

# MINERS BURIED BY DUST BLAST; MANY WILL DIE

Explosion in Main Shaft of Cross Mountain System in Tennessee Entombs Hundred Men.

FLAMES HINDER RESCUE WORK  
Body of Fan Plant Operator Found in Cave-in in Afternoon.

TWO MILES FROM THE ENTRANCE  
Fire and Smoke Stop Squads After Advancing Half Way.

THREE WORKERS MAKE ESCAPE  
Noise Gives First Warning to Men in Lateral Shaft.

DELAY OF TRAINS SAVES LIVES

President of Corporation Asserts Failure of Large Number of Miners to Arrive on Time Prevents Big Death List.

BRICEVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 9.—The body of Lee Polston was found buried in the cave-in in the main shaft of the Cross Mountain mine this afternoon. He was the operator of the mine fan plant. He leaves a wife and two children. The body was terribly mangled and partially dismembered. No other bodies have been recovered.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 9.—A "dust" explosion in the main mine of the Cross Mountain system near Briceville early today entombed a large number of workers who had just entered for the day's toil.

The mine is usually manned by 200 miners, but whether all had entered the shaft prior to the "dust" blast has not been determined.

The explosion was about two miles from the entrance to the mine. It is not yet possible to ascertain the number killed, but it is feared the loss of life will be very heavy.

Rescue preparations immediately were begun and at 10 o'clock gangs of miners from other "works" in the district had gone into the main Cross Mountain mine by three entrances.

The mine is owned and operated by the Knoxville Iron company and is about thirty-five miles from Knoxville.

As the news of the explosion spread about the Briceville district throngs of women and children crowded to the mine entrances and clamored to be allowed to make their way inside to aid in the rescue. Many of the women knew their husbands had entered the mine before the blast. Most of these wives, however, maintained brave hearts. The majority of them had witnessed almost similar scenes. One woman who rattled others about her, attempted to cheer her weeping sisters.

"Now, I know my old man ain't dead," she asserted. "I'll take more than a dust explosion to kill him."

Interior of Mine on Fire.  
Rescue work temporarily was checked before 10 o'clock. Great billows of flame began to belch from the opening so that the rescue parties were hurried back by the flames.

Members of rescue squads who were driven from the mine by flame and smoke declared they had advanced a mile into the main shaft before they were forced to retire, and that they had discovered no signs of the imprisoned men.

Just before the rescuers were driven out they encountered a cave-in in each of the entries. It was of such character as almost positively to confirm the early theory that "dust" had caused the explosion.

Three Men Escape.  
Of all the men who went into the mine three have escaped. They were John Lang, Samuel Farmer and Bert Hakmaker. They were in one of the lateral shafts. Warned by the noise they escaped before being overtaken by flames.

These men observed bad "signs" as they entered the mine. They believe the exact location of the blast is at least two miles in the interior and 300 feet from the mountain crest.

The number of men entombed is now variously estimated at 125 to 300.

Because of the cave-in and the smoke and flames it is impossible for volunteer rescuers to proceed into the mine. They must await the coming of the federal.

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### The Weather

For Nebraska—Generally fair west, rain east portion; cooler.  
For Iowa—Unsettled with rain; cooler west portion.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Deg.
6 a. m.	22
7 a. m.	23
8 a. m.	24
9 a. m.	25
10 a. m.	26
11 a. m.	27
12 m.	28
1 p. m.	29
2 p. m.	30
3 p. m.	31
4 p. m.	32
5 p. m.	33
6 p. m.	34
7 p. m.	35
8 p. m.	36
9 p. m.	37
10 p. m.	38
11 p. m.	39
12 m.	40

Comparative Local Record.

1911	1910	1909	1908
Highest temperature	49	29	37
Lowest temperature	19	19	22
Mean temperature	35	34	31
Excess for the day	19	19	19
Precipitation	22	7.90	20
Excess for the month	1.10	1.10	1.10
Normal precipitation	27	27	27
Total excess since March 1	23	23	23
Normal precipitation	23	23	23
Total rainfall since March 1	13.51	13.51	13.51
Deficiency since March 1	10.00	10.00	10.00
Excess for one period	1.30	1.30	1.30
Excess for one period	4.43	4.43	4.43

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.



ON THE WAY



DICKY JERYLL AND DICK HYDE  
CHRISTMAS IS NEAR



HELPING THE CAUSE  
DON'T FORGET THE RED CROSS STAMPS



CHURCH FAIRS

## Coming and Going in Omaha

### LYON OF TEXAS WILL LEAD FIGHT

Committee Would Keep Office Holders Out of Republican Convention.

CALLS CONFERENCE MONDAY  
Protest Will Also Be Made Against Old Threat to Reduce Delegations from Southern States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A conference of about twenty-five members of the republican national committee will be held here Monday night to protest against the old threat to reduce southern representation in republican national convention.

National Committeeman Cecil Lyon of Texas, who called the meeting will present a resolution calling on the national committee to forbid election of federal office holders as delegates.

The fight to keep federal office holders out of the national convention promises to make the meeting of the national committee next Thursday one of the liveliest in recent years. Much of the protest against the large southern delegation has been based on the fact that federal office holders have predominated and have been "swung into line" to support existing administrations.

Colonel Lyon hopes that by keeping the office holders out of the delegations, the representation of the southern states will not be impaired.

Another move to be made by Colonel Lyon and his associates will be to nullify the selection of any delegates made prior to the call of the convention by the national committee. This action was suggested by the election of Taft delegates from Alabama several months ago at a meeting called by the postmaster of Mobile, a member of the committee from Alabama.

Boomer Threat.  
The threat to reduce the southern delegations has been resurrected by Senator Bourne of Oregon.

"I am going to use my best efforts to have the forty delegates from Texas selected from republicans who are not indebted to any administration because of their employment by the government," he said.

"There will be no federal office-holders in the delegation from Texas if I can prevent it."

"Personally, I am going to insist that the candidate for president who gets our votes shall come out against the boomer proposal to cut down our representation."

"I am going further and insist that no city be given the convention whose state delegation is willing to cut down our strength in the convention."

The prospective fight appeared to have drawn the strength of the southern members of the committee to St. Louis as the convention city, although Chicago still seems to be favored by a majority.

Denver and Cincinnati also have put in bids. The Missouri delegation, it was said, could be counted on to oppose any relocation in the southern delegations.

Several national committeemen called at the White House and talked politics both with the president and Secretary Hill. President Taft will give a dinner to the committee Monday.

### Veteran Throws Self From Skyscraper

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The man who somersaulted from the dome of the World building to death on the sidewalk last Wednesday was identified today as Prince Lewis, said to be the first federal spy of the civil war.

Charles Newkirk of Jersey City made the identification and said Lewis was 53 years old, lived in Jersey City and he thought to escape poverty after the rejection of his application for a pension.

Newkirk said Lewis had recounted to him many thrilling experiences of the civil war. Many times, Newkirk said, Lewis was the bodyguard of President Lincoln.

### HIGGINS HAS HIS PAY CUT BY COMMISSIONERS

The county commissioners balked at paying J. S. Higgins \$192 for guarding a prisoner in the county hospital for thirty-two days at \$6 a day and cut the bill in half when it was presented. They said Higgins got his board and room while at work and they thought an allowance of \$5 a day would be plenty.

### The National Capital Saturday, December 9, 1911.

SENATE.  
Not in session; meets 2 p. m. Monday. More witnesses for the defense heard at Lorimer inquiry.

HOUSE.  
Met at noon. Controlling charges finally dismissed by investigating committee.

Sugar trust inquiry continued with evidence that "the trust" is disposing of some beet and cane factory holdings.

Free raw material doctrine attacked in speech by Representative Burgess of Texas.

Preparation of appropriation bills begun.

Investigation of entire Interior department proposed by Mr. Graham of Illinois. Debate on Sherman bill to increase pensions is resumed.

### Rev. F. W. Sanford is Found Guilty of Causing Six Deaths

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 9.—Rev. Frank W. Sanford, leader of the Holy Ghost and its seniors, was found guilty of causing the death of six persons on board the yacht Coronet by the jury in the United States district court today. Sanford will be sentenced this month.

The jury was out less than an hour and returned a verdict of guilty on each of the six counts. The penalty for each of the offenses is a fine not exceeding \$5000 or imprisonment for not exceeding ten years or both. Sanford was released on \$3,000 bail.

Sanford said he had no witnesses to offer, but he was permitted to make a statement.

He declared that High Heaven was watching to see that a fair trial was being given. Sanford declared that the destination of the Coronet was determined before the wreck of the ship Kingdom took place. It was expected to sail for Hudson Bay, Greenland, etc., he said, and all were greatly disappointed at the wreck of the Kingdom on Mud Island, off the coast of Africa. The destination of the Coronet was unchanged by the wreck of the Kingdom. With earnestness Sanford told of his instructions from God to continue.

"I said, Father, what next? What next? Now that we have this company on board?"

"I received this answer, and I make this statement advisedly, knowing what I am doing. I received this answer:

"Continue."

"I understand its meaning to be to go on with the work. It was thoroughly discussed and finally it was decided to go on with the work, which took us to the far north."

Sanford's manner was that of a preacher rather than a witness.

### Revenue Cutter Hunts Filibusters

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 8.—The United States revenue cutter, the *Albatross*, was dispatched from New Orleans last night to search for a filibustering expedition along the Gulf coast concerning which well defined rumors are said to have reached secret service agents. The supposed expedition is said to be armed with the Mexican government.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 9.—A report today from Carrizosa, Mexico, between Camargo and Matamoros, in the state of Tamaulipas, is that a party of six, supposed to have been headed by General Bernardo Reyes, had purchased six horses from a ranchman and started for San Juan and Monterey.

### Dr. Eliot Operated On for Appendicitis

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—A dispatch was received here today stating that President Emeritus Charles W. Eliot of Harvard was operated on for appendicitis at Kandy, Ceylon, today. The dispatch states the operation was apparently successful and that a quick recovery was expected. Dr. Eliot left here a month ago for a tour around the world, accompanied by his wife, his daughter, a niece and his private secretary.

### IRRIGATION CONGRESS TO MEET IN SALT LAKE CITY

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Salt Lake City was named as next year's place of meeting of the National Irrigation congress, and United States Senator Newlands of Nevada was elected president today. Dr. Harvey W. Wiley urged sanitation of streams used for irrigation purposes. He declared fresh fish and oyster beds are being contaminated by sewage.

### GRIDIRON CLUB GRILLS REVOLT

Red Banner of Insurgency is Flung to Brezgas at Annual Dinner.

DR. WILEY IS MADE PRESIDENT  
Supreme Court is Recalled, Sugar Trust Pulled Apart and Steel Trust Sentenced for Gold Bricking Today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—"Round the table are officers fair; President and congress all are there. Look them over, you insurgent horde; And take them all if you have the sword. This touching little parody of a verse from Whittier's poem, "Barbara Frietche," gave the keynote to the December dinner of the Gridiron club tonight.

The red banner of insurgency was flung to the breeze and every skit and gibe was super-charged with the spirit of revolt against present conditions, political, social and personal. Nothing was too sacred to escape the irony and wit of the actors who played their parts on the small stage and the choristers who chanted to the tune of popular airs the grievances of the common people and the glowing promises of the reformers.

That venerable body, the United States supreme court, came in for its share of attention early in the evening. After an over-enthusiastic vote of the members and the presidential chair, the supreme court found itself completely reconstructed, having passed through the process of "bricking."

The new court was headed by "Bath House John" Coughlin, as chief justice, and among the associate justices were Eugene Debs, "Hinky Dink" Kenna, Sam Gompers, "Pinger" Connors, Charlie Murphy, Stubbs of Kansas, Ex-Senator Aldrich and Theodore Roosevelt.

When the attorney for the sugar trust, which was on trial before the court, sought to call attention to the law in the case he was chided by the chief justice with "Can that chatter about the law. We make our own laws." The trust was convicted and ordered "pulled apart."

Steel Trust Next Victim.  
The steel trust was the next victim, charged with having "gold-bricked T. R." although the justice of that name violently protested that "they didn't gold-brick me." The protest did not avail and the president of the trust was sentenced to four hours private conversation with Attorney General Wickesham.

An appeal for an injunction to prevent Bryan from again running for the presidency was denied by Justice Aldrich, who said: "Oh, let him run. What difference does it make?" Attorney General Wickesham asked for an injunction to restrain Champ Clark from annexing Canada, but one of the justices suggested reciprocal action by inviting Canada to annex Champ Clark.

A petition to prevent the Taft boomers from grabbing the presidential nomination from Bob La Follette was denied on the ground that "it is no crime to take candy from a child."

In the stirring ballad of "Barbara Frietche," which was dramatized for this occasion, was shown the rough window of the little cottage in Frederic, Me., when General Jackson's troops passed through the old town. Framed in the casement was the face of "Uncle Joe" Cannon, representing the "standpat" element, while the confederate leader was depicted as La Follette in the little military procession. With melodramatic effect the troops halted and musketry crashed.

Then Barbara leaned out on her window sill. And she held her banner with a royal will. "Shoot if you must this old gray head, But spare your party's flag," she said.

As the troops withdrew the reader gave the last stanza as follows:

"The nation lives and fears no foe, The nation lives and fears no foe."  
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### Announcement of Winners in Second Bee Booklovers' Contest will be made in The Omaha Sunday Bee December 17

### THAW JEWELS ARE RETURNED BY THIEVES

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 9.—Associated press reports were received here today that jewelry valued at \$5,300, stolen from the residence of Mrs. William Thaw, Jr., January 24 last, while the family was at dinner, were returned. The robbery was committed by thieves of international reputation who hastened to Chicago from Pittsburgh and offered to return the jewels if Mrs. Thaw paid the price demanded, about \$20,000. Mrs. Thaw refused to confirm or deny the report.

### FORMER GOVERNOR BUCHTEL DENIES THE PEONAGE STORY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Former Governor Henry A. Buchtel of Colorado in a statement today vigorously denied that conditions approaching peonage existed in the Colorado sugar beet fields.

He referred to the testimony of James Bodin before the house committee that men and women were worked eleven hours a day at back-breaking labor. Governor Buchtel explained that these persons were Russians or Italians who worked by the job, not by the day.

### BRIBE TENDERED TO EDGAR Lawyer Says Harvester Agent Offered Money to Stop Tax Suit.

PART OF LORIMER DEFENSE  
Attempt to Show that Combine is Back of Fight on Senator—Man Accused Denies the Charge.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Maxwell Edgar, a Chicago lawyer, who in 1907 led a legal fight to force the International Harvester company to pay more taxes, testified today before the Lorimer senatorial investigating committee that he had been offered \$50,000 to desist. He said the offer was made by a Chicago lawyer name Tene, who claimed to represent Clarence S. Darrow and Edgar A. Baneroff, the latter an attorney for the company.

Edgar declared he believed Baneroff had used Darrow as a go-between. The fight continued, he said, in an increase of the taxes on the McCormick family's International Harvester stocks from practically nothing to about \$75,000 a year and compulsory payment of about \$500,000 back taxes.

Edgar's testimony came unexpectedly and a lively fight was precipitated over its admissibility.

Judge Hines, counsel for Senator Lorimer, hotly declared that if allowed to introduce it, he would show that the tax fight had been charged indirectly to Senator Lorimer and his friends by the principal owners of the harvester company and that it was the basis of the charges of corruption against Lorimer.

Edgar testified further that pressure to quit the fight had been brought to bear on him by officials of Hearst newspapers in Chicago.

Tone Contradicts Story.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—D. K. Tone, attorney, said Edgar's statement was not correct.

"The facts were these," said Mr. Tone. "Acting as counsel for the Chicago Teachers' Federation, I brought a mandamus suit against the Cook County Board of Review to compel it to assess the franchise and capital stock of the International Harvester company for back taxes. We joined forces with Edgar, who represented the Tax Reform association."

"Clarence S. Darrow, representing the company, asked us to compromise, saying the company was willing to pay a reasonable amount, including the expense of prosecution. The whole thing was submitted to the teachers' federation and the question of attorneys' fees was approved by the court."

"The result was that the company paid \$15,000. There were no dealings except those of which our clients and the court were fully aware."

### Six Men Accepted For Packers' Jury

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Six members of the jury that will try the Chicago packers indicted for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust act had been accepted tentatively by both government and defense today when an adjournment until Monday was taken. Five others had been examined and passed by the defense and will be given to the government after the panel is concluded. Possibility that the venire might be dismissed and no other summoned was seen when M. B. Veale of Malta said he had been approached by another venireman and asked his opinions.

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Dalzell's Ice Cream Bricks  
Boxes of O'Brien's Candy

# CONSTITUTION FOR CHINA DRAWN BY CONFERENCE

Delegates from Eight Provinces Make Draft of Proposed Fundamental Law for Republic.

WILL BE SUBMITTED TO PEOPLE  
Instrument Must Be Approved by Convention Within Six Months.

CHANG HSIN IS DESTROYED  
City Within Twelve Miles of Peking Burned by Revolutionaries.

GENERAL HSUN ASSASSINATED  
Man Who Helped Conduct Imperial Defense at Nanking Killed.

MODERATES WIN AT AMOY

New Local Assembly Will Take Over Powers of Old Council—Revolutionary Soldiers Clamoring for Their Pay.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Further details of the draft of the constitution of the proposed Chinese republic, drawn up by the chiefs of the revolutionary movement during their conference with Wu Ting-fang, are given in a special news dispatch received here today. Eight provinces were represented at the conference.

The draft, besides providing for the election by the provisional government of a provisional president, says that he must call a convention of the people within six months to confirm the constitution. All the acts of the national assembly, which is to be composed of representatives appointed by the provisional government, must be confirmed by the president of the republic before going into effect.

The president of the republic is to be commander-in-chief of the army and is to possess the power, with the concurrence of the national assembly, of declaring war, making treaties, appointing diplomatic representatives and bringing courts of justice.

The Chinese revolutionaries have destroyed Chang Hsin, about twelve miles southwest of Peking, according to a special news dispatch from Tien Tsin. All foreigners are safe.

Imperial General Assassinated.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—A dispatch from Shanghai reports the assassination of General Chang Hsin, who helped conduct the imperial defense at Nanking. Viceroy Chang (Chun) and General Meng-chu general, Tih Tsiang, who escaped from Nanking upon his capture, are said to have taken refuge in southern Manchuria.

Moderates Win at Amoy.  
AMOY, Dec. 9.—Moderates are declared to have carried by large majority yesterday's election for a local assembly to take over the powers of the old executive council.

The new assembly's first problem will be to meet the demand for funds with which to pay the soldiers who are clamoring for money. An attempt is being made to re-establish the old likin or provincial customs tax, which was abolished by the new regime in the first flush of success.

Advices from Swatow, a few miles down the coast, announce that a serious conflict between revolutionary factions is feared there. Two thousand Cantonese are arrayed against the local troops.

Shops at Canton Looted.  
HONG KONG, Dec. 9.—Bandits today looted the works shop of the Canton-Hankow railway, killing one foreman, a foreigner and several workmen.

All about Canton, the bandits are continuing their activities. The river pirates, however, appear to have been effectively suppressed and at all points along the West river is quiet.

A force of 3,000 revolutionary troops is preparing to leave Canton for the north to join the army at Wu Chang.

### THREE SERIOUS ACCIDENTS AT MARSHALLTOWN

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Four people were injured in three accidents that happened within a few hours near here today. James Barton, Jr., and Mrs. Albert Robertson of St. Anthony were thrown one of automobiles and received serious injuries when the car ran into a ditch and turned over.

While attempting to stop a runaway team, Volney A. Keese of Ferguson was knocked down, dragged and trampled by the horses. Three ribs were broken and he was injured internally.

While adjusting a gasoline engine Charles Clay of Gilman got his arm caught in the gearing, crushing his hand so badly it had to be amputated.

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