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4000 TEXAS MINERS OUT

Entire Force of Miners in Palo Pinto County Quit Work Today Ahead of Official Strike Order.

(Herald Special.)
Dallas, Texas, March 31.—Without waiting for the official notice from President Lewis, to strike the four thousand miners employed in the mines in this district quit work today. It is believed a compromise between the men and the operators will be reached soon, and the men will return to work.

Strike on Tomorrow.
(Herald Special.)
Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—President Lewis of the United Mine Workers announced today that the strike

called for April first would not result in any hardship to the country, as he felt sure that at the most the lock-out would not last exceeding thirty days. He says that two hundred and fifty thousand miners will be out and that five hundred thousand will be effected. Lewis sent circulars to all miners and all local unions today warning them not to go back to work until their demands are granted. According to Lewis the Pennsylvania and Illinois fields will be tied up completely, but it is expected that the situation in Ohio will be adjusted without a strike being called.

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KILLING AT RUSK TODAY

J. F. Mallard, Druggist, Shot and Instantly Killed John Proctor, a Painter, This Afternoon.

(Herald Special.)
Rusk, Texas, March 31.—Rusk was thrown into a state of excitement just after noon today by the shooting and instant killing of John Proctor, a painter. The shooting was done by J. F. Mallard, the druggist, and a leading citizen of Rusk. Mallard used a shotgun, firing one time, the entire load taking effect in Proctor's breast, causing death almost instantly. It has been known for the past two days that trouble was brewing between the two men, and serious results have been expected. No particulars are known at this time as to the nature of the trouble. It is generally understood that Mallard shot in self-defense. Proctor was a single man. Mallard is one of the pioneer citizens of Rusk, and one of the most prominent men of the town.

TEDDY GETS POINTERS

Is Due In Taormina, Italy, Tomorrow to Watch the Eruption of Mount Etna.

(Herald Special.)
New York, March 31.—Catania dispatches say that Roosevelt will arrive in Taormina, Italy, tomorrow, and will witness the eruption from Mount Etna.

To Greet Roosevelt at Naples.

Naples, March 31.—Many continental tourists, among them numerous English and American travelers, are gathering in Naples in anticipation of the arrival of the steamship Prinz Heinrich with former President Roosevelt and his party aboard. The main army of newspaper correspondents, of which the several score who made the journey to upper Egypt composed merely the advance guard, is gathering here to meet the former president of the United States at the commencement of his European tour. Whether or not the European press is inclined to regard Colonel Roosevelt's visits to the various capitals and his meetings with the several rulers as of importance from the viewpoint of international politics, it is certain that virtually every continental newspaper of high standing has made arrangements to "cover" the tour and follow the details of the Roosevelt travels. The forthcoming visits to Rome, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, London and other capital cities promise to attract fully as much attention and comment from the newspapers as do the exchange of visits by European rulers.

Simple Service Held.

(Herald Special.)
Washington, D. C., March 31.—The funeral service over the body of Justice Brewer this afternoon was characterized by simplicity. The colleagues on the supreme court bench acted as pall-bearers, with the exception of Justice Moody, who is sick. The service was attended by President Taft and members of congress from the senate and house. Following the service here the body was carried to the station and placed aboard a train for Leavenworth, where interment will take place.

TOLD TO SEE THE AGENT

Agent of Fidelity Company Says He Was Directed to Sing Sing Purchasing Agent to Kill Bill.

(Herald Special.)
New York, March 31.—Before the fire insurance investigation today E. E. Clapp, an agent of the Fidelity and Casualty company swore that Warden Brown of Sing Sing prison suggested to him that he see the purchasing agent of the prison regarding any legislation effecting the company. Clapp

POWDER MILL EXPLOSION.

DuPont Powder Mill at Scranton, Pa., Blew Up—Two Are Dead.

(Herald Special.)
Scranton, Pa., March 31.—The powder mill of the DuPont company blew up this morning. Ellis Cobb and Will Arthus were killed outright, and one other man was injured. Fire companies were on the ground promptly and after a hard struggle kept the fire from extending to the powder houses nearby.

swore that he sent Steward, who has sworn that the purchasing agent offered to have "Big Tim" Sullivan kill the bill they wanted stopped for \$10,000.

John Lunger refused to state who advised the employment of Buckley by the company, saying he respected the name of the dead. Lunger said that after the Fancher bill became a law Buckley sent in a bill for services that staggered the company. He asked for \$21,000.

TWO TOWNS ARE DOOMED

By the Steady Flow of Lava From Mt. Etna—Lava a Hundred Feet Deep In Some Places.

(Herald Special.)
Naples, March 31.—The towns of Borello and Bel Passe are today believed to be doomed on account of the continued spread of lava flowing from Mount Etna. These towns were depopulated some days ago, and the soldiers have prevented any from returning to their homes. The advance of the lava toward Catania has been checked for the present, but the lava is one hundred feet deep in some places.

Petrified Sweet Potatoes.

San Antonio, Texas, March 30.—Richard Tuerpe, 224 Medina street, this city, says he can show Professor Frederick Simmons of the University of Texas a place where there is a large field of petrified sweet potatoes. He says that the field is located in Medina county. It was only recently that he formed the opinion that such a find might be of interest to any one. Mr. Tuerpe exhibited a number of the petrified yellow yams, which he says comes from that field. He will write to Professor Simmons and try to show him the place.

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