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HUNDRED DEAD IN MINE BLAST

Briceville, Tenn., Is The Scene Of Latest Catastrophe

Experts At Work In Shaft--Coffins Arrive On Special Trains And Are Stacked At Mouth of Pit Awaiting Mangled Remains Of Men Entombed Several Miles From Opening--Bare Hope Expressed That Five Or Six Are Yet Alive--Rescue Work Hampered

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 11.—It is now believed that between 80 and 100 men are entombed in the Knoxville company's Iron Cross mountain mine as the result of an explosion. Work of recovering the bodies is proceeding slowly, partly because most of the entombed men are believed to be two miles from the opening and because of deadly blackdamp. The latter caused all work to be suspended for several hours. The rescue parties are composed of seasoned miners and less seasoned and more timid government experts fitted out with helmets and oxygen tanks.

The rescuers are confident that none of the entombed men will be found alive, but President Stephenson of the mine company expressed the opinion that in one of the uttermost chambers, near the opening of the Thistle mine, five or six of the old miners will be found alive.

Electrical devices for moving cars in the workings were shattered by the explosion, and debris cleared away in the tunnels is being hauled by mule cars to the surface. Mine experts said it would be days before each lateral had been penetrated, and that stating when all bodies would be found was but guesswork. It is in the laterals that the most bodies are expected to be found.

Thousands Visited Scene.

At least 10,000 persons visited this hamlet and willing workers were many. George F. Chanler, president of the Tennessee Coal company, is in charge of the relief work. He divided the men into gangs of 50 and sent each shift into the working for two hours. Even when the air in the mine was at its best they could

not work longer in there.

The throng of visitors is largely responsible for the exhaustion of food supplies in Briceville. All stores are bare of eatables and many went hungry. However, hunger will not be long an added horror to relatives of the victims, as Knoxville and other cities are rushing food supplies.

Straining on the ropes that keep the throng back from the mine opening are the relatives of victims, anxiously awaiting some word of life within the yawning mouth of the death trap. The situation becomes more tense as each car of debris is brought to the surface, for its driver might bring some word, or with the debris might be the body of some loved one.

The shrill whistle of the special train bringing coffins brought another horror to the already dazed inhabitants of the little town. The special brought 100 boxes and they were piled near the mouth of the mine.

A terrible pall of silent sorrow exists about the mouth of the mine as thousands congregate, some standing for hours and others moving momentarily from one point of vantage to another.

Officials Are Reticent.

No official or semi-official opinion has been given out as to the cause of the disaster. President T. I. Stephenson had nothing to say in answer to this inquiry. It is generally believed, however, that the disaster was due to a dust explosion.

Mine officials also continue to decline to give out any positive information as to the number of men who went to work in the mine, but it is thought that the number was between 100 and 200.

DROPS CANAL SCANDAL

Columbus, O., Dec. 11.—Attorney General Hogan has announced that after reviewing the testimony collected by Former Attorney General U. G. Denman and Attorney H. J. Booth in connection with the graft charges preferred by James R. Markker, former chief engineer to the state board of public works, he has decided that the evidence does not warrant legal proceedings against the accused parties.

PROTEST URY'S PARDON

Columbus, O., Dec. 11.—Former Sheriff Cliffe of Wyandot county, who was instrumental in convicting George Ury and the other suspects in the Johnson murder in 1901, has demanded to be heard by Governor Harmon before a pardon is issued to Ury. He denies most strenuously that the charges imputed to him are true. Cliffe and Former Prosecutor Meek will be given a hearing before the pardon board at its next session.

BRIDE HAS HER SAY

Canton, O., Dec. 11.—Discrediting the story of her husband of a week, Charles Gilbert Miller, that he married her while in a trance, and asserting that he never appeared insane while in her company, Lena Winters Miller gave out a statement upon learning that he had voluntarily committed himself to the Massillon state hospital.

BRIDE DIES IN BLIZZARD

Denver, Dec. 11.—After a battle of eight days with a blizzard between Utah and Colorado, frozen and insane from fright at the storm's terrors, Mrs. John L. Hadden, a bride of three weeks, is dead. She died as a train from Rifle, Colo., carrying her drew into Denver. The bridegroom has nearly lost his reason. Hadden is an attorney of Cambridge, Mass.

Maharajah of Balrampore, One Of King George's Indian Vassals



And the native potentates—vizas, begums, rajahs, maharajahs, nawabs, thakurs—are in attendance upon their emperor at the Delhi Durbar and if all of them wear the jewels and other trappings appertaining to their rank and receive the artillery salutes which are theirs by right the eyes are dazzled and deafened as never before. There are eighty-two chiefs, bedizened like the maharajah of our illustration, who on ceremonial occasions are entitled to hear from eleven to twenty-one guns boom in their honor. These feudatories of King George bear away over about two-fifths of the area, but only one-fifth of the population of India. They have no power to make war or to send ambassadors to one another or to foreign states, but with all their practical subjection to the British government they enjoy—some of them—vast revenues and maintain a state which made it necessary for the king to carry the British crown jewels with him if he would not be outdone by his vassals, many of whom are the possessors of gems which are the envy of the royal collectors of Europe.

CHARGES DROPPED

Washington, Dec. 11.—A formal report to the house from the committee on expenditures in the interior department dismisses from congressional consideration the Controller's bay charges, the keystone of which was the widely-quoted "Dick-to-Dick" letter and the accusation that Richard S. Ryan was acquiring a monopoly of valuable Alaska harbor rights.

MANY IDLE CHURCHES

Columbus, O., Dec. 11.—Statistics show that there are over 300 deserted and unused churches in the state. Fifty-five townships report no church members under 21 years of age and 130 townships report no members under 15 years of age, according to a statement issued to Ohio ministers by A. P. Sandles, secretary of the Ohio State board of agriculture.

SUSPENDS AN ORDER

Washington, Dec. 11.—Postmaster General Hitchcock suspended until Jan. 1 the postal regulation forbidding the transmission through the mails of matter bearing upon the address side Red Cross Christmas seals or other charity stamps.

BOY KILLED BY CARS

Columbus, O., Dec. 11.—Knocked from the top of a boxcar when the Hocking Valley train on which he was riding passed under the Green Lawn avenue bridge, Charles Spolin, 14, suffered injuries from which he died.

ROCKEFELLER DECLINES

New York, Dec. 11.—John D. Rockefeller and Rev. Frederick T. Gates formally declined the invitation of Chairman Stanley of the congressional investigating committee, to appear before the committee if they cared to make a statement concerning the testimony recently given by Leonidas and Alfred Merritt.

FATAL SLEEP WALKING

Canton, O., Dec. 11.—While walking in his sleep Charles Leidy, 20, plunged from a three-story window to instant death in the presence of scores of people. The body nearly hit a woman walking below. She dropped a package which she was carrying and stood as if frozen from fright.

TAKE UP ABODE AT SAN QUENTIN

McNamara Brothers Put to Work in Jute Mill.

ARE NEIGHBORS TO ABE RUEF

Dynamiters Smuggled Out of Los Angeles and Leave Train at Station 50 Miles From Rocky Promontory Where James B. Will Spend Remainder of Days and John J. Next Fifteen Years—Life Term in Dejected Mood.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The final curtain was rung down in the Los Angeles dynamiting tragedy as far as James B. and John J. McNamara are concerned when they were lodged behind the sombre walls of San Quentin prison.

The transfer from Los Angeles was made under heavy guard, the two noted prisoners being handcuffed the entire distance. They occupied a stateroom on a Pullman with an officer in attendance all the time, and even when they retired for the night they were in irons.

At Port Costa, 50 miles from here, Sheriff Hamill's deputies removed the prisoners from the train before most of the passengers had awakened. In the chill of the early morning the officers and prisoners and a little band of newspaper men who accompanied the party from Los Angeles stepped from the Pullman and waited on the dock for half an hour. Then all boarded the little steamer Caroline, which had been ordered by

wire to take the officers and prisoners to San Quentin.

Brings Tears to Eyes.

As the boat drew near the prison the sheriff pointed out the place to the McNamaras where they will spend many years. As his eyes swept over the long stretch of grim walls James B. McNamara almost sobbed and his eyes filled out, but his brother showed no sign of emotion. Rather, he looked with interest at his future home and made no comment.

At a little wharf near the prison the boat landed and the prisoners were soon in the prison office. After the usual preliminaries, measurement, bath and shaving, the men donned the prison garb and were assigned to their cell. The men will occupy the same cell, No. 18. They will have distinguished company. Ruef and Former Assessor Dalton are on the same tier, only a few doors away.

Both prisoners were put to work in the jute mill today. This is the usual course for all prisoners, but after a time they will be given other work.

of the authorities. After several days' work Morgan became convinced that a man named Harry Underwood had placed the explosive in the building and that it was done because non-union iron workers were being employed. It developed that shortly before the explosion, not more than two days, H. S. Harkin, a member of the executive board of the iron workers, was at French Lick, and declared that if the labor was not changed there would be trouble. Morgan placed Underwood under arrest and the prisoner made a confession, which he signed and swore to. Morgan has the confession now, but all efforts to find Underwood have proved futile, and it is believed that he has fled the country.

Bryan on Isthmus.

Panama, Dec. 11.—William Jennings Bryan arrived here from Jamaica. He will deliver a series of lectures along the isthmus.

VOTE WARREN DRY IN SPITE OF RAIN

Majority Is Eight Less Than Three Years Ago.

Lebanon, O., Dec. 11.—Warren county decided to stay in the dry column with her sister county, Meigs, by a majority of 122 votes. The county went dry three years ago by a majority of 130 votes, and the drys hoped to carry it this time by a larger vote. The campaign was conducted at great expense by both sides. It was the most bitter ever fought in Warren.

Prominent speakers appeared every night, Wayne B. Wheeler being the principal speaker for the drys and C. Homer Durand enacting the same role for the wets. During the closing days of the campaign the fight waged hottest, and the evening that Durand spoke here the drys obtained a brass band, which led a procession through the streets to another hall, where a free illustrated lecture and moving picture show had been secretly arranged. Rain began falling early in the morning, but the farmers flocked to the polls by the hundreds, almost the full vote being tallied.

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