

## HUNDREDS MAY BE LOST IN MINE EXPLOSION NEAR BETHUME, FRANCE

### None Taken Out Where 1,800 Men Went to Work.

### THREE SHAFTS ON FIRE

### Great Crowds of Weeping Women and Children Wait for Word of Hope.

Paris, March 10.—A terrible catastrophe occurred at a coal mine in the Courriers district of De Calais, 18 miles from Bethume. An explosion of gas killed many miners and three chambers of the mine are on fire.

1,500 in Mine.

The number of victims is not known, but 1,800 miners descended into the pit this morning.

A dispatch from Lens says a rumor is circulating there over a thousand men have been killed, but there is nothing to indicate the rumor is correct. Not a single miner has been taken from the pits.

### Spectacle Fearful.

The spectacle surrounding the scene is fearful. Great crowds of weeping women and children are gathered to ascertain the fate of the male members of their families.

## INVESTIGATION TO BE BEGUN AT ONCE

### Interstate Commerce Commission Acts Promptly in Response to Request.

Washington, March 10.—In compliance with a joint resolution of congress approved March 7, in the matter of the relation of common carriers to coal and oil and transportation of the same, the interstate commerce commission has directed that proceedings of inquiry and investigation be instituted at once. That such persons be required to appear and testify or to produce books, documents and papers as the commission may hereafter direct, and that an inquiry be carried on in the meantime by such other means and methods as may be deemed appropriate.

## PROFESSIONAL BAR RAISED

### Presidents of Michigan Colleges Adopt Rule for Ball Players.

Battle Creek, Mich., March 10.—Presidents of seven Michigan colleges at a secret meeting here decided to permit members of their college baseball teams to play professional baseball in summer providing they do not play in the major or minor leagues of the country.

## 1,800 CONVERSIONS IN 5 WEEKS' WORK

### Evangelist Sunday Goes After World's Record in Princeton Revival.

Princeton, Ill., March 10.—Evangelist W. A. Sunday will close a series of revival meetings here tomorrow night that gives promise of breaking the world's record in the number of conversions for a city of 5,000 people. He has made 1,800 converts as the result of five weeks' work.

## SERIOUS QUAKE IN INDIA

### Several Fatalities Result from Disturbance in Punjab State.

Laporte, Ind., March 10.—An alarming earthquake occurred in Bashahr, and Simla, tributary hill states of Punjab. Considerable damage was caused at Rampur, and Kakoola. Eight persons were killed and 26 injured.

## Grain in Farmers' Hands.

Washington, March 10.—The department of agriculture in a report issued today shows the amount of wheat, corn and oats in the farmers' hands, March 1, as follows: Wheat, 158,403,000 bushels; corn, 1,108,000,000 bushels; oats, 373,805,000 bushels.

## Old German Statesman Dead.

Berlin, March 10.—Eugene Richter, radical leader in the reichstag since its foundation, Bismarck's old opponent, and long time editor of the *Fresninge Zeitung*, died today.

## Pennsylvania Millionaire Dies.

Pittsburg, March 10.—Edwin Bindley, a prominent multi-millionaire, and president of the Duquesne National bank, died today.

## HUMAN SLAVERY HEAR INDICTMENTS

### Terrible Conditions in New York's Tenderloin About to be Revealed.

### NEGRO KEEPER IS ARRESTED FOR STEUBENBERG MURDER

### District Attorney Jerome Undertakes Work of Rectifying Long Standing Evils.

New York, March 10.—A negro named Robert H. Spriggs has been indicted for abduction, assault, and running a disorderly house. Spriggs is well known in the tenderloin. He was arrested on Thursday night without a warrant. When Mr. Jerome was asked about the case, he said:

"It is one of the most important arrests made during my term of office. I think there will be some sensational developments."

### Slaves for Negroes.

As other arrests are to be made, Mr. Jerome declined to outline what is behind the arrest of Spriggs. It is known, however, that Spriggs is charged with being behind a syndicate of disorderly houses. He had a dance hall in West Thirtieth street, and he also is said to have dance halls in Minetta lane.

It is charged he abducted white women and put them in houses frequented by negroes. There are three women witnesses against him.

It is alleged one woman who came into the hands of Spriggs had been locked in the house for four years and never allowed to leave it. Another woman is said to have been there for three years.

### Houses Built Like Prisons.

There also are said to be innumerable cases where Spriggs has kept women locked in houses for weeks at a time. The houses he controlled are so guarded that none of the inmates could get out. The windows are barred and the doors always locked.

The disclosures made as a result of the investigation of the red light district on the east side during Chief Devere's time, it is said, are far more compared to what the district attorney's office has learned in connection with the arrest of Spriggs.

## ROADS' LIABILITY MADE MUCH BROADER

### Bates Bill, Which Will Be Recommended to House Protects Employes.

Washington, March 10.—The house committee on judiciary decided today to make a favorable report on the Bates employers' liability bill in amended form. Under the bill a railroad is made liable to an employee, his wife, children or dependent relative, "for all damages which may result from the negligence of any of its officers, agents, employees, or by reason of any defect, insufficiency, due to its negligence, in its cars, engines, appliances, track, roadbed, or works."

## HOLDS FOR BOAT OWNERS

### Judge Rules on Collection of Insurance for Part Loss.

Chicago, March 10.—Federal Judge Landis today handed down a decision of importance to marine interests, it being in effect when a boat is placed in such a position that it will cost more than half the original price of the boat to pull it out of danger and make repairs, the owners of the boat are justified in abandoning it and calling upon the insurance companies for the full amount of insurance.

## Actor Dies of Heart Disease.

New York, March 10.—Edward J. Morgan, a well known actor, was found dead in bed today at his room at the Belleclaire hotel. Heart disease was the cause.

## MUST GIVE FACTS

### Missouri Supreme Court Sets March 19 for Republic Oil Hearing.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 10.—The supreme court today overruled a motion filed by counsel for the Republic Oil company for a rehearing on Judge Fox's order requiring officers of the Republic company to answer questions and produce books and papers in the oil hearing before Special Commissioner Anthony. The court set March 19 as the date of the next hearing in St. Louis, at which time officers of the Republic company will be placed on the witness stand.

### Western Mine Federation Officials Listen to Formal Charges

### No Mention of Organization or of Conspiracy Made—Prosecuted as Individuals.

Boise City, March 10.—The Western Federation officials yesterday heard the indictment against them read in court. Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone and Jack charged with having murdered Frank Steunenberg, are indicted jointly. There is in the indictment no mention of the Western Federation, nor any charge of conspiracy. So far as the indictment shows, each is accused of having personally participated in the crime charged.

### Charges Use of Bomb.

The indictment contains three counts, all of a similar nature. The first charges is that the accused men placed a deadly box or bomb filled with giant powder, caps, sulphuric acid and other explosives at the gate in front of Frank Steunenberg's residence with the intention of killing him. One count charges the actual murdering of Steunenberg by causing a bomb to explode as Steunenberg was entering his yard.

### Taken Before Supreme Court.

At the conclusion of the proceedings before Judge Smith the prisoners were brought back to Boise and taken before the state supreme court, where arguments were heard on habeas corpus proceedings begun in their behalf several days ago.

### Protest From New York.

New York, March 10.—Notice of a mass meeting March 15 at the Grand Central palace to protest against the prosecution of men alleged to have been concerned in the assassination of Gov. Steunenberg of Idaho were distributed in this city today. The call is unsigned.

### Text of Call.

The call reads: "To prevent this murder by attending a protest mass meeting arranged by the organized workers of this city, to protest against the illegal imprisonment and intended murder of Moyer, Haywood and other officials of the Western Federation of Miners. The arrest of these men is a crime, and only by united action will we save their lives. Attend the protest, meeting and bring your friends and shopmates."

## CONVICTS ACCUSE EX-OFFICER

### Testify Against Former Joliet Jail Usher Charged With Theft.

Joliet, Ill., March 10.—Five convicts from the penitentiary, manacled together, were brought from the prison into the county court yesterday, and each in turn was released from his handcuffs and taken as a witness before the grand jury. As a result of their testimony, it is understood, the jury indicted former Prison Usher Sterling, who is charged with stealing money from letters sent to convicts. Sterling was discharged recently.

## NAMES ALASKA GOVERNOR

### W. B. Hoggatt Given Place After Another Had Declined It.

Washington, March 10.—President Roosevelt announced today he had decided to appoint Wilfred B. Hoggatt to be governor of Alaska. Hoggatt is a resident of Juneau. The appointment was originally offered to Capt. David H. Jarvis, but he declined it.

## EPITOME OF DOINGS IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY

Washington, D. C., March 10.—Following is a brief resume taken from the official records of yesterday's proceedings in both houses of congress:

**SENATE.**—The senate passed a bill for the admission of a new state to be called Oklahoma, and to be composed of the present territory of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. It was the house joint statehood bill with all the proposed provisions relating to Arizona and New Mexico stricken out. The motion to eliminate those territories from the measure prevailed by a vote of 37 to 25. The house railroad rate bill was made unfinished business. During the "morning hour" a bill appropriating \$400,000 for the improvement of the mouth of the Columbia river was passed. At 5:35 p. m. the senate went into executive session, and at 5:42 adjourned until Monday.

**HOUSE.**—The house passed 498 private pension bills and devoted three hours to the consideration of a bill providing for a uniform system of naturalization, the chief feature of which requires an alien to write either his own or the English language and to speak and read the latter, and to declare his intention to reside permanently in the United States before he can become an American citizen. It met with many objections. A resolution calling on the postmaster general to inform the house why the Indiana Union Signal of Shawnee, Okla., is excluded as second class mail matter was laid on the table. At 5:05 p. m. the house adjourned until Monday.

## AMERICANS KILLED MORO WOMEN? FACTS BEING KEPT FROM THE PRESS

### Later Reports Say the Fight Lasted Four Days and About 900 Were Killed or Wounded—Constabulary Still Rounding Up Bands.

Manila, March 10.—Brig. Gen. Bliss made a reconnaissance toward Mount Dajo the week previous to the attack of the American force upon the Moro stronghold there, but it had no effect upon the hostile attitude of the outlaws.

### Women in Slaughter.

An unofficial report says the families of the Moros remained in the village located in the center of the crater of the apex of the mountain and the women and children mingled with the warriors during the battle to such an extent that it was impossible to discriminate and all were killed in the fierce onslaught. Maj. Gen. Wood is not available at present to confirm this report.

### Still Fighting.

Constabulary detachments are now engaged in the mountains of northern Luzon rounding up bands of savages and headhunters on the war path. Associated Press telegrams from

### Zamboanga say the attack on Mount Dajo commenced Monday. There were four days of hard fighting, during which it is estimated 900 persons were killed or wounded.

### Permitted to Fortify.

Americans are now arriving at Zamboanga from Jolo. The consensus of their opinion is the whole trouble was due to the fact that the governor, Maj. Hugh Scott permitted the outlaws to fortify themselves within sight of the city of Jolo. Military authorities at Zamboanga have refused since then to give any information to the press.

### Sends Congratulations.

Washington, March 10.—President Roosevelt today sent the following cablegram to Maj. Gen. Wood at Manila: "I congratulate you and the officers and men of your command upon the brilliant feat of arms wherein you and they so well upheld the honor of the American flag."

## MEMBERS OF JEWISH SYNAGOGUE FIGHT TO ESCAPE FROM SMOKE

### Many Hurt in Panic Resulting From Small Fire at New York—Originated in Tailor Shop Over Place of Worship.

New York, March 10.—Three hundred persons worshipping in the Jewish synagogue, Ansheinzer, were driven out today, many suffering slight injuries and having clothing torn in a panic caused by smoke which rushed in a large volume into the temple from a fire on the floor above.

### Started in Tailor Shop.

The synagogue is below a tailor shop in Madison street, and the fire started in this shop. All the injuries were inflicted during a frantic struggle in a

narrow doorway of the synagogue. Policemen with drawn clubs had to charge upon those struggling for exit in this doorway.

### Sidewalk as Hospital.

As men, women and children were taken one at a time out of the passage the sidewalk was converted into a temporary hospital, several women being stretched out in a faint. The police finally worked their way into the synagogue, after which the place was emptied in an orderly manner. The fire damage was slight.

## TAFT TAKES BENCH SEAT

### Report He Will Succeed Brown Given Publicity.

## IS OFFICIALLY DENIED

### Root and Moody Also Considered—May Aim at Fuller's Place.

Washington, March 10.—Secretary Taft today made the following statement: "I am authorized by the president to say he has made no decision as to the selection of any one to succeed Associate Justice Brown. He has been in consultation with Secretary Root, Attorney General Moody, and myself, the three lawyers of the cabinet in the matter, but no decision has been reached."

### Says He is Slated.

Washington, March 10.—The Post says today: "President Roosevelt has decided to appoint William H. Taft, of Ohio, now secretary of war, to the next vacancy in the United States supreme court."

"That vacancy is to be created by the voluntary retirement of Associate Justice Henry B. Brown, who was appointed in 1890 by President Harrison from Michigan. When Chief Justice Fuller retires, provided it is during the administration of Roosevelt, Taft will be promoted to his exalted position. The president has discussed the entire situation with his secretary of war and the latter, it was learned last night, has given his assent to the program."

"This is the second time Taft has been offered a place on the supreme bench. The first time was in the winter of 1903, when he was serving as governor of the Philippine islands."

## KANSAS UNDER BIG SNOW

### Heaviest Storm of Season Prevails in Section About Wichita.

Wichita, Kan., March 10.—The heaviest snowstorm of the winter prevails in this section of Kansas today.

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 10.—Three inches of snow fell in northern Oklahoma today.

## THE STATEHOOD BILL IS FINALLY CUT IN TWAIN

## PREPARE IN PEACE

### Nation Should be Ready for War at All Times, Says Secretary Bonaparte

### TO SWEDISH REPUBLICANS

### Head of Navy Department Calls Attention to Need of Fighting Equipment.

Chicago, March 10.—"Preparation for modern naval warfare must be the work of peace," was the point made by Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte, who was the guest of honor at a banquet given here last night by the Swedish-American Republican club. Secretary Bonaparte told the 700 banqueters of the progress made by the United States for the past 40 years in building a navy.

### Will Cost Much.

He urged the necessity of keeping the navy abreast of the times and ready at a moment's notice to do its work and do it well. This will cost money and a good deal of it. "While human nature and human society remain what they are," he said, "war would always be possible and sometimes unavoidable, and that to preserve peace we should be, and be known to be ever ready at a moment's notice to meet an appeal to arms."

"To trust to luck as a safeguard against a terrible calamity in the face of experience and common sense, is perhaps mere folly; but when unheeded peril threatens the nation's safety and honor, the happiness of our people and our usefulness to mankind, this folly reaches the dignity of crime. Happily for our country such men are few and of little credit in our midst."

### Know the Need of Navy.

"The American people know the need of a navy and of such a navy as such a people should have. It is ready to pay what must be paid to get and keep one, and I venture to say emphatically that an enlightened and patriotic public opinion will cheerfully and even gladly sustain the legislative grants of our government in making that liberal and far-seeing provision for the navy's need and growth which the navy expects, with confidence."

## MANCHURIA SOON OPEN TO THE WORLD

### Japanese Troops Haste to Vacate at Request of Governor of Province.

Washington, March 10.—The state department has received a cable report from one of its agents in Manchuria saying commerce and trade there will soon be opened; that since the governor of the province is anxious to see over the civil administration as soon as possible, the Japanese troops will be entirely out of Manchuria in a few days when the country will open up to the world.

## HANG CONDEMNED CONVICTS

### Trio Found Guilty of Killing Prison Guard Must Die April 20.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 10.—The condemned convicts, Henry Vaughan, George Ryan, Ed Raymond, found guilty of having murdered Prison Guard John Clay in the prison mutiny November last, were sentenced this morning to hang April 20.

## NO OPPOSITION APPEARS

### Leading Officers of Typographical Union Have Clear Field.

Indianapolis, March 10.—President James M. Lynch, First Vice President John W. Hays, and Secretary-Treasurer J. W. Bramwood, of the International Typographical union, have been practically reelected, as the nominations have been finished, and the union will be no opposition to them on the ticket, which will be voted on throughout the country.

## MURDERED UNCLE

### Guard Necessary to Prevent Lynching of Young Degenerate in Colorado.

Leavenworth, Kans., March 10.—The dead body of Joseph Weir, a veteran from the National Soldiers' home here, was found in the bushes near Pagosa Springs, Col. Oral Weir, his nephew, aged 23, who confessed he murdered and robbed his uncle, is in jail at Pagosa Springs. An armed guard surrounds the jail to prevent a lynching. Weir served through the civil war in Company N, 21st Illinois Infantry.

### Measure Split by Senate Admitting Oklahoma Alone.

### ARIZONA OUT IN COLD

### Indian Territory Made Part of Admitted State—Cullom Returns.

Washington, March 10.—Yesterday at 5:35 p. m. the senate passed the bill for the admission of the new state to be called Oklahoma and to be composed of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. It was the house joint statehood bill with all the provisions relating to Arizona and New Mexico stricken out. The motion to strike out was made by Burrows and it was carried by a vote of 37 to 35.

Immediately after the disposal of the statehood bill, the house railroad rate bill was made unfinished business, but as the senate adjourned over Saturday and Sunday, actual formal consideration of the measure will not begin until Monday.

### Occupied Whole Day.

The vote on the statehood came as the climax of a day devoted exclusively to that bill. Most of the time was given to discussion, but voting on the bill and amendments consumed an hour and a half. Speech making excited comparatively little interest, but there was pronounced excitement throughout the voting period and it culminated when the success of the motion to eliminate Arizona and New Mexico was announced after the second vote on that proposition.

### Opponents Show Strength.

The test vote, upon which opponents of the joint statehood bill showed their greatest strength was on the Foraker amendment which provided that Arizona and New Mexico should have the opportunity to vote separately on the proposition of joint statehood. This was carried 42 to 29. Previous to this action, the provision for increased appropriations in the bill was stricken out in order to afford an opportunity for a motion to concur in the senate amendments when the bill is sent to the house.

### Senator Cullom Returns.

Just before voting began, Cullom, who had been absent from senate on account of illness during the greater part of the session, entered the chamber. He was warmly welcomed by his colleagues.

As amended by the senate, the bill provides for a creation of the state of Oklahoma out of Oklahoma and Indian Territories upon the adoption of a constitution. The state is allowed the usual quota of executive, judicial and legislative officers, two United States senators and five members of the national house of representatives. A constitutional convention with 110 members, 55 of whom are to be chosen by each of the territories comprising the state, is provided for, and all male citizens or male Indians 21 years of age or over, are made eligible to membership in it. There is an especial provision protecting the Indians in their rights and continuing the prerogative of national government to control their affairs.

The sale of intoxicating liquors, in what is now Indian Territory, is prohibited for 21 years and longer unless the constitution is changed.

### Passes Pension Bills.

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### Extend Terms of Congressmen.

Washington, March 10.—The house committee on the election of president, vice president and representatives in congress has agreed to make a favorable report of the bill by Representative Norris of Nebraska, providing for the extending of the term of members of congress to four years, and for the election of senators by popular vote.

### Miss Anthony Wins.

Rochester, March 10.—Susan B. Anthony's condition was not quite so encouraging this morning.