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78 MINERS ARE KILLED IN EXPLOSION OF POWDER SET OFF AS TROLLEY BREAKS

Workmen Are Blown to Pieces When Trolley Wire Breaks and a Dozen Kegs of Explosives Are Set Off

WILKES-BARRE REGION THROWN INTO HORROR BY NEXT GREATEST TRAGEDY IN ITS HISTORY

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 5.—Seventy-eight men lost their lives in the Baltimore No. 2 tunnel of the Delaware and Hudson Coal Company explosion and fire to-day and thirty-one were injured, according to a list given out by the company officials at noon to-day.

Forty-one bodies have been identified and thirty-seven remain unidentified. The company's injured list is not complete and it is certain the number of injured will reach about forty.

Sparks Ignite Powder

More than 100 mine workers were riding to their work crowded into what is known as a "trip" of mine cars, drawn by a motor. The rear car carried twelve kegs of black powder used for blasting loose the coal in the chambers. When the train had gone about 200 feet from the entrance the trolley wire snapped. The sparks it emitted touched off the powder.

There was a roar and in an instant every man and boy on the train was either dead or dying. Mangled bodies were found everywhere by the rescue crews which rushed into the mine. Fire fighters, working frantically, soon succeeded in subduing the flames which followed the blast. Those who had not already succumbed were so badly burned that in nearly every case death was a matter of only a short time.

Carelessness Leads to Horror

Carelessness and violation of mine laws of the State caused the great loss of life. One of the most drastic provisions of the anthracite mine code is the section on a car or train which carries explosives. Yet the train of little cars conveying its freight of miners had attached to its rear a car of a dozen kegs of powder. Investigation will be made to disclose whether the men or the company is responsible for this violation of the law.

The accident occurred shortly before 7 o'clock. A train of empty cars was sent to the mouth of the tunnel to take the men into the chambers. One hundred men piled into the cars, which was drawn by an electric motor. Near the end of the train was a car of black powder.

When 200 feet in the tunnel, the trolley wire broke and fell. Sparks ignited the powder and instantly there was an explosion that sent the bodies of men flying in all directions.

SURVIVOR TELLS OF SEETHING FIRE ABOUT MINERS

By Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, June 5.—Thomas Dougherty, a miner, one of the survivors of the mine horror, was thrown out of a car by the blast and saved himself by jumping into a ditch. He said:

"We were riding along about fifty feet in the tunnel. There was a blinding flash. I was thrown from the car. I saw the water and I hurled myself into it. Bodies were all about. Some were dead, others were dying. The flames were terrific. They were all about. We were in a veritable hell. No man could possibly hope to escape with his life unless he got in the water, buried his face and rolled over and over as I did."

are missing. At 9:30 A. M. it was said between 75 and 100 were killed or had died of injuries.

The death list is rapidly growing. As the bodies were removed from the mine, living and dead, they were piled on the green about the colliery. Many of the injured lived but a short time.

Children Flee in Fright

Hundreds of women, men and children gathered about the tunnel. As they lifted the blankets from the bodies women fainted, men lost their nerve and children ran away in fright. The bodies of scores were removed to the morgues, where the work of identification is being carried on with little success.

The death list was made large by the flames and the sulphur fumes which filled the tunnel. The fire did not last long, but it was long enough to make a heavy death toll. Many of the men were killed outright, plumes of bodies being found in the wreckage of life and property.

Rescuers Play on Flames

Rescuers got into the mine with hose and played streams of water on the flames. While they were doing this the cries of the dying and the injured were heard above the roar of the flames.

To-day's catastrophe is next to the greatest this section of the anthracite coal fields has seen.

Law Is Violated To-day's accident is a direct result of violation of the law. Permission was given the men to ride to their place of work and a special train was provided for that purpose. On these cars special seats were built and the train was in daily use. It is a violation of the mine law to carry powder on a train. The law is specific that powder and other explosives must be transported alone. There was a dozen kegs of powder in one of the rear cars, all of which were exploded.

Mine officials and State officials were on the scene promptly, but their efforts were directed solely to the work of rescue. There were enough men to meet all needs for the work inside the mine, but the chief trouble during the early hours was in getting nurses, doctors and supplies.

PLAN ALUMNI REUNION

The alumni reunion of St. Xavier Academy, Latrobe, will be held on commencement day, June 15.

AUSTRIANS HOLD PACT TERMS ARE DEATH SENTENCE

Grand Council Adopts Bauer Conclusion of Treaty; Officials Meet Renner

GERMANY'S PRICE NAMED Wilson and Premiers Disposed to Fix \$25,000,000,000 as Sum to Be Demanded

By Associated Press.

Austria's attitude towards the peace terms presented her representatives at St. Germain on Monday has not been officially made known to the Allies. Advances from Vienna, however, carry reports of official dissatisfaction with their provisions and a chorus of newspaper disapprobation. There are indications, nevertheless that the people as a whole are somewhat lethargic.

Completion of the Austrian treaty, several clauses of which were missing in Monday's presentation, is not likely to occur this week, although the Peace Conference leaders are giving daily attention to the matter. The missing clauses, it is stated, are likely to be transmitted to the Austrian representatives by note, as they become complete.

Seek to Help Germany

Modifications in the terms of peace with Germany seem to be approaching definite form, according to advances from Paris. These alterations, it is said, are planned primarily not to ease the terms lighter for the German, but to render them easier of execution.

Apparently President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George and Premier Clemenceau are disposed to fix a definite sum of approximately \$25,000,000,000 as the amount of indemnity Germany will be called upon to pay, and it seems possible that the prospect of a sum of \$5,000,000,000 may not have to be paid for within two years, as now stipulated, but within four years.

League Envoys Denied

The terms relative to Silesia and Sarra regions, too, may be altered. There seems, however, to be a general agreement that Germany will not be permitted to enter the League of Nations at once. Premier Orlando is standing aloof from these discussions as Italy's interest is not such that the German as in the Austrian treat.

The establishment of the Rhineland provinces of Germany is not likely to be postponed to the spontaneity of the demand for a republic. Dispatches from German sources, declare that French authorities have taken up seriously the question of setting up of the new government.

Transport Ready to Bring Wilson

President Wilson is likely to go to Brussels next week on his long departure visit to Belgium. Specific dates mentioned in Brussels are characterized in Paris as inaccurate. There is as yet no intimation as to when the president will sail for America although his ship, the George Washington, has been ordered to be ready to steam for the United States on twelve hours' notice any time after midnight to-night.

Jugo-Slav forces which are invading the province of Carinthia, are reported to be advancing the village of Volkermarkt, northeast of Klagenfurt, capital of Carinthia, having been evacuated by the Austrian troops defending it.

Revs Still Hold Petrograd The reported capture of Petrograd, which was announced early this week in a telegram from Vardoe to Copenhagen, seems to be without foundation. Estonian forces are quite a distance west of the former Russian capital and are being subjected to heavy attacks by the Bolsheviks over a wide front.

Weather So Warm He Forgets His Coat and \$150 in Liberty Bonds

The oppressive heat and his lack of memory combined to cause George Coloviras, Boas and Green street, the loss of \$150 in Liberty Bonds, and other valuable papers yesterday afternoon.

In efforts to secure relief from the blazing sun, Coloviras went to the park along the river front during the afternoon and stripped off his coat and hung it on a park bench as soon as he arrived there. The cooling breeze from the river soon brought relief to him and he determined to go to Island Park where a number of games were in progress to witness them. Watching the lads for some time, he went to his home for supper and only on his arrival there, when questioned by his wife, did he realize that he did not have his coat with him. He hastened to the park bench where he had left it, but it was no longer there he had left it. The police have been notified.

WIRE STRIKE STILL ON

Atlanta, Ga., June 5.—Both sides remained outwardly determined today in the strike here of Western Union and Bell Telephone Company employees, the telegraph company having announced that they would not re-employ those of its force who went out yesterday in sympathy with the telephone operators.

MUST CHANGE BILL AGAIN

According to what has been heard at the Capitol to-day Governor Spruiell is not satisfied with some of the amendments to the Philadelphia charter bill and further amendments will be made next week in the House.

They're Wearing 'Em Higher



Wearing 'em higher in Paris

They're wearing them higher in Paris this summer, as the accompanying photograph shows. Incidentally, late dispatches acclaim new advocates to the ultra-edict of the fashion makers of "nothing below the knee but the shoe." All of which means that not even the war has been able to stifle the frenzied devotees of that expensive, if fickle, vogue known as style.

GREAT OUTINGS ARE ARRANGED FOR JUNE

Harrisburg Telegraph to Give Picnic to School Children of City With Prizes For Scores of Contestants; an Annual Event to Be Resumed

The war is over! America is rapidly coming back to harmony and honest enjoyment of the good things in life, and so it is that the Harrisburg Telegraph believes the present year an admirable one to hold the great picnic, which last entertained young folks of the city three years ago. The rollicking, lively event has been set for Friday, June 20, at the suggestion of Dr. F. E. Downes, superintendent of schools, and the place is Paxtang Park. Immediately when the Telegraph determined to provide a real holiday of this unique kind the Harrisburg Railways Company offered to co-operate and to-day announced that the theatrical show for the day will be staged carefully for a program especially fitted for young folk. The shades of Paxtang Park will ring

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FRESH BREEZES BRING RELIEF IN HOT WAVE

Mercury Hovers Under 80 Until Middle of Afternoon

Table with columns: Time, Tues. Wed. To-day. Rows: 8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., Noon, 1 p. m., 3:30 p. m.

Lower temperature to-day brought relief to Harrisburg after four days of unreasonably hot weather, in which the June heat records of the city were threatened. With the thermometer registering from four to ten degrees lower today than yesterday, little complaint is being heard in any section of the city. Slight breezes are aiding still further to the comfort of Harrisburg. The temperature is expected to continue to run low throughout the afternoon, but it is not expected to drop below the 70-degree mark to-night, the low mark of the past several days. Not much change is in sight, Forecaster E. R. Demain says.

Petlura's Troops Capture Railway Centers For Reds

Berne, June 5.—Troops of the army of General Simon Petlura, the anti-Bolshevik leader in the Ukraine, have captured the railway centers of Proskurov and Berdichev in the Western Ukraine. The announcement is made by the Ukrainian press bureau.

SENATORS HOTLY DEBATE LEAK IN TREATY CHANNEL MORE THAN MILE OF CITY STREETS WILL BE PAVED

Hitchcock Declares Accusing Statements "Monstrous Charge" DEFENDS THE PRESIDENT

Massachusetts Leader Denies Imputing Improper Motive to Wilson

Washington, June 5.—The leak in diplomatic channels through which it has been charged copies of the published peace treaty with Germany reached certain interests in New York was the subject of another stormy debate to-day in the Senate.

Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, ranking Democrat of the Foreign Relations committee, in calling up his resolution for a Senate investigation of all facts in the case, declared the statements of Senators Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Borah, of Idaho, Republican members of the committee, regarding the presence of copies in New York, constituted a "monstrous charge."

Both Senators Reply If this charge had been made in the interests of the public, he said, and not merely in order to attack the treaty, the Senators making it would have demanded Senatorial investigation. The speech drew replies both from Mr. Lodge and Mr. Borah.

A declaration by the Nebraska Senator that Senators Lodge and Borah had "insinuated broadly that the President permitted copies to go to business concerns in New York City" brought Mr. Lodge at once to his feet.

"I said nothing whatever about financial interests," asserted the Massachusetts Senator. "It is possible," replied Mr. Hitchcock, "that there may be some difference between the positions of the two Senators in that respect. They concurred, however, in their attack."

CAMP CURTIN APPROPRIATION The Senate appropriations committee has reported out the Camp Curtin appropriation bill with \$20,000 for the memorial.

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LONDON WATCHES ITS MONEY

London—All London is carefully scanning its treasury notes these days, following an announcement by Scotland Yard of a Bolshevik conspiracy to fill the country with counterfeit money. The police declare they have the situation well in hand, and express the belief that the Russian forgers will make little headway here.

RIOT LEADER ARRESTED

Berlin—A special dispatch from Munich announces that Ernest Toller, student leader in the recent communist-insurrection there, has been arrested.

CHICAGO BRINGS STATE TROOPS

New York—Casual companies numbering 1,000 officers and men arrived here to-day on the transport Chicago. They included soldiers from Pennsylvania.

Washington—Award of the distinguished service cross, General Pershing notified the War Department to-day, has been made to Privates Howard V. Brunner, Bethlehem, Pa., and James Smeck, Reading, Pa., and Albert J. Plassmeyer (deceased), Zeligople, Pa.

CHIHUAHUA CITY FALLS TO VILLAISTS

El Paso, Texas—La Patria, leading Mexican newspaper published here, issued an extra to-day saying Chihuahua City was taken by Generals Villa and Angeles after only two hours of fighting last Sunday. It is said Villa executed eight men on taking possession of the city.

COLOVIRAS GETS BONDS BACK

Harrisburg—The coat left by George Coloviras in the park along the river front yesterday afternoon, was recognized by a friend who took it when he could not find the owner. It was returned to Coloviras with \$150 in Liberty Bonds and papers this afternoon.

AUTOPSY FAILS TO DISCLOSE IDENTITY

Berlin—An autopsy on the body of a woman found in the Landwehr canal on June 1 has failed to establish that it was that of Rosa Luxemburg, who was killed early in the present year by a mob. The condition of the body precluded definite identification.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ralph A. Hain and Jennie E. Swartz, Lower Paxton township; John L. Good and Beulah M. Lewis, Harrisburg; Michael S. Michol and Mary A. Seigh, Steelton; Bruce F. Miles and Bertha L. Imbach, Martinsburg, W. Va.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Not much change in temperature, lowest to-night about 70 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to light and fair; little change in temperature; gentle to moderate south and southwest winds. River The Susquehanna river and at its tributaries will continue to fall slowly. A stage of about 4.6 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning. General Conditions The weak depression in the West has remained nearly stationary during the last twenty-four hours with little change in pressure; it has caused scattered showers in Nebraska, South Dakota and over the western part of the Lake Region. Showers fell also in Northern Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Kentucky and Southwestern Virginia, the greatest amount of rainfall reported, 1.08 inches, occurring where rain was falling at time of observation this morning; elsewhere in the United States the weather has been fair. Temperature changes have been somewhat irregular, but not decided. Increased air movement in some sections makes the heat somewhat less oppressive.