

SCORES BURIED BENEATH MONSTER AVALANCHES

A THOUSAND IN RESCUE WORK WHILE FURIOUS BLIZZARD RAGES

The Snow Slide Is Half a Mile Long and 30 Feet Deep—Roar of Descending Mass Was Heard Miles Away—Snow Fills Canyon to Depth of 50 to 70 Feet.

FEARED SIXTY LIVES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED

Two Villages in Idaho Mining District Buried, One Last Night and One Today.

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Spokane, Wash., Feb. 28.—Sixty lives have been lost, it is feared, in two great landslides, which brought dismay to the mining towns of the rich Coeur d'Alene district in northern Idaho.

A snow slide swept down the mountain last night, striking the little town of Mace and burying 25 houses and their sleeping occupants in a mass of snow and ice, at the bottom of the canyon.

Today another slide rushed down the foot of Burke, crushing a number of houses under thousands of tons of earth and snow.

Fourteen bodies have already been recovered from the ruins of Mace, while 16 were unearthed at Burke. How many are still buried can only be guessed. Doctors were rushed to both places on special trains. One thousand rescuers are now at work.

Old timers in this district have been sounding warnings because of the record depths of snow. Thirty-five Italians, sleeping in a car on a railroad siding who were swept away, with their car, to the bottom of the canyon used their tools to dig themselves out of a veritable grave.

The little mountain town lies between precipitous mountain sides, and the straggling lines of cottages in the creek bottom are bisected by the Northern Pacific and Oregon railroads.

As soon as the extent of the avalanche became known hundreds of men, awakened by fire bells, began the work of rescue. Every able-bodied man available was hurried to the scene, and began the work of digging for bodies. Reports tell of the snow filling the canyon to a depth of 50 to 75 feet.

The avalanche's track down the mountain side is as plain as a floor, and the deafening roar was heard for miles from the gulch.

Never since Burke was almost wiped out by a landslide on Feb. 1, 1890, has a town in this section been so sorely stricken. The disaster occurred in what is known as lower Mace, where are quartered 300 miners employed in the Standard mines. A furious blizzard is blocking the efforts of the rescuers.

CHAIRMAN ADAMS GETS THE 'PLUM'

Those Engaged in Fight Against Holton at Last Prevail—The Reappointment of Maj. Rollins.

Politicians who have their being in the Republican household put their ears to the ground early today, with a view to catching possible rumblings from any direction. It was confidently believed that the appointment of Mr. Logan would be made today, and several inquiries reached this office as to what had happened at the Washington end of the line. The first news that came, however, related to Republican State Chairman Adams.

The nation was given that the President had authorized the statement that the Greensboro man would be made district attorney, which showed that the fight against Holton had at last bore fruit. Holton, it is now said, will make a fight for the state chairmanship.

Friends of Major Rollins were saying today that his appointment as postmaster followed as a matter of course, that no other candidate had a show at any stage of the contest, owing to Major Rollins' overwhelming endorsement. He was endorsed, it was pointed out, by 228 business people, which represented almost the entire business life of the community, while politically speaking, he had the endorsement of 23 of the 27 members of the county executive committee, a body whose voice carries great weight in such matters.

INTERESTED IN THE MANN BILL

It Is a Matter in Which Judge H. A. Guder, of the Supreme Court of Panama, Is Involved.

Many Asheville people and others in western North Carolina are interested in the Mann bill now pending in the Senate of the United States by reason of the fact that Judge H. A. Guder, chief justice of the Supreme court of Panama is involved, and likewise his two associates on the Supreme court bench. The Mann bill as it is understood here provides for a radical change in the judicial administration in the Canal zone; in short that it provides for the abolition or abridgement of the Supreme court with its three justices including the chief justice; provision for one Supreme court judge and appeal from that justice to the Supreme court of the United States. All cases heard and disposed of by the lower or inferior courts in the Canal zone will be appealable direct to the Supreme court judge on the Isthmus and from that court to the Supreme court in the United States. Heretofore, the United States has maintained on the Isthmus a Supreme court with three justices and without appeal from the rulings of this court. In view of the fact that Judge Guder, who was appointed a justice on the Supreme court bench in Panama several years ago later appointed chief justice of that court, a position which he now holds, his friends are naturally exerting themselves in behalf of Judge Guder as the Supreme court judge of the Canal zone when the Mann bill, in the event it passes the senate, goes into effect. It is believed that Judge Guder's ability as a lawyer and jurist and his long service in the Canal zone and his familiarity with conditions there and the laws will appeal to President Taft and that he will be appointed. Judge Guder is the father of Mrs. P. C. Coker, Mrs. J. J. Nichols of Asheville.

THE POSTAL OFFICE TO BE OPENED

This Will Occur Tomorrow and Those Having in Charge Company's Interests Feel Encouraged Over Outlook.

The Asheville office of the Postal Telegraph-Cable company will be opened tomorrow morning at 3 o'clock for business in Asheville and this vicinity. The company's office will be located on Church street—No. 11—and will be in charge of Lon S. Bottorf as manager with W. R. Staples as chief operator. The company will have an additional operator who has not yet been selected. It is understood that the Postal will observe practically the same hours for business as the local Western Union office and will also give, like the Western Union, an all-day Sunday service.

Mr. Bottorf and others connected with the Postal office express themselves as greatly encouraged over the prospect for business here and in this immediate vicinity. With the opening of the Postal office here tomorrow Asheville for the first time in the history of the town will be given competitive telegraph service.

FOREIGNERS PUBLISHERS PROTEST TO THE PRESIDENT

Against Senator Overman's Bill, Which Aims to Restrict Immigration.

Washington, Feb. 28.—A large committee of publishers of foreign language newspapers called upon President Taft this morning to protest against the enactment of the bill of Senator Overman of North Carolina, which proposes to restrict immigration severely by the imposition of educational tests, increased head tax, the exclusion of immigrants with limited means, and the requirement of a certificate of admission from their government.

Men Holding in Check Street Car Strikers ORGANIZED LABOR, REPORTS FROM PHILADELPHIA SAY, WILL TAKE A HAND



CAPTAIN JOHN C. GROOM OF THE STATE POLICE



POLICE SUPERINTENDENT TAYLOR



"BLACK HUSSARS" ENTERING CAR AT THIRTIETH STREET AND COLUMBIA AVENUE

STATE POLICEMAN CLEARING STREETS

LOGAN, DOCKERY, ADAMS, WINNERS

Taft Says He'll Name Adams to Succeed Holton—Favorable Report on Seawell.

The Gazette-News Bureau, Washington, Feb. 28.—Announcement was made at the White House today that the president will appoint Judge Adams district attorney to succeed Holton. The statement was given to the press by the president's direction.

Claudio Dockery of Raleigh is nominated for United States marshal for the eastern district. Mr. Dockery had the endorsement of Mr. Duncan, national committeeman.

The nomination of W. E. Logan of Asheville to be United States marshal for the western district of North Carolina was transmitted to the senate this afternoon. The senate judiciary committee favorably reports the nomination of F. E. Seawell of Charlotte to be district attorney of the Eastern district.

BILL TO RAISE WRECK OF MAINE IS REPORTED

Washington, Feb. 28.—Proposing to raise the wreck of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, the house naval sub-committee today took favorable action on the bill appropriating funds for the project.

Percey's Credentials. The credentials of Leroy Percy, the newly elected senator from Mississippi, successor to Senator James Gordon, were presented to the senate.

Nominations. President Taft sent to the senate the following nominations: S. Brown Allen, to be postmaster at Staunton, Va.; Henry L. Johnson of Atlanta, to be recorder of deeds, district of Columbia; (Johnson is a negro lawyer); Claudio Dockery, marshal for the eastern district of North Carolina; William E. Logan, marshal for the western district of North Carolina; F. A. Rodenberry, successor to the late Congressman James M. Geiges of Georgia, was today sworn in as a member of the house.

COURT DID RIGHT IN ISSUING WRIT

Justice Wright Renders Decision Which Is Against Attitude Taken by Certain Members of Congress.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Justice Daniel T. Wright in the Supreme court today decided that the court had acted entirely within its authority when it issued a writ of mandamus ordering the joint committee on printing of congress, to show cause why it should not consider a bid for government printing made by the Valley Paper Co., Hillsdale, Mass.

Justice Wright, quoting law and precedents, declared that to have refused to issue the mandamus, because some persons acted negligently in the excited position of senators, would have been to betray the law.

"No man in this country is so high that he is higher than the law," declared Justice Wright. "All officers and executives of the law, even the government of the United States, is less than the law. What is there in the excited position of senator, which prevents any citizen from saying what he believes to be an injury before the law of justice?" Justice Wright announced that his decision made no attempt to dispose of the merits of the case, but merely held that the court was acting within its authority, which congress conferred upon it, and was interpreting the law which congress created.

BULLISH EXCITEMENT ON COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 28.—There was a revival of bullish excitement in the cotton market today and May deliveries sold up to 14.82, or 35 points above the closing price Saturday and fully \$59 per bale above the low level of last week.

Rumors that the old bill crowd, including Fatten of Chicago were taking cotton from local stock for shipment, to Liverpool and were accumulating fresh lines of May, led to renewed talk of a May squeeze.

Empire, the Reigning Power. New York, Feb. 28.—The empire will be the reigning power on the diamond this season, more than ever before in the history of baseball. "The double empire system is established in the new rules. The umpire-in-chief, stationed behind the bat, will have full charge of the game and will alone have authority to declare the game forfeited. The field umpire has full authority in removing and naming players.

CLEAN ELECTIONS; NOT SO EXPENSIVE

Move to Stop Payment of Other Folks' Taxes by Politicians in Henderson.

PLANS BEING DISCUSSED BY SOME LEADING CITIZENS

Persons Who Pay Other Folks' Taxes Might Be Made to "Show" BIPartisan Board.

Gazette-News Bureau, Hendersonville, Feb. 28.

There is some talk of a movement in the town which may shock, surprise and pain some of the patriots in both political parties. This is to abolish the unlawful practice of paying a person's poll tax in order to control his vote, which is said to be a custom here as elsewhere. It is asserted that several hundred such votes have been cast at every election held in Henderson since the ratification of the suffrage amendment. This county is not the only one, either. It is true there are some persons who care little enough for their vote to sell it for the price of poll tax. The statement has been made that at least 100 votes on each side depend upon the respective party campaign workers paying their poll taxes on or before May 1 of each year.

With this state of affairs, thoughtful men in both parties are seeking to take some steps to prohibit such corruption and outline a new policy of a clean election.

No doubt before the subject goes very far there will be many suggestions made in reference to the changes, for a method of wiping out this, yet there has come to The Gazette-News Bureau an idea which might be discussed with profit. The suggestion of a plan was made by a prominent politician who is certainly in a position to suggest:

That a committee be appointed at the conventions of each party, democrats and republicans, in equal number, for the purpose of making a report from the tax collector, of any person paying the taxes of another person. Of course there are various cases where a person's taxes are paid for no improper purpose. A good purpose could easily be shown. However, it is said that there are many cases where the person concerned could not themselves give. It questioned, a reliable excuse if this be so then it will be the duty of the committee to indict the person or persons involved. There is a law prohibiting the influencing of votes in such a manner, and which provides severe penalties. It has also been suggested that an executive committee be appointed from this first mentioned body of men from both parties to have at their disposal a reasonable amount of money from the campaign funds of both parties, to be used in paying rewards for proof and evidence enough to convict a person for paying for another person's poll taxes, in order to control his vote.

The adoption of this or some like method it is said will be increasing the campaign expenses considerably, and at the same time encourage the rightful reign of a certain election.

A reform is on foot. Whether it will mature before the next election is left to be seen. Some men of power and influence are quietly at work.

TOMORROW IS THE TIME LIMIT

Treasury, It Is Thought, Will Realize Twenty-Five Million Dollars This Year from Corporation Tax.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Tomorrow is the time limit set in which the corporations are required to make returns to the government under the law imposing a tax of one per cent on their net income over \$5000 during the calendar year 1909. The treasury department estimates that \$25,000,000 will be derived this year from the corporation tax.

No Outbreak at Bethlehem. South Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 28.—There was no outbreak of lawlessness today among striking employees of the Bethlehem Steel company. Two hundred strike-breakers arrived today. Others are expected. Chances of further disorder are minimized.

The injured are: William Everett, aged fourteen years, leg and arm crushed and internally injured; Abram Shingler, aged 17 years, general convulsions; Raymond Trainor, aged ten years, general convulsions; (Continued on page 2.)

Workmen, to Number of 125,000, Involved in Action Taken by Central Labor Union Yesterday.

WAS REPORTED TODAY TO OPEN VARIOUS LINES

Despite Rioting and Some Bloodshed Rapid Transit Company Put an Increased Number of Cars in Commission Today.

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—There was more talk of arbitration today than at any other time since the street car men went on strike.

Business men are alarmed at the determination of organized labor to join a sympathetic strike. Several traction officials declare they do not believe the general strike threat will be carried out. Following yesterday's riotous scenes, quiet prevailed today.

The Car men's union made no statement today except that it is satisfied with the progress of affairs. Despite numerous acts of violence by riotous crowds yesterday and last night throughout the city, the Strike Leader Pratt declares he believed public sentiment would force a settlement of the strike before Saturday, and a general strike probably would be unnecessary.

Rapid Transit company was prepared this morning to open its various lines with an increased number of cars. But more important than the company's ability to operate the cars is the probable effect of the sympathetic strike decided upon by the labor leaders. A monster walk-out of 90,000 men is scheduled for next Saturday, unless the strike issues are adjusted. Organized labor having spoken, and the company having declared there is nothing to arbitrate, the matter is now up to the city administration.

The decision for a general strike is conditional on the city making an effort to arbitrate differences. Mayor Reytburn declares that the call for a strike is prompted by the hope that it may bring about a settlement.

Yesterday's rioting resulted in the death of a man and boy and the wounding of 100 others from missiles and policemen's clubs. More than a hundred arrests were made. At Forty-fifth street and Lancaster avenue this morning the stoning of a car resulted in the calling out of the police reserves.

Central Labor Union Meeting. Action fraught with possible momentous consequences to Philadelphia was taken by the Central Labor Union last night when that body, representing 140 unions with a membership of 125,000, it is claimed, voted to begin a sympathetic strike next Saturday in aid of the striking street railway employees.

This action came at the end of a secret session of about seven hundred delegates in Labor Lyceum hall which lasted more than six hours. There was apparently no question but that the delegates would vote to strike, the split being on the question of whether it would be started immediately. The more conservative element prevailed, however, and the walk-out was put off until next Saturday.

May Be Arbitrated. Meanwhile there is hope that the street railway strike will be arbitrated despite the repeated declarations of the transit company controlling all the lines in the city "that there is nothing to arbitrate."

Nobody doubts that last night's action of the Central Labor Union makes the situation very grave. There is a very strong feeling among business people that the strike should be settled speedily, as all lines of business suffer, because of the stagnation resulting from the interference with traffic.

Vote a Surprise. There was surprise at the unanimity of the vote in favor of a general sympathetic strike. There is no doubt however, of the strength of the feeling that unionism is at stake, and the consequent feeling that a fight to preserve the union is necessary. Not only members of unions affiliated with the Central Labor Union, the allied by idling trades council, but of every labor organization connected with the American Federation of Labor participated in the conference.

A man and a boy are dead and four boys were seriously hurt as the result of a car jumping the switch at Sixth and Jackson streets down town last night and crashing into the front of a cigar store.

The dead are: Charles McKenna, aged fourteen years, died in the Methodist hospital from a fractured skull; and John E. Frederick, aged forty-five years, crushed head, leg, and internally injured, died shortly afterwards.