

EXPLOSION SEALS CO

BELIEVED MANY MINERS ARE DEAD IN DELAGUA (COL.) MINE SHAFT.

FIFTY MAY HAVE ESCAPED

Force of Blast Felt Four Miles Away--Rescue Parties Are Rushed to Scene--Mouth of Main Slope Badly Caved.

Trinidad, Col.--Sixty or more miners were entombed and may be dead as a result of an explosion Tuesday in Mine No. 3 of the Victor American Fuel company at Delagua, 20 miles northeast of Trinidad.

Fifty of the men in the wrecked mine are reported to have escaped through entry No. 2. Two of the men who were in the mine at the time of the accident have been taken out.

The force of the explosion was felt at Hastings, four miles down the canyon, and the news of the disaster spread rapidly.

W. S. Getchel, general manager of the Colorado division, was at Gray Creek when notified of the disaster and left at once in an automobile and is in personal charge of the rescue work.

Two of the men injured at the south of the mine were brought to the local hospital in a serious condition.

BRANDS DR. COOK A SWINDLER

Rasmussen Sends Report From Far North--Eskimos Say Traveler Did Not Reach Pole.

Copenhagen, Denmark.--Knut Rasmussen, the Danish explorer, brands Dr. Frederick A. Cook as a swindler in a communication sent to his wife in this city.

Rasmussen incloses a narrative given by the two Eskimos who accompanied Doctor Cook and Commander Robert E. Peary on their recent arctic expeditions in which they declare that Doctor Cook journeyed in a circle and did not reach the north pole.

The explorer writes in part as follows: "Already in the fall of 1909, when I was on an expedition to Greenland there existed grave doubts as to whether Doctor Cook had been near the north pole and I made up my mind to secure through thoroughly disinterested people a bona-fide report of his Eskimo fellow travelers, Itisukuk and Apilak.

"These young men belong to a tribe near Smith sound, the members of which still live the life of savages. They possess no written language and therefore I had to get somebody to write down the young men's report.

Rev. Gustav Olsen and Kateket Sechmann Roseback, both born in Greenland and newly-arrived missionaries to this tribe, did the writing. Further, I received from the manager of a copper mine in Greenland, a man named Nyboe, assistance in getting the report.

"On my arrival at North Star bay this summer I found the report--in the Eskimo language awaiting me containing the narrative given by Doctor Cook's companions to Rev. Mr. Olsen. I myself have not seen the young men since they returned with Doctor Cook, but I know them from earlier times. They are clever and trustworthy men and I consider their report, obtained by wholly disinterested persons, on the question of the reaching of the north pole by Doctor Cook, more valuable than any I myself could have obtained."

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ENGINEERS TO VOTE

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES WILL BALLOT WHETHER TO STRIKE OR NOT.

SIXTY-ONE ROADS INVOLVED

Negotiations That Have Been in Progress Since September 26 Are Broken Off--Men Demand 15 Per Cent. Raise in Pay.

Chicago.--According to the grand officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, for whom Grand Chief Warren S. Stone of Cleveland, O., was the spokesman, a strike of all railroad engineers upon the sixty-one roads running north, south and west of Chicago may be called in January next.

According to Mr. Stone, and admitted by railroad representatives, conferences were begun between a committee from the engineers and the Western Managers' association September 26, and nearly twenty-five sessions have been held since, and Monday all negotiations were broken off as the last amicable arrangement of differences was declared to be unacceptable.

The union committee was composed of fifty-two general chairmen from all over the country, with six grand officers, and the railroads, sixty-one in number, were represented by a conference committee of ten, being General Manager F. E. Ward, Burlington road; F. C. Bachelder, first vice-president, M. K. & T.; G. H. Emerson, assistant general manager, G. N.; T. J. Foley, assistant general manager, I. C.; F. C. Fox, general superintendent, motive power, C. P. & R.; H. J. Simmons, general manager, E. P. & S. W., and A. W. Trenholm, general manager, C. M. & St. P. W. B. Scott, assistant director of maintenance and operation, was chairman of the committee.

The engineers presented a demand for an increase of 15 per cent. in salaries, together with a number of arrangements improving conditions. The railroad men offered compromises which were refused, and the word was taken back to the local unions to vote whether or not to strike. The reply will be brought back by December 15.

The present working agreement in force can be terminated on thirty-days' notice. The brotherhood contains 60,000 members in the United States, Canada and Mexico, and 33,789 engineers will be affected on the lines in dispute.

DR. CRIPPEN GAINS DELAY

Convicted Slayer of Belle Elmore Given Lease of Life While Attorney Prays for Reprieve.

London, England.--It was announced officially Monday that Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of his wife, would not be executed Tuesday as originally arranged, as the law provides that two weeks must elapse between the dismissal of an appeal and the carrying out of the sentence.

November 23 has been fixed upon as the date of the execution. Solicitor Newton, Crippen's counsel, is drafting a petition for a reprieve.

Blast Bank; Steal \$2,000. Toledo, O.--After blowing a portion of the vault through the ceiling with nitroglycerin, crackmen secured \$2,000 from the Southern bank, a private institution of Jerry City, O., 33 miles from Toledo, Tuesday. The robbers escaped in an automobile.

Illinois Bank is Robbed. Champaign.--The vault of the bank of Penfield, Champaign county, was entered Tuesday and \$900 in stamps deposited by the postmaster for safekeeping were taken.

Killed Over a Pool Game. Evansville, Ind.--Edward Singleton and Joseph Fitchinger quarreled over a game of pool Tuesday and Singleton was killed by Fitchinger, who used brass knuckles.

Caught Printing Pay Ck.s. Salt Lake City.--While in the act of printing forged Chicago, Burlington & Quincy pay checks at an engraving plant, F. H. Heckmeyer, a printer, and Elmer Peterson, a boy of seventeen, were arrested here Tuesday.

Coronation Band Leader Dead. Seattle, Wash.--Thomas Cannell, leader of a band at the coronation of Queen Victoria, died here Tuesday in his ninety-sixth year, leaving 89 descendants, including seven great-grandchildren.

PEAGE PLANS ARE REFUSED

STRIKING GARMENT WORKERS REPUDIATE AGREEMENT.

Citizens' Committee Declares Tailors' Strike is Justified After Investigation of Trouble.

Chicago.--Just when everybody thought peace was in sight the 40,000 striking garment workers turned down almost unanimously an arbitration agreement signed by Thomas A. Rickett, president of their national union, and officers of one of the largest firms concerned in the walkout.

The rejection of the agreement puts the strike back where it was before the peace negotiations were started.

Simultaneous with the rejection of peace terms the committee of citizens interested in the strike--several of them social settlement workers--issued a report covering a week's investigation of the strike troubles.

The report declared the walkout justified on the ground of numerous grievances existing in the various establishments. The investigators found the strike was spontaneous in origin and not the result of dissection spread by union agitators.

The report closed by recommending a union or shop organization of the employees for the purpose of dealing collectively with the employers in the adjustment of possible future disturbances.

The effect of the report undoubtedly will be to encourage the strikers to hold out for recognition of the union and for the closed shop as a condition for the termination of the strike.

DEITZ GIVES \$40,000 BAIL

He is Released But Re-arrested on Charge of Attempting to Shoot Man in 1904.

Hayward, Wis.--Attorneys Zabel and Schultz, head of the Deitz defense committee, arrived here Monday from Eau Claire, where they received Judge Wickham's approval of the bonds of \$40,000.

The bond was approved and recorded after which procedure Deitz was notified that for a time at least he was again a free man. His wife and Clarence were overjoyed and quick-ly bringing his overcoat. Clarence assisted his father to put it on and stepped out on the porch of the jail.

However, his period of freedom was very short. Barely had the overcoat been placed on him, when Sheriff Madden read a warrant to him for the alleged attempted shooting of Patrick McGin on May 8, 1904, and once more the famous Cameron Dam defender was placed behind the bars.

IOWA LOSES IN POPULATION

Decrease of 1,082 Shown by Census Returns--Result is No Surprise to Officials.

Washington.--The population of Iowa is 2,221,771, according to the enumeration in the thirteenth census. This is a decrease of 7,082, or 0.3 per cent, under 2,228,853 in 1900.

The increase from 1890 to 1900 was 319,572, or 16.7 per cent.

The decrease did not surprise census bureau officials, as it was in line with what was expected in the agricultural regions of the middle west.

Unless the present basis of apportionment is retained it is probable that Iowa will lose one of her 11 members of congress.

Director Durand attributes the falling off to the fact that the land already is fully occupied and a general tendency toward larger farms.

He says a growth cannot be expected unless there is a change to more intensive cultivation.

65 MILES IN 66 MINUTES

Aeronaut Flies Across Country with Cargo of Silk in Fastest Time a Biplane Ever Made.

Columbus, O.--Phil O. Parmelee, one of the Wright brothers' airplane operators, made the fastest cross-country flight ever made in a biplane. He flew from Dayton to Columbus, passing over South Charleston and London.

The air line distance as given by the Wrights is sixty-five miles. The flight was made at a height of 3,000 feet in sixty-six minutes.

Parmelee carried \$1,000 worth of silk for a dry goods firm. It is said this is the first time the biplane has been put to such commercial use.

Fate is Decided by Cards. St. Louis.--After a game of solitaire, had decided his fate, Charles W. Eggers, twenty-nine years old, ended his life by swallowing a mixture of carbolic acid and wood alcohol.

Eggers took the fatal mixture when the ace and nine of spades, which he considered the worst cards in the deck, came out while he was playing a game of cards to which he had determined to leave the question of life or death, and blocked further play.

Convict Attempts Escape. Elliott, a convict from Douglas county, who lacks four years of having served out a fifteen-year term for burglary, made an attempt to escape. Elliott had been working as a nurse in the hospital which Sunday night contained only one patient, an epileptic. He sawed the bars in the door of the hospital, making the opening in the door through which food is passed large enough to get through. While he was doing this the convict-patient threatened to give alarm, but he quieted him with threats.

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STATE'S CROP VALUE

LABOR BUREAU FIGURES IT AT \$220,000,000.

CORN INCREASE IS OVER 1909

The Value of This Crop in Nebraska for 1910 Placed at Nearly \$80,000,000.

"Despite the blue outlook in the spring, and especially during the middle of the summer season, Nebraska again comes to the front with big crops this year," said Deputy Labor Commissioner Maupin.

"We have just finished compiling the crop statistics, and we find that the nine principal agricultural crops this year total approximately \$220,000,000 in value.

"The corn crop of 1910 amounted to 178,823,128 bushels, an increase of 9,743,891 bushels over 1909. The value of this year's corn crop is \$37,877,346.

"The winter wheat yield this year was 86,617,525 bushels, a decrease from 1909 of 5,827,200 bushels. The value of this year's wheat crop is \$36,657,751.

"The spring wheat yield this year was 4,532,517 bushels, an increase of 64,652 bushels over 1909. The value of the spring wheat crop this year is \$4,079,968.

"The 1910 yield of wild and tame hay, not including alfalfa, was 2,111,894 tons, a decrease of 1,141,946 tons from 1909, which is easily explained by the unfavorable weather conditions during the season when hay would be making its best growth. The increased price, however, more than compensates for the shorter crop, the value this year being \$37,336,728, or nearly \$8,000,000 more than last year.

Alfalfa Crop. "The alfalfa crop amounted to 1,863,651 tons, a decrease of 8,889 tons from last year. This year's alfalfa crop is worth \$28,255,215.

"This was Nebraska's banner oats year, the total yield being 71,502,877 bushels, worth \$17,989,696. Last year's oats crop amounted to 69,653,479 bushels.

"The rye crop amounted to 823,648 bushels, worth \$493,659.

"The barley crop amounted to 2,333,129 bushels, worth \$1,073,271.

"The potato crop this year is short, amounting to 3,230,198 bushels, worth \$1 a bushel now--and bound to go up.

"The sugar beet crop shows an increase of 120 per cent over 1909, the production this year amounting to 105,369 tons, worth \$28,854.

"There were 1,149,028 bushels of speltz, 154,018 tons of millet, 174,154 tons of sorghum cane and 18,942 tons of kafir corn.

"The department did not take the manufacturing statistics this year, having co-operated with the government census bureau and thus avoiding the duplication of the work. There are plenty of evidences at hand to show a healthy increase of production over the previous year, and it is safe to say that Nebraska's total manufacturing output during the last year is upwards of \$250,000,000.

Live Stock Gratifying. "The live stock figures for 1910 are gratifying. The total valuation for the year is \$174,983,050.

"During the period covered by the report just completed the grand total of Nebraska's output--grain, hay, live stock, butter, eggs, poultry, miscellaneous crops and manufactured products will approximate \$680,000,000. I do not believe the state has ever had a better year taking everything as a whole."

Deep Waterways Convention. One request from a Lincoln citizen to be appointed as a delegate to the lake-to-the-gulf deep waterways convention to be held in St. Louis on November 25 and 26, has been received by Mayor Love. The mayor is authorized to appoint ten delegates to attend the convention. This being the number to be sent from cities of between 20,000 and 50,000 population. C. H. Tedd of Elm Creek, Neb., has written the mayor that he would like to be appointed a delegate, but from the instructions received Mr. Love is of the opinion that he must appoint the delegates from Lincoln.

The Kidnaping of Miss Wood. In an effort to arouse the United States state department to an investigation of the kidnaping of Miss Grace Wood, a former Nebraska girl, who has been a resident in Mexico for the past year, Senator Burkett wired Secretary Knox. The Nebraska senator urged that the department look into the matter with all possible expediency.

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GREAT CORN STATES.

Nebraska Stands Fourth in the Production.

Four states are in a class by themselves in producing corn this year, according to an analysis of the government's crop report for October, which has been subjected by the Bartlett-Frazier company to keen study.

These four states are Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska, which rank in total production of corn in the order given. All of them have over 200,000,000 bushels of corn in the fields this year. Kansas, which is 18,000,000 below the 200,000,000 mark this year, is sixth in corn. Indiana is fifth with 153,000,000 bushels.

Indiana averages 37.98 per acre and Illinois has a flat 37. Iowa is 34.6, Missouri is 31 and Nebraska is 25.3. Kansas is only 29.5.

Increased Production. Grain dealers say that the report is right when it declares that increased production the whole country considered, and decreased consumption in cattle-feeding means that a low price level is inevitable.

On this subject the Bartlett-Frazier report says: "In four years out of the five preceding this consumption was practically the same, the fluctuations in supply being equalized by corresponding increases or decreases in final stocks carried over. The exception was in the year 1906-07, when something like 250,000,000 bushels more was used than during the other years under review. The records show that this increase in distribution was stimulated by the low range of corn prices. May corn in Chicago ranging between 42 and 50 cents during practically the life of the delivery, the greater part of the time under 45 cents. During the last three years actual consumption was less by about 250,000,000 bushels each year, and coincident with this shortened consumption it may be noted that similar range of the May option was around 60 cents or more."

Woman's Club Meeting. The delegates to the state meeting of woman's clubs returned from Tecumseh, bringing enthusiastic reports of the hospitality received. Two Lincoln women were re-elected to places on the executive board. Mrs. H. M. Bushnell was chosen to serve another term as general federation secretary and Mrs. H. C. Lindsay of Lincoln was re-elected as vice president for the First district. The complete new board follows: President, Mrs. T. J. Gist, Falls City; vice president, Mrs. Margaret Stewart, Tecumseh; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. R. Cani, Stella; recording secretary, Mrs. Maybelle Corbett, Atkinson.

Information is Wanted. City Clerk Ozman, secretary of the league of Nebraska municipalities, has written the members of the league to find out their attitude on certain questions, among them being a proposed law which would exempt municipal bonds from taxation. Also whether or not it is believed that there should be modifications in the laws regulating the expenditures of the county commissioners of moneys received in the road fund, so that a part of such money may be used on the streets of the cities within the limits of the cities.

Declined the Position. W. J. Furse, secretary to Governor Shallenbeger, declined the appointment of railway commissioner to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of W. H. Cowgill. Governor Shallenbeger offered the place to Mr. Furse and it was declined because the secretary has made other arrangements which will keep him busy until after the first of the year.

Mr. Thompson's Successor. Arthur Mullen, state oil inspector, has been appointed attorney general, to take the place made vacant by the resignation of W. T. Thompson.

Treasurer's Monthly Report. The monthly report of State Treasurer L. G. Brian shows that he had on hand October 1, in all funds, \$556,440.86; receipts during the month, \$455,719; payments, \$258,017.37; balance at this time, \$754,141.89. The cash and cash items on hand amount to \$22,271.93; cash on deposit, \$731,870.36.

Must Show Cause. The Missouri Pacific has been ordered by the state railway commission to appear November 10 and show cause why the old schedule for train service between Omaha and Falls City should not be resumed. Numerous complaints have been filed with the commission.

Ross is Indicted. James A. Ross was the second man to appear in federal court as the result of the recent session of the grand jury and furnish bond for his appearance in the United States district court to answer the charge of selling liquor without having paid the government tax.

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