

300 IN DEATH PIT

Illinois Mine Disaster Ranks With Worst in History.

GOAL SHAFT IS AGAIN SEALED

Fires Break Out With Renewed Energy and Must Be Extinguished Before Veins Are Opened and Explored Helmeted Volunteers Make Four Descents, but Find No Life—Victims Believed to Have Slowly Suffocated

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 15.—The three hundred or more miners who were entombed in the St. Paul mine by last Saturday's disaster are dead. Some of the bodies lie buried beneath thousands of tons of earth which have caved in upon them, and it is doubtful if many of the bodies can ever be recovered.

This was the opinion expressed when attempts at rescue work, carried on night and day, was temporarily abandoned. Fires in the mine, which broke out with renewed energy during the day, made further descents of rescuers impossible. The heat and smoke became so dense that it was necessary again to seal up the mouth of the hoisting shaft of the mine and the men down there, whatever their condition, are locked in as effectively as if in a dungeon.

Whether the bodies will be taken out this afternoon or not for several days will depend on the condition of the internal fire. It is possible that chemicals producing carbonic acid gas will be forced through pipes to the bottom of the mine. These will have a tendency to choke out the flames.

It was learned that 300 coffins have been ordered, half of them to arrive today and half tomorrow. Meantime the several scores of nurses who have been rushed here look forward to no prospect of heroic work in reviving the men. It is confidently believed there will be no one brought out of the mine who will be within the power of the nurses' reviving forces.

Rescuers Descend Fourth Time.

Rescuers descended four times. Then the rumor circulated quickly through the crowds that the men below ground had been reached and the reason they were not brought up immediately was that they were exhausted by lack of food and smoke. "They are alive; they're alive," cried hopeful mothers and relatives.

But the facts were far different. The rescuers did on one occasion go down 300 feet to the bottom of the hoisting shaft. Then groping their way with electric lamps and kept alive by oxygen stored in their helmets, they penetrated 160 feet into the bottom gallery. But none of the miners, either dead or alive, was found.

Nothing was heard in response and it was conjectured the miners had crawled for safety into the inner recesses, but into these parts the rescuers were unable to go without reascending. Before they could reascend the fire had broken out.

One Thousand Orphans.

Gradually the crowd about the mouth of the shaft began to thin as hope seemed to wane.

The spectacle about the mouth of the wrecked mine was pathetic. As a result of the disaster there are in this town of only a few thousand people at least 1,000 orphans and 200 widows. Some families of one widow and as many as seven or eight children will be dependent upon charity.

President Earling of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, caused a house to house canvass of the miners to be made. This showed 256 miners to be missing, but some of the families were not at home and it is believed that when a complete list is obtained the number of entombed miners will exceed 300. The lack of air is believed to have caused the deaths.

Story of Ten Heroes.

In the annals of the world's heroic deeds few achievements are recorded more glorious than those accomplished by the ten rescuers at the St. Paul mine before they themselves died. They saved 185 miners before their fate overtook them. Six times they were lowered into the burning mine, leaving the cage, they penetrated into the body of the mine, lifted up the miners as they found them, and sent them to the top.

The man at the wheel of the hoist engine started the cage up on its seventh trip. It had been below several minutes, but no signal had been sent. The engine man, however, dared wait no longer. The car came up fast, but faster came a burst of flame. The cage and the flame came together to the level of the ground. But no one stepped from the cage. Nine of the ten heroes already were dead. The tenth, Tom Flood, still breathing, was dragged from the heap. He was able to articulate a little.

"The flame caught us—" he gasped. Then he, too, was dead.

Engineer's Obedience Brings Death. Implicit obedience by Engineer John Cowley to orders of his superior may have caused the death of the rescuing party. At the coroner's inquest, Cowley testified that he declined to accede to the demand of persons standing at the top of his shaft that he at once lift the cage containing the rescuers. The reason he declined, he stated, was because he had been told by the third vein boss, Alexander Nosberg, to move the cage only in answer to the regular bell code.

LONDON TEST OF MONORAIL

Huge Car Runs Freely About Curves of All Sorts.

London, Nov. 13.—The new monorail railway, which works on the principle of a gyroscope and which was first shown here in model form eight months ago before the Royal Society by its inventor, Louis Brennan C. B., received its first public demonstration on a full scale in the war of ice grounds near Chatham.

The guests witnessed a spectacle as marvelous and as revolutionary from the standpoint of transportation as that which aeroplanes have furnished



MONORAIL GYROSCOPE CAR. In the last two years. They saw a car forty feet long, ten feet wide and thirteen feet high, weighing twenty-two tons, mounted on a single rail, running freely about curves of all sorts and carrying forty passengers with safety as complete and vibration far less than the ordinary passenger car. The vehicle runs in a circle an eighth of a mile in circumference at a speed of twenty-five miles an hour, without the slightest tendency to leave the rail.

TEN DAYS OF BAD WEATHER

Washington Bureau Predicts Rain and Snow Throughout Country.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Rain, snow and disagreeable weather throughout the country generally and frost in the Gulf and South Atlantic states during the next week or ten days is the prediction of the weather bureau.

Two disturbances are approaching the west. These will be attended by rain in the southern and snow in the northern districts. The first disturbance will advance from the Rocky mountains to the Atlantic coast, starting today in the west and reaching the Atlantic states about Friday. The second storm will start on its cross-country run from the Pacific coast tomorrow and is due to reach the Atlantic seaboard about Monday next.

TAFT AT CHURCH JUBILEE

President Addresses Catholic Societies of Washington.

Washington, Nov. 15.—President Taft stood on the steps of St. Aloysius church with Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Falconio, the papal delegate, in a review of the Men's Catholic societies of Washington, an incident of the golden jubilee of the parish.

Preceding the review, the president delivered a brief address, having been introduced by Father Eugene De L. McDonnell, the rector, who referred to the fact that fifty years ago President Buchanan had assisted in the dedication services of the church.

Brandenburg Is Found Guilty.

St. Louis, Nov. 15.—Broughton Brandenburg, charged with enticing James Shepard Cabanne, Jr., away from his home in this city, was found guilty in the criminal court and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500. It is said that he will appeal the case.

Mrs. Roosevelt Starts Home.

Naples, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and her daughter, Miss Ethel, boarded the steamer Konig Albert for New York. Mrs. Roosevelt said she had received no direct communication from Colonel Roosevelt or her son, Kermit.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—With a preponderance of bearish reports, headed by unprecedented world's shipments aggregating 2,000,000 bushels over the world's shipment record, the wheat pit here today forced prices up and kept the market strong. December touched \$1.07½@1.07½, above Saturday's close, and today's close was 1½¢ higher. Final figures today were close to the high point. Corn showed a mild advance, as did oats, while provisions, after a strong start, faded away. Close: Wheat—Dec., \$1.07½; May, \$1.05½. Corn—Dec., 60½¢; May, 61½¢. Oats—Dec., 39½¢; May, 42½¢. Pork—Jan., \$21.62½; May, \$20.50. Lard—Jan., \$12.10; May, \$11.50. Ribs—Jan., \$10.65; May, \$10.32½. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$1.09@1.10; No. 2 corn, 64¢; No. 3 oats, 39½¢.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Nov. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,400; active, steady to strong; native steers, \$4.50@8.00; cows and heifers, \$3.25@5.25; western steers, \$5.25@6.25; stockers and feeders, \$5.25; calves, \$3.50@7.00; bulls and stags, \$2.75@4.65. Hogs—Receipts, 1,800; 5@10¢ higher; heavy, \$7.95@8.00; mixed, \$7.95@7.97½; light, \$7.85@7.97½; pigs, \$6.50@7.50; bulk of sales, \$7.95@7.97½. Sheep—Receipts, 16,000; steady; yearlings, \$7.00@7.75; wethers, \$4.40@5.40; ewes, \$4.55@4.85; lambs, \$6.70@7.50.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 20,000; 10@15¢ lower; few steers sold above \$8.00 and the bulk went at \$5.75@7.00; cows and heifers, \$3.25@4.00; bulls, \$2.00@4.50; stockers and feeders, \$1.00@3.10. Hogs—Receipts, 28,000; 5¢ higher; bulk of sales, \$8.00@8.25. Sheep—Receipts, 27,000; firm; good sheep sold at \$1.75@5.25, and the best lambs brought \$7.25@7.50.

SIX SENT TO JAIL

Supreme Court Sentences Citizens of Chattanooga.

SHERIFF IN FOR NINETY DAYS

Others Receive Sentence of Two Months for Contempt of Court. Failed to Protect Negro Whose Execution High Court Had Ordered Stayed—First Case of Its Kind in History of the Country.

Washington, Nov. 16.—For the first time in American history six men are in prison for contempt of the supreme court of the United States. For the first time, too, the federal government has placed men behind the bars as an outcome of the lynching of a negro.

At the United States jail in this city Captain Joseph F. Shipp, former sheriff at Chattanooga, Tenn.; Jeremiah Gibson, his jailer, and Luther Williams, Nick Nolan, Henry Padgett and William Mayes of the same city began to serve terms of imprisonment imposed a few hours before by the supreme court of the United States.

Shipp and Gibson had been found guilty of failing to protect from a mob Ed Johnson, whose legal execution for rape had been stayed by the supreme court until it could review the case. The others had been found guilty of participation in the lynching of a federal prisoner. Shipp, Williams and Nolan were given sentences of ninety days' imprisonment, while Gibson, Padgett and Mayes received sixty days.

TRAGEDY ON DAKOTA FARM

Tramp Kills Husband and Wife and is Himself Slain.

Vermilion, S. D., Nov. 16.—As the result of a tragedy at the farm home of Albert Nelson, in Riverside town ship, Clay county, twenty-five miles from Vermilion, a man and woman are dead and another will die. The dead are Mrs. Albert Nelson and a hired man. Albert Nelson, husband of the woman, is dying.

The tragedy occurred at 1 a. m. According to Nelson, the hired man came to the farm Saturday night. He intended to husk corn this week. Nelson and his wife were aroused by someone in their bedroom. Before they had time to move, the hired man began slashing at them with a razor. He succeeded in killing Mrs. Nelson, but before Nelson went down he succeeded in landing a fatal blow on the tramp laborer. It is supposed the tramp's motive was robbery.

HASKELL MUST STAND TRIAL

Court Overrules Demurrer in Case Against Oklahoma Governor.

Chickasha, Okla., Nov. 16.—Federal Judge John A. Marshall of Utah overruled the demurrer filed by Governor Charles N. Haskell and five other prominent Oklahomans to indictments charging them with fraudulently securing from the government title to a large number of town lots in Muskogee, Okla.

The defendants were ordered to appear for trial next Saturday morning at Chickasha. The five co-defendants of Governor Haskell are C. W. Turner, A. Z. English, W. R. Eaton, W. T. Hutchins and F. B. Severs.

GOMPERS REFUSED STAY

Mandate Will Be Handed Down Saturday by Washington Court.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The court of appeals of the District of Columbia denied an application made by counsel for Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, sentenced to jail for contempt, for a stay in the issuance of the mandate to the supreme court of the District of Columbia until Jan. 2, 1910. Unless notice of an appeal is given before next Friday night the mandate will be handed down Saturday.

J. G. CARLISLE IS VERY ILL

Former Secretary of Treasury in Critical Condition.

New York, Nov. 16.—There was a change for the worse in the condition of former Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle, who is under treatment for serious intestinal disorders at St. Vincent's hospital. The attending physician said that his condition "had assumed a more serious aspect." He declined to make any further statement.

STEEL TRUST WORST FOE

Federation of Labor Calls It Their Strongest Opponent.

Toronto, Nov. 16.—The American Federation of Labor adopted a resolution declaring the United States Steel corporation to be the most formidable and aggressive enemy with which the organized labor movement has to contend.

Brown Made President.

New York, Nov. 16.—Everett C. Brown of Chicago was elected president of the Amateur Athletic union at the annual meeting in New York, succeeding James E. Sullivan, who had held the office for three years. Mr. Sullivan was chosen secretary-treasurer.

Mail Steamer Founders.

Singapore, Nov. 15.—More than 100 lives were lost by the foundering of the mail steamer La Seyne after a collision off here.

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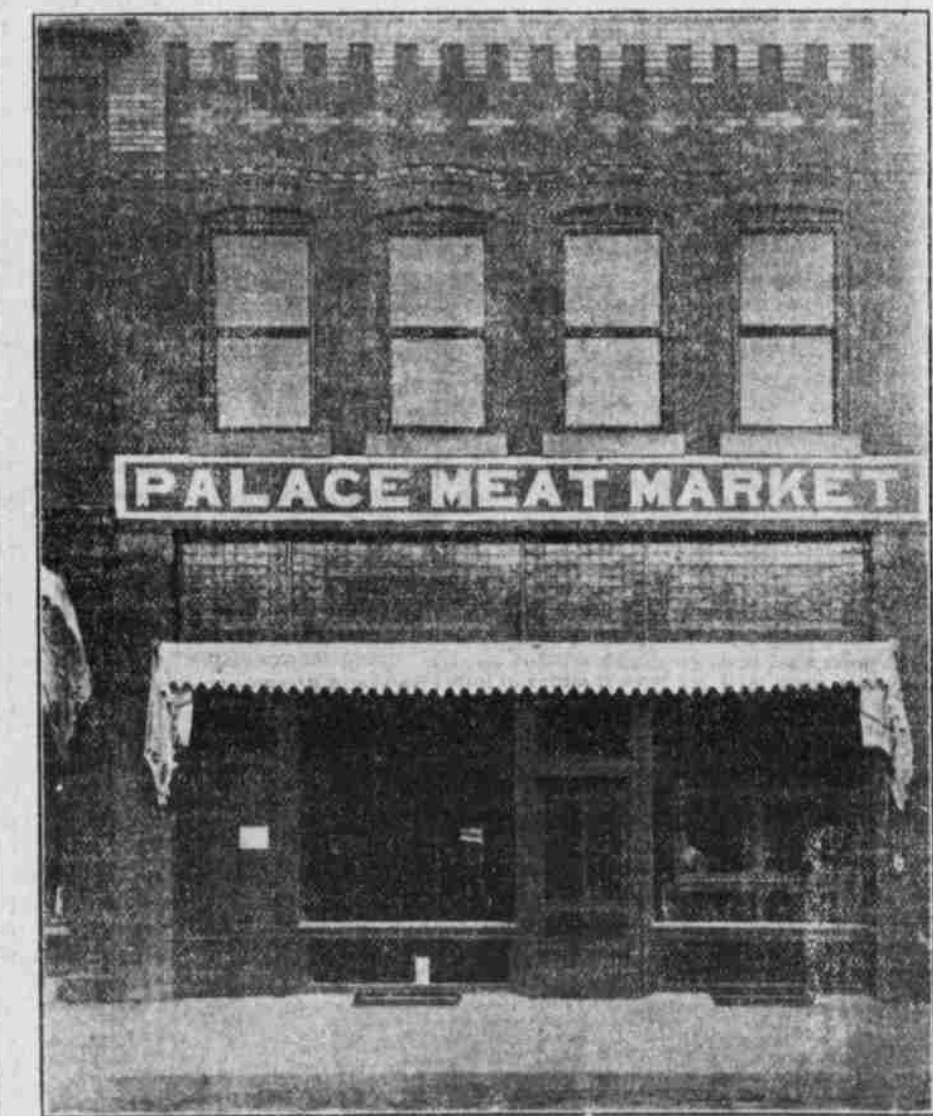
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