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## TERRIFIC EXPLOSION IN ENGLISH MINE KILLS 289

### CINCINNATI HAS \$2,000,000 FIRE TWO ARE KILLED BY FALLING WALLS

### TWO FACTORIES DESTROYED EIGHT OTHERS DAMAGED WALLS FALL ON FIREMEN

One Fireman Is Killed and Ten Others Caught by Falling Wall Are Badly Hurt, and a Boy Bystander Is Killed—Fire Occurred Near County Jail and a Panic Ensued Among the Prisoners, Who Were Removed Under Guard as the Jail Was for a Time in Danger.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Cincinnati, O., Dec. 21.—A fireman and a spectator were killed and 10 firemen severely hurt in a fire today that did \$2,000,000 damage. The killed and injured were caught under the falling walls of the Krippendorf-O'Neill Shoe Company's factory. Two engine companies were buried under tons of debris.

The dead: Robert Greer, fireman. Unidentified boy, 16 years old.

The fire broke out early today in the Krippendorf factory. The flames spread rapidly. The Krippendorf building and the factory of the Taylor-Pool Leather Company were completely destroyed, and eight other

factories heavily damaged. Big crowds gathered to watch the conflagration. They were repeatedly driven back by the police, and warned of the danger of falling walls, but, despite these warnings, the spectators crowded as close to the burning buildings as they could get.

The engines were standing at a corner near the Krippendorf factory. The firemen were carrying a hose past the building, when the walls away and crashed outward. The spectators, who saw the first sign of collapse, shouted to the firemen, and endeavored to crowd back out of the way. One boy, however, was struck by the falling mass of brick and torn and crushed to death.

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Snow Storm Is Raging.  
Denver, Colo., Dec. 21.—A severe snow storm, extending from Northern Nebraska to Southern Kansas, and from the middle of Kansas to the Continental divide, is raging today. The telephone and telegraph companies report considerable wire trouble and trains are delayed. The storm, the first of the season, is moving eastward.

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Christmas Gifts Burned.  
Chicago, Dec. 21.—Christmas gifts valued at \$250,000 were destroyed today in a wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad when a passenger train and a west-bound freight collided in the yards on the West Side here. When the trains met the boiler of the passenger engine exploded, setting fire to a car of registered mail.

After the fire had been extinguished a police guard was thrown about the debris, while laborers shoveled the ashes of the car into cans. Systematic sifting of the ashes began and diamonds and jewelry were recovered.

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The debris fell squarely upon the firemen, who could not leap out of danger. It was at first reported that all of them had been killed.

The other companies working at the fire rushed to the aid of their comrades, and removed them from the wreckage. One man was dead and ten others were severely injured. Some of these, it is believed, cannot recover.

The buildings that burned were in

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### THE NEXT 24 HOURS TO DECIDE

Warren S. Stone, Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Says Next 24 Hours Will Decide It.

MANAGERS CALL IT A BLUFF

Advisory Board of the Brotherhood Is Summoned Hastily to Chicago. Following Stone's Declaration That Action Would Be Taken—Conferences Have Been Held Since December 12, But There Is No Agreement in Sight.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Chicago, Dec. 21.—Whether the 35,000 engineers employed on the 61 Western railroads, now conferring with the general managers here, shall strike will be decided within the next 24 hours, according to Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

"We will not strike before night," Stone said today, "but we will not tolerate further delay. There must be short, sharp, decisive action."

Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor, who is now here endeavoring to arbitrate the questions at issue, held a long conference with the general managers of the lines affected this morning. During the afternoon, he was scheduled to confer with Grand Chief Stone. It is on the result of this conference that

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### RUNNING BUSINESS BY COURTS

SEATTLE STREET CARS OPERATED BY INJUNCTION, MANDAMUS, WRITS OF HABEAS CORPUS, SUPREMACY BONDS, AND DE BONIS NON GENERALLY.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—Patrons of the Seattle (Renton & Southern) line will be able to ride for five cents hereafter anywhere within the city limits, providing they buy commutation tickets in lots of 20 for \$1.

This was decided yesterday by Judge Gilliam after listening to arguments all day on the injunction proceedings instituted by the company to restrain passengers from refusing to leave the cars upon non-payment of a second nickel at Orchard Beach, and a third nickel at Taylor's Mill.

The restraining order is not dissolved, but the court ruled that the

### ANOTHER TERRIBLE MINE DISASTER MINE A VERITABLE BLAST FURNACE

Eight Bodies Recovered.  
Denver, Colo., Dec. 21.—The bodies of eight of the ten miners entombed in the Leyden coal mine Wednesday have been recovered, and, as a thorough search of the mine has failed to reveal the bodies of Frank and Lois Merriek, rescuers are of the opinion today that the two men may have escaped into the north works, and possibly are alive. Search of both works, which were a mile from the fire, was started today. The three bodies recovered last night were found in the southwestern workings. The air in the north works is reported to be good.

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Crawford interests had no right to take from the people privileges originally enjoyed.

Judge Webster, sitting in Seattle, as a visiting judge, decided that the Seattle, Renton & Southern had no right to charge more than a nickel fare within the city limits. The company filed a supersedeas bond, and, pending the decision of the supreme court, it will be allowed to maintain the old rates. Immediately the company went a step further and withdrew from sale all commutation tickets, and obtained a restraining order which compelled the suburbanites to leave the car promptly upon refusal to pay the fare declared illegal by Judge Webster.

### ENGLISH POLITICS ARE MIXED

KING GEORGE IT IS THOUGHT WILL DECIDE AGAINST THE LORDS—A LAW ABOLISHING OR CHANGING MODE OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, SUGGESTED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] London, Dec. 21.—A secret conference today between King George and Premier Asquith gave rise to the belief that the king has decided to create a sufficient number of Liberal peers to outvote the Conservatives on legislation to deprive the house of Lords of its power of veto.

There was no concealment of the fact that the conference was upon the veto question, but no other information was given out. It is probable that there will be no definite announcement of the king's plan until his majesty addresses Parliament when it convenes.

Already the politicians are discussing the probable legislation to be enacted by the approaching parliament. That the semi-public execution of Dr. H. H. Crippen will have its influence upon the penal laws was intimated today by A. C. Benson, son of the late Bishop of Canterbury, who is preparing a bill abolishing hangings and substituting death by lethal means.

"If a prisoner in his cell might be allowed to swallow poison or be done to death by anaesthetic, death would at least have some touch of privacy and decorum," said Benson. "The awful ceremony and the disgusting apparatus of violent death seem to me utterly barbarous and medieval. A man at such a crisis of his fate is not a thing to exult over and no matter what his crime, the whole proceeding has been degrading and degrading in its effect upon the public."

### COLUMN OF FLAME SHOOTS EIGHTY FEET ABOVE MOUTH OF PIT AFTER THE EXPLOSION

When Flames Subsided, Owing to Gas Being Consumed, 20 Bodies, Horribly Burned, Were Found Just Inside of Entrance—Interior of Mine Is a Hell of Fire, and No Attempt at Rescue Can Be Made—Books Show 289 Men Were in the Mine, and There Is No Hope for Them.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Manchester, Eng., Dec. 21.—Two hundred and eighty-nine out of 400 miners working in the Little Hulton company's Pretoria mine, near Leigh, are believed to have been killed in an explosion and fire that has turned the workings into a veritable blast furnace.

Eleven of those below the surface of the earth when the disaster occurred have been rescued. The others were trapped in the mine. Rescuers have brought out the bodies of 20 charred and mangled men. Since these bodies lay so close to the mouth of the main entrance, it is believed all the other miners must have perished.

Among the dead are many boys who were employed as loaders and helpers. A great number of the bodies placed in the temporary morgue near the workings could not be identified owing to the action of the flames. Nearly all were burned beyond recognition. One survivor, badly injured, who was taken from the mine this afternoon, was unable to account for the explosion.

The explosion was terrific, and it is believed that its force and the fire which burst out almost immediately afterward have demolished the interior workings.

Less than five minutes after the explosion flames were shooting 80 feet above the main entrance. The only men who escaped were leaving the mine just as the accident occurred.

The flames apparently spread to all parts of the mine and the heat thrown out from the main entrance was so intense that those who rushed to the rescue when the explosion occurred were forced back. They fell back just as a burst of flames shot from the entrance of the shaft.

Although every effort was made to smother the fire, little could be done and it was many minutes before the rescuers could again approach the main shaft. After a time the flames

ceased pouring out of its mouth, and the rescuers attempted to enter the shaft, only to find that the inner workings were burning fiercely and that the terrible heat and the fumes of deadly gases prevented any rescue work.

The explosion jammed the cages in the shafts and interfered with the ventilating apparatus.

With the first news of the accident friends and relatives of the men employed in the mine, rushed to the scene. When the flames poured out of the main shaft many men fainted and were carried away. Hundreds of persons were crowded around the pit mouth by the time the fire began to subside, and the efforts of the rescue party to enter the workings were hindered. The crowd about the shaft was restrained with the greatest difficulty.

When the fire in the mine had receded far enough to permit of an attempt a small rescue party entered the shaft. Not far from the entrance the bodies of 20 men were discovered. They were lifted out and borne away to an improvised morgue to await identification.

The rescuers found the mine blocked and could penetrate no further. They were forced to retreat. A larger rescue party is being organized and will endeavor to force its way further into the mine before night. The work is very dangerous, as the fire is still raging in the workings and it is feared that further explosions may occur.

The cause of the explosion has not been determined. Although the extent of the fire has not been fully ascertained, it is believed that the whole interior of the mine is in flames. Mine officials hope that the men may have escaped to a gallery which is not burning and have waited themselves in. This, it is believed, is the only chance that any one in the mine escaped death.

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