

COAL MINE TRAGEDY

Between Sixty and Eighty Lives Lost at Bluefield, Virginia.

DUE TO EXPL. OF GAS

First Rescue Party is Back by Deadly Fun

INTERIOR BADLY OKED

Broken Cars and Massive Motor Harled from Mouth of Shaft.

MINE HAD JUST BEEN INSPECTED

State Official Declares it Safe Few Hours Before Disaster—Fifty Killed in the Same Mine Last Month.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Jan. 12.—An explosion of gas in the Lick Branch colliery today snuffed out between sixty and eighty lives. In these same mines two weeks ago to a day, fifty miners were killed in a similar explosion.

A sound like thunder reverberated along the miles of corridors and air passages crowded with those who work there in the mine. Above the tons of earth and stone that lay between the workings and the mountain giant trees quivered from the force of the concussion and from the mine mouth belched forth a cloud of flame, soot, dust and debris, heavy timbers, broken mine cars and even a massive motor.

Scarcely had the detonation died away before a throng of terrified women and children rushed to the mine mouth and implored those there to allow them to aid in the effort to save some of their loved ones who might still be alive within.

Mine Foreman Bowers, who was near the entrance, was blown from his feet, but managed to crawl out safely, as did also Robert Smith, a miner. A rescue party, organized on the moment, rushed into the smoking mine and tried to rescue a miner named Halliday, who was hurled back by the blast. They were driven back by the deadly fumes of the after gases and were compelled to leave him to his fate.

A train was rushed from this city to the scene carrying other material to be used in the work of exploration and rescue. From sixty to eighty men were thought to be in the section of the mine affected. The debris from the explosion of two weeks ago had not been cleared away and twenty men were engaged in this work.

Nineteen contract miners with their crews were at work in a new entry and it is feared all of these were lost.

The explosion was in a different part of the mine from that of two weeks ago. Since that catastrophe the mine has been inspected by government officials and by the most experienced mine men in the region, and, in fact, expressed the opinion that it was safe.

While the officials cannot now suggest a cause for the explosion, miners place the blame on some of the foreigners, who may have entered with an open lamp. It was known that there was a small quantity of gas in the mine and that it had been considered probable that this may have suddenly increased after the miners began to work and that it was ignited by an open lamp.

The mine is the property of the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries company and is situated in the Big River district, a territory that until the December explosion had been unusually free from gas.

PAY AFTER EIGHT YEARS

Junction City Man May Collect Money from Government After Long Wait.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—After waiting more than eight years John D. Baldwin of Junction City, Kan., is in a fair way to receive the sum of \$80 from the United States government for a horse killed on the military reservation at Fort Riley, Kan., on December 4, 1890. The animal was struck by a fragment of a shell fired from a gun belonging to the Second Artillery, Seventh army, while at target practice. The house committee on claims has reported favorably on a bill appropriating the money to indemnify Baldwin. The committee also reported favorably on a bill to reimburse Royal L. Switzer, former deputy collector of internal revenue at Tacoma, Wash., to the amount of \$107 for revenue stamps lost in the mails, and to relieve Captain J. De LaFite, U. S. A., of the responsibility for the embalmment of the body of the secretary of war upon investigation determines that Captain LaFite exercised due diligence and care while serving as transport quartermaster.

MONEY IN SENATORIAL RACE

Rumors of Indianapolis Causes Stir Among Members of the Legislature.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 12.—Persistent rumors that money is being used in the United States senatorial campaign and that six democratic legislators who organized themselves in a secret body of spies two weeks ago are laying plans to trap anyone who may offer "inducements" for senatorial votes, caused a stir among candidates and politicians today.

As the story is told by men in close touch with the senatorial situation, the six men were chosen to act as spies and instructed to accept money offered for their votes, but to make the conditions such that when the money is presented they will have sufficient evidence to send to the secretary of the man who offers it the identity of U. S. men is being carefully guarded.

COUNTY OFFICIALS DRAW GUNS

Battle Barely Averted in Election Contest at Brighton, Colorado.

BRIGHTON, Colo., Jan. 12.—A revolver fight was barely averted at the county house here late last night as the result of an election contest over the office of county commissioner. During the row, which started over the attempt to arrest A. H. Guthrie, county judge, and who was charged with wrongfully marking ballots, Sheriff Hackley and the sheriff-elect drew revolvers. Guthrie and Hackley were arrested, but later released.

The affair followed a sensational trial of the contest case, during which charges of fraud in the counting of ballots were made.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Wednesday, January 13, 1909.

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Table with columns for days of the week and numbers 1-30.

THE WEATHER

FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICTORY—Fair Wednesday, with rising temperature.

FOR NEBRASKA—Fair Wednesday, with rising temperature.

FOR IOWA—Fair Wednesday; rising temperature.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Table with columns for hour, temperature, and degree.

NEBRASKA

Ransom pushes through his plan to re-canvass vote on judicial amendment and Shallenberger is to appoint four men in place of those named by Sheldon.

Latter names having promised to appoint democrats and many of the names have been named by him is they do not wear the corporation brand.

Clean and ample sheets for hotel beds is the object of a bill introduced into the house by Fink of Hall county.

Senate standing committees are announced, the progressive faction making some impression, but not controlling them.

Between sixty and eighty men were killed in an explosion in a coal mine near Bluefield, W. Va.

Second explosion at Bluefield mine occurs a few hours after the state inspector declared the mine safe and between sixty and eighty are believed to have been killed.

Senator Foraker in a speech on the Brownsville affair charges the president with misusing money spent for detective service in the case.

Authorities now believe that a deeper motive than hypochondria existed in the Carmichael homicide at Adair, Mich., and hint at a woman in the affair.

Anniversary of the big blizzard, while cold, is clear and pleasant.

Nebraska re-lects old directors.

First wrestling match of the season for Omaha will be at the Auditorium Friday night.

Live stock markets.

Grain markets.

Arrived. Bailed.

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HAYWARD TO TAKE CHARGE

Nebraskan to Be Vice Chairman of Republican National Committee.

PRECEDENT TO BE FOLLOWED

Secretary Will Assume Direction of Affairs When Chairman Hitchcock Becomes Postmaster General.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 12.—Exact precedent will be followed in the successor of Francis H. Hitchcock as chairman of the republican national committee. This will place Secretary William Hayward at its head until the committee elects a chairman at its meeting four years hence in December.

When Chairman Cortelyou relinquished his position at the head of the committee a few months after he became postmaster general Harry S. New, its secretary, was made vice chairman and conducted the affairs of the committee, which is practically dormant prior to the December meeting.

That Secretary Hayward will have charge of the affairs of the committee was ascertained here from most reliable authority today, although no official statement on the subject is deemed necessary. The rules and practice of the committee make it the duty of the chairman to provide his successor by appointment.

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Strange how a furnace can always pick the coldest day of the year. From the Des Moines Register and Leader.

SANTA FE MAN ON STAND

Former Counsel Marowetz Relates Some Railroad History.

TRADE OF TERRITORY REVEALED

Sales Were Made to Harriman in Division of States Between Southern Pacific and Atchafalaya Rivers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Victor Morawetz was called to the witness stand by former Judge Lovett in the Union Pacific merger hearing before United States Special Examiner Sylvester G. Williams this afternoon. He said he was formerly counsel and then chairman of the executive committee of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad company, but resigned last October. Mr. Morawetz testified:

"In 1901 the Atchafalaya company bought stock and second mortgage bonds of the Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix Railway company. Frank Murphy was president of the company. Because of his ability and our confidence in him we asked him to become our president. This he has done until today.

"Mr. Murphy had a project to build a road from Phoenix to Benson. I did not think the prospect a good one. Mr. Murphy said he would build the line any way. I told Mr. Ripley it was to be built we should build it ourselves. We decided to build it to Dudleyville. Mr. Ripley was not disposed to build it to Benson. He did not think it worth the cost.

"In the summer of 1902 we determined to extend the Atchafalaya system west of San Francisco bay. We thereupon entered negotiations to purchase stock of the California & Northwestern. While we were trying to accomplish this the stock passed to the Southern Pacific.

"Burs Eel River Road." Continuing, Mr. Morawetz said: "We then bought the Eel River & Eureka Railroad company, a short line running out of Eureka.

"During the autumn or winter negotiations were entered into for a settlement of differences between the Southern Pacific and Atchafalaya to north California. Mr. Harriman objected to our building the Phoenix & Eastern, as he regarded it as an invasion of Southern Pacific territory. He offered to buy the Phoenix & Eastern, and I told him that if he did so all difficulties as to Arizona and north California would have to be adjusted at the same time.

"I then drew up the agreement upon which I was willing to settle and sell the Phoenix & Eastern. We were to receive from the Southern Pacific one-half interest in the California Northwestern and in the North Shore line, north of San Francisco, a distance of 400 miles. We were to give the Southern Pacific one-half interest in the Eel River & Eureka and all roads to be constructed thereafter to be open to the Atchafalaya.

"The construction of the low grade line from Phoenix to Dudleyville, of which the Phoenix & Eastern was a part, was not contemplated when work on the Phoenix & Eastern extension was begun. The Atchafalaya & Topeka had not enough money for the work of construction, which would have cost \$12,000,000, and to acquire new mileage in Arizona."

TURKEY WILL TAKE MONEY

Threatened War Averted by Acceptance of Indemnity Offered by Austria.

BIG VERDICT FOR LOST SPOUSE

Mrs. Anna Goslin Recovers \$50,000 from Stenographer Who Won Her Husband.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—A verdict for the full amount of \$50,000 sued for by Mrs. Anna Goslin against Miss Annie Irene Magner was rendered today by Judge Charles S. McGowan in the case of the American Federation of Labor at the White House next Thursday. The conference is at the request of Mr. Gompers and in accordance with the action taken by the Denver convention of the federation, which directed its officers to take up with the president the case of Jan. Pours, an American and other political refugees from foreign governments.

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STUBBS URGES NEW MEASURES

Kansas Governor Favors Bank Guarantee, New Two-Cent Fare and Anti-Pass Law.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 12.—Governor Walter R. Stubbs delivered his first message to the Kansas legislature that convened here today in sixteenth biennial session.

Governor Stubbs made many recommendations looking toward advanced legislation. He earnestly recommended the enactment of a public utilities law, urging the legislature to utilize "whatever may be used to advantage of the present railroad law as a basis and adding the best features of the New York and Wisconsin public utilities laws, which have had a severe practical test."

The operation of the commission plan of government was praised and the governor said he believed also that the city schools should be brought under control of the commission.

The primary election law Governor Stubbs stamped "the most important triumph for the preservation of popular government, which this generation has witnessed," and he asked the legislature to pass certain amendments to the present statute to make it still more effective.

He urged careful consideration of some safe bank guarantee plan; demanded a flat 2-cent passenger rate law, declaring the present law to be a humbug, and said an anti-pass statute should be passed.

QUAKE SEVERE AT SAN JUAN

Tremor Felt in Northwest Damages Buildings on Islands of Pacific Coast.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 12.—Reports from the San Juan islands state that yesterday's earthquake shock was more severe there. At Point Stanley Lopez, east of the islands, and other places buildings were damaged to a considerable extent. No casualties are reported.

Bellingham was shaken by an earthquake at 3:45 in the afternoon. Buildings in all parts of town were jarred, but no damage was done. Hundreds of people rushed into the streets. The duration of the shock was about ten seconds. Brick buildings were badly shaken that the plaster fell to the floor and there was a panic. Only one person was hurt.

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—Reports of a slight earthquake shock came here from Vancouver, Victoria, Tacoma and Bellingham. The same tremor was felt here at 3:41 o'clock and lasted from seven to thirty seconds. No damage was done, but persons rushed from buildings.

RESCUE WORK IS REDOUBLED

Finding of Living Persons in Earthquake Ruins Causes Renewed Activity.

ROME, Jan. 12.—The fact that living persons are still being rescued from the ruins of Messina and Reggio has caused the authorities to continue the excavations of the wreckage. Several thousand soldiers are today employed in the work, who otherwise would be detailed to help in the distribution of the necessities of life for the survivors. In most cases those now being brought out alive were imprisoned in rooms and cellars not completely demolished and their situation was such that they could get hold of some little nourishment.

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FORAKER MAKES NEW CHARGE

Ohio Senator Says Roosevelt Wrongfully Used War Fund.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—A spirited speech by Senator Foraker of Ohio on the use of private detectives in investigating the Brownsville affair was the feature of interest in the senate today. Mr. Foraker laid aside his manuscript several times during his address to inject remarks that were pointedly aimed at the president, although he refrained from the mention of Mr. Roosevelt's name. Evidently referring to the president, he declared that men who made charges and insinuations will some time "be where they can be called to account."

Mr. Lodge replied to Mr. Foraker's remarks, declaring that the use of the \$3,000,000 fund appropriated in 1899 as an emergency war fund from the president during the Spanish war in the employment of the private detectives on the Brownsville case was not in violation of law.

Mr. Foraker endeavored to have a day fixed for voting on his bill for the readjustment of the discharged soldiers of the Twenty-fifth regiment, but Mr. Warren, chairman of the committee on military affairs, insisted upon postponing such agreement until a future day.

Charge Made by Foraker. Illegal diversion of public funds by the president and William H. Taft, while secretary of war to pay for the investigation by private detectives into the Brownsville affair, was charged by Senator Joseph Benson Foraker of Ohio in the senate today in a speech, in reply to the statements of Herbert J. Brown of this city and William G. Baldwin of Roanoke, Va., who were employed by the secretary of war to secure evidence of the guilt of the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth infantry, United States army, in shooting up Brownsville on the night of August 13-14, 1895.

The charge of illegally diverting \$15,000 from the war fund of \$3,000,000 appropriated by the deficiency act of March 3, 1899, was made by Mr. Foraker in concluding his remarks, which consisted of a very careful consideration of certain legal phases of the Brownsville affair and the reading of a number of affidavits by soldiers, whose testimony and "confessions" Mr. Brown alleged he had secured to unravel the mystery of the Brownsville case.

Mr. Foraker said that the affidavits were taken with great particularity nearly every statement of importance by the detectives.

Discusses History of War Fund. Speaking of the \$3,000,000 war fund of 1899, appropriated as an emergency to meet unforeseen contingencies constantly arising to be expended at the discretion of the president, Mr. Foraker said:

"It will probably be surprising information to the appropriations committee, as it will be to most senators, that this appropriation, made ten years ago at the close of the Spanish-American war, to enable the president to meet emergency army contingencies such as were then arising in connection with our military establishment, should have been construed to be a permanent appropriation, and that there is still a large unexpended balance, out of the wreckage of the war, to be available to the president to meet emergency army contingencies such as were then arising in connection with our military establishment, should have been construed to be a permanent appropriation, and that there is still a large unexpended balance, out of the wreckage of the war, to be available to the president to meet emergency army contingencies such as were then arising in connection with our military establishment, should have been construed to be a permanent appropriation, and that there is still a large unexpended balance, out of the wreckage of the war, to be available to the president to meet emergency army contingencies such as were then arising in connection with our military establishment, should have been construed to be a permanent appropriation, and that there is still a large unexpended balance, out of the wreckage of the war, to be available to the president to meet emergency army contingencies such as were then arising in connection with our military establishment, should have been construed to be a permanent appropriation, and that there is still a large unexpended balance, out of the wreckage of the war, to be available to the president to meet emergency army contingencies such as were then arising in connection with our military establishment, should have been construed to be a permanent appropriation, and that there is still a large unexpended balance, out of the wreckage of the war, to be available to the president to meet emergency army contingencies such as were then arising in connection with our military establishment, should have been construed to be a permanent appropriation, and that there is still a large unexpended balance