

45 DIE; SCORE WOUNDED IN MINE BATTLE

Most of Them Are Women and Children, Shot or Burned in Pits.

HUNDREDS OF ARMED STRIKERS IN HILLS

Labor Men and Troops Lined Up Ready for Fierce Fight To-day.

TENTS BURN IN CROSSFIRE

Explosions and Flames Suffocate Noncombatants in Colorado Camp.

TRINIDAD, Col., April 21.—Forty-five dead, more than two-thirds of them women and children, a score missing and more than twenty wounded is the toll known to-night to have been taken in the fourteen-hour battle which raged yesterday between State troops and striking coal miners in the Ludlow district.

With arms ready both sides await the coming of dawn, when, it is forecast, the battle will be resumed with greater bloodshed than ever.

The militia, which drove the strikers from their tent colony yesterday, and, it is charged, fired it, involving thereby the greatest loss of life, are preparing for a machine gun sortie at daybreak from their position along the Colorado and Southern Railroad tracks at either side of the Ludlow station.

On the surrounding hills, sheltered by rocks and boulders, 400 strikers await their coming, while their ranks are being swelled by hundreds who tramped overland in the dark, carrying guns and ammunition from the neighboring union camps.

Italians, Greeks and Austrian miners have appealed to their consular representatives for protection, and John McLennan, president of the local union district, to-day wired the Red Cross in Denver to be prepared to render aid.

Big Battle Expected.

On the outcome of the engagement to-morrow may depend the fate of the strike. Both sides face it as a battle to the death, with no thought of quarter asked or received. At a late hour it was said here that the battle could only be averted by the arrival of overwhelming reinforcements for the troops from Denver.

No train service through the war zone is permitted. A command of the troops is hemmed in on three sides by the strikers' lines, which extend back three miles. Through this cordon only the wagons carrying the dead and wounded are allowed to pass.

In Trinidad the situation is no less acute. Men through the streets about the union headquarters and demand guns with which to wreak vengeance upon the militia, whom they hold responsible for the destruction of their homes and the death of their women and children.

In the Ludlow camp, in the holes which have been dug for their protection against the rifle fire, the women and children died in a trap when the flames swept over them.

One pit uncovered this afternoon disclosed the bodies of ten children and two women. Further exploration was forbidden by the position of the camp, which lies directly between the militia and the strikers' positions.

Military authorities here admitted to-night they did not know how great the loss of life may have been.

Camp Raked by Bullets.

Explosions of cartridges within the camp and the hall of lead with which the militia raked it as the flames mounted skyward added to the horror of the fire itself.

Terrified by the bullets, which poured through the blazing canvases above their heads the women and children, apparently more afraid of the lead than of the flames, remained huddled in their pits until the smoke carried death to them by suffocation.

Some braver than the rest ran into the open and dashed aimlessly among the tents, which by that time had become so many torches.

Two women dashed toward the militia position.

"Dynamite!" they screamed.

An instant later the ammunition remaining in the camp exploded, sending a shower of lead in all directions. A seven-year-old girl dashed from under a blazing tent and, insane from fright ran into a tent again and fell into the hole with the remainder of her family to suffocate with them.

The child is said to have been a daughter of Charles Costa, a union leader at Ashtabula, who, with his wife and another child, is declared to have perished.

Plenty of Ammunition.

Both strikers and militia have a plentiful supply of ammunition on hand. Five thousand rounds were sent to the troops at Ludlow on a Colorado and Southern train from Denver early this morning and the supply was later supplemented by a shipment from Trinidad this noon.

The strikers in the Denver and Rio Grande yards at 23rd Street early to-day were also able to replenish their stock at Barnes.

The militia number 200. Detachments from Walsenburg and La Mar got through the lines early last night. They occupy a line approximately three miles in length.

EMIGRANTS TO HAVE PRIESTS.

Pope's Decree Approves Institution for Special Training.

ROME, April 21.—The *Osservatore Romano* points the Pope's motu proprio instituting a college for training priests who are intended to be of spiritual assistance to emigrants.

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GERMANY HAS A JEAN VALJEAN.

Released Forger Discovered as Deputy Mayor of Town.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

BERLIN, April 21.—A sensation was caused here to-day by the arrest of Dr. Alexander, the deputy Mayor of Koeslin, in Pomerania, on a charge of fraud and forgery. The arrest was the result of the discovery that Dr. Alexander was really an absconding clerk named Thormann, who was sentenced to jail for embezzlement in 1910. During his temporary release Thormann forged papers in which he represented himself as a Berlin lawyer named Alexander.

Under the name of Alexander, Thormann obtained successive municipal posts at Weissenfels, Bromberg and Koeslin, in all of which he acquitted himself admirably. He won a reputation that was not confined to any locality and was chosen from among 700 candidates to be deputy Mayor of Koeslin. He became a leader in social affairs and married the daughter of a wealthy official.

FIND SITE OF TOWER OF BABEL.

German Oriental Society Uncertain of Colossal Structure.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

BERLIN, April 21.—The German Oriental Society asserts that it has discovered traces of the Tower of Babel on the site of Babylon. Excavations revealed a square building, each side 100 yards long, and the remains of a colossal staircase which is supposed to have led to the first story of the tower. The excavator also unearthed four great stones of the city wall built by Nabopolassar, the father of Nebuchadnezzar.

Traces of the walls and temples of a city on the opposite bank of the Tigris, built in 1300 B. C., were also found.

STRATFORD SEES OLD COMEDY.

"Two Angry Women of Abington" Rivals "Taming of Shrew."

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, April 21.—The celebration of the 350th anniversary of the birth of Shakespeare was continued to-day and to-night. Patrick Kirwan's company presented Henry Porter's "Two Angry Women of Abington," which Charles Lamb regarded as equal to "The Taming of the Shrew," although Porter was only a second rate author among the Elizabethan dramatists.

\$33.75 FOR A POWDER HORN.

Collection of 48 Precious Stones Goes for \$250 at Sale.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, April 21.—At the second day's sale of works of art, gems and articles of artistic and antiquarian interest at Sotheby's to-day a collection of forty-eight precious stones, largely from the Beresford Hope collection, mounted in rings, pins and other articles, with more or less accurate representations of natural objects, thirteen distinct portraits of men and women and many curious natural formations sold for £50 (\$250).

A powder horn of bull horn, the upper end pared down and polished, the remainder engraved with the royal arms and supporters, fetched £10 15s. (\$53.75).

WELSH CHURCH BILL ADVANCED

Passes Second Reading for Third Time in Commons.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, April 21.—The Welsh disestablishment bill passed its second reading for the third time, under the provisions of the Parliament act to-day. The vote was 349 to 245.

PRINCESS HURT IN AUTO CRASH.

Aunt of Prince Ernst of Brunswick Taken to Hospital.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

BAYONNE, April 21.—Princess Frederic of Hanover was seriously injured in an automobile collision here to-day and was taken to a hospital with her chauffeur and valet, who were also hurt. A big touring car crashed into the royal limousine and knocked it into a ditch.

HOUSE OF COMMONS IN UPROAR.

Bonar Law Charges Government With Provoking Uprising.

LONDON, April 21.—Bonar Law, leader of the Opposition, made a demand in the House of Commons to-day for a judicial inquiry into the naval and military movements planned in view of the possibility of trouble in Ulster. The demand was refused by Premier Asquith. The discussion gave rise to rival demonstrations by the Government and its opponents.

Unionists accuse the Government of a plot to provoke an uprising in Ulster and say that the purpose of the recent military movements is Premier Asquith, in refusing the demand for an inquiry, said that these charges were false and challenged Mr. Law to make them in the House. Mr. Law retorted that the statements made by the Premier and his colleagues had been proved untrue.

After the two leaders had taken turns in challenging each other to produce proofs, Mr. Law said he would wait for the promised white paper on the subject and would then determine on a course of action.

LION KILLS MISSIONARY.

R. W. Tidrick of Iowa Meets Death in Egypt.

LONDON, April 21.—Ralph W. Tidrick of Iowa, a United Presbyterian missionary who was attacked by a lion in the Egyptian Sudan last week, was killed by his morning, according to a despatch received to-day from Khartoum.

Mr. Tidrick was torn by the animal at his quarters at Deleh Hill, on the Sobal River. There was no physician nearer than Khartoum. The injured man was put on a boat and taken to Khartoum, the trip occupying six days. The travelling and the loss of blood so weakened him that he failed to respond to the stimulants administered by the surgeons.

FRANCE GIVES ROYAL WELCOME TO KING

Paris Joins British Monarchs in Celebrating the Entente Cordiale.

CITY IS ILLUMINATED

President Poincare Is Host of Visitors at Banquet at Elysee Palace.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, April 21.—King George and Queen Mary of Great Britain arrived here this evening on the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the entente cordiale between France and England. Had the visitor been France's ally the Czar, instead of her friend King George, who is making his first visit to Paris since he ascended the throne, he could not have been more heartily welcomed. Persons who have seen many royalties arrive and many public ceremonies say they have never seen the route lined with so many enthusiasts as it was to-day.

The glorious sunshine which has flooded Paris for the past four days, together with the convenience of the hour of arrival of the British sovereigns, on the first visit they have made to another nation since they became King and Queen, undoubtedly had much to do with attracting the great crowd, but there was no mistake about their popularity with the thousands who thronged the Champs Elysees.

Decorations Ineffective.

Nothing was ever seen like the crowds which thronged the streets this evening to see the illuminations and decorations. The decorations, however, failed to decorate and they gave no sign of the artistic taste with which France is generally credited. The decorations on the Avenue de l'Opera were especially ineffective, while those on the Rue Royale were unfinished. The Rue de la Paix was better. It blazed with electricity, but the effect was marred to a noticeable extent by the leading dressmakers combining their advertisements with the decorations.

The police evidently did not anticipate such an outpouring and there were only the ordinary number for regulating traffic. It took a cab an hour to drive a mile and a quarter from the Boulevard des Capucines to the Place de la Concorde. Crowds swarmed everywhere, even clinging to the backs of carriages and automobiles which moved along at a snail's pace.

Two hundred covers were laid for the dinner to the royal party at the Elysee Palace to-night. President Poincare escorted Queen Mary, who was dressed in white silk. King George, who was in the uniform of an Admiral, gave his arm to Mme. Poincare, who wore an old rose liberty dress with English point lace. The table was arranged in the shape of a horseshoe, with King George and President Poincare in the centre. President Poincare sat on the King's right and Queen Mary at the right of the French President. Mme. Poincare sat on the left of King George. Ex-President Fallieres and Mme. Fallieres were among the guests.

Consecration of Friendship.

President Poincare in offering a toast to the British royal family referred to the welcome which he received when he visited London. He said the visit of the King and Queen is "a striking consecration of a friendship which has undergone the test of time and experience has shown its permanent efficacy."

Continuing, President Poincare referred to France's enlightened consciousness of a patriotic duty and her joyful acceptance of the necessary sacrifices. He went on: "After long rivalry which left immortal lessons of esteem and mutual respect France and Great Britain learned to love each other and to unite their efforts. The agreement reached ten years ago under King Edward VII's clear-eyed statesmanship gave birth to a wider entente which is now one of the surest guarantees of European equilibrium."

"I have no doubt that under your Majesty's auspices these bonds of friendship will become daily closer to the great benefit of civilization and universal peace."

King George, in his reply, expressed his pleasure at being in France for the tenth anniversary "of the agreements whereby our two countries have peacefully regulated all questions which have divided them, from which have arisen the intimate, cordial relations which are uniting us to-day."

The King thanked President Poincare for his reference to King Edward and Queen Mary. He declared that he would never forget his reception. He concluded by offering a toast to France and President Poincare, the protocol presumably preventing him from naming Mme. Poincare.

FIXES HIGH MINIMUM WAGE.

Washington Commission Sets \$10 for Women in Industries.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 21.—The State Wage Commission after a late session tonight formally established \$10 a week as a minimum wage for women employed in mercantile establishments.

MAUDE ADAMS AIDS AMATEURS.

Gives Property to Wadleigh Girls for Shakespearean Play.

Maude Adams has been the good angel of the Wadleigh High School girls, who are to act on Thursday "A Midsummer Night's Dream," as a part of the city Shakespearean celebration. It is due to Miss Adams' interest in their undertaking that they will have scenery and lights to help the illusion of Oberon's kingdom on their platform, and Miss Adams' stage manager, A. Foxwell, has helped the girls to prepare the scenes they are to give.

300 EDITORS PLEDGE WAR AID TO WILSON

Associated Press Delegates Toast President, and Promise Support in Crisis.

HEARST CASE EXPLAINED

Four Old and Two New Directors Named—Officers Chosen To-day.

The Associated Press held its annual meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday in an atmosphere electric with war. Bulletins informing the members of the progress of events in Mexico were read at the morning and afternoon sessions. President Wilson's telegram expressing his regret at being unable to be the guest of the corporation spoke of "the present critical juncture," and Mayor Mitchell, who took the President's place, stirred the 300 representatives of 900 newspapers to applause and shouts of approval when he said that the press and the people, no matter what their views on ordinary occasions, were "with and behind the President in this crisis."

The spirit of war showed itself also in the lively balloting for directors to take the places of five whose terms expired and of Thomas G. Rapier of the New Orleans *Picayune*, whose directorship expired because of the consolidation of his paper with the *Times-Democrat*.

Frank B. Noyes of the *Washington Star*, W. L. McLean of the *Philadelphia Bulletin*, Adolph S. Ochs of the *New York Times* and A. C. Winsor of the *Boston Herald* were all reelected. Col. W. R. Nelson of the *Kansas City Star* refused to run again. W. Y. Morgan of the *Houston Post*, Kan. *New*, was elected to succeed him and Col. R. M. Johnston of the *Houston Post* succeeded to the place left vacant by Mr. Rapier's retirement.

Long Time for Ballots.

C. D. Morris of the *St. Joseph Gazette*, A. C. Kessinger of the *Rome Sentinel* and George B. Dealey of the *Dallas News* were the principal contenders for places on the board. About 900 papers were represented, either by delegates or through proxies, and the balloting took a long time.

To-day the directors meet to elect officers. It was said there would probably be no opposition to the reelection of the present officers, who are: Frank B. Noyes, *Washington Star*, president; Charles H. Taylor, *Boston Globe*, first vice-president; Melville E. Stone, secretary; Roy Martin, assistant secretary, and J. R. Youatt, treasurer.

Mr. Stone, as general manager of the Associated Press, spent some time explaining the suit brought by William R. Hearst to join the Associated Press in cutting off its service to the *San Francisco Examiner*. Mr. Hearst has refused to obey orders relating to the Oakland edition of the *Examiner*. Mr. Stone referred in his explanation to a resolution adopted last January by the directors, which stated that if Hearst's action in publishing an edition "under a title calculated to give the impression that it is an Oakland newspaper is not authorized by his certificate of membership and is injurious and prejudicial to the interests and welfare of the corporation."

When Mr. Stone had finished M. H. de Young of the *San Francisco Chronicle* introduced the following resolution:

"That the action of the board of directors in the matter referred to is sustained by this body as the meaning and intent of the constitution and by-laws of the Associated Press."

The resolution was passed without a dissenting vote.

Editors May See Fair.

There was some discussion of the possibility of holding the next annual meeting in San Francisco, where the Panama Exposition will be in progress, but the proposal was dropped upon the advice of the corporation's counsel that under the law it could not hold its meetings outside of this State. It is probable, however, so some of the members said, that an excursion will be arranged which will result in the members visiting the exposition in a body.

President Noyes presided at the luncheon which divided the business session after a toast to the President Mr. Stone read this despatch from Mr. Wilson:

"I am sincerely sorry not to be present at the luncheon of the Associated Press to-day. I looked forward to it with real pleasure, but I am sure that those present will approve of my remaining in Washington at the present critical juncture to meet any duty that may unexpectedly arise."

Mayor Mitchell praised the fairness with which the newspapers had treated him and then, after speaking of his regret that President Wilson was not present, continued:

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I have lost the opportunity of demonstrating to President Wilson that the press of the United States and the people of the city of New York are with him and behind him in this crisis. Whatever may be individual opinion on the questions of policy and procedure that have been presented to the President in connection with this Mexican question during the last few months, now when we have come to a point where the President of the United States needs the support of the people and the press of the United States, I know that whatever may be individual opinion upon these questions he will not lack either."

When the applause had ended the Mayor spoke of the "tremendous problems at home," which the President had been trying to solve. In conclusion he said: "But I say again, speaking as I think I may, for all the citizens of New York, that when it comes to a situation such as that which faces this nation to-day we stand with and behind the President and prepared to do so whatever situation may be presented."

"No Monopoly on Truth."

Henry J. Allen of the *Wichita Beacon* spoke of news as "a modern commodity, subject to sale as such under pure food regulations," and added: "We fear no monopoly, for, thank God, no organization has yet a monopoly on truth."

As Mr. Stone rose to speak a woman in one of the boxes left her place. He called to her to stop, and as she halted proposed a standing toast to "the brave fellows who are standing at the front and risking their lives to tell us the truth, and to Mrs. Whiffen."

The woman, who bowed her head as the toast was drunk, was Mrs. Walter C. Whiffen, wife of the manager of the Associated Press bureau in Mexico city.

Among those who sat at the speakers' table were H. L. Bridgeman of the *Brooklyn Standard Union*, Clark Howell of the *Atlanta Constitution*, Charles Hopkins Clark of the *Hartford Courant*, W. L. Cowles of the *Spokane Spokesman*, W. J. McLean of the *Philadelphia Bulletin*, J. P. MacKay of the *Toronto Globe*, Col. William R. Nelson of the *Kansas City Star*, F. R. Martin, the Rev. Dr. Merrill, Adolph S. Ochs of the *New York Times*, Elbert H. Baker of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, Herman Ridder of the *St. Louis Dispatch*, Charles W. Knapp of the *St. Paul Republic*, Y. B. McClary, of the *Sacramento Bee*, Charles H. Grandy of the *Baltimore Star* and Col. R. M. Johnston of the *Houston Post*.

S. B. MANWARING DIVORCED.

Wife of Connecticut Democratic Committeeman Gets Child Too.

HARTFORD, April 21.—After a sudden and abrupt hearing before Judge William L. Bennett in the Superior Court this afternoon Mrs. May Caldwell Manwaring won an absolute divorce from Selden B. Manwaring, who is a member from Waterford, Conn., of the Democratic State Central Committee and at present manager of a restaurant in Grand Central station, New York.

The quick action was by agreement between counsel, and the defendant's attorney, Richard P. Freeman of New London, contented only for the custody of the thirteen-year-old boy, Philip, who is a great favorite of Commodore Morton F. Plant of New London, who is supervising his education. The decree was granted on statutory grounds.

Judge Bennett awarded the custody of the boy to Mrs. Manwaring with permission for the lad to visit his father at reasonable intervals. Manwaring was married fifteen years ago in Wethersfield, and is well known politically and as the manager of the Oswegatchie House, at the New London shore.

ASTOR IMPROVES RAPIDLY.

Wedding May Take Place April 30 After All.

Vincent Astor continued to improve yesterday. The physicians attending him are confident that his complete recovery is a matter of days only.

The fact that Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Huntington, the parents of Miss Helen Huntington, who is to be married to Mr. Astor, was scheduled for April 30, have said nothing to the contrary, leads friends to believe that the ceremony will take place as announced. Nevertheless no invitations have been sent out.

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AUSTRIAN RULER IMPROVES.

Physicians Say There is No Reason for Apprehension.

VIENNA, April 21.—Emperor Francis Joseph passed a good night last night and his condition is described as satisfactory. In a statement given out at the palace this morning it was said that the aged monarch's temperature was 97.5. His appetite was good. The attending physicians said there was no cause for apprehension in the Emperor's general condition.

This official bulletin was issued to-day: "The slight improvement in the Emperor's health which began yesterday continues in a gratifying manner. His Majesty passed a quiet night and had a refreshing sleep. His appetite is satisfactory and his general condition good. The Emperor rose at 4 o'clock this morning."

FROHMAN GETS NEW COMEDY.

"The Beautiful Adventure" to Be Seen Here Next Season.

LONDON, April 21.—Charles Frohman, who has just returned from Paris, has obtained the rights to a comedy entitled "The Beautiful Adventure," which will be shown in New York next winter. Mr. Frohman says it is the greatest comedy produced in Paris to-day.

SLAYER OF TEACHER AN IDIOT, SAYS LAWYER

McIntyre Announces Lunacy Plea for Jean Gianini, Who Killed Lida Beecher.

John F. McIntyre, who has been engaged to defend Jean Gianini, in jail at Herkimer, N. Y., charged with the murder of his school teacher, Miss Lida Beecher, announced yesterday that when the trial is called on May 1 before Judge Devendorf in Herkimer county the contention would be made that Gianini had been an imbecile since early youth and should be sent to an asylum.

"The boy has already been examined by three of the best known alienists in New York," said Mr. McIntyre. "Their conclusion that he is an idiot is based not only on their examination of the prisoner in the jail, but on the history of his case. I expect to have two more specialists examine him before the trial begins."



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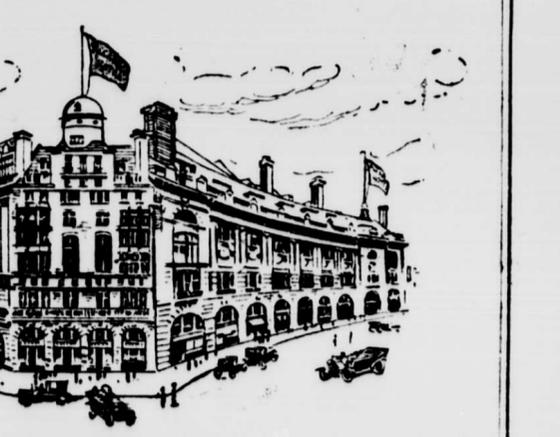
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