

Bodies of Seven Dead Miners Located in New Mexico Mine; Believes 115 Others are Dead

RESCUE PARTIES ARE CONTINUING EFFORTS

One Hundred and Twenty-Two Men Were Entombed in Mine, and Majority Are Believed to Be Dead.

RESCUE WORKERS ALSO SUFFERING

And Four Were Overcome by Fumes While in Mines.—Rescue Work to Be Kept at Full Speed.

Dawson, N. M., Feb. 9. (By the Associated Press).—Two miners of the 122 entombed yesterday in Mine No. 1 here of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation, came out alive today.

They walked out unassisted, as they neared the mouth of the mine they met a rescue party coming in.

They were in the fourth south tier of the property when the terrific blast came. They immediately put out the lights on their lamps with the intention of saving these for use in making their escape.

The British and French naval craft now at Smyrna have been instructed to remain in the harbor while the allied commissioners demanded that the Ankara government countermand its order for the departure of these ships.

London, Feb. 9. (By the Associated Press).—An agreement has been reached between Turkish authorities in Smyrna and allied naval commanders, says the Exchange Telegraph dispatch via Constantinople, under which the status quo would be maintained, ending diplomatic negotiations.

At 4:30 o'clock all the miners of the day shift who were in the mine when the explosion is reported to have occurred, were still entombed, according to the message.

Mine No. 1 at Dawson is owned by the Phelps-Dodge corporation. Calls for help have been despatched to the St. Louis Rocky Mountain and Pacific Mining Company at Butte.

The mine is the largest in the Dawson district. It was the scene of an explosion in 1913, in which many lives were lost.

All the heavy concrete work at the mouth of the main entry was blown to ruin by the force of the explosion, indicating that the extent of the blast in the deeper workings was tremendous, according to information received here.

The debris choking the mouth of the entrance was partially removed at 4 o'clock this afternoon and a rescue crew which was accompanied by W. D. Brennan, manager of the mine, made an entry.

With the arrival of the mine rescue car sent by the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company from Trinidad, Col., rescue work was pushed with renewed energy.

Four members of the rescue crews have been overcome by the fumes and have had to be carried out by their comrades. Many of the rescuers have been struck by falling rocks.

The walls and ceilings of the tunnels are shaky and excavating parties frequently are obliged to clear the tunnels of debris that has fallen behind them.

The explosion was of such force that it toppled the cement walls which formed the exterior of the entrance, and hurled large timbers 50 to 100 feet away.

The explosion was heard all over Dawson, and the third brought a group of anxious wives, mothers and other relatives to the pit head.

NEGRO CONFESSES TO NUMBER OF MURDERS

Roy Mitchell Said to Have Confessed That He Has Killed 8 Persons in Year.

Waco, Tex., Feb. 9.—Roy Mitchell, negro, today was closely guarded by officers after his alleged confession to Sheriff Stegall and County Attorney C. S. Farmer last night to eight murders in and about Waco within the past year.

The negro is under a charge of murder in all those cases also confessed, officials said, to the shooting and wounding of a man and woman in an automobile here in May 1922 and to two recent hold-ups.

Getting Ready for Legion Convention.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Feb. 9.—The Coleman-Pitt Post of the American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary already have started preparations for the annual convention of the North Carolina American Legion which will be held here some time next September.

Ben H. Thomas, post commander, today stated that he would announce the personnel of committees to complete arrangements for the meeting at an early date.

In a single day one piano store in New York sold 250 grand pianos, all of which were actually on view.

TURKS HAVE ISSUED FURTHER DEMANDS

It is Reported That They Have Ordered All Allied Warships to Leave Port at Ismed.

EXPLOSION CATCHES MINERS IN CANADA

More Than Fifty Workers Buried in Ground When Fire-Damp Explosion Occurred Thursday.

SEVERAL BODIES ARE BROUGHT UP

Most of Miners Were Canadians, But Some of Them Were Chinese.—Think Few Escaped Death.

(By the Associated Press.) Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 9.—Bodies of 21 victims of the fire-damp explosion in the second level of Mine No. 3 of the Canadian Collieries company at Cumberland last night had been brought to the surface at 3 o'clock this morning, according to a long distanced telephone message to the Canadian Press here.

It was estimated that thirty bodies are still in the mine. All the bodies, it was expected would be removed by 1:30 this afternoon. About 30 victims were said to be Chinese.

Find Some Bodies. Cumberland, British Columbia, Feb. 9.—The bodies of 30 miners who perished in the Canadian Collieries on Vancouver Island, near here, after an explosion of fire damp at 8 o'clock last night, had been brought out early today.

Word was received that four men were alive in mine No. 3. A Chinese in a hospital is the only other known survivor. Most of the victims were white men, though there was a sprinkling of orientals.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at an Advance of 5 Points to a Decline of 2 Points.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 9.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 5 points to a decline of 2 points, and held fairly steady during the early trading owing to steady late cables from Liverpool, reports of a better tone in the foreign exchange rates, and diminishing nervousness over the Near East situation.

The weather map was considered favorable, and while selling of new crop months was restricted by the discounts there was considerable pressure against July.

Cotton futures opened steady, March 27.75; May 28.02; July 27.40; Oct. 27.05; Dec. 24.74.

LASKER NOT TO GET PLACE IN CABINET

Seis at Rest Rumor That He Will Be Appointed by President Harding.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 9.—Chairman A. D. Lasker, of the shipping board, said during a visit to the White House today that he desired to see finally in rest published reports that he might be appointed to a place in the cabinet. He declared he knew definitely there was no possibility of such an appointment.

ENTER PLEAS OF GUILTY

Wealthy Importers Enter Amended Pleas of Guilty in New York Court.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 9.—Morgan E. Williams A. Rene M. and Montego Montague, wealthy distillers and importers, today entered amended pleas of guilty to charges of the illegal sale of 30,000 gallons of liquor for which they were indicted recently after a Federal grand jury investigation of the fashionable racquet and tennis club.

Wanda Hawley, Movie Actress, Suing Husband for Divorce.

Los Angeles, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Selma Hawley, motion picture actress, better known as Wanda Hawley, filed suit for divorce in the Los Angeles Superior court today charging her husband, Allan Burton Hawley, with desertion and cruelty.

The couple were married September 13, 1916, and separated October 13, 1922, it was recited in the complaint.

The papers were filed through an attorney, Mrs. Hawley being in Europe, according to friends. Her husband "as said to be in New York."

New Church For Salisbury.

(By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 8.—The St. John's Lutheran Church, of this city, will build a new church at the north corner of Innes and Church streets, it has been announced. Plans and specifications will be decided upon immediately.

Kiwians Discuss Road Aid.

Hickory, N. C., Feb. 8.—Members of Kiwanis club committees appointed to discuss ways and means of securing state aid, for the Central Highway will meet in Newton Thursday, Stateville, Salisbury, Newton and Hickory will be represented.

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FINE CROWDS ATTEND INSTITUTE SESSIONS

Attendance at Sessions of Sunday School Institute Was Better Thursday Than It Was on Wednesday.

FINE ADDRESSES FEATRE MEETING

E. T. Albertson, D. W. Sims and Miss Daisy Magee Discuss Subjects of Unusual Interest.

(By the Associated Press.) Fine addresses by D. W. Sims, E. T. Albertson and Miss Daisy Magee featured the sessions of the Sunday School Institute Thursday.

Mr. C. F. Ritchie presided at the afternoon session Thursday, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. C. Lyerly.

Those who attended the Institute Thursday afternoon enjoyed very much the address on the "Sunday School Council Meeting" by Mr. Albertson, and the practical suggestions were adapted to practically every school.

One of the features emphasized was the necessity of recognizing the new day in which we are now living, that the individual superintendent can no longer be effective without the sympathetic cooperation of all his teachers and officers.

He insisted the one way to get these people together was to plan supper meetings at which time a fellowship could be developed, thus tying the entire group together with social bonds and common interest.

The program which follows this fellowship must be of a practical type. The following outline was given for a year's program:

- 1. A review of the local school standard as proposed by the individual denomination.
2. The relationship of the Sunday school and the preaching service and the need for their co-operation.
3. The co-operation of parents and teachers.
4. An awakened conscience on the part of teachers and their associates.
5. Special days with an objective.
6. Winning every pupil to Christ and to the Church.
7. Effective ways of training workers.
8. Sunday School music, and its value in worship.
9. Review of the Standard and the year's success.
10. The Annual Picnic, for the whole School.

An address by Miss Daisy Magee, and a "problem solving period, conducted by Mr. D. W. Sims, featured the remainder of the afternoon session.

At the night session Mr. J. J. Barnhardt presided, with devotional exercises led by Rev. G. W. Rollins. Mr. Albertson spoke on "The Superintendent To Be," Mr. Sims on "Better Results by Better Co-operation," and Miss Magee on "The Challenge to Religious Education."

Those who heard the address of Miss Magee counted themselves very fortunate. Miss Magee stated that all normal persons are born with a four-fold nature—a physical, a mental, a social and a religious nature.

Pharaoh said he had discovered peoples without government, without an educational system and almost without food or clothes, but he had never found a nation that did not worship something.

"A well rounded education includes the development of all four natures, and a person who has only one of these natures trained is a one-sided person, and an undeveloped nature has a tendency to die. This is true of the religious as well as the other nature.

The child of the North American Indian Mother will worship the Indian mother's god, Buddha, Mohammed or Jesus Christ, largely according as it is taught.

"The first challenge comes to religious education because all men are born with a religious nature that should be developed so that the person will accept and worship the Christ. The second challenge comes because it is a dangerous thing to train a child mentally and not spiritually. Germany trained men mentally to a much greater extent than spiritually. The result was a world war and atheism. America is neglecting religious training. There are said to be more than eleven million children under 13 years of age, and thirty-seven million young people under twenty-five years of age in North America receiving no systematic religious education.

"What institution will give the religious education? The public schools cannot teach the Bible as a text book, first because if this is done the principle of separation of Church and State, for which the Protestant people of North America stand, will be violated; second, because if the Bible is placed as a text book in the curricula of the public schools it will be taught largely as history and literature and not as God's message to the

HOUSE TO APPROVE DEBT FUNDING PLAN

Approval of Senate Settlement by the House Before Midnight Was Made Certain During Day.

MAJORITY FOR PLAN, PREDICTED

Agreement to Limit Debate to Four Hours for Both Parties Means a Vote by Early Night.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 9.—Approval of the senate debt settlement by the House before midnight was made certain today when a unanimous consent agreement was entered into that general debate should be limited to four hours, equally divided between the republicans and democrats.

Republican managers predicted an overwhelming majority in favor of approval of the legislation which would amend the existing debt funding bill so as to authorize the British settlement and in addition would empower the American debt commission to enter into settlements with the other debtor nations on "similar but not more favorable terms."

Meyer London, of New York, the only socialist representative announced at the outset of the day's proceedings that he was in favor of the settlement.

COLLECTOR GRISSON GIVES OUT FIGURES

First Seven Months of Fiscal Year of 1924 Show Large Increase in Revenue.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 9.—With \$77,018,170.52 in revenue already collected for the first seven months of the fiscal year 1924 in North Carolina, Gilliam Grisson, district revenue collector, tonight stated that if the present rate of collections continued a total of \$133,000,000 would be reached for the twelve month period.

"We cannot, of course, tell what the next five months will bring," he said, "but in the past these have been big months in our collections. Tobacco is largely responsible for the increase this year."

The first seven months of the fiscal year 1923 showed a total of \$72,986,057.70 collected in the state, approximately \$4,000,000 less than the same period of the present year.

A record was established by the state last year, its total of \$123,000,000 showing the smallest reduction in the country from the previous year's income, which was about \$125,000,000, said Mr. Grisson.

"For the first seven months in the fiscal year 1922, we collected \$67,769,150.85," he continued, "we compare this with the \$72,985,067.70 in 1923 and the \$77,018,170.52 in 1924. We can see easily how North Carolina has been progressing in a financial way."

These figures reflect prosperity, the collector industry being the largest of the increases paid into the United States treasury through the revenue department. We were the only state in the Union last year to hold our own, and the prospect of a greater showing this year is even brighter."

\$75,000 FIRE IN CHARLOTTE

W. E. Ferguson & Co., and Craig-Fite Cash Store Principal Losses in Blaze

(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, Feb. 9.—Fire which burned several hours sending volumes of smoke through the down town section of Charlotte last night, caused damage estimated at \$65,000 to building and wholesale grocery products concern of W. E. Ferguson & Co.

The loss to the Craig-Fite Cash store was placed today at \$10,000 and both that and the loss by the Ferguson Company was said to be covered by insurance.

Chief of Russian Church in Poland Is Killed.

(By the Associated Press.) Warsaw, Feb. 9.—The chief of the Russian Church in Poland, the Metropolitan George, was assassinated last night by the Russian monk, Smaragd. The assassin belonged to a group of clergy opposed to the Metropolitan branch of the latter's pro-Polish attitude.

Have you taken advantage of the One-Fourth off Sale of the Browns-Cannon Company? Lots of men have. It's your chance to save now on suits and overcoats.

The largest anti-friction bearing in the world, recently on show in London, weighed more than a ton, and was more than four feet in height.

Gastonia Cotton Mill To Add Many Spindles

(By the Associated Press.) Gastonia, N. C., Feb. 9.—Twenty-five thousand spindles will be added to the local plant of the Jencks Spinning Company here, it was learned today following receipt from Pawcatuck, R. I., last night of news that a contract had been awarded for the last addition to the mill within the last 12 months.

A three-story addition will be added to the two-story addition recently completed, according to the announcement today from the offices of the Lory division of the concern, and the changes will make the plant one of the largest textile mills under one roof in the South.

The three-story addition, it was said, will be 105 by 235 feet, and the extra space will be used for carding, spinning and weaving equipment.

INCREASED IMMIGRATION BLOCKED IN CONGRESS

Majority in the House Favor Rigid Restriction.

(Capital News Service).—Large employers of unskilled labor, who have worked their lobbies overtime in the United States Capitol to secure a "liberalization" of the present strict quota immigration act, are discouraged at the attitude of members of the House of Representatives.

The bill proposed, all of which have been referred to the House Committee on Immigration, which has yet to report, include one to exclude all immigrants who can not, under the decision of the Supreme Court, ever attain citizenship in this country; this would eliminate all Japanese immigration. Another would reduce the yearly quota of nationals of any country here according to the census of 1910 from 3 to 2 per cent, but would base the quota upon the census of 1880, which would have the effect of greatly increasing immigration from northern Europe. Another bill proposes that all immediate relatives of immigrants already here be admitted, outside the quota law, and four hundred additional be allowed in, regardless of the state of the quota. Another bill brings next year's quota to operate this year, to take care of refugees seeking haven in this country.

The probabilities are that none of these bills will be reported; universal sentiment seems to be that the present law is sufficiently liberal, if not too liberal, and that the United States neither needs nor desires a greater proportion of foreign born than it is now in the process of assimilating every year.

SENATOR SIMMONS NO CANDIDATE FOR LEADER

Senator Withdraws in Consideration of Health and Party Harmony.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 8.—The Simmons-Robinson contest for the minority leadership was brought to a sudden conclusion late this afternoon with a formal statement from Senator Overman saying his colleague would not continue the contest.

This striving for the minority leadership has been a development that has attracted a vast amount of attention. It may seem a trifle singular that men should have been so much interested, but nevertheless they were.

In the first place some have marveled that any senator should seek the position as leader, either of the majority or the minority. It has used up Mr. Lodge pretty well, and only recently some one remarked that it killed Kern, of Indiana, and Martin, of Virginia. One argument against Mr. Simmons was that the job should be assigned to the younger man, that he would have had training, and would be just the right age to assume the leadership of the majority should the Democrats secure control of the Senate in two or four years from now.

Some said the bosses, like Murphy and Taggart, had ranged themselves behind the candidacy of the Arkansas senator. But there was no outward indication of it if the Tammany chieftain had concerned himself with the political aspirations of Mr. Robinson. Only a day or so ago Senator-elect Copeland ranged himself alongside the open supporters of Mr. Simmons. Frank A. Hampton, secretary of the senatorial campaign committee, is to attend the dinner to be given in New York in honor of Dr. Copeland, and is to be the guest while in that city of the senator-elect. The attitude of Dr. Copeland was one of the developments which led the friends of Senator Simmons recently to lay confident claims to a majority.

IRISH REBELS DO NOT WANT PEACE

Refuse to Enter Negotiations for Peace With People of Free State Government.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Feb. 9.—The Irish rebels have declined to enter into peace negotiations, according to a press association dispatch from Dublin.

Liam Lynch, chief of the republican forces in reply to the peace proposal of Liam Leasy, informed him officially on behalf of the "republican government and army commands" that the proposal could not be considered.

Surrender Proposal Not Considered.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Feb. 9.—The proposal for the surrender contained in Liam Leasy's letter to Edmund de Valera and other leading irregulars cannot be considered, says an official communique issued today by republican headquarters, state government on behalf of "the republican government," and its army council.

Sawyer Withdraws Appeal.

(By the Associated Press.) Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 8.—C. M. Sawyer, sentenced to serve eight years in the state penitentiary following his conviction on the charge of conspiracy to burn his store here, and who appealed to the supreme court, has withdrawn his petition and has been taken to Raleigh to begin his term of imprisonment.

Stealing Secrets by Radio.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Feb. 9.—The members of an important business circle, which meets each week to discuss large transactions, were mystified recently to find that the results of their deliberations were known to the outside world even during the progress of meetings held behind closed doors.

For some time no solution of the mystery could be found, but one day a curious bell was seen to have slipped down below the waistcoat of one of their number. He insisted at first that it was a support recommended by his doctor, but eventually he admitted that it was a miniature wireless transmitting set.

The belt contained the necessary batteries arranged like cartridges in a bandolier, the aerial aerial was a long coil of wire attached to his waistcoat. In his coat pocket was a tapping key which worked a muffled buzzer.

The signals sent out by this apparatus were, of course, very weak, but they were easily picked up by a large and very sensitive valve receiver situated in an office on the opposite side of the street.

The leakage was explained at once. The offender was ejected minus his body belt—which was kept in a safe, and secrecy was at last obtained.

Great Britain's first output of coal in 1922 was 290,400,000 tons, a record, which was 85,000,000 tons more than the output of 1921.

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