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THIRTY DIE BY GAS EXPLOSION IN MINE ENTRY

Sixteen Bodies Recovered and Ten Men Are Rescued Alive, but Hurt

Sixty More May Be Penned Up by Fall of Slate and Are Probably Dead

Track Repairer Enters Abandoned Room With Uncovered Lamp and Disappears

DRAKESBORO, Ky., Feb. 1.—Sixteen bodies have been recovered, eight of which have been identified, 10 others have been rescued alive and from 25 to 60 men are supposed to be still entombed in the Browder mine, in which there was an explosion today. It is believed that the dead will number 30.

Rescuers are working desperately to save the miners who may be alive and to recover the bodies of those killed, of the 10 men taken out alive, five were seriously injured.

It is believed that the missing men are all alive. At 8 o'clock tonight eight bodies had been recovered, all horribly mutilated and some past identification. Because of the accumulation of gases in the entry where the explosion occurred, 170 feet beneath the ground and 700 feet back from the mine shaft, it was impossible to begin active rescue work until six hours after the disaster took place.

Mine But Little Damaged Damage to the mine, investigating parties have discovered, is not material, as it is confined to the east entry. One hundred men were in the mine at the time of the explosion, more than half in the west entry. All hastened to the cages and were quickly drawn to the top. Later all in the east entry, except the unfortunate 25, fought their way to the shaft and were brought to safety.

As soon as it was safe to begin the rescue work, miners were sent down in relays under direction of J. Abernethy, mine foreman, and G. Reynolds, mine superintendent.

Bodies Thrown Many Feet In the immediate vicinity of the explosion 10 men had been working. The concussion threw the bodies many feet. What caused the ignition of the gases has not been ascertained.

The other men were in entries only a few feet from the workings where there was the greatest known loss of life, and searching parties have been unable to find these entries. It is believed that all 10 men entombed there are dead.

Repairer Is Missing At the pit mouth wives of the dead and missing miners crowd about waiting reports from the rescuers. Jesse Jonhanson was rescued alive, but is so badly burned that his recovery is doubtful.

It is believed that the explosion was caused by a track repairer going into an abandoned room with an uncovered lamp. The room is shattered almost to atoms, and the body of the repairer is nowhere to be found.

The mine is not on fire, and the fans are working. This gives rise to the hope that all the bodies may be recovered by daylight.

The Browder mine, with three others in this vicinity, recently was purchased by a syndicate of Tennessee and West Virginia capitalists.

Firedamp and Miners Blamed PRIMERO, Colo., Feb. 1.—The disaster in the main mine of the Colorado fuel and iron company yesterday, which claimed the lives of at least 79 men, was caused by an explosion of fire damp, according to a survivor of the catastrophe on January 23, 1907, in the same mine in which 24 lives were lost.

The same authority holds that the explosion was caused by the ignition of gas from a flame originated probably through the carelessness of some miner in direct violation of mine rules, either through the crimping of a cap for a fuse, or the lighting of a match surreptitiously carried into the workings.

Officials refuse to give out any statement regarding the probable cause, saying that it can not be determined until the workings have been cleared and a thorough investigation made. At 9 o'clock tonight the situation in the workings continued unchanged. Relief work was being pushed by frequent changes of shifts, the rescuing party having reached entry No. 12 A seven-eighths of a mile from the mouth.

A check of bodies recovered tonight reveals that 47 have been removed, leaving 32 still in the workings. A large force of men was put to work tonight digging graves in the cemeteries of Trinidad, and tomorrow the bodies recovered will be taken there for burial. Nine Japanese miners recovered will be buried in the Catholic cemetery. Leonardo Virgen, a Mexican and the only surviving miner, who is supposed

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SESNON FAMILY FIGHT EXCITES LOCAL INTEREST

Mrs. Mamie Austin Sues Her Brother and Wants to Administer Property

Alaska Millionaire Here Collecting Evidence to Defend Pending Action

Jack Sesnon, the Alaska millionaire and former San Franciscan, is in San Francisco collecting evidence with which to attack the suit brought against him by his sister, Mrs. Mamie Austin, widow of Joseph Austin, former park commissioner. The suit involved \$7,800 in money, and Mrs. Austin furthermore has applied to be appointed administratrix over her brother's property.

He is registered at the Palace hotel with his wife, who was formerly Miss Wetzel, a trained nurse of the German hospital of this city. While the legal contest will be heard in Seattle, there is a great interest locally over the family dispute on account of the prominence of the Sesnon family. Mrs. Austin is well known on both sides of the bay, as is William T. Sesnon, a brother, and Rev. Father Robert Sesnon of Sausalito, a second brother, who is one of the best known Catholic priests in the archdiocese of San Francisco. A third brother, George, resides in Seattle.

Family Is Divided William T. Sesnon and George Sesnon are said to be favoring the cause of Mrs. Austin, while Father Sesnon is taking no part in the family controversy. William T. Sesnon, however, would not discuss the case yesterday.

The presence of Mrs. Sesnon in this city at this time makes the contest between the well known brother and sister the more interesting, because it is only since the marriage of Sesnon that he has had differences with his sister. Whether the fact that the millionaire and society man married the nurse who attended him during a serious illness has aroused his sister to antagonism is not clearly determinable, but in her suit Mrs. Austin has alleged that Sesnon is not of firm mind. Sesnon's friends insist that he is in the most vigorous frame of mind, and Attorney Frank Shay declared yesterday that his client was in the best of health and mental condition.

Denial of Compromise "There are no grounds for the action brought by Mrs. Austin," said Shay yesterday afternoon. "The report that there has been a settlement or a compromise is unfounded, as there is no reason why John Sesnon should compromise. Anyway, no negotiations toward a compromise have been suggested. Mrs. Sesnon came to San Francisco to gather certain evidence which is needed in her suit. He has gathered that, and now he intends to stay in San Francisco for some days.

"The facts of the difficulty between Sesnon and Mrs. Austin are these: Seven or eight years ago Mrs. Austin had \$3,000 in the bank drawing 4 per cent. John Sesnon offered to take the money and give her 10 or 12 per cent interest on the loan. He not only did that and paid her the interest and has paid her the principal, but he placed \$150 a month to her credit in a Seattle bank and gave her diamonds and valuable presents, including a \$500 fur cloak, just before the action was brought. He paid her back the principal in installments of \$1,000 and \$1,200. But now she claims \$7,800.

"In addition to those gifts John Sesnon gave his sister his interest in the family estate, and persuaded his brother to aid her. She is a well to do woman." Made Fortune at Nome John Sesnon went to Alaska early in the Nome days and immediately engaged in the shipping business at the mining camp. He made a great fortune there, and is now reputed to be a millionaire. Since his marriage Sesnon has purchased a yacht and it is reported that Mrs. Austin considered that he was living too extravagantly and that his fortune and her money, to the amount of \$7,800, would be swept away. So she began proceedings to recover the money.

Mrs. Austin has been staying at the Hotel Robbins, but left yesterday on a visit to San Mateo. Previous to her departure she declined to discuss the case. BABY'S GRANDFATHER'S GRANDFATHER IS ALIVE Youngster Holds World's Record for Living Ancestors [Special Dispatch to The Call] PETALUMA, Feb. 1.—A son born today to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peck has the distinction of representing the fifth generation. Through his maternal grandmother, Mrs. W. H. Van Marter, and her mother, Mrs. O. Baldwin, he traces his ancestry to the pioneer, J. Wright, who is his great great grandfather. Wright, though nearly 100 years old, retains his faculties and health to a wonderful degree.

COURT MARTIAL PROVES TO BE WOMAN'S FIGHT

Evidence Introduced Shows Influence of Senator Lodge in Navy Department

Miss Hester Testifies in Behalf of Chivarious Conduct of Dashing Paymaster

Summary of the Facts Causing Court Martial

Dr. Edward E. Cowles, a hypnotic specialist of Boston and cousin of Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, complains of being assaulted by Paymaster George P. Auld at the home of Dr. Howard E. Ames at the Boston navy yard, December 11. Assistant Surgeon Robert H. Robnett is accused as participant in a crime. They were guests at a dance and Cowles says that after ordering him to leave and apologizing for so doing, at the command of Miss Ames, Auld felled him with a blow on the head. Auld professes to have recanted some remarks about the daughter of Admiral Swift, who is accused by Cowles of having failed to impose an adequate penalty for the assault. Auld is said to be a suitor for the hand of Miss Swift, who was engaged to be married to Harry Duer Storer of New York until the night of the trouble.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 1.—Something of the influence that Senator Henry Cabot Lodge enjoys in the navy department was revealed today by Mrs. Edward S. Cowles, wife of the complainant in the sensational court martial proceedings against Paymaster George Percival Auld at the Charlestown navy yard. Recalled to the witness stand by the defense this afternoon, Mrs. Cowles told how she had gone to Washington to see "that the matter was not hushed up," how Secretary of the Navy Meyer told her that the incident was closed, and then how she went to Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, and through his intercession had the trial ordered.

Miss Hester Causes Flutter Dorothy Hester, whose picture has stirred up one of the biggest departments of Uncle Sam, and led to the court martial of the dashing paymaster of the Wabash, caused a flutter of excitement today when she took the witness stand. Miss Hester lives now in Chicago. She came to testify in behalf of Auld in return for his chivalrous conduct in removing Doctor Cowles from a navy post because he was objectionable to her.

The fair witness identified a letter written to her by Cowles in which he said the taking of the picture was "such a trifling thing that I did not give it a moment's serious thought," and in which he referred to Dr. Ansey H. Robnett as "cowardly to the core."

Dr. Cowles Recalled Doctor Cowles was recalled to the stand and caused a big flurry by replying to a question of Major Leonard, "It is none of your business."

Major Leonard's cross examination of Miss Hester disclosed that if she ever experienced infatuation of Doctor Cowles, little of it remains. "Did Doctor Cowles ever render himself objectionable to you?" asked the major.

"Yes, sir," she replied. "In what way?" "Well, after I had written a note to Mrs. Cowles, telling her I could not go to her house, the doctor came to me and wanted my real reason. I said that my real reason was in the note that I had written to Mrs. Cowles. I said I would call on Mrs. Cowles some time before I left. He wanted me to set a time when I would call. Then he wanted to know if I would telephone him or meet him at Sullivan square. He said something about flowers and candy. I said, no, I wouldn't, of course I wouldn't."

"It Is a Woman's Fight" "It is a woman's fight," said a naval officer as he left the trial today, after hearing the wife of the man that the young Burlington officer is said to have attacked testify that she made a special trip to Washington to get Secretary of the Navy Meyer and Senator Lodge to press the charges against Auld.

Women predominated in the courtroom today, while the presence on the witness stand of half a dozen young women of the navy dancing set gave the scene a decided feminine touch. Doctor Cowles, whose claims as a physician were repudiated by the state authorities today, said that he carried the picture away by mistake, and that, when about to return it, Doctor Robnett called him by telephone and ordered him in emphatic language to return the picture at once or take the consequences.

Passed Assistant Surgeon A. D. Robnett testified it was common talk that Cowles had boasted of having made an impression on Miss Dorothy Hester of Evanston, Ill., to whom he (Robnett) was engaged.

Miss Virginia Swift, daughter of Rear

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Girl Defends Auld Dr. Cowles on Stand

Miss Dorothy Hester, the young woman of Evanston, Ill., who was on the witness stand yesterday at naval court martial in Boston.



GRAHAM REPLACED BY E. H. ARCHER

Perkins and McKinlay Sponsor Man Appointed Surveyor General

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The president sent to the senate today the nomination of Edward H. Archer of Madison, Cal., to be surveyor general of California to succeed William S. Graham.

Personal Matter With Perkins Graham's displacement is expected to result in peeving numerous prominent party wheel horses in California. Among them is Senator C. N. Felton, who has been Graham's staunch friend and who went to the front for Graham's reappointment.

The ousting of Graham is a personal matter with Senator Perkins, who claims the berth as one of his perquisites, and Congressman Duncan E. McKinlay, who is sponsor for Archer. Graham was not dropped without a show of resistance on the part of powerful friends. He had friends in California who looked strong enough to land almost any appointment in the gift of Perkins, not counting the ordinarily simpler matter of holding a job. At Washington Graham had the support of virtually the entire California delegation, excepting, of course, Perkins and McKinlay.

Graham came to California from St. Louis in 1878 and at once became prominent as a mining and civil engineer. "Uncle Jake" Neff was for years his political and business friend. Subsequently Senator Felton came to be as warmly attached to Graham as was Neff. A few years ago that was not a bad team to hitch to a young man's political chariot.

Graham was appointed surveyor general by President Roosevelt in 1901. Senator Bard joined Senator Perkins in urging the nomination, and back of their official acts were virtually all the biggest of the party big wigs of California.

FLYING MACHINES MAY TRAVEL IN BOXCARS Transcontinental Railroads Officially Recognize Air Gliders Biplanes and monoplanes now have the official recognition of the transcontinental railroads. The western classification committee has placed a rate on flying machines of double first class, which amounts to \$5 per 100 pounds from Missouri river points to the coast.

Flying machines, therefore, can be shipped across the continent at regularly established rates. No minimum or maximum has been made and shippers will be able to ship as many machines as they can place in a freight car. The establishment of an airplane rate will no doubt revolutionize the types of freight cars, as was done in the case of the automobile trade.

What action will be taken in case of damages incurred en route has not been determined by the carriers. No provision is made for the loss of a machine on account of a sudden notion to fly.

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McCARTHY HURLS DEFI AT CRITICS

Challenges Bohemian, Pacific Union and California Clubs to Attempt Recall

Promises to Get Signers of Petition to Test Strength With People

City's Executive Refers to Clubwomen as "the Gentlemen in Skirts"

Moore and Weinstock Mentioned as Recall Candidates, but Without Authority

"The Bohemian and Pacific Union clubs and the gentlemen in skirts who frequent another club in this city (California club) want a fight I will give it to them and to a finish. If they ever start the recall I will see that they get the necessary signers for their petition. We will find out where we stand with the people. "MAYOR P. H. McCARTHY."

Mayor P. H. McCarthy challenges the "gentlemen of the Bohemian and Pacific Union clubs and the gentlemen in skirts" of the California club to invoke the charter provisions for his recall.

The mayor is something more than willing. He admits that he is anxious to test his strength with the people by resisting an attempt to recall him. His anxiety to show up his critics is so strong that he is willing to meet them more than half way. Just to show them how much he relishes a scrap and how they stand with the people he declares that if they will inaugurate a recall fight he will insure the completion of the necessary petition.

The mayor issued his deft yesterday. It was a sweeping challenge. None was excluded. It was, however, addressed particularly to the "gentlemen who frequent the Bohemian and Pacific Union clubs and the gentlemen in skirts who frequent another club." The other club was immediately identified. The mayor referred to the California club. Its members were the "gentlemen in skirts."

Recall Talk Heard As the result of the mayor's wholesale decapitation of holdover commissioners, recall talk was heard on every hand yesterday. The names of C. C. Moore and Harris Weinstock were mentioned as recall candidates in opposition to the mayor. None of the proponents of the recall used the names of either Moore or Weinstock with authority.

A heated discussion of the mayor's acts and of the recall at an informal gathering of businessmen at the Merchants' exchange at noon was the only thing even remotely suggesting organized effort to invoke the recall. Representatives of the public welfare fund gave cold comfort to the recall advocates who endeavored to secure the cooperation of the fund.

The public welfare fund will back the legal battles waged by the members of the school and health boards who are fighting their removal for cause, but it will have nothing to do with a recall movement—not for the present. Influential members of the fund declare that they will consider a recall movement more seriously when the disgruntled supporters of McCarthy, who are now complaining in secret, screw their courage up to the point of starting a fight in the open.

Aware of Agitation Mayor McCarthy had heard of the recall talk yesterday. Indeed, it had reached his ears long before yesterday. He remarked it in a speech at Monterey. He declined yesterday to discuss the suggestion that his wholesale removal of commissioners was in violation of the charter, but he was ready to discuss the recall movement.

"Have I taken cognizance of the recall agitation?" queried the mayor. "Believe me, I have. If the gentlemen who frequent the Bohemian and Pacific Union clubs and the gentlemen in skirts who frequent another club in this city want a fight, I will give it to them, and to a finish."

"Does your reference to the club frequented by gentlemen in skirts mean the California club?" the mayor was asked. The mayor answered affirmatively with a vigorous nod and a broad smile. "I have referred to them before," continued McCarthy. "If they want a fight, they can get it. I will fight to the finish in the interest of the people. Believe me, the office of mayor has no charm for me save and except for the

Local Brevities CRUELTY CASE DISMISSED—The charge of cruelty to animals against Harold G. Laycock, bellboy at the Hotel Granada, for beating and shooting his dog was dismissed by Police Judge Shortall yesterday. Many reputable witnesses testified to Laycock's good character.

ACCUSED OF KIDNAPING—Mrs. Mand Gregg, 370 O'Farrell street, obtained a warrant yesterday for the arrest of her former husband, William C. Gregg, on a charge of kidnaping their son, Paul Gregg, and taking him to Los Angeles county.

HELD FOR BURGLARY—James Lewis, who was found hiding under Lee Young's bed at 1362 Post street on the night of January 15, 1902, was held for trial before the superior court on a charge of burglary.

WANTED IN LOS ANGELES—Robert McJannet, piano salesman, was arrested yesterday by Detective Ryan on a warrant from Los Angeles charging him with failure to provide

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