

VAUGHN'S BODY WAS TAKEN UP

Remains Exhumed and the Coroner's Inquest Has Commenced Over The Death Which Was So Mysterious.

HE DIED FROM POISON

Doctor Testified That he Said Vaughan Died From Strychnine and so Told the Widow at The Time.

MONROE CITY, Mo., Feb. 2.—The body of Prof. J. T. Vaughn, who died suddenly at his home in Kirksville, Mo., where he was state normal school instructor, was exhumed here and the inquest begun. St. Judas cemetery officials delivered the keys to the Vaughn vault under legal protest, claiming Vaughn's widow had not consented. The only evidence of the body's deterioration were several small spots of mold on the face. A jury of prominent business men was empaneled.

After Dr. Martin, who attended Professor Vaughn when he died, and Dr. Charles Still testified briefly, then Prosecuting Attorney Tieser suggested that sufficient grounds for immediate examination had been laid, whereupon David A. Proctor, of Kansas City, brother of Professor Vaughn's widow, arose and dramatically objected to a post mortem until further evidence could be introduced. After wrangling between the attorneys, Coroner Wilson adjourned the inquest until this morning to give President Kerr of Westminster college and others who were present when Professor Vaughn died a chance to testify. They have been summoned by the attorneys for Professor Vaughn's widow.

The state proposes to send the vital organs of Professor Vaughn to the state university at Columbia, Mo., for examination. Dr. C. H. Dixon will represent Vaughn's widow. Dr. Martin testified at the inquest that he declared the night Vaughn died that strychnine caused the death and told Mrs. Vaughn so then. He gave Vaughn a hypodermic without result.

MARTIAL LAW IN THE SUBURBS

Paris Thugs are Giving the Police a Great Deal of Trouble Just Now.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—Martial law prevails in the western suburbs of Paris today following wholesale looting by "Apaches" yesterday and last night. Prompt work has saved a dozen thugs from being hung or drowned by angry citizens.

The Seine continues to recede. Conditions are rapidly improving in the center of the city but the plight of the residents in the outlying districts is desperate.

Seaux, a suburb of about 3,500 inhabitants was without light last night and was raided by gangs of thugs. A gang consisting of 4 men and 4 women, cruising on a launch, looting houses, was captured after a hard fight in which two gardeners were wounded. The police had a second and harder fight to save the gang from death at the hands of a mob. A serious situation confronting the authorities today is in disposition of the dead. Nearly all the cemeteries are flooded.

BLACK HANDERS FOUND GUILTY

Three Italians Sent Threatening Letters to Fellow Countryman Demanding \$6,000.

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill., Feb. 2.—Three Italians, Louis Biondo, Victor Sciolia and Joseph Palazzio, were today found guilty of being members of a black hand society and sending threatening letters to L. F. Lamaghi, fellow countryman. They demanded \$6,000, threatening death if the demand was refused.

According to testimony submitted at the trial the motto of their society was "money or death."

Demented Woman Captured, MARSHALLTOWN, Feb. 2.—Miss Bertha Roberts, a domestic in the employ of R. J. Clark, who disappeared, only partially clad, Monday morning, was found wandering in the east part of the city. She says she spent the day in a vacant house one and a half miles from town. She has had no food and is in a serious condition. She is thought to be demented.

TURKEY AND GREECE MAY CLASH

Greece Has Been Warned by Turkey to Cease the Preparations of War Which are Being Made.

BELIEVES WAR COMING

Turkey Thinks Battle is Inevitable and is Getting Ready to Defend Herself From Greece and Bulgaria.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 2.—The Turkish minister of foreign affairs, was today instructed to warn Greece that unless preparations for war stop immediately Turkey would consider them a casus belli and take the offensive against Greece.

Today's dispatches from Greece include all available reserves are being mobilized. Independent companies are being organized in the villages and subscriptions are being raised to support them. While it is not believed here that Russia, England, France and Italy, the four powers that until recently acted as the guardians of Crete, will permit the present embargo to grow into an open clash, Turkey is proceeding on the theory that war is inevitable and is getting ready to meet both Greece and Bulgaria, which is at odds against Turkey. Turkey looks upon Crete's determination to send deputies to the new Grecian parliament as a direct repudiation of Turkish suzerainty.

COMMISSION PLAN FOR SPOKANE

Election to be Held on May 3 to Adopt or Reject a New Charter for the City.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 2.—A condensed charter, composed of all the best features of the charters of all other cities having adopted a commission form of government, will be submitted to the voters of the city of Spokane for adoption or rejection on May 3. In some ways it is the most unique charter ever outlined by a commission, the most important feature being the publication of a weekly "Gazette" which shall contain a summary of the week's proceedings.

In this official publication will appear all calls for bids on contracts, contracts let and every other item of the daily routine of the council. At the end of the fiscal month, the full report of receipts and expenditures will be published for general distribution. At the end of each year, public accountants, not in the employ of the city, shall examine the books and make their report public.

After three months of study and discussion of the charters of other cities, the mayor's committee, appointed to draft the new charter, has evolved the following new features: "The council of five shall meet daily and all meetings shall be public; each commissioner, including the mayor, shall vote on all matters. The mayor shall have no veto power; the commissioner at the head of each department shall have power to appoint or remove all officers or assistants in his department."

RIVER SEINE NOW FALLING RAPIDLY

Has Dropped Four Feet and is Now Subsiding at Rate of Almost an Inch an Hour.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—The height of the water, at midnight, at Port Royal, was twenty-seven feet, three inches, a fall of nearly four feet from the highest point, and the flood continues to drop at the rate of about three-quarters of an inch an hour.

The city council, following the lead of the national government, is arranging with the co-operation of savings institutions, to furnish money for the rebuilding of stores and houses and the furnishing of supplies.

The government has decided upon a general scheme of employment, whereby those desiring work may find it repairing the roads and the public buildings throughout the devastated territory.

The students residing in the Latin quarter have formed a relief society, and have agreed to care for their few American comrades who suffered in any way in connection with the flood.

In addition to \$50,000 received from Massachusetts, new subscriptions to the relief fund from the United States are as follows: French colony, New York, \$4,000; French colony, San Francisco, \$10,000; American Red Cross, \$5,000; W. K. Vanderbilt, \$20,000; Mrs. A. D. Huntington, \$5,000.

OUT OF THE MINE'S BLACK MOUTH

TOLL OF 76 IN THIS MINE

Colorado Explosion Took the Lives of 76 of the Men and Was Probably Caused by a Cigarette.

MOST BODIES RECOVERED

It Thought That Miner Broke the Candles and Tried to Light Smoke in a Pocket of Gas.

PRIMERO, Colo., Feb. 2.—Unavoidable accident, is expected to be the verdict rendered by the coroner's jury today in the explosion which killed seventy-six men in the Colorado Fuel and Iron company's mine here.

Fifty-two bodies have already been recovered from the mine. It is believed that twenty-four remain underground.

State Mine Inspector Jones can find no explanation for the disaster and expert miners who knew conditions in the tunnel have no word of condemnation for their employers. It is thought likely that one of the fatalistic ones who believes there is a certain time for every man's death, longing for a cigarette, broke the rules of the company and lit a match in a gas-filled chamber.

Officials refuse to give out any statement regarding the probable cause, claiming that it can not be determined until the workings have been cleared and a thorough investigation made. However, they admit that some violation of mine rules will be found to be responsible.

The Primero mine is equipped with the most modern appliances, each miner carries a safety lamp, and all are searched for matches before they are allowed to enter the workings. At 9 o'clock last night the situation in the workings continued unchanged. Relief work was being pushed by frequent changes in shifts, the rescuing party having reached entry No. 12 A, about seven-eighths of a mile from the mouth.

BLAMES THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

Eastern Bond Concern Fails for a Million by Shrinkage of Value of Railroad Stocks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Fisk & Robinson, bond dealers, members of the stock exchange, failed for a million dollars. Shrinkage in the value of railroad bonds held by the firm caused the failure. The firm has branches in Chicago and Boston. The manager said it was increasingly difficult to sell bonds, because of the high cost of living having driven investors to search for securities bringing high incomes.

To Prevent Flood Damage.

WATERLOO, Feb. 2.—The chamber of commerce held a meeting to make arrangements to prevent flood damage when the rivers break up in the spring. Conditions along the Cedar are considered particularly serious.

CHERRY'S 210 STILL IN DEPTHS

Women Crowd About the Opening of the Ill-Fated Shaft Awaiting the Bringing up of the Bodies.

GASES DELAY THE WORK

Sheriff Has Sworn in a Force of Deputies in Order to Handle the Panic Which is Expected.

CHERRY, Ill., Feb. 2.—Workers of the St. Paul mine resumed their efforts at daylight today to clear the shaft and upper vein of the noxious gases which prevented them yesterday from bringing forth the 210 bodies remaining in the mine.

Before the men arrived, many women were at the mouth of the shaft waiting and deputies were assigned today by the sheriff to preserve order. It is feared that the long pent up grief of the people of Cherry will start a panic when the first bodies are brought to the surface.

Frantic efforts will be made to clear the mine of noxious vapors, to wall in any smoldering fire and to recover the 210 bodies of miners who have lain entombed in the lignite labyrinths since the fire broke out on November 13.

The spectators at the unsealing of the mine were, mostly young widows, some only 16 years old. The women walked in slush and mud about the tipples. But when James Webb, mine expert of the University of Illinois, and Thomas Noses and Hector McAllister, state mine inspectors, descended 350 feet to the bottom of the pit and procured a sample of the deadly gases that oozed from the mouth of the great well, nerves became tense.

"An unprotected man could not live long enough down there to take off his cap," said Inspector Moses on reaching the surface.

Following the inspectors' report, Richard Newsam, president of the State Mining board, ordered the cap removed from the air shaft, so that the poisonous fluids could be sucked up from the mine.

While this work proceeded the helmet men descended in the north cage to tack oilcloth over holes cut through the shaft wall last fall by Chicago firemen for hose leads.

Left Arm and Leg Lost.

OTTUMWA, Feb. 2.—Injuries received while alighting from a Wabash freight train at Moravia Saturday night proved fatal to John Huff, aged 34. He was with his cousin, A. Parker, on a trip to Albia. Returning they took a freight and Parker got off safely, but Huff jumped and was dragged for some distance. His left arm and leg were cut off.

Arrested for Arson.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Feb. 2.—Alexander Sigmans is under arrest, charged with arson. His feed barn with all the contents, including six horses, was burned Sunday. The loss is \$4,000.

DEATH OF 33 IN KENTUCKY

Mine Explosion Results in Men Being Smothered to Death or Burned by the Fierce Flames Which Followed.

HALF A DOZEN INJURED

Two Are Missing Including the Foreman and They are Supposed to Have Been Killed.

DRAKESBORO, Ky., Feb. 2.—Thirty-three deaths, two missing and half a dozen injured, one fatally, completes the list of casualties in the explosion in the White mine of the Elkton Valley Coal Co., at Browder near here late yesterday.

Pete Kelley, mine foreman, is among the missing and it is not known whether he is in the mine or not. One other man is missing but his name is not known.

The explosion is supposed to have been caused by one of the miners going into an unused part of the mine where gas had accumulated. His lamp is believed to have set fire to this, causing an explosion of such force as to cause the immediate death of all those who were working in the eastern wing of the mine. There were about 50 men in the workings when the explosion occurred and a number of them succeeded in making their way to places of safety, but nearly 40 of the miners were thrown to the earth by the shock and before they could escape were either smothered to death or buried by the fierce flames.

Jesse Jonghan was rescued alive, but is so badly burned that his recovery is doubtful.

It is believed that the explosion was caused by a track repairer, gonging into an abandoned room with an uncovered lamp, as the room is shattered almost to atoms and the body of the repairer is nowhere to be seen. An undertaker is on his way from Greenville, with a number of caskets, and Judge J. J. Rice has been summoned from the same place to hold the inquest.

TOWNER CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

Well-Known Judge of Corning to Make the Race for Congress in the Eighth District.

[Special to The Gate City.]

CORNING, Iowa, Feb. 2.—Judge H. M. Towner, one of the best known members of the Iowa bench, has announced that he will be a candidate for congress in the Eighth district.

He will oppose Congressman Jamison, who at the last election defeated Hon. W. P. Hepburn. Mr. Darrah of Chariton, is also a candidate. Darrah is a progressive and Towner will be classed as a standpatter. Mr. Towner is one of the ablest and most brilliant lawyers in the state and he will make a fine congressman. His friends are enthusiastic in his behalf and intend to put up a winning fight for him.

ZELAYA STILL NURSES HATE

Self Deposed Central American President is Planning a Revolution for Guatemala Against President Cabrera.

HE HAS GONE TO EUROPE

Honduran General Believes That He Can See Through the Wily Zelaya and Predicts Some More Trouble.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 2.—That Zelaya, self-deposed president of Nicaragua, who is now on his way to Belgium, has not dropped Central American politics, is the belief of Gen. Alphonso Gallardo of the Honduran army, now in New Orleans.

Gallardo says he has positive information that Zelaya has gone to Europe to arrange a revolution against President Cabrera of Guatemala and that he will fit out an expedition for this purpose. "Zelaya's journey to Belgium was a ruse," he says. "He will bend every energy to accomplish the downfall of Cabrera. He will never be content to live in peace in Europe while Cabrera is in power in Central America. He will plot to regain his lost position."

BREAKFAST FOODS TO BE CONSOLIDATED

New Corporation to be Formed Merging Several of the Biggest Factories in the Country.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 2.—The reported consolidation of all cereal manufacturing concerns of Minneapolis, one in Battle Creek, Mich., two in Chicago and some in Iowa in a new \$1,000,000 corporation, to handle the output of these breakfast food concerns, was partially confirmed by Thomas W. Hicks, who has been promoting the deal here. Mr. Hicks added that he could not discuss the details, but would make a statement in a few days.

The Minneapolis companies absorbed in the merger are the Northwestern Cereal corporation, Minneapolis Cereal company, incorporated; Fruen Wheat Food and Milling company and the Minne-Paul Cereal and Milling company.

Other companies already included, it is said, are the Malva-Vita Food company of Battle Creek, Mich.; the Pettijohn Pure Food company and the Iowa plants of the United Cereal company of Chicago.

In addition to the above white flour mills in towns adjacent to Minneapolis will be merged into the new companies. Their names are not announced.

The assenting companies, it is said, will receive stock in the new corporation, dollar for dollar, of preferred stock on the appraised valuation, and bonus of common stock for established business and trade marks.

TAFT'S BROTHER IS VERY SICK

Has Erysipelas in Western Hospital, But is Expected to Recover from It.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—The condition of Henry W. Taft, brother of the president, who is in a local hospital suffering with an attack of erysipelas, became suddenly worse last night, and it is now feared that the disease has secured a much stronger hold upon him than was at first supposed. Mr. Taft is being attended by Dr. William A. Edwards of this city, his brother-in-law.

Last night Dr. Edwards reported that his patient had developed alarming symptoms, a high fever having set in and evidences of a spread of the infection having appeared.

The president has been notified of the sudden change for the worse. Dr. Edwards says that no alarm is felt regarding the outcome of the case.

May Die of Lockjaw.

STATE CENTER, Feb. 2.—Chris Wilkening, while blasting stumps was struck in the face with a bursting charge of powder and may lose his eyesight and die of lockjaw. The charge failed to explode and he went to investigate, and just as he bent over the charge it exploded.

Antics of Dan Culp.

DES MOINES, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Effie L. Perry had Miss Cora Hewitt arrested for threatening her life when she asked Miss Hewitt to not make love to Harry Perry, her 16-year-old son. Miss Hewitt has been employed as a domestic by Mrs. Perry.

HARRIS RETIRES AS PRESIDENT

Head of the C. B. & Q. Resigns But Will be Chairman of the Board of Directors and Still Interested in Road.

MILLER WAS ELECTED

Darius Miller Succeeds as President While Harris Takes a Trip Around the World in the Way of Vacation.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 2.—George B. Harris tendered his resignation as president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad company. The board of directors accepted it and elected Darius Miller to succeed him.

In order to refill the official ranks, which were depleted by the recent resignation of D. Willard and the promotion of Mr. Miller, the board elected Claud G. Burnham to be first vice president in charge of traffic and Harry E. Byram to be second vice president in charge of operation.

Mr. Harris was made chairman of the board of directors, a position which will enable the Burlington to retain his services in an advisory capacity. Mr. Harris' retirement from the presidency was wholly voluntary and due to his desire to have more leisure time. It is understood that he is to make a tour of the world and that hereafter he will spend his winters in California. His position as chairman of the board will give Mr. Harris just the amount of work that is pleasing to him and also the leisure time he desires.

Mr. Harris has been with the Burlington forty-four years continuously with the exception of one year, when he was with the Santa Fe road. He has been president since 1901.

The elections by the board restore the Burlington organization as it was prior to Mr. Willard's becoming president of the Baltimore and Ohio road. Mr. Burnham, who has been Miller's assistant for several years, now succeeds him as first vice president. Mr. Byram, who was assistant to Daniel Willard when he was second vice president and who was made assistant to Mr. Miller after Mr. Willard left, succeeds to the position formerly held by Mr. Willard.

Promotions which will be necessary to fill the gaps made by the advancement of Mr. Byram and Mr. Burnham have not yet been made. Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, has been made a director of the Burlington.

Mr. Miller was born in 1874 and began his railway career as a stenographer in the general freight office of the Michigan Central road. He is a native of Illinois, having been born in Princeton.

The directors of the Colorado Southern railroad at New York took action similar to that of the Burlington board. Mr. Harris was continued as chairman of the executive committee and Darius Miller elected president. C. G. Burnham and H. E. Byram were made vice presidents.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Rain or snow and colder tonight. Thursday partly cloudy and colder.

For Illinois: Rain or snow and colder tonight. Thursday threatening and colder with rain or snow southwest portion.

For Iowa: Threatening and colder tonight with rain or snow east portion. Thursday partly cloudy and colder.

For Missouri: Threatening and colder tonight with rain or snow east and south portions. Thursday partly cloudy and colder.

Weather Conditions.

The center of low pressure from the plateau region has passed to the upper Mississippi valley, a trough extending southeasterly to another depression in western Texas.

It is much warmer in the Mississippi valley and the temperature has risen from thence eastward. Conditions indicate rain or snow for this section tonight, becoming colder tonight and partly cloudy, colder weather Thursday.

Local Observations.

Feb. 1 7 p.m. Bar Ther. Wind. Weather 29.98 42 SE Clear 2 7 a.m. 29.92 47 S Cloudy

River, frozen. Mean temperature 36. Maximum temperature 49. Minimum temperature 23.

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