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## EIGHTEEN KILLED BY DOUBLE EXPLOSION; TWO SERIOUSLY HURT

### Blasts Believed of Dynamite and Mine Dust Fatal in Pennsylvania and Reading Colliery.

#### WOULD BE RESCUERS VICTIMS

#### Dead Scattered About for Quarter of a Mile.

#### THREE ARE TAKEN OUT ALIVE

#### One of Them Dies on His Way to Hospital.

#### SUPERINTENDENT IN THE MINE

#### Found Crawling Along the Ground Trying to Make His Way Through Debris to Safety—Five Hundred Men Employed.

TOWER CITY, Pa., Aug. 3.—Eighteen men were killed and two seriously injured today in a double explosion in the East Brookside mine of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company, near here, by what is believed to have been dynamite and gas. Thirteen men died in the first explosion and five went to their death in the second blast, after an heroic attempt to rescue the first victims. One of the rescuers escaped.

The dead are:

DANIEL M. GINLEY, aged 48, fire boss, Tower City; leaves wife and seven children.

HENRY MURPHY, 50, fire boss, Tower City; wife and three children.

JOHN FARLEY, 48, foreman, Tower City; wife and ten children.

HOWARD HAND, 21, laborer, of Muir; single.

HARRY HAND, 34, miner, Muir; wife and three children.

JACOB KOPPENHAVER, 34, shaftman, Reinerston; wife and two children.

THOMAS BISHOP, 28, miner, Reinerston; wife and two children.

JOHN ENDISER, CARREN CAMPANI, VICTOR SEANE, CLEVEDIA GROSILANO, FIVE UNIDENTIFIED ITALIAN WORKMEN.

Two of the dead have not been recovered. They are:

DANIEL FARLEY, 42, fire boss, Tower City; wife and six children.

JOHN FESSLER, 46, miner, Tower City; wife and two children.

Cause a Mystery.

It was not known what caused the explosions, but the miners at the colliery are inclined to believe that the first explosion was that of dynamite and the second was caused by gas which had been liberated by the dynamite explosion. The dead were scattered about for a distance of about one-quarter of a mile. Only three men were taken out alive and one of these died on the way to the hospital.

Superintendent John Lorenz, 60 years old, was in the mine when the first explosion occurred. He was rescued several hours later. Harry Schoffstall was another taken out alive. Both were burned and bruised, but are expected to recover.

Found Crawling on Ground. Superintendent Lorenz was found crawling along the ground trying to make his way through the debris to safety.

It is possible that the real story of the explosion may never be known, as all who were in a position to know were killed.

While Superintendent Lorenz was in the mine at the time of the first explosion he was about 500 feet from it, and it is not thought he knows the cause. He is not in condition to talk. While the impression seems to be that the first explosion was that of dynamite, it is also possible that it might have been due to gas. The men were killed in three different ways. Some of them were violently hurled against the side of the tunnel in which they were working and crushed, some were burned to death by the explosion of gas and others were suffocated by the afterdamp, which always follows an explosion in the mines.

Most Brought from Distance. All but five of the men killed were brought here from a distance.

The East Brookside colliery employs about 500 men. It is situated on top of the mountain within about two miles west of Tower City and within the same distance of a half dozen other little mining towns in the Williams valley. The colliery closed down Thursday evening for the week, but Charles Portland, a mining contractor who has a contract with the Reading company to drive a tunnel, kept some of his men at work.

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## IOWA FARM VALUES RAISED

### Big Increase in Assessments Blamed on Cities.

#### SUIT IS FILED BY LEAGUE

#### It Shows to Court that Lands and Railroads Had Been Assessed Much Lower Than Property in Cities.

DES MOINES, Ia., August 3.—(Special.)

The responsibility, to a very large extent, for the enormous increase in farm land values for taxation purposes this year must rest with the Iowa league of municipalities and the secretary of the state executive council. The league of municipalities brought the suit last year to have the district court declare that assessments were too low and the result was an order to have the assessments raised to actual market value. While this was directed at all property, it was necessarily most easily followed in regard to farm lands. The league also employed others to assist in making a showing as to railroad and land valuations and showed that as compared with town property they were both undervalued.

Secretary Davison of the state executive council also did a great deal of work making a showing in regard to farm land values. He compiled a vast amount of information in regard to the value of land in the market and how this value compared with actual assessments. He gave assistance to the league of municipalities in making the general showing.

The taxable value of property in the state is not yet up to full value, but the state officials believe that it is so nearly to that value that no fault can be found and it is at least as high as the 80 per cent assessment on money and credits. The result will be a great decrease in tax levies all over the state. It will be of help, however, in many ways to have the assessed values higher so that there will be greater liberty in financial transactions.

#### Will Give More for Colleges.

One unexpected result of the suit of the league of municipalities and the consequent raise in property valuations, will be to give the state educational institutions more money for operations. The increase in the valuation will be about the same as an increase of a half mill in the tax levy. The building funds of the colleges and the support fund of the college at Ames are on fixed levies so that they will not be reduced. This will be an enormous addition to the annual income of these institutions.

This increase, however, will not be available for some time as for the present the college will continue with the old appropriations. The college tax levies are for five years. Railroads Probably Will Complain. The state officials anticipate that the railroad companies will make a big complaint about having their assessments raised. As a matter of fact, the assessment of the railroads is now about on an equality with that of other property. For a number of years the value placed on Iowa railroads had been reduced to the point of the tendency of the local assessors to undervalue all property. There was evidence before the council that the actual commercial value of the Iowa railroads was about \$300,000,000. The value placed by the council on these railroads is even greater than this, and then the sum was scaled down to the 80 per cent basis of the moneys and credits law.

#### State Fair Rate Case.

State officials were really not very greatly surprised over the decision of the three federal judges in the state fair rate case. It was recognized by the legislature itself that the question was a doubtful one and that the courts might declare the law void. But state officials put up a good fight to sustain the law and will carry it higher in the hope of having the law sustained finally. For a good many years the railroads had been reducing their rates on the fair, but they withdrew it a few years ago and compelled a higher rate. If the farmers had not become accustomed to the reduction they probably would have thought little of it, but having become used to a reduced rate to that event, they balked on paying full rate and as a result the attendance at the fair was reduced.

#### Because He is a Carpenter.

S. W. Van Dym, former state labor commissioner, has laid before the Board of Parole the matter of a parole for one W. L. McDonald, who is in jail in Indianapolis. McDonald was convicted of forgery at Davenport and after a brief term at the reformatory was paroled. He left the state and went to Indianapolis, where he was convicted of assault and battery. Then he was discovered by the Iowa authorities, who have directed that he be brought back here to finish his term. McDonald is a union carpenter, and Van Dym on that account has interested himself in the case and the parole board is asked to let McDonald remain in Indianapolis, where a position will be secured for him.

#### Condition of Iowa Fruit.

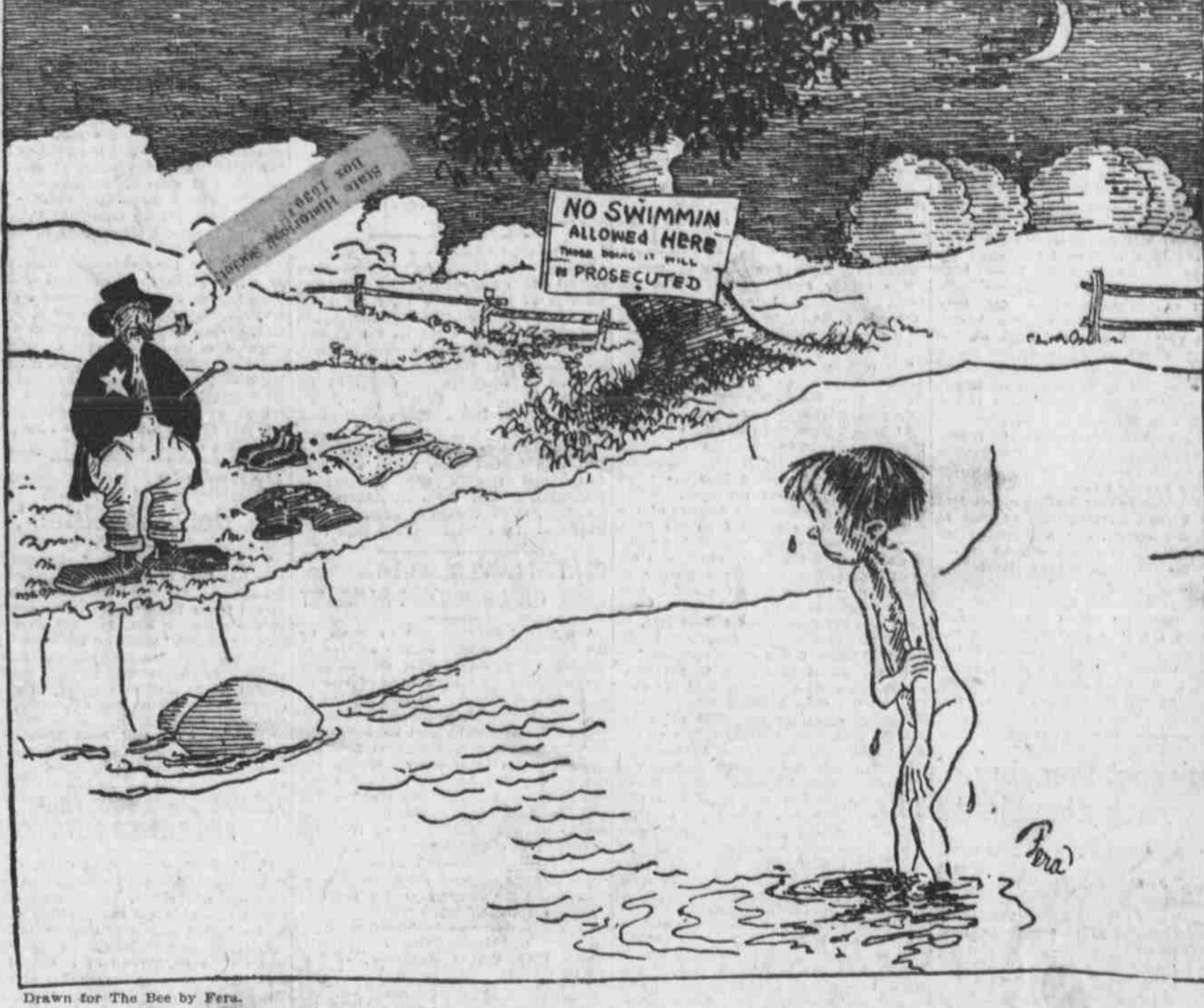
The dry weather is injuring the fruit crop. Wesley Greene, state horticulturist, said that the apples will be small unless rain comes at once. Other late summer fruits are being injured through lack of moisture.

Summer and fall apples improved during the month of July, but winter apples were hit by the hot weather. This condition is shown in Mr. Greene's monthly report as follows:

	Percent	Aug. 2	Aug. 3
Summer apples	75	75	75
Fall apples	75	75	75
Winter apples	75	75	75
Pears	75	75	75
American plums	75	75	75
American plums	75	75	75
Japanese plums	75	75	75
Apples	75	75	75
Peaches	75	75	75
Grapes	75	75	75

Resigns as Secretary of Board. D. A. Emery, secretary of the State Board of Education, has tendered his resignation to take effect September 1. The resignation has been accepted and a successor will be chosen in the near future. Professor Gimmet, superintendent of the schools at Carroll, is being suggested for the place. The position pays a salary of \$3,500 a year. Mr. Emery has served four years. He will return to Ottumwa to take charge of business interests there. The board wishes to get a practical educator as secretary, because of the additional work the appointee has as a member of the finance committee.

## August Evening



Drawn for The Bee by Fera.

## KILLING AT CARNIVAL

### Ross McKinnie Slain at Wilbur, His Head Half Severed.

#### KNIFE OR RAZOR THE WEAPON

#### Man Seen Running About Time of the Cutting Looking as Though He Had Been in Fight—Woman Searched For.

WILBER, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Ross McKinnie was killed last night about midnight by having his head cut in half by either a razor or a very sharp knife. The trouble occurred in or near the lower opera house about midnight, where a dance was being held.

McKinnie came to the west door leading to the dance hall covered with blood, his wound wide open, and was led a short distance, where he was laid down on a cot. A doctor was called, but when the doctor arrived it was impossible to do anything for him and he died within a few minutes.

#### Car in Jeopardy

He had a gash starting under and back of the left ear and there was a halfmoon-shaped cut into the jugular vein, opening the windpipe and entering in one point as though from a stab as far as the spinal bone. The wound was ten inches in length.

About the time the cutting took place a man was seen running from the east side of the building, his shirt torn and pulled out, looking as though he had been in a fight. It seems a woman was present at the cutting, but up till the present time she could not be found, though the officers have a description of her.

#### Razor is Found.

A roundup was made immediately by the sheriff and all the regular and special police. It was the last night of the carnival. A razor was found about a block west of the opera house, but there were no indications it was for this purpose. The coroner and county attorney are here and an inquest will be held today.

McKinnie was about 25 years old, married and had one child, but had not been living with his family the last month. He lived on an arm near Dorchester.

#### WILSON SENDS GREETINGS TO COUPLE OF KINGS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—President Wilson today sent birthday greetings to two European monarchs. To the king of Norway Mr. Wilson said:

"I beg your majesty's acceptance of my sincere congratulations on this anniversary of your birth."  
The following message was sent to the king of Greece:

"On this anniversary of your majesty's birth, I extend congratulations."

## Sioux City Bars the Film Theater Piano

SIoux CITY, Ia., July 3.—Sioux City has put a ban on the moving picture theater piano. The council took action in response to a petition of citizens, who declared them "noisy racketing noise-makers, disturbers of the peace and generally very annoying to the public."

#### LAYMAN BAIRD FILLS THIRD CHURCH PULPIT

The fall of our parents in the Garden of Eden was what started the hostile life of Satan working in the world," said William Baird in a talk on "Lost and Found" at the Third Presbyterian church Sunday morning. "So that by nature since that day we are the children of him who is the enemy of God. If we listen to the word of God we get wisdom; if we listen to the word of man we get subtlety. It was the subtlety of the serpent that caused the downfall of our parents in the garden."

#### WANT TO QUIT SMOKING "CIGS?" WRITE TO LUCY

CHICAGO, August 3.—Miss Lucy Page Gaston, for years an active warrior against cigarettes, put a new scheme into effect today. Preparing a chemical compound which when in contact with nicotine makes smoking repulsive, she squirted the fluid into the mouth of a messenger boy. The messenger boy said nothing you could do would induce him to smoke again.

## Officers Resign When One is Dismissed for Insulting U. S. Flag

### BASKATOON, Sask., Aug. 3.—As the result of the flag incident here Friday, in which the American flag was trampled in the dust by Canadian militia, all officers of the Hundred and Sixth Fusiliers have resigned.

The action comes directly as the result of the dismissal from the regiment of Lieutenant Atkinson, leader of the band, who broke ranks to snatch the flag from the hands of a young American woman. The officers declared tonight that they will take the case before the imperial parliament at London.

According to Lieutenant Atkinson he deliberately was slapped in the face with the flag by the young woman.

## CORN BELT ROUTE IS NAME OF NEW AUTO ROAD

### ATLANTIC, Ia., August 3.—(Special.)—The Corn Belt route, in the name of a new road from this city to Council Bluffs by way of Hancock and McClelland. This road was arranged for at an enthusiastic meeting held at Hancock Friday evening. The road is to run west from this city on the West Sixth street road to the corner ten miles west of here. At this point it turns and runs south a mile and then turns west again to a straight eight-mile run into Hancock. From Hancock the road will run west seven miles, south two miles, then west two miles, south two miles, and then straight west to McClelland. From this place the road will run ten miles into Council Bluffs, the route to be mapped out later.

The distance from Atlantic to Hancock is nineteen miles by this route; from Hancock to McClelland, eighteen miles, and from there to Council Bluffs, ten miles, making the entire run forty-seven miles. There are very few turns in the route and it will be the straightest road across the state.

The road will be marked by painting the poles yellow, and this work will be done next Thursday by the members of the association, which was organized at the meeting. Henry Dunning of Pottawattamie county is selected as president. Roy Maxfield of the McClelland bank, vice president, and Fred Bole of Hancock, secretary and treasurer.

## DORCHESTER FARMER FOUND MURDERED ON WILBER ST.

WILBER, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Ross Kinsey, a young farmer of Dorchester, was found late tonight on the street in front of the saloon opera house, a dance hall, dead. His throat had been cut. In efforts to discover the murderer a large number of suspicious characters were arrested, but at midnight, no clue had been found to lead to his identity. Kinsey's brother, Scott Kinsey, lives here. The dead man had a wife and small family.

## ENGINEER SAVES BOY IN LOCOMOTIVE'S PATH

CLARKSVILLE, W. Va., Aug. 3.—Hubert L. McHenry, an engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, tonight saved the life of Wilson Allen, 3 years old, whom he discovered in the center of a sixty-foot trestle near this city.

The engineer had just made a flying switch with his engine. As soon as he saw the boy he climbed over the coal pit of the locomotive, which was "backing" at a fast rate of speed, and by hanging on the rear end of the tender picked up the child in one arm.

## MADAME GADSKI TO SING TO THE STATE TEACHERS

Madame Gadski will give a recital for the Nebraska State Teachers' association, which holds its convention in Omaha in November. The bureau of publicity has set the date, Friday evening, November 7, for the recital. W. F. Baxter, secretary of the governing committee, signed the contract for the entertainment.

## Bulgaria Refuses to Consider Allies' Claim for Indemnity

### LONDON, Aug. 4.—Bulgaria submitted counter-proposals to the demands of the allies at the Bucharest peace conference today, according to a dispatch from Bucharest, Rumania, to the Exchange Telegraph company.

The Bulgarian proposals stipulate that the frontier line shall start at the old Bulgarian boundary and run northward between Kumanovo and East-Palanka, thence between Vales and Letip across the Varda river to Mirochovo near Monastir and then by way of Moglen, Geoghli and Kilikis and the West of Seres, across the Strumar to the Gulf of Orfani.

Such a frontier would give Bulgaria possession of the town of Kochana, Lasp, Strumitza, Seres and Kavala. Bulgaria declined to recognize the claim for an indemnity to enter into negotiations, concerning that subject.

## Woman Voter Marks Ballot with Foot

### CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Miss Kitty Smith, who is armless, marked her ballot with her foot when she voted yesterday at the first election held in Maywood, a suburb, under the new woman's suffrage law.

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## Falls City Farmer Injured by Train

### ATCHISON, Kan., Aug. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—George Stewart, an unmarried farmer living near Falls City, was struck by a Missouri Pacific passenger train about 1 o'clock this morning two miles north of Atchison. Returning from a dance he walked down the track. He says he did not see the train approach. His right limb was severed just below the knee. His cries attracted people from a farm house near the right-of-way, who called doctors and removed him to a hospital in St. Joseph today. He will recover. Trainmen knew nothing of the accident.

## GIVES OUT PROGRAM FOR CATHOLIC MEET IN AUGUST

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 3.—Anthony Maitre, national secretary of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, today gave out the program for the twelfth national convention of the federation, which is to be held in Milwaukee, August 10-14.

The convention will be attended by delegates from the leading Catholic societies of the country, a total membership of 5,000,000 being represented.

During the convention a national Catholic league for women will be organized, and steps will be taken for the organization of an international Catholic federation, in which the federations of Ireland, England, France, Italy, Austria, Belgium, Germany, Canada and South America will be represented.

## Advantage Over Your Neighbor

Have you ever loaned over your fence and watched your neighbor watering his lawn? Perhaps you have said to him:

"Hello, Jones, get a new hose? I got one last week like that. How much did you pay for yours?"

If he told you the price and it was a dollar more than you had paid, you were secretly elated and told him about it. If his price was a dollar less, you felt "bore" and that, somehow, you had been cheated.

A little competition in such matters is a very wholesome thing. Don't let your neighbors get better values than you are getting.

Keep your eye on the advertisements in the best newspapers and no one will get ahead of you in buying quality and price both considered.