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GAS POURING INTO TUNNEL

Bodies Of Men Entombed May Not Be Recovered For Weeks

Thought Fatal Explosion Opened Gas Well In Bed Of Lake

Cleveland, July 27.—The bodies of the eleven men entombed in the West Side waterworks tunnel may not be recovered for a week, as a result of investigations which disclosed that gas continues to pour into the tunnel and that there is great danger of a second explosion wrecking the tunnel and the outer crib.

L. M. Jones, federal mine expert, and a party made six trips into the tunnel and declared that the deadly gas is so thick in the tunnel that further rescue work should not be attempted until the flow is stopped. It is believed that the gas explosion of Monday night, which trapped the tunnel workers and took a toll of twenty-one lives, opened up a gas well in the bed of the lake.

Forty men quit work at Crib No. 5 and 100 left Crib No. 4, as a result of the report of the investigation, it being feared that gas from the outer crib tunnel had seeped through into the part of the tunnel extending from Crib No. 4. As a precaution against explosion, the electrical power has been turned off.

Gustav C. Van Duzen, superintendent of waterworks construction, who is recovering from the effects of his trip with a rescue party into the tunnel, declared in a statement that the electrical equipment in the Crib No. 5 section of the tunnel was responsible for the first explosion.

An investigation of the tunnel ex-

ploration will be conducted by the state. This was determined by the industrial commission, whose mining and factory inspection bureaus were instructed to proceed with the inquiry at once. Federal, municipal and county officials also have probes under way.

ON NEUTRALITY DUTY OFF VIRGINIA CAPES

American Warships Guarding the Three Mile Zone.

Washington, July 27.—Aroused by an official report from the commander of the battleship Louisiana that a mysterious ship, purporting to be a British cruiser, had passed into the mouth of the Chesapeake bay, the navy department ordered the armored cruiser North Carolina and three destroyers to neutrality duty off Cape Henry.

Officials maintained unusual secrecy regarding the matter and would not disclose just what instructions were sent to the commander of the North Carolina. It was assumed, however, that he had been directed to see that the German merchant submarine Deutschland, now preparing for her return trip to Germany, is not attacked by allied war vessels within the three-mile limit and that American neutrality is not otherwise violated.

Unofficially navy officers agreed that if the ship sighted from the Louisiana was a British cruiser, the commander of the vessel had been guilty of a breach of naval practice and had violated navigation laws in cruising within American territorial waters without proper lights. While it was conceded that the cruiser was within her rights in entering territorial waters, provided she had observed the rules, it was declared an attempt to run into the bay on a scouting expedition and in disregard of navigation laws would constitute a gross violation of international courtesy.

Infant Falls Two Stories.

Oberlin, O., July 27.—Gilbert Osmer, eighteen-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Osmer, crawled through an unlocked screen and fell two stories. The child's right leg was fractured near the hip.

Will Pass Child Labor Bill.

Washington, July 27.—The Democratic senators, in caucus, decided to pass the child labor bill at this session, as urged by President Wilson.

TO PROTEST BLACKLIST

Washington, July 27.—After a conference between President Wilson and Acting Secretary of State Polk, it was learned a strong protest against British blacklisting of American firms and corporations having trade relations with Germany will be sent to London in the next few days.

Three Crushed in Collision.

Tipton, Ind., July 27.—Every A. Mook, former state treasurer, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mell O. Mook, were killed when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by an interurban car at Hathaway crossings, near here. The husband of the woman, and brother of the man killed, was taken to his home probably fatally injured.

SHORTAGE IS ALLEGED; BANK CLERK MISSING

Columbus, July 27.—The charge of making false entries in a bank book was filed against John W. Bailey, by L. J. Schlaechter, auditor of the Citizens' Trust and Savings bank of this city, where Bailey was until recently employed as a bookkeeper. Bailey is said to be in New Orleans. The alleged false entries in Bailey's books are said to cover a shortage of about \$5,900. The local police understand that Bailey is under surveillance in New Orleans and Chief Car-

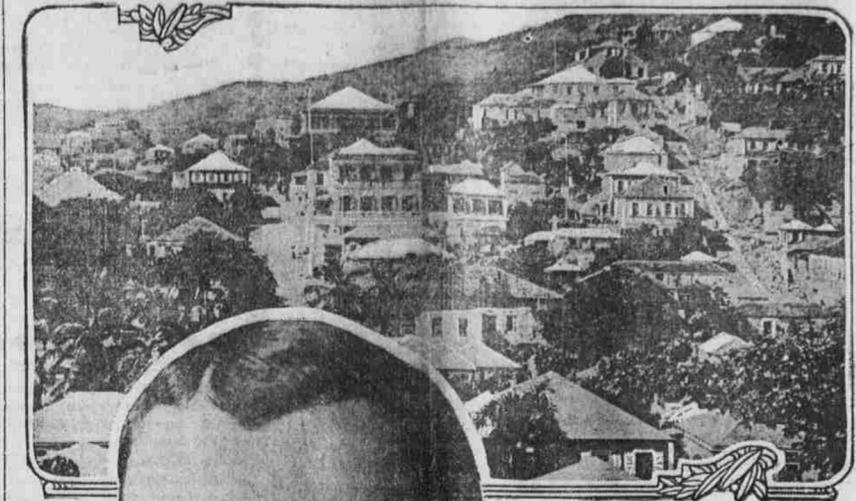
ter wired for his arrest. Bailey is married and lived at 21 University Place.

Bailey was placed under arrest at Cincinnati as he stepped from a train that carried him from New Orleans.

Pay For Fire Reports.

Columbus, July 27.—State Fire Marshal Buckley is now engaged in distributing "pay checks" to hundreds of township clerks throughout the state. The state paid 50 cents for each fire report and 15 cents mileage.

ACQUISITION OF THE DANISH WEST INDIES WILL GIVE US VALUABLE NAVAL STATIONS



A treaty for the purchase of the Danish West Indies by the United States has been negotiated between the governments of Denmark and the United States and in the near future is to be submitted to the senate of the United States and to the two houses of the Danish parliament for approval, it is announced. If the treaty is ratified as it stands in "project" form the United States will pay for the islands \$25,000,000 and in addition will relinquish to Denmark the rights of the United States in Greenland. The United States will obtain from Denmark full possession of the islands of St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, or Santa Cruz, as it is better known. These islands lie about fifty miles off the east coast of Porto Rico. They are 142 square miles in area and support a population of 27,000 persons. Nearly all the inhabitants of the islands are negroes who live by the cultivation of sugar cane. The islands will be useful to the United States as coaling stations or naval stations. Photos show St. Thomas and King Christian of Denmark, who will cede the islands to the United States.

DR. WASHINGTON HOFFMAN NEW HEAD OF O. W. U.

Delaware, O., July 27.—Rev. Dr. Washington Hoffman, pastor of First Methodist Episcopal church of Duluth, Minn., was elected the sixth president of Ohio Wesleyan university. Rev. Dr. Hoffman, Rev. E. S. Tittle, pastor of William Street Methodist Episcopal church, this city, and Rev. Dr. Rall of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., were all three

recommended to the board of trustees. When the committee of trustees and faculty members failed to agree unanimously upon a candidate, the election of Rev. Dr. Hoffman resulted. Rev. Dr. Hoffman succeeds Bishop Herbert Welch, elevated to the episcopacy at the last session of the general conference at Saratoga. Dr. Hoffman was born in Pennsylvania in 1867.

VETERANS ELECT

Cedar Point, O., July 27.—The annual encampment of the department of Ohio, Spanish-American war Veterans, ended after officers elected for the ensuing year had been installed as follows: Commander, Frank Auth, Toledo; senior vice commander, Charles L. Adams, Elyria; junior vice commander, J. W. Eisenhart, Clyde; surgeon, Dr. D. K. Gotwald, Springfield; chaplain, Dr. Jesse L. Corley, Van Wert.

COGWHEEL IN STOMACH

Columbus, July 27.—Howard Moore, three-year-old son of Mrs. Josephine Moore of Marion, O., is recovering at a local hospital, where he underwent an operation for the removal of a small brass cogwheel from his stomach. The boy opened a bicycle bell and swallowed one of the wheels he found inside the bell.

BULLET IN HIS BRAIN

Cincinnati, July 27.—A man found floating in the Ohio river died from a bullet in his brain, his death occurring but a few hours before his body was discovered. These facts were developed by Coroner Peeringer in a postmortem operation.

WILSON ON THE MILITIA

Washington, July 27.—In reply to a complaint from Henry Smith of Wyncamore, Ind., who has a son in the national guard, President Wilson wrote that the guard was being kept on the Mexican border to protect the country, not for drill, and that the service the men were performing was an honor to them and a necessity to the United States.

WAR DEPARTMENT UNCOMMUNICATIVE

Ohio Guardsmen Still In the Dark as to Where They Will Go.

Columbus, July 27.—Officers at the mobilization camp in Upper Arlington contend that they are still in the dark as to where Ohio troops will be dispatched by the war department. Some Colonel Vollrath of the Eighth being one of them, said "inside indications" are that they will go to the border when equipped.

Major Mearns said that the war department is still uncommunicative. Colonel Duffy, camp quartermaster, stated none of the needed supplies had arrived and no word has been heard as to why they have not. Until equipment is received no troops will move.

It was said that part of the Camp Perry drill ground has been plowed up and is unfit for troop maneuvers. This might cause Colonel Hunter to frown on transferring troops to the lake.

Troops who are rejected because of physical disabilities hereafter will be paid 3½ cents a mile for their return home, General McMaken, camp commander, announced. This is provided by law, he said. Major Sheller of the quartermaster's department admitted that all of the 4,000 men who have been rejected were allowed only 2 cents a mile. They will not be given the additional allowance now, however, it was stated.

HOME FOR LEPER

Plans Completed at Dayton For Construction of Building.

Dayton, O., July 27.—Plans for the construction of a home for the Dayton leper and his family have been completed by the building inspector and the city commission was asked to appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for use in the construction of the building. The building will be so constructed that the wife and child can communicate with the leper without coming in actual contact with him. A sum of \$500 will also be set aside for the maintenance of the family.

ALLIES SCORE ON TWO FRONTS

British Capture Pozierre and Russians Take Erzincan.

BOTH IMPORTANT POSITIONS

Russians Operating in the Slonevka River Region in Volhynia Said to Have Taken 4,000 Prisoners and Many Guns—Conflicting Reports Received Concerning the Fighting Near Riga—Operations Elsewhere.

London, July 27.—The allies scored on both the west and east fronts, two strong positions being taken. The British, in the Somme sector of France, captured the village of Pozierre, while the Russian army operating in Armenia drove the Turks out of Erzincan.

With the village of Pozierre completely in their hands and having strengthened their position there by the capture of two strong trenches west of the village, the British troops seemingly are resting before attempting again to throw their forces against the Germans, who are blocking their advance toward Bapaume.

South of the Somme the French have recorded another success in the taking of a fortified house, with some prisoners, southeast of the village of Estrees. Except in the Champagne, where the artillery on both sides was engaged in somewhat violent actions, little fighting took place on the remainder of the French front.

The Turks have evacuated Erzincan, in Turkish Armenia, and the Russians are in possession of this important strategic point. The reports of the evacuation have not mentioned as yet whether the Turks, in their retreat, were able to take away, in the face of the rapid Russian advance, the guns and stores in Erzincan.

In the Volhynia sector, the Russians are keeping up energetically their pressure on the Teutonic allies in the Slonevka river region and also are attacking the Teutons in north Galicia, near Brody. In the Slonevka district, Petrograd says the Teutons are suffering heavy casualties, and that more than 4,000 men, five guns, six machine guns and quantities of munitions have been captured by the Russians.

The Petrograd and Berlin communications are at variance concerning the results of fighting that has taken place near Riga and in the vicinity of Baranovichi. Petrograd claims the repulse of an offensive by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's men near Riga, while Berlin asserts that the Germans penetrated the Russian advanced positions there and destroyed them.

Likewise Petrograd claims a slight gain for the Russians near Baranovichi, while Berlin declares that strong Russian attacks in this vicinity were put down with heavy casualties.

The German admiralty asserts that a German submarine twice torpedoed a British dreadnought off the Orkney Islands, Scotland, July 20, but the British admiralty says the vessel attacked was a small auxiliary and that it was not hit.

HERRICK AND LENTZ SPEAK

Farm Loans and Government Telegraph System Their Themes.

Sidney, O., July 27.—At the Shelby County Farm Bureau association picnic here today two senatorial candidates, Myron T. Herrick and John J. Lentz, spoke and interested the farmers. Mr. Herrick elaborated his farm loans project, proposing to give farmers the same advantages in borrowing money that is accorded the ordinary business man. Mr. Lentz presented his plan of a government telegraph system connecting every postoffice in the United States, and providing for messages of thirty words at a nominal charge of 10 cents, thus enabling farmers' mutual telephone companies to be in touch with every citizen of the republic. He also advocated the election of postmasters by the people.

Deutschland's Departure Delayed.

Baltimore, July 27.—Carl A. Luetert, German consul here, said that the merchant submarine Deutschland would not leave for a week. When asked why her departure was further delayed after clearance papers had been taken out, the consul would make no explanation.

Brothers Drowned.

Medina, O., July 27.—Charles Wheeler, twenty-four, went to his death in Chippewa lake attempting to save his brother, Velon, eighteen, who went beyond his depth. In the struggle both were pulled under and drowned.

OFFICIALS ARE NAMED

Witness Mentions Those Of High Rank

Testifies In the Graft Investigation at New York.

SEVEN GOPS ALREADY INDICTED

Name of Deputy Police Commissioner Dragged into the Case by a Former Stool Pigeon For a Detective—Keepers of Disorderly Houses Forced to Pay Tribute, They State—Girls Victims of White Slavers.

New York, July 27.—A local deputy police commissioner was named by a witness in District Attorney Swann's investigation of grafting by members of the police vice squad.

Seven policemen already have been indicted on evidence supplied by underworld characters and District Attorney Swann declared he expected even more sensational revelations.

The name of the deputy police commissioner was dragged into the case by Max Turkowitz, known to his intimates as Max Pimple, a former stool pigeon for Detective William J. Enright, indicted commander of the vice squad. Turkowitz made an affidavit that while employed by Enright he collected tribute from keepers of questionable resorts. He was arrested last June on a charge of extortion. A few days later he was visited in jail by Detective David J. Foley, a co-worker with Enright, and also under indictment. In his affidavit, Turkowitz quoted Foley as having said to him: "Enright went down to Commissioner and asked him if he would be allowed to testify for you as a witness and the commissioner said 'Yes. Do you need some money? No? Well, don't be afraid. We'll get you out. Enright and I will testify for you and we'll have the complainants held for perjury—the deputy commissioner said we could do it.'"

Subsequently, while on his way to court in the custody of detectives, Turkowitz was accosted by Enright and Foley, he asserted in his affidavit. Enright handed him a sum of money and Foley reiterated his pledge of assistance. This incident is said by the district attorney to have led to the investigation now in progress.

Turkowitz pleaded guilty to the extortion charge and was released on a suspended sentence. Keepers of disorderly houses and women of the streets have declared they were forced to pay under threat of being arrested on a "framed up" charge.

Another source of revenue devised by Enright, the district attorney declared, was a plan to give dances in an East Side hall, under the auspices of a mythical yacht club. Keepers of disorderly resorts and criminals were forced to buy tickets. It is asserted, while other tickets were distributed free among girls employed in department stores. Many of the girls innocently attended the dances. Mr. Swann has been told, and there became the prey of "white slavers."

Frederic Henriquez Carvajal was proclaimed provisional president of Santo Domingo by the Dominican congress.

Mrs. Emanuel Levy, forty-six, the wife of a New Orleans business man, committed suicide by hanging in the basement of the rest cottage of the Cincinnati sanitarium, College Hill.

Dr. Wilfred E. Harris, shot a week ago by Dr. E. D. Atwood, died at Boston. The suicide of Dr. Cella Adams, Atwood's fiancée, who accused Dr. Harris of betrayal, led to the shooting.

NEWARK BOY RUN DOWN

Newark, O., July 27.—Nelson Williams, four, son of David Williams of Union Station, probably was fatally hurt when run over by an automobile while playing in front of his home. He is unconscious from internal injuries.