

THE BRAVE MINERS AT THE SCENE OF THE CHERRY DISASTER, STILL IN ARBOR HOPE

Boys Who Descend Shaft Say the Air is not Too Impure to Sustain Life.

OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, DO NOT SHARE OPTIMISM

Chicago Relief Fund for the Cherry Sufferers Has Already Reached Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Cherry Hills, Nov. 23.—Fire in the second gallery of the St. Paul mine resulted today in heavy cave-ins of earth, blocking the rescue work.

The news spread gloom throughout the village. An attempt will be made to hew a new passage through the solid earth around the fire and piles of earth.

Cherry Hills, Nov. 23.—Cherry rested for a brief period today before beginning the crucial struggle to rescue the living or carry dead from the five hundred foot level of the St. Paul mine.

William Smith, one miner who escaped, said: "Some of the nervous miners in the country are down there. We'll find them barricaded, ready for another week's wait when we reach them."

The optimism of the miners is not shared by officials. Superintendent Taylor said: "We failed to find living men where we most expected to find them. They may be alive yet, but I am afraid they are not."

CHAIRMAN MACK FORESEES TRIUMPH

He Says His Party Will Succeed in the Congressional Elections Next Year.

Buffalo, Nov. 23.—Chairman Norman E. Mack, of the democratic national committee makes it clear in a signed article in the December number of the National Monthly, the organ of the democratic national committee, that he believes democracy will triumph in the congressional elections next year.

Chairman Mack, reviewing the outcome of the November elections, says: "Municipal elections throughout New York, Indiana and Ohio and state elections of Maryland and Virginia furnish much of comfort to the democracy. On the five states mentioned the presidency usually swings. Massachusetts too has served notice that the work of the last congress was far from satisfactory. While the democracy did not capture the Bay state it reduced an off year plurality of upward of 20,000 to 8,000. In no state of the union has the democracy gone backward. On the contrary everywhere progress is shown."

With the president and leading members of congress on the hustings explaining and excusing and with the sugar trust scandals confronting them, and with local elections going steadily against the dominant party, the coming congressional campaign presents the opportunity for a splendid fight. The issue of next year will differ in form though not materially in fundamental principals from those on which many city victories have been won. Democracy's fight in the municipalities as it will be in the congressional districts next year is for more representative government. We want the members of congress instead of Speaker Cannon to determine what legislation is good for the country and what is bad. In the cities the democratic candidates opposed the nomination of local governments by either fanatical reform agencies or the one hand or public service and contracting corporations on the other. Continued on page 5.

Nicaraguan Problem Is Taken up By President Taft and Cabinet

Program of Action for Handling the Zelayan Government Will Be Outlined.

FIERY LITTLE REPUBLICS MUST BE TAUGHT RESPECT

Preparations Are Being Rushed to Send Force of Marines to Canal Zone.



Washington, Nov. 23.—President Taft took up today the problem confronting the government regarding Nicaragua, as a result of the summary execution of Americans. As the result of conferences with Secretary Knox, it is probable the cabinet will outline a program of action to be adopted in handling the Zelayan government. Although it has always been the practice of the administration to leave the handling of such questions to the state department, the existing situation is so grave that Mr. Taft's official family will give it consideration. The matter has reached a point where preparations are being made to compel respect of the United States and their citizens on the part of the fiery little Central American republics.

Unless cipher messages are received from Vice Consul Caldera at Managua, vessels of the Nicaraguan coast, neither Secretary Knox or Secretary Meyer will have much new data to give the president.

Meantime work is being rushed preparing the Prairie, at League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, to transport 400 marines now at that yard to Panama to reinforce the 550 marines on the canal zone. A reliable force of tried fighters will be close to Nicaragua in the event the government decides vigorous steps are necessary. Navy Department Expecting Orders. Silence prevailed at the state department today. Secretary Knox left for a cabinet meeting at 11 o'clock. Assistant Secretary Ade, spokesman of the department, stated that nothing had been received that changed the Nicaraguan situation. He said that the navy department is in a condition of preparedness for any eventuality. Overtime work has placed the troops in camp today. Secretary Knox left for his moment Thursday, with 400 marines. If necessary, the number can be increased within a few hours' notice to 800. Although naval officials disclaim knowledge of what the state department is doing in this matter, it is known they are hourly receiving orders to direct the Prairie to sail. Everywhere in the state and navy departments a feeling of expectancy exists, everyone believing that the United States is about to take a decided step with respect to Nicaragua. Reports from the commander of the Des Moines in regard to the effectiveness of blockade of the revolutionists at Greytown, Nicaragua, and from the commander of the Itabara as to the situation at Corinto were received at the navy department today. They were transmitted to the state department without being made public by the navy officials.

May Precipitate General Uprising. New Orleans, Nov. 23.—A dispatch from Port Limon, Costa Rica, says passengers arriving from Punta Arenas report a great movement of troops in Salvadoran ports. General Alfaro is well armed and equipped. The prediction is made that the invasion of Salvador by Nicaraguans may precipitate a general uprising in Central America.

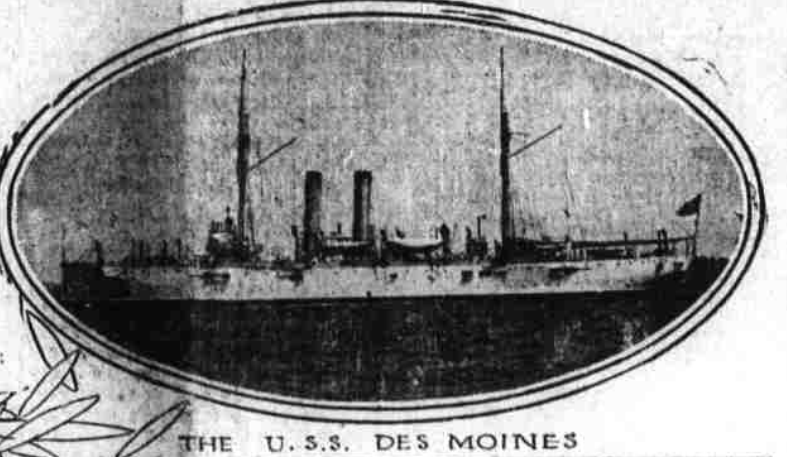
RUIN AND DESOLATION AT WARRENTON TODAY

Loss by Fire There Last Night Will Approximate \$100,000, With \$50,000 Insurance.

Warrenton, Va., Nov. 23.—Ruin and desolation marks the burned district this morning, following last night's disastrous conflagration. A driving rainstorm helped to extinguish the smoldering fires.

Business is at a standstill. The loss will approximate \$100,000, with insurance of \$50,000. Twenty-five buildings 15 being residences, were destroyed. The town hall is used as a place of storage for what property was saved. The prompt use of dynamite prevented greater losses.

Also Claim Money Deposited. London, Nov. 23.—Domingo Gana, the Chilean minister, has deposited one million dollars to the order of the Hague arbitration court, the sum representing Alsop claim of the United States against Chile.



PRINCIPAL STREET IN GREYTOWN

BRYAN DENOUNCES FORTY THOUSAND COPPER MERGER

He Tells Arizona People Such a Combine Would Injure Smaller Producers and Working People.

Globe, Ariz., Nov. 23.—William Jennings Bryan, who was the guest of honor at a banquet here last night, denounced the proposed copper merger as a combine which would injure the interests of the smaller producers and working men.

California Millionaire Dying. New York, Nov. 23.—George Truett, of a California millionaire, who has been suffering a long time from an incurable ailment, is dying at his fifth avenue home.

THE WEATHER. Forecasts until 8 p. m. for Asheville and vicinity. Fairly cloudy and cooler tonight; Wednesday fair.

Astor's Yacht Reported at San Juan on Nov. 17

New York, Nov. 23.—(Bulletin)—The Astor yacht, with Col. Astor aboard, arrived at San Juan from Mayaguez Sunday, November 14, and was there the evening of November 17. All aboard were well. The yacht was planning to leave for Ponce, thence to a Cuban port before her departure north.

Findings of the Nourmahal's safety were brought here by the insular line steamer Harry Luckenbach, which arrived this afternoon from Porto Rican ports.

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 23.—Continuous efforts of the last two days to confirm by wireless telegraph whether the steam yacht, Nourmahal, with her owner, John Jacob Astor and son, Vincent, and a party of friends aboard, is safe at San Juan, Porto Rico, have proved fruitless. All last night calls were sent out from both Tampa and Key West by wireless stations for the San Juan station, but efforts to establish communication failed. At 9 o'clock this morning the commercial station here and the naval wireless station at Key West gave up for the day all attempts to raise San Juan.

The failure to reach San Juan by wireless is due to the disturbed atmospheric conditions prevailing over the Gulf.

Explosion of Dynamite Damages Danville Houses

Danville, Ill., Nov. 23.—An explosion of dynamite in the wine house of Joseph Masari, at 13th and College streets, today, damaged 25 buildings in the business district. Masari, an Italian, is believed to have been the victim of blackmail. The damage is estimated at from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Masari declines to make a statement about the threats against him. The police have several suspects under surveillance.

Four Reported Killed. Two men were seen to run from the vicinity of the building two minutes before the explosion. It is reported four men were killed in the explosion. The theory that dead men are in the ruins is caused by the finding of torn clothing on the sidewalk in front of the place. The explosion shook buildings and residences in the down-town section. Hundreds of people aroused believed it was an earthquake. The ruins caught fire, but the flames were quickly extinguished.

MR. DE ARMOND IS IN HIS HOME IN MISSOURI, LAST NIGHT, BURNED TO DEATH

DR. COOK'S REPORT GOES THIS WEEK

50,000-Word Document to Be Shipped in a Liner's Strong Box on Thursday.

GUARD OF FOUR MEN HAS BEEN ARRANGED

These Men, It is Now Said, Will Take It Aboard the Steamer Which Goes to Copenhagen.

New York, Nov. 23.—Under a strong guard, the voluminous report prepared by Dr. Frederick A. Cook for the University of Copenhagen, setting forth in detail the explorer's claim to having reached the north pole, will be taken on board of the Scandinavian-American liner United States on Thanksgiving Day and started on its way to Copenhagen.

Dr. Cook, a Times reporter finds, is taking no chances of his report miscarriage in any way. He has arranged for it to be placed under lock and key in the strong box of the steamer, where, in the Captain's room, it will remain until a committee from the University of Copenhagen boards the vessel and offers proper credentials to show that they can be trusted with the document.

No one on board the United States will have a key to the ship's strong box except the captain, and he will be held responsible for the safe delivery of the report. But even this precaution has been supplemented by Dr. Cook. The explorer's secretary, Walter Loussale, who accompanied Dr. Cook here from Copenhagen, has taken possession on the United States, to make sure that the report shall be well safeguarded.

Mr. Loussale will not come back to America, it is said, but will take up his duties as social secretary at the American Legation in Copenhagen, which position he relinquished temporarily to come here with Dr. Cook. It was reported yesterday that four strong men have been selected by Dr. Cook to accompany his report to the steamer. They will remain until they see the document safely under lock and key. Dr. Cook will probably go with them on board the vessel and give the captain his final instructions.

The voluminous report has just been completed, and it was learned yesterday that it consists of 50,000 words. It is a general analysis of the explorer's data, entered in his notebooks while in the arctic region. Each point which Dr. Cook has emphasized during his lectures in this country has been taken up separately and elaborated on at great length, it is understood. There are also comments on some of the more important of the entries in his original notebooks.

Dr. Cook has worked on his report ever since he got back from Hamilton Mount, several weeks ago. Every day and sometimes far into the night he dictated to a stenographer at a hotel in the northern part of the city.

The strain, it is said, has told perceptibly on the explorer. The experiences with Richard Barrill at Hamilton, when the latter got up in need of food, and Dr. Cook with his dog, that he had accompanied the explorer to the top of Mount McKinley, added materially to the strain of the explorer's nerves, his friends say.

After the report is safely on its way to Copenhagen, Dr. Cook and his wife will go to some quiet place in the country, there to remain until the University of Copenhagen makes known its verdict on the proofs. Dr. Cook expects his report to reach Copenhagen on Dec. 7, and a verdict by the university sometime between Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

The explorer has told his friends that he will lecture no more until he learns of the decision by the university professors. Instead, he will remain in retirement in the country, resting and preparing for the resumption of lecturing in case his claim to having reached the pole is indorsed.

Dr. Cook has not said what he will do in the event of an adverse verdict, his friend says. His original data, compiled in fragmentary form in the Far North, will also be locked in the Captain's strong box on the United States, for it, too, will be turned over to the committee from the University of Copenhagen. Few outside of Dr. Cook's most intimate friends have seen these original notes and records of observations which he says he took on his way to the pole and at the pole. The package containing the report and the accompanying data will be under seal.

According to the arrangements made by Dr. Cook, his report will be passed on by the University of Copenhagen to other universities and scientific societies of Europe when the University of Copenhagen completes its investigation and renders its report. Dr. Cook has not announced the place of retirement he has chosen. His friends say it will likely be in the mountains, within a few hours from New York.

Government by commission is being organized in Janesville, Eau Claire, Oakshoek and several other leading cities of Wisconsin.

This Morning the Charred Bones of the Well Known Congressman Were Found in the Ruins of His Home.

FIRE ALSO COST LIFE OF HIS GRANDSON

Mrs. De Armond Escaped in Her Night Clothes, but Fainted as She Reached the Ground.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 23.—Representative David A. De Armond, one of the oldest and most prominent democratic members of congress, and his grandson, Waddie, aged six, were burned to death in fire that destroyed the De Armond home at Butler, Mo., early today. Other members of the family escaped, and it is believed none are hurt.

The body of Congressman De Armond, one of that of his grandson have yet been recovered. It is believed that they were incinerated.

The bones, believed to be those of the congressman were found by searchers this morning. Other occupants in the house who escaped were Mrs. De Armond, and her son and daughter. The fire, the cause of which is unknown, started at 3 o'clock this morning.

The De Armond home is situated across the street from that of his son, James A. De Armond. James started to rush into the burning home of his father in an attempt to save the latter, but was restrained by younger members of the family and neighbors.

House Burned Eerily. The De Armond home was two stories in height, and when started, burned fiercely. Mrs. De Armond, wife of the congressman, escaped in her night clothes unharmed, but fainted as soon as she reached the ground. When revived later she became hysterical, and it was some time before she could tell what had happened. She occupied a room on the first floor, while the congressman and his grandson were on the second floor. She had the first intimation of the fire when she heard her grandson cry out in alarm. She was barely able to escape with her own life, with not a moment for an attempt to rescue the others. The house was of wooden construction, and by the time she reached the yard the building was wrapped in flames, and fifteen minutes later was in ashes.

Mrs. De Armond heard no call from her husband, and does not know whether he was smothered in bed, burned before he could leave the room or made an attempt to save his life. Those things will probably never be known.

Mrs. Harrie Clark, the congressman's married daughter, and the house servants, sleeping on the first floor, were among others who escaped.

Democrats Lose a Leader. Washington, Nov. 23.—In Mr. De Armond's death, the democrats lose one of their leaders on the floor of the house. He was a member of that body for the past nineteen years, a man of wide education and experience, fluent in speech, and had become one of the principal resources of the democratic party in debating national questions. He will long be remembered for his brilliant oratory, and especially for his power of sarcasm and power for invectives. He was conspicuous as a party fighter, and inclined to be pugnacious. This quality was once the means of getting him into an altercation with John Sharp Williams, then leader of the House. Mr. De Armond was an aspirant for the leadership in the house until the recognition of Champ Clark by the minority.

Congressman De Armond and his grandson occupied one room. Mrs. De Armond and Mrs. Clark separate rooms, and Nellie Bolen, servant girl, had a room at the west end of the house.

Mrs. Clark, awakened by a cry, saw smoke issuing from the part of the house where Congressman De Armond and Waddie slept.

"Get me out of here," she heard Waddie cry. "Never mind, son, I'll save you," Congressman De Armond answered. These were the last words either of the victims uttered. A moment later smoke increased in volume and Mrs. Clark had down stairs to other telephone. Within a minute she had given the alarm, and hurried back to the mother's room. Smoke and flames were leaping from the windows.

Groping her way to Mrs. De Armond's bedside, she literally dragged her from the room. There was no time for aiding those in the other part of the house. The maid was first to escape. She reached the street from a rear door after the first cry of fire. The maid was too frightened to comprehend the situation and fled from the scene. Search of the ruins revealed no tangible trace of the two victims. What was believed to be the congressman's bones were located.

The financial loss is \$20,000 including one of the best libraries in the state.

The congressman had three sons and one daughter. "Waddie" was the congressman's favorite grand-child. The boy frequently remained at the home of his grand parents, always occupying a room.