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**OVER 300 LIVES LOST IN MINE**

**Disaster in England Brings Desolation to Scores of Families.**

**BISHOP CONDUCTS PRAYER SERVICE IN OPEN AIR**

**Eight Survivors Rescued, Although Volunteers Are Equipped With Helmets.**

**WOLTON, England, Dec. 21.**—More than a hundred men lost their lives today in the explosion in the Little Hulton mine of the Hulton Colliery company, a short distance from this city. The explosion occurred early this morning, soon after the miners had entered the pit. Its force was terrific and investigation showed that the lower galleries had been blocked.

Heroic efforts were made by rescue parties all day, but a fire, which followed the explosion, prevented the rescuers from penetrating beyond 400 yards to the workings.

At 3:20 tonight the rescuers were called to the mine and a conference was held at which Government Inspector General, the engineers and the mine manager were present. Inspector General issued a report, after making a detailed inspection of the mine, in which he said it was impossible that any of the miners would still alive.

**No Way to Rescue.**

It is added that nothing could be done except to bring up twenty bodies found near the shaft. This report was communicated to the anxious crowd of the pit mouth, after which the men of Manchester conducted a touché service in the open air, and the people slowly dispersed.

No explanation is given as to the cause of the explosion, which completely sealed the mine.

This is the second great mine disaster in England this year, an explosion having occurred in the Wellington colliery at Wakefield, Cumberland, on May 12, in which 25 miners were killed. The explosion today resulted in the temporary disablement of the machinery in the cages and lowered and stopped the surface and it was considered time before the first rescue party reached the bottom of the pit.

**Right Brought Out.**

All they brought out eight men still alive, but the majority of those were in condition from the explosion. Ten bodies also were removed. Twenty additional bodies were found covered by heavy falls of coal. Late tonight the colliery fans were started and the air was found to be fairly good. Arrangements were made for rescuers to get every man out of the mine. The rescue party was throughout the night. Toward midnight two more miners were found. They were terribly burned and in critical condition.

It was announced that forty bodies had been collected at the bottom of the shaft. It is believed that the bodies of the men who were killed in the explosion, and relatives, and women, are lingering in the vicinity of the shaft.

The incident was the death of a man, who, anxious to reach his two comrades who were entombed, got in advance of the rescue party and was killed. The rescue party has sent a message of sympathy to the families of the victims.

**NEW RAILROAD PRESIDENT WAS ONCE DAY LABORER**

**Southern Pacific Official Becomes Head of Illinois Central Railroad.**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 21.**—Charles H. Johnson, recently identified with the Illinois Central railroad, was today elected president of the Illinois Central railroad. Mr. Johnson, who succeeded Mr. J. M. Harlan as president of the Illinois Central, was formerly a vice president and general traffic manager of the Southern Pacific railroad. Mr. Harlan has been with the Illinois Central for twenty years. He was elected to the position of vice president of the company in 1907, and is now a director. The new president is a former laborer, who worked on the Illinois Central railroad for a number of years. He is a native of Texas.

**LET FOR U. S. CONTROL OF RATES, NOT OF STOCKS**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 21.**—Robert S. Lovett, president of the Southern Pacific railroad, today told a commission that he was in favor of federal supervision of rates, but not of federal control of the stocks of the railroad companies. Mr. Lovett said that he did not oppose federal regulation of rates, but that he did not believe that the government should have full power to control the rates of the railroads. He said that he was in favor of federal control of the rates, but not of federal control of the stocks of the railroad companies.

**Expressmen's Strike.**

**PHILADELPHIA, Mass., Dec. 21.**—A strike of all the union men in the express business in Philadelphia was declared today. The strikers are demanding that the express companies should be allowed to employ non-union men. The strikers are demanding that the express companies should be allowed to employ non-union men.

**CLEVELAND OIL CO. IS RAIDED BY UNCLE SAM**

**Government Agents Arrest Officers Charged With Using Mails to Defraud.**

**ACCUSE BOSTON PROMOTER**

**Head of Redeemable Investment Corporation Said to Have Misrepresented His Assets.**

**Raid made by government officials yesterday on the Cleveland Oil Co. in Los Angeles, and the Redeemable Investment company in Boston. Officers of both concerns were charged with misrepresenting their assets and using the mails wrongfully.**

**LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 21.**—The offices of the Cleveland Oil company, operating in the Kern county oil fields, were raided by federal officers late today. W. J. Batchelder, secretary, and G. G. Gillett, said to be interested in the sale of stock, were arrested, charged with using the mails to defraud. Both were released on bonds of \$5000 each.

The arrests followed indictments returned today by the federal grand jury at the instigation of Postoffice Inspector J. H. C. Wilson. It is understood that warrants were also issued for others connected with the company. The examination of Batchelder and Gillett was for December 31.

The corporation, capitalized at \$1,000,000, was organized for the purpose of acquiring oil-bearing land in Kern county. Land with wells was purchased, but the guaranty was made that the production was 300 barrels a day, when in reality it was only thirty, according to the federal officers.

The federal inspectors further say that the information secured leads them to brand the concern as one of the biggest stock swindles which has ever been worked in this state.

It is also reported that other concerns are under investigation, and that the raid today is only a beginning of a general cleaning up of concerns using the mails for the purposes of fraudulent promotion.

**INVESTMENT CO. RAIDED FOR MISUSE OF THE MAILS**

**Government Agents Arrest the Treasurer of a Boston Concern.**

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.**—In explanation of the arrest and indictment today in Boston of John F. Bradburn, treasurer of the Redeemable Investment company of that city, the postoffice department tonight said the mails were used to defraud by him and his associates in exploitation of the Okoganan Development company, the Boston & Canada Lumber company and the Santo Domingo Mining company, all of which have offices in Boston.

The department's statement said in part: "The Okoganan Development company claimed to have enormous assets in the state of Washington and represented its property worth millions. It was found that it was bought for \$3000 and owed \$1000 of that sum yet."

"The Boston & Canada Lumber company claimed to own about 24,000 acres in the province of Saskatchewan, it is said."

"The company simply held a contract to purchase these lands, and the contract has never been made. The company's equity was practically worthless."

The Norman Plass Lumber company claimed to hold an extensive tract in British Columbia reputed to be worth millions. On investigation it was found that the property was practically worthless."

"The Santo Domingo company was a stock-selling scheme, and although it was a stock-selling scheme, it was evidently for the purpose of deceiving stockholders, as the company had made no earnings."

The Redeemable Investment company also claimed to own iron and coal property in New Mexico worth a million dollars. As a matter of fact it had not acquired such property. The company had defrauded the public out of large sums of money."

**ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.**—Postoffice inspectors and federal marshals seized the department of the company today. The department of the company was seized by the federal marshals and the company was seized by the federal marshals.

**ASKS CONGRESS TO HOLD BACK ALASKA COAL PATENTS**

**Resolution Urges Congress to Keep Grip on Lands Until Change in Laws Is Considered.**

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.**—A concurrent resolution was introduced today by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska, requesting the president to direct that all department action for a transfer of coal lands in Alaska and to the issuance of patents for them be suspended until the department has had an opportunity to consider and act on the president's recommendation for a change in the coal land laws.

The resolution is intended to prevent the local land officers from being instructed to accept new filings or to permit any other action whereby new rights or claims to these lands may be acquired.

**FAILS TO WIN WAGER AND MAY LOSE HIS LIFE**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 21.**—William Quinn bet \$10 that he could swim the East river tonight with the thermometer 12 degrees below freezing. He lost his wager and may lose his life. The icy water sapped his strength in just one minute, and he was pulled to shore unconscious.

**Snow in Rocky Mountains.**

**DENVER, Dec. 21.**—Snow is falling heavily today throughout Utah, western Colorado and northern New Mexico and Arizona. The storm is working in southeastern Utah and shows no indications of ceasing. From three to six inches have fallen. Temperatures are mild.

**PHILADELPHIA FIREMEN TALK WITH MEN IMPRISONED BENEATH BLAZING RUINS.**

**MORE THAN TWENTY LIVES ARE KNOWN TO BE LOST**

**Cincinnati Also Scene of Disaster Which Brings Death to Three Brave Men.**

**PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.**—More than a score of lives were snuffed out last night as the result of a fire which destroyed the leather goods factory of D. Friedlander, 1115 to 1130 North Bodine street, and as many more were injured, many of them fatally.

While the firemen were fighting the flames from the roofs of adjoining dwellings, the south wall of the factory collapsed, burying nearly two score of firemen. As soon as the extent of the calamity became known, policemen were hurried to the scene and an effort made to save those who were still alive in the debris, by tearing down the north wall, which was tottering. This body of policemen had scarcely got to work when the north wall crashed upon them.

At the time of this second fall between twenty-five and thirty policemen and firemen were at work directly under the high mass of bricks. When the second crash came, fifteen of them managed to rush to safety, but others were crushed beneath tons of bricks and girders.

Eleven dead policemen and firemen have been taken from under the north wall and nine from beneath the south wall. Four bodies can be seen lying under the ruins, but the work of rescuing them is necessarily slow, owing to the ice-covered beams and bricks, which were hard to handle.

The blaze was first discovered about 10 o'clock, and in less than half an hour the interior of the building was a furnace. Unable to fight the flames from the roof of the doomed structure, firemen climbed to the roofs of three small dwellings adjoining.

It was here that the accident occurred. Scattered about on the three small structures at every vantage point were nearly forty men, while clinging to their icy ladders, which were leaning against the south wall of the leather factory, were Patrick Carroll, George Machinsky and John Carroll, all of engine company No. 7.

**Big Wall Collapses.**

The men on the houses saw their danger first and called a warning to their comrades on the ladder, but no sudden was able to escape the rain of bricks, twisted beams and girders.

With a roar the five-story mass crumbled, carrying either death or injury to every man who, a moment before, had stood ice-covered trying to save adjoining property.

The scene which followed was sickening. The hands of gallons of water had already been thrown into the burning building and there was at least two feet of icy water in the cellar.

The first two bodies to be taken from the debris were those of Patrick Carroll and George Machinsky. Their heads were rescued almost beyond recognition. A few moments later the body of Charles Erdman was pulled from beneath a heavy girder and John Carroll's body was taken out shortly afterwards. Erdman's face was buried in a mass of ice and John Carroll was frozen.

**Talk With Rescuers.**

A hurry call was sent to all nearby hospitals and the police department for ambulances were at the scene. As the injured firemen were lifted from beneath the debris they were ministered to by the priests who had rushed to the fire from St. Peter's German Catholic church, two blocks away.

While the injured were being removed from one side of the building, the groans of other firemen could be heard at the other end of the burning structure. William Glazier of engine company No. 6, and Harry Betolet of engine company No. 2, who were pinned by heavy girders, were able to talk with the rescuers and direct their work.

John Carroll of engine company No. 7, a brother of Patrick Carroll, and Harry Betolet of engine company No. 2, were both alive. The men are continually talking with the rescuers and directing them in the removal of heavy timbers.

Three hundred policemen are now endeavoring to tear the north wall down so that it may not fall in upon the men yet in the ruins.

**Ice Mask Saves Face.**

Superintendent Taylor hurried 300 policemen to the scene with instructions to tear the wall down at all hazards to prevent it from falling upon the half-frozen and seriously injured men who were alive, and further burying the probable dead.

William Glazier was rescued from beneath the debris he was almost frozen. Erdman, whose body was beneath him, was frozen stiff. The ice mask, which was formed by a perfect layer of ice, saved his face.

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**THREE FIREMEN BURNED BENEATH FALLEN WALLS**

**Cincinnati Disaster Worse Than First Reports Described It.**

**CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.**—With a dozen streets still lying under the smoldering ruins of the fire that destroyed a block of Cincinnati's manufacturing district early this morning, the recapitulation of the loss in life and property has been completed and shows the disaster to be larger than any of the estimates placed during the progress of the conflagration.

The final count, taken this afternoon, shows that three men lost their lives, six were injured, one perhaps fatally, while the property loss is \$2,082,000, covered by insurances of \$1,400,000.

The origin of the blaze at both the Krippendorf & Nest company's plant and the A. J. Nurre warehouse is unknown, but the manner in which the huge building burned like tinder forces the belief upon the fire department that the blaze was the result of incendiarism.

It is certain now that the body of Charles Schwengel, ladderman of fire company No. 15, is buried under the ruins.

**"THE GREATEST DRIVE YET," EQUALED**

**John D. Rockefeller Takes His Turn.**

**THREE CHINESE "GET" A HOLDUP**

**Laundrymen Disregard Loaded Gun and Conquer After a Desperate Battle.**

**BAD MAN WITH GUN IS FELLED BY CLEVER**

**Has Skull Cleft in Two Places, but Will Survive His Injuries.**

**After a desperate and bloody battle, a masked holdup was overcome by three Chinese laundrymen about 6:40 o'clock Wednesday night and when the holdup had been removed to the police station he was in a condition that would have meant the death of most men. His skull was cleft in the back, fractured in front, his jaw broken and he sustained numerous other minor injuries.**

**CHICAGO, Dec. 21.**—Managers of sixty-one western railroads tomorrow will give their final answer to demands of the engineers for a wage increase.

Labor Commissioner Neill, who has been acting as government mediator in the wage dispute, tonight informed the railroad managers' committee that the engineers refused to concede a single point in their demands. He held an all-day consultation with representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

While local members of the brotherhood still express the hope that the entire difficulty will be settled by arbitration, they admit that the dispatches indicate a decidedly unsettled look as to the final outcome.

Railroad officials still believe there will be no walkout, but that the matter will be settled by arbitration.

As heretofore announced in the Tribune, every railroad west of Chicago would be affected by the walkout with the exception of the Denver & Rio Grande, the Western Pacific and the Colorado Midland, and it is possible that the locomotive engineers of these roads would be called out on a sympathetic strike before many days.

**PAVE STREET WITH SILVER IN DENVER BY MISTAKE**

**Fortion of Dump Where Silver Bullion Was Run Off Years Ago Is Used Till Smelter People Object.**

**DENVER, Dec. 21.**—If residents who live on Sixth avenue will not have a chance to tread the streets paved with silver while here, for at least a part of that thoroughfare is paved with that metal. The street is being surfaced with slag from the dump of the old Grant smelter, and a portion of the dump, where a quantity of silver bullion was run off by mistake many years ago, was used before the fact was discovered. The American Smelting and Refining company owns the dump and has stopped the removal of the valuable deposit.

**CORPSE SENT IN BARREL BY ALLEGED GRAVE ROBBERS**

**JARVIS, Ontario, Dec. 21.**—The mystery of the body shipped from here in a barrel, first to Toronto and then to Montreal, turns out to be a case of body-snatching. Tonight provincial officials arrested John McSorley, consignor of the barrel. The body is believed to be that of a man named Johnson, who died on November 19, two days before the body was shipped.

**BECAUSE you are busy now is no excuse for not advertising.**

**NEW PHASE OF SUGAR FRAUDS**

**Agents Probe Plot by Which Uncle Sam May Have Lost Millions.**

**GOVERNMENT PAYS REBATE WITHOUT DUE INSPECTION**

**Investigators Say Sawdust Would Have Passed Inspectors.**

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.**—Customs experts from the treasury and special agents of the department of justice are making an investigation which promises to add another chapter to the sugar frauds.

An alleged abuse of the drawback privileges, principally at New York, is under investigation and one official says the revelations promise to put the government in position to recover nearly as much as in the underweight cases, when more than \$3,000,000 was paid to the treasury.

When sugar is imported it pays a duty, unless coming from the Philippines, and when it is manufactured into a product and in that form exported, the duty is refunded in the form of a "drawback" except 1 per cent, which is retained to defray the cost of tariff administration.

Under this arrangement sugar is imported raw, exported as syrup and many other by-products of sugar. On each of these the treasury makes "drawback" refunds. About \$7,000,000 is paid in that way each year, and half that amount is drawn back on exports of sugar.

Officials say that frauds in sugar extending over several years could easily run into a large amount.

Some of the investigations are said to have shown that the government has been defrauded in the "drawbacks" it has allowed on syrups.

It is charged that the refunds have been paid on high grades of sugar commanding high duties, while in fact a very low grade of sugar was used.

Under the system of examination, the customs authorities are confronted with the probability that they may have been paying drawbacks on amounts which were not sugar at all, but might, in fact, have been sawdust as far as the usual inspection developed.

**WANT TO LIVE 1000 YEARS? EASY IF YOU KNOW HOW**

**You Must First Learn the Language of Times Before Noah, Says W. F. Colling.**

**CHICAGO, Dec. 21.**—A thousand years of life will be easy just as soon as the prehistoric and fabulous language is found and deciphered. So says Walter Freeman Colling, author of "Science of Comparative Mythology" and other works.

"He asserts all matter is alive, and that all species of plants and animals are related by common descent and that words, crystals, minerals and atoms are living bodies formed of indestructible and living-conscious, ultimate particles."

"The restoration of ancient science," he said, "which will come with the discovery and deciphering of the lost Titanic language, will bring with it command over the lightning, the sun, the moon, the unlimited power, the control of all climatic and meteorological conditions, the abolition of poverty and the vast prolongation of human life and the ultimate perfection of human society."

"The secret of the prospective abolition of old age and the death of the discoverer of the lost language, the processes of which are the key to all mythical mysteries."

**6000 BIBLES FOR HOTELS; WILL NOT BE CHAINED**

**Gideons, Christian Traveling Man, Will Supply Chicago Hostelry With Scriptures for Each Guest.**

**CHICAGO, Dec. 21.**—Six thousand Bibles are to be placed in the hotel bedrooms of Chicago.

They will not be chained down. If a guest steals a Bible to read it, the book will be replaced and the loss charged to the credit account, because the purpose of the project is to encourage Bible reading.

The Gideons, an association of Christian traveling men of the United States, back the movement.

The Bibles are to be delivered to the hotel bedrooms at 3 o'clock p. m. on the last day of the year. The delivery will be made by 1000 young men from the churches and other religious organizations.

The Bible carriers will be formed into a procession at Central Y. M. C. A. and march to a central point in the loop district, where they will break ranks and go to the various hotels.

**DEBATE ON PINCHOT REPORT DEMANDED BY NEBRASKAN**

**Representative Hitchcock Asks That Various Findings Be Discussed and Voted on Next Month.**

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.**—A resolution calling for a rule to bring the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy before the house of representatives for debate in January was offered today by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska. It provided that all reports shall be placed before the house on the last Tuesday in January for debate and action.

The three reports now in the hands of the agricultural committee are those of the majority of the committee, who sustain Ballinger; the report of the minority, who find Ballinger worthy of censure; and of Representative Madison, insurgent Republican, who presented an independent report also adverse to Ballinger.

The resolution was referred to the rules committee.

**Indictments Returned.**

**HELLENA, Mont., Dec. 21.**—The federal grand jury submitted its report today to Judge Ruseh and was discharged. The jury has been in session about three weeks and returned forty-seven indictments, chiefly liquor, postoffice and fencing cases. Six indictments were made public save where the defendants have already been arrested. The indictments were turned over to the marshal for service.

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**WILEY'S FRIEND ARRESTED AS BAD FOOD PURVEYOR**

**Consul for Republic of Panama Accused of Misbranding and Adulterating Headache Powders.**

**CHICAGO, Dec. 21.**—A Gilbert Wheeler, 79 years old, consul for the republic of Panama and a decade ago a professor in chemistry at the University of Chicago, was arrested yesterday on orders of Assistant United States District Attorney Hildner, charged with misbranding and adulterating headache powders. The aged man is president of a concern which manufactures a powder, the label on the packages of which declares that it is "pure and effective" and a cure for various ailments.

"Arrest the consul of the republic of Panama," the aged chemist said after he had been taken to the United States marshal's office. "You'll find yourself mixed up in international complications."

"And just to think Dr. Wiley, the government's pure food expert, and I used to sleep in the same bed," he said later.

**FIFTY PLEAD GUILTY TO SELLING THEIR VOTES**

**MANCHESTER, O., Dec. 21.**—Fifty Republicans and Democrats of Adams county today pleaded guilty to indictments charging the sale of their votes at the November election, and were distracted for from five to seven years and fined \$25 and costs.

These pleas came simultaneously with the return of seventy-nine indictments for vote-selling, making a total of 211 persons indicted on this charge.

**Johnson to Be Professor.**

**ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 21.**—Clarence T. Johnson, state irrigation engineer of Wyoming, was appointed professor of surveying in the University of Michigan today. He spent two years in Egypt for the United States department of agriculture, investigating irrigation problems.