THREE RESCUE PARTIES FAIL TO SAVE VICTIMS OF BIG LAKE DISASTER

Twenty-Two Men Under Erie, Including 10 Who Tried to Aid Others—Gas Fumes Halt Efforts to Reach Imprisoned Workmen.

Cleveland, July 26—Federal officials investigating the water works tunnel disaster under Lake Erie yesterday afternoon ordered all attempts to reach the bodies of 12 men still in the tunnel abandoned until today.

Tests of the gas in the tunnel through which the rescuers had to pass showed that it is highly explosive and the officials feared a second explosion. An attempt will be made to pump out the gas.

All hope that any of the 12 trapped men are alive has been abandoned. Ten bodies, those of members of two rescue parties which tried to reach the doomed men, but themselves succumbed to the gas, are in the morgue.

Four investigations, city, county, state and federal, will be started today to determine the cause of the gas explosion near the five-mile crib end of the tunnel. The lack of safety devices, such as gas helmets and pulmotors, at the crib and shore ends of the 16,000 foot tunnel also will be investigated.

Third Party Successful.

The efforts of Gustav C. Van Duzen, superintendent of Water Works Construction, and the members of the two rescue parties to reach the imprisoned men without gas helmets or pulmotors resulted in the increase in the death list. Yesterday afternoon a third rescue party, equipped with these safety devices, entered the tunnel and recovered the rescuers, 10 of whom were dead. Van Duzen was among the rescuers who were revived.

Headed by D. J. Parker and L. M. Jones of the United States Bureau of Mines, who arrived here from Pittsburgh with the mine rescue car, the third party of rescuers penetrated 200 feet into the tunnel from the crib end. Five men were with the two experts and even equipped with the gas helmets they found difficulty in making their way, so heavy was the gas. They found that the force of the explosion had torn up the small car tracks on the bottom of the tunnel and had twisted air and conduit pipes.

With their safety lanterns they could see at the far end of the tunnel that a large cave-in had occurred. They did not spend much time investigating the condition of the tunnel as they were concerned with getting out the bodies of the rescuers who were scattered along the tunnel. They carried all the men back to the air lock and finally brought them up to the crib.

Wiring Believed Faulty

From what they could learn of conditions in the tunnel Parker and Jones declared their belief that the workers' bodies are buried in seven or eight feet of debris and that it will be the work of at least two days to dig them out.

According to the Federal investigators the electric wiring in the tunnel was faulty. After they had entered the tunnel with the rescue party they ordered the electric power shut off. They would not give an opinion as to the cause of the explosion but many think that some workman probably jabbed his pick into a large pocket of gas which caused the blast. Others say that a crossed light wire may have been the cause.

How Rescuers Died

The first rescue party consisted of seven men. Four of them perished and three were saved. The second rescue party comprised 11 men. Six of these lost their lives. The first party accomplished nothing. The second saved one of the first relief expedition. First intimation of the disaster came when William J. Dolan, lock tender in the air chamber at the entrance to the tunnel, heard an explosion about 9:30 p. m.

He was thrown against the door leading from the air chamber into the tunnel. This door was jammed by the blast and fumes poured out of the tunnel, almost overcoming him. He finally managed to close it and, releasing the high pressure from the air chamber, opened the door leading to the crib above and gave the alarm to men at the surface of the lake.

Supt. John Johnson summoned volunteers and led the first rescue party of volunteers down the elevator and into the tunnel. One hundred and fifty feet from the bottom of the shaft they began to stumble, crumple and fall, overcome by fumes. Dolan, who had resumed his pot in the air chamber, rushed after them and, summoning help, saved three.

Two hours later Van Duzen organized the second rescue party, and found Michael Keogh of the first rescue party still alive and dragged him out. They went in again, only to suffer the same fate which had befallen the first party. Finally four of them managed to stagger back to safety. The others did not come out until the third rescue party was organized.

The section of the tunnel where the men were working is 1,700 feet from shore and 50 feet under the surface of the lake.

BAND CONCERT PROGRAM.

Following is the program to be rendered by Bridgeport Marine band at Lafayette park, at 8 o'clock, Thursday evening, July 27:

"The Crown Prince," march, C. M. Bennet.
"William Tell," overture, Rossini.
"Ermani," selection, Verdi.
"Blue Danube," waltz, Johann Strauss.
"Reminiscences of Wagner Opera," arr. by Tobani.
"Lucia di Lammermoor," selection, Donizetti.
National Emblem, march.
"The Star Spangler Banner."
Silvio Petrini, Conductor.

JUNK BUSINESS GOOD

Washington, July 26.—Junk men in the United States collected $114,000,000 worth of scrap iron and other metals last year, the geological survey announced today.

HE COULD NOT GO UP STAIRS WITHOUT RESTING

Mr. G. S. Fournier, 428 Park Ave., Says Lax-a-Tono Restored Health.

Mr. Fournier for many years a resident in Bridgeport tells an interesting story of how he was transformed from a broken down man to almost perfect health with the great remedy, Lax-a-Tono now being introduced by a special representative of the company at Hartigan's Drug Store, 81 Fairfield avenue, near Main street. Mr. Fournier says:

"For more than a year I have suffered torments was gas, belching of wind, bloat and pain. This trouble was pronounced as intestinal indigestion. I was very weak, was completely run down and my kidneys were very bad. I was unable to walk up stairs without stopping to rest and was getting worse every day. I have spent many dollars in the past six months, but got no relief and was at my wits' end when a friend advised Lax-a-Tone. I have taken this remedy for the past two weeks, am better in every way and get upstairs without losing my breath. I am elated over this remedy and wish to indorse it."

Herbal Lax-a-Tone is for sale at Hartigan's Drug Stores, 82 Fairfield avenue and Main and Congress streets.—Adv.

BASSICK AVENUE "SPOTLESS STREET" SWIMMING IN OIL

Carpetings Destroyed Through Tracking of Shoes, Soaked With Oil From Roadway.

Bassick avenue from Fairfield avenue to State street is fairly swimming in oil and residents, most of whom own their homes there, are complaining bitterly of the manner in which the street has been sprinkled by the public works department. All the houses on the street are one-family cottages. Their owners take great pride in keeping the street clean and their lawns and hedges trimmed. The sidewalks are swept every day and the walks kept clean. Next the curb on both sides the entire length of the street there is a grass plot and at frequent intervals there are shade trees. For years this has been a Spotless Street but it is spotless no longer.

Now the housewives and property owners complain that veranda rugs, carpets, floors, etc., have been ruined by the oil tracked in from the street, while the walks, kitchen and veranda floors, everywhere, bear daubs and stains from the oil. Early in the season the street, which has a macadam roadbed, was given a coating of oil. Only a few days ago another and most generous coating was applied. The heavy storms which preceded the second oiling of the street, left it in such condition that the oil did not readily soak in. Then came rainfall every day and in consequence the sewers are over-running with dirty water on top of which floats a thick crust of oil. This is splashed about by persons crossing the street, tracked along the walks and into the houses.

Residents have been told the oil is good thing and those who have children need not fear infantile paralysis as the oil kills germs. While there is a grain of comfort in this statement many of the women wonder how they are to replace carpets and rugs ruined by the oil stains. Several of the property owners along the street have met the situation by sprinkling fine gravel on the cement walks in front of their homes. The gravel takes up most of the oil from the shoes of passersby and prevents the spread of the staining fluid.

REPUBLICANS GIVE UP IDEA OF HAVING THEIR ANNUAL OUTING

As predicted in The Farmer several weeks ago there will be no general Republican outing this year as has been the custom for years. There are two reasons. One is that despite the numbers that have attended in years past there has always been a deficit of from $300 to $400 which the Republican town committee had to make good. Another reason is that there are no candidates in whom the local machine operators are interested enough to give the opportunity to speak before a big gathering of this character. The Republican committeemen also realize that they are in for a strenuous campaign this fall. They believe all their energies will be required in directions which forbid their giving time or attention to a big outing.

Action On Army Bill Expected In Senate

Washington, July 26.—Passage of the army bill carrying more than $100,000,000 increases over those measures was looked for in the Senate.

The Senate yesterday provided in the bill for a counsel of national defense to comprise the secretaries of war, navy and interior, the army chief of staff, a navy officer and not more than six industrial experts.

DR. ROWE'S CAR HIT

While Dr. M. J. Rowe of 521 State street was in the Stratfield last night someone ran into his automobile and damaged it to the extent of $40. He reported the occurrence to the police.

DR. WAITE CUTS HIMSELF IN YARD OF DEATH HOUSE

Poisoner of Father-in-Law Gouges Chest With Splinter of Glass.

FELLOW MURDERERS REPORT HIS ACTION

Due to Fondness of Attracting Attention, Says Warden Osborne.

New York, July 26.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, under sentence to die in the electric chair for the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, is suffering from the effects of a wound he inflicted upon himself Sunday with a piece of glass which he found in the recreation yard back of the death house at Sing Sing, it was learned yesterday.

Whether Waite cut himself with suicidal intent or not, nobody at the prison was prepared to say. Warden Osborne treated the incident lightly and said the wound was "too infinitesimal to be taken seriously at all." Waite, he said, did not even go to the hospital.

The piece of glass with which Waite inflicted the wound was a splinter about a quarter of an inch long, it was said. He cut himself on the chest by gouging the splinter into his flesh. Several other death inmates who were in the yard became alarmed when they saw blood on Waite's shirt and told the keepers.

"The cut was really too small to be called a wound," Warden Osborne told a correspondent yesterday. "I have no idea why Waite did it, unless it is just another instance of his passionate fondness for attracting attention to himself. He likes to do unusual things—things the other prisoners don't do—so that the keepers and the other prisoners will notice him.

"I noticed this trait on my first visit to the death house after my return to thep rison. All the other prisoners came to the doors of their cells to speak to me, but Waite stayed on his couch, covered with his blanket, and pretended to be asleep.

"Any one could see he was just shamming. It was a good ilustration of the character of the man. Since then other instances have been brought to my attention, so that this incident of Sunday does not surprise me."

Although the warden appeared to pay no attention to the affair, it was learned that a close watch has been kept on Waite since Sunday. The kepers believe he would end his life if an opportunity presented itself.

Waite merely laughed when the guards asked him why he inflicted the wound. He would not talk about the matter. He went back to his cell after the incident, with his usual cynical smile, and joked with other men in the death house.

GYPSIES' HORSES SHOT IN REDDING FOR INTRUDING

Irate Citizen Puts Bullets Into Animals That Wander Into His Yard.

Redding, July 26.—At the command of Charles Hingle, his father, Andrew Hingle, aged 15, on Sunday night shot with a rifle and severely wounded two horses which had strayed into the dooryard of the Hingle home at Redding Center. The horses belonged to a band of gypsies which had encamped early that evening on the premises of Mrs. John Ward Stimson nearby. One horse received a bullet in the rump and the other in the side. Their owners made no move to retaliate with violence.

Two men, the advance guard of the band, obtained permission from Mrs. Stimson on Sunday afternoon to pass the night on her grounds. Subsequently a second team arrived bearing more adults and some half dozen children. Mindful of infant paralysis Mrs. Stimson notified Town Clerk Sanford of the incursion and he and Dr. Smith, the health officer, visited the encampment. As the youngsters semed to be healthy and their elders peaceable the doctor told the party they could stay over night but no longer and ordered them to securely tether the horses. Their failure to obey the latter instruction caused the trouble.

Early Monday morning the gypsy leader called on Town Clerk Sanford asking redress, and the latter notified Grand Juror John Hohman. This official soon learned that the complainants were anxious for money compensation rather than the arrest of the Hingles and did some negotiating in an effort to effect a settlement. The elder Hingle would not listen to the proposition, refusing to pay a cent as damages and declaring that he would spend $500 to fight any legal proceedings and if forced to the alternative would go to jail and stay there. The grand juror departed without taking definite action whereupon D. R. Warner, the local humane agent, reported the case to State Agent Gardiner of New Haven. A Danbury veterinarian examined the wounded horses and said they might pull through although this was doubtful. The amount of damages which the gypsies demanded of Hingle was $200. By order of the authorities the band left the town Tuesday afternoon, leading the injured horses, and pitched their next camp at Buckley's Corner in Weston.

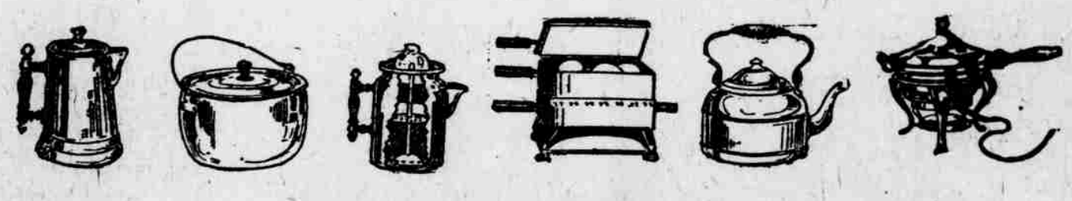
After an investigation, State Agent Gardiner announced he found grounds for a criminal prosecution but that he wouldn't act until he took the matter up with the State Humane society.

Hingle freely admitted the facts of the case and maintained his defiant attitude. It seems that two shots were fired from an upstairs window, and these not taking effect, the younger Hingle descended and fired four more at close quarters.

The gypsies said that after the criminal proceedings are out of the way they intend seeking redress by civil action.

Agent Gardiner ordered the gypsies to remain where they are until he decided the horses are fit to travel.

The dogs owned by Charles O. Perry, Robert Ferry and D. V. B. Hegary, which were bitten by the mad dog that ran amuck on the Ridge on Tuesday of last week have been taken in charge by Warden Warner and dispatched in accordance with the behests of the law. The dog of Henry Forman, the author, and the three dogs belonging to Miss J. H. Sanford are known to have been in contact with the mad dog but as they bear no marks their owners are permitted to keep them securely confined in an enclosure until they develop rabies or the danger period has passed, this period being fixed at three months. Notices were posted on Monday containing orders issued by State Commissioner Phelps for the restraint of all dogs in that part of the town lying easterly of the Newtown and Norwalk turnpike. While on the owner's premises they must be confined or chained up and while on the highway must wear a wire muzzle. The regulations go into effect at 7 p. m. on July 27 and continue in force for three months. Dogs not restrained as directed are to be taken up by the warden and killed and the offending owner is liable to a fine of $7.



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Copper Nickel Plated Tea Kettle reg. $1.25, Closing out price **89c**
Savory Enamel Roaster, $2 reg. Closing out price **$1.69**
Uncle Hiram's One Pint Can Varnish, reg. 55c, Closing out price **39c**
Uncle Hiram's Furniture Polish, reg. 50c, Closing out price **35c**
Clothes Basket, reg. $1.00, Closing out price .. **75c**

Silver Deposit Vases $2.50 reg. Closing out price **$1.98**
$2.00 **$1.48**
$2.75 **$1.98**
$1.50 **$1.10**
$9.50 **$7.50**
50c to 75c **25c**
Water Set—Jug and six glasses, $14.50 Closing out price **$9.50**
Creamer—Sugar, $1, Closing out price .. **75c pair**
Creamer—Sugar, $1.75, Closing out price .. **$1.25**
Casserole, $1.75, Closing out price **$1.25**
Casserole, $2, Closing out price **$1.48**
Mahogany Serving Tray $1.75, Closing out price **$1.19**
Comport decorated with gold $1.00 ..... **69c**
Bon Bon decorated with gold $1.00 ..... **69c**
Cut Glass Comport $8.75, Closing out price .. **$6.50**
Copper Coffee Machine, $7.50, Closing out price **$5.98**
Copper Electric Coffee Machine $10.50 Closing out price **$7.50**

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Announce Wedding of Popular Young Stratford Persons

(Special to The Farmer.)

Stratford, July 26—Surprise was expressed in Stratford today when it became known that Miss Wilhelmina C. Woodford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Woodford of Johnson avenue, became the bride of Frank J. Root, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Root of King street, Wednesday, July 12. Rev. A. M. Baggett of Main street, performed the ceremony. Both persons are widely acquainted in town. Mr. Root formerly resided in Waterbury and is a toolmaker.

The Methodist church Junior ball team won the fourth game and the series from the Cutler Junior nine yesterday afternoon, 13 to 2. The batteries for the Methodist aggregation were Broderick and Derby and for the Cutlers, J. Curtis and Hall.

Chief Allen D. Judson received a telephone call this morning informing him that a mad dog was running wildly through the streets in the South End. The chief procured his double barreled rifle and had Deputy Sheriff E. Mills Tomlinson convey him in his machine. When both officers arrived they found that a dog, the owner of which they were unable to find, was suffering from an injury he received as a result of being run over by a wagon.

Reports from the Bridgeport hospital say that Town Clerk Harold C. Lovell, who was operated upon for an infection of his left foot, is rapidly recuperating and will be able to leave that institution in about a week.

CHICKEN A REAL HOBO.

Winsted, Conn., July 26—George Ramsay, railway mail clerk, vouches for this. A crate of chickens in the express car of a New Haven train was broken at Bridgeport and the chickens were freed. All but one were caught. The train continued and at Ansonia, 18 miles away, the fireman saw the missing chicken walk out from under the engine. It had ridden the distance on the trucks.

The body of Jacob Schmutz, of Paterson, N. J., was found in the Pasaic river.

MAYOR OF DANBURY BECOMING EXPERT MILITARY AVIATOR

Ithaca, N. Y., July 26.—Mayor Anthony Sunderland of Danbury is rapidly becoming proficient as a military aviator, and is attending the aviation school here with the hope of securing a commission in the aviation corps of the regular army. It has long been his desire to become a member of the aviation corps, and now that military activities along the Mexican border have shown the need of more aviators than are at present available, it is believed that he will have little trouble in attaining the object for which he has been working.

Mayor Sunderland, who is an officer in the Connecticut National Guard, is the first municipal executive in the United States to become a military aviator, and one of the first to make a flight in an aeroplane. He is on special leave from his duties with the militia to take up aviation.

Alaskan sales to the United States in the last year aggregated $50,000,000.

FIVE ELM CITY MEN IN AUTO LAW CASES

Hartford, July 26—A variety of automobile cases were before Secretary of the State Charles D. Burnes yesterday afternoon. Many of the alleged violators of the automobile laws were charged with reckless driving, and this, the secretary informed them, also included the overloading of jitneys, a practice bound to endanger the lives of passengers. Some were charged with operating their cars while under the influence of liquor, and still others for evading the law by running without a license.

Julius Malcuit of Lime Rock, who was charged with reckless driving and intoxication, admitted being guilty of both and was told that his license would be cared for at the capitol until he cared more for operating a car than he did for drinking.

Alexander Morissey of Bridgeport, charged with being implicated in a fatal accident in that city, had his case continued until next week for the presentation of further evidence.

Albert Dow of Bridgeport, charged with being intoxicated and driving a car without a license, was deemed guilty of both offenses and his license was suspended indefinitely.

William M. Robbins of Stratford, who was charged with reckless driving while under the influence of liquor said that he had not been drinking intoxicants, unless one looked at beer as such. The secretary let him know that he did so regard it, by suspending his license for an indefinite period.

James J. Scott of New Canaan, charged with running into and damaging another automobile, lost his license for 10 days.

WARRENITE WORK GOES ON IN MANY STREETS

Despite protests from officers of the Animal Rescue League and others, the laying of Warrenite on Harrison street from Fairfield avenue to Golden Hill street has been completed. Work started today on the stretch from Golden Hill street to Washington avenue. Two blocks from State street to South avenue in Warren street have also been completed. Lafayette street from State street to South avenue will be finished this week. In Park avenue on the east side of the street, the work has been extended from Washington avenue to Laurel avenue.

Work is going on in the west side of the street and also in Laurel avenue. Work is also going on in Gilbert street, William street and Berkshire avenue. In all nearly 40 miles of Warrenite pavement are to be laid at a cost of about $500,000.

Kaiser Thinks Somme Situation Well in Hand; Goes to Eastern Front

Headquarters of the German Armies on the Somme, July 24, by courier to Berlin, July 25, via London, July 25.—Emperor William, in his talk with the Saxon and Baden military plenipotentaries today when he described the impressions resulting from his recent visit to the trenches, proclaimed his discourse with vigorous gestures. With the freshness of his color and general vitality of energy his bearing showed plainly that his health had not suffered under the long strain of the war.

The Emperor's departure for the eastern front, accompanied by General Erich von Falkenhayn, chief of the general staff, immediately after the religious service at army headquarters is taken as a sign that the responsible heads of the army consider the situation of the Somme front now well in hand and that there is no occasion for apprehension.

The Associated Press correspondent and the observation staff near Peronne, are waiting for the weather to clear sufficiently to permit military operations to begin. Noon, however, saw no lift of the clouds, which hung low until they joined hands with fogs on the Somme flats and there was no prospect of witnessing anything interesting or important, the watch was abandoned.

DISCUSS MUNITIONS TAX

Washington, July 26—The war munitions tax in the revenue bill was the subject of conference today between President Wilson and Senator Stone, a member of the finance committee.