

ENTOMBED IN MINE

FIRE FOLLOWING EXPLOSION TRAPS 250 COAL MINERS.

HAS MUCH MONEY TO LOAN

Federal Reserve Banks Will Make Available Half Billion for Farm Loans—Woodmen Insurgents Are Defeated.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Lethbridge, Alberta.—A terrific explosion, coming without warning, Friday entombed 250 miners employed in mine No. 20 of the Hillcrest Colliers company, limited. Of the fifty rescued only fourteen are alive. Despite efforts of the two score men laboring among the poisonous debris hope of rescuing alive the 200 men yet in the mine is waning. The explosion, which occurred at about 9 o'clock, shook the countryside for miles, lifted the roofs of many miners' cabins and demolished numerous small buildings. A moment after the explosion a score of panic-stricken surface workers rushed from the mine, followed by a dense cloud of smoke and poisonous fumes.

Woodmen Insurgents Defeated. Toledo, O.—Election of officers of the Modern Woodmen of America by the triennial convention of the order here resulted in a victory for the administration adherents. The insurgents of the convention were defeated in all contests. A. R. Talbot of Lincoln, Neb., was re-elected head consul over E. A. Smith of Springfield, Ill., the insurgents' candidate, 292 1/2 to 134 1/2. C. W. Haws, who has held the position of head clerk for twenty-four years, nominated James McNamara of Rock Island, Ill., who defeated Harry F. Hooker of Tecumseh, Okla., insurgent candidate. Daniel Horn of Davenport, Ia., was re-elected head adviser and John D. Wols of Indianapolis, Ind., was chosen head banker.

MUCH MONEY TO LOAN.

\$500,000,000 Available for Farm Mortgage Loans. Washington.—Comptroller of the Currency Williams estimates that about \$500,000,000 in national banks throughout the United States is available for farm mortgage loans under the provisions of the federal reserve act making it possible for national banking associations to lend money on improved lands. Scores of inquiries concerning this provision reach the treasury department daily and there does not seem to be a general understanding that the farm loan clause of the act is now in force and makes it possible for national banks to make farm loans before the formal organization of the federal reserve board. The estimate of Comptroller Williams is based on reports showing the capital stock and surplus of national banks to be \$1,777,000,000. Twenty-five per cent of this amount, or \$444,250,000, is available for farm loans.

Ultimatum to Delegates. Niagara Falls, Ont.—Justice Lamar's memorandum to Emilio Rabas, head of the Mexican delegation, announcing that the United States "must insist" on the acceptance of its plan for the pacification of Mexico is an ultimatum. Unless the Huerta delegates yield mediation will end at once. This is the firm determination of the United States as it was conveyed to the mediators.

Enough Harvest Hands for Kansas. Topeka, Kan.—"Kansas has enough harvest hands. Between thirty and forty thousand men have come to the state in the last two weeks," says W. L. O'Brien, labor commissioner of Kansas. Mr. O'Brien has sent telegrams to free employment agencies in St. Louis, Omaha, Lincoln, Chicago and other cities requesting that no more men be sent to this state except upon specific instructions.

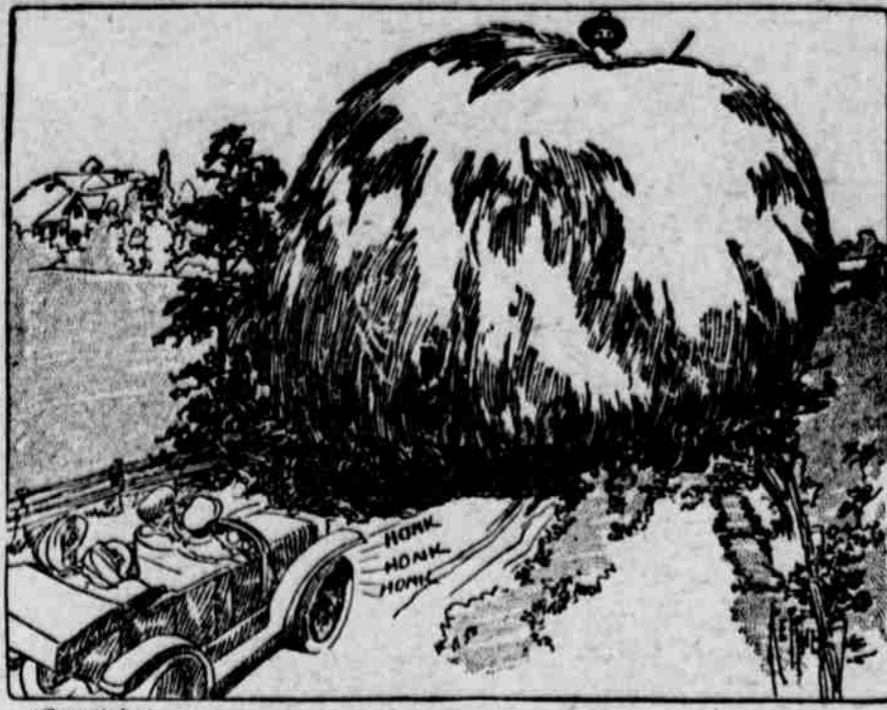
Kansas Coal Miners on Strike. Pittsburg, Kan.—Eight hundred coal miners of the R. J. Crow company have struck. The miners insisted that an engineer be kept at the mine, which was temporarily down, which the company refused. United mine officials said that the company had declined to submit the matter to arbitration and the strike resulted.

Hastings, Neb.—W. W. Miller, a Nebraska man, who was thought to have been killed by Mexican outlaw bandits during the guerilla warfare, has joined his family near Juniata. He expects to return with them soon to occupy their deserted home thirty miles inland from Tampico.

Washington.—Senator Hoke Smith has introduced a bill to waive the age limitations for honorably discharged veterans of either union or confederate armies who seek appointment as fourth class postmasters.

Unveil D. A. R. Fountain. Lincoln, Neb.—A large crowd assembled at Antelope park to witness the formal unveiling of the fountain presented to the city by Deborah Avery chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in memory of the first regent of the chapter and organizer of the society in Nebraska, Miss Mary M. A. Stevens. The eighteenth birthday of the chapter had been chosen for the presentation, and over the fountain hung the flag which Miss Stevens presented to the chapter on June 17, 1896.

THE RIGHT OF WAY



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TO VACATE FOREST RESERVE

VILLA INSISTS ON COMPLETE MILITARY CONTROL.

Government Asked to Throw Thomas County Reserve Open to Settlement—Nebraska Newspaper Folks in Session.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Officials of the Washington government characterize the Mexican situation as extremely delicate. This comment referred particularly to the mediation conference, which has been resumed at Niagara Falls, but it also applied to conditions in northern Mexico growing out of the action of General Villa in insisting that he should have complete military control in the campaign against General Huerta. Hope for the success of mediation, however, was by no means abandoned, according to persons in close touch with the administration, and this hope was said to be largely based on the developments in the constitutional ranks, the view being held here that internecine squabbles among Carranza's followers had been nipped and that this enhanced the chance of an agreement being reached upon a provisional president of Mexico and that internal Mexican hostilities might be checked.

Nebraska Newspaper Folks in Session. Lincoln, Neb.—The forty-second annual session of the Nebraska State Press association was inaugurated Thursday night in what was declared by old time members to have been the most auspicious opening in the history of the association. The registration was the largest of any opening day. All during the afternoon and early evening cars and automobiles carried the editors and members of their families to the grounds. It was like a homecoming. The parking in front of the registration and reception tents was turned into a quarterstretch. It was the time for handclaps and greetings. Editors gathered in groups and told yarns. Some of them were accused of telling the same tales they had spun one and two years ago, but age put no damper on the applause. Every one was in a happy frame of mind.

TO ABANDON FOREST RESERVE.

Want Government Reserve in Thomas County Thrown Open to Settlement. Bedford, Neb.—Abandonment of the government forest reserve in Thomas county, Nebraska, with the exception of a 10,000 acre tract to be used for experimental planting of trees and furnishing them to settlers, is being advocated by some of the people in and around Halsey. Other residents of the county are opposing this step and insisting that the forest reserve be kept intact. A petition stating the views of those favorable to cutting up the major part of the government tract and throwing it open to homestead entry has been circulated in the county.

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.—The Dominican government has asked the United States government for the immediate withdrawal of the American consul at Puerto Plata, on the ground that he had sided with the revolution.

Safeguarding Royal Family.

London.—Never before have such precautions been taken to guard members of the royal family from the suffragets as were taken at the Ascot race course. The opening of the leading society race meeting found more than 1,000 London policemen and hundreds of detectives from Scotland Yard assembled on the historic course, reinforcements for the regular Berkshire county police force, which had been mobilized in full strength.

Investigating Empress Wreck.

Quebec, Que.—Inquiry into the loss of the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Ireland and the loss of more than one thousand lives when the vessel was rammed by the collier Storstad opened here Tuesday before a royal commission presided over by Lord Mersey, who also probed the Titanic disaster. Lawyers from London, New York, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec, a whole battery, were present when Lord Mersey opened the investigation.

MEXICAN DELEGATES INCLINED TO CRITICISE.

Charges Fraudulent Possession of California Lands—Ocean Steamer Collides with Big Freighter.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Niagara Falls, Ont.—The Huerta delegation to the mediation conference has issued a statement charging that the insistence by the United States on a constitutionalist for the provisional presidency as opposed to a "neutral" was "tantamount to abetting and even exacting fraud and violence at the elections." The publication of this statement was unexpected by the American delegates. When they learned of it their attitude was that the Huerta delegation was acting entirely within their rights when they criticised the American plan for establishment of a provisional government in a communication addressed to the Americans themselves, but they were greatly surprised by the Mexican delegates' action in giving it out.

Another Collision at Sea.

Southampton, Eng.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II, which left Southampton Wednesday, bound for New York, with a thousand passengers, lies at anchor off Nettley, three miles to the southeast, with a big hole in her side amidships caused by a collision with the Liverpool grain steamer Incomore, bound from a Black sea port for Antwerp. The Incomore, a much smaller craft than the German steamer, of 3,000 odd tons, is in dock here with her bows badly smashed. The collision occurred in the English channel thirteen miles south of the Nab lightship in a dense fog. Just how it occurred and on which vessel lies the responsibility cannot be ascertained at present.

SUIT FOR LAND RECOVERY.

Government Charges Fraudulent Possession in California.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Suit has been filed by the federal government in the United States district court here to recover oil lands, valued at more than \$50,000,000 in Kern county, California, from the Southern Pacific Railroad company, the Standard Oil company and fifty other corporations and individuals. The land area involved is 107,799 acres. This is one of the series of suits in equity instituted by the government to recover lands which it maintains were fraudulently obtained by the railroad company in violation of the provisions of an act of congress in 1866, supplemented by a joint resolution adopted in 1870. The act of congress of 1866 granted large tracts of agricultural lands to aid the building of transcontinental railroads but withheld mineral-bearing lands.

Athens, Greece.—Greek refugees from Asia Minor have brought reports of the massacre by Turks of 100 Greeks, including priests, old men and children, in the town of Phokia, twenty-five miles northwest of Smyrna. The town, according to report, was invaded by a horde of armed men, who looted and then set fire to all the buildings. They are said to have been assisted by the Turkish police.

Song Service of Thanksgiving.

New York.—With more than 650 persons on board, the liner New York, a gaping hole torn in her side, where the Hamburg-American liner Pretoria struck her in a fog off Nantucket, docked here Sunday. The passengers, thankful at having escaped a disaster similar to that of the Empress of Ireland, held an impressive service of thanksgiving as the liner steamed into port. There was scarcely a dry eye among the congregation while "Nearer My God to Thee" was being sung.

Will be Wet and Dry Issue.

Clinton, Mo.—Predictions that the next national campaign in the United States will be fought on a "wet" and "dry" issue and that the year 1920 will see a nominee of the prohibition party in the White house were made by H. P. Faris of Clinton, treasurer of the national prohibition committee in welcoming delegates to the conference of the prohibition party here. The conference will last all week and will be addressed by leading advocates of prohibition.

MUST SALUTE FLAG

DEADWOOD EDITOR DEMANDS ITS RECOGNITION.

SUFFRAGETS IN ILL FAVOR

Crowds at London Threatening and Police Protection Necessary—Fire Breaks Out in Alberta Coal Mine.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Deadwood, S. D.—Intense patriotism and respect for President Wilson has found expression here in an odd way. A short time ago in a public address, a local citizen is alleged to have branded the president a "coward" in connection with the Mexican affairs. This so roused Edward McDonald, former mayor and well known democrat, that he resolved to teach the offender a lesson. From a second story window on his building on Main street, he suspended an immense American flag, which hung directly over the sidewalk where the orator was accustomed to walk daily. The ex-mayor announced that he would insist on the offending orator saluting the colors the next time he passed, but friends of the other evidently got word to him of the impending "scene," which was awaited by a number of interested persons, and to date the alleged traducer of the president has not put in an appearance, but the big flag still waves and the incident has attracted much attention.

Flames Add to Mine Horror.

Hill Crest, Alberta.—Flames broke forth in the tunnel of Hill Crest mine No. 20, wrecked by a terrific explosion Friday, and all rescue work was discontinued. Men who have been working on the debris and carrying out bodies, rushed from their work and barely escaped with their lives.

SUFFRAGETS IN ILL FAVOR.

Crowds at London Threaten and Police Protection Necessary.

London.—Suffraget baiting has become the regular Sunday amusement of London crowds. The police were kept busy in Hyde park protecting the women and escorting them to places of safety. Various suffraget meetings were broken up and the speakers hustled from platforms with threats of ducking in the Serpentine. From the temper of the crowds these threats probably would have been put into execution except for the energetic action of the police.

Rosa Hammond Makes Transfer.

Omaha.—Instructions have been received from the commissioner of internal revenue at Washington to Collector Rosa L. Hammond to transfer his office to E. W. North. The transfer will be made at once. Collector Hammond submitted his resignation to the department May 21 with a request that it be accepted at the earliest convenience. The notice of its acceptance was received by him several days ago.

Mission Building Burned.

Shanghai.—Reports have been received here that the White Wolf brigands had captured and sacked the city of Taohow, massacring 10,000 Chinese. There was no confirmation of the report, but uneasiness was felt among foreigners because the report also said that the mission buildings there were burned. It is known that the White Wolf band has been operating in that vicinity.

Age Limit Reduced.

Washington.—President Wilson has issued an executive order reducing from sixty to fifty years the maximum age limit for admission to civil service examinations for appointment of unskilled laborers in federal offices outside of Washington, D. C. Veterans, however, may continue to be examined without regard to their age.

Lincoln, Neb.—There is prosperity in Otoe county. This cheerful state of facts is proven by the report of the Otoe assessors to the statistical department of the state board of agriculture. Twenty thousand citizens of Otoe county own 836 automobiles. This is an average of an automobile for every twenty-four people.

Millions of New Money.

Washington.—Millions of dollars of paper money of a new type will be put into circulation upon the establishment of the federal reserve banks within the next few weeks. Under the federal reserve bank act each of the twelve federal reserve banks will receive advances from the federal reserve board in the form of federal reserve notes, a distinctly new sort of paper money. Commercial paper will be the collateral advanced by the various banks as security for these notes.

"Back to Africa" Steamer in Port.

Galveston, Tex.—The steamship Liberia, on which Albert C. Sam, leader of the "back to Africa" movement among negroes in this country, proposes to take several hundred negroes to the gold coast of Africa, has arrived here. The arrival of the vessel was the occasion for much rejoicing among several hundred followers of "Chief" Sam, who have been here for several months. It is not known when the Liberia will sail for Africa. "Chief" Sam is said to be on board.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

The Bloomfield Masonic order will erect a \$10,000 hall and business block. Pioneer and territorial day was observed at many places over the state last Sunday. Mrs. Nicholas Henrey was seriously injured when thrown from a buggy near Hastings. The board of Cotner university has decided to employ an athletic coach for next season. Registration figures for the university summer session far exceed those of any former year. Over 5,000 visitors attended the annual convention of state stock growers at Alliance last week. Roy Fox, a school teacher, was held up at Fairbury and robbed of a watch and articles of jewelry. Thomas Finnegan was held up by footpads near Falls City, and shot in the arm when he put up a fight. Omaha is to have an ordinance prohibiting "movies" in any of the residential sections of the city. One hundred and fifty-six Fremont people own diamonds valued at \$17,000 as shown by the assessment roll. More than \$200 has been subscribed toward the establishment of a public playground at Hastings this summer. Johnson county apple growers are seriously worried over an insect that is destroying the buds in the orchards. "Chick" Shedd, once prominent in state university football circles, died at Kenwood, Fla., last week of malarial fever. Rev. A. L. Brombaugh, pastor of the Vesta Christian church, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the church at Firth. Walter Henry, twenty-two years old, committed suicide at the family home near West Point, while temporarily insane. Kenneth Greene of Inland will probably lose the sight of one eye, the ball of which was penetrated by a sharp-pointed knife. John Foster sustained injuries that necessitated the amputation of his left leg when he fell under the wheels of a train at Salem. Twenty members of the university Y. M. C. A. are spending vacation at the western college conference in Estes Park, Colo. Rev. R. B. Favorlight, who has been filling a pastorate at North Bend, has received a call from the First Baptist church at Beatrice. Tommy Shrive, a six-year-old Lincoln boy, was seriously hurt when he was struck by an auto as he was coasting on a walk. Wesley Beeson, a local air man, will make an ascent in an aeroplane of his own construction at the Fillmore county fair this fall. Sunday baseball is again agitating the minds of the residents of Syracuse and a petition has been circulated calling for an election. The university teachers' bureau is receiving many calls from over the state for instructors in various departments of the schools. Merritt Whitten, a 12-year-old Tecumseh boy, had both arms broken when he fell from a trapeze on which he was doing some acrobatic stunts. Recent heavy rains killed the pine seedlings sent out by forestry students of the university, and they will be replaced by seeds from eastern nurseries. Miss Esther L. Stock, one of Kearney's leading young business women, is the first woman in Buffalo county to file for office. She is seeking the nomination for registrar of deeds. Water from the Jordan river, brought to Fremont by a resident of that place on returning from a tour of the holy land, was used in baptismal services at several local churches. A number of infants were baptized. The Security State bank of Curtie, with \$30,000 capital, has secured a charter from the state banking board. The postoffice at Hoag, a little town eight miles northwest of Beatrice, which was discontinued some time ago, is to be reopened. In a test of strength at Geneva, Professor Le Roy had the bones of his right arm broken with a snap that was heard fifty feet away. Mrs. John Slama of Lincoln suffered a severe case of ptomaine poisoning as the result of drinking the milk from an over-ripe cocoonut. Nate Carey was arrested at Palsade, charged with setting fire to the Burlington hotel at Falls City, which was destroyed a few days ago. Mrs. Karl Michow, near Loup City, was painfully burned about the face when a bottle of carbolic acid exploded, throwing the liquid over her. Old's jewelry store at Hemingford was burglarized and watches and jewelry worth over \$300 stolen. William Adair of North Platte was seriously injured when his automobile turned turtle near Big Springs. Four-year-old Nellie Eridia of Kearney was fatally burned when her clothing was set on fire from lighted matches with which she was playing. Nebraska G. A. R. veterans who go to Detroit for the national encampment this year will be free to choose any route of travel they wish to take. No official train will be run this side of Chicago. A camp meeting and annual conference of Mennonite brethren will be held at Weeping Water, August 13 to 24. A farewell party was given at Hastings in honor of Rev. J. E. Holley, who will take a year's vacation from his work with the Christian church, touring the west in an effort to regain his health. Prisoners in the county jail and county officers at Fremont collected \$40 for the hospital expenses of John Carey, convicted of stealing brass. He had been ill for some time and his condition critical.

THE WHEAT CONTEST

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. The cultivation of the soil and the work of orcharding will never go hand in hand. The two industries need attention at the same time and the practical farmer will not give up his crops to spray and prune his orchards. There must be a practical separation of the two industries or this state will never be a fruit state. At the present time there are practically 2,000,000 apple trees in the state which produced about an equal number of bushels of the fruit last year, which is about one-tenth of the amount of fruit that the number of trees should produce under the least bit of cultivation, was the statement of Prof. J. R. Cooper before the Rural Betterment society meeting at the state farm.

Five-Acre Winter Wheat Contest.

The Nebraska Corn Improvers' association is again conducting a five-acre hard winter wheat contest. The beautiful \$200 Millers' club trophy will be awarded for one year to the contestant growing the five acres of winter wheat scoring highest in yield and quality. This five acres may be a part of any larger field. All that is necessary is to measure off five acres, thresh and report the yield. A representative one-half bushel sample must also be exhibited at the show. A report giving the yield, signed by the contestant and two disinterested witnesses, will accompany the sample.

Clean the Separator.

No one should place any confidence in an agent's claim of separators being able to wash themselves by simply running water through them, says the dairy department of the Nebraska college of agriculture. "Such claims are not made by men who have the dairyman's interests at heart. Washing a separator is not a very difficult task if done soon after separating. The water for washing should be warm, but not hot enough to cook the curd on any of the parts. If it is not convenient to wash the machine immediately after separating, the bowl should be taken apart and immersed in water. This will loosen all the curd and make washing comparatively easy. If the parts are scalded with hot water or steam after washing and left in a clean, sweet place to dry, no wiping with a cloth will be necessary.

To Kill All Stray Dogs.

Health officers of Cass county have been ordered to kill all stray dogs there and to muzzle all remaining dogs who have owners. The order was promulgated by the state bacteriologist, following the report that two cows, two steers, two horses and twenty-five dogs have been killed there during the past month on account of affliction with rabies. The disease has been transmitted from one of these animals to another through bites. Thus far the disease has been confined to Cass county, as far as the state health authorities know. They believe that by attention to their orders from now on all trace of it can be wiped out.

Half of the swine pens at the state fair grounds have been engaged by exhibitors. Superintendent E. Z. Russell of Benson, who is in charge of the swine department of the state exposition, has reported this rush of business to Secretary Mellor. "This is an unusual condition of affairs," said Mr. Russell. "Three months before the fair is scheduled to open half our space is gone. We will be crowded to the limit in the swine department this year.

Under the blue sky law of Nebraska, companies which operate under it must not only pay a fee of \$25 to the examining bureau when they apply for permits to do business, but must pay a fee of \$10 per year thereafter. So far, the bureau has not yet received any payments for renewal of the first year's certificates. These will begin to run out in July.

The enrollment of the university summer session has already reached a figure which is above the final enrollment of any preceding summer session, and as a usual thing students enroll for this work during the whole session, so that the final number is not known until near the close of the summer. There are now 520 enrolled; the largest enrollment heretofore has been 511. This figure does not include 125 students taking summer work in the Temple high school; forty or fifty of which are teachers taking review work.

Although it will cost in the neighborhood of \$48,000 for two regiments of the Nebraska national guard, together with the medical troops, the hospital corps and the signal corps, to go to Camp Dodge, Ia., in August and participate in a ten days' training camp and maneuvers under the instruction of regular army officers, only about one-sixth of that amount will be borne by the state of Nebraska. The remainder of the expense will come out of Uncle Sam, through the medium of war department funds allotted to Nebraska.