercial clubs in the state and if literature is sent to these persons, there is a very strong probability of them becoming interested in one part or another of the state.

Mr. Chapman says he found that there is still a great deal of land to be had at a very reasonable price, although of course bearing orchards are worth a great deal.

"But," explained Mr. Chapman, "few of these orchards are for sale, hence the value must be there. I spoke to several orchard owners and they said they would not think of selling. It is no easy matter to deal with a man who does not want to sell."

Medford is inviting especially people who will work on the farms, establish homes and go into fruit growing or truck gardening.

"I was told," Mr. Chapman continued, "that speculators do not have to be invited; they come anyway, but the class of people wanted are those who will till the soil."

It is also said that there are excellent opportunities for men who will work orchards on a profit-sharing basis.

TAFT WITHHOLDS HIS OPINION

Inform Arizona Delegation That He
Would Neither Approve or Disap-
prove Constitution Until Congress
Acts Upon It.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—President Taft told an Arizona delegation that he would neither approve or disapprove the Arizona constitution until congress acted upon it. He wants to hear the arguments of congress before deciding whether the recall of judges provision is compatible with the United States Constitution.

CRATER LAKE CLUB DISBANDS

Social Club Goes Out of Business—
Will Dispose of Its Fixtures and
Divide Surplus Among the Mem-
bers.

The Crater Lake social club held a meeting Saturday evening and took steps toward a disbandment of the club. The meeting was called by the board of directors after they had decided to disband the club.

STOLE \$1; IS GIVEN 10 YEARS

Negro Who Robbed Messenger Boy
is Sent to Pen for Long Term—
Judge Scores Him in Passing
Sentence.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 8.—For robbing a messenger boy of \$1 on March 30 in the early hours of the morning, Frank M. Hall, a negro, was today sentenced to a term of ten to twenty years in the penitentiary. Hall denied his guilt to the last but Judge Main before passing sentence, said that the jury could not with justice have failed to convict him.

WATER RENTS SHOW INCREASE

Growth of 145 Per Cent Shown for
March Over One Year Ago—Is No
Small criterion of City's Growth.

During the month just closed the city recorder collected \$1,833.33 in water rents in the city. One year ago for the corresponding month he collected \$708.26. The increase was \$1,125.07 or 145 per cent. This is itself a no small criterion of the city's growth.

76 LOST THEIR LIVES IN THROOP MINE DISASTER

State Laws Known to Have Been
Violated—Fire Started in Engineer
House Which Was Constructed of
Wood Despite Statutes.

RESCUING PARTY GOES TO DEATH IN MINE

Heartrending Scenes at Mouth of
Mine—Relatives Are Restrained
By Force.

SCRANTON, Pa., April 8.—The gloom of the greatest mining disaster that has visited the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania in the last 40 years lies tonight over the little mining town of Throop, where 75 men met death in the Prince Pancast mine fire. Seventy-two of the victims are believed to have been killed instantly. They were 750 feet below the surface. White damp seized the lives of four rescuers today.

The blaze started in the mine shaft engine house which was constructed of wood, contrary to the state mining laws.

At least 76 persons are known to have lost their lives in the disaster yesterday at Throop. At noon today 70 corpses had been brought to the surface and six others had been located.

Of the large force of men working in the China vein at the time of the explosion, only Fire Boss Vickers escaped. The men were all suffocated.

Rescuers said today that the bodies had been found in groups of from three to seven with arms and hands interlocked.

Mine Inspector Williams is here today investigating the cause of the fire.

As the corpses are brought to the surface the authorities have great difficulty in restraining the grief stricken relatives. All night long women and children crowded about the main entrance in the hope that by some chance the life of a loved one had been spared.

John Gray, a rope cleaner, was the hero of the disaster. He heard the alarm in time to escape, but instead of rushing to the surface, penetrated into the lower tunnels to warn his companions. His body was among those brought to the surface just before dawn.

Many members of the rescue parties collapsed this morning. They had been toiling steadily since 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Volunteers are relieving the fatigued workers.

FREE SPEECH LEAGUE STARTS

Object of New Organization is to
Promote by Lawful Means Such
Judicial Construction of Constitu-
tion as Will Secure Liberty.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 8.—With Leonard Abbot as president and Brand Whitlock as vice-president, the Free Speech league of New York was incorporated here today. Belton Hall and Lincoln Steffens were among the incorporators.

The object of the league, say the bylaws, is to promote by lawful means such judicial construction to the Constitution as will secure for everyone the greatest liberty consistent with the liberty of others and especially to preclude punishment for a mere psychological offense; to oppose every form of government aimed at the censorship of expression, communication or the transmission of ideas.