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OVER 550

Expected That Death List From Explosion Will Reach This Number

All Bodies Found Are Frightfully Mangled and Dis-membered

No Hope of Any Alive--Rescuers May Die of Deadly Black Damp

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 7.—At 9 o'clock tonight twenty-five bodies had been recovered from mines Nos. 6 and 8 of the Fairmount Coal company at Monongah. Scores of other victims were in sight of the rescuers and it was estimated that at least one hundred dead would be brought to the surface before daylight tomorrow. However, the number of bodies recovered tonight and early Sunday depends upon the condition of the mine. Late today, and tonight, the deadly black damp became more pronounced as the further recesses of the mines were approached. It was stated tonight by General Manager Malone of the mines, that four hundred and seventy-eight actual miners were checked off as entering the mines yesterday morning. This number it was said did not include fully one hundred trappers, mule drivers, pumpers and boys, who are not under the check system.

Should these figures be correct the death list will be over 550. The condition of the bodies thus far recovered is horrible. Many are dismembered, some are fearfully crushed and the rest are blackened and burned beyond recognition. The body of J. M. McGraw, pit boss, and one of the best known mining men in West Virginia, was recovered tonight in mine No. 8. It was headless and otherwise disfigured, identification having been made by the clothes and shoes.

The accident, the greatest in the history of American mining, has dazed the people of the vicinity. Tonight the streets of both this town and Fairmount are crowded, while thousands line the hills in the vicinity of the mines. Every barroom in Fairmount and Monongah is closed, notices on the doors announcing that the suspension is caused by the mine explosion and will continue until Monday. There is both precaution and respect in the closing of the saloons.

Throughout the territory six mines have suspended operations temporarily and about six thousand miners are visiting here and in Fairmount. Starting tomorrow morning a new system of rescue work will be inaugurated at both mines, the intention being to dispense with the services of the miners, who have been employed in either of the mines.

In their places there will be about two hundred expert mining men from Pennsylvania, Kentucky and West Virginia, all of whom have volunteered. The reason for this is that the conditions now existing in the mines are extremely dangerous and it is feared that should unexperienced men make an incorrect move a second explosion would occur which would completely wreck the mines.

It is estimated that 250 families are destitute and in many places relief funds have already been started for the wives and children.

Tomorrow in all the churches of Fairmount, Clarksburg and Monongah special services will be held and it is probable collections will be taken. It is the purpose of the ministers to establish a permanent relief fund.

A score or more of men of the rescuing parties are in a critical condition tonight from inhaling black damp. Several are expected to die. One of these men, John Babbert, was carried from the mine tonight almost a raving maniac. His lungs were filled with black damp, which produced the con-

dition of one insane, and the services of four men were necessary to hold Babbert while the doctors attended him.

Up to late today many entertained hopes that some of the entombed men would be taken from the mines alive. As the bodies recovered today, however, were brought to the surface horribly mangled, all hope was dispelled and distressing scenes followed.

From forty to fifty percent of the victims, it is estimated, are Americans. A majority of the men who have been recovered will be buried tomorrow. All day long men have been digging graves in the Catholic cemetery located within sight of the mines.

BIKE RACES

Thousands Pack Madison Square Garden to See Wheels Go Around

Number of Interesting Preliminaries to Annual Six-Day Race

Madison Square Garden, New York, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Madison Square Garden was packed to its utmost capacity tonight with the followers of bicycling. Three international events were on the card, which served as an introductory to the annual six-day contest which will begin at 1 o'clock Monday morning.

The first race was a duel between Frank Kramer, America's champion sprinter, and Edward Jacquelin, the French champion. They met first at a half mile, which Kramer won by a wheel's length, and an hour later they tried conclusions at one mile. After a bit of jockeying Kramer went out in the lead but in the sixth lap the Frenchman overtook and passed him. Kramer kept close up all the way and in the tenth and final lap he shot ahead in a terrific sprint which took all the vim out of the foreigner, who sat up and permitted Kramer to win with ease.

The second international contest was a ten-mile race, open for professionals, in which there were forty-three starters, including most of the men who are to take part in the six-day race. This event was unusually interesting and was won after a rousing finishing sprint by Walter Rutt of Germany, with Matt T. Downey of Boston, second, a half wheel away, and who was disqualified for fouling.

The second prize was awarded to Walter A. Bardgett of Buffalo.

The final event on the program was a ten-mile motor paced race between Louis Darragon of France, winner of the 100-kilometre world's paced championship in 1906 and 1907, and Bobby Walthour of Atlanta, Ga., who won the same championship in 1904 and 1905.

They started from opposite sides of the track and during the first two miles the Frenchman gradually gained on the American and at the end of the third mile Darragon was within ten yards of Walthour, who was trying his best to recover the lost ground. They ran in this order for nearly the entire distance, Walthour being unable to shake off the foreigner. In the eighth mile Walthour lost his pace and the Frenchman passed him, and a mile further on he lapped Walthour, winning by nearly two laps.

MRS. TAFT DEAD

MOTHER OF SECRETARY OF STATE TAFT DIED SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT

Millbury, Mass., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Louisa M. Taft, mother of Sec. Taft, died at 12:20 this (Sunday) morning.

Born With Silver Spoon
New York, Dec. 7.—Mrs. E. Parmlie Prentiss, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, today gave birth to a daughter. This is Mrs. Prentiss's second child.

OSCAR

Beloved Monarch of Sweden Is on His Death Bed

Family and Ministers of State at Bedside--Death Is Hourly Expected

Thousands of Swedes Grieve at Palace Doors for Passing King

Stockholm, Dec. 7.—Although theaters and other places of amusement were open as usual this evening, a crowd, numbering thousands patiently waiting in the pouring rain in front of the palace, testified to the popular sympathy for the aged monarch whose life is slowly ebbing. Within the palace, members of the royal family, high ecclesiastics and the premier and minister of foreign affairs had been assembled for some hours in the king's study to which room his majesty had been removed in his bed at noon when still unconscious. This measure was taken to enable all the family and officials to be present at the last moments without undue crowding.

The condition of the king is such that the physicians state recovery is impossible, although they still have slight hopes of keeping the spark of life burning until morning.

PANAMA BONDS

Cortelyou Makes a Divv of Government Securities to Hungry Purchasers

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Secretary Cortelyou today announced the allotments of Panama bonds sold to various national banks of the United States. The list of purchasers made public did not include individual buyers of bonds, but merely the national banks that acquired the bonds for the purpose, presumably, of increasing their circulation.

The average price paid for the bonds was a small fraction over 103 and the highest prices paid for any

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GOLD

Miners Will Be Assisted by Western Federation Assessment

Miners Blame Roosevelt for Sending Troops Without Need

Haywood Says Operators Went Back on Their Agreement With Men

Denver, Col., Dec. 7.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Western Federation of Miners in this city today, it was agreed to levy an assessment upon members of the union for the benefit of the Goldfield strikers. The possibility of securing a congressional investigation of President Roosevelt's action in sending troops to Goldfield at the request of Gov. Sparks of Nevada, was discussed and it was practically decided to bring the matter to the attention of congress.

"The action of the president in sending troops to Goldfield was the result of a pre-arranged conspiracy between Wall street interests and Gov. Sparks," declared Acting President Mahoney after the executive session. "There was absolutely no need of such action. It seems peculiar that troops should be hurried to Goldfield before the sheriff had made any request upon the governor for aid and without his knowledge. This action is unprecedented and some ulterior motive is undoubtedly responsible for the outrage. The federation will render every assistance in its power to strengthen the miners."

Haywood, secretary of the federation, declared that the mine owners were responsible for the strike and that any trouble that followed must be laid at their door. He said that the owners had violated their agreement and ignored a compromise to which they had agreed. Haywood declared absurd the story sent out from Los Angeles that he had started the strike.

"When I left Nevada," said Haywood, "the Goldfield miners and operators had reached an agreement. The miners agreed as a compromise to accept their wages half in cash and half in cashier's certificates and the owners accepted this compromise. It was when the operators refused to stick to the terms of the bargain and

declined either to guarantee their checks or pay any part in cash that the miners were forced to strike. The certificates were accepted at only one store and the miners consequently were without the means to live.

"I had a conference with United States Senator Nixon of the consolidated companies in which he personally agreed to the terms of the compromise. The mine owners have only themselves to blame for this trouble."

Troops Arrive

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 7.—At 12:30 this afternoon an engine and six cars, the first section of the train conveying United States troops to Goldfield, arrived in Goldfield. Everything is quiet.

IN K. C. TOO

Lid on Sunday Shows Jammed Down Hard by Cranky Judge

Many Thespians Appear in Court in Paint and Costume

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 7.—Drastic measures were taken here today to enforce the Sunday closing law as a result of the recent campaign begun by Judge Wm. H. Wallace of the criminal court. The grand jury indicted 228 traveling actors and actresses and employes of local theatres, charged with violating the law forbidding labor on Sunday. Of this number 141 were arrested and gave bond for \$200 each while others evaded the officers and left the city without being apprehended.

The court room presented an unusual and almost ludicrous appearance when the persons arrested were lined up before Judge Wallace to give bond. Many actors went directly from matinee performances to the court house and had not had an opportunity to remove the paint from their faces. About one-third were actresses, many were chorus girls.

Attorneys for the theatres filed pleas in abatement and motions for a change of venue before they allowed their clients to plead, but the court insisted that pleas be entered first. When the prisoners refused to plead Judge Wallace entered a plea

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BLUE SUNDAY

New Yorkers Will Have to Chase Themselves for Amusement

All Classes of Divertment Under Ban of the Police Today

New York, N. Y., Dec. 7.—"Blue Sunday" is promised New York tomorrow. The literal enforcement of the old, but not seriously regarded, statute under a new interpretation will deprive New York's millions of any form of public entertainment and put them upon their own resources for amusement for 24 hours at least, and perhaps for many other Sundays to come.

Orders for the strict enforcement of Justice O'Gorman's recent decision in regard to the closing of all places of amusement on the Sabbath were issued today by Police Commissioner Bingham and all New York will go home tonight to await its first experience with a Sunday without its accustomed amusements.

Commissioner Bingham's order clamps the cover of strict suppression on all forms of amusement, from vaudeville to Sunday evening enter-

CHICAGO

Is Selected as Place for Holding Next Republican Convention

Was Out Over Kansas City and Denver After Hard Fight

Teddy's Successor Will Be Named on June 16th Next Year

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Chicago was today selected as the place, and June 16, 1908, the time for the meeting of the next Republican National convention.

The decision by the Republican National committee followed a long and hard-fought contest between the advocates of Chicago and those of Kansas City; Denver, Col., coming in at the end with a formidable, but not important effort to secure the convention. The ballot showed 31 votes for Chicago and 8 for Kansas City and four for Denver. The vote was made unanimous.

Everyone accepted the decision of the committee good naturedly and sixty or seventy Kansas City and Denver boomers declared that they would "come back after it again in 1912 and would be sure to get it at that time." The selection of the time for the convention was between the 1st of June and the last of June, and all were satisfied on that point also.

No official announcement of the roll call on location was made and some special effort was necessary to prevent a secret ballot, which was proposed by Senator Scott of West Virginia. The senator in advocating such a course said he had no doubt many delegates had given pledges to more than one city and if such was the case an open ballot would be embarrassing. Mr. Capers advocated an open ballot, saying that the National committee should set an example to the country in such matters and that every member should be willing to have his position known.

There were other brief speeches on both sides, but the open ballot ultimately prevailed. The committee, however, voted down a proposition to give the vote to the public, and newspapers were forced to the necessity of getting unofficial figures from members.

Territories, including Alaska, had the number of their representatives in the convention reduced from six to two. After a long debate the committee decided to authorize state and county committees to decide whether the election of delegates to the convention shall be by conventions or by primaries.

tainments of the Y. M. C. A.

Theatrical managers and showmen stated that they propose to obey the law, believing, they say, that its strict enforcement will do more than anything else to effect its modification or repeal at the coming session of the legislature. The only places in greater New York where bright lights will shine and wheezy pianos beat out defiance to the police will be in Brooklyn. The managers of five moving picture shows and skating rink have secured temporary injunctions restraining the police from interfering with them tomorrow and Commissioner Bingham told the Brooklyn inspector that the injunctions must be obeyed.

Commissioner Bingham said the music in hotels and restaurants is not to be disturbed. He said the law was to be enforced on the outskirts of the city where it has been the custom to play football and other outdoor games. The six-day bicycle race, which was scheduled to start at midnight tomorrow will not commence until 1 o'clock and the doors of Madison Square Garden will not open until after midnight.



ANOTHER VIEW OF THE FINANCIAL QUESTION
Europe—You've got all my gold now, how am I going to have money enough to buy your crops, or take the output of your factories and packing houses?