

FIFTY-THREE DEAD

Explosion in Powder House Sets Fire to Crib in Chicago Harbor

NINETY-FIVE MEN ON STRIKE

Fifty-Three Bodies Recovered Others Are Accounted For

ICE HINDERS WORK OF RESCUERS

Tugs Make Their Way Through Heavy Floes with Difficulty

BODIES ALL BADLY BURNED

None of Them Have Been Identified and Official List of Missing Will Probably Stand for Death List

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—With a mile and a half of treacherous ice cutting them off from shore, fifty-three workmen are known to be dead, as the result of a fire which had its origin today in a powder vault attached to the intermediate crib in Lake Michigan used in the construction of a new water tunnel connecting with the south side of the city at Seventy-third street.

Ninety-five workmen were employed in the crib and the connecting tunnel at the time of the fire, but the work of the destroying element was begun with such swiftness that the contracting firm of G. W. Jackson and the rescuers have been unable to arrive at anything like an accurate list of those who perished and others who escaped the flames or the icy waters of the lake.

The hospitals at South Chicago and in all parts of the south side are filled with injured, and city fire boats as well as the tugs of the construction company are doing their best to make frequent trips to the scene of the disaster through the heavy ice floes.

Fire Starts in Powder House

Owing to the difficulty the craft experienced in reaching the crib during the winter, the majority of the workmen employed on the work and particularly those who were without families slept in temporary structures on the crib, and it was just as these had been weakened by the day's routine that the explosion and consequent fire came. As nearly as it is possible to ascertain the explosion had its origin in a powder house of small dimensions, situated about 100 yards from the crib structure proper, but at the same time being a part of the general structure built on foundations resting on the bottom of the lake at this point. In this building the George W. Jackson company stored from time to time just enough powder and dynamite for urgent use in the work of constructing the water tunnel and in some manner, little short of mysterious, the deadly explosives were put into action.

Fifty-Three Bodies Recovered

After several hours of rescue work in which heretofore thirty-seven in the heavy fog and drifting smoke thirty-nine workmen were recovered, and when the fire tugs and the crew had succeeded in quenching the flames fifty-three bodies had been carried to the shore and placed in morgues in South Chicago awaiting identification.

The bodies of the victims in the majority of instances were unrecognizable and the contracting firm gave out the following list of missing, which doubtless will be announced as the official list of the dead when the coroner has completed his investigation:

WALTER O'CONNOR, foreman.

H. M. DONNALL, timekeeper.

J. THORPE, cook.

L. NICHOLS, water man.

F. J. HANCOCK, engineer.

WILLIAM KELLY, carpenter.

F. ANDERSON, mucker.

J. BILLY, mucker.

EDWARD BILLY, mucker.

WILLIAM T. O'CONNOR, mucker.

J. MUCKER, mucker.

J. CORVAY, mucker.

J. SASSID, mucker.

Y. ANDERSON, mucker.

W. HANCOCK, mucker.

J. MITCHELL, mucker.

G. KELLEY, mucker.

THOMAS, mucker.

J. THOMAS, mucker.

EDWARD SKINNER, mucker.

J. HANCOCK, mucker.

C. PATTERSON, mucker.

W. HANCOCK, mucker.

W. HANCOCK, mucker.

J. FADDY, mucker.

J. HANCOCK, mucker.

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Thursday, January 21, 1909.

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THE WEATHER.

FOR OMAHA, CONING BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Fair, Thursday.

FOR NEBRASKA—Fair and colder in north portion Thursday.

FOR IOWA—Showers Thursday. Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

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CUTTING BUILDING LEMON

Nebraska and South Dakota Senators Secure a Slice.

BRECKENRIDGE BACK FROM CUBA

Thinks Political Unrest in the Island Will Ultimately Force United States to Interfere Again to Preserve Order.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Beattie will be able to expend \$15,000 for additional ground for the post-office building if the report secured today by Senator Burkett from the committee on public buildings and grounds meets with no mishap.

At the committee meeting this morning the senator secured a favorable report on the bill to appropriate \$15,000 for that purpose. The committee was familiar with the appropriation of \$50,000, which Senator Burkett secured last year for the extension and readily understood that additional ground was needed to accommodate the extensions already provided for.

Senator Kittredge today secured the passage of his bill increasing the limit of cost for the enlargement of the federal building at Sioux Falls, S. D. The increase amounts to \$100,000.

From information in the possession of the Treasury department it is apparent that in order to provide the additional space required it will be necessary to construct upon the present building a third story the entire area of structure, and two two-story extensions having a total ground area of about 4,300 square feet. It is estimated that the additional story and extensions will cost \$15,000 and that the \$5,000 remaining of the limit named in the bill will be sufficient for such additional land as will be required for said extension and the preservation of the usual fire limit.

New Land District.

Senator Gamble has secured a favorable report from the committee on public lands of the senate on the Le Beau land district bill. It was reported without amendment and provides for the location of land office at Le Beau.

Senator Brown has accepted an invitation to address the tariff commission convention at Indianapolis, February 16.

Unrest in Cuba.

R. W. Breckinridge and wife arrived in Washington today, after a short stay in Cuba, having just returned from a visit to Cuba. Mr. Breckinridge said: "The island is very beautiful, the city of Havana showing evidence of the presence of Americans on every hand in beautification and sanitation. But there is unrest in political circles and it would not surprise me to see the American flag hoisted over the capital a year after it comes down, on January 28, when Gomez assumes office as president. The Cubans do not like the Americans and the improperly holding class is the same time for us. The Spaniards continue to dominate the business of Havana and I am inclined to think would welcome a return of American arms. When we do go back, in my judgment, it will be to stay."

Minor Matters at Capital.

Mr. Breckinridge, who is chairman of the insurance committee of the National Bar association, has called a meeting of his committee for tomorrow at the Raleigh hotel.

Carl R. Harpley of Omaha has been appointed scientific assistant in the Department of Agriculture.

Postmasters appointed: Nebraska—H. C. A. Keel, resigned; Oshkosh, Duell county; Archie B. Wynne, vice A. Budham, resigned; Sioux Falls, S. D.; John E. Sevey, carrier; Dox, Colby, S. D.; vice J. L. Beaton, resigned; Iowa—W. H. Mahaska county, Earl W. Light, vice J. Gunzale, deceased.

Rural carriers appointed for Iowa routes: Austinville, route 1, John L. Limburg, carrier; no substitute; Edgewood, route 1, John E. Sevey, carrier; Dox, Colby, S. D.; route 1, Humerton, route 2, George Linton, carrier; Golda Linton, substitute; Newton, route 4, A. A. Derosa, carrier; Fayette A. Derosa, substitute; Waterloo, route 2, Sander L. Johnson, carrier; Ingeman Jacobson, substitute.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE

Day is Devoted Largely to Consideration of Naval Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—After adopting without opposition a resolution by which Governor George F. Lilley of Connecticut be named to be a member of congress, the house of representatives today proceeded with the naval appropriation bill. There were few amendments offered to the measure, the items under consideration being those of maintenance and improvements to navy yards, stations and other public works of the navy.

Representative Foss of Illinois, chairman of the naval affairs committee, had charge of the bill on the floor and Representative Tawney of Minnesota, Fitzgerald of New York, Gaines of Tennessee, Macon of Arkansas and others spoke. Representative Mann of Illinois occupied the chair during the consideration of the bill, which probably will have the consideration of the house on Friday.

The naval appropriation bill was again brought up for consideration in the house today by Representative Foss of Illinois, as the various committee reports had been received.

An amendment offered by Mr. Fitzgerald seeking to give preference to those employees at navy yards and naval stations who have been discharged because of lack of funds or lack of work, was adopted. It limits the time within which these employees must be given preference to one year after they are discharged.

An attack on the so-called powder trust was made by Representative Cox of Indiana, in offering an amendment by which he proposed to prevent the payment by the government of exorbitant prices for powder, which was adopted.

Mr. Fitzgerald read a point of order on the item providing \$100,000 for a marine barracks at the Philadelphia navy yard, claiming that if it is proposed to return the marines to shipboard there should be no need for additional barracks. Mr. Foss changed the bill to make the appropriation provide for a wing to the present barracks and the chair overruled Mr. Fitzgerald's point of order. Consideration of the bill will be continued tomorrow.

Twenty-Fourth Victim Dies

L. J. Esell Succumbs to Injuries in Denver & Rio Grande Wreck.

GLENNWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 20.—L. J. Esell of Marshall, Mo., who was injured in the wreck of Denver & Rio Grande passenger train No. 4 at Doterio last Friday night, died today. Esell makes the twenty-fourth victim of the wreck.



Grandpop did the morning chores in his shirt sleeves in his day.



And we have a hard time rescuing the milk bottle from the back porch every morning.

HOPKINS GAINS TWO VOTES

Five Ballots Taken at Springfield Without a Choice.

ROOT IS CHOSEN IN NEW YORK

Oregon Joint Session Formally Elects Governor Chamberlain as Chairman, Gore and Stone Re-Elected.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 20.—The joint session of the house and senate on the election of a United States senator adjourned in a deadlock this afternoon after five indecisive ballots had been taken. There was little fluctuation from the first ballot, which gave to Senator Hopkins 82 votes out of 100 members of the general assembly present.

The first joint ballot stood: Hopkins, 82; Foss, 16; Stringer, 7; Shurtleff, 13; Mason, 5.

Chamberlain Chosen in Oregon.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 20.—In joint assembly of the senate and house at noon today President Roosevelt declared George E. Chamberlain elected United States senator for Oregon. The records of the vote in the houses yesterday were read and Governorman declared that Chamberlain having received a majority in each house, was duly elected. No joint vote was taken.

Opponents of Chamberlain allege they have positive assurance that the committee on elections will not seat him. This action will be taken, they aver, because Oregon's method of electing senators is now being advocated by New York and other states, and the only way to prevent the spread of the "Oregon idea" is to reject Chamberlain when he presents his credentials.

A measure was introduced in the house today making it a misdemeanor to take statement number one or make any pledge of office by a candidate for the legislature. It provides a fine and imprisonment as penalty and also provides that any one that should be seated after taking the pledge shall be seated.

News in Missouri.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 20.—William J. Stone, democrat, was today re-elected United States senator.

Lieutenant Governor McKinley, republican, Stone's opponent, presided at the joint session and announced the vote as follows: Stone, 91; McKinley, 8.

Gore is Re-Elected.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Jan. 20.—Thomas P. Gore, democrat, was today formally re-elected United States senator by the legislature in joint session. The vote: Gore, 96; Dennis Flynn, republican, 6.

Overman is Re-Elected.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 20.—Lee S. Overman was today formally re-elected United States senator.

Brandege Succeeds Himself.

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 20.—Frank B. Brandege was today elected to succeed himself as United States senator.

Crawford's Election Declared.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 20.—The legislature in joint session today declared that Coe L. Crawford was elected as United States senator.

Cummins' Election Announced.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 20.—Following the joint convention of the Iowa houses this morning, and the formal call of the roll, Albert B. Cummins was declared elected by the Iowa General assembly for the 6-year term beginning March 4, next. In his speech before the joint meeting he declared that the hope of the nation for several reform measures depended upon the widest possible construction of the constitution or amendment, and that amendment seemed to be an impossibility.

Reed Smoot Re-Elected.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 20.—The legislature in joint session today formally re-elected Reed Smoot, republican, United States senator.

Formal Election of Hughes.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 20.—Charles J. Hughes, R. Democrat, was today formally declared elected United States senator to succeed Henry M. Teller by the legislature in joint session.

Root Formally Elected.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 20.—The legislature in joint session today formally declared Elihu Root elected to the office of United States senator to succeed Thomas C. Platt.

Shively is Chosen.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 20.—At the joint session of the Indiana legislature Benjamin F. Shively, democrat, was elected United States senator.

Penrose in Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 20.—Boies Penrose was re-elected United States senator by the legislature in joint session today.

TRIAL OF COOPERS IS BEGUN

State Springs Surprise on Carmack's Slayers by Having Body Exhumed.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 20.—With the state set for the Cooper murder trial, it became known today that the state had prepared a surprise for the defense by having had the body of Senator Carmack exhumed and an autopsy held.

Following the murder, and in the excitement attendant upon the crime, the state neglected to order the state, secretary, and the present time the state, secretary, from which the bullets came be determined. The defense asserts that Carmack fired first. The state's theory is that Carmack was shot from behind and it appears that some time between the date of the killing and the present time the state, secretary, and at night, exhumed the body of the slain editor and caused a careful post-mortem to be performed.

The course of the bullets thus was determined and the state claims to have proof that the bullet which killed Senator Carmack entered his neck from behind.

The prisoners were escorted into the room after the preliminaries. Colonel Cooper and his son entered. Mrs. Lucius Burch, daughter of Colonel Cooper, met her father and brother with cheerful smiles and seating herself between them, conversed animatedly with them. Young Cooper was fashionably attired and seemed in splendid spirits. His father was very quiet and showed the effects of confinement. The legal talent employed in the case is imposing. For the state were Attorney General Jeff McCann, Captain G. I. Fitzgibbon of Memphis; General J. B. Garner of Lawrenceburg, and General Matt Whitaker of Winchester. For the defense were Judge M. M. Anderson, General W. H. Washington, General M. H. Meigs, Judge Ed Baxter, General N. Burch, James A. Ryan and Robert Ewing.

INTEREST IN THREE BILLS

County Option, Death Limitation and County Division Before Wyoming Legislature.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Interest in the Wyoming legislature, which today completed the first week of the forty-day session, centers in three measures. The county local option bill, introduced in both houses simultaneously, is attracting much interest, although it has not been reported back by the committee of either house. The Winkelman \$5,000 death damage limitation repeal bill has been recommended by the committee of the whole of the house for passage, but is meeting strenuous opposition from the railroad lobby. A bill for the division of Big Horn county and the creation of Park county from the western half was introduced in the house today by Hayden and is attracting much attention. It will be fought hard by representatives of the faction favoring the integrity of Big Horn county.

There is talk of the legislature adjourning in order that the members may spend several days at the stock show in Denver, and this action may be taken later in the week.

P. J. KIERAN IS GONE AGAIN

His Attorney, However, Promises that He Will Be in Court at the Proper Time.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—On the promise of Edward L. Jellinek, a Buffalo attorney, that his client, P. J. Kieran, president of the defunct Fidelity Funding company, would appear at any time he was wanted, a hearing today in the bankruptcy proceedings against the Fidelity Funding company was adjourned.

Mr. Jellinek declared that Mr. Kieran would probably be in New York within a week.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 20.—P. J. Kieran, who was in this city yesterday, has disappeared and no trace of him could be found today. One of his two attorneys, Mr. Shire, left for Des Moines last night.

LOWELL HEAD OF HARVARD

Board of Overseers Confirms Nomination as Successor to Charles William Eliot.

BOSTON, Jan. 20.—The board of overseers of Harvard college today confirmed the nomination of Prof. Abbot Lawrence Lowell as president of Harvard university to succeed Prof. Charles William Eliot.

LILLY DROPPED BY HOUSE

Inauguration as Governor of Connecticut Held to Invalidate Membership in Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—George L. Lilly, who was inaugurated governor of Connecticut on January 5 while occupying a seat in the house, was dropped from membership of that body today.

NO FIGHT FOR JUDGE

Silas A. Holcomb Declines to Bring Action for Place on Bench.

SULLIVAN IN SIMILAR MOOD

Chances Are, Therefore, Ransom's Effort Will Go for Naught.

LEGISLATORS AT STATE FARM

Shown Work Being Done by the College of Agriculture.

NEEDS OF SCHOOL EXPLAINED

Growing Rapidly and Accommodations of All Kinds Need Enlarging Unless the Work is Hampered.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—By following the leadership of Senator Frank Ransom of Douglas county in the comb doer positions on the supreme court the democratic majority of Nebraska has marched up a hill and down again, and now all that remains is to remember the advice of Farmer Taylor of Cass county, who warned them Senator Ransom was headed up a blind alley.

Judge Homer Sullivan of Broken Bow, to whom was delegated the task of bringing proceedings to seat the four appointees of Governor Shallenbarger, tonight said he did not think anything would be done. He said Judge Holcomb, in whose name the action was to have been instituted, did not wish to get a place on the supreme bench by an interview with Judge J. J. Sullivan, the other democratic appointee besides Judge Holcomb, who said he would not fight for the place.

Discussing the case Judge Homer Sullivan said: "I am of the opinion that we shall do nothing in the case. Judge Holcomb does not want to start the suit. He does not feel that it is dignified way to secure a position on the supreme bench, and a victory would mean only one year in office for him. Judge Sullivan has said he does not want to start. The attorney general has indicated he does not want to do so, therefore, it is my opinion nothing will be done."

"I have no doubt we would win a victory, but unless the attorney general starts the action there is nothing further to be done."

While the announcement of Judge Homer Sullivan would not prevent other persons from bringing the law and the conditions surrounding the case were turned over to him by Governor Shallenbarger and it is in the belief his announcement will stand. Attorney General Thompson says the case may be brought by other parties than himself, but the democrats are unable to find the right ones.

Legislators at State Farm.

A hundred members of the legislature visited the state farm this afternoon, where the faculty of the Agricultural college, with Chancellor Avery and Regents Coupland and Whitmore, explained the needs of the school and showed its operation. Several hundred members of agricultural societies were at the farm, and after a short session of speaking the members adjourned to their favorite divisions or watched the work of the students in the laboratories.

The university men frankly admitted to the legislature that the needs of the institution were increasing rapidly and that it would probably be necessary to make a building allowance out of the general fund of the state. One building under construction work and equipped with laboratories is desired, and for this the sum of \$100,000 has been mentioned.

Members of the senate and house finance committees were among the visitors by appointment of their respective chambers. In the afternoon was a series of questions by Representative Kelley of Furnas, who seeks to establish an agricultural school at Cambridge. It was brought out that the experiment station at North Platte is doing a great work for the farmers of western Nebraska.

First Railroad Valuation Bill.

S. F. 133, the first bill providing for the physical valuation of railroad property and that of public service corporations, was introduced in the legislature today by Senator Ellis of Valley. He specifies the valuation commission shall ascertain the true value of railroad, telephone, telegraph and express company property as it exists July 1, 1909, and shall employ such expert help as the governor may consent to employ, and the expenses shall be met out of money for the maintenance of the court system.

The bill provides that a railroad shall mean all corporations, individuals, associations of individuals, their lessees, assignees or receivers that now or hereafter may own, operate, manage or control any railroad or part of a railroad as a common carrier in the state, or cars or other equipment used thereon, or bridges, terminals or sidetr