

## MINEGUARDS AT FORBES KILLED; TIPPLE BURNED

Seven Defenders and Three Strikers  
Killed in Sharp Battle Early  
Yesterday.

ONE STEP TOWARD MEDIATION  
President Calls Head of Miners' and  
Operators' Organizations.

MAIN GRIEVANCE OF MINERS  
They Say Gunmen Are Enlisted in  
State Militia.

WILL WELCOME THE REGULARS  
Troops from Fort D. A. Russell Due  
at Canon City.

NORTHERN DISTRICT IS QUIET  
Six Wounded in Tuesday's Fight,  
One of Whom Will Die—Work  
of Organizing Citizens Vol-  
unteers Continues.

FORBES, Colo., April 29.—Forbes' camp of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company in which seven men were killed this morning had been warned late last night of an impending attack and had telephoned an urgent message to the militia camp at Ludlow, a few miles away, for assistance. Superintendent Robert Nichol put the forty women and fifty children of the camp in the tunnel of an abandoned mine, built a barricade of rock in front of the opening, armed his men, numbering forty and prepared to defend the property. The machine gun owned by the company was mounted on a hill north of the camp.

The Forbes camp extends through a narrow canyon for a distance of more than a mile. The tipple, engine house and office stood at the down canyon end, while the mine proper was at the further end. The superintendent posted guards and let some of his men go to sleep.

Machine Gun Sweeps Hills.  
The attack came without warning. A shot was heard on the hills south of the mine, and in an instant bullets poured into the camp from the east, south and west. The defenders returned the fire vigorously, sweeping the hills with the machine gun until its mechanism jammed and it became useless.

When Captain Griffiths was taken into custody a ticket for Sydney, Australia, on the steamer Tahiti, which sails today from San Francisco, was found in his possession.

## Captain Griffiths Arrested in Oakland

OAKLAND, Cal., April 29.—Captain Joseph H. Griffiths, U. S. A., of the quartermaster corps, who fled April 4 from a Seattle court-martial on charges of embezzling \$5,000 of government funds, was arrested here today by Lieutenant Colonel Arthur W. Yates, quartermaster corps, after a week's search in Oakland and San Francisco. The prisoner was placed under guard to await removal to the Presidio.

Griffiths was suspended summarily from duty in Seattle and ordered confined to his quarters March 31 by Major Hugh J. Gallagher, after the discovery of an apparent shortage of \$5,000 in his accounts. His trial was to have begun April 6.

## I. T. U. Ballots Held Back by Injunction

INDIANAPOLIS, April 29.—A temporary restraining order enjoining officers of the International Typographical union from sending out the ballots for the biennial election to be held in May was issued by the Marion county circuit court today upon application of Charles E. Hawkes, a member of New York local No. 5. The order is made returnable on May 7, the day after the ballots were to have been mailed.

## Mother and Daughter Saved by Neighbors

Mrs. W. E. Drinkel, 711 Franklin street, together with her 5-year-old daughter, Georgia, was nearly suffocated from the smoke of a fire while they were asleep. The blaze started while both were asleep and originated from a defective flue. The daughter is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

## BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO CONFER AT LINCOLN

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., April 29.—(Special.)—At a preliminary meeting of the members of school boards from various cities of Nebraska, held at Lincoln, April 21, the sentiment was unanimous that much good could be accomplished by the exchange of ideas between school boards over school problems and betterments.

## BOWEN DECLARES BORDER MEXICANS BAD "HOMBRIER"

How Mexican outlaws across the California border executed three other Mexicans, who had long been naturalized American citizens, when the latter tried to rescue the daughter of one of their number from Mexican white slavers, was narrated to local federal officers by Special Agent John M. Bowen of the Department of Justice at Los Angeles. He was in the city for a few hours to confer with Special Agent Ebenstein, who has charge of white slave investigations in this territory. Mr. Bowen said that the atrocities of Mexicans along the border were frightful. The girl victim in the case he mentioned was rescued later, and the guilty parties were brought to justice by the government.

## Tveitmo, Houlihan and Bernhardt Are Granted Rehearing

CHICAGO, April 29.—The United States circuit court of appeals today granted the petition of the government for a rehearing of the appeals of Olaf A. Tveitmo, Richard H. Houlihan and William Bernhardt, labor leaders convicted in the dynamite conspiracy trials in Indianapolis and granted a new trial by the court of appeals.

The court also directed that arguments on the petition for a rehearing be set for May 16 and that counsel for all the defendants in the dynamite cases appear in court that day.

With the order granting the rehearing in the case of three of the labor leaders was another order denying the petition for a rehearing filed by William Shipps of Chicago and Peter J. Smith and George Anderson of Cleveland. In its petition for a rehearing of the appeal of Tveitmo, Houlihan and Bernhardt, the government contended that ample justification for a verdict of guilty had been shown against each of the three in the trial in Indianapolis. Counsel for the defendants insisted that the government was debarred from asking for a reversal of the finding of the reviewing court.

The order of the court of appeals directing the presence of all the men found guilty in the dynamite trials whose cases are now before the court was interpreted today as indicating that the court will either direct that they be taken directly to the Leavenworth penitentiary to finish their sentences or that a mandate will be issued by the court of appeals directing the Indiana district court to execute its sentence on the twenty-four defendants who were released on bonds after the court of appeals took jurisdiction of the case.

## MINERS BURIED BY AN EXPLOSION BELIEVED LOST

Nearly Three Hundred Men Were  
Entombed in Two West Vir-  
ginia Mines.

SIXTY-SEVEN RESCUED ALIVE  
Bodies of Eight Men Recovered  
from Smaller Workings.

NUMBER MISSING PLACED AT 178  
Mine Officials Say There is Little  
Possibility Any Are Alive.

SHAFTS ARE BADLY CHOKED  
Rescue Parties Hope to Reach Main  
Level Soon.

RESCUE CAR FROM BLUEFIELDS  
Workmen's Compensation Law in  
Effect, Which Will Provide  
Something for Families of  
the Buried Men.

BECKLEY, W. Va., April 29.—Eight bodies have been recovered from shaft No. 8 of the New River Collieries company, which, with shaft No. 3, was wrecked by an explosion yesterday. Sixty-seven were taken out alive. There are no more men in No. 8. One hundred and seventy-eight are buried in No. 3, and officers of the company expressed the opinion today that none could escape. A rescue party was dropped down shaft No. 5 and got within 120 feet of the bottom. The progress of the cage was stopped by broken timbers and a heavy fall of earth. Work was commenced clearing away the debris, and it was thought the bottom could be reached in a few hours. A gas was detected on this level.

Work Desperately.  
Government, state and volunteer rescuers worked desperately to subdue the flames in the mines. The depth of the two main shafts is 800 feet and the mines are connected underground. There are two other shafts into the mines, but the explosion totally wrecked three of the four.

One Mine Shut Off.  
The lone entrance leads into mine No. 6 and by means of it the rescues were made. No. 6 mines apparently is completely shut off and rescuers hold little hope of reaching the large number of men in time to save them.

The New River collieries last night ordered two carloads of coffins.

The present mine disaster is the first of considerable extent in West Virginia in several years. It promises to be second only in fatalities to the Monongah horror in December, 1907, when 366 miners lost their lives.

Compensation Law in Force.  
While the loss of life here will be heavy there is a relief for the families of the victims that was not in force when former disasters occurred. The new workmen's compensation act provides \$20 a month for the widows of the dead and each of the surviving children not to exceed three, is entitled to \$5 a month.

A thorough search of mine No. 6, has failed to disclose the thirteen men known to be in that operation. It is believed their bodies will be found under debris.

This little mining community of 1,500 persons was shaken by the muffled rumbling of the explosion, which brought the entire population to the tipple.

Superintendent Thomas Donkison, an experienced miner, and an expert rescue crew, were immediately lowered into a shaft.

Of the bodies recovered two are Americans. A large portion of the miners employed are Americans.

A United States government rescue car reached the mines from Bluefield, W. Va., at 5 o'clock.

The New River Collieries company is connected with the Guggenheim interests.

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## STATE COUNCIL OF ROYAL ARCANUM ELECTS OFFICERS

At the eighteenth session of the Royal Arcanum grand council of Nebraska, held in Omaha Tuesday, the following officers were elected:

W. C. Gerber of Lincoln, grand regent; W. C. Sundblad of Omaha, grand vice regent; E. L. Bradley of Omaha, grand secretary; E. A. Parmelee of Omaha, grand treasurer; George J. Brown of Lincoln, grand chaplain; Julius Rosenzweig of Omaha, grand ruler; C. E. Copeland of Omaha, grand warden; William Griffith of Lincoln, grand secretary; I. W. Teggard of Weeping Water, grand trustee.

Thirty delegates, representing fourteen councils in the state, attended the meeting. Membership of the order in Nebraska was reported to have been 1,600 on March 31, showing a net gain of sixteen members during the last year.

Richard T. Baden of Baltimore, Md., attended the sessions as deputy supreme regent and installing officer.

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## Off for War



Drawn for The Bee by W. H. H.

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## BRYAN APPEALS TO REBELS State Department Asks Them to Neutralize Oil Fields.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—In view of the very serious situation at Tampico, where the town is in danger by the rapid accumulation of undistributed oil from the great wells nearby, the State department has appealed to the constitutionalists in this vicinity to agree to a neutralization of the territory, including the oil fields and tanks. The British legation in the City of Mexico is at the same time making an effort to induce General Huerta to join in this scheme of protection.

## Rebels Ready to Advance. CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, April 29.—Recent constitutionalist successes, notably the capture of Monterey and the further defeats said to have been inflicted on retreating federalists in engagements between Monterey and Saltillo by the rebel forces have induced a widespread feeling among the heads of the constitutionalist army that Mexico City soon will be in their hands.

It is asserted by them that the re-establishment of the embargo on arms along the Texas border will not cramp the operations of General Villa's army against Saltillo and other points. There is a feeling of confidence that Villa has sufficient ammunition to conduct operations until Tampico is taken by the constitutionalists, giving the rebels a port exempt from the operations of the embargo. There is a deep seated impression here that the fall of Tampico cannot be long delayed.

Hospital arrangements provided for Villa's soldiers are excellent. There are a number of American contract surgeons in the service and the work of the physicians has been rendered exceptionally effective because they have been able to direct their entire attention to the wounded. Villa's army seems to be extraordinarily immune from the camp disease common to many armed forces.

Tunnel Way Out of Stockade.  
SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 29.—Forty-eight Mexican prisoners in the army detention camp at Fort Rosecrans escaped last night by digging a tunnel under fences and barbbed wire entanglements a distance of seventy yards. At noon today only seventeen of them had been recaptured.

It is expected that many of the fugitives will find their way across the line into Lower California in spite of the patrol of American troops at the principal border points.

The dash for freedom was led and directed by a pure-blood Yaqui Indian, who is a mining engineer and he is among those who have been recaptured.

The work on the tunnel, which was cleverly concealed, began two months ago, according to the recaptured prisoners, and the entrance was covered by a stove in a cook tent, and the main part was ten feet under ground.

Embargo is Strengthened.  
DOUBLEDAY, Ariz., April 29.—Orders received at the local customs house greatly increasing the scope of the embargo on shipments of goods into Mexico were placed in effect today. The new order, it is said, prevents the exportation into Mexico of practically everything except the actual food necessities of life. No blasting powder, fuel oil, coal or coke may be shipped through, and it is said the order will prevent plans of mine owners to resume operations in Mexico if there should be no immediate break in the Mexican situation.

It is held here this order will have a serious effect on the Mexican residents of mining camps in Sonora, who have been thrown out of work by the closing of the properties. The food supplies in the camps near the border is said to be exhausted.

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## REBEL IS READY TO CONFER WITH INTERMEDIARIES

Carranza Notifies South American  
Envoys of Acceptance of  
Principals.

PEACE PROGRAM IS BROADENED  
Negotiations Now to Compose Entire  
Mexican Situation.

ARMISTICE PROPOSAL IS MADE  
Will Be Submitted to Constitution-  
alist, it is Understood.

UP TO U. S. AND DICTATOR  
Mediators Make First Request to  
Wilson and Huerta.

WOULD PREVENT HOSTILITIES  
Indications that Proposition Will Be  
Accepted by United States—  
European Power Quiescent  
by Diplomats.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—General Venustiano Carranza, head of the Mexican constitutionalists, late today notified the Latin-American intermediaries of his acceptance of the principle of mediation in the difficulty between the United States and Mexico. He expressed willingness to confer on the subject.

This announcement was made by Secretary Bryan upon being informed by the three South American envoys. The introduction of General Carranza and the constitutionalists' cause into the negotiations broadens the peace program to an effort to compose the entire Mexican situation. It is understood that a proposal for an armistice, which has already been submitted to the United States and General Huerta now will be presented to General Carranza.

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Wilson and Huerta.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—An armistice in the difficulties between the United States and Mexico has been asked of this government and General Huerta by the South American envoys who have undertaken to avert war through mediation. Ambassador De Gama of Brazil today notified Secretary Bryan that this had been determined on as the next step in the negotiations, and General Huerta also had been notified.

The proposal for an armistice was communicated to President Wilson from the State department by telephone. Though no announcement has been made, it was authoritatively learned that this government would accept the conditions, provided assurances are given that, in addition to a lasting military operation, there would be no civil uprisings against American citizens or other "unlawful" incidents which might prevent peace.

Huerta is Notified.  
After an hour's conference today the mediation envoys, Mr. Da Gama, Mr. Naon of Argentina and Mr. Suarez of Chile, determined that further negotiations necessarily must proceed without warlike interference and Ambassador Da Gama went to the State department to acquaint Secretary Bryan of the course thus far taken in the peace plans. The Brazilian minister in Mexico City also was notified and he communicated the information to General Huerta.

The communication addressed to both governments by the mediation envoys formally requests each government to declare an armistice. It was pointed out by officials here that, in probability, the United States would accept the proposal, from the fact that this government has not realized that a state of war exists in Mexico insofar as the operations of the United States are concerned.

Despite this fact it was believed that the Washington government would not put any barriers in the path of the progress of mediation, particularly at such an early stage in the negotiations. Officials here also believed that General Huerta would accept the first proposal.

Rebels Not Mentioned.  
The proposal for an armistice, it also was learned, does not include any reference to the constitutionalists in Mexico, the United States and Huerta merely being called on to cease active operations pending further mediation proposals. Consideration of the constitutionalists' position, it was stated, probably

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## Well Bought is Half Sold

Merchandise that is well bought does not linger long on the store shelf. It does not stare the retailer in the face and keep him awake nights.

Nowadays, the wide-awake retailer picks his merchandise with the idea of making a quick turnover.

The public today is an informed public—and knows, through reading newspaper advertisements, just what it wants.

Efficiency, speed and economy to the retailer, and service and satisfaction to the customers, are assured in stores where up-to-date advertised brands of merchandise are shown.

## The Weather

Forecast till 7 P. M. Thursday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity  
—Mostly cloudy, not much change in  
temperature.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Temp.
5 a. m.	41
6 a. m.	40
7 a. m.	40
8 a. m.	40
9 a. m.	40
10 a. m.	41
11 a. m.	42
12 m.	44
1 p. m.	45
2 p. m.	48
3 p. m.	48
4 p. m.	50
5 p. m.	50
6 p. m.	52
7 p. m.	51
8 p. m.	50
9 p. m.	49

Comparative Local Record.

1914	1913	1912	1911
Highest yesterday	59	62	78
Lowest yesterday	39	45	29
Mean temperature	46	42	54
Excess for the day	16	10	68
Deficiency for the day	0	0	0

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	1914	1913	1912	1911
Deficiency for the day	16	10	0	0
Total excess since March 1	50	29	0	0
Normal precipitation	12	12	12	12
Deficiency for the day	12	12	12	12
Total rainfall since March 1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
Excess since March 1	38	17	0	0
Excess for cor. period	1.74	0	0	0
Deficiency for cor. period	46	0	0	0

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State Temp. High-Rain-Of Weather.

City	Temp.	High	Rain
Cheyenne	59	62	0
Davenport	50	56	0
Denver	50	58	0
Des Moines	50	50	0
Leadville	39	41	0
Omaha	50	52	0
Pueblo	44	48	0
Rapid City	40	42	0
Salt Lake City	42	46	0
Sioux Falls	40	42	0
Sheridan	44	46	0
Sioux City	48	50	0
Valentine	48	50	0

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.