

120 LOSE LIFE BURIED UNDER TONS OF DEBRIS

At Noon Only Thirty Bodies Recovered—Government Rescue Squads at Work—Fatality Result of Explosion at Finlayville, Penn.

Those who Were Rescued Tell Horrible Tales of Crawling Through Three Miles of Debris filled Tunnel

FINLAYVILLE, Pa., April 24.—Little hope was entertained here today for the safety of 120 men who were buried under tons of debris yesterday as the result of an explosion at the Cincinnati mine of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke company here. Rescue squads of the United States bureau of mines are working with Mine Superintendent William Carter and his men. The victims include one of Carter's sons.

Up to this noon only 30 corpses had been recovered. Ninety-three men escaped alive. They told horrible stories of crawling through three miles of debris filled tunnels, many of their companions dropping by the wayside overcome by poisonous gases.

State troops and two companies of rescuers, aided by scores of volunteers, are working from the Court and Mingo entrances, two miles apart. The Mingo entrance afforded the chief avenue of escape.

Reports here from Pittsburgh say members of the government's rescue squads there offered aid as soon as the explosion was reported, but that the company declined. No progress in the rescue was made, however, until the squads of the United States bureau of mines reached here last night.

The rescuers repeatedly were forced to climb over huge piles of debris in reaching bodies and it is feared that many of the dead are buried under the wreckage. Portions of the mine are being braced so fresh air may be forced through the passages.

BIXBY MISSING WHEN WANTED IN VICE PROBE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 24.—The absence from his home and places of business of George H. Bixby of Long Beach and the search for him by officers bearing a bench warrant for his arrest because he failed to appear in answer to subpoena to testify at the hearing of an alleged procuress, was the central feature today of the white slavery investigation here. The officers also carry a subpoena commanding Bixby to testify before the county grand jury that is probing the situation.

The case against Mrs. Josie Rosenberg, charged with pandering, is continued until May 6, owing to the failure of witnesses to appear. The testimony of one man was taken. Bixby is wanted as a prosecution witness in the case.

The grand jury investigation proceeded today, with several girls testifying. Care was taken by the officers in charge of witnesses that they be permitted to talk with no one in the corridors of the courthouse.

AUSTRIA WOULD SEIZE SCUTARI

VIENNA, April 24.—Austria today is anxiously awaiting a reply to Foreign Minister Von Berchtold's note to the powers last night asking that Montenegro be compelled to surrender Scutari. It is not known what action Austria will take if Montenegro refuses.

BRYAN'S PEACE PLAN GIVEN TO GREAT POWERS

Diplomats Representing Foreign Nations Receive Secretary of State's Peace Pact to Supplement All Treaties.

Plan Leaves no Dispute That can be Cause of War—Provides for Investigation of Trouble.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Secretary of State Bryan today presented to an assembly of diplomats and representatives of foreign nations his plan for international peace. They provide that whenever nations are in dispute the parties are to agree to submit the questions to an international commission and not to begin hostilities until the commission's investigation is completed.

Such investigations would be conducted on the commission's initiative and without the formal request of either party. The parties to the dispute, the plan provides, reserve the right to act independently of the subject matter in the dispute until the commission's report is issued.

Secretary of State Bryan today stated that the plan was in its preliminary state, only embodying the principal points of an agreement which the president is willing to make with other nations. He said the president wants the proposed agreement to supplement arbitration treaties existing or made hereafter. It declares arbitration treaties always except two questions from arbitration and that his plan was designed to close this gap and leave no dispute that could be the cause of war.

GHASTLY HANGING OF WRITHING NEGRO

UNIONTOWN, Pa., April 24.—One of the most ghastly executions in the history of Pennsylvania took place here today. When the trap dropped to hang John Harris, a negro, the rope was too long and Harris' toes touched the floor under the gallows. Harris writhed a few minutes and then attempted to climb the rope. Sheriff Kiefer and his deputies grasped the rope, hoisted the writhing negro up and held him off the floor for eighteen minutes until he was pronounced dead.

BELGIANS VOTE RETURN TO WORK

BRUSSELS, Belgium, April 24.—At an extraordinary session here today the national socialist congress voted to abandon the countrywide industrial strike. Many of the workers resumed today, and it is expected that all will have returned by Monday.

The strike was called to force manhood suffrage from the government. The socialists registered a sweeping victory.

POPE PIUS IS ABLE TO SIT UP

ROME, April 24.—Pope Pius is greatly improved today. He wanted to sit up in his room today and the request may be granted later. His bronchial affection has practically disappeared.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 24.—Striking miners in the Paint Creek district today rejected proposals from Governor Hatfield to settle the strike. The mine operators recently accepted the governor's proposition.

ANTI-ALIEN BILL ACTION AWAITS BRYAN'S COMING

California Delays Consideration of Measure Until Secretary of State Arrives—Wilson Confident that Legislature Will Accept.

Already too Much Publicity Given Question Says President After Discussion With Bryan.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Confident that, in the end California will accept the "national viewpoint" on anti-alien legislation and will forego its plan to exclude Asiatics from ownership or leaseholding land in that state, President Wilson today declared himself satisfied that there will be no attempt to embarrass him by anti-Japanese legislation at Sacramento before Secretary Bryan arrives there next Monday.

Bryan and the president today discussed the situation and it is believed they have determined upon a line beyond which California may not go. This decision will be communicated to Governor Johnson.

The president thinks there already has been too much publicity given to California's stand and declares that hereafter the theater of interest will be in Sacramento only. He thinks the dispatch by Secretary Bryan to California should be sufficient to convince Japan that her interests will be protected and does not plan to have any further conferences with Ambassador Chinda until Bryan, Johnson and the California legislators have considered the matter.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 24.—Anti-alien land legislation is at a standstill in the California legislature today and will remain so until the arrival of Secretary of State Bryan here late next Monday.

Although amendments to Senator Birdsall's anti-alien land bill are being prepared and discussed in caucus, no action will be taken on the floor of the senate on either the senate or assembly bills until Bryan's arrival, according to floor leaders.

UNMERGING PLAN STRIKES A SNAG

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Requests by former United States Senator Spooner to the supreme court to extend the time scheduled for the Harriman merger dissolution decision to become operative were frowned upon by Attorney General McKeen today. McKeen declares there is no definite time set for the working out of the decision in Spooner's brief, and it gives the attorney general but three days to prepare written objections.

RUSSIAN PRINCESS INJURED IN FLYING

JOHANNISTHAL, April 24.—Princess Schakofsky of Russia, while learning aviation, was injured here today, and her instructor, Aviator Abramovitch, was fatally injured when their biplane turned turtle at 100 feet elevation. Immediately thereafter M. Dunetz, a Russian, fell with his monoplane and was killed.

START PROBE BASEBALL CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Whether Ty Cobb signs to play with Detroit or not, Congressman Gallagher is determined to push his demand for a congressional probe of the baseball trust. He is receiving shoals of telegrams of congratulations from fans all over the country. Senator Smith of Georgia also is investigating the contracts which baseball players must sign and promises to make some trouble for the magnates in the upper house.

ASTOR, LOST A YEAR AGO LEFT \$87,216.69



VINCENT ASTOR
MURIEL ASTOR
Daughter of Mrs. Ava Willing Astor
MRS. MADELINE FORCE ASTOR,
SECOND WIDOW
MRS. AVA WILLING ASTOR
FIRST WIDOW

WHITE SUSPENDS POLICE OFFICIALS ACCUSED OF GRAFT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 24.—Suspension of the San Francisco detectives and patrolmen accused by members of an Italian bunco ring of sharing in their illicit operations was ordered here today by Police Chief White. The men affected by the order are Acting Lieutenant James McGowan, Detective Sergeant Arthur MacPhee, Detective Frank Esola, Detective Louis Drouette and Patrolmen Charles Joseph and McHugh.

The action of Chief White follows a personal interview with Michael Gallo at San Quentin yesterday. Gallo alleges, and he is backed up in his charges by Maurice De Martini and Frank Dubois, that the police received 15 per cent of their earnings.

Supplementing his confession of several days ago Gallo, who is said to have been the leader of the bunco ring, today declared that Bert Blanchard, the game warden who was killed in Contra Costa county near Richmond several weeks ago, was slain by bunco men. Two bunco men named Paulino and Mersin killed Blanchard, Gallo says, because they believed he was about to arrest them for swindling. Blanchard's death has remained a mystery since he was found with a bullet through his skull and with several dead meadow larks stuffed in his pockets.

WILSON TALKS APPOINTMENTS WITH SENATORS

President Goes to see Solons Instead of Having Them Come to see Him—Wants to Select Appointees in Many Cases Himself.

Congress Debates Tariff Bill at Great Length—Freinstein Named Postmaster at Roseburg.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Leaving the white house at noon, President Wilson went to the president's room at the capitol today and conferred with various senators regarding appointments. In many cases the president wishes to select the appointees instead of appointing those favored by the senators.

Considerable criticism of the president's action in going to the senate instead of the senate going to him was heard today. The president evidently expected criticism to follow, as he refused to make any comment. He merely explained that he wished to save his own time as well as that of the senate members.

The house met at 11 o'clock today and resumed the debate on the Underwood tariff bill. The floor of the house was somewhat deserted but the galleries were packed.

Representative Peters of Massachusetts and Hull of Tennessee spoke at great length. The session will continue until 8 o'clock tonight, the regular night sessions beginning tomorrow. Representative Underwood thinks the general debate will end either Friday night or Saturday.

President Wilson today sent the following nominations to the senate: L. R. Freinstein to be postmaster at Roseburg, Oregon, and R. E. Williams to be postmaster at The Dalles, Oregon.

MAC ARTHUR GETS JOB AS SHIPPING COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Walter MacArthur, editor of the Coast Seaman's Journal in San Francisco, today sent by wire his acceptance of the post of United States shipping commissioner for the port of San Francisco following the proffer of that position to him by Secretary of Commerce Redfield. MacArthur succeeds Charles E. Knight, who was today requested to resign, and will assume his duties May 31. Knight is a son of George Knight, the noted California attorney.

MacArthur is prominent in shipping and labor circles in San Francisco.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Following the alleged urging of his appointment by Secretary of the Interior Lane, Walter MacArthur, editor of the Coast Seaman's Journal in San Francisco, is today named for the post of United States shipping commissioner at San Francisco by Secretary of Commerce Redfield. It is not known here whether MacArthur is willing to lay down his editorial pen to accept a federal post.

FILIPINOS' FREEDOM FEARED BY BISHOP

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 24.—That the Philippine Islands will rapidly retrograde in their original primitive state if granted independence is the opinion of Bishop Samuel Fallows, presiding bishop of the Reformed Episcopal church of the United States, who is here today following a visit to the islands. In an interview Bishop Fallows stated that the islands are not ready for independence and the United States cannot cease administering their affairs without entailing the most serious consequences.

GIBBONS SAYS CHURCH NOT FOE EQUAL SUFFRAGE

Cardinal Emphatically Expresses Own Opposition but Declares Mission of Church is to Define Faith and Morals.

Says he is Personally Opposed to Suffrage Because he Would Perpetuate Real Dignity of Women.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 24.—Cardinal Gibbons today emphatically expressed his own personal opposition to women's suffrage, but in answer to the recent utterances of Miss Inez Mitholland declared:

"The mission of the church is to define faith and morals. In other matters, individuals decide for themselves." His eminence today discussed the question of equal suffrage in a special interview with the United Press. He took special pains to make it clear that he did not make his statement in a spirit of taking issue with the suffragettes, but to set forth his views, inasmuch as the anti and advocates of suffrage are now explaining their side of the question before the senate committee in Washington.

Miss Mitholland in Error. The cardinal declared that Miss Mitholland was in error when she said the Catholic church was opposed to equal suffrage, and had taken extreme measures even to prevent women of the church reading literature pertaining to the question.

The statement of Miss Mitholland, in which she quoted a western prelate as to the opposition of the church to equal suffrage, was read to the cardinal. He then said:

"That is an error—the mission of the church is to define faith and morals. In other matters individuals decide for themselves. The 'western prelate' quoted must have spoken as an individual. Personally I am opposed to female suffrage, because I am in favor of perpetuating the real dignity of woman."

Woman Peer of Man. "The Christian religion has exalted woman to her present sphere. She no longer is the slave of man or the toy of his caprice, but the equal, the peer of man. She is the queen of the domestic kingdom and her proper sphere is in the home. She is justly honored everywhere by reason of her sex. Now if she were to embark on the ocean of political life, it is very much to be feared that her dignity would be impaired, if not jeopardized."

Observe the effect of this present agitation on many women. As soon as women seek to enter the arena of politics, they may expect to be soiled by its dust, and the grace and charm inherent in a woman would be very seriously impaired by her rude contact and contention with men in political life. Woman's sphere is the home, and as wife and as mother she will have ample occasion to occupy her time and facilities. The woman who absents herself from her home habitually inevitably neglects her children and causes her husband to suffer because of her absence.

Quite Enough Voters. "The country already has quite enough voters. Although women may now exercise suffrage, the finest

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BRITTON BARRED BY PHILADELPHIA CLUB

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.—Following their being thrown out of the ring at the Olympia club here for refusing to do anything except stall in their scheduled six round bout, Jack Britton, the Chicago lightweight, and Pal Moore of this city are barred from further appearances here. The men were tossed from the enclosure at the end of the fourth round when the referee was satisfied that they did not mean business.

The Olympia management is working hand in hand with the authorities in barring future appearances of these two pugilists here.

SKELETON IS FOUND NEAR BYBEE BRIDGE

Workmen Excavating for New Approach Beneath old Barn Site Uncover Human Remains—Body had Been Doubled and Jammed in Earth

Skeleton had Been Buried for a Great Many Years—Skull Indicates White Person.

Grim relics of some tragedy of former years were uncovered Tuesday afternoon by workmen excavating near the east approach of the old Bybee bridge, on Rogue river, when a human skeleton lying in such a shape that it indicated burial in a hurry, and doubled up, was found beneath an old barn site. A careful examination was made.

That the body was doubled up when buried and jammed into a hole too small to properly receive it, is clearly indicated by the position of the bones. The thickness and shape of the skull indicate that it was a white person who was so buried. The teeth are worn down, showing that it was evidently a person of some age. The condition of the bones shows that the body had been buried for a great many years.

The finding of the body followed work of excavating for the approach for the new bridge. The authorities were notified.

It is unlikely that the mystery will ever be solved, but some long-time resident of the valley may recall some early-day disappearance which will clear the matter up in some degree.

SCENE OF FATAL REVOLVER DUEL ATTRACTS MANY

The little two-room cabin erected by Oliver Jones on a 10-acre tract high in the foothills southwest of the city, which was the scene of the fatal revolver duel between Sheriff Singler and Leslie Jones Tuesday night, attracted many visitors Wednesday, a number of curious townspeople motoring out to view the premises. There was little in or about the cabin to suggest the tragedy of the night before, a few bullet marks and blood stains telling the story. In fact, those whose business carries them to many scenes of crimes were struck with the lack of gruesome testimonials of violence.

The cabin is situated in a small clearing about three-quarters of a mile south of the crest of the first long hill, as one leaves Jacksonville on the Ashland road. It is built up from the ground, three steps leading up to the front door. It was on these steps that Sheriff Singler was shot.

The cabin contains two rooms. One is a living room, the other a bedroom. Jones was in the living room, hiding back of a heating stove in the center of the room. This is where he died. A few bloodstains are on the floor, but that is all. There are no stains on the steps where Singler stood when shot.

A search of the premises revealed nothing which would indicate any viciousness on the part of the young Jones. A few school books and stories by Horatio Alger Jr., with almanacs, was the only reading material in the cabin. A few Medford newspapers with accounts of the Lounsberry train robbing case were on a stand, but were dust covered and had probably been there for months.

Young Jones was evidently fond of music, a harmonica and violin, frequently in use, were at hand. A considerable quantity of flour, apples and canned fruit was in the cabin.

In fact the cabin or its contents failed to throw any light on the development of a vicious strain in the boy whose resistance of arrest led to a double killing.