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HUNDREDS PROBABLY DEAD IN WELSH MINE

AT LEAST 100 KNOWN TO BE DEAD

Explosion Causes Fearful Havoc in Workings, and Escape Is Cut Off.

FIRE FOLLOWS AND ADDS TO HORROR

Fresh Air Supply Is Headed Off and Total of 560 Believed Doomed.

Cardiff, Wales, Oct. 14.—That 560 miners in the west galleries of the Singhenydd colliery hopelessly are doomed, as a result of the explosion in the mine, was admitted by officials this afternoon.

Fire, following the explosion, has spread to the airshaft intake at that hour, cutting the survivors off from fresh air.

At least 100 are known to be dead.

All Hope Abandoned. Of saving those who still lived there was no hope whatever tonight. The timbering inside the entire mine was burning, forcing the abandonment of rescue work at 7 p. m.

That any of the men would be burned to death, however, was deemed unlikely. The fire had reached the intake airshaft and it seemed certain that, long before the flames could reach them, they would have died painful, but still comparatively merciful deaths by suffocation.

The fire followed a gas explosion just after the day shift of miners had descended the shaft this morning. According to official figures there were 931 men in the mine when the blast occurred.

Several Killed Instantly.

It was so violent that several men were killed at the surface, one man 20 feet away from the shaft entrance, having his head torn away from his body.

Aroused by the terrific crash of the explosion, the members of the night shift of miners were speedily on the ground, almost to a man, volunteering their services for rescue work. The ventilating and hoisting machinery had been completely wrecked, however, so that much difficulty was experienced in even entering the mine.

A way into the workings was finally force through an adjacent shaft, but even then rescue work was carried on under circumstances of the greatest danger.

Some Are Saved.

By desperate exertion 371 of the men in the mine at the time of the explosion were gathered together, however, and brought to the surface before the fire had gained much headway as to drive out the rescue parties.

Many of the rescuers wept in their grief at being compelled to abandon the imprisoned men to their fate, and some had to be dragged out forcibly, so determined were they to continue their efforts, even if their own lives paid the forfeit.

Of those who were rescued many of the miners were badly burned, and some probably will succumb to their injuries.

TO LET HUSBAND OFF EASY.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Roseburg, Or., Oct. 14.—A motion was presented in justice court today signed by Mrs. Robert Coates asking that the charges upon which she caused the arrest of her husband, Robert Coates, of Aberdeen, Wash., and Miss Lillian B. Carter, be dismissed. The court took the matter under advisement until Thursday morning.

It would be interesting to know who will really write or compose many of the emergency speeches that will be delivered.

Entertainer is Up for Murder

Accused of Killing Cherry De St. Maurice, Queen of the Underworld of Sacramento.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Sacramento, Cal., Oct. 14.—Sam J. Raber, cafe entertainer, went on trial here today before Superior Judge W. M. Conley, of Madera county, charged with the murder of Cherry De St. Maurice, queen of the Sacramento underworld.

The woman was found dead in her apartments on July 8. Raber confessed that he and Jack Drumgoole, a prize fighter, entered the woman's apartments for the purpose of robbery. A struggle followed and the woman was killed. Raber charged that Drumgoole strangled the woman, but Drumgoole alleges that Raber committed the crime.

Cleo Sterling, an inmate of the Cherry resort, is awaiting trial on a similar charge, and both Raber and Drumgoole, who were arrested in San Diego, charge that she planned the robbery.

AEROPLANE MAY BE THAT OF DEAD FLYER

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Jersey City, N. J., Oct. 14.—An aeroplane, believed to be that of Albert Jewell, the aviator, who started early yesterday to fly from Hempstead Plain, L. I., to Staten Island, and never reached his destination, was seen floating today in the Hackensack river. Communipaw reserves are investigating.

CAPTAIN AND MATES ARE PUNISHED FOR SHIP'S LOSS

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Portland, Or., Oct. 14.—Finding him guilty of negligence, a court of inquiry yesterday suspended for three months the master's certificate of Captain Owen Williams, of the English bark Gleneslin, which was wrecked in the breakers at Neah-Kah-Nie mountain, Oregon, October 1.

L. W. Howard, first mate, was reprimanded for not acting quickly in the emergency which arose when the Gleneslin too closely approached the shore.

The severest penalty imposed was accorded Second Mate John K. Colefield, whose certificate was suspended for six months, the court finding him guilty of great negligence in going too close to shore and in not calling Captain Williams before doing so.

AUTO VICTIM MADE HAPPY.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Washington, Oct. 14.—Fifteen-year-old Bobbie Crawford, a messenger, who rode in front of President Wilson's automobile a few days ago, was a happy lad today. When he left the hospital, fully recovered, he received a brand new wheel, the gift of the president, and a personal letter.

MAY NOT BE PLAGUE.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., Oct. 14.—Dr. B. F. Lloyd, of the United States health service doubts that the rats recently caught in Seattle had bubonic plague. This announcement was made today when another rat was killed and examined by Dr. Lloyd.

CONCUSSION OF BRAIN IS RESULT OF FIGHT

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Philadelphia, Oct. 14.—Harry Lewis, claimant of the welterweight title, is under treatment at a hospital today for concussion of the brain, following his defeat last night by Joe Borrel in the fifth round of a scheduled six-round contest. Borrel knocked Lewis down twice in the fourth round, the referee stopping the bout at the beginning of the fifth round to save Lewis from a knockout.

Lewis became unconscious in his dressing room after the fight, and was rushed to the hospital. His condition today was reported serious, but not critical.

HOPE IS ABANDONED FOR CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTION IN MEXICO

Washington Thinks Vote of Latter Part of This Month Will Be Farce.

HIS ADVISORS WORRYING

Fearing Huerta Will Be Unable to Secure Needed Funds Unless Washington Recognizes Him.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Washington, Oct. 14.—President Wilson and government officials have abandoned hope for a constitutional election in Mexico whereon to base recognition. They think the election last this month will develop into a farce, and it is practically certain that no president elected in Mexico under the present dictatorship will be recognized.

The fact that Germany has ordered a war vessel to proceed to Mexico and that Great Britain, according to reports, plans to withdraw recognition of Huerta, has increased President Wilson's faith in the administration policy. Constitutional representatives here predict the early dissolution of the Huerta regime.

Tyrant's Advisors Worried.

Vers Cruz, Mex., Oct. 14.—Provisional President Huerta's advisors were more worried today concerning Mexico's foreign relations than over internal conditions, according to information from the capital.

News that Washington will not recognize any president elected under the present dictatorship had placed Huerta in an awkward position, it was said. For the sake of his prestige with the army he could not recede from his latest step. To prevent his own official acts from causing him trouble, it was necessary for him to control the election. And yet it was conceded that unless he can secure recognition either for himself or for some one he can control, his situation will become impossible soon.

Funds Badly Needed.

Funds, it was said, absolutely must be had to run the government, and, though he did succeed in obtaining a temporary supply, it was admitted that it is not likely more will be obtainable except with the Washington administration's sanction.

The arrival of the American cruiser Tacoma and information that the German cruiser Hertha was on its way to patrol Mexican waters did not mend matters. Mexicans were beginning to resent this surveillance bitterly and it embarrassed the Huerta regime.

The outcome of the conference said to be scheduled for today between President Wilson and his cabinet was said to be anxiously awaited at the national palace in Mexico City.

Deputies Held in Jail.

The capital itself was reported quiet, but strongly patrolled by troops, with Huerta under a heavy guard. The deputies he had arrested for insisting on an investigation of the disappearance of Senator Dominguez, for which Huerta was believed to be responsible, remained in jail.

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MAYOR STEEVES TALKS IN FAVOR OF MAKING SALEM DRY THIS YEAR

Is Doing All He Can to Bring About Prohibition Here, He Declares.

IS HOPEFUL OF SUCCESS

Thinks 'Wets' Will Be Defeated and Saloons Will Be Forced to Close Their Doors.

Mayor Steeves and Revs. Irvine and Hammond were the speakers at a "dry" election meeting held last evening at the Jason Lee church, in Salem. Rev. Hammond urged the voters to get out early November 4, and, if possible, vote before noon. He believed that, by massing the votes in the forenoon, they would create an effect that would help carry the election. He urged those present to not forget the importance of his or her vote, and the influence that could exert on their neighbors. He also urged upon those who are to canvass the town the necessity of doing their work thoroughly, and influencing all voters possible.

Compliments Mayor.

Rev. Irvine paid a tribute to the men who will not allow their position to deter them from taking a stand on important issues. He said many officials feared to mix in a campaign of this kind. He concluded by complimenting Mayor Steeves for allying himself with the temperance cause in the present campaign, and introduced the mayor.

In his address, Mayor Steeves stated that he would do all he could to aid those who are seeking to eliminate saloons in Salem. He had not understood that he was to make the principal speech of the evening, and had been prevented from preparing an extensive address by a press of business. He said, in part:

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HANS SCHMIDT'S CASE GOES OVER ONE WEEK

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] New York, Oct. 14.—With his clothing badly soiled and wearing a beard of several weeks' growth, Hans Schmidt, confessed murderer of Anna Asmoller, appeared before Justice Malone today to answer to the indictment charging him with murder. Attorney Koelbe, representing Schmidt, asked that the formal arraignment be postponed for a week, and his request was granted.

The Weather

The Dieck Bird says: Oregon: Fair east tonight and Wednesday, rain west portion to night or Wednesday; southerly winds.

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SALEM WELFARE LEAGUE ORGANIZED TO OPPOSE PROHIBITION MEASURES

Says Experience in "Dry" Sections Far From Satisfactory to People.

STRICT REGULATION BEST

Prohibition Would Create Disrespect for Law, Cause Turmoil and Hurt City, It Claimed.

The Salem Welfare League was organized October 13, 1913, by a large body of merchants, business men and labor organization members for the purpose of financially and morally opposing the prohibition measures to be submitted to the people at the special election in November and the city election in December.

The members of the league were of one accord in condemning prohibition. Many of them had lived in dry territory and all were free to admit that general conditions were worse by far than those of Salem at the present time.

The following declaration of principles was unanimously adopted: Declaration of Principles.

We believe that there is no public demand, based upon economical reasoning, for Salem to adopt prohibitory measures regarding the sale of liquor. We sincerely believe that it would be folly for Salem to change its present method of handling the liquor question for prohibition, the latter admittedly but a doubtful experiment wherever tried in cities and in many instances an absolute failure.

To adopt local prohibition in Salem, surrounded as the city is by anti-prohibition territory, would prove a farce and its resultant effects would be detrimental to the best interests of the city. Prohibition would create disrespect for existing laws made for the purpose of its enforcement; it would create bitterness and would disrupt the present good feeling and enthusiasm that is doing so much toward the building up a greater and more prosperous Salem.

We favor strict regulation of the liquor traffic and strict enforcement of the laws in Salem, but are opposed to continued agitation of local prohibition measures that can accomplish no useful purpose.

We believe that Salem has made great progress in the past few years in governing and controlling the sale of liquor through strict and proper regulations, and most sincerely hope that the voters of Salem will leave well enough alone.

SALEM WELFARE LEAGUE, W. H. Eldridge, Chairman, John D. Turner, Secretary.

These members were elected as an advisory committee: F. W. Stensloff, Russell Catlin, A. N. Gilbert, J. Thompson, James McEvoy, E. A. Spencer, C. S. Hamilton, E. P. McCornack, Squire Farrar, Dr. R. Cartwright, Henry B. Thielsen.

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Public Schools Blamed by Bishop

Says Lack of Religious Instruction Responsible for Decline in Christian Morality.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] New York, Oct. 14.—Lack of religious education in the public schools was deplored today by Bishop Groser, of New York, and Gaylor of Tennessee, before a joint session of the houses of bishops and of deputies at the triennial convention of the Protestant Episcopal church.

It was to the absence of such religious education that they attributed the present "decline in Christian morality."

AMERICANS FLEEING.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Eagle Pass, Tex., Oct. 14.—Americans and other foreign residents are fleeing from Monterey, Mexico, as a result of reports that Mexican rebels are concentrating for an attack on that city.

VOLTURNO'S WRECK LEAVES MANY ORPHANS

Ten Fatherless and Motherless Babies Among Those Arriving in France on Rescue Ship.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Havre, France, Oct. 14.—With 42 survivors from the lost ship Volturmo on board, the French liner La Touraine arrived here today.

Of the 42, ten were fatherless and motherless babies less than a year old, their parents having been lost in the disaster.

To Probe Fire Story.

Liverpool, Oct. 14.—The steamship Devonian arrived here this afternoon with its contingent of the survivors from the burned liner Volturmo. They were transhipped to a vessel bound for New York.

Officials of the Uranium Steamship company, which operated the Volturmo were preparing today to demand an investigation of the fire, insisting it was incendiary.

Their theory is that it was started by a bomb which, they said, they believed was planted at the instigation of a rival company. This company, they asserted, had been fomenting trouble between Uranium company and its employees for some time. The Uranium's management has received many threatening letters, and shortly before the Volturmo left Rotterdam there was a dispute between the officers and members of the crew.

Says It Is False.

New York, Oct. 14.—"All rot and foolish," was the way Edward Thomas, manager of the Uranium line denied the allegation by Frederick Badke at Havre today that the Volturmo carried only nine lifeboats.

"No liner afloat carried a finer array of lifeboats than did the Volturmo," added Thomas. "Anybody knowing anything of maritime law knows that the Volturmo could not have sailed with only nine lifeboats. The government inspectors would have forbidden it."

WOMEN WANT PLACES.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] New York, Oct. 14.—The house of deputies at the Episcopal church convention was expected to take up at its next session the memorial submitted by the women's auxiliaries of the board of missions for representation in the house. The auxiliaries adopted the memorial unanimously. They asked that one of the eight delegates from each diocese be a woman.

ARKANSAS TO GO "DRY"

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 14.—The state supreme court sustained today the validity of the going prohibition bill, and Arkansas will become "dry" after January 1, next. The law requires a petition containing the names of a majority of white adults of any community after the entire community has been voted "wet," under local option, before the county judge may grant a liquor license.

EXPRESS RATE REDUCTION.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Washington, Oct. 14.—The interstate commerce commission this afternoon extended to December 1 the time for the recently ordered reduction in express rates to become effective. The commission refused to revise the rates, ignoring the requests of attorneys representing the express companies.

CASE CONTINUED.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 14.—The trial of Jess Willard and 11 others, charged with engaging in a prize fight was delayed today by the interposition of demurrers by their attorney, Earl Rogers. The case was continued until Thursday.

Slayer of Musician Winters is Caught and Confesses His Guilt

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Portland, Or., Oct. 14.—Lloyd H. Wilkins, charged with murdering Lou L. Winters, a musician, who was found early Sunday morning in a suburb with his skull fractured and later died as the result of the injuries he sustained, was arrested early today near Vancouver, Washington.

According to Wilkins, he had an ac-

complice, but the police disbelieve this statement.

Wilkins said that he and his alleged accomplice met Winters as the latter alighted from a street car and tried to induce him to disclose the whereabouts of Wilkins' wife, from whom he was estranged. At Winters' refusal Wilkins raised his stone hammer over the head with an umbrella. Winters ran, according to Wilkins, and he declares he did not

know that the blow had resulted fatally until he read of it in the newspapers.

The police theory, however, is that Winters was struck a terrific blow from behind with a blunt instrument.

Wilkins had been separated from his wife for almost a year, and is said to have held Winters responsible for the estrangement.

SYLVIA PANKHURST IS STILL IN HIDING

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] London, Oct. 14.—The police had not been able today to find Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, who, arrested while she was addressing a suffragette meeting here last night, was rescued by the suffragettes. The militants were jubilant over their victory in the encounter.

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