

COAL MINE DISASTER AT PRIMERO, COL., SNUFFS OUT SCORES OF LIVES

Explosion From Unknown Cause Catches Full Crew at Work.

CLOGS TOP OF SHAFT

Victims Not Instantly Killed Suffocate—Now Bringing Bodies to Surface.

Primero, Col., Feb. 1.—The charred and mangled bodies of 24 victims of the explosion which wrecked the Primero mine of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company yesterday afternoon were brought to the surface this morning.

One hundred forty-nine are known to have been in the mine at the time of the explosion, and it is feared few are still alive.

Killed Five at Entrance. The explosion occurred late yesterday afternoon. With a terrific roar the main shaft crumpled in, blocking the entrance to the main workings.

The first rescue party found bodies piled in heaps about the foot of the air shaft, where the frantic men had fought and trampled each other in the struggle for liberty until overcome by gas and flames.

Get Oxygen Helmets. Three bodies were taken up before the rescuers were forced back to the open air. After it had been proved the main shaft was completely wrecked, another party, equipped with oxygen helmets, descended the air shaft and again began removing the bodies.

There are but two Americans among the missing—William Helm, an electrician, and David Williams. The others are mostly Slavs and Hungarians.

Four more bodies were brought to the surface during the morning, making the total recovered 28. Mine officials stated this morning the total number of dead would not exceed 79.

Find One Alive. A party of rescuers working near the main slope this morning found among the bodies of dead men and mules one live miner, Donaco Vergen. He walked to the air shaft and was immediately taken to the surface.

Three more bodies were brought to the surface shortly after 10 o'clock, making the total 31 bodies recovered. Included in the known dead are these Americans: Dave Williams, pit boss; Jack Elias, and James Rumings.

TRACY & CO., FAILED BROKERS, INDICTED

New York, Feb. 1.—Seven indictments charging grand larceny were filed by the grand jury today against the defunct brokerage firm of Tracy & Co. which failed May 17, 1909, for \$1,500,000.

TAFT WITHHOLDS PARDON

President Refuses to Interfere With Sentence of H. G. Goll. Washington, Feb. 1.—President Taft has denied the application for a pardon for Henry G. Goll, formerly assistant cashier of the First National bank of Milwaukee, sentenced May 5, 1906, to 10 years' imprisonment for embezzlement of the bank's funds.

Wisconsin Editor Dies.

Superior, Wis., Feb. 1.—Charles M. Gillett, editor of the Wisconsin University Bulletin, formerly a well known newspaper man in Superior, is dead.

DEPARTMENT STORE CANNOT CONDUCT BANK

Madison, Wis., Feb. 1.—The supreme court today decided it is a violation of the state banking law for a department store to conduct a banking business. The case was that of a Milwaukee department store which had 5,000 depositors whose deposits aggregated \$100,000.

THE WEATHER

Probably rain or snow late tonight or Wednesday; warmer tonight; colder Wednesday afternoon or night. The lowest temperature tonight will be near the freezing point.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 24. Maximum temperature in last 24 hours, 28. Minimum in last 12 hours, 21. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 4 miles per hour. Precipitation, none. Relative humidity, at 7 p. m. 74, at 7 a. m. 78.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 5:14, rises 7:05; moon rises 12:30 a. m.; 6:19 a. m., eastern time, moon at last quarter. General outlook for the month: Constellations visible, 8:30 p. m., overhead—Auriga, Gemini, Taurus; north, Ursa Minor; northeast, Ursa Major, Canes Venatici; east, Leo, Leo Minor, Cancer; southeast, Hydra, Argo Navis; south, Canis Minor, Canis Major, Monoceros, Columba, Lepus, Orion; southwest, Fluvius Eridanus, Cetus; west, Aries, Pisces; northwest, Perseus, Andromeda, Cassiopeia, Cepheus. First magnitude stars visible same hour, with rank after each—overhead, Capella, 4; Pollux, 17; Aldebaran, 14; east, Regulus, 19; south, Sirius, 1; Procyon, 9; Betelgeuse, 11; Rigel, 7. Sun in constellation Capricornus till 14th, then in Aquarius. Planets during this month—Mercury, visible from 12th to 26th; Venus passes from east to west of sun 11th; Mars sets about midnight; Jupiter rises about 9 p. m.; Saturn sets about 19 p. m.; Uranus rises about 6 a. m.; Neptune sets about 5 a. m. Zodiacal light in the west after twilight on moonless nights. Halley's approaching comet in Pisces, southeast of great square of Pegasus.

CHERRY MINE SEAL BROKEN

Preliminaries to Bringing Up of Bodies Are Being Completed.

INTERIOR IN GOOD SHAPE

Exploring Parties Go to Second Level, but Fail as Yet to Reach Remains.

Cherry, Ill., Feb. 1.—The seal over the main shaft of the mine, the scene of the disaster last fall, was broken open at 9:45 this morning. Oxygen helmet explorers descended to the second level, 350 feet underground, and returned safely. It is considered improbable any bodies will be found today.

Break Off Whole Seal. Experts Webb and Moses descended a second time and their report was so satisfactory that the whole seal was ordered broken off the main shaft.

Richard Newsam, president of the state mine board is personally supervising the work. He said that if the mine proved workable now it would create a record for the short time required to smother the fire.

While inspectors and carpenters were busy with the superstructure, a young Italian woman stood in the snow mute and motionless for two hours yesterday afternoon, leaning on the iron rail about the main shaft and gazing tenderly at the cement cap that has practically covered her husband's tomb for two months.

Half Population Replaced. Although 74 posthumous children have been born in Cherry since the mine fire broke out on Nov. 13, thus replacing nearly half of the residents lost in the fire, the doctors are having hard work to prevent the sending away of these children.

Four Victims of Rail Accident. Chicago, Feb. 1.—Train No. 6 on the Monon railroad was wrecked near Wilson this morning. Four persons were slightly injured, according to advices received by the railway officials here.

SCHOONER WRECKED; CREW OF 10 MISSING

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1.—The schooner Frances was wrecked near Cape Hatteras. Its crew of 10 men is believed to have perished.

Jeff Davis Scores Postal Bank.

Washington, Feb. 1.—In an attack on the postal savings bank bill Senator Davis of Arkansas declared in the senate today it was a measure in the interest of national banks.

ADMIT DUTY FREE HOUSE BILL IS PASSED

Resolution Before Congress to Remove Tariff on Meats for Year.

AS BLOW TO HIGH PRICES

Women Take up the Cudgel Against High Cost of Living and Form Permanent Club.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Representative Foelker (republican) of New York has introduced a bill placing beef, mutton, lamb, pork and other meats on the free list of entry into this country for a period of one year from the enactment of the measure into law.

Form Beef Party. New York, Feb. 1.—The Gotham beef party, named in honor of the Boston tea party, was formed yesterday by the National Women's Progressive Suffrage union, which has been particularly active in the campaign against the higher cost of living.

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HOUSE BILL IS PASSED

Primary Election Measure Goes Through After Warm Debate.

VOTE 100 YEAS, 39 NAYS

Opposition of Chipfield and Minority Leader Browne Is of No Avail.

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HIMSELF A CRITIC

Justice Brewer Says Weakness of Courts Lies in Delaying of Justice.

GRANT TOO MANY APPEALS

Advocates State Laws to Limit Privilege to Single Review of Case After Trial.

New York, Feb. 1.—"The courts, their delays and the cost of litigation are justly criticised," says Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court, in an interview given out today. Brewer is in New York to preside at a meeting of the Civic forum tonight. In his discussion of judicial evils he says in part:

Ought to Welcome Criticism. "No judge ought to object to any fair criticism, and no just judge will so object. There is no duty more imperative upon the bar and bench than to do what they can to simplify matters, to put technicalities out of the way, and see that substantial justice is administered.

"The seat of the whole trouble, in

REPUBLICAN INSURGENTS ASSURE TAFT OF SUPPORT FOR PART OF HIS POLICIES

equipped with new propellers and engines. The shed at Gennevilliers, where the aircraft is housed, is under water. The attempt has been set for July, which, according to the records of the last 20 years, is the most propitious month for such an undertaking.

GOVERNMENT TO OWN SPECIAL MAIL CARS

Bill in Congress Aimed to Provide Greater Safety for Men and Matter Handled.

Washington, Feb. 1.—To protect the lives of government postal employees on trains and prevent loss of mail by fire Representative Carey, republican, of Wisconsin, is in favor of the government buying its own steel mail cars and contracting with railroads for their hauling. He has introduced a bill that authorizes the postmaster general to proceed with the work of contracting for these cars, to put them in use as rapidly as possible, and to have all railroads fully equipped with them by 1915.

DAMAGE SUITS AGAINST THREE

Aggregate of Sums Demanded by Dr. Paxton, Swope Family Physician Is \$700,000.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 1.—The filing of damage suits against an attorney and two physicians connected with the investigation of the deaths of Colonel Swope and his nephew, by Dr. B. C. Hyde, the Swope family physician, for sums aggregating \$700,000, marked his active entrance into the case yesterday.

The first suit was against Attorney John G. Paxton, executor of the Swope estate. Slander is alleged. Dr. Hyde charges that Paxton openly declared the physician, poisoned the two Swoopes, causing their death. Actual damages of \$50,000 and punitive damages of \$50,000 are asked.

Paxton, Dr. Frank Hall, bacteriologist, and Dr. Edward L. Stewart, are defendants in the second suit which is for \$600,000. Hyde alleges these men defamed him.

NEW U. S. SENATOR ILL, QUILTS POST

Fountain L. Thompson of North Dakota Is Succeeded by W. E. Purcell.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Fountain L. Thompson, recently appointed senator from North Dakota, has resigned on account of ill health and W. E. Purcell of Wahpeton has been appointed his successor. The announcement was made in the senate today by Senator Money and Purcell was sworn in.

KILLED INDISCRIMINATELY

Both Japanese and Korean Officials Victims of Mob's Violence. Seoul, Feb. 1.—During the anti-Japanese outbreak at South Phangan the rioters murdered Korean and Japanese officials and burned all the government buildings. The mob was dispersed after 19 of its members had been killed.

Bishop Foss Buried.

Philadelphia, Feb. 1.—Several bishops and hundreds of clergymen and laymen from all parts of the country attended the funeral services today of the late Bishop Foss. Bishop Wilson of Philadelphia officiated.

FILLS PULPIT IN SPIRE OF COURT

Ashland, Wis., Feb. 1.—Notwithstanding a court order prohibiting him from preaching in the evangelical Association Emanuel church, Rev. August Lutz conducted Sunday school and preached a sermon Sunday. Rev. Mr. Bledsoe, recently appointed by the bishop, arrived at the church, but withdrew.

Work of Day in Congress

Washington, Feb. 1.—Following is a summary of the proceedings of the two houses of congress yesterday, taken from the official records:

SENATE.—Senator Carter spoke at length on the postal savings bank bill and answered some objections by Mr. Hoar. The bill went over till today, adjournment being taken at 3:18. HOUSE.—To make the principal of Panama canal bonds payable in gold to exempt from taxation certificates of indebtedness authorized by the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, the house passed a joint resolution reported from the committee on ways and means by Representative Payne. Mistaken in the enactment of the law, Mr. Payne explained, made this legislation necessary. The agricultural appropriation bill was before the house during nearly all the session. At 4:50 p. m. the house adjourned till today.

Draw Line at Ship Subsidy and Federal Incorporation Act.

NEW YORK IN HARMONY

State Delegation Attempts to Start Stampede to Redeem Pledges.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Republicans "insurgents" in the house will support the administration program on railroad legislation, conservation, postal savings banks and anti-injunction. A unanimous decision to do so was reached at a meeting held last night. Gardner of Massachusetts and Hayes of California were authorized to inform the president.

Ship Subsidy "Overlooked."

The action was taken, it is stated, in order to give definite assurance to Taft and to the country that the "insurgents" are unanimously in favor of all progressive legislation advocated by the president. It is a conspicuous fact the ship subsidy and federal incorporation recommendations of this president were not included in the list and it was stated by one of the "insurgents" there had been no endeavor to reach an agreement upon these subjects.

Will Not Be Bound on Rules.

The "insurgents" discussed the question of a republican caucus on the proposition of amending the rules of the house and of deposing the speaker from the chairmanship of the rules committee and it was stated there was practically a unanimous understanding to the effect. The "insurgents" would not caucus on the rules question. They stand ready, however, to act whenever the matter is presented on the floor of the house.

New York to Back Taft.

Washington, Feb. 1.—At a meeting of republican members of the New York state delegation in the house this afternoon a resolution will be presented binding every member to work for the early enactment of the administration program into law and the redemption of the platform pledges of the party.

Drop Agitation Over Rules.

It was stated by several prominent members of the New York delegation the question of amending the house rules at this time will not be acted upon nor will any action be taken relative to the proposed caucus of the republican congressmen on the subject. On the contrary members of the majority party may be asked by the New Yorkers to join them in getting solidly behind the important measures advocated by the president and now before congress.

No Prospect of Caucus.

Today there appeared no prospects of a republican caucus in the near future on rules. The "insurgents" will not urge it and all but three or four of their number, it is said, are opposed to entering a caucus on the subject.

SUIT TO DISSOLVE NATIONAL COMPANY?

Chicago, Feb. 1.—It was rumored about the federal building today that the government intends to enter suit soon for the dissolution of the National Packing company.

South Dakota G. O. P. in Harmony.

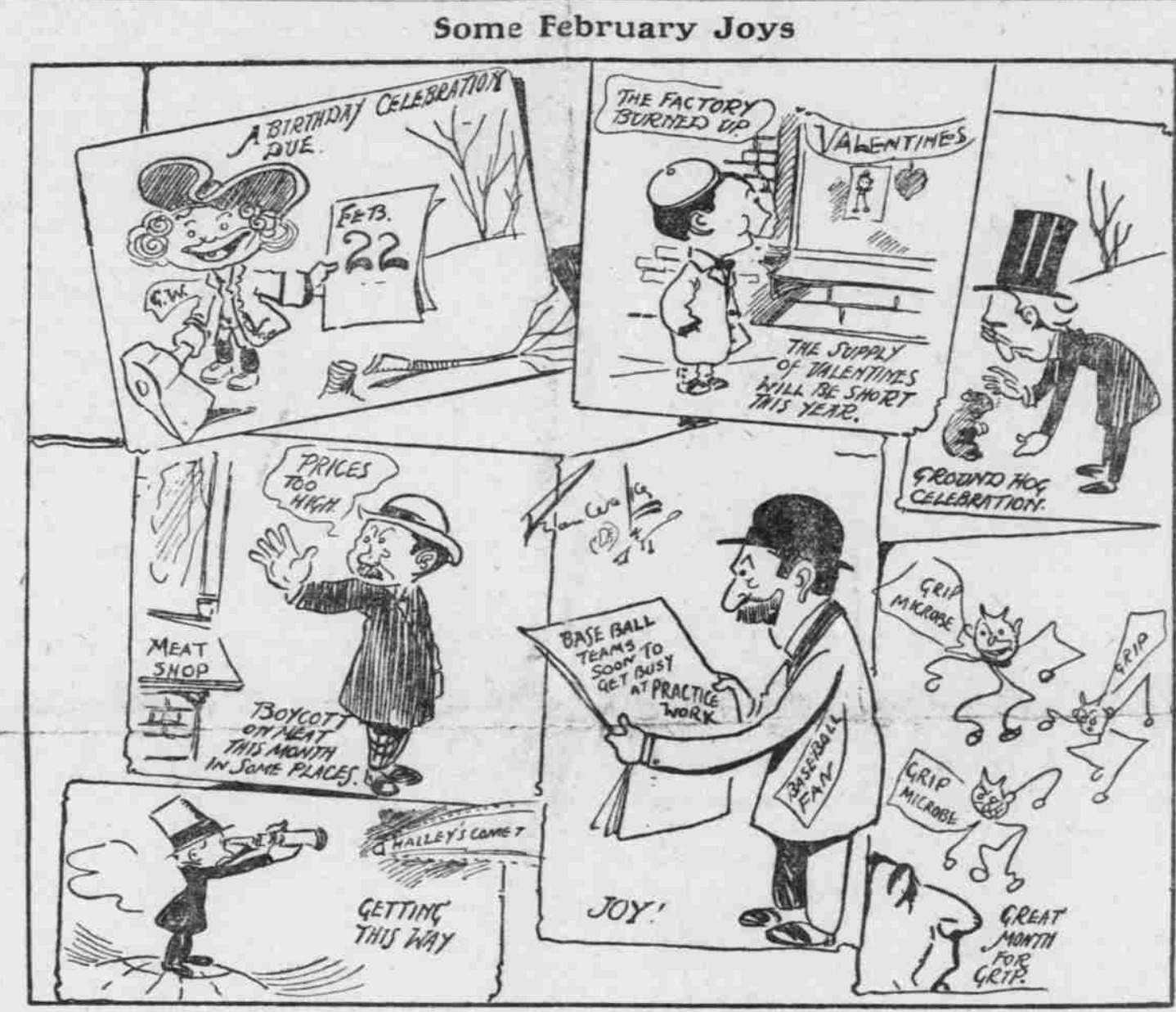
Huron, S. D., Feb. 1.—The republican state convention this afternoon received the report of the resolutions committee emphatically endorsing the state and national administrations. Threatened factional strife was overcome and the convention is harmonious.

Taft's Brother Improves.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 1.—The condition of Henry W. Taft, brother of the president, who is suffering here from erysipelas, is somewhat improved today.

DARIUS MILLER PRESIDENT OF THE "Q" RAILWAY

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 1.—It was announced today Darius Miller, recently chosen vice president, had been elected president of the Burlington railroad at a directors meeting in New York today. Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, was made director of the Burlington. Elliott today confirmed the election of Miller. George T. Harris, who is succeeded by Miller, was elected chairman of the board of directors and will look after the financial part of the system.



some 300 in Madison square. The following petition was circulated and found many signers:

We herewith respectfully petition the board of health to take the present meat situation under immediate consideration from a hygienic and sanitary standpoint and in the interest of the public health and welfare.

It has been discovered that the cold storage warehouses harbor entombed which, by reason of old age and consequent decomposition, are unfit for consumption. We believe that all meat older than 60 days should be confiscated and condemned.

Prices of Fish Soar.

Boston, Feb. 1.—Even higher prices for meats are predicted for Boston the coming week, in view of the heavy shipments of live stock on outward-bound steamers and decreased receipts in the local markets.

The two weeks' boycott which started at midnight Saturday had little effect on the markets, so far as could be observed.

The plan to substitute fish for meat received a decided setback when, on small receipts, prices went soaring. Haddock went from \$2.75 per 100 pounds to \$4.25.

BREAKFAST FOOD MAKERS IN TRUST

Minneapolis, Feb. 1.—The reported consolidation of cereal manufacturing concerns of Minneapolis, Battle Creek, Mich., Chicago and some in Iowa in a million dollar corporation was confirmed today.

Representative Chipfield vigorously attacked as unconstitutional the Murray amendment giving senatorial committees power to say how many candidates shall be voted upon for members of the general assembly.

Minority Leader Browne declared the attempt to pass this "unconstitutional bill" was a "farce" and urged the passage of a "real primary bill," suggesting the senate bill on second reading as the basis.

Peace in Confusion.

Representatives Hull, Poulton and Stearns defended the bill. There was much confusion during the roll call. The bill passed. The vote was: Yeas, 100; nays, 39.

CORONER AT WORK ON CASE

Calls Jury to View Exhumation of Prof. Vaughn, Believed Poisoned.

Monroe City, Mo., Feb. 1.—Coroner Wilson, at the instance of the prosecuting attorney, convened the jury today to view the exhumation of the body of Professor J. T. Vaughn. Vaughn died suddenly last October at Kirksville, where he was instructor in the state normal school.

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Judge Carpenter Sworn In.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—George Albert Carpenter was sworn in as Judge of the United States district court here today. Carpenter succeeds the late Judge Bethea.

PRESIDENT IS GREAT SUCCESS IN SOCIAL AFFAIRS, AT LEAST

(Special Correspondence of The Argus.)

Washington, Jan. 30.—President Taft is far more active socially than was either Roosevelt, McKinley or Cleveland.

Not in many years has a president of the United States imparted social distinction to so many banquets, dinners, luncheons, teas, as has Mr. Taft since his occupation of the White house. No one who sees the president at one of the many social events he is attending can help but note that his

enjoyment is genuine, and not in the least forced. All his life Mr. Taft has had a fondness for society, his very temperament is such as to enable him to stand without fatigue an unending number of banquets and dinners and receptions. Undoubtedly there is no feature of the president's station that affords him more personal pleasure than the fine social opportunities at his command. President Taft is house. No one who sees the president at one of the many social events he is attending can help but note that his

the social realm. That explains why the new executive is always either entertaining or being entertained. He actually thrives on it. As executive, Mr. Taft is not vigorous and enthusiastic, particularly in the handling of state matters. His subordinates are forced to be constantly prodding him to get his attention to papers which require action by a specific time. All of the Taft special messages to congress have been late. But however much the cares of state annoy

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