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LONG LIST OF VICTIMS

Bodies Are Still Being Recovered From Wrecked Mines.

NOW REACHES THE 100 MARK

Relief Work in Aid of the Bereaved Families Is Progressing—Coal Companies of the District Have Contributed $20,000 in Cash.

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 11.—Bodies brought from mines Nos. 6 and 8 of the Fairmont Coal company, where by more than 400 miners were killed by an explosion last Friday, during Monday night carried the lists of victims beyond the hundred mark and others are being carried into the morgue at short intervals.

Tuesday dawned with bright prospects for bringing to the surface a majority of those still in the workings deep down in the bowels of the earth and far from the entrances. It is believed that the preliminary work of the rescuers has at last been completed, after many interruptions and complications and that conditions are now favorable for the expeditious gathering together and bringing into the open the maimed and blackened corpses to secure which brave fellow workmen to the number of hundreds have been risking their lives for nearly ninety-six hours.

Has Completed Report.

Lieutenant Governor McDermott, of West Virginia, who came here as the personal representative of Governor Dawson, completed his investigation Monday night and left for his home in Morgantown. There he will prepare his report and mail it to the executive.

Before leaving he said he had discovered nothing to justify telegraphing a report.

Bishop P. J. Donahue of the Wheeling diocese of the Roman Catholic church, has been here assisting local clergymen in caring for their parishioners and also assisted in a number of the funerals. He visited many of the homes of the miners and found so many children made orphans by the disaster that he immediately took up the work of providing homes for them. He will arrange to have as many as can be accommodated sent to the orphanages maintained by the church at Huntington and Wheeling.

A large number of funerals were held Monday.

Relief Work.

The relief work is well under way and will soon be systematized. There is now plenty of food, but there is urgent need of clothing in many families. Cash funds are being raised in many places and instalments have already been forwarded from some points. The coal companies of the district have contributed $20,000 cash and the money has been placed in a bank at the disposal of the committee as soon as it is authorized to act.

The bodies taken out Monday night, like those recovered earlier, were for the most part in bad condition, being maimed and blackened and besides many of them were far advanced in decomposition.

Many of the miners have been stricken with fever and it was found necessary to bring a number of recruits here from the Georges Creek district. Chief State Mine Inspector J. W. Paul is quoted as saying he believed the explosion was started by an electric spark from runaway cars in the main entry.

Body Found in Swamp.

Hawkinsville, Ga., Dec. 11.—The body of Oscar Taylor, a prominent young man, was found Sunday floating in the swamp below the city by a crowd of searchers. Taylor disappeared from home last Tuesday and it was feared that he had taken his life. Before killing himself he crawled into a cypress log, made a pillow of his coat, and fired a bullet into his heart. The body was in a good state of preservation owing to the cold weather prevailing. No cause other than despondency is known for his act.

ROAD WINS IN HIGH COURT.

South Carolina Commission Can't Force Fast Mail Trains To Stop.

Washington, Dec. 11—The question whether a railroad company can be compelled upon the order of a state railroad commission to stop its fast mail trains when engaged in interstate commerce, was decided Monday by the supreme court of the United States in the negative, in the case of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company versus the Board of Railroad Commissioners of South Carolina.

The suit arose in connection with an effort on the part of the citizens of the town of Latta, S. C., to secure the stopping of two such trains which daily pass through the town, upon being flagged, and the commission ordered that stops should be made whenever the signal should be hoisted. The railroad company resisted the ruling as unreasonable and as an interference with interstate commerce. The state supreme court decided against the company and it immediately appealed to the supreme court of the United States with the result that the relief sought was obtained. The opinion of the court was delivered by Justice Peckham and reversed the decision of South Carolina court. The opinion held the order of the commission to be an interference with interstate commerce.

JUDGE GRIGGS DECLINES.

Will Not Accept Chairmanship of the Campaign Committee.

Washington, Dec. 11—Judge J. M. Griggs will not accept re-election as chairman of the democratic congressional campaign committee.

The question of the organization of the committee has occasioned considerable talk since the recent visit of Mr. Bryan to Washington. This visit was the signal for the loosening of pent up plans and has resulted in enlivening politics in democratic circles. The organization of the congressional campaign committee has come in for a good share of discussion.

Judge Griggs was re-elected on this committee by the unanimous vote of the Georgia delegation, and many of his friends who are members of the committee are pressing him to accept re-election as chairman, and have assured him if he runs that his election will be practically unanimous. He has, however, definitely and firmly declined to accept the responsibility of the next campaign though he will not shirk any duties which the exigencies of the campaign may impose upon him.

ASKS INVESTIGATION.

Senator Tillman Wants Light on the Treasury Operations.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Tillman has introduced resolutions directing the committee on finance to investigate the recent proceedings of the secretary of the treasury in connection with the financial crisis and to make inquiry concerning clearing house certificates.

The resolutions were presented in two series, the first dealing with the operations of the treasury department and the second with clearing house certificates, both being divided into three subdivisions.

Big Bank Consolidation.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 11.—Announcement was made here of the biggest bank consolidation in the history of this section of Georgia. Morris Westmoreland, president of the First National and Third National banks, and D. W. James, vice president of the same institutions, announced the controlling interest in the First National has been bought by John K. Gray, president of the Citizens National, and it is announced that this means the consolidation of the First National, Citizens' National and Third National banks. These are three of the leading financial institutions of this section.

Accidentally Killed Himself.

Carrollville, Ga., Dec. 11.—Eugene Cooper, 65 years of age, accidentally killed himself Tuesday morning. He was handling a shotgun which was in some unaccountable manner discharged. Mr. Cooper was an uncle of Hon. Walter G. Cooper, of Atlanta, secretary of the Atlanta chamber of commerce.

A BOOM FOR HUGHES

It Is Launched by Governor's Friends In New York.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL HONORS

Occasion Was the Annual Dinner of the New York Bible Class, Over Which John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Presided--Great Interest Shown.

New York, Dec. 11.—The presidential boom of Governor Charles E. Hughes was again launched in New York city Monday night, this time at the annual dinner of the Bible Class, presided over by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

In his address at the dinner Mr. Rockefeller called attention to the fact that Governor Hughes was once a member of the class and referred

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CHARLES EVANS HUGHES.

to him as a possible occupant of the White House. This brought forth great applause from the members of the class. The principal speaker at the dinner was Frank A. Vanderlip, vice president of the National City bank, who spoke on the recent financial flurry.

The dinner was more elaborate than the one held last year, each member of the class paying $1.50 for his meal, whereas last year the price was only a dollar.

GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT.

Hon. Tom Watson Entertained at Luncheon—Finances Discussed.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Hon. Thomas E. Watson was the guest of President Roosevelt Monday at luncheon and discussed financial laws and legislation. He told the president of his conviction that the whole trouble could be settled by an issue of greenbacks, and recalled the fact that civil war acts authorizing greenbacks were still on the statute books.

In discussing his views Mr. Watson said to a number of newspaper men that he was totally at variance with the financial theories of Mr. Bryan.

He opposes the whole national bank system and thinks it would be particularly dangerous for the government to undertake to guarantee national bank deposits. He favors the postal savings banks, and believes their adoption would prove of immense benefit to the people everywhere.

Numbers of Georgians called on Mr. Watson at his hotel during the day.

Schooner Abandoned.

New York, Dec. 11.—The four-masted schooner Thomas A. Ward, of Manasquan, N. J., which was bound from Jacksonville, Fla., whence she sailed December 21 to New York with a cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set fire at sea last Saturday about 180 miles south of Cape Hatteras, N. C. Her crew of ten men was taken off by the schooner Judge Pennewill, which is on its way to New York from Charleston. The Thomas A. Ward was a vessel of 730 tons. She was built at Camden, N. J., in 1891, and was owned by Benjamin Lyman, of Manasquan, N. J.

KILLING IN ECHOLS COUNTY.

Fatal Pistol Duel Occurred at a Turpentine Camp.

Valdosta, Ga., Dec. 11.—A desperate pistol duel occurred at a turpentine camp near Howell, in Echols county, Sunday in which E. J. Mercer, a well known citizen, was instantly killed by W. W. Pennington, a prominent young man.

According to the information received here Pennington was on his way to call on a young lady in the neighborhood when he met Mercer, his two sons and another young man at the turpentine camp. Mercer is said to have caught hold of the horse's head which Pennington drove, and as the latter jumped from the buggy Mercer drew a pistol and fired at him.

It is said that Mercer's revolver got out of order after he had fired two shots without effect, Pennington being on the other side of the horse, which then became frightened and ran away, leaving the men face to face. Pennington fired four shots, one hitting Mercer in the breast, and the other in the left eye.

Mercer was a man about 60 years old, and Pennington 28. Both of them were employees of Hon. T. G. Coleman, a prominent naval stores operator. It is said that the killing was the result of bad feeling which had existed between them for some time. Only one word was spoken during the fight, and that was not understood by the bystanders. Pennington gave himself up to the authorities.

ON WATER WAGON.

Two Alabama Counties Go Overwhelmingly Dry.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 11.—Both Cullman and Walker counties have gone prohibition by large majorities in the elections held Monday.

Returns Monday indicate that Cullman county's majority will be about 800 for prohibition. The result is considered all the more significant as the county is settled largely by Germans. Cullman city gave a majority of 218 against prohibition, and Vinemont was also against it, but other beats easily overcame these majorities.

Not a single beat in Walker county, one of the principal mining sections of the state, went against prohibition. The result there will be overwhelming. Jasper, the county seat and largest city, went prohibition by 219.

Courtmartial Trial.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 11.—Captain Kulp, company B, Iowa national guards, was placed on trial Tuesday before a courtmartial, charged with disobeying the orders of a superior officer. Kulp is accused of permitting a prize fight at Davenport after Adjutant General Thrift, at the direction of Governor Cummins, had ordered him to stop. Kulp claims that he disobeyed the general's orders in that he permitted a boxing exhibition. General Thrift maintains that Kulp had no right to determine the nature of the bout.

Brief Sessions of House and Senate.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The senate was in session a little more than an hour Monday and at 1:15 o'clock adjourned until Tuesday. The house adjourned at 12:10 o'clock until Thursday without transacting any business, devoted the introduction of bills. It was stated authoritatively that the house conferees will not be announced this week.

Preacher's Son Killed.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 11.—In a fight with Patrick Nelson, a local blacksmith, Louis Norsworthy, son of Rev. R. D. Norsworthy, a prominent Methodist minister of this state, was killed here Monday. The dead man's father arrived only a few hours before the tragedy to attend the Mississippi conference. The tragedy was the outcome of a difficulty.

Named by the President.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The president has sent to the senate the following nominations: Thomas Bayard, ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Nicaragua and Costa Rica; William L. Merry, of California, interstate commerce commissioner; Charles A. Prouty, of Vermont (renomination).

MASSACRE OF JAPS

Serious Revolt of Chinese Mercenaries in Formosa.

GENDARMES ARE BUTCHERED

Revolutionists Captured the Local Gendarmeries and Burned the Government Office—Armed Expedition Sent to Quell the Trouble.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 11.—News was brought from Formosa by the Japanese of Japan of a revolt of the Chinese mercenaries used by the Japanese in fighting the insurgents in Formosa.

The revolutionists captured the local gendarmeries at Hotogalay and butchered the gendarmes and their families, burned the government office and massacred 63 Japanese.

Only three Japanese escaped and after many hardships, brought the news to Taiheh, from where a armed expedition was immediately dispatched to the site of the insurrection.

TO ENFORCE SUNDAY CLOSING

Revolt Against the Saloon Keepers of Chicago Is Started.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—State Attorney John G. Healy announced publicly absolutely plain, and that he will enforce the laws so as to close every saloon in Chicago on Sunday.

This announcement came in an address he delivered at a meeting of the Men's club of the St. Peter's Episcopal church. The speech followed the issue of twenty-nine warrants against proprietors of leading places in Chicago charging violations of the Sunday closing law. The state's attorney said that the state law is absolutely plain, and that he will enforce it with all his power. The saloon keepers, by their actions, he asserted, have aroused a revolt among the thinking people of the city, that will result eventually not only in Sunday closing but in shorter hours for the saloons and the total wiping out of many disorderly places leagued with crime and vice.

ELECTS U. S. SENATORS.

One of Oklahoma's New Representatives Is Blind.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 11.—Gov. Latham Owen, of Muskogee, and T. Pryor Gore, of Lawton, who were formally elected to the United States senate Tuesday by the Oklahoma legislature, are both democrats. Owen was born at Lynchburg, Va., January 2, 1856. He is of Southern ancestry, with a mixture of the Indian blood.

Senator Gore has the distinction of being the first blind man of the senate and of being the youngest man in that body, being 36 years old. His sight was lost in childhood when he was a member of the senate of Mississippi, his home.

CREW'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Hydraulic Dredge Plunged to Bottom of Lake Michigan.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Under the lashing of a heavy sea, the hydraulic dredge Illinois, with twenty men on board, filled with water and plunged to the bottom of Lake Michigan, two and a half miles off Sixtieth street Monday night.

As its seams opened and it began to fill, the crew succeeded in making fast to a tug which had the dredge in tow. All succeeded in getting off safely.

The Illinois was one of the largest hydraulic dredges on the Great Lakes and was valued at $65,000.

Will Impose Heavy Penalty.

New York, Dec. 11.—A penalty of $500 a minute—the heaviest ever imposed by the city—is included in a contract just signed with the New York Edison company. The company must pay this if it fails within five minutes after a fire alarm is given to furnish adequate power to operate the pumps from the city's new high pressure water mains between Chambers and Twenty-third street. The new service will be completed December