

PROBE KATZ'S UNDER PRESSURE

28 Bodies Taken From Mine Tomb

Rescuers Brave Tons of Falling Slate to Reach Charred Remains of Victims.

3 of 51 Miners Missing

By ALBERT F. BAENZIGER, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Sullivan, Ind., Feb. 21.—All but three of the 51 victims of the City Coal mine disaster had been accounted for here tonight by identification of those lying in the two morgues bordering the town square and actual count of the bodies which still lie at the bottom of the shaft in the death cavern bordering the outskirts of the city.

The three unaccounted for are believed to lie under the tons of slate that have fallen since rescue work started and which, together with the "squeezing" of the main entry-way, have created a danger braved unflinchingly by the heroic fellow workers of the dead. Their bodies probably will not be recovered for days.

Twenty-eight blackened bodies have been carried above ground to the morgues or the homes of their loved ones.

Only three of these remain unidentified. Ten other bodies lie at the bottom of the shaft and 10 others near a small passageway.

Bodies of three fathers and sons have been taken out of the depths. They were lying side by side, with hands over their heads as if trying to thrust out the deadly black damp which cut them down in their tracks. The names of Thomas Lecocque, father and son, and Emile Lecocque, son, head the list of the double family tragedies. Pearl Hawhee and Frank Hawhee, come second, with Wayne Walters and Philip, the son, third—the last to be found.

Now that the rescue work is drawing to a finish the people of Sullivan county are beginning to cease the coast and look to coroner William H. McGrew to start an investigation which will fix responsibility for the disaster.

Rescue work has been halted temporarily by the tearing down of doors, trapdoors and curtains which govern the ventilation in the mine. As the air courses were being gradually repaired tonight the searchers were able to proceed deeper into the workings.

One of the big factors that speeded up the work was the repairing of the east cage, which was destroyed in the blast. With two lifts going, debris was speedily carried up in the tipples and timbers and brattices taken down.

For a time the "squeezing" of the east main entry grew so serious that Dan McGarry, who replaced the dead mine superintendent and was the chief figure among the workers under ground, ordered all his men above until he could determine just how far it was likely to go.

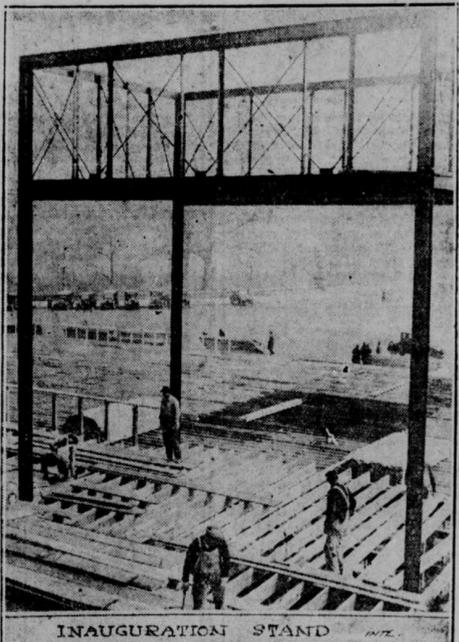
A "squeeze" in the vernacular of the miner, means the lowering of the ceiling and rising of the floor caused by the destruction of supporting timbers. Whenever this occurs, it not only threatens those in the passage way with death from a cave-in, but also brings the possibility of a gas pocket being formed which might result in a general explosion. This is now one of the beliefs of many as to the cause of yesterday's fatal blast.

Say Trochus Caused Blast. Some criticism is being offered to the act of Harry Anderson, the dead mine superintendent, in causing a gas pocket with a lighted torch. "When a man goes to find gas with a light it generally finds him," said the doctory McGarry, in speaking of the act, as described by Elmer E. Davidson in the hospital yesterday.

"I know of another time when a fire inspector went on a similar errand. It ended in the same way, and I was in the mine at the time. I have in mind the explosion in the Big Ten mine, a short way out from here, some years ago. While I am sure the owners of this mine would gladly trade places with those poor dead fellows down there, at the same time I feel that this might have been avoided if proper precautions had been taken.

"I quit the mine four months ago because I was afraid of the danger. I went to the Abbeville mine, which I consider safer because they have the panel system for ventilation, one which was recommended for this mine also. Maybe it will teach a lesson, maybe not. No one can tell. It is a peculiar occupation, but it is not without its magnetic power over those who have spent most of their waking hours underground."

Inaugural Grandstand Is Rushed



Laborers are hurrying the work on the partly-completed grandstand in front of the capitol at Washington, where President Coolidge will be inaugurated on March 4. On the top of the stand will be a series of amplifiers which will carry the president's inaugural address to the thousands expected to witness the ceremonies, and to millions who will listen in on the radio.

Cinema Artists to Grace Movie Ball in Omaha

Will Entertain at City Auditorium on March 2; Shrine Sponsors Film Stars' Appearance Here.

"Pardon me, but may I have this dance?" You may see Bryant Washburn standing before you with that request if you are at the moving picture ball to be given in the city Auditorium under the auspices of Tanager temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Monday evening, March 2.

If you are a man, you will have the privilege of stepping up to Ruth Stonehouse or Wanda Hawley and asking them for a dance.

The cinema stars are making a 50-stop swing through the country for such affairs and will be in Omaha one day and night. They will be under the management of Harry L. Tighe, former Ziegfeld star.

They will produce a light satire in the course of the evening's entertainment. At 8 o'clock a revue will begin with personal introduction of the actors. Dancing will continue after the entertainment until midnight.

Among those who will be here is Ena Gregory, whose pictures number more than 40. Then there is Helen Holmes, famous for her daring deeds in "The Hazards of Helen." Phyllis Haver, Mack Sennett's bathing beauty, is scheduled for a list of surprises.

"An Unexpected Pleasure" will be the title of the satire on making a movie which will be presented by the movie folk, with Jack Daugherty, Kathryn McGuire, Bryant Washburn and Cullen Landis. Wanda Hawley will present some music and Carl Miller will do a monologue.

Ruth Stonehouse, known for her Famous Players-Lasky successes, will be on the program. Anna May Wong will put on a stunt of her own, "A Breath of the Orient." Joe Murphy will be there in his character of Andy Gump.

ILLNESS OF KING CAUSES NO WORRY. London, Feb. 21.—King George today completed another week of sickness. It was stated at the palace this evening that his condition is satisfactory. The morning bulletin showed that he had not yet shaken off his fever, but was progressing. There is no general nervousness about his illness.

That the royal family is not anxious was shown by the fact that the prince went to the country today for the week-end hunting.

The picture houses are showing the royal portrait with the caption: "We hope his majesty will soon recover." The audiences invariably greet this with sympathetic cheers.

SOCIETY HONORS PHOTOGRAPHER. Life membership in the Nebraska State Historical society has been given Arthur Anderson of Anderson Photographic studio, Wahoo, said to be the oldest studio in the state.

Anderson has presented the society with some old pictures taken by his father more than 40 years ago, including Buffalo Bill in his early days and pictures of early days in Wahoo.

Constable Captures 5 in Gun Fight

Lone Officer, Although Wounded, Arrests Gang Which Held Up Michigan Bank.

Entire Loot Recovered

By International News Service.

South Bend, Ind., Feb. 21.—Elias Ackley, lone constable of New Carlisle, Ind., today shot and wounded the five bandits who robbed the Millburg State bank at Millburg, Mich., and though shot in the groin himself captured all five.

Ackley warned of the approach of the handit car, took three revolvers and a shotgun. When the handit car neared him he stood in the middle of the road and shot it out with the desperadoes. Two of them were seriously wounded, the other three suffering minor wounds.

Ackley turned the prisoners over to Chief of Police L. J. Lane of South Bend, who arrived just as Ackley fell—all of his guns having been emptied.

All the bandits were from Indianapolis, Ind., according to South Bend officials, but only one name was obtained, John Marshall. All the loot taken from the Millburg bank was recovered.

RADIO WILL CARRY INAUGURAL TALK

Washington, Feb. 21.—A coast-to-coast radio net to carry the inauguration of President Coolidge was outlined today in announcement of plans of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, and the Radio Corporation of America. It will mark the first time the country at large has been able to listen to such a ceremony by wireless.

The ceremonies at the capitol will be picked up by microphones by the telephone company and transmitted by long-distance lines to various broadcasting stations over the country, and these in turn will send them out into the air.

Stations to broadcast in the telephone plans are: WEAF, New York; WERE, Boston; WJAR, Providence; WTIC, Hartford, Conn.; WOO, Philadelphia; WCAE, Pittsburgh; WGR, Buffalo; WEAR, Cleveland; WLW, Cincinnati; WWJ, Detroit; WMAQ, Chicago; WDAF, Kansas City; WHO, Des Moines; WOOD, Minneapolis-St. Paul; WSE, Atlanta; KFI, Los Angeles; KPO, San Francisco; KIX, Oakland, Cal.

The Radio Corporation, it is announced, will transmit from WRC, Washington; WJZ, New York and WGY, Schenectady. It was added that other stations would probably be added to the list.

MAN WANTS FUR COAT RETURNED

Adolph Hoppe, Dodge hotel, put his faith in woman. He centered his affections upon Mrs. L. Clark, Millard hotel.

She wanted a fur coat and he bought her one at an installment house for \$149.50, payable at \$5 a week. He earns his money at hard toll, repairing cars for the Burlington railroad. But he was glad to pay out the \$5 a week to make his sweetie happy—as long as she was his sweetie.

One day he saw her with another and wearing the fur coat. That was too much. He brought action in municipal court, where he told Constable Pat Welsh she wasn't "shooting straight."

In municipal court he testified when he learned he must put up \$300 bond if he wants to get the coat back. "And I gave her money to get a divorce from her husband, too," he exclaimed.

O. K. IS GIVEN TO IRRIGATION BILL

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Washington, Feb. 21.—The senate irrigation committee in executive session yesterday afternoon reported out favorably the Norris bill which provides for irrigation of Semlarid lands in Nebraska.

Pair Wed in Prison Cell While Carpenters Build Gallows for Groom

International News Service. Winnipeg, Feb. 21.—A drama of the gallows was played here today, and Dan Cupid, who should have been cast for a major role, hung his head in shame and turned his back on the stage. A broken bow dangled from his hand while behind him a most tragic marriage took place.

A priest of the Greek Orthodox church was intoning the marriage ceremony over John Taternuk and Sarah Kupek, and through the walls of the cell came the sound of hammer and saw as workmen put together the scaffold from which the bridegroom will go to his death next Wednesday.

Last June Taternuk strangled his

Billion Dollars Worth of Heiresses Make Debut in Society



Some of the billion dollars' worth of heiresses who are making their debut in New York society this season.

By MARGARET PICKARD. New York—Metropolitan society is in the midst of one of the most brilliant seasons in many years. One of the reasons is the billion dollars' worth of heiresses who are making their debut into the smart set this season.

Elaine Rockefeller, granddaughter of the richest man in the world, is one of the debuts. Then there are Constance V. McCann, Mimi Brokaw, Edith Woodward, Fanny Wickes, Florence Havemeyer, Betty Stoddard, Josephine Willcox, Marion Willard, Dorothea Kibbe, all of whom will one day control sizeable fortunes.

It costs about \$50,000 to introduce a "bud" to society nowadays. The Ritz ballroom, scene of many debutante balls, costs \$1,000 for the night. Two orchestras, at \$500 each, supply the modern tom-tom; feverish excitement demands that the music be "continuous." A conservative estimate for the "sets" is \$3,000, and the fees to the head waiter and his assistants reach approximately \$500.

Then champagne must be provided (yes, in these days!) The buds and their mammas know that the men won't come to their parties unless they know that there will be plenty of wine. So father has to assign \$6,000 to his bootlegger. Favors and decorations cost another \$5,000. The decorations must be spectacular in these jazy days.

Into this splendid step the girl who is up for observation. Every thing depends on this night. She glitters in the thousand-dollar gown that has been especially designed for her by the most expensive Paris couturier. The dressmaker, for this "exclusive" design he or she must promise that there will be only one of this design made in paid anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000, and the incoming duty is 60 per cent of the cost.

Her French "undies"—a delicate "set" of flesh-colored loveliness—her girdle (if any), her wonderful cobweb stockings, her exquisite satin slippers with the sparkling buckles—these are slight details figuring \$275. About the neck of the debutante father hangs a string of perfectly matched pearls, and on her arm glitters a new \$10,000 diamond bracelet, and about her shoulders as she comes to the ball hangs the luxury of a \$20,000 sable coat.

But this is only the beginning. This must be followed by parties and more parties. She must impress her self on society this first season or she never will. It's a gay life, and you mustn't weaken.

Storm Hampers Dirigible's Trip

Washington, Feb. 21.—The great naval dirigible Los Angeles was plowing its way through the upper air of the Atlantic tonight on its return journey from Bermuda to Lakehurst, after an unpleasant experience with the weather at the noted resort prevented its landing there.

The Los Angeles raft into six hours of continuous rain around Bermuda, which made the ship so heavy that quantities of ballast had to be thrown over its sides to prevent its sinking of its own weight.

At 5:30 o'clock this evening, the Navy department received a radio dispatch from the Los Angeles that it would make Lakehurst between 10 p. m. and 11 p. m. It left Bermuda at 10:10 a. m.

JURY'S ERROR MAY BE COSTLY

Alleged failure of a jury to deliberate a sufficient length of time may make void a \$20,000 verdict for personal injuries returned by a jury in District Judge Wakeley's court last week. The verdict was awarded to James DeMatteo for injuries he received when struck by a motor car dealer, two years ago.

Now attorneys for Lapidus have asked a new trial, basing their motion in part on the allegation that the jury had signed the big verdict with only 10 of them favoring it, before six hours had been consumed in deliberation. The statute requires that a "five-sixth" verdict may be reached only after six hours of deliberation.

LAUSANNE PACT REPORTED OUT. Washington, Feb. 21.—The Lausanne treaty, restoring diplomatic and trade relations in the near east ruptured by the war, was favorably reported by the senate foreign relations committee today after slumbering in a committee pigeonhole for a year.

Two reservations were attached to the treaty—one providing that the United States will not submit to arbitration any issue involving American immigration laws and a second providing that after one year's operation the treaty may be suspended on 60 days' notice.

King's Condition Satisfactory. London, Feb. 21.—The bronchial ailment from which King George is suffering was worse during the night, although the three physicians who are attending him announced today that his condition was satisfactory.

The official bulletin posted on the gates at Buckingham Palace read: "His majesty's temperature has not yet returned to normal. Progress continues, although slowly."

Testimony Displeases President

End Comes at Secret Session, Action Takes Committee Members by Surprise.

Clerks Fired; Files Locked

By KENNETH CLARK, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The house aircraft investigating committee, which for 10 weeks has been soaring high over the field of the nation's air defense, tonight crashed to the ground.

The committee apparently fell under a frontal attack from the heaviest guns in the administration's battery.

Unable longer to hold out against pressure that has been brought from the White House and the War and Navy departments, committee members went behind locked doors this afternoon, hoisted the white flag of surrender, and came out with the flat and unembellished announcement that no further hearings would be held, all subpoenas were canceled and that for all time, except for drafting a report, the inquiry was at an end.

The finish was dramatic and complete. Clerical attaches were dismissed and the files locked.

Many committee members themselves did not know that the end was at hand until they got behind closed doors. This was shown by the fact that witnesses were summoned for next week, Secretary Weeks being among those called.

Except for fragmentary pleas, what happened at the secret session was closely guarded by the committee members, who, as soon as the doors were opened, hurried away from the capitol.

Representative Perkins, republican, of New Jersey, finally vouchsafed the opinion that the committee had decided a week ago to close the hearings, and that the committee was practically out of funds and could not go on. The committee was given \$25,000 for its work. Of this less than \$800 remains and the committee has a wad of unpaid stenographers' bills.

Representative Perkins said. "When the committee was in session, however, it was learned that word came over from administration leaders that they were displeased with some of the latest sensational testimony brought out; that they regarded the committee had gone on a "fishing expedition" for which no more money was to be appropriated.

The antagonism of the White House and Secretary Weeks and Wilbur also was called formally to the attention of the members. The administration largely was provoked, it was learned, because the committee appeared to lean too heavily to the support of Brigadier General Mitchell, assistant chief of army air service, who has unsparringly lambasted his superior officers on the question of aviation, charging repeatedly that America's air defense was "worthless."

Then came to the committee an "anonymous" letter, addressed to Representative Burdick, republican, of Rhode Island. None of the committee professed to know the sender, who went into great detail in citing how the investigators had exceeded their authority in the investigation.

All these things proved too much for the committee, which Representative Snell, republican, New York, uncovering administration supporter, characterized as "half baked."

Perkins said that the loose ends of the record would be gathered and that a report might be started before adjournment. Though public sessions he over, Perkins said the committee reserved the right to receive written statements from anybody who wished to prepare them.

Boy Shoots Playmate.

Boston, Feb. 21.—Eight-year-old Martin Cunio, Jr., was shot and killed in his Somerville home this afternoon by John O'Leary, 7 years old. The boys, with four other Cunio children, were playing "cowboy and Indian."

Summary of the Day in Washington

The house aircraft committee decided to close its hearings at once. Opponents of Chicago's Lake Michigan drainage plans were heard by Secretary Weeks.

Plans for a coast-to-coast radio net for the inaugural ceremonies were announced. The Lausanne treaty negotiated with Turkey was approved by the senate foreign relations committee.

The house commerce committee refused to report a bill authorizing elimination of the Pullman surcharge. The senate agriculture committee reported a co-operative marketing farm relief bill while the house considered one on the floor.

Formal authority was asked of the interstate commerce commission to carry out the Nickel Plate railroad consolidation plan.

Woman Groomed for Mayor of Norfolk. Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 21.—Mrs. Jean Whitney, republican, daughter of the late Judge Isaac Powers, and prominent in local society, has been asked by the W. C. T. U. to become a candidate for mayor of Norfolk.

U. S. FLYER WON'T WED MOVIE STAR. New London, Conn., Feb. 21.—Lieut. Leslie P. Arnold, one of the world's flyers, who is visiting here, announced to a gathering of acquaintances in the home of Dr. J. H. Ganey that on August 13, 1917, he was married at the Little Church Around the Corner, New York City, to Miss Mildred Avery, a nurse, who now is on duty at the home of Charles Prentice, a few doors from the home where the lieutenant is a guest.

Miss Avery confirmed the lieutenant's announcement of the marriage, which Lieutenant Arnold said was the culmination of a childhood romance. Lieutenant Arnold made the announcement in denying published rumors of his engagement to Prikilla Dean, well known movie actress.

EX-GOVERNOR BOUND OVER. Topeka, Kan., Feb. 21.—Former Gov. Jonathan M. Davis and former Banking Commissioner Carl J. Peterson were bound over to district court in \$1,000 bond at the conclusion of their preliminary hearing here this afternoon on charges of conspiracy and soliciting a bribe.

The Weather. For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., February 21, 1925. Relative Humidity, percentage: 7 a. m., 55; 10 a. m., 55; 1 p. m., 55; 4 p. m., 55. Precipitation, inches: Jan. 31, 0.00; Total, 0.00 since January 1, 0.00; deficiency, 0.07.

Hourly Temperatures. 4 a. m., 32; 5 a. m., 32; 6 a. m., 32; 7 a. m., 32; 8 a. m., 32; 9 a. m., 32; 10 a. m., 32; 11 a. m., 32; 12 noon, 32; 1 p. m., 32; 2 p. m., 32; 3 p. m., 32; 4 p. m., 32; 5 p. m., 32; 6 p. m., 32; 7 p. m., 32; 8 p. m., 32; 9 p. m., 32; 10 p. m., 32; 11 p. m., 32; 12 noon, 32.