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MANY MINERS ENTOMBED IN A PENNSYLVANIA MINE

Fire Breaks Out in Pancoast Property, Burying Between Fifty and Sixty Persons.

UP TO MIDNIGHT TWENTY BODIES WERE RECOVERED

Among Those Known to Have Perished Is Joseph Evans, In Charge of the United States Mine Rescue Car—His Death Due to Defective, Oxygen-Charged Helmet, Which Caused Suffocation.

Scranton, Pa., April 7.—One of the most serious mine disasters which has ever visited this section of the mining country occurred today at the little village of Throop, a short distance from here, when between 50 and 60 men and boys lost their lives. Among those known to have perished are Joseph Evans, who was in charge of the United States mine rescue car; Isaac Dawes, a fire boss, and Walter Knight, a foreman. Evans' death was the result of a defective oxygen-charged helmet. Charles Enzian, the noted expert in general charge of mine rescue work for the federal government, was also over- come and is said to be in a critical condition. As rescuers entered the mine, they stumbled over three bodies. One of these was Joseph Evans. He was seen to take his helmet from his head. It had evidently failed to work. Evans was carried to the open air as quickly as possible, but he had inhaled so much smoke and gas from the burning coal that he died within a few hours. Enzian's experience was similar to that of Evans. A temporary morgue had been erected at the opening to the mine and here were congregated hundreds of women and children, relatives of the men and boys who had been so suddenly snatched from them. None of the bodies recovered was mutilated, death doubtlessly having been caused by inhaling flames and gas. At midnight 20 bodies had been taken from the mine and arranged in the temporary morgue. Among them are the bodies of John R. Perry, common councilman, first ward, Scranton; Walter Knight, inside foreman; Isaac Dawes, fire boss; Joseph McWater, James Wallace, Henry Luena, Michael Gall, John M. Evans, John Mayhew, Harry Rothwell. The other bodies are those of foreigners.

ANACONDA SMELTERMEN ACCEPT A NEW CHARTER

Anacoda, April 7.—(Special).—A referendum vote taken today by the Anacoda Mill and Smeltermen's union on the acceptance of a charter from the American Federation of Labor, resulted in favor of the proposition by a heavy majority. Only seven votes were recorded against the new affiliation. Amendments to the constitution and by-laws of the local union also carried, which abolished the attendance at meetings as a qualification for members who seek office in the union.

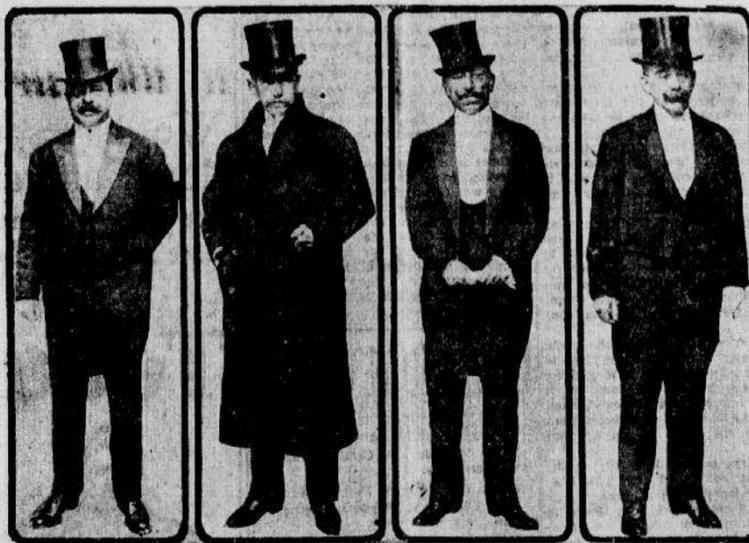
FOR LAZY HUSBANDS.

Sacramento, Cal., April 7.—Governor Johnson signed a bill today which provides that in case of a conviction of non-support a husband may be sentenced to the county jail and required to work on the public roads or other public work, the county paying \$1.50 to his wife and children for each day the non-provider is thus compelled to toil.

TRIAL POSTPONED.

Detroit, April 7.—The trial of the government's criminal case against the so-called "bath tub trust" has been postponed from the May to the November term of the federal court here, because of certain newspaper articles to which Judge Dennison took exception.

FRANCISCO MADERO TAKES A CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE IN MATTER OF PRESIDENCY



DIAZ'S NEW ADVISERS.

New picture of Diaz's new cabinet appointees. Snapshot taken in Mexico City by special photographer immediately after the appointments. Left to right—Senor Yngo Manuel Marroquin y Rivera, minister of war; Senor Demetrio Sodi, minister of justice; Senor Torque Vera Estanol, minister of public instruction; Senor Yngo Norberto Dominguez, minister of communications.

Madero's Camp, Bustillos' Estate, Near Chihuahua, Mexico, April 7.—What he declared to be his ultimatum on the question of peace was announced by Francisco I. Madero, president, while still insisting that President Diaz retire and the country be given a new election. Senor Madero said he was willing to resign as "provisional president" and if necessary would allow a provisional president to be selected from the Diaz cabinet. The tenor of Senor Madero's interview was rather to discredit the possibility of immediate peace. He said no peace overtures whatever had been received by him. He did not intend to move camp toward the border or anywhere else with a view of receiving any peace commissioners. The reports that his father was in El Paso and preparing to enter the insurgent country to see him, interested him, but would have no influence on his action, he said. It was the first formal interview Madero had given since the text of President Diaz's message was received in camp.

Dismissed With a Smile.

As for the reforms promised in the message, Madero dismissed them with a smile, saying the promises were no more than President Diaz had previously made. By permission of the federal authorities and of the insurgents, a special train flying a white flag was run toward Bustillos hacienda, 60 miles west of Chihuahua. Half way out the cor-

respondent was met by General Pasquel Orozco and an escort of 100 soldiers. Senor Madero dictated a statement which he said must be accepted as a definite expression of his views. The statement follows: "I know the great damage the war is doing to the country and if it were possible by negotiations to settle the war, I would be pleased, though it should be necessary to make some concessions from each side, I am disposed to make all personal concessions, and I will ask only the necessary guarantee to have a new election perfectly free and open to every voter. "I will not consider as a guarantee his previous promises. "To have peace in Mexico it is absolutely essential that General Diaz shall retire. "In such case a provisional president will have to be selected by both sides. "It is not necessary that I, or any of my friends shall be chosen. I would accept as provisional president a member of the Diaz administration if chosen by both sides and if we are granted the right to select a few provisional governors. "This to us means great concessions, which we will make to settle the war. If the ambitions of general Diaz oblige us to continue the war, I am sure very soon we shall be victorious and it will be better for the country in the end to have all my programs developed, because that will mean a most radical change. "When I left the United States there

was no talk of peace negotiations. For which reason I did not name any peace commissioners. "Notwithstanding that it is natural that my father and friends have taken advantage of the first opportunity to consider the matter, I approve their efforts because I consider them patriots. If any peace negotiations were actually opened, I undoubtedly would appoint my father as one of the commissioners. "If we are described in the United States as being unfriendly to law and order, I wish to tell you in war we attempt to be kind and considerate. We pay no salaries to any one, but to the families who are fighting in our ranks, we distribute food and supplies. All of the land we have taken has immediately been subject to civic government. "President Diaz arouses one's sympathies," he said in conclusion. "It will have no influence on us. It probably will be thought that now when we have all our demands promised if we continue, but these promises are just what we heard before. Especially do I wish it understood that I am not looking for personal aggrandizement. I would sacrifice myself and everything I possess for the good of the country. "We intend it as no affront to the United States when we say we care for no foreign interference. This is a family matter. We desire peace as much as any one, but we have not and will not retreat from our just demands."

ANGRY LEADER PRIEST FAINTS DENOUNCES MAJORITY ON WITNESS STAND

REPRESENTATIVE MANN, FLOOR LEADER IN HOUSE, TELLS OF UNFAIR ACTION. WEAKENED FROM FORTY-EIGHT HOURS' FAST, ALLEGED CAMORRIST COLLAPSES.

DEMOCRATS TO BLAME CONTINUES TESTIMONY

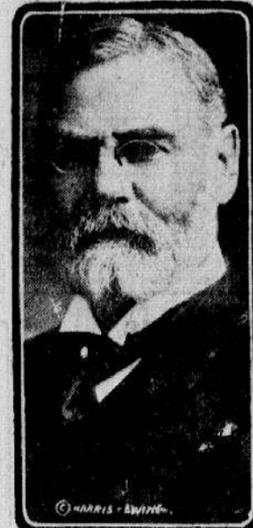
Conference is Held of Both Factions of Republican Party, and It is Announced That Democratic Ways and Means Committee Will Not Increase Membership of Minority. Denunciation, Pathos, Curses and Other Melodramatic Tricks Enliven Trial of Thirty-Six Members of Italian Organization Charged With Murder—Rapi Cries Too Much.

Washington, April 7.—The first formal conference of republican house leaders, including representatives of the insurgent portion of the party, was held here this afternoon. It followed a refusal of the democrats to give up any more committee places to the republicans to restore the proportion that has heretofore existed between the two parties in the committee assignments. After the conference Minority Leader Mann gave out a statement arraigning what he called the "unfair, arbitrary and brutal action" of the democrats in trampling the rights of the minority. The statement promises a republican fight to take advantage of parliamentary privileges to make things hot on the floor. Mr. Mann submitted the situation to the conference and asked whether he should not refuse entirely to name a committee on the limited basis of representation given by the democrats. It was determined to go ahead with the selection of republican members. Mr. Mann said absolute fairness would be shown the insurgents. Mr. Mann declared that the demo-

Viterbo, Italy, April 7.—Again today the trial of the Camorristas was interrupted when Ciro Vitozzi, the accused priest, weakened by a self-imposed fast, fainted. He was under interrogation and had worked himself into such a state of mental and physical exhaustion that he tumbled over against the steel bars of the prisoners' cage. Lawyers and Carabinieri rushed to his assistance and in the confusion President Bianchi suspended the court. At the same time the court ordered Vitozzi to break his fast with the crumbs of half a dozen eggs. The climax came opportunely for Vitozzi, following his declaration that he had abstained from food for 48 hours. He had been telling a story of his alleged persecution in prison and the recital was not without dramatic effect. "With me in my cell," said the priest, "I had a lock of hair from the head of that holy soul, my mother. This was taken from me on the order of a magistrate, who insisted that the hair was that of some woman companion of mine. What nonsense? Why it was even gray. Can anyone imagine a greater profanation?"

Mother's Soul Invoked.

Here the accused man invoked the soul of his mother in support of his statement, and the recollection of what he described as the insults to her memory overwhelming him, he was seized with a fit of weeping. Between his sobs, he cried out: "I have been fasting 48 hours, supported during my whole interrogation by divine power." With the words he collapsed. Giovanni Rapi was not present when the trial was resumed this morning. His physician certified that he was suffering from a sore throat as a result of having "cried too much during his interrogation." The proceedings opened with the recital of Vitozzi. He told of the alleged abuse of him by the examining judges during his preliminary examination and while he was in prison. Judge Detilla, he said, had insulted him, calling him "a Camorrist pig." "This," said Vitozzi, "was cowardly, savage and inhuman, while the judge ought to represent honesty." Growing excited, the priest shouted: "Those judges trampled not only the human but on the divine law. I reminded them that they must die, saying, 'Beware, beware, the anathema.'" Urging the priest to calm himself, President Bianchi inquired whether he knew Genaro Abbatemaggio, the informer: False. "No," replied Vitozzi, who added: "All the statements of Abbatemaggio are false. I will ask him to swear on the ashes of his father and on the ashes of his dead son, hoping that he will be touched." At this thrust Abbatemaggio, who had listened calmly from his solitary cage, broke his usual impassibility of manner and replied: (Continued on Page Three.)



JAMES R. MANN.

cratic members of the ways and means committee had adopted the policy of making a majority of seven on the principal committee, whereas a dominant party never before claimed more than six majority. He said: Trampling Fair Rights. The democrats begin their operations by trampling the fair rights of the minority under foot by brute force. The republicans cannot prevent the application of the force of numbers (Continued on Page Three.)

PASSENGERS TAKEN FROM STRANDED STEAMER

SEVENTEEN HUNDRED PEOPLE REMOVED FROM PRINZESS IRENE IN SAFETY.

Lone Hill, Long Island, Life Saving Station, April 7.—In five hours and ten minutes this afternoon the 1,729 cabin and steerage passengers on the stranded North German Lloyd liner Prinzess Irene were transferred to the deck of the Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm and one hour after midnight they were on their way to New York. The feat is unparalleled in the history of marine disasters. Not a life was lost, not a case of panic was reported. The first passenger off was a woman and the second a baby. The cabin passengers, masters of the situation, generously gave precedence to the more timorous steerage. As for the liner on the bar, nightfall showed her hard and fast in the grip of the sands and Captain Goddard of the Lone Hill station estimates she will be prisoner at least a week, perhaps a fortnight. In the 22 hours since she struck she has been favored by comparatively light weather, but a stiff blow from the south-west might open her plates, crush in her bulkheads and wrench apart her stout steel frame. Ten small boats, two tugs and the large ship took part in the rescue while a revenue cutter and a derelict destroyed stood by. The steerage passengers were let down by the forward companionway, thence clambered down a rope ladder into small boats. From (Continued on Page Three.)

IN JUDGE'S HONOR ATTORNEYS MEET

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the Bar Association of the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Montana will meet to take action on the death of Judge Hiram Knowles. Yesterday President A. L. Duncan issued a call for today's meeting, which will be held in the courtrooms of the Missoula county courthouse. The body of Judge Knowles arrived yesterday on the Northern Pacific's "Cooper City" from Butte, accompanied by Charles W. Blair. It was taken at once to the Knowles residence on the south side, Thelheim, where it will lie in state. Funeral services will be held Sunday morning at the Knowles residence. A special train will take the body to Deer Lodge in the afternoon.

"SPECIMEN" SMITH KILLS HIS FRIEND IN QUARREL

Livingston, April 7.—(Special).—C. W. Smith early this morning shot and killed Andrew McCuin, aged 45, in a lonely cabin near Gardiner. The two men had been celebrating Smith's seventy-fourth birthday and both had been drinking heavily. They quarreled and McCuin is said to have hit Smith with a cane. The old man then took a shotgun from the wall and before McCuin could defend himself, shot the younger man through the heart. Smith gave himself up to the officers at Gardiner at noon.

RIGHT TO ORGANIZE SHOULD NOT BE DENIED

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE SAYS POSTAL CLERKS HAVE RIGHT TO FORM UNIONS.

Washington, April 7.—Senator La Follette intends to establish by legislation, if he can, the right of government employes to organize unions in the same manner that trades are organized and affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. His purpose has been made plain in a letter sent to all employes of the railway mail service bearing on the issues that have been raised between such employes of the government and the postoffice officials. A copy of the circular letter was made public here today. One paragraph of Senator La Follette's letter follows: "The railway mail clerks have the right to organize. If the officers of the department are endeavoring to prevent them from doing so by threats of discharge such action is without legal authority or moral right. If I find conditions in the railway postal service to be generally such as has been reported, I shall introduce and do everything in my power to pass a bill to prevent the continuance of such un-American practices and to preserve to all government employes the right of petition which belongs to every citizen and the right to form or join organizations for the improvements of their labor ends."

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Washington, April 7.—Senator Martin of Virginia at the democratic state caucus today was selected permanent caucus chairman and minority leader during the present congress. He received 21 out of the 37 votes cast, 18 going to Senator Benjamin E. Shively of Indiana, who was then elected vice chairman. Senator W. B. Chilton of West Virginia was elected secretary of the caucus, the two last named places having been filled by acclamation. Senator Owen declined re-election as secretary. The expected long contest did not develop.

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North Sydney, C. B., April 7.—Caught in the field of drifting ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the steamer Harlaw was crushed to pieces today. The 130 men on board escaped over the ice jam to St. Paul's Island, where they are quartered tonight, cut off from communication with the mainland except by wireless. Immediately upon being informed of the wreck, the government steamers Lady Laurier, stationed at Halifax, and the Earl Grey, at Pictou, were dispatched with supplies to take off the marooned men. It is expected they will reach the island tomorrow.

TOM JOHNSON DYING IN CLEVELAND

FORMER MAYOR REPORTED TO HAVE SAID FAREWELL TO HIS FAMILY.

Cleveland, April 7.—Shortly after bidding his family goodbye late today Tom L. Johnson lapsed into a semi-conscious state which still existed at midnight. It is reported that heart stimulants were several times administered. The former mayor, who had been making a fight for life, apparently realizing that his end was near, had his wife, daughter and son summoned to his bedside for a last interview. He is quoted as saying at the end of the visit: "Farewell, I am through talking."

DIVORCE DESIRED BY MRS. GATES

DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF JOHN W. GATES NAMES NEW YORK ACTRESS IN SUIT.

New York, April 7.—Former Supreme Court Justice Leventritt was today appointed a referee to take testimony in the suit of Mary W. Gates for a divorce from Charles G. Gates. No papers were filed with the order, which is the first official information of the suit, but it was stated in court that Mrs. Gates mentions a young actress in a light opera now having a Broadway run. Mrs. Gates was Miss Betty Martin of St. Louis and is a step-daughter of a wealthy St. Louis manufacturer. The defendant is the son of John W. Gates. They were married 13 years ago.