

FEARFUL MINE EXPLOSION

MINERS BURIED BY DEBRIS

South Mountain Mine Explosion at Monongah, W. Va.—Three Charred and Blackened Bodies and Four Men Dying Between Life and Death Have Been Recovered From Mine—Theory is that Explosion Resulted From Black Damp—Debris is Slowly Receding Men Are Unable to Give Any Detailed Account of Explosion—Explosion Affects Both Mines and Damage is About Equal.

THREE BODIES FOUND.

The finding of the three corpses and the four badly injured men is the only reward for strenuous and unintermitted work on the part of large rescuing forces that immediately set to work at every point.

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GOVERNOR A BUSY MAN

HE HAS MANY ENGAGEMENTS

Chief Executive of the State Returns to Raleigh After the National Rivers and Harbors Congress at Washington and Immediately Sets Out For Points Within the State, Where He is Scheduled to Make Addresses—Calls Extra Term of Granville Court—Evidence in Rehearing at Next Session of the Rate Hearing—After Court Clerks—Insurance Commission Investigating Alleged Incendiary Fires.

GOVERNOR GLINN RETURNED TO DAY

from Washington, where he attended the great national rivers and harbors congress. He says it was one of the most notable gatherings ever attended, over 3,500 delegates being present, among them being eight Governors, two Lieutenant Governors and no end of Senators and Congressmen and other prominent figures.

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FIGHT OVER NOMINATION

SEVEN REPUBLICANS AFTER IT

The South Will Play an Important Part in the Contest For Delegates to the Republican Convention, But the Eye of the Country is on New York and Ohio—Meeting Carries to Washington Many Leading Lights in North Carolina Republicanism—Believed That Roosevelt Will Throw His Strength to Cortelyou—Foraker's Stock Above Par With the Negroes—Organization Republicans of the South Are Keeping Hands Off, But Are in Line For Roosevelt.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, Dec. 6.

GREAT BATTLE.

One of the greatest fights ever waged in this country for a nomination is already on in the Republican party. The following-named men are being groomed for the race: Taft, Cortelyou, Foraker, Knox, Hughes, Cannon and LaFollette.

FORAKER'S CHANCES.

In his championing the cause of the dismised soldier, Senator Foraker has won the negro vote of his State, and it is said that it amounts to between 50,000 and 60,000.

SOUTHERNERS FOR ROOSEVELT.

The organization Republicans of the Southern States are in a hot fight. When asked where they stand almost to a man they say "Teddy, first, last and all the time."

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THIRD DAY OF CONFERENCE

LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT LAUNCHED

General Julian S. Carr Presents the Project to the North Carolina Conference and is Elected President—Judge Neal Forwards the Plan For Raising a Fund For the Families of Deceased Ministers—Twenty-Five New Ministers Received Into Full Connection and Charged by Bishop Galloway.

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LAST DAY OF CONGRESS

ASKS FOR FIFTY MILLION

Rivers and Harbors Congress Recommends Annual Appropriation of \$50,000,000 For Improvement and Development of Internal Waterways—National Policy of Improvement Unanimously Adopted by Congress—Special Director John A. Fox Delivers Report and Asks For Appropriation of \$40,000,000 For Construction of Locks—Resolutions Urging Adoption by Federal Government of Wise, Liberal and Comprehensive Policy That Will Provide For Improvement.

WATERWAY POLICY.

"First, that we earnestly urge the adoption by the Federal government of a wise, liberal and comprehensive waterway policy that will provide for the proper improvement, within the 10 years, of the rivers, waterways and harbors of our country, the improvement of which is justified by present and prospective benefits to commerce.

ASKE FOR \$50,000,000 ANNUALLY.

"Fifth, that we ask Congress to view the rivers, waterways and harbor appropriations as the appropriation of money for the necessities of government, but as an investment in permanent improvements, bound to pay increasing dividends from year to year.

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REPUBLICANS IN SESSION

NEW RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Republican National Committee in Session at Washington Elects Acting Chairman Harry S. New to Fill Out Unexpired Term of Cortelyou—Session Lasted For Only an Hour and During That Time a Number of Committees Were Appointed—Active Delegations Are Present From Kansas City and Denver While Representative Lowden is Looking After Congressional Interests—Twenty-Five Members Are Pledged to Kansas City—Session Confined to Preliminary Details.

CHICAGO VS. KANSAS CITY.

There are active delegations here from both Kansas City and Denver, and while there is no delegation from Chicago a great deal of work is being done in behalf of that city by Representative Lowden, who is a member of the national committee and by several other members who are interesting themselves to the utmost extent to throw the convention to New York.

NOTE GIVES NO CLUE.

Body of Clara Bloodgood Taken to New York—Note to Husband Gives No Clue as to Cause.

HUNT FOR MISSING MAN.

Relatives of Alden Cushing Seek to Find Some Trace of Him.

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