

PECH PROPE OF TRAIN REFERENCE

BUT ONE HOPE HELD IN FIGHT TO SAVE MINERS

Rescue Crews Battling to Clear Out Tunnel and Save 47 Men Entombed.

WATCHERS LOSING HOPE

Pathetic Group of Wives and Children of Doomed Men Nearby—Fire Gains.

JACKSON, Calif., Aug. 29.—Rescue crews working in six-hour shifts and putting every iota of energy into the Argonaut mine in the hope of rescuing 47 miners trapped by a fire in the main Argonaut shaft. It is expected that the work will take two more days at least, but according to state and government experts it appears to hold out the only hope for the imprisoned men.

The rescuers have figured that the tunnel will come below the lowest fire level in the Argonaut. Tests for gases are being made as they dig their way along in order that they shall not be overcome by any possible escape of the noxious fumes. As each crew goes off the shift it is brought back from near exhaustion by Red Cross workers who have established quarters in the mine blacksmith shop. Hope for rescue is being kept up by the men through the main shaft was abandoned when it was determined that the fire was gaining despite efforts to get under control. The tearing out of considerable timbering at the 2,500 foot level did not seem to impede the flames to the great extent as had been expected. Government experts and the fire was licking its way toward the shaft collar tonight, driving the fighting crews upward inch by inch.

Pathetic Group Watches. An applicant for detecting any sounds or signals that might be made by the entombed miners if they are still alive was to be put into the tunnel. According to mine officials everything that is humanly possible to do to effect the rescue of the fire victims is being done. Huddled on cars used to bring the gold to the surface a pathetic group of wives and children of the doomed men watched the proceedings which hourly grew more hopeless.

The entombed men, cut off by fire yesterday, had little hopes of being rescued. They had struggled to a level where the air was a little better but it was believed impossible that they would be brought out alive. A loaded skip was monotonously shot down into the depth, plunging for the level on which the men were believed to be crouching. Each time the skip shot downward a wave of hope surged through the watching throng. The hope grew less as time after time it came up empty. Miners who were not caught by the blast of fire worked in endless shifts. Many of those who were (Continued on Page Two.)

FORD REITERATES 'SHUTDOWN' STAND

Denies Reports That Motives Other Than Fuel Shortage Caused Action.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 29.—(By A. P.)—Reiteration that Henry Ford was "not bluffing" in his decision to shut down his automobile plants here Sept. 16, as part of a fight against what he terms a "holding" by coal brokers and denial of various reports that causes other than the fuel shortage were responsible for his action were made at the Detroit manufacturers' office today. A report from Louisville that when the 75,000 Ford workers in the Detroit district were released on Sept. 16 Mr. Ford would advise them to take employment with the railroads in an effort to break the rail strike was denied emphatically. The statement was termed ridiculous. "There may be individual cases of Ford workers anticipating the lack of employment making application for work with the railroads," it was stated, "but Mr. Ford certainly is not going to advise the men to attempt to break the rail strike."

Another report that met emphatic denial was that lack of business figured in the decision to close the plants. Figures were cited to refute it. "When the decision to close the plant was reached," it was stated, "we were four weeks behind in orders for Ford cars and three weeks behind in orders for Lincoln cars. We had only just caught up on orders for Packards."

The decision to suspend operations came, it was reiterated, at a time when the Ford company was doing the greatest business in its history.

THE WEATHER Indiana: Increasing cloudiness followed by showers in north portion Wednesday night and Thursday; slight temperature Thursday. Lower Michigan: Increasing cloudiness Wednesday, followed by showers by night on Thursday; not much change in temperature.

Government Pays Colonel Honor 25 Years After Deed

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—Nearly a quarter of a century after he carried Pres. McKinley's "message to Garcia," Lieut. Col. A. S. Rowan, U. S. A., retired, was honored for his exploit, which in the words of Elbert Hubbard, had been told in every language. Tuesday he had the distinguished service cross as a token of his deed followed an impressive ceremony Monday at which military honors were paid Col. Rowan at the local residence.

The recognition came just 24 years and three months after Col. Rowan delivered his message to Garcia in Cuba after traveling in disguise day and night and undergoing great hardships. The citation brings out that Rowan not only delivered his message but secured important military information which had great value in bringing to a quick ending the struggle.

CHARGE ILLEGAL TAX COLLECTIONS IN ALLEN COUNTY

State Board May Order Refunding of \$105,186.48—Mistake Alleged.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 29.—(By A. P.)—Illegal collection of taxes amounting to \$105,186.48 from citizens of Wayne township, Allen county, living outside the city of Fort Wayne, and during the period from 1914 to 1920, is charged in a report to the state board of accounts filed today by A. L. Donaldson, field examiner. The report indicates that the taxes should be refunded immediately. The collections resulted from an alleged mistake of Allen county officials in fixing tax levies for the construction of roads in the township. Under the provisions of the law, the funds for construction of the roads should have been obtained by making a levy on all the property in the township. The officials, apparently having in mind an old statute, fixed the levy only on the property in the township lying outside the city of Fort Wayne. It is charged that the tax payers in the township outside the city of Fort Wayne should have been assessed only \$7,202.52 but that they paid a total of \$112,389.

The report indicates that in 1920 the levy for the roads was changed and made against all the taxable property in the township. Roads involved in the transaction were the following: Boswell-Portage av.; Feichten No. 1; Feichten No. 2; Graham, Helzmann, Mason, Roth and Taylor sts.; extension, Charles Springer and Winchester-Moeltinger. The report lists each tax payer in the township outside of Fort Wayne and the amount of taxes alleged to have been collected illegally. It covers 300 pages.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE EXCITES DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—War department clerks were thrown into a flurry of excitement Tuesday when Thomas Eadie attempted suicide by swallowing a quantity of poison just outside the office of Secy of War Weeks. Eadie, according to the police, had made futile efforts to obtain employment in the government service and Tuesday morning went to the war department in quest of an interview with Secy of War Weeks. It was while waiting to see the secretary that Eadie swallowed the poison, according to the police. At the time Weeks was closeted with the president and members of the cabinet in their semi-weekly conference.

Dead Men Found Tied to Wheels of Autos in "Bandits' Grave Yard"

Missouri River Grimly Holds to Dead as Efforts to Raise Machines Fail.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 29.—(By U. P.)—The Missouri river grimly held its dead in the weird "bandits' grave yard" near Nearman late today. Efforts to raise sunken automobiles which, officials of the sheriff's office assert, have at least two dead men bound to the steering wheels, were unavailing. The alleged "murder cars" slipped from the slings and plunged back into the river's muddy depths. A windlass has been rigged, and workmen are digging away the cliffs in a semi-circle at Nearman, a few miles from here. As the work progressed, farmers of the district told sheriff W. J. Wright, Jr., strange stories of events on the river's bank nightly during the past few weeks. The lights of several automobiles were seen at this off-the-road point, Wright was informed. Cars turned from the highway toward

APPROVE USE OF DEBT INTEREST FOR BONUS FUND

Senate Also Substitutes Smith-McNary Bill for Land Settlement Option.

FINAL VOTE IS DELAYED

Expected Within Three Days—Discuss Measure During Lengthy Debate.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—(By A. P.)—Without a record vote the senate approved today the use of the interest on the foreign debt in financing the soldiers' bonus. Also it substituted the Smith-McNary \$350,000,000 reclamation bill for the interest settlement option in the house measure. Then it quit for the day with a final vote on the measure at least one and perhaps two or three days distant.

The amendment authorizing payment of the bonus charge with the interest on the eleven billions of dollars owed the United States by the allied nations was proposed by Sen. Simmons, democrat, North Carolina, and Sen. Reed, democrat, Missouri and other members urged it as a means not only of meeting President Harding's requirement that the bill carry a means of financing but also of silencing talk about cancellation of the foreign debt.

New Disapproval. A roll call on the proposal was demanded at first, but this demand was dropped, presumably because of the apprehension of leaders that a quorum could not be obtained at that late hour. A division was had instead, 35 senators signifying their approval of the amendment, and one Sen. New, republican, Indiana, his disapproval.

The Smith-McNary reclamation amendment was agreed to by a vote of 43 to 26. Party lines disappeared on the roll call, 23 republicans and 20 democrats supporting the amendment and 18 republicans and eight democrats opposing it. All of the senators from the far western states voted for the proposal, and all those from the New England states voted against it. The Smith-McNary amendment would provide for the reclamation of arid lands in the west through irrigation and swamp lands in the south and other sections by drainage. The work to be done under the direction of the secretary of the interior through federal and state co-operation. Victims of the World War, the Spanish-American war and the Philippine insurrection to be given first opportunity to obtain homesteads and also in working on the various projects.

Oppose Amendment. Opposition to the amendment was voiced by Sen. McCumber, republican, North Dakota, in charge of the bonus; Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, and Robinson, democrat, Arkansas. The charge was made that opponents of the bonus were supporting a better proposition in the hope that it would furnish an added reason for the president to veto the bonus.

Sen. McNary, republican, Oregon, who proposed the reclamation feature, told Sen. McCumber that the bill would give a better chance of executive approval with his amendment attached than it would without it. Interwoven with the debate on the reclamation feature was discussion of the bonus itself, with Sens. Sterling and Robinson, republican, Wyoming, and Sen. McCumber, republican, North Dakota, in charge of the bonus; Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, and Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, and others supporting the measure.

NAB ALLEGED SWINDLER. CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—Reginald Barrett, alleged to have manipulated fake stock swindles to the extent of \$40,000 in Denver, Colo., was arrested Tuesday. Barrett was traced here and taken into custody by Roy Wilson, a government operative of Denver.

Their Last Photograph Together



Michael Collins, recently slain leader of the Irish Free State, and Gen. Richard Mulcahy (right), his friend and co-worker. The photo was taken at the funeral of Arthur Griffith. Mulcahy now is the military head of the Free State.

Johnson Leading In Early Returns of California Vote

Leads Moore, 7,301 to 6,705, With 463 Scattered Precincts Held From.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—Sen. Hiram W. Johnson was leading Charles C. Moore, his opponent for the republican senatorial nomination in the California state primaries today, 7,301 to 6,705, on the face of incomplete returns from 463 scattered precincts, according to early returns here tonight. While the returns were scattered, the bulk of the vote was from Los Angeles. There are 6,369 precincts in the state.

In today's statewide primaries, the vote, which was cast to nominate United States senators, governor and other state officers, was heavy, according to the early returns from all sections of the state. It was said that from 40 to 60 per cent of the registered voters had cast their ballots when the polls closed at 7 o'clock.

Claims Victory. At 10:35 o'clock tonight, Sen. Johnson said: "I have won the nomination and of course I am delighted with the result. The returns are fragmentary, but the result is undoubted."

SECRECY SHROUDS MINE WAR PROBE

Veil Drawn Tighter After Witness Refuses to Testify at Investigation.

MARION, Ill., Aug. 29.—(By A. P.)—The veil of secrecy that has been thrown around the grand jury investigation of the Herrin mine war that took place June 21 and 22 last, causing 26 fatalities, was drawn tighter this afternoon, not even the names of the witnesses being divulged. The stringent action followed the report that one witness had declined to testify to answers put by members of the investigating body. The witness, whose name would not be given out, was turned over to the sheriff, but given an opportunity tomorrow morning to consider his refusal.

More than two scores of witnesses were called into the grand jury room during the day, the chief witness being Anton P. Findlay of Chicago, a timekeeper of the Southern Illinois Coal Co. Findlay was shot twice during the massacre that followed the surrender of the mine employees and only his presence of mind saved him from certain death when the "clean up" squad of the mob went over the battle ground and found Findlay apparently dead.

Findlay was the second man in line when the "death march" began and it is understood that he furnished the grand jury valuable information as to the apparent leaders of the attacking mob. Employees of an electrical railway running between Herrin and this city, also were among the witnesses today. Rumors coming from authentic sources described the testimony of some witnesses as disappointing to the officials who are making the inquiry. In that the witnesses seemed to "have forgotten" facts which the prosecution had chiefly relied upon as being the basis of the inquiry.

FATALLY HURT BY TRAIN. VALPARAISO, Ind., Aug. 29.—(By A. P.)—George R. Young of Chicago, was fatally injured today when a passenger flyer hit the truck he was driving at Leucka crossing, five miles west of here. Lee Young, a brother, escaped with minor injuries.

PROPOSE GIVING HARDING SEIZURE POWER

House May Be Called Upon to Go on Record on Proposal—Review Opinion.

WOULD AID SITUATION

President's Attitude Is That Step Would Strengthen Government Hold.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—(By A. P.)—Smouldering official opinion in favor of the presidential authorization to take over railroads and coal mines not operated at their highest efficiency was reviewed in congress today when it was known at the White House that Pres. Harding held that such a grant of power was desirable although without the idea of using the authority except in case of emergency.

One immediate result of the renewed discussion of government operation was the prospect that the house might be called upon at short notice to put itself on record in the matter. Rep. Johnson, republican, South Dakota, announced his intention to offer tomorrow an amendment to the administration coal control bill which would give the president the authority he was said to desire. Several other members of the house indicated they also would submit amendments with the same purpose in view, although congressional leaders generally predicted no such legislation would be passed for the present. As explained at the White House the president's attitude is that the administration's hold on the situation would be measurably strengthened if it had as a foundation the potential power to take over a single railroad or a system of carriers, a single mine or a series of mining properties which had been shown clearly to have failed to render what the severe capable. There was no hint as to the manner in which such properties would be administered, when and if taken over. White House spokesmen emphasized that Mr. Harding had no immediate intention of using the suggested power.

Expect Settlement. Mr. Harding, it was said, believed today that the bituminous coal industry was working out its own problem under the impetus of the practical settlement reached at Cleveland and held further that the anthracite strike would be settled shortly on a basis which would permit the hard coal mines to return rapidly to production.

Should this forecast be borne out by developments, it was said at the White House, the railroad tangle would be left as the only industrial knot of first importance and in this connection the administration policy as outlined today, was said to be constructed on a strict enforcement of existing laws which guarantee safety of life and property and maintenance of necessary public service. A less optimistic view of the fuel situation was taken by Chairman Cummings of the senate interstate commerce committee in his report (Continued on Page Two.)

STEAMER WITH HUGHES ABOARD UNHEARD FROM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—The shipping board steamer Pan American, carrying Secy of State Hughes and other members of the Brazilian exposition commission to Rio De Janeiro, has not been heard from for 24 hours, it was stated at the navy department today. Officials here believe the Pan American has encountered a storm which was reported over the Caribbean sea, rendering the vessel's wireless ineffective.

SLAYING OF TAILOR Baffles Authorities

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 29.—Police were Tuesday trying to solve one of the most baffling murders they have ever coped with following the discovery of the mutilated body of J. Frank O'Connor, merchant tailor, in his shop in the Sibley building in the heart of the business district.

Jealousy of Bergin's Former Love Led to Slaying, Young Girl Reveals

Alice Thornton Describes Events Which Culminated in "Movie" Tragedy. NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—(By I. N. S.)—The jealousy of an angry woman led to the killing of John Bergin, moving picture actor, by George A. Cline, in the Cline home at Edgewater, N. J., it was revealed Tuesday afternoon. Bergin had begun courting 19-year-old Alice Thornton, a beautiful blonde, but Miss Thornton said she broke off relations when she found Bergin was also paying attentions to Mrs. Cline. She declared that Cline became suspicious of Bergin and that when she finally revealed all she knew of the relations of Bergin and Mrs. Cline at Saranac Lake, N. Y., the tragedy followed. "Jack and I were sweethearts," said Miss Thornton. "I did not know he was married. He assured me that, although he had had flirtations with girls, he had never met his true love until he became acquainted with me. We got along swimmingly at first. He knew a lot of movie

Held for Murder



George Cline, who is charged with the murder of John Bergin, movie actor, at Edgewater, N. J., last week. The shooting is said to have followed Bergin's attentions to Mrs. Cline and according to Miss Alice Thornton, pretty actress, Cline shot the other man to death in cold blood and not after challenging him to a duel as Cline said.

FEDERAL OFFICERS SEEK TO UNCOVER NATIONWIDE PLOT

Three Men Held on First Degree Murder Charge—Planned to Wreck "Century."

CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—Four men charged with killing two engineers by the wrecking of a Michigan Central express train a week ago were held to the Lake county, Indiana, grand jury without bail today on charges of first degree murder by Municipal Judge W. M. Quinn of Gary. Meanwhile federal agents, the officials of Indiana and Illinois and railway investigators continued their inquiry in an effort to clear up all the details of the conspiracy which they charge resulted in the pulling of 27 spikes from a rail before the Michigan Central express and a plot which failed to wreck the Twentieth Century limited on the New York Central. Officials of the latter road announced that every mile of its right of way was under heavy guard. Federal men expect to uncover a nationwide sabotage system as a result of the investigation.

Paul Glaser, an Indiana attorney who appeared as counsel for the men held to the grand jury on the murder charge, declared that they were innocent but had been so abused by the police that they would have admitted anything. The names of those held are Charles Uselis, Joseph Ponarich and Albino Alessio, from whom are said to be striking shippers.

When Alessio was arraigned he pleaded not guilty on the ground that he was an agent for the railway company, although this was denied by representatives of the road. Dwight M. Kinder of Lake county, who will prosecute the case, declared that he would ask the death penalty in the electric chair for all the defendants.

BANDITS GET HAUL. WINNIPEG, Aug. 29.—Binding and gagging the clerks who were sleeping in the quarters provided for them above the bank, bandits early Tuesday robbed the Union bank at Foremost, Alberta, of \$12,000 cash and \$70,000 in negotiable securities.

SHOW YOUR COLORS

Teachers in the public schools, several hundreds of them, will find it necessary to depend upon the South Bend and Mishawaka public to provide homes for them for the nine months' term. Students from away who are attending South Bend business colleges also resort to the "for rent" columns for a place to live. More than 500 students at Notre Dame university will find it impossible to live upon the campus. Business is better and the demand for furnished rooms is increasing with the influx of labor. LIST THAT SPARE ROOM in the "want ad" of South Bend's leading newspaper. Big results at low cost. PHONE, BRING or Send them in to THE NEWS-TIMES (Read by 100,000 people)

TODD NAMED TO HEAD SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

U. S. to Conduct Inquiry into Series of Train Stoppages in the West.

REPORT MANY DEFECTS

Condition of Locomotives Causes Concern—Commission Relaxes Control.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—(By A. P.)—A decision to institute a special department of justice organization to investigate alleged illegal stoppages of transportation services incident to the rail strike in the west; a formal relation of some of the interstate commerce commission priority control of coal distribution; the publication of federal safety inspectors survey of railroad engines, and preparation of official estimate that soft coal production for the week is rising above 8,000,000 tons or 100 percent more than was coming up a month ago, were among elements that emerged today out of the government's annual contact with the industrial situation.

In the midst of these developments John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, whose position has been a dominant one in the continuation of the deadlock which has kept the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania tied up, arrived in Washington and indicated confidence that the long delayed settlement there was to be looked for at once.

Start Investigation. Atty. Gen. Daugherty announced that a separate investigation organization would be built up immediately in Los Angeles in charge of Hiram C. Todd, United States attorney for northern New York, who is to resign his post in order to accept this special appointment. It will be Mr. Todd's duty, it was said, to conduct inquiries into the possible criminality involved in the series of train stoppages and interruptions to interstate commerce in federal district attorneys to follow up any violations of federal court injunctions obtained by railroads to prevent strikers and their sympathizers from molesting operations in shops and yards. The law, Mr. Daugherty said, must be impressively enforced in this matter.

There is "a very general let down and \$70,000 in negotiable securities, motives) by carriers which gives cause for concern," the interstate commerce commission reported to the senate today, answering a resolution brought out by the attorney very between strike leaders and the railways over safety conditions of equipment since the shopmen walked out. The railroads are failing to make all the inspections required by the law, the report continued, and managements are reporting inability to do so because of the strike while the commission's own staff of inspectors are merely sufficient in number to supervise and test the carriers' inspection system. Notwithstanding the matter, commerce commission inspectors during July inspected 4,857 locomotives on 162 railroads, finding 2,456 defective and 169 unsafe to operate. Many of the defects noted, it was said, were not of minor importance but of serious nature, "being found to have defects in need of prompt attention."

The decision of the government to relax the control on coal shipments was carried into effect by an interstate commerce commission order greatly modifying priority controls hitherto imposed on consumers. Hereafter, upon special designation by the commission and its agents, coal will be shipped first to sections of the northwest whose supply ordinarily moves by the Great Lakes water routes and to railways whose needs are pressing to maintain transportation. A second class of shipments will be maintained as entitled to priority when certificates of state fuel administration or committees are furnished railroads that the coal is meant for public utilities, public institutions, domestic and building heating supplies of common carriers, and manufacture of foodstuffs, medicines and containers therefor.