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Big White Shirt Waist Sale
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115 MINERS' BODIES ARE ACCOUNTED FOR

All Bodies are Terribly Disfigured—One of the Rescued Men Dead, and All in a Critical Condition—Families of Dead will Each Get Benefit of \$1000.

Johnstown, July 11.—115 bodies are now accounted for, with indications that the number will be increased. All the bodies are terribly disfigured, the little brass check which every miner has being frequently the only means of identification.

Of the 16 miners rescued, one, John Gildya, died on the way out. All are in a critical condition.

The Cambria Steel company has guaranteed the payment of the \$1,000 benefit which the families of victims are entitled to from the Cambria Mutual Benefit association.

Johnstown, Pa., July 11.—Just as the day broke through the pall of fog this morning, the grim details of the awful disaster at Rolling Mill mine of the Cambria Steel company, dawned with renewed force on thousands waiting for authentic news as to the extent of the explosion.

Forty-seven dead bodies, all contorted and many blackened and burned, lie stretched on rough slabs in the improvised morgue in the armory building.

Forty more are in the cars in the mine ready to be borne out as fast as room can be made.

The latest estimates of the number of dead reduce the fatal scope of the calamity. But these, while fixing it at around 100 are not conclusive.

General Superintendent Robinson would not say at this time whether he thought there were 100 or 300 dead. He says there is no way of telling until a full investigation of the mine is made. It was 5:55 o'clock when the first train load of victims were brought to the mouth of the main entry. Forty-nine cars were used in bringing out the 46 dead bodies, and four living injured.

The discovery of the dead bodies was made by a searching party last night. They were lying in the main heading, two miles in from the main pit entry. No attempt was made to remove them until a certainty was established that no more living remained in the mine.

The first statement of the disaster was given by General Mine Superintendent Robinson this morning. He said: "As to the direct cause of the explosion I cannot exactly say. We know there was an explosion of fire damp in the sixth right heading of the section commonly known as Klondyke."

"So far as we can find now, there were not more than three or four deaths from the explosion itself. The balance were caused by the after-damp. Our mine officials, Mine Foreman Henry Rogers, Fire Boss John Retallic, Machine-Boss William Robinson, who is my brother, and a Slav whose name I do not know, were back eating lunch when the explosion occurred."

"They immediately went down to the point of explosion to put the sloping in order to carry the air in its proper channel again. These were blown down by the force of the explosion. They were found by the rescuing party and the chances are that all will recover with the exception of my brother. The rescue work started at 1 o'clock p. m. We are working our way down by putting up brattices in order to carry the air in with us. The doctors have carried tanks of oxygen with them which

were emitted with good effect on the living. Most of them were on the way out when caught by the fatal after-damp."

When the bodies of the victims came from the mine a long line of undertakers' wagons and picnic wagons were in waiting to take them to the morgue in the city. They were backed up to the door and a large force of police was ready to check great throngs from pressing in too close. Body after body was dragged from the wagons and borne inside.

All of them were blackened and unrecognizable until the undertakers got to work. The head of one man was crushed and the only means of identification will be by his check number. All the bodies are cold and stiff. The arms of most of them are twisted in front of them as if to shield their faces from the fire. The left hand of one man was torn off at the wrist and the bodies now recovered were all found about two miles from the main pit mouth.

Rolling Mill mine has been worked for about 50 years. Five or six years ago, the section where the disaster of yesterday occurred, was opened. Miners fancifully called it Klondyke. It is said for the past three years gas has been noticed in it and careful inspections kept up.

Frank Sabo was one of the boys who met death in a heroic endeavor to save his comrades. After the explosion, he hastened into the vault of death to do what he could to close the traps and check the spread of the after-damp. He was found lying near a partly closed door leading off to one of the left headings.

Soon after the discovery of the first corpse the armory of company H, a big barn-like building on the outskirts of the city was transformed into a temporary morgue. Nearly a score of young women were called to assist the dozen undertakers of the city; dry goods establishments were opened and hundreds of yards of muslin, toweling and other goods gotten out for the purpose of preparing the bodies for burial.

Outside of the property loss, the catastrophe will cost the Cambria Steel company a large sum. The company has for many years past paid to the family of which a member was killed in its employ \$1000, outside of what it expended for medical purposes, and it has paid every man who has lost an eye, limb or become otherwise partially disabled the sum of \$500. It is said that the rule will not be deviated from.

Distressing scenes are constant about the temporary morgue and on the side of the river at the foot of the descent from the pit mouth where women and children are awaiting the solution of the awful mystery of life or death of relatives. It is now conceded that no living soul who was in the mine after the explosion and not heard from, can possibly be alive.

It is now believed that the victims will number 175. Of the 47 bodies at the morgue 21 are identified as follows: Rev. Father Embinsky, a majority of them having families.

As fast as the identification is completed the bodies are being taken to their houses. At noon, the charnel house was about cleared of bodies.

REVISION OF CANAL TREATY

BEING CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY THE DIPLOMATS.

Some Inconsistencies of Text as It Was Passed are Being Eliminated.

SIGNING OF PAPER IS ALMOST READY

CONFIDENTLY HOPED SIGNING OF TREATY WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE MINISTER CONCHA, WHO IS IN POOR HEALTH, LEAVES THE CITY.

Washington, July 11.—With the expectation of signing treaty by which Colombia will confer all the necessary rights incident to the building of the Panama canal by the United States government, Senor Concha, the Colombian minister; Mr. Herran, first secretary of the legation, and William Nelson Cromwell, representing the Panama canal and the railroad companies, are busily engaged in going over certain points in the treaty which must be modified before the instrument can be signed. It is understood that the modifications either directly or indirectly involve the question of sovereignty.

Apparently important differences and obscurities exist in the Isthmian canal act and in the treaty presented by Colombia which may not however exist in their spirit. Section 2 of the canal act authorizes the president to acquire from Colombia "perpetual control of a strip of land * * * which control shall include * * * jurisdiction over said strip and the ports at the ends thereof, to make such policy and sanitary rules and regulations as shall be necessary to preserve order and to establish such public health thereon and to establish such just tribunals as may be agreed upon thereon as may be necessary to enforce rules and regulations."

From this portion of the act it would appear that the United States alone is to make police and sanitary regulations for the canal strip and establish judicial tribunals for their enforcement. Yet article 3 of the draft canal treaty provides for the creation of a "joint commission by the governments of Colombia and the United States that shall establish and enforce sanitary and police regulations."

Article 4 of the treaty provides that "the rights and privileges granted to the United States by the terms of this shall not affect the sovereignty of the republic of Colombia over the territory within whose boundaries such rights and privileges are to be exercised."

"The United States freely acknowledges and recognizes this sovereignty and disavows any intention to impair it in any way whatever, or to increase its territory at the expense of Colombia, or of any of the sister republics in Central or South America, but on the contrary, it desires to strengthen the power of the republics on this continent and to promote, develop and maintain their prosperity and peace."

It appears to be the task now before the parties to the proposed convention to define with absolute certainty the extent and limits of the control to be exercised over the canal strip. For while control is not sovereignty in the common acceptance of the terms, yet in practice the two often merge so closely as to defy identification, and it has all along been recognized that any provision of the treaty which threatens in any measure sovereignty of the South American republic over the canal land will not be acceptable to the Colombian congress.

Minister Concha has been in poor health during this spring and summer

and contemplates a journey out of town to recuperate in the near future. It is confidently hoped that the treaty may be signed before his departure.

MILITARY AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES SEPARATED

AND CHAFFEE GIVES ORDERS CARRYING PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

Manila, July 11.—Major General Chaffee today issued formal orders for carrying out Roosevelt's pacification proclamation, and also issued orders for strict separation of the civil military authorities.

The civil government courts today convicted General Maxillon, former insurgent commander in Cebu, who surrendered and then violated his oath of allegiance, of being an outlaw. He was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment.

M'LAURIN VISITED PRESIDENT YESTERDAY

WENT AWAY CONFIDENT OF COURT OF CLAIMS APPOINTMENT.

Oyster Bay, July 11.—Senator McLaurin, whose term of office expires next March, visited the president today. He went away quite confident that the president will appoint him to fill the vacancy in the court of claims, which is a life appointment at a salary of \$8000 annually.

Col. D. D. Cocklock of New Orleans could not see the president because he had no appointment. He was hurt and predicted that Roosevelt would not be elected. He is secretary of the Cane Growers' association of Louisiana, and wanted to talk about the cane sugar duty.

ANOTHER TREMENDOUS GUSHER AT BEAUMONT

Beaumont, Texas, July 11.—At noon today Guffey well number two, at Sour Lake, "came in" with such force that it completely wrecked the drilling outfit and demolished the derrick. The last report from Sour Lake was that the well was still gushing with a roar heard for miles and that gas, mud and sand were being shot upward 200 feet.

THE FLAG USED BY THE STRIKERS

STARS AND STRIPES MADE MEANS OF DEFYING NON-UNIONISTS.

Street Barricaded by Placing American Colors upon the Ground.

NON UNIONISTS WERE BEATEN WITH CLUBS

DEFIED TO WALK OVER FLAG, THEY WERE KNOCKED DOWN WHEN TRYING TO PASS UNDER IT.

Pottsville, July 11.—"Keep off the American flag or you will get a bullet through you," was the command given to a number of non-unionists bound for work. The strikers had blocked the street with a huge flag, and with drawn revolvers threatened death to any one stepping on the colors.

When the non-unionists raised the flag to walk underneath they were knocked down with clubs. Two of the strike leaders were arrested. The union officers praised Governor Stone for refusing to call out the militia.

END OF FREIGHT STRIKE SEEMS NEAR

Chicago, July 11.—At 9 o'clock today, the arbitration committee, which is attempting to settle the Freight Handlers' strike, was awaiting word from the railroad managers who have been requested to meet with the executive committee of the Freight Handlers' in the presence of the arbitration committee. The committee had every hope of a settlement today.

Following are the points to be settled finally and to which both sides are (Continued on page four)

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1208 BALLOTS TAKEN IN MONROE CONVENTION

ROBERT N. PAGE FINALLY CHOSEN AS CONGRESSIONAL NOMINEE.

Raleigh, July 11.—Twelve hundred and eight ballots were taken in the democratic congressional convention at Monroe, resulting in the nomination of Robert N. Page of Montgomery county. The nominee is a brother of Walter H. Page, editor of the World's Work.

On and after Monday, the 14th, I will receive bids for the stock of goods of McPeters & Sluder. The stock consists of shoes, hats, clothing and dry goods. Will sell any one of these four lines or the whole. W. H. Penland, Trustee. 129-31.

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