

WEATHER—Maximum Yesterday 92; Minimum Today 53; Precipitation .06. FORECAST—Tonight and Tomorrow Partly Cloudy.



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## 200 PERISH IN MINE DISASTER AT BUTTE

### BLAZE CUTS OFF MINERS FROM RESCUE

212 of 415 Employed in Speculator Copper Mine Escape—36 Bodies Recovered and 167 Men Missing—Breaking of Power Cable in Lower Levels Causes Fire Which Fills Workings With Smoke and Gas, Cutting Off Miners at Work.

BUTTE, Montana, June 9.—With 36 known dead 167 men missing, and 212 saved as the result of a fire which broke out in the Speculator copper mine of the North Butte district last night, Butte is today wrestling with the worst mining disaster in its history.

The fire broke out in the lower levels of the Speculator mine at 11:45 last night as the result of a broken power cable that carried electricity to the underground pumps. Lower levels of the mine quickly filled with smoke and gas. There were 415 men employed on the night shift of this mine. Of these 212 escaped thru the levels connecting with other mines. The gas spread to the Diamond mine and took a further toll of life in that property.

Rescuers at Work. Helmet men, mine rescue crews and safety first squads from all the mines in Butte are at work this morning seeking to penetrate the gas-filled workings of the Speculator, the Diamond and High Ore mines, in the hope of finding the larger body of miners for whom hope of rescue is not yet given up. Even if alive, it is believed that these men are helpless because of the smoke and gas. Officials at the High Ore believe that if the 167 missing miners are not found to have made their way to the adjoining High Ore workings, they are doomed.

Physicians and nurses had, during the night, been summoned to the Speculator and all adjoining mines and scores of men were treated. Many have been taken to the hospitals. Scores of men were rescued in a semi-conscious condition.

Fire Spreads Rapidly. The fire, which started on the 2400-foot level, communicated quickly to other galleries, cutting off all escape from the men below. Dense smoke, which poured from the shaft in great clouds, retarded the rescue work. Miners from adjoining properties, ordered from underground as a precaution, went to work as rescuing gangs, aiding national guardsmen who had been called to the scene. Because of the smoke and danger, they were able to do little until the arrival of safety first cars from Red Lodge and Colorado Springs, which were sent for at the outbreak of the fire.

Warning of danger came in time to permit men on the upper levels to escape. They immediately formed rescue parties and attempted to go down the shaft to the men below, who are, it is thought, entombed. Their efforts were fruitless, and little could be done until the arrival of the bureau of mines safety first cars, which carry gas and smoke proof helmets.

Sucked Air Hose. John Coffematten and John Boyce, who were the first two men to be taken from the shaft alive, told a

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BALFOUR ARRIVES SAFELY IN LONDON

LONDON, June 9.—Foreign Secretary Balfour arrived at a British port this morning on his return from his trip to America at the head of the British mission.

### BODY OF BABY FOUND IN WELL DESERTED FARM

Remains of Stolen 14-Months Old Son of J. Holland Keet, Rich Springfield Banker, Found Partly Decomposed in Well—Kidnapers Removed for Safety as Lynching is Feared.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., June 9.—Lloyd Keet is dead. The finding of the body in an old well today ended a nation wide search begun May 30 when the child was taken from his cradle by kidnapers.

J. Holland Keet, wealthy banker, and his wife identified the body of their son, which was wrapped in the same blanket in which the child slept when he disappeared. This was covered by a woman's undershirt.

The body was found on a nearby deserted farm which previously had been searched on information that it was the headquarters of an "abduction syndicate," which also had planned the kidnaping of a rich Springfield jeweler and a St. Louis munition manufacturer.

Killed by Drowning. A coil of wire was tied around the body and death apparently was due to drowning. There was a slight bruise on the face probably sustained when the child was thrown into the well. The remains were found by friends of the Keet family acting on private information.

The belief was general that the baby had been thrown into the well when abductors, fearing for their own safety, were forced to abandon the child.

Federal authorities today joined in the investigation of the alleged abduction plot activities of the seven persons being held in connection with the kidnaping in the belief that they may have been concerned in German "ion plots to tie up the munition traffic."

Partly Decomposed. The body, wrapped in a woman's undershirt, was partly decomposed and apparently had been in the well two or three days.

Paul O'Day, county prosecutor, later went to the farm and identified the body as that of the Keet child. Several possible mob violence, seven prisoners held in connection with the abduction here, have been taken hurriedly out of the city, their destination not having been announced.

Deserted Farm. The Crenshaw farm, eight miles from here, recently was searched by authorities after it had been named in alleged statements given by seven suspects under arrest here. An old house there, deserted several years, was said to have been chosen as the headquarters for the alleged "abduction syndicate" which planned to kidnap C. A. Clement, wealthy jeweler, here and a St. Louis munitions maker.

The Keet baby was stolen from the family home here the night of May 30. His parents had gone to a dance and the baby was left with a nurse and an older son. Three men were believed to be the abductors and it is assumed they took the baby from his crib and escaped in an automobile.

### ARMY REGISTRATION SHOWS A DECREASE

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Registration returns from 18 states and the District of Columbia today showed 2,529,093 registered, as compared with 2,913,627, the census estimate of eligibles, a loss of about 15 per cent, a rate which would make the total registration of all states somewhat less than nine million.

Indicated exemptions were 58 per cent of 1,477,995. Of those registered, 1,761,181 were white, 519,735 were colored, 199,321 aliens and 37,954 were alien enemies. These figures do not include aliens and alien enemies from West Virginia, not reported.

MISSOURI BABE WHO WAS KIDNAPPED AND MURDERED AND HIS MOTHER.



LLOYD KEET

### PERSHING RECEIVED BY KING GEORGE AT BUCKINGHAM

LONDON, June 9.—General Pershing was received this morning at Buckingham palace by King George. He was presented to the King by Lord Brooke, commander of the Twelfth Canadian Infantry brigade.

General Pershing was accompanied to the palace by his personal staff of twelve officers. After the audience the officers paid a formal call at the United States embassy.

The afternoon was taken up with conferences at the war office. Tomorrow General Pershing and his staff will attend a service at Westminster Abbey. The general will dine with Ambassador Page on Monday, at which time he will meet Premier Lloyd George and his chief assistants in the cabinet. On Tuesday evening members of the British cabinet will give a dinner to the general.

After the formal reception the king shook hands with General Pershing and the members of his staff and expressed pleasure at welcoming the advance guard of the American army.

### KAISER NARROWLY ESCAPES BOMB

LONDON, June 9.—Emperor William was with Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, Prince Eitel Friedrich and other members of the German emperor's staff inside the St. Peter's station at Ghent, Belgium, when it was bombarded by entente allied airmen the other day, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from a Dutch frontier correspondent. The emperor's party was unhurt but three army officers nearby were killed.

### FORCIBLE FEEDING FOR DRAFT PLOTTER

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 9.—Elev Lubosch, a photographer arrested a week ago on a charge of anti-draft conspiracy, last night was forcibly fed at the county jail. Lubosch since his arrest had refused food, tho an abundance was placed in his cell. He was held, a tube forced into his mouth and a pint of milk and three eggs administered.

### CENTRAL POWERS HOLDING THREE MILLION PRISONERS

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) AMSTERDAM, May 15.—The central powers now hold nearly 3,000,000 prisoners of war, according to official figures published in German newspapers.

Germany has 1,690,731 prisoners, including 17,474 officers; Austria-Hungary, 1,092,055; Bulgaria, 67,582; and Turkey, 23,903, a total of 2,874,271 prisoners, of which 27,620 are officers. This total is made up of the following nationalities:

Nationality	Total	In Germany
Russian	2,080,699	1,212,007
French	368,607	367,124
Serbian	154,639	25,879
Italian	98,017	
Rumanian	79,033	10,157
British	45,241	33,129
Belgian	42,437	42,435
Montenegrin	5,607	

The British prisoners of war not in Germany are divided between Bulgaria and Turkey.

### ESTERHAZY FORMING HUNGARIAN CABINET

AMSTERDAM, June 9.—A Budapest dispatch says that King Charles has entrusted the formation of a new cabinet to Count Moritz Esterhazy.

Count Moritz Esterhazy, who succeeds Count Tisza as Hungarian premier, is affiliated with the liberal element, under the leadership of Count Julius Andrássy, has been generally credited with anti-German tendencies.

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### SENATE FAVORS HEAVY WAR TAX ON AUTOMOBILES

WASHINGTON, June 9.—The senate finance committee today adopted Senator La Follette's plan for a tax of one per cent on the original selling price of automobiles, paid by owners, as the basis of a new schedule of taxation. The proposed tax on confectionery was wholly abandoned. Reduction of 10 per cent for each year's use of automobiles up to fifty per cent is provided.

The new automobile tax rates as approved by the committee would be: Five dollars for automobiles costing \$500 or less; \$7.50 for those costing between \$500 and \$750; \$10 on those from \$750 to \$1000, with an additional tax of \$5 for every \$500 in the cost in excess of \$1000. The committee estimated that from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000 in revenues will be taken from 3,699,000 automobile owners.

A new tax on cabarets of one cent for each ten cents or fraction paid for admission, estimated to raise \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 was adopted by the committee. The tax will be payable by persons patronizing them.

The publishers and excess profits tax were discussed at length today by the committee, which adjourned until Monday without a decision. Senator La Follette today proposed a tax of 10 per cent upon publishers receipts in lieu of proposals for the postal increase and advertising taxes.

LONDON, June 9.—A further contingent of American officers arrived at a British port today on the steamer that brought Foreign Secretary Balfour. The officers were met by representatives of the American embassy.

### PROPERTY LOSS HEAVY STRICKEN QUAKE REGION

Communication With Salvador Still Cut Off but Advices Indicate Complete Destruction of Many Cities but Loss of Life Comparatively Light—American Minister Safe.

CORINTO, Nicaragua, June 9.—Telegraphic communication with Salvador is still cut off and no authentic information is available as to the loss of life and property caused by the earthquake and storm Thursday night. Such advices as have reached Corinto indicate that great property loss was occasioned. It is reported that Santa Tecla has been destroyed and the surrounding countryside for a radius of thirty miles devastated. The city of San Salvador has been damaged badly, according to a current report.

The earthquake occurred at 9 o'clock Thursday night. It was accompanied by a high wind and heavy rain. Dispatches yesterday from San Juan del Sur said San Salvador, Santa Tecla and neighboring towns had been destroyed but that the loss of life was small. Information was received from San Miguel that only 100 houses were left standing in San Salvador.

A dispatch from Panama last night said reports reaching there indicated that hundreds of lives had been lost in San Salvador.

Suburbs Lose Heavily.

NEW YORK, June 9.—Damage done by the earthquake to the city of San Salvador is not as great as was first feared, according to cable messages received today by Bloom Bros., fiscal agents in the United States for the republic of San Salvador. The central and newer part of the city was said to have suffered less than the outlying portions and the suburbs. Benjamin Bloom, head of the New York house, said the messages showed the principal loss of life had occurred in the suburbs. According to the messages, few if any lives were lost in the newer part of the city.

EAST LAS VEGAS, N. M., June 9.—Boaz Long, American minister to San Salvador, is safe from the earthquake there, according to a message received today by Judge E. V. Long, his father.

### REDMOND KILLED IN BELGIAN BATTLE

DUBLIN, June 9.—Announcement was made here today of the death of William H. K. Redmond, member of the house of commons, for the east division of Clare. He died from wounds received in action June 7. He was a brother of John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists in the house of commons.

### UNFILLED TONNAGE OF STEEL DECREASED

NEW YORK, June 9.—The unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel corporation on May 31 was 11,886,591 tons, according to the report issued today, a decrease of 296,492 tons from the April 30 figures which were the highest in the history of the corporation.

### SURVIVORS LANDED FROM MANCHESTER

LONDON, June 9.—Three American survivors from the British steamer Manchester Miller, torpedoed on June 6 have been landed. Two American firemen, Ashby and Daniels, lost their lives when the Manchester Miller was sunk. The vessel was laden with cotton.

### SMASH AT LENS TAKEN BY BRITISH

Haig's Forces Enter German Positions on a Front of More Than Two Miles South of Souchez, 20 Miles From Belgian Drive—At Same Time Powerful Counter Attacks Along Whole Length of Captured Line Are Repulsed.

General Haig's determination to give the Germans no rest was exemplified last night when the British penetrated German positions around Lens to a depth of more than half a mile.

The field of this attack lies from 15 to 20 miles south of that of the big drive made by the British in Belgium on Thursday, which resulted in the capture of commanding Wytschaete-Messines ridge and its retention despite desperate German counterattacks.

The two fields of attack constitute points from which the great manufacturing district of northern France—centering in Lille, may be subjected to alternating pressure.

The British success today is taken to mean that the fall of Lens, the great French coal city, is near, and that another great blow is about ready to be struck towards clearing the Germans from their long held and much prized French possessions in this area.

Make New Offensive.

LONDON, June 9.—The British attacked last night south of the Souchez river and entered the German positions on a front of more than two miles, the war office announces. The German line was penetrated to a depth of more than half a mile. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the Germans. The attack extended north of the river. The statement says operations were carried on with complete success on a wide front from south of Lense to La Bassée.

The Germans made a powerful counter attack last night over nearly the whole length of the new front. They were repulsed completely, the British retaining all the ground captured.

Repulse Counter Attacks.

(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, June 9.—With their overwhelming weight of massed guns and in hand-to-hand fighting at some points, the British have beaten off all German counter attacks upon their newly won positions beyond the Messines ridge. Prussian and Bavarian troops, driven forward under a storm of fire poured upon them from advanced British batteries positions, suffered frightfully. As this dispatch is written they had succeeded in recapturing and holding only one British post, at Klein Zillebeks, which had been pushed well forward of the consolidated main British line.

Resten back in the center, the Germans evidently have massed towards the flanks of the front on which the

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### DOCTOR HELD FOR ASSISTANT'S DEATH

MINNEAPOLIS, June 9.—Dr. M. A. Hatch was held by the police today pending an investigation of the death of his office assistant, Miss Esther Peterson, 23, whose body was found in the physician's office last night, the head wrapped in a sheet saturated with chloroform.

Some time ago Dr. Hatch was convicted of manslaughter in connection with the death of a woman patient, and his appeal for a new trial still is pending.