

GOLDMINE WRECKED

Two Large Boilers Explode at the Haile Plant

HEAVY DAMAGE TO MACHINERY

One Man Dead and Several Seriously Injured by Boiler Explosion at the Haile Gold Mine.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—One of the most fearful boiler explosions that ever occurred in South Carolina took place Monday morning at 9:07 o'clock at the Haile gold mine in Lancaster county, two and one-half miles from Kershaw, when the two 100-horse power boilers blew up demolishing the engine house and mammoth stamp mill and seriously injuring four men, one of whom was a son of Capt. and Mrs. A. Thies, of this city.

Other than that the water is supposed to have been allowed to get too low in one of the boilers nothing of a definite nature is known as to the cause of the accident. Boiler No. 1 blew up and one of the flying fragments of iron knocked off the dome of boiler No. 2, which also then exploded. The shock was terrific, its force being very perceptible, even in Kershaw, more than two miles away. It simply demolished everything about the place, some of the parts of the boilers being hurled far upon the sides of the adjacent hills. Mr. O. C. Gardner, who happened to be standing behind a post but ten feet away from the boilers, when the catastrophe occurred, was thrown through the side of the engine house and into the stamp mill hard by, and was practically unharmed. The injured are:

Mr. Ernest A. Thies, superintendent of the mine, seriously burned about head and body and face and neck cut by falling debris.

Mr. B. M. Truesdel, badly burned.

Mr. J. F. Pittman, engineer, burned and stunned by falling pieces of wood and brick. Not seriously hurt.

Mr. E. M. Ogburn, burned and cut by falling timbers.

The accident took place shortly after 9 o'clock. The engines at the time were running smoothly, apparently performing their accustomed duties in their accustomed way. There was nothing slack so far as any of those about the place could tell to indicate that there was anything wrong. If the water was low in one of the boilers no one was aware of it. Mr. Thies, who happened to be passing through, observed to Mr. Pittman, the engineer, that his clock was four minutes slow and suggested that he move it forward a little. This Mr. Pittman proceeded to do. He stepped up on a box to get at the clock and had just accomplished his mission and was climbing down when the explosion occurred. Mr. Thies was buried beneath the debris, his face being cut by flying bricks and falling timbers and his head and body seriously burned. Messrs. Pittman, Truesdel and Ogburn, the three other men in the building, were also hurled to the floor and almost if not altogether covered by the loose material which fell all about them.

Mr. Thies Dies.

Mr. Ernest Thies, who was so seriously injured, lingered until 1:30 o'clock Tuesday morning and died without ever regaining consciousness. Mr. Thies was about 40 years of age and was unmarried. He was prominent in business and social circles.

Cardinal Gibbons Has Relapse.

Rome, By Cable.—Cardinal Gibbons suffered a slight relapse due to over-exertion in attending the audience granted by the Pope on Saturday. Sunday's services at the Vatican and Monday's congregation. As a result the cardinal may have to cancel all present plans and remove to the country for a season of complete rest.

They Must Be Tried Again.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—W. E. Brees, W. H. Penland and J. E. Diekeren, the three former officials of the defunct First National Bank of Asheville, must again stand trial on a criminal charge. This was the effect of Judge Newman's decision in United States District Court in holding that the original bill of indictment found at Greensboro in 1897 and charging conspiracy was not defective. The motion of counsel for the defense to quash the bill was therefore over-ruled and the noted case will again be aired in a court of justice.

Army Officers on Endurance Test.

Burlington, Vt., Special.—Tired but apparently in excellent physical condition, fourteen army officers under command of Major General Frederick D. Grant, are encamped just outside Fort Ethan Allen, after the first day of their endurance test as horsemen. They galloped, trotted and walked their horses for 71-2 hours Monday, completing a circuit of thirty miles.

THREE BURN TO DEATH

Suffocated by Gas and Cut Off From Rescue by Flames Which Follow an Explosion, Three Young Ladies Are Burned Almost Beyond Recognition.

Wheeling, W. Va., Special.—Escaping gas in the building in South Eoff street, occupied by Mrs. J. S. Gavin as a millinery store and residence, caused a fire early Tuesday which resulted in the death of three persons and the possible fatal injury of one other, while six more were compelled to jump from the third-story windows to escape the flames. The dead: Clara Gavin, 27 years old. Mamie Gavin, 29 years old. Margaret Gavin, aged 21 years. The injured: Mrs. J. S. Gavin, bruised and back injured.

The dead girls were daughters of Mrs. Gavin and were suffocated as they slept on the third floor. Two servant girls and four sons of Mrs. Gavin jumped from third-story windows and escaped with minor injuries.

Managers Meet Taft.

Hot Springs, Va., Special.—W. Arthur I. Vorys, the Ohio Taft manager, and Mr. Taft's publicity assistant, Gus J. Karger, here Tuesday and Frank H. Hitchcock, national chairman, arriving Wednesday, the spotlights of the Republican national campaign seem about to focus on the Virginia mountains. From this time on Mr. Vorys will spend the major portion of his time with his chief. He has endeavored to familiarize himself with every local political situation in Ohio and Tuesday, added from 15,000 to 20,000 votes to his previous estimate that the Buckeye State would give the Republican national ticket a hundred thousand plurality. Though Mr. Vorys brings with him a demand from every part of the State for the presence of Mr. Taft during the campaign, the decided inclination of the candidate, as well as the judgment of his advisers is against a traveling campaign. The important problem Mr. Hitchcock will present will be the selection of the members of the advisory committee of nine, decided on as a means of aiding in financing the national campaign. It is predicted that these men will be chosen for the most part from the commercial centres of the country and whose abilities in financial affairs are already recognized. Mr. Taft divided his time between correspondence, conferences, work on his speech of the 21st to the Virginians who are coming here and a game of golf in which he clipped two strokes from his previous record of 90.

Printers in "Hub City."

Boston, Special.—State and city united in a cordial welcome to the delegates attending the fifty-fourth annual convention of the International Typographical Union, the seventh annual convention of the International Stereotypers and Electrotypers' Union, the Mailers' Trade District Union, a subordinate organization, and the Woman's Auxiliary of the International Typographical Union. This meeting is made up of delegates from all the local branches of the Typographical union, and is the oldest, the strongest and the most influential body of organized labor in the world.

Messenger Pouch Stolen.

Washington, Special.—A messenger's pouch, containing United States government pay checks for nearly \$2,000, was stolen early last week in front of the building occupied by the Department of Commerce and Labor, according to Chief Wilkie, of the secret service. The pouch was found with the pay checks gone while the other mail it contained was intact, between this city and Alexandria, Va. The identity of the robber is not known.

Raise Texas Rates.

Houston, Texas, Special.—A raise of 10 per cent. in inter-State freight rates and steamship rates to Texas common points became effective Monday. Owing to neglect in filing the new tariff with the inter-State commerce commission, the increase will not affect the seaport cities, Galveston, Houston and Beaumont, until next fall.

National Luther League.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—With delegates from all the State and local leagues in the country in attendance, the eighth convention of the National Luther League opened in Chicago. A chorus of 500 voices has been trained for the occasion. Senator Nelson delivered the address at the grand rally. There are 161 Lutheran churches in Chicago and more Lutherans than in Berlin. Elaborate preparations have been made by the local congregations for the entertainment of their visitors.

Review of the Crop Situation.

Washington, Special.—A general review of the present crop situation, issued by the Bureau of Statistics of the Agricultural Department shows that the condition of the entire country is somewhat better than a year ago, but slightly below the average for the past ten years for this season. In the South Atlantic States the condition is four per cent better than last year and five per cent above the average for eleven years.

COMMITTEES NAMED

Chairman Mack Getting Forces Organized For Campaign

MEN ON FINANCE AND SPEAKERS

Before Leaving Buffalo For Chicago, Chairman Mack Announces the Appointment of Finance and Speakers' Committees.

Buffalo, N. Y., Special.—Chairman Norman E. Mack, of the Democratic national committee, announced before his departure for Chicago the appointment of a finance committee for the Democratic campaign with Moses C. Wetmore, of St. Louis, as chairman, and John E. Osborne, of Wyoming, as vice chairman, and a speakers' committee, with John H. Atwood, of Kansas, as chairman and Champ Clark, of Missouri, as vice chairman. The finance committee is made up of twenty-nine members, and the speakers' committee is composed of twenty-seven members.

Announcement was also made by Chairman Mack that Senator Charles A. Culberson, of Texas, had been appointed to succeed David R. Francis, of Missouri, as chairman of the advisory committee. In making known the change Mr. Mack said:

"Former Governor Francis' acceptance of a place on the committee was assured. I did not anticipate that he contemplated a stay of any length abroad, but wired him. He answers that he will be absent so much of the campaign that he ought not to be chairman, but would be pleased to be a member of the committee. Senator Culberson was asked to accept the chairmanship and has accepted.

Finance Committee.

The finance committee appointed by Chairman Mack is as follows:

Finance Committee—Moses C. Wetmore, chairman, Missouri; John E. Osborne, vice chairman, Wyoming; C. N. Haskell, treasurer, Oklahoma; W. A. Clark, Montana; Thomas L. Johnson, Ohio; Lewis Nixon, New York; Alva Adams, Colorado; D. J. Campau, Michigan; Francis G. Newlands, Nevada; Willard Saulsbury, Delaware; Alexander Troup, Connecticut; Richard F. Pettigrew, South Dakota; George Turner, Washington; Martin H. Glynn, New York; Ellison Tucker, Arkansas; M. A. Miller, Oregon; Melbert B. Carey, Connecticut; George Fred Williams, Massachusetts; Johiah Marvel, Delaware; W. S. Jennings, Florida; W. R. O'Brien, Indiana; M. F. Dunlap, Illinois; E. C. Wall, Wisconsin; Isaac Reese, Tennessee; J. Taylor Ellyson, Virginia; Thomas R. Brown, Vermont; W. E. Chilton, West Virginia; Blair Lee, Maryland and Eugene E. Reed, New Hampshire.

Speakers' Committee.

The speakers' committee is as follows: John H. Atwood, chairman, Kansas; Champ Clark, vice chairman, Missouri; C. A. Towne, of New York; R. B. Glenn, North Carolina; B. R. Tillman, South Carolina; R. E. Lee, Mountcastle, Tennessee; John H. Lentz, Ohio; Augustus Thomas, New York; T. H. Alexander, Colorado; Jeremiah Black, Pennsylvania; Henry Warren, Indiana; T. P. Hudson, Minnesota; W. H. Dunphy, Washington; W. B. Haldeman, Kentucky; Thomas H. Dowd, New York; Guy B. Tucker, Arkansas; T. A. Jennings, Florida; S. P. Donnelly, Idaho; E. L. Jones, Maryland; John Sunderland, Nevada; William Collins, North Dakota; W. T. Brady, Oklahoma; M. A. Miller, Oregon; Frank K. Nebeker, Utah, and J. E. Burke, Vermont.

The chairman of the two committees will probably make their headquarters in Chicago. Chairman Mack left here for Chicago at 8:20 o'clock.

Cleveland Memorial Committee.

New York, Special.—Mayor George B. McClellan announced the names of the men he has asked to serve on the Grover Cleveland memorial committee. The committee is headed by Francis Lynde Stetson and its office will be arranged for a memorial meeting or other public tribute to the late statesman and former president.

Big Corner in Cotton.

New York, Special.—The entire cotton supply available for delivery on contract, is said to have been cornered by J. L. Livermore, a young broker. In the last two weeks cotton has advanced on this market \$3.50 per bale and shorts are bordering on a panic. Believing that there would be a big crop, contracts sold short, and prices were depressed. Consequently the stock was bought and shipped away, making the available supply the lowest in years. Livermore is said to have acquired every bale not under contract to spinners.

Paper Plant Shuts Down.

Saratoga, N. Y., Special.—All departments of the International Paper Company's plant at Corinth have been closed down, following an order received from the company's headquarters in New York City. The shut down is for an indefinite time. Early in the week employees in the mill decided to resist reduction in wages and voted to strike. The shut down affected several hundred men.

DIED BY EXPLOSION

Many Killed and Injured When Boiler Blew Up

THE DEATH LIST TOTALS EIGHT

Boiler of Large Rolling Mill, Located in the Centre of the Plank, Explodes Without a Moment's Warning.

York, Pa., Special.—Eight men were killed, nearly a score of others more or less seriously injured, and thousands of dollars worth of property damaged by the explosion of a boiler in the York Rolling Mill late Monday afternoon.

The dead: John Glency, York. Benjamin Bremer. Harry Zachriet. Pola Pucci. John Slossman. Harry Fager, all of Columbia, Pa. Edward Fittler, Marietta, Pa.

The boiler which was located in the centre of the mill exploded without a moment's warning.

A rescue party was quickly organized and search for the bodies was instituted.

Ambulances from the York Hospital were hurried to the scene, but owing to the number of dead and injured, delivery wagons and other conveyances were pressed into service in order that the injured might be rushed to the hospital.

While the injured were being looked after, the bodies of the dead were being carried from the ruins of the building. A majority of those killed had their heads and limbs torn from their bodies and were so badly mangled that identity was almost an impossibility.

The mill had been closed down for about a week and two score of men were engaged in making repairs to an engine. The men were working close to the boiler and when the explosion occurred not one of them was able to make his escape.

Texas Files Complaint.

Washington, Special.—The railroad commission of Texas filed a formal complaint with the inter-State commerce commission against sixty-seven railroads and other common carriers alleging a conspiracy on the part of the defendants through the Southwestern Traffic Association for the suppression of competition and restraint of trade in the recent action increasing freight rates to common points in Texas. The commission will forward notice of this complaint to all the carriers involved and will give them fifteen days to reply, the usual period allowed for answering a complaint being twenty days. The commission will expedite this case as much as possible on account of its widespread importance. The complaint is signed by Allison Mayfield, chairman of the Texas railroad commission, with W. R. Davidson, Attorney General, and Claude Pollard, Assistant Attorney General of the State of Texas, countersigning the paper. The complaint undertakes to compare the alleged cost of maintenance and operation of the railroads with the actual cost, and the claimed indebtedness which is supposed to justify the increase. The railroad commission of Texas, it appears, has appraised the cost of construction and operation of the roads, as well as the actual indebtedness upon which the rates may be fairly based.

President's Daughter Weds.

Paris, By Cable.—Mlle. Fallieres, daughter of the President of France, Monday became the bride of M. Jean Lanes, her father's private secretary. The wedding was a quiet affair and was wholly unaccompanied by the enthusiasm and publicity which attended the marriage of President Roosevelt's daughter. The bride received many handsome presents.

Dutch Vessel Catches Fire.

London, By Cable.—Only the timely arrival of the British steamship Imogene prevented a terrible loss of life among the passengers on the Dutch steamship Amstell, which caught fire off the coast of South America on August 6th, according to a message received here. The fire created a fearful panic among the passengers, and they rushed to the rails and leaped overboard in droves. Scores, it is said, would have been drowned in the scramble in the ocean had not the Imogene put out the rescue.

Turkish ruler May Abdicate.

Constantinople, By Cable.—A rumor that Sultan Abdul Hamid has grown tired of the insubordinate demands of the "Young Turks," and intends to flee the country is being generally credited in diplomatic circles here and the discovery of a mysterious armed yacht off Scutari has given color to the report. It is believed that the Sultan is only awaiting a favorable opportunity to board the yacht himself and sail to some foreign capital.

PRESIDENT TAKES BLAME

Announces That He is Responsible For the Discharge of the Negro Troops at Brownsville Taft Had Nothing to do With the Matter.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Special.—President Roosevelt in a statement issued late Friday made it clear that the entire responsibility was his for the issuance of the original order discharging the battalion of negro soldiers for alleged participation in the Brownsville, Tex., rioting and the refusal to permit a suspension of that order.

The President was shown an interview which was had in Washington with General Corbin, U. S. A., retired, in which General Corbin stated that no credit or blame in the matter rested with Mr. Taft. After reading the interview the President through his assistant private secretary, Rudolph Foster, gave out the following:

"General Corbin's statement is absolutely correct, and it was entirely proper that he should make it. The substance of the message from the President which he quoted was made public long ago. In the Brownsville matter the entire responsibility for issuing the original order and for declining to allow its suspension was the President's."

In his interview General Corbin stated in substance that Mr. Taft was in no way responsible for the order discharging the battalion of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, and that in doing so the then Secretary of War had obeyed the direct order of the President. General Corbin then recounted the circumstances as they occurred and were published following the Brownsville affair.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

Chairman Henry Watterson Announces Members of the Democratic Press Committee.

New York, Special.—Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, who is chairman of the newspaper committee of the Democratic national campaign committee, made public the names of the Democratic press committee of advice, among them being the following Southern men:

Alabama—Birmingham Age Herald. E. W. Barrett; Montgomery Advertiser, W. W. Screws, F. P. Glass.

Arkansas—Little Rock Democrat, Clio Harper.

Georgia—Atlanta Constitution, Clark Howell.

Kentucky—Lexington Herald, Desha Breckenridge.

Louisiana—New Orleans Picayune, Thomas E. Davis; New Orleans Times-Democrat, Page H. Parker.

Mississippi—Jackson Clarion-Ledger, H. R. Henry.

North Carolina—Charlotte Observer, J. P. Caldwell.

South Carolina—Columbia State W. E. Gonzalez; Charleston News and Courier, J. C. Hemphill.

Tennessee—Chattanooga News, J. C. Rice; Knoxville Sentinel, G. F. Milton; Nashville American, Charles H. Slaek.

Texas—Galveston, John R. Heddes; Virginia—Richmond Times Dispatch, Joseph Bryan.

Governor Smith Urges Action on Important Bills.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Governor Hoke Smith sent a special message to the Legislature urging action on several measures which he considers of vital importance and stating his readiness to call an extra session of the legislature if necessary, at which the convict question can be disposed of. The measures which Governor Smith mentions as being of primary importance are the anti-lobbying bill, a law fixing the time for holding State primaries not earlier than 60 days before the date of election, a new registration law and provision of a fund for the maintenance of the State agricultural schools.

Work Train Wrecked.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—The work train on a narrow gauge road running from Roanoke, left the rails and rolled down a high embankment on the mountainside. A number of men riding on the train were caught under the engine and cars. Three were killed and several more seriously injured.

Contracts For Army Clothing.

Chicago, Special.—Manufacturers in the West are severely criticizing the methods employed in the War Department in awarding contracts for army clothing. In constituting a special board to pass on all bids it was ordered that special samples of twenty yards of cloth be used for uniforms be furnished. Manufacturers in an informal protest declare that this virtually creates a monopoly as the cost to manufacture a special sample is prohibitive for small dealers.

Woman Dies From Cat's Bite.

New York, Special.—Mrs. Jane Trumbull died last week from hydrophobia. She was bitten a month ago by a pet cat. No treatment was taken and the disease developed two weeks ago. Her sufferings have been frightful, but her composure was remarkable. She faced death almost as calmly as did Mr. Marsh, who died from the bite of a pet dog a few weeks ago.

Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

Count von Zeppelin is to have two airships built.

Three men were killed in a trench in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Harry K. Thaw filed a petition in bankruptcy in Pittsburgh.

An Anti-Asiatic Immigration League was organized in Washington.

Lightning killed a family of three in Alleghany county, North Carolina.

Bryan is said to be somewhat bothered about the financing of his campaign.

Mrs. Ethelyn Gaylord is accused of the murder of Bab Vaughn in Richmond.

Dr. Ben L. Reitman, of Chicago, has issued a call for a "convention of criminals."

The Cumberland Pythians captured a \$200 prize in the competitive drill at Boston.

Mrs. Eliza D. Stewart, a noted temperance advocate, is dead at the age of 92 years.

The Marquis di Rudini, former Italian Premier and at different times member of the Cabinet is dead.

President Roosevelt declared that Secretary Taft was in no way responsible for his Brownsville order.

Mr. Frank Murphy, a Grayson county farmer, his wife and one of his children were killed by lightning.

The supply ship Culgoa, the advance guard of the fleet of American warships, has arrived at Auckland, N. Z.

An encyclical embodying the results of the Lambeth Conference was issued from Lambeth Palace in London.

Seven persons were hurt, one fatally, when a skidding automobile turned turtle making a sharp turn in Philadelphia.

Mr. William H. Taft took a 40-mile drive over the mountains from Hot Springs to the "Old White" and at night led the german at the hotel.

The Texas Railroad Commission filed suit before the inter-State Commerce Commission to prevent increase of freight rates.

From two boy companions of Tuffa Sashem, the Syrian boy whose dismembered body was found in Chicago, it was learned that he entered the house of the Turk under arrest Sunday and was not seen alive again.

Commander Charles A. Gove is expected to succeed Commander William S. Benson as commandant of cadets at the Naval Academy.

Terrified by a dream Miss Beulah G. Connell, in the Memorial Hospital Richmond, leaped from a window and was killed.

Capt. Micajah Woods, of Charlottesville, was elected president of the Virginia Bar Association.

W. W. Pendleton, an insane murderer, escaped from the Marion Insane Asylum.

Suffragettes invaded Oyster Bay, but were given little encouragement.

William Jennings Bryan consented to deliver a speech in Johnson's State, and this may delay his Eastern trip.

Martial law has practically been declared in the Alabama mining district where the strike is on.

Senator Chester I. Long has apparently been beaten in the Kansas primary by Joseph L. Bristow.

Harry K. Thaw was given an outing from jail when he was taken to defend a suit.

The Sultan of Turkey was stabbed according to report, but his shirt of mail prevented damage.

Count Zeppelin's great airship was destroyed through a combination of disasters when he had nearly completed his great journey.

Maryland Pythians made a fine impression in Boston.

Canadian Pacific machinists struck all across the Continent.

John A. Davis, a Western Maryland railroad fireman, was killed at Dill, W. Va., by being impaled upon a switch signal.

In the speech from the throne the Finnish Diet was warned by the Czar.

Jack Lee, white, shot and instantly killed Beverly Cardwell, colored, and mortally wounded his brother, Samuel, who died later, near Concord, 10 miles from Lynchburg, Va.

President Roosevelt declared he had not taken action in the case of the West Point cadet hazers.

Bryan expressed himself as suspicious of his enemies of the Metropolitan press.

E. H. Harriman in discussing rate regulation, said the railroads needed protection.

The forest fire in British Columbia is still causing havoc.

Ethel Jackson, the original Merry Widow in the New York musical production, obtained a divorce from J. Fred Zimmerman, a theatrical manager.

Henry Farman made three flights with his aeroplane and on the second attempt he covered 900 yards.

Cardinal Gibbons visited the American College in Rome and was greeted by the students.