

MINE DISASTER OCCURS IN MEXICO

Nearly Seventy Miners Lose Life by an Act of Negligence

BALLINGER HAS EMPLOYED COUNSEL FOR HIS DEFENSE

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—It was announced late this afternoon by Secretary Ballinger that after much persuasion he had decided to employ counsel to appear before the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation committee to defend his side of the case. The attorneys employed by Ballinger will also represent Fred Dennett, commissioner of the land office and H. H. Schwartz, chief of the field service. Although the name was not divulged the attorney is said to be a western lawyer thoroughly familiar with the land situation as it enters into the present controversy.

NO VERDICT IN THE GIBSON CASE

(Special to the Bonanza.)
GOLDFIELD, Feb. 3.—The jury in the Gibson case at 2 o'clock this morning were still wrangling, and from the standpoint of those familiar with the trial it looks as if it will be a hung jury. At 10 o'clock the twelve men came into court and asked to have the testimony of one of the witnesses read to them, which was done. The judge is sleeping in his chambers in case a verdict should be returned before morning.

PAULHAM FLIES IN A BLINDING SNOW STORM

By Associated Press
DENVER, Feb. 3.—Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, made a fifteen mile cross-country flight today in a driving snowstorm. The snow settled thickly on the planes of the machine, but it seemed to cause the aviator no inconvenience. After the flight Paulhan was so stiff from the cold that he had to be helped from the machine.

MURDERER ENDS LIFE AFTER SLAYING CHILD

By Associated Press
NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—A man shot and killed one child, wounded another, probably fatally, and then shot himself today in a house in East Fifth street. The police are following a theory that the man may have been the slayer of two boys shot recently while coasting.

CANDIDACY OF HENEY RUMORED IN PORTLAND

By Associated Press
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—The Oregonian says that according to telegrams received here the name of Francis J. Heney will be presented for the republican nomination for governor of California, in the next primary campaign. Heney declined to discuss the report.

Gas is Ignited From the Flame of a Cigarette—Most of the Victims Mexican Mine Laborers.

By Associated Press
LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 2.—One of the greatest disasters in the history of Mexican coal mining occurred today at the Palm mine, at Las Esperanzas, Mexico, and the toll of human life which has paid the penalty of negligence on the part of some miner, according to the latest reports, is placed at seventy. After the official report, showing fifty-three dead, twelve additional bodies were recovered, bringing the total up to sixty-five, while three others died in the hospital, making a total of the victims thus far of sixty-eight. The explosion occurred in No. 3 shaft of the coal mine of the Esperanzas Mining company, and is attributed to the ignition of gas from the flame of a cigarette of a miner, smoking contrary to the rules. The miners are mostly Mexicans and Japanese and assumed their places in the different workings just after 7 o'clock. At 8:30 those working above ground heard a loud explosion, and almost instantly a vast cloud of dust and smoke issued from the mouth of the shaft. Soon the air cleared and the rescue work was commenced. The rescuers worked in relays, searching for the dead and dying companions. After six hours of work fifty-three bodies were brought to the surface, and nearly forty injured were removed to the hospitals. Most of the killed were Mexicans, the Japanese miners being employed in different parts of the mine.

SIMPLEST LIFE IN NEW YORK ON \$850

By Associated Press
NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The lowest amount on which a family can live in simplest decency in New York is \$850 a year, according to the estimate of a special committee from the Federated Labor unions, which has been investigating the increased cost of living. This, the report says, is an increase of \$100 in two years. It costs a fifth more to live in New York, the investigators say, than in large cities in the Middle West.

CHALLENGE TO DUEL ISSUED BY WOMAN

By Associated Press
ABBEYVILLE, La., Feb. 2.—Mrs. Mary Schexnialder, aged 60 years, recently challenged a woman to a duel near here. The challenger stipulated shotguns as weapons. Saturday Mrs. Schexnialder was called before the district court and fined for assault. "My challenge was not accepted," she protested. The court, however, held that a challenge to a duel constituted an assault.

WATERS OF THE SEINE CONTINUE TO FALL RAPIDLY

By Associated Press
PARIS, Feb. 2.—During the last twenty-four hours the river Seine has fallen from two to three feet but below Paris the water is several feet deep still in the streets. Boats can be seen everywhere carrying relief to sufferers. At nightfall the Lyons and Austerlitz stations are still surrounded by water. The tracks of the Orleans and Invalides stations are submerged, the flood at these points being nine feet deep. The water is receding from the wine and spirit warehouse at Bercy quay, the largest in Europe. The losses here alone are estimated at \$800,000.

VALUES INCREASING.

Values are increasing rapidly in the ductile dike that is being drifted on in the Booth lease, controlled by Arthur Weber of Goldfield and McLaughlin and Reese of Lincoln, Neb. Yesterday's assays showed \$11, as compared with \$3.50 on Saturday and a trace a week ago.—Goldfield Tribune.

ARIZONA COWBOY SLAIN WHILE SHOOTING UP TOWN

GLOBE, Ariz., Feb. 2.—Jack Lane, aged 23, a cowboy, was shot and killed by W. C. Colcord, supervisor of Gila county, at Payson, 100 miles north of here, while Lane was "shooting up" the town.

CANVASS SHOWS 75 WERE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

By Associated Press
PRIMERO, Colo., Feb. 2.—Monday's explosion of the main mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, claimed a total of seventy-five victims, and left thirty-five widows and sixty-five fatherless children. These facts were determined this afternoon when the official canvass of the camp was completed, and the names of the missing men checked with the company's payroll. Thirty-four bodies have been sent to Trinidad on a special train this afternoon, and the remaining sixteen will probably be forwarded tomorrow when a general funeral will be held. According to a statement this evening two additional bodies were recovered today, which brings the total recovered up to fifty. The expectation of finding more bodies has been given up until such time as the entries can be cleared.

WESTON STARTS ON ANOTHER BIG HIKE

By Associated Press
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—Edward Payson Weston, the pedestrian, left Pasadena this morning to walk across the continent, which he expects to complete in ninety days. He will follow the Santa Fe to Chicago.

Enjoy a good laugh at the Butler tonight.

Americans on Mexican Lines Vote to Strike

By Associated Press
EL PASO, Feb. 2.—According to figures given out tonight by members of the Order of Railway Conductors, 99 1/2 per cent of the American conductors, and 89 per cent of the engineers and dispatchers employed on the Mexican National lines, voted to resign in a body. The resignations will be placed in the hands of the committee of representative American Railroad men to take effect February 17, according to the El Paso Order of Railway conductors. Five hundred Americans will be effected. It is declared tonight that a boycott on goods consigned to and from El Paso will be declared after the American employees quit the service on the National lines. According to the conductors, modified demands were presented by the Americans, and were agreed to by President E. N. Brown, but were rejected by the board of directors of the National lines.

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COLD WEATHER MAKES BUSINESS FOR BUTLER

A PLEASANT PLACE TO PASS THE EVENING DURING COLD SNAP.

The largest crowd that ever attended a moving picture entertainment in Tonopah attended the Butler theater last night and enjoyed a good program. "Custer's Last Stand," was the magnet which drew the crowd and despite the cold weather this popular place of amusement was very comfortable and warm. Tonight there will be another entire change of program and the following pictures will be shown: "From Workhouse to Mansion," drama; "Butterfly," scenic; "Fighting Suffragettes," drama; "No More Children Wanted," comedy; and a great scenic feature film entitled, "Views of London and Ireland." Remember this program is on for today's matinee and this evening's performances only, with an entire change of program tomorrow.

For good bread try the City Bakery. 1-21-1f

NEED PUBLICITY TO GET ALONG

During the past month the situation in Yerington has not been lacking in interesting developments in its mines. One unfortunate condition though, is the fact that we lack facilities for chronicling the exact status of our mines so outsiders can know exactly what we have. Only last Monday Tom Murphy, for years a resident of Butte and one of the original locators, and at the present time part owner of the Consolidated mines at Goldfield, after inspecting the Mason Valley mine, had the following to say: "I have always understood, and I believe other people who have heard of Yerington, have a similar opinion, that the mines of Yerington were looking good and in a short time, providing the price of the metal remained the same, would become profitable producers, but to say that I was astonished after inspecting the Mason Valley property, is putting it lightly. For the amount of development, and mind you, there is a great deal, it is the biggest and richest copper mine I have ever seen. Although the district has no facilities for treating its ores, there a numerous mining men who,

HEPBURN ATTACKS POSTAL SAVINGS BANK BILL AS A MENACE

Says That Board of Trustees Would be Able to Dictate Rate of Interest Throughout Country.

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—"Should the postal savings bank bill become a law, it would greatly endanger, if not destroy incomes to the amount of hundreds of millions of dollars," declared Senator Hephburn today. The Idaho senator engaged in a general discussion of the bill in connection with the amendment as presented by Senator Smoot for the regulation and removal of the postal savings deposits from the banks. He contended that inasmuch as the fund under the bill would reach fully \$700,000 it would enable the board of trustees to dictate a rate of interest throughout the country. "In other words the government proposes to go into the loaning business,"

he said, "and intends to fix the rate of interest at 2 1-4 per cent." In view of this fact he asked what the effect would be on the income derived from funds invested at 5 and 6 per cent. "Should we," he then asked, "so forget our duty to the widows and orphans whose funds are thus invested, so as to disturb the earning capacity of their investments?" He declared the bill should be denominated "An act to constitute a government collection agency for banks." He added that under the bill it was the purpose to convert the government into a collecting agency by the proposed Smoot amendment providing for the withdrawal of funds from banks unwilling to pay the 2 1-4 per cent interest.

if cognizant of what is really here, would immediately become interested, therefore, I consider the district is more in need of the right kind of a mining writer and newspaper man than anything else. It is impossible for me to see a reason why Yerington should not become a second Butte."—Yerington Times.

HENRY TAFT HAS IMPROVED RAPIDLY
By Associated Press
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—Henry Taft's condition is greatly improved today and the physician states tonight the patient will leave the hospital in a few days.

Tiny faces of foxes head some of the hatspins to go with fur-trimmed head gear.

Rent your rooms by inserting ad in the Bonanza.

JAPANESE ARE PLANNING FOR LARGE NAVY

By Associated Press
VAN COUVER, Feb. 2.—Twenty-one warships to be added to the Japanese navy before 1917 is included in the new Japanese naval program, according to advices brought by the steamer Awa Maru which arrived from the Orient today. Four dreadnaughts, five cruisers and two dispatch boats are included in the program which is nearing completion and the vessels will be laid down soon.

Remember it is nice and comfortable at the Butler.

Large Mexican Packing Company Forced to Quit

By Associated Press
NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The Mexican National Packing company, a New Jersey corporation controlled by English investors, operating slaughter houses and packing houses in Mexico under concessions from the Mexican government, failed today with liabilities, including the stock, of \$37,000,000. The assets are unannounced, but it is estimated they are in excess of the liabilities. The company will continue to operate the plants. Henry Dekay was

appointed the receiver by Judge Lanning in the United States circuit court of New Jersey this afternoon. The appointment of the receiver was not brought about by any condition of the livestock market, but by the tying up of a part of the company's funds in the United States Banking company in Mexico city, which recently suspended. Among the concessions held by the company is the exclusive right to slaughter cattle in Mexico city until 1929.

DRINK CRAZED RED AFTER BOOTLEGGER

VIRGINIA CITY, Feb. 2.—At a late hour this afternoon what is liable to result in a murder, was the outcome of a battle between a white man and an Indian in this city which was fought with a hatchet and an axe.

Johnny Stewart, a drink crazed Indian, wandered to the cabin of Ralph Johnson and demanded that Johnson secure liquor for him. Upon the refusal of the white man to comply with his request, the Indian made a fiendish attack upon him with a hatchet. Johnson kept away from as best he could and at last he was able to grasp an axe that was in the cabin and struck the Indian a blow on the head. The Indian fell to the floor with the blood gushing from his head in a stream. Johnson called for help and soon officers and a physician were on the scene. Rushing into the house they found it a regular shambles as the wounded Indian in his struggles had charged around the room covering everything with a coating of blood. Johnson was arrested and taken to jail and the wounded Indian to

the hospital. The physician in charge reported at a late hour that while the Indian was very seriously injured yet he did not believe that the wound would prove fatal.

Johnson, the white man, and the one who struck the blow, was only recently discharged from the insane asylum and at one time served a term in the penitentiary for furnishing liquor to Indians. There was considerable excitement in this city immediately afterwards as the report gained currency that the battle had been fiercer than it really was and as an outcome that one Indian had been killed and two others were in a dying condition while the other man was seriously wounded.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

Sealskin is the favorite fur coat. New parkas are in brilliant colors and plaids. Sleeves promise more fullness in the near future. Chiffon is evidently in for a tremendous vogue. Sterling silver charms of all kinds are now in favor. An old find revived permits the wearing of gold slippers. Scarfs are being draped even more elaborately than last summer. Belts for street costumes are very wide and have large buckles.