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EXPLOSION IN MINE BELIEVED TO HAVE BURIED NEARLY 100

Pennsylvania Colliery in Flames as Result of Blast at Finleyville.

WORK OF RESCUE IS DIFFICULT Bodies of Several Victims Have Been Recovered.

MANY BURNED MAKING ESCAPE Company Declines Aid of United States Government.

SEVEN CRAWL FROM MINE Can Give No Connected Account of Conditions Except "Place Is Full of Dead People."

PITTSBURGH, April 23.—Between 75 and 100 miners are believed to have lost their lives this afternoon as a result of a gas explosion in the Cincinnati mine of the Monongahela river Consolidated Coal and Coke company at Finleyville, twenty-seven miles from this city.

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Associated Press Elects Its Officers NEW YORK, April 23.—The board of directors of the Associated Press at a meeting held here today re-elected all officers as follows:

President—Frank B. Noyes of the Washington, D. C., Star. First Vice President—General Charles H. Taylor of the Boston Globe.

Second Vice President—Crawford Hill of the Denver Post. Secretary and General Manager—Melville Stone.

WOMEN GIVEN SHORT TERMS FOR BREAKING GLASS MANCHESTER, England, April 23.—In sentencing two militant suffragettes today, Justice Sir John Eldon Bankes said:

"I would send you round the world in a sailing ship if the law permitted it." The women, Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss Manesta, both socially prominent, were brought up at the Assizes for trial on the charge of entering the Manchester art gallery and smashing the glass of thirteen famous pictures.

DENVER RUNAWAY BOY WANTS TO RETURN HOME CHICAGO, April 23.—"I want to go back to Denver as soon as I can get out of here," wailed George Hollingshead, 14 years old, who was found on West Madison street by the police today.

TRY TO SHOW PREJUDICE FOR HARVESTER COMBINE KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 23.—The fact that several of the witnesses who testified for the International Harvester company at today's session of the hearing of the government's anti-trust suit against that concern had been witnesses for the company in state suits against it in Missouri or Kansas, was used by government attorneys in an effort to show prejudice on the part of the witnesses in favor of the combine.

Five Miners Killed and Nine Injured BUTTE, Mont., April 23.—It is reported that thirteen men fell into the sump at the Leonard mine this morning when a cable snapped. At 10:30 a. m. it was said that none had been rescued alive and it was believed none were dead.

TAKE SCUTARI BY ASSAULT

Montenegrins Capture City at Point of Bayonet.

SITUATION IS NOW COMPLICATED Task of the Powers in Coercing the Little Kingdom to Abandon Its Claims on Albania Becomes More Difficult.

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Second Bunco Man Involves the Police of San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Coincident with the statement made before an investigating committee yesterday by Maurice De Martin, convicted bunco man, that Detective Frank Esola had called upon the wife of Michael Gallo while he was a prisoner in the county jail, and assured her that she need not worry about a means of support, Gallo, now a convict at San Quentin, made a written confession to penitentiary officials last night in which he told of having paid protection money to five detectives whom he names.

Gallop admitted that he had paid several thousands of dollars. The confession involves the police department in a more sweeping manner than those made heretofore by other bunco men, Gallo asserting that the members of his gang were in the habit of paying \$5 weekly to each patrolman on the beats in the territory where they operated.

According to Gallo, two payments of \$3 each have been made to his wife by the police through "Black Tony," a notorious pickpocket, since his incarceration.

As De Martin and Gallo have been separated for months it is claimed there could not possibly have been any collusion between them.

Illinois Men Laud Memory of Douglas

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 23.—Three Illinois state senators, a former vice president of the United States, the governor of Illinois, three former governors, nearly the entire membership of the Illinois legislature and many prominent citizens of the state joined here today in paying tribute to the memory of Stephen A. Douglas on the one hundredth anniversary of his birth.

Among the speakers were Senators James Hamilton Lewis and Lawrence V. Sherman of Illinois, Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, former Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson of Bloomington, William L. Davidson and Everett Jennings.

Pope Takes Short Walk in His Room

ROME, April 23.—Pope Pius continues to make satisfactory progress in his convalescence. He rose from bed at 10:30 o'clock this morning and was attended by the physicians to walk a few steps in his bedroom. His temperature was 98. He suffered less from prostration and his strength had improved, although his cough persisted.

George Gadeis Hangs Himself in Oshkosh

LONDON, April 23.—The "hunger strike" bill designed by the government to do away with forcible feeding of suffragettes serving terms in prison, styled the "cat and mouse" bill by militant suffragettes, passed its third reading in the House of Commons by a vote of 291 to 88.

BRYAN PREPARES FOR PEACE TRIP TO WEST

California Welcomes Proposal of His Visit to the Coast.

SUGGESTED BY PRESIDENT Governor Asked if Secretary of State Can Explain Position.

RESPONDS WITH INVITATION Commoner Urged to Be Guest of Executive at Sacramento.

TO EXPLAIN WILSON'S VIEWS Executive Says in His Telegram that Reports Are So Conflicting that Real Status of Case Is Unknown.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Learning from press dispatches that his proposed visit would be welcomed by the California state authorities Secretary Bryan late today began preparation for the trip. An official announcement was expected to follow a conference with President Wilson. Secretary Bryan received a telegram from Governor and Mrs. Johnson, inviting him to be their guest if he should come to California to counsel with the state authorities on pending alien legislation.

President Wilson today telegraphed Governor Hiram Johnson of California, asking him whether the anti-alien legislation could be held up until Secretary of State Bryan could go to California, personally to explain the position of the federal government and urge an adjustment of the controversy.

The president's telegram was in response to Governor Johnson's message of yesterday that California desired to cooperate with the federal government to avoid international difficulties. It was as follows:

"Governor Hiram Johnson, Sacramento, Cal. Thank you for your patriotic telegram. We find it so difficult from this distance to understand fully the situation with regard to the sentiments and circumstances lying back of the pending proposition concerning the ownership of land in the state that I venture to inquire whether it would be agreeable to you and the legislature to have the secretary of state to visit Sacramento for the purpose of consulting with you and the members of the legislature and cooperate with you and them in the framing of a law which would meet the views of the people of the state and yet leave untouched the international obligations of the United States."

"WOODROW WILSON" The same telegram was duplicated to (Continued on Page Three.)

Bryan Outlines Proposed System of Peace Treaties

WASHINGTON, April 23.—At the conclusion of a two-hour conference today with the entire membership of the senate committee on foreign relations, Secretary Bryan stated that the committee had given general approval to his outline of a plan designed to bring about international peace. Secretary Bryan said the details of the plan would not be given out until he had talked them over with President Wilson.

The basic idea of a proposed system of treaties, as Secretary Bryan outlined it to the committee today, is that all international disputes be first submitted to a commission of inquiry and that the report of the commission be made public before the countries would be at liberty to proceed to war.

The result of today's conference, it was said, assured a favorable reception to any international treaties that may be suggested by the president and secretary looking toward the limitation of armaments and the investigation of all disputes by international commissions of inquiry.

Secretary Bryan, acting directly at the instance of President Wilson, also endorsed the plan before the committee for the purchase of embassy buildings abroad for American diplomats and to rent accommodations until homes could be acquired.

Senator Chamberlain's resolution for the abrogation of the Isthmian canal treaties with Great Britain was referred to a subcommittee. Senator Mark Smith's resolution asking the president for a report on injuries to Americans and American property in Mexico was reported favorably.

Carbolic Acid for Toothache is Fatal

Miss Zella Green, aged 25 years, a stenographer, died early Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs. Carrie E. Cleve, 302 Marcy street, from carbolic acid poisoning.

Miss Green had been suffering from toothache and purchased a bottle of acid Tuesday evening to relieve the pain and evidently took the poison by accident. Corner Croxby and Dr. W. B. Christie declared the death to be accidental. No inquest will be held. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from Burkett & Leslie's undertaking parlors. The body was sent to DeWitt, Neb., for burial.

Frank J. Painter's Bond is Approved

CHICAGO, April 23.—Bonds were approved here today for Frank J. Painter of Omaha, one of the structural iron workers sent to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., as a result of the dynamite conspiracy trial at Indianapolis. Painter was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. His bond of \$30,000 will be effective tomorrow.

FATHER OF VEAN AND DAVE GREGG DIES SUDDENLY

CLARKSTON, Wash., April 23.—Charles C. Gregg, father of Vean Gregg of the Cleveland Americans and of David Gregg of the Toledo American association, died suddenly at his home here yesterday of heart disease. The news was withheld from Dave Gregg until he had won his machine game yesterday afternoon from Minneapolis and been united in marriage to Miss Merguerite Saenger of Clarkston.

RAIN OF GREATEST VALUE

Inch or More Falls All Over the State of Nebraska.

OF GREAT BENEFIT TO CROPS High Wind Which Dries Surface of Ground is Followed by Torrential Rain Which Soaks the Soil.

The high winds of Monday and Tuesday rapidly absorbed the moisture out of the soil of central and western Nebraska, but an abundant supply has been put back by the almost torrential rains that fell Tuesday afternoon and night.

According to reports to the railroads an unusually heavy rain fell over a greater portion of the state from a line twenty to thirty miles back from the Missouri river. It set in early Tuesday afternoon and in many localities still continued when the reports were made up and sent in Wednesday morning.

Burlington territory through the central and western portion of the state and well down into Kansas was visited by a regular root-sucker. Red Cloud, Arapahoe, Bentham, Republican City, Minden, Seward, Grand Island, Ravenna, Columbus, Loup City, Palmer, Greeley Center, Sargent, Harvard, Clay Center, Stromberg, Kearney and scores of intermediate points report an inch of precipitation. Elision, up in the sand hills, reports two inches, with three inches at Oxford and Holdrege.

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The mine is on fire and repeated attempts of rescue parties to enter the mine are frustrated by the flames. There were 100 men at work in the Twenty-second level of the explosion. Twenty escaped by way of one of the ventilating fans, six others were taken out badly burned and the bodies of the two dead men were recovered near the mouth of the mine.

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Jury in Hawks Case is Unable to Agree

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Delivering the Game

WHAT CAN HAVE HAPPENED TO THOSE BOYS?



News Item: Secretary Bryan will promulgate the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution as soon as formal notice of ratification by Nebraska and Oklahoma arrives. Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

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"Fifty Hours' Debate." Representatives Payne, Moore and Fordney will make the principal speeches for the minority of the ways and means committee. The format favoring republican substitutes for the woolen and cotton schedules and the other two, making the fight against the bill as a whole.

When the house convened Mr. Underwood asked unanimous consent that the debate close when the house adjourned Monday evening. The republican leaders and Representative Murdock, the progressive leader, argued for some time over the division of the minority time between the republican and progressives. It was finally agreed to give the progressives five hours of the minority time. Altogether about fifty hours of general discussion in the house will be allowed.

Other parliamentary mixups caused delay before Mr. Underwood began his speech. The enactment of this bill into law will mark the end of an era in the fiscal administration of the country and the beginning of a new one," he began, while democrats applauded. Mr. Underwood discussed the origin of the present "high tariff system," declaring that it was instituted as an emergency measure during the civil war.

"These unjust war taxes," he said, "have been maintained ever since and those who had amassed fortunes under them have controlled the government except for one brief interval."

In his discussion he followed closely the arguments outlined in the report of the democratic majority of the ways and means committee. "Our great responsibility," declared Mr. Underwood, "is the interests and rights of the great mass of consumers among the American people. From our viewpoint industry must be considered as secondary to the rights of the consumers."

Referring to the increase in the cost of living, Mr. Underwood said: "A great proportion of this increase was caused by the abnormally high protection given to the great manufacturing interests of this country under the republican tariff."

Lower Prices Coming. Mr. Underwood said, however, that the passage of the democratic bill would not immediately be followed by reductions in the cost of living.

"But I believe," he added, "that within a reasonable time after the merchants have disposed of the goods bought under high protective tariff the people of this country will find the cost of living decreasing."

Mr. Underwood vigorously attacked the theory of founding a protective tariff on the difference in cost of production at home and abroad. "A duty which will equalize the average price of goods produced at home and abroad."

Union Pacific Will File Motion Asking for Additional Time

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Attorneys for the Union Pacific railroad company will file a motion in the supreme court tomorrow for an extension of the three-months' limit of time previously granted for the dissolution of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger.

The time limit expires on May 10 and Attorney General McReynolds will acquiesce in its extension until July 1, but will oppose any request that the lower court be empowered indefinitely to extend the period. The railroad's motion will be a request that the United States circuit court of appeals for the Eighth circuit, sitting as a district court in the case, be authorized to extend the time.

It has not developed whether the railroad will ask for a definite extension. Stewart McNamara, representing Paul D. Cravath of counsel for the Union Pacific, today conferred with the attorney general and made preparations for submission of the motion tomorrow.

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