

**THE WEATHER:**  
Showers and warmer tonight; Tuesday partly cloudy; moderate temperature; moderate to fresh south and southwest winds.

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## Lone Robber Loots Union Station Sleeper Cars

# 145 TRAPPED IN MINE AFTER GAS EXPLOSION

## FUMES BLOCK RESCUE OF MEN ENTOMBED IN DEBRIS-CHOKED SHAFT

**JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Nov. 6.**—Between 145 and 150 miners are entombed today, with almost no chance of rescue alive, following a terrific gas explosion at 7:45 o'clock this morning, in the No. 1 mine of the Reilly Coal Company at Spangler, Pa., twenty-five miles north of here.

Word from company officials received just before noon said the mine was still filled with gas and it was impossible to send rescue crews down below.

Tons of debris block the shaft 500 feet from the entrance, and the entombed men are behind this barrier with all air cut off.

Lack of air alone will kill the men in a short time, experts say.

**ONLY THREE ESCAPE ALIVE.**

A telephone message to a newspaper here at 9:30 o'clock said only three men got out alive.

Spangler is a little mining hamlet in a remote section with only one or two unreliable telephone wires working today.

The explosion took place just after the day shift had gone back into the underground workings.

A report from the mine said that the death list would be heavy, as the explosion had destroyed the air fans.

A hasty call was sent to Pittsburgh to the United States Bureau of Mines for the mine rescue cars stationed there.

**Miners Hurry to Rescue.**

Word of the disaster spread throughout Cambria county and other sections with great rapidity, and telephone advice says that miners far and near are dropping their work and are headed for the Reilly mine to man relay shifts to rescue the entombed men whether they be dead or alive.

The first law of mine disasters is for miners to go to the rescue of their unfortunate comrades.

The explosion occurred in a shaft about 500 feet from the entrance. The men are entombed behind tons of debris, and it may be days before the bodies are dug out.

**Rescue Made Impossible.**

At 10 o'clock gas in the shaft was still so dense that it was impossible to send in rescue parties. With the air fans demolished there is no way of getting the gas out at present, and any attempt to enter with the mine so full of gas would mean quick death to all who attempted it.

A few minutes after the disaster the entrance to the mine was surrounded with hundreds of wives and children of the men down below.

Women were desperate as the word was passed about that there was not one chance in a million that any of the men could be rescued alive.

Some of the women had to be restrained by men folks about.

**Hospital Car Speeds To Spangler to Aid Men Buried in Mine**

**By International News Service.**

**PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 6.**—A special train, including a United States Mine Bureau laboratory car equipped as a hospital and a coach, is speeding toward Spangler at a mile a minute, with right of way over everything on the Pennsylvania railroad.

The hospital car is equipped with gas masks, oxygen tanks and all equipment necessary to meet conditions in such disasters that took place today at Spangler.

Several Government officials of the Bureau of Mines and Dr. W. R. Smith, of the United States Health Department, are aboard the train.

**FASCISTI AND VATICAN ARE LIKELY TO MAKE UP**

**ROME, Nov. 6.**—A reconciliation between the new Fascist government of Italy and the Vatican was in prospect.

Premier Mussolini said he desired to enter into direct personal relations with Pope Pius XI for solution of all differences between the church and state.

## "Diving Venus" And Her Assailant Kidnaped Given Forty Years For Attack On Michigan Girl.



**ROSALIE SHANTY,** Little Muskegon (Mich.), girl who was kidnaped and attacked and later found at Dublin, Mich., a hundred miles from home.

## CONVICT WOLF OF CONSPIRACY IN NORRIS CASE

**Judges Declare Baltimore Lawyer Guilty of Trying to Obstruct Justice.**

**By Universal Service.**

**BALTIMORE, Nov. 6.**—Harry B. Wolf, prominent criminal lawyer, was today found guilty of conspiracy to obstruct justice in connection with the William B. Norris, murder case.

Walter Socolow, serving a life sentence in the Maryland penitentiary as the actual slayer of Norris, also was found guilty of conspiracy. He was tried with Wolf.

The verdict came after a long consultation of the five judges who heard the case—Chief Judge Gortz and Judges Duffy, Bond, Stein and Stanton.

**FARM MOTHERS WANT GIRLS TO WED FARMERS**

**COLUMBIA, Mo., Nov. 6.**—"Would you want your daughter to marry a farmer?" was a question propounded

## Minimum Wage Law Set Aside

### 90 SLEEP AS THIEF ROBS CARS

Steals \$800 in Cash, Gems, and Clothes From Passengers on Pullmans.

Ninety passengers on three Pullman cars parked within the Union Station slept soundly this morning while a daring robber ransacked all lower berths, rifled the pockets of a sleeping colored porter, and escaped through the railroad yards with more than \$800 in cash and jewelry.

The robbery occurred about 5 o'clock. Terminal police declare it was the most daring instance of heivry in the history of the station. Lights of the station glared and Pullman porters and trainmen walked up and down the yards while the thief entered the cars.

Described by Woman

Mrs. W. F. Devaney, of Clifton Forge, Va., who was walking down the aisle about 5 o'clock, saw a man jump from a train she was on and alight on another one. She described him as being five feet ten inches tall, medium built, weighing about 150 pounds, dark complexion and wearing a dark cap and dark clothes.

Seven passengers and a colored porter reported losses. Additional reports of robberies are expected by the police.

The robber entered the car Esavan from Huntington, W. Va., first, and ransacked all lower berths. Next he entered the car Strathean and then the car Prosser. In the first two he made hauls, but got nothing in the third car.

The thief worked quickly. Apparently he did not bother the

**VIRGINIANS MUST BE CAREFUL IN FISHING**

High-water mark on the Virginia side of the Potomac river is the boundary line between the District of Columbia and the State of Virginia, according to a decision handed down today by Justice Van Orsdel of the Court of Appeals, who declared that citizens of Virginia had no right to catch fish in the territory between high and low water mark of the river.

This decision upholds the Police court, which recently convicted Norman Herald, a Virginian, who was caught fishing with a dip net and arrested.

**Irish Drive Is Planned.**

A new drive for funds for the Irish republic will be launched next Sunday evening at a mass meeting at the Coliseum. Two special representatives from Ireland will be present—J. J. O'Kelly, Joseph O'Doherty. Indorsement of the meeting was given last night at the regular meeting of the Kevin Barry Council, A. A. R. I. R. Frank P. Walsh will be chairman of the Sunday meeting. The general committee in charge will be: Amos Collins, chairman; Miss Louise Reilly, Michael J. Lynch, and Miss Mary Flanagan.

**Fire in Tea Store.**

Fire, caused by an overheated furnace, did slight damage at 9:30 o'clock this morning in the store of the Grand Union Tea Company, 425 Seventh street northwest. Firemen extinguished the blaze with chemical extinguishers.

### G. O. P. TO CONTROL 2 HOUSES

Principal Election Problem is Size of Majorities in Congress.

**By GEORGE R. HOLMES,** International News Service.

**NEW YORK, Nov. 6.**—The country stood on the brink of a national election today with every surface indication pointing to continued control of Congress by the Republicans for another two years, although by greatly reduced majorities.

Nothing short of a political miracle can take control of the Senate away from the Republicans. Even the Democrats admit this, although they hope to reduce slightly the present Republican majority of 24.

House May Be Lost.

There is, in the opinion of most unbiased political observers, a possibility that the House will be taken away from the Republicans tomorrow.

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### Mrs. Hall's Favorite Photo Of Slain Husband



Mrs. E. W. Hall, widow of the slain New Brunswick, N. J., rector, still expresses confidence in her husband's innocence of any wrongdoing. She ignores diaries, letters, etc., purporting to show love for Mrs. Mills, who was slain at the same time as was the rector. This photo is the favorite of Mrs. Hall, it being the best likeness of the slain man.

### PROPERTY RIGHT IN LABOR IS AFFIRMED

Law Paternalistic, Violates Basic Constitutional Principle, Is Opinion.

Holding the Minimum Wage Law unconstitutional in the case of the Children's Hospital, which sought to restrain perpetually the Minimum Wage Board from enforcing an order requiring it to pay its women employes not less than \$16.50 per week or \$71.50 per month, the Court of Appeals, through Justice Josiah A. Van Orsdel, today declared that "no greater calamity could befall the wage earners of this country than to have the legislative power to fixed wages upheld."

"It would deprive them of the most sacred safeguard which the Constitution affords," said the opinion, "to take from the citizen the right to freely contract and sell his labor for the highest wage which his individual skill and efficiency will command. The laborer would be reduced to an automaton—a mere creature of the State. It is paternalism in the highest degree, and the struggle of the centuries to establish the principle that the state exists for the citizen, and not the citizen for the state, would be lost."

Speaking of the power of Congress to fix wage contracts, Justice Van Orsdel says:

**Principle At Stake.**

"We are here called upon to weigh the subject-matter of certain legislation in the balance of the constitution—the general power of Congress to fix wage contracts between private individuals. If Congress may establish a minimum wage for women, it may establish a maximum wage, or it may name a fixed wage, and the beautiful wages for women, it may by the exercise of the same power, establish the wages to be paid men. The power of Congress to fix wages between private individuals is either constitutional or unconstitutional. There is no leeway for legislative or judicial discretion.

"A fundamental principle is involved; and it does not lie in the courts to declare a law fixing the wages of women constitutional and a law fixing the wages of men unconstitutional. The moral stimulus in the one instance is no greater than in the other. If higher wages are essential to preserve the morals of women, they are equally essential to preserve the morals of men.

**Price Fixing Next.**

"This leads to another angle. If the law is to be equal and just, it cannot be a most careful and judicious inquiry by the board into living conditions—the cost of rent, clothes, food and recreation. If the power, therefore, exists to fix wages in the interest of good morals and the protection of the general welfare, the law cannot be likewise conceded to fix the prices of all commodities entering into the determination of an equitable wage. In no other way can justice be accorded. The wage fixed for an employer to pay his employes cannot be justified, if based upon the unrestrained prices which the employe may have to pay the merchant for food and clothes, or the landlord for rent. The logical result

### MRS. HALL'S STOICISM IS SHOCK TO MEDICAL MINDS

**By WILLIAM RANDORF,** Cosmopolitan News Service.

**NEW YORK, Nov. 6.**—A Boadicea, or one of those queens to whom murder was a rung to absolution or to the quietings of a persistent though strangely prompted conscience" might have been the prototype of Mrs. Frances Noel Stevens Hall, widow of the murdered New Brunswick, N. J., rector, in the phenomenal self-control she exhibits, says the Medical Review of Reviews in an editorial to appear in the forthcoming issue, and which says that the woman's poise and suppression of natural emotions is a mystery unparalleled in medical annals.

"Mrs. Edward Wheeler Hall's perfect self control will remain in medical annals for some time to come as an inexplicable phenomenon. Not even the tutoring of a life time in that stratum of society where to betray the feelings is to indulge an unpardonable faux pas can satisfactorily explain away Mrs. Hall's stoical composure," the editorial says.

"The Medical Review of Reviews cannot fathom the mystery of a poise such as Mrs. Hall's. Where in medical lore can be found a parallel beside which to place this incomprehensible reining of natural emotions such control seems almost storied, an impossibility in one of mere mortal endowments.

"The sudden death of a husband as deeply beloved of his wife as the Rev. Mr. Hall seems to have been should ordinarily prostrate even the woman most rigid in concealing grief.

**Thinks Jealousy the Motive.**

But the details of Mr. Hall's snatching away are so revolting, so nerve destructive, that to preserve one's poise in such bereavement demands will power which for twin counterparts is must turn to the faded heroics of early Rome.

"That Roman general who bore with like fortitude the death of his

### MRS. HALL TO CONDUCT OWN KILLING PROBE

**By International News Service.**

**NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 6.**—To emphasize and drive home her protestations of innocence, Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall has begun an individual investigation into the murder of her husband, the Rev. Dr. Edward W. Hall, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist, and the beautiful choir singer, Mrs. James Mills, it was learned today.

Mrs. Hall, whose demand to appear before the Somerset county grand jury this week probably will be refused, told family friends that, while she was not seeking vengeance, she

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