

EIGHTEEN KILLED BY DOUBLE EXPLOSION; TWO SERIOUSLY HURT

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

WOULDBE RESCUERS VICTIMS

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TOWER CITY, Pa., Aug. 2.—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.

DEAD SCATTERED ABOUT FOR QUARTER OF A MILE

The dead are: DANIEL M. GINLEY, aged 45, fire boss, Tower City; leaves wife and seven children.

THREE ARE TAKEN OUT ALIVE

HENRY MURPHY, 30, fire boss, Tower City; wife and three children.

ONE OF THEM DIES ON HIS WAY TO HOSPITAL

JOHN FARRELL, 40, foreman, Tower City; wife and ten children.

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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.

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 60 feet from the center.

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 mine.

THE WEATHER

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday. Hours. De. 5 a. m. 72 5 p. m. 78

Comparative Local Record. Highest yesterday 81, lowest 64, mean 74.5.

Normal temperature 74. Excess for the day 7. Total excess since March 11.18 inches.

Normal precipitation 11.18 inches. Deficiency for the day .35 inches.

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L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

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 2.—(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.

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.

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 that value that no fault can be found and it is at least as high as the 30 per cent assessment on moneys and credits.

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 increase, however, will not be available for some time and for the present the colleges will continue with the old appropriations.

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 held down because 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 \$200,000,000.

The value placed by the council on these railroads is even greater than this, and then the sum was scaled down to the 30 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 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 made a reduced rate to the fair, but they withdrew it a few years ago and completed a big increase.

McDonald was convicted of forgery at Danvers and after a brief time at the reformatory was paroled. He left the state and went to Indianapolis, where he was discovered by the Iowa authorities.

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 Duyn on that account has interested himself in the case, and the parole board is anxious 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:

Table with 3 columns: Fruit, Per cent, and Date. Includes items like Fall apples, Winter apples, Peas, etc.

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 Gimmel, superintendent of the schools at Carroll, is being assessed for the place. The position pays a salary of \$2,500 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 McKenzie 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.

WILBUR, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—A man was killed last night about midnight by having his head half cut from his body 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.

McKinsie 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 told to lie down on a coat.

A doctor was called, but when the doctor arrived it was impossible to do anything for him and he died within a few minutes.

Cut in Jugular Vein. He had a gash starting under and back of the ear and there was a half-moon-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.

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 razor was found 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 used for this purpose.

The coroner and county attorney are here and an inquest will be held today.

McKinsie was about 35 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. 2.—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 "nervous racking noise-makers, disturbers of the peace and generally very annoying to the public."

WANT TO QUIT SMOKING "CIGS" WRITE TO LUCY

CHICAGO, August 2.—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

SARASOTON, Fla., Aug. 2.—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.

Their action comes directly as the result of the dismissal from the regiment of Lieutenant Atkinson, leader of the bugle 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 2.—(Special.)—The Corn Belt route is 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 for 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 into 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 Brandes of Pottawattomie county was selected as president. Roy Maxfield of the McClelland-Hancock, secretary and treasurer.

BUBBLING FOUNTAIN IS PLACED IN HANSCOM PARK

A new bubbling fountain has been placed in Hanscom park, about seventy-five feet east of the bandstand. It was used for the first time Sunday, when it was in great demand, especially among the children.

The fountain contains a large white china bowl, over which are set the four white china saucery bubbling drinking cups.

The well at Hanscom park is still in great demand, but has frequently gone dry during the very hot weather when people came from far and near to get water.

During the hottest days and the evenings following these days persons came in automobiles for miles with milk cans, glass jars and jugs which they filled with the precious water from the well.

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."

Bulgaria Refuses to Consider Allies' Claim for Indemnity

LONDON, Aug. 2.—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 southwest between Kumanovo and Ezer-Palanka, thence between Veles and Isip and then by way of Moglen, Geogral and Kilkis and the West of Seres, across the Strumar to the Gulf of Orfan.

Such a frontier would give Bulgaria possession of the town of Kocana, Isip, 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. 2.—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.

She is founder of a home for crippled children and was the first woman to appear at the polls in the second precinct of the village.

Only eleven of the 235 registered women voters failed to cast their ballots. The measure to annex neighboring territory to the village was popular with the women and carried by a large majority.

A number of the polling places were decorated with flowers, but the judges and clerks smoked and sat in their shirt sleeves as usual without objection voiced by any of the women voters.

Steals a Tricycle From Crippled Boy

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Police are searching today for "the meanest kind of a thief," one who stole a tricycle from a 10-year-old cripple.

The victim, little Vernon Minzey, was too poor to buy a tricycle and neighbors bought one for him. His first trip was to the home of his minister, and while he was inside the parsonage his tricycle was stolen.

DORCHESTER FARMER FOUND MURDERED ON WILBER ST.

WILBER, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Ross Kinsey, a young farmer of Dorchester, was found 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. 2.—Hubert L. McHenry, an engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, tonight saved the life of Wilson Allen, 5 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 young Allen in one arm.

The boy remained very cool when he saw the fast-moving engine and held up his arms to McHenry as the locomotive bore down upon him.

FEAR A REIGN OF TERROR

Unions Claim Companies Are Organizing Army of Guards.

FURTHER APPEALS TO FERRIS

Intimated Steps May Be Taken to Procure Congressional Investigation of Situation in the Copper Fields.

CALUMET, Mich., Aug. 2.—Further union appeals to Governor Ferris for personal investigation of the copper miners' strike were made today and were followed tonight by an intimation that steps might be taken to procure congressional investigation of the industrial situation.

The union officials said they could make a prima facie showing at least equal to that of the United Mine Workers, which threatened a demonstration of Wednesday in the senatorial hearing in West Virginia.

The Western Federation of Miners will make no such move unless the continued efforts of Governor Ferris fail to effect a settlement.

The unions claimed tonight that the mining companies were organizing a veritable army of guards to take the place of the state troops. Such action, it was claimed, could result only in a reign of terror.

Cases of intimidation were reported from several mine locations today.

Mrs. Mary Rees, whose boarding house near No. 14 shaft of the Calumet and Hecla has been patronized by nonunion workmen, found a missile pointed on her door threatening her with violence unless she desisted from feeding the nonunion men.

Another letter reached a mine foreman and intimated that he was a marked man.

"Repentance is too late now, dynamite is cheap," said the scrawl, which was printed on brown paper and signed with a skull and crossbones.

Falls City Farmer Injured by Train

ATCHISON, Kan., Aug. 2.—(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. Trammien knew nothing of the accident.

GIVES OUT PROGRAM FOR CATHOLIC MEET IN AUGUST

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 2.—Anthony Matre, 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 3,000,000 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.

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.

HUERTA WILL NOT RESIGN PRESIDENCY; WANTS NO MEDIATION

Provisional President Will Not Brook Any Interference by Nationals or Foreigners.

STATEMENT BY HIS MINISTER

Head of Interior Bureau Speaks on Behalf of Chief.

RECOGNITION WOULD PLEASE

However, Mexican Government Can Worry Along Without It.

AN ANSWER TO THE DEPUTIES

"Manifesto" Regarded as Reply to Those Promoting Movement to Bring About Understanding Between Factions.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 2.—Foreign interference in the conduct of his task of pacification will not be tolerated by Provisional President Huerta. He proposes no interference on the part of the nationals or foreigners.

This determination was expressed in a statement issued this evening by Dr. Aureliano Urrutia, the Mexican minister of the interior, on behalf of the president.

When Huerta resigned, Dr. Urrutia said, "Much less will he permit nationals or foreigners to take a hand in a question in which is involved his honor and that of the nation. I will say still more—that General Huerta has contracted an obligation with the nation and with the entire world to establish peace in the Mexican republic. This obligation is in the way of being fulfilled. If, when it is realized, our government has been recognized by that of the United States we shall rejoice. If it has not we will lament it. We will not, however, change our attitude of defense of national honor and dignity."

An answer to the deputies. The declaration of the minister of the interior is regarded in political circles here as the government's answer to the Mexican deputies who are promoting a movement to bring about an understanding between the Huerta administration and the rebels.

General Huerta today authorized the statement that General Felix Diaz, who was recently appointed special ambassador to Japan, to thank the Japanese government for its participation in the Mexican centennial in 1910, will continue on his mission to Japan.

Miss Leaves Los Angeles. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 2.—General Felix Diaz en route to Japan as Mexico's special envoy, departed for San Francisco tonight with his official staff and their families. In contrast to the riotous greeting given General Diaz upon his arrival last Wednesday by partisans of hostile political factions, he boarded the train amid plaudits of a small circle of political and personal friends.

To guard against a repetition of the threatening demonstration of Wednesday, the Diaz party, under an escort of detectives, went from their hotel to the depot by a circuitous route and reached their train through the sheds, not venturing into the waiting room. A platoon of police was stationed along the railroad track where it traverses the Mexican settlement to prevent a possible demonstration.

Will Seek Release. NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 2.—Emmanuel Castillo Brito, former governor of the Mexican state of Campeche, who was arrested here today by the federal authorities on a charge of murder and robbery preferred by Mexican authorities, will seek to effect his release from the parish prison, where he is being held without bail, by habeas corpus proceedings in the federal court.

Result of Huerta's Request. WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The arrest in New Orleans today of former Governor Brito of Campeche was the result of a request of the Huerta government, through the Mexican embassy here, for his extradition as a fugitive from justice charged with murder and robbery. Immediately upon receipt of the request the State department asked Attorney General McReynolds to order the Mexican detained pending the arrival from Mexico of the necessary requisition and warrant, to justify extradition.

While President Wilson has not yet announced the policy which he thinks the American government ought to pursue toward Mexico, there is every reason to believe he is evolving a plan of non-interference in the internal affairs of that southern republic.

Day's Developments. Two developments today emphasized the trend of affairs toward an attitude of friendly non-interference. It became known that the president, in conference with members of the house military affairs committee, had discouraged the idea of making preparations for a vote.

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Advantage Over Your Neighbor

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

"Hello, Jones, got a new hose? I got one last week, and it's a real beauty. How much did you pay for it?"

If he told you the price and it was a dollar more than you had paid, you were sorely elated and told him about it. If his price was a dollar less, you felt "sore" 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.