

# PLOT CAUSED DEATH RUSH IS CHARGE

### Calumet Miners Intimate Disaster Causing 71 Lives Was Due to Enemies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Secretary of Labor Wilson received the following telegram today from Charles H. Meyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners: "The strike at Calumet and vicinity, demanding a federal investigation of the Christmas tragedy."

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 25.—The entire copper mining district is today stunned over the disaster of last night, which cost the lives of at least 71 persons, most of them children, in a panic after a false alarm of fire during Christmas exercises arranged by the women's auxiliary of the Western Federation of Miners. Nearly three score strikers' homes have been desolated. All during the night hundreds of persons gathered in and about the city hall and undertaking establishments where the bodies have been taken. It was not until late this morning that the work of preparing the bodies for burial had been completed.

### THREE BODIES UNIDENTIFIED

The bodies of a woman, a girl and a boy remain to be identified. The authorities are of the opinion that all of the dead have been accounted for.

Tomorrow an inquest will be held to investigate the cause of the disaster. It seems to be well established that the alarm of fire was raised by a man who came up the stairs, opened the door of the hall and shouted "fire." It has been charged that this cry was the result of a plot by opponents to the strike.

Witnesses describe the man as being poorly dressed. He wore a beard. In spite of all the efforts of the authorities, he has not yet been found. Firemen and policemen called to the hall were unable to stem the rush of the panic-stricken.

Ladders were raised to the windows on the second floor and firemen began dragging women and children from the heap of humanity which packed the stairway. Other persons were injured in their mad scramble toward the single doorway leading to the street. So closely did the bodies pack the stairway that entrance by this means was impossible. Other rescuers, however, made their way into the hall by means of a small fire escape at the rear of the building.

### HEROIC RESCUES REPORTED

Many instances of heroic rescues are being told today. One boy 13 years old carried a little companion down a ladder to safety. He started back for another boy who might have been trampled on, but firemen prevented him from entering the hall.

A woman and her little daughter were among the first to be pushed down the stairs by the crowd. Both of them were killed. A son of this woman managed to fight his way out of the throng and was not injured.

Most of the men in attendance at the entertainment acted bravely. The men, however, were in great minority. One man who sought to stay the rush of the crowd was crushed to death. Little children were the first to suffer. They could not get out of the way of their elders and dozens of them were trampled to death.

It was only when persons from the outside fought their way into the hall that the panic was checked. The bodies of some of those who were killed were at once carried away by fathers and mothers, but later these were taken to the city hall for better identification.

Another story of the alarm which brought about the panic was told today by Mrs. John Meyers. She said that she saw a man with a boy in his arms rushing down the stairs. The boy's cap was burning, she said, and in her opinion this spectacle inspired the cry which Saari said he heard. The boy's cap, friends of this theory assert, might easily have been ignited by a spark from one of the tobacco pipes which some of the spectators were smoking.

### SYMPATHY FOR MINERS

By Associated Press. BOSTON, Dec. 25.—When informed of last night's tragedy at Calumet, Mich., Quincy A. Shaw, president of the Calumet and Hecla Mining company, sent the following telegram to James McNaughton, superintendent of the mines:

"In some way, through the local papers, you will convey our sympathy to the men and women to whom the loss is a personal one, and to the whole community which has to face such a dreadful calamity.

"I feel sure that when this message reaches you, you will have done everything in the company's power, financially and with our every assistance, to render assistance to the victims and their families in this frightful accident."

# POSSES CLOSING PRISONERS HAVE

### YULETIDE FEAST

James Hurley and Frank Melville, the convicts who escaped from San Quentin Tuesday, are slowly being cornered in the hills behind San Rafael by a posse of more than 100 guards and sheriff's deputies. Warden Johnson believes that the two desperadoes have sought cover in the dense chaparral.

The two men were seen yesterday by an aged chicken rancher who lives near Schuetzen park. He fed them, not knowing they were convicts, although he noticed their blue clothes and prison shoes. He said they were both famished and soaking wet.

# 1 Trip to Theater in 19 Years Divorce Ground

If you don't take your wife to the theater often than once in 19 years you are liable to find yourself haled into the divorce court. At least this was the experience of Edward Thornton, an Oakland railroad man whose wife, Mrs. Amanda Thornton, got a decree yesterday.

# "ISHI, TRES POLE!" CRIES GABY DESLYS SMILE BRIDGES CENTURIES AT MEETING

THE stone age and the highest type of modern civilization were brought in sharp contrast yesterday when Ishi, the last of his race, and Gaby Deslys, the famous Parisian dancer who overturned Manuel's kingdom, met and quizzically eyed each other. The past and the present gazed across the lapse of centuries and both wondered.



# SNEAK THIEVES KEEP UP WORK WITH SUCCESS

Burglars, thieves and holdup men continued to operate last night and early this morning with the boldness and success that has characterized their efforts for several weeks.

Among the victims who reported to the police was Simon Berg, 705 Birch street, whose house was entered by burglars, who got away with jewelry and \$25 in cash.

Two silk umbrellas were stolen from the store of Mrs. P. Aronson, 454 Divisadero street.

Goods valued at \$13 were stolen from the Sing High, 1215 Pine street.

A burglar entered the basement of C. E. Todd's house, 1575 Washington street and stole a desk.

A purse containing articles valued at \$196 was stolen from Mrs. Jacob Zelman, 809 Octavia street.

No arrests were made.

# Special Matinee at Savoy Is Arranged

"Mutt and Jeff in Panama" will be presented at a special matinee at the Savoy theater on McAllister street tomorrow afternoon.

# Stone Age Indian and Fair Parisian Dancer Gaze at Each Other in Wonder

Gaby had never seen a regular Indian. So there you have the "low down" on the only man in San Francisco, honored by a visit from the petite Frenchwoman who danced her way through a king's heart.

Braving a nasty wind and a muggy morning, "Gaby-e Day-lee," she chortles it that way, so it's good enough for you, took a long ride out to the Affiliated Colleges yesterday and commuted with Ishi, the wild man, the last Indian of a dead tribe, who is sort of a valet du chambre to the educational institution.

Snuggled in the limousine in her great fur coat, Gaby asked questions. "Ees he wild? What you say, how old? Can he talk? How funny it is, to see a real Indian?"

Her big gray eyes popped out like a youngster's at the sight of a loaded Christmas tree, as she allowed her imagination to anticipate the meeting.

And when the mild old Indian came trooping down the steps, Gaby's full lips were just a bit of a pout, which Ishi was translated to mean the beauty was just a bit disappointed because Ishi wears more clothes than she does when she dances.

Ishi acted silly. He gave the blonde hair breaker the "once over" and giggled. Gaby was a bit awed at first, but she warmed up and the two, the stylish Parisian and the primeval Indian, were holding hands before the game broke up.

"You speak for me," she said over and over again, with a tilt in the old Indian fashion for his audience, Gaby bubbled over with explosives and smiles.

"That is fine! He is rich! He is what we call 'tray-bo,' whatever that is. Gaby got her tiny patent leathers and had to go to the theater without her lunch, which peevish her for a minute, but she discarded her frown on the way back to town and decided she liked Ishi "very-much."

"It is funny," she said after a silence. "He is the last man of his race, he should be much older."

"But if he were an old man he might have a family," it was suggested. "Oh, I forgot," the pretty Parisian smiled, she liked Ishi "very-much." Some-time age and families are synonymous.

# RIDES 20 MILES TO SURRENDER FOR KILLING

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 25.—J. H. Price, an employe of the Southern California Edison company, drove 20 miles over mountain roads with a bullet in his body yesterday to surrender to a constable at Kernville, 65 miles south, for killing Ross Merthaw, a fellow workman.

Price underwent an operation at the county jail here, where he was brought in an automobile, for the removal of the missile.

According to Price, the two men quarreled Tuesday morning, Merthaw calling him vile names and firing twice at Price before the latter defended himself. Price shot three times, and after ascertaining he had killed Merthaw, hired a horse at Fairview and drove to Kernville to give himself up.

### SANTA ROSA GIRL BETROTHED

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 25.—Miss Harriet P. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Smith, has announced her engagement to Dr. Stephen Wythe of Oakland.

### CHRISTMAS FOR CONVICTS

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 25.—Christmas cheer for convicts in Folsom today is a vaudeville entertainment by professionals and an extra dinner. The performers at the various theaters of this city, excepting the women, have volunteered to furnish the amusement features.

### LEAVES JAIL FOR ALTAR

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Nettie Sharon Putnam, arrested in San Francisco for forging checks here to the value of \$500, was yesterday released from jail to become the wife of Denman C. Campbell, who claims to be heir to the title of viscount and a large estate in England. He furnished bonds, and following the ceremony the pair took apartments at the Alexandria.

### JAILED FOR CONTEMPT

STOCKTON, Dec. 25.—Millard Swearer, a Sonora contractor, is in jail for contempt of court, his offense being refusal to pay alimony to his divorced wife, to whom he owes \$240. Judge Plummer offered to give him time, but Swearer said he would "rot in jail" before paying, so he was committed. Until he liquidates he will stay in the county bastille.

### BURGLARS ROB OIL OFFICE

STOCKTON, Dec. 25.—Safe blowers robbed the office of the Standard Oil company at Fair Oaks yesterday, securing about \$100. Nitroglycerin was used in blowing off the combination.

### WOMAN FALLS TO DEATH

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Anna Osenbrook of Butte, Mont., came here yesterday, accompanied by her husband and son, in hope of bettering her health. Within an hour following her arrival she either jumped or fell from the sixth story of a hotel and was instantly killed.

# CALL-POST WILL REPLY TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING STATE INSURANCE

BECAUSE of the great interest throughout San Francisco and California in the new workmen's compensation, insurance and safety act, commonly known as the workmen's compensation act, and the general desire for enlightenment on various phases of the law, The Call and Post will answer questions through its columns daily on anything relating to the proposition.

Send your written questions to The Call and Post. They will be answered by Colonel Harris Westcott, Will J. French and A. J. Pillsbury, composing the state industrial accident board, and both employer and employe will have an opportunity to obtain a good idea of what the law is. The act goes into effect January 1, and its sponsors say it will be one of the greatest legislative benefits ever given to the workmen and women of California.

Write your questions plainly and make them concise. Watch the columns of this paper closely, as the question you intended to ask may be answered in the query of your neighbor.

# BEACHEY TRIES TO BREAK RECORD

Airman Indulges in Loop the Loop and Other Stunts at Exposition Grounds

Lincoln Beachey, the San Francisco aviator, whose feats recently have brought him fame as a birdman, is attempting this afternoon at the exposition grounds to break his own record for looping the loop. He is being assisted in his feats by at least five hydroplane experts.

Beachey has already excelled the record made by Pegoud, the French aviator, for looping the loop, Beachey performing the feat four times without alighting.

### BREAKS JAW IN FALL

Too much Christmas cheer may result fatally for David Stevens, a clerk living in a lodging house at Eighth and Howard streets. Stevens fell into a sidewalk basement, incurring a broken jaw, lacerated scalp and internal injuries.

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# PURE FOOD LAW SHOWS LABELS FALSIFY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—"There's Many a Lie 'Twixt the Label and the Contents," might be the title for a batch of reports just issued by the government on violations of the pure food law. The reports were prepared by the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture. A summary of them shows:

### Pure Lemon Pie Filling

Proved to be an imitation made from corn starch, sugar and tartaric acid, colored with coal tar dye and containing only a trace of lemon oil.

### Guaranteed Pure Milk

Found to contain skimmed and watered milk along with "visible sediment of dirt and filth," and containing bacteria dangerous to human life; dealer pleaded guilty, fined \$100 and sentenced to 60 days in jail.

### Royal Apricots

Sixty per cent filth, decomposed and moldy vegetable substance, injurious to health and unfit for human food.

### Natural Lithia Water

Just ordinary spring water, with lithia and other mineral substances added.

### Imported Pure Olive Oil

A domestic product containing 40 per cent olive oil and 60 per cent cottonseed oil.

### Guaranteed Brewed from Selected Malt and Hops

Beer brewed wholly or in part from a cereal and sugar product other than malt.

### Mincement

Contained no meat fiber whatever. Principal ingredients were 48 per cent fruit pulp, 32 per cent raisins and a small amount of spice.

### Guaranteed Pure Vinegar

A mixture of glucose, sugar and distilled vinegars "mixed so as to injuriously affect the quality of the product."

# PROMINENT SWEDE DIE

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Frans A. Lindstrand, president of the Swedish National association, died here yesterday. He came to Chicago from Gottenburg, Sweden, in 1871, and for several years was publisher of the Svenska Amerikan.

# BIG CLASS FOR F. O. A.

Five hundred candidates are to be initiated by the 32 courts of the Foresters of America in this city at Scottish Rite temple on December 29. The uniform drill team of Court Inter Nos will confer the degrees in the amplified form.

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