

EIGHTY-SIX ARE MANLESS HOMES

CANVASS OF CHERRY FAMILIES DISCLOSES MANY LEFT WITHOUT SUPPORT.

INVESTIGATE METHODS OF COMBINE

A. F. OF L. NAMES SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE STEEL TRUST'S SYSTEM.

TROOPS TO GO ON GUARD MAY LEVY ASSESSMENTS

General Appeal Sent Out for Supplies for Destitute Widows and Children—Sad Scenes and Incidents When St. Paul Company Pays Wages Coming to Employees for Past Two Weeks.

Sunday Preceding Labor Day to Be Set Apart for Discussion of Industrial Topics in Churches of America—Hay's Removal Recommended—Philadelphia Plan Condemned.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 16.—"Shoes, underclothing and quantities of women's and children's garments are urgently needed for the families of the victims of the mine disaster which occurred here Saturday. Also money is necessary to take care of these poor people during the coming winter," declared E. P. Bicknell of Washington, D. C., director of the National Red Cross society, today, after a conference with the charity workers gathered here. The appeal was telegraphed to various cities in surrounding states and responses came that supplies soon would be on the way.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 16.—Congressional investigation of the steel industry as it relates to labor was introduced today by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor. It was decided to petition congress to appoint a special committee to investigate methods employed by all great steel corporations, and, if it is found that the tariff is being used to maintain corporation profits rather than to improve industrial conditions, the federation will recommend that the tariff on steel be suspended.

Headquarters were established from which charity will be distributed systematically. A corps of helpers was enlisted and these started on a house-to-house canvass of the miners' homes. Each widow was required to give data as to her circumstances. One of the reports, typical of others, read: "Name, Marie Bohm; victims of disaster, husband and one son; nativity, Austria; number of children, four, ages eight months, three, five and seven years; economic condition, without funds, needs clothing and household supplies; plans for future, would like to return to Austria (does not speak English)."

Philadelphia Plan Condemned. New York, Nov. 15.—The strike of the 2,000,000 members of the American Federation of Labor should the United States supreme court decide the content cases against Messrs. Compers, Mitchell and Morrison proposed by the Central Federation of Philadelphia is not approved by local labor leaders. Presidents and other officials of the largest unions in this city declare that the plan would violate all pending agreements with employers, which would be fatal to the labor organizations, and, therefore, the calling of such a strike would be the hardest blow the American Federation of Labor could give itself.

Hard to Get List of Dead. Difficulty was encountered in many homes because of the hysterical condition of the women. By night the workers had not completed their list and no list giving the exact number of men entombed in the mine was obtained. Besides scenes at the mouth of the mine today, the most pathetic incident occurred at the place where heirs of the dead miners were paid off.

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CHERRY DISASTER RANKS SECOND

TECHNOLOGIC DEPARTMENT FIGURES SHOW MONONGAH EXPLOSION MOST.

Washington, Nov. 16.—According to records kept by the technologic department the Cherry disaster will rank as the second greatest in this country. Only one other, that at Monongah, W. Va., in which 356 miners lost their lives, can furnish a greater death list. At Monongah, when the mine was penetrated, the bodies of some who had probably lived 48 hours were found. Rescuers equipped with helmets and resuscitation apparatus might have saved them, it is declared.

Eighty-six Manless Homes. Perhaps the saddest case was that of a young bride, a native of Brittany. The girl, not more than 19, carried an infant. Another native of France was called from a position in the rear of the line to act as interpreter. The woman's husband, to marry whom she came to America a year ago, was not "up," she reported, making the round of the miners' homes Duncan McDonald, president of district No. 12, United Mine Workers, discovered that a baby had arrived at a home which lost a father and a son. The mother was kept ignorant of the disaster. Eighty-six homes visited were, with the exception of the children, without male members. Only the most frantic of the women who lost husbands ventured to visit the shaft, and these had to be taken back almost forcibly.

Every rescuer is now equipped with enough oxygen to keep him alive in a gaseous mine for two hours. The oxygen is carried in two cylinders on the back and is fed into the helmet through rubber tubes. Carbon dioxide thrown out in the breath is caught up in two tanks of potassium hydroxide. Each rescuer carries a tank of oxygen and an apparatus for resuscitating the victims. The government station at Pittsburgh and at its branches at Urbana, Ill., and Knoxville, Tenn., 500 miners have been instructed in a week in the use of the apparatus. The three largest coal companies in Pennsylvania have established stations with oxygen equipment of their own. All coal companies are being urged by the government to do so.

BOURNE TO SUBMIT REPORT.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon, chairman of sub-committee of the senate committee on public expenditures, soon will submit a report upon which he has been working since congress adjourned. Senator Bourne believes that the purchasing power of the government dollar can be increased from 5 to 10 per cent by the substitution of modern business methods and that a saving of from 50 to 100 million dollars a year will result.

ALASKAN COALING STATION.

Seattle, Nov. 16.—United States engineers are making surveys and preparing machinery for a naval coaling station at the head of Orca bay, Alaska. There is an abundant supply of coal within convenient distance of the bay, and it is equal in steam-making quality to any in the world.

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TWENTY-TWO ARE SUSPECTED IN THE SUGAR FRAUDS

Commerce Commission Emphasizes Point in Statement Made to the Press.

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BUTTE EASY MARKS TO GO TO PORTLAND

Butte, Nov. 16 (Special).—Three residents of Butte, William T. Veale, Richard Yeale and K. O. Gardner, leave for Portland, Ore., in the morning to testify in the alleged grafting case of the United States against the Pacific Realty association. The trial begins Monday.

DIAZ TO RETIRE.

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 16.—The El Paso Herald today prints what it claims to be reliable information that Enrique Creel will enter the Diaz cabinet in a short time as chief adviser, representing President Diaz, and that President Corral will assume active charge of the government, leaving Diaz to rest and virtually retire.

GIRL DECLARES SHE KILLED R. D. GANNON

Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 16.—A letter was received by the authorities today signed "Ruth" in which the writer declares that when she is found the police will have the "one who killed R. D. Gannon."

WHILE WOMEN BELL COMPANY WEEP COURT CONTROLS STOPS W. U.

GREWSOME EXHIBITS IN CALIFORNIA MURDER TRIAL CAUSE A WILD COMMOTION.

ALMA BELL MURDERESS? ONE VAST CORPORATION

Girl Charged With Slaying Her Sweetheart Receives Many Letters Conveying Money and Words of Cheer—Members of Dead Boy's Family Are Threatened by Blackhand.

Auburn, Cal., Nov. 16.—With a heart-rending scream, Alma Bell, accused of the murder of Joseph Armes, fell into a violent outburst of sobs in the courtroom today when the blood-stained garments of her dead lover were introduced as evidence and identified by Frank Armes, a brother of the dead man. The grewsome exhibits moved Mrs. Mary E. Armes, his mother, to tears, and for several minutes court proceedings stopped while the two women sought to control their emotions.

Charges of misconduct were made almost at the start of the trial against Assistant Prosecutor George W. Hamilton by Attorney L. L. Chamberlain for the defense, when the prosecutor in his opening address announced that, if any matter tending to discredit Alma Bell's moral character were introduced it would have to come from the defense.

BALLINGER REPORTS WITHDRAWALS

Interior Secretary Segregates Oil Lands and Power Sites. Washington, Nov. 16.—In line with his policy of waiting for legislation affecting the disposition of public lands containing power sites and petroleum deposits, Secretary Ballinger today announced the withdrawal from settlement of lands in different parts of the west. These included 45,704 acres in Oregon and are believed to contain water site possibilities.

SEVERAL VESSELS WRECKED.

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 15.—Officials today declared material damage by the flood, principally to mountain roads, bridges, the irrigation dam and railroad stock is \$1,250,000. Among vessels wrecked were the fruit steamers Boundbrook, Avalon, Ananda, Bradford and Rosario di Giorgio. Only the Avalon is a total loss. The British bark Carpathian and the Norwegian bark Westland also were driven ashore.

FRESH AIR FOR INSANE.

Cleveland, Nov. 16.—A plan for fresh air treatment of the city's insane at the municipal farm colony was announced today. The city will place persons suffering from curable dementia in fruit orchards and vegetable gardens at the Warrenville farm. Similar treatment has proved effective with drink victims.

CORRIGAN A BANKRUPT.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 16.—Edward Corrigan, the turfman, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States court at Frankfort. His assets are given at \$12,653 and liabilities at \$174,000. In his petition Corrigan says he has no real estate and has only a few notes as assets. The unsecured claims amount to \$191,356.

BIG CAR ORDER.

Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—By orders placed today the Pennsylvania railroad will add 10,000 freight cars to its rolling stock. These are in addition to the order for the regular replacement on the 1909 and 1910 schedules, for which 14,000 cars had already been ordered.