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FIND 16 VICTIMS OF MINE BLAST

Hope Abandoned That Any of Mourn as Dead the Hundred or More Trapped at Brice. ville Live.

RESCUERS OVERCOME BY NOXIOUS GASES

Thousands of Miners and Spectators from All East Tennessee Gather in Stricken Village.

Briceville, Tenn., Pec. 11.—With sixteen bodies recovered and identified, rescue parties today renewed diggins in an attempt to force the big cros mountain mine, to surrender its dead With three miles of the main shaft explored and most of the mine's cross entries bratticed, rescue crews hourly expect to stumble into corpse-strewn chambers. One hundred or more are

believed to be dead in the mine.

The first body discovered this morn ing was that of Andrew found in a sitting posture in one of the interior chambers. It is estimated the explosion rendered 56 women widows and made 184 children or

All hope of rescuing any who went into the mine Saturday has been aban Weeping wives who made widows by Saturday's dust blas crowded the shaft entrances this morning to meet their dead. In a warehouse n ar the mine entrance are great numbers of coffins awaiting their

Of these corpses found last night three sat bold upright in a mine car and five lay on the ground. Black Damp Develops.

Black damp developed late Sunday and retarded progress but the silent force pushed dauntlessly on, some of them till they were carried out over-come by the noxious gases. Thousands of the morbidly curious

cked into the village and crowded about the main entry of the mine. They saw nothing because there was nothing to see but the pitiable grief of the stricken families.

All of the bodies recovered have identified. Among them was that of Will Farmer, assistant foremar of the mine. The top of his head had been blown off. He is survived by a widow and two children.

There is hardly a family in the entire Coal Creek valley that has not felt the touch of death. The prob-lem of caring for the widows and orwill be a grave one, requiring Immediate solution. Certainly Briceville will be unable to care for her liv-The first of the burials occurred yes

terday afternoon in the graveyard lo cated upon a commanding elevation in rear of the little church opposite the Briceville depot. The remains laid to rest were those of Lee Polston, Taylor and Eugene Ault. Rev. R. H. Wiggs, pastor of th

Baptist church at Briceville, offered a brief but fervent prayer in behalf of the victims, their surviving loved ones and friends. The prayer was the extent of formal religious ceremonies held over the remains.

grief suffered by the loved ones in the many fatherless and husbandless pine boxes containing the

coffins were piled high, in front of the improvised morgue.

The relief work has been systematically and effectively organized under the direction of George P. Chandler, president of the Tennessee Coal company. Volunteers from practically every mine in the Coal Creek and Briceville region arrived Saturday night and posterday. Others also came from mines at Jellico Oliver Springs, Middlesboro and even from up in the southwest Virginia coal belt.

Work Under Difficulties.

Mr. Chandler marshalled the relief volunteers in squads of about fifty

volunteers in squade of about fifty men each. These squade are being sent into the mine in shifts, working

men each. These squads are being sent into the mine in shifts, working two hours each. The atmosphere and debris in the mine preclude the possibility of continuous working.

10,000 Propile Visit Scene.

Briceville was the meccs of innumerable visitors from Knoxville Sunday. The early morning trains were taxed to their utmost capacity. In addition, the pike road, 35 miles from Knoxville to Briceville, was alive throughout the day with automobiles and other vehicles. It is estimated that not less than 10,000 people have visited the scene of the disaster.

John Logan of Atlanta, Ga., representality of the Red Cross society, reached the scene hast night, in the meantime, the Red Cross flag had been conspicuously suspended from the foderal mine rescue car and its altendants were prepared to administer relief of a medical or surgical nature if called upon.

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Girl Long Gone

A Year Ago Tomorrow, Miss Dorothy ld Strangely Disappeared, Leaving No Cine.

New York, Dec. 11 .- Miss Dorothy Arnold, whose mysterious disappearance from her home here puzzled the police of two continents, will have been missing just one year tomorrow Her absence was first made public January 26 and since then various conflicting reports concerning the Lawler in Conference with Say Congress Should Pave Recognition of Leaf Tobacco

a state of bewilderment. John S. Keith, the Arnold family's lawyer, says the family believe the girl is dead and no other explanation can be conceived, as absolutely no clue to what became of her ever has

Eight of 63 Injured at Motion Picture Show Had Legs Amputated.

explosion during a cinematographic exhibition today caused two deaths. were injured. the victims had their legs amputated

ANT, HOUSEWIVES PEST. BOLL WEEVIL'S ENEMY

Scientist Discovers Insect Is the Cotton Grower's Most Effective Ally.

New Orleans, Dec. 11.-After extensive experiments Father Albert United States practically unprepared. Blever, the Jesuit scientist, today anounced that the Argentine ant, which is the most effective enemy of the and the lack of reserves. The army oll weevil in the south. It was found

The scientist thinks eventually the for any serious war service, nt will be able to attack the grown-

POSTAL SURPLUS SHOWN IN HITCHCOCK'S REPORT

Washington, Dec. 11.—"For the first time since 1883 the annual financial statement of the postoffice depart-The advent yesterday of 175 coffins ment shows a surplus instead of the deficit." This is the burden of the was the signal for a renewal of the annual report of Postmaster General annual report of Postmaster General placing of the postal service upon a Stimson declares, of the extravagance self-sustaining basis meant an improvement and extension of facilities bution of the army. and, at no distant day, a one-cen

GOTHAM ENTERTAINS WESTERN EXECUTIVES

overnors Formally Welcomed to the City by Mayor Gaynor—The Program.

New York, Dec. 11 .- The western overnor's party was formally welned by Mayor Gaynor this morning. a visit to Grant's tomb, a water trip attempt to hasten action.

one of the municipal department. Chariton is well supplied with funde

Preliminary Examination Bert H. Franklin, Charged With Jury Tampering, Comes up.

M'MANIGAL TO TESTIFY AT INDIANA INQUIRY

Witnesses Summoned to Appear Before Federal Grand Jury.

Los Angeles, Dec. 11,-With the McNamara brothers at the state peniitself into two parts today, one being H. Franklin, charged with bribing prospective juror, and the other the conference between Oscar Lawler. government presecutor, and several witnesses summoned to appear omorrow before the federal grand jury to tell what they know about the alleged dynamiting conspiracies. announcement that Ortic E. McManigal confessed dynamiter, soon would go to Indianapolis to lay the founda-tion for an inquiry there was taken to mean here that the grand jury would conclude consideration of the conspir Liege, Beigium, Dec. 11.-A bomb acy subject by the end of the week

WASTE OF PUBLIC MONEY

Secretary Stimson Condemns Present Plan of Widely Distributing Troops.

Washington, Dec. 11.—In his annual report to the president, Secretary of War Stimson declares that the contingency of war with a first class power would find the army of the fact that the army was "scattered out s the despair of Louisiana housewives, over the country" in too many posts, boll weevil in the south. It was found on the place footing habitually mainthat the ant will destroy young weevils tained, with miniature companies and

army in artillery and ammunition. Secretary Stimson says that "at the present rate of appropriation it is esmated that it would take more than fifty years to secure a reasonable supply of field artillery guns, carriages and ammunition that would be necessary in the event of war."

The report makes the somewhat startling statement that at a censerva tive estimate the expense per effective riflemen in the United States army is between two and five times as much as of Europe. This comparison is madhigher pay and better subsistence that American soldiers receive. This fact is stated as an illustration. Secretary

CHARLTON VERSIFIES AS CASE HANGS FIRE

Jersey City, Dec. 11.—Porter Charl-on, after waiting in jail a year and wife at Lake Como, Italy, in June, of concurrent supervision, in 1910, is facing another 18 months of that his appeal to the Supreme court economical." against extradition will not be reached before 1913, and neither the prison-The program of entertainment provider a family nor Major Scott, brother ad for the state executives included of the slain woman, seems inclined to

on, one of the municipal department and spends his time reading, composite and an exhibition of work by and spends his time reading, composite and smoking cigarettes.

Girl of Mystery Killed Strangely By Gas Fumes

Tragic Death Reveals That Mary F. Harmon, Aged 18, Cultured, Talented and Supposedly Wealthy, Was Daughter of Her Mulatto Maid and an English Singer.

car and its attendants were prepared to administer relief of a medical or to administer relief of a medical or eurgical nature if called upon.

The work of Mr. Logan probably will be first to investigate as to the will be first to investigate as to the mild of many F. Harmon, aged 13, who was found in a bedroom in her apartment this morning supposedly dead from gas asphysiation. Near her on the floor was the unconscious form a graph these. Larders are empty and stores have axhausted their supplies of provisions. The lack of sufficient of the girl's negro maid, aged 40.

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Securities Commissioners Rec ommend That the Light Be Turned on All Railroad Financing.

THEY OPPOSE FEDERAL CONTROL OF ISSUES

Way for Roads to Exchange State for National Charters.

Washington, Dec. 11.-The railroad securities commission, headed by entiary, the dynamiting case divided President Arthur T. Hadley of Yale, has reported that it would be practically impossible at this time to place issues of railroad securities under federal control. The commission rec ommends that enforced publicity for all railroad financing is the most ing wich the government has at its

The commission was created in 1910 when the senate refused to accept a house amendment to the pending railroad bill providing that all fuure issue of stocks and railroad so rities be placed under the control of he interstate commerce comm Many of the senate democrats opposed it as an invasion of states-rights. President Taft at the time told republican leaders the party was committed to such a measure but, when it appeared impossible to pass it, the president agreed to have the clause eliminated, with the underthe subject would be allowed. This was done and the commissi

war done and the commission began work in the autumn of 1910. Public hearings were held and Chairman Hadley studied the problem abroad.

The commissions report is distinctly adverse to the egislation proposed in the retiroad his proposed in the retiroad his present to compress today declared. report to congress today, declared that he heartily concurred in the recommendations.

The commission's principal conclusions are: That any attempt by congress to adopt the policy of federal regula-

tion to the exclusion of state regulation, would be premature. That for the present, state authorties should make a concerted effort to harmonize existing requirements. That congress should prepare the future by giving consideration to n act which

would permit interstate railroads to exchange their state charters for national ones. The commission takes the ground that constitutional questions involving

the scope and extent of federal authority are unsettled and will remain so for some time; and that while such a condition exists, to superimpose federal regulation upon state one cent each, or \$25 in the aggregate regulation would add to the conflicts but will be sold for \$20. The coupons and complexities, which in the public interest, should rather be diminished than increased. "Unless the constitutional power of

congress to regulate securities of in-terstate railroads is definitely estab-lished as being exclusive of state at the rates and under the regulations either the federal government and the states will come to a sale and use of this form of transpor general understanding as to the prin- tation order. ciples to be adopted in the control of security issues, or the railroad sys-

separate administrative body subjecting the railroads to a new system action in his case. Indications are exist does not seem just, expedient or

Recommends Complete Publicity. For the present, the comm recommends that complete publicity be required to surround all issues of securities and that any interstate railroad issuing stocks and bonds be required to furnish to the interstate commerce commission a full state-ment of the details of the issue, the purposes for which the proceeds are to be used, and an accounting for the

to be used, and an accounting for the expenditures of such proceeds.

"Accurate knowledge of the facts surrounding the issue of securities, and the expenditure of the proceeds is the matter of most importance," the commission says. "It is the one thing upon which the federal government can effectively insist today; it is the fundamental thing which must serve as a basis for whatever regulation may be desirable in the future.

Supreme Court of United States Declines to Upset Decree of Circuit Tribunal.

PETITION WAS MADE BY THE INDEPENDENTS

Board of Trade as a Party to the Suit Denied.

Washington, Dec. 11.-The United itates Supreme court today declined to interfere at this time with the de cree of the United States Circuit cour for southern New York approving th reorganization plan of the "tobacco

Attorneys for the leaf tobacco board of trade of New York city Monday asked the Supreme court to review the decree and require the lower court to vacate its order approving the decree and compel it to recog effective weapon against stock water- nize the leaf tobacco board of trade of New York as a party to this liti-

than that they could not accept the "We have no statement to make,

said an official of the Battery Park bank, "further than that we have written a letter to Mr. Grove, explain-

Special to The Gazette-News. certain of the prominent southeastern all the railroads in the southeast.

Each book will contain at time of of each book, when attached to the cover and contract thereof and presented to ticket agents by the origina set forth in the tariff governing the

The Southern Railway company will sell and honor these scrip books in tems will be given the opportunity to addition to the present two cent per exchange their state charters for fed-mile interchangeable mileage tickets eral ones," says the report.

"Until such exclusive jurisdiction can be established the creation of a crai years, thus making no change in of Z and ZZ which the Southern Railthe existing forms and rates interrallway, the scrip book arrangement simply being as far as the railway is concerned, an additional

CONCERT MOVE FOR ROOSEVELT

Hyde Case Juror Has Disappeared

Guards Find Transom Torn Open and Harry Waldron Gone-Mistrial May Resurt.

Kansas City, Dec. 11.-Harry Waldrop, juror in the trial of Dr. B. Clarke Hyde, accused of murdering Col. Thomas H. Swope, has disappear ed and the trial has been halted in uence. Deputy marshals guarding the jury in a hotel found the torn from over Waldron's door this morning and Waldron was

A mistrial may result.

Grand Sweepstakes and Other Prizes Brought Back by Mr. Hutt.

> Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, Dec. 11.

Some political issues are being made these days and when two of the old members-the only ones whose erms will expire next year-offer for re-election, it is expected that a real lively campaign will be the result. Some of the "leaders" in this county think that the way to progress is to fight and scrap all the time.

W. N. Hutt, state horticulturist, re turned Sunday from St. Joseph, Mo., where he attended the national horticultural congress and brought back for North Carolina the grand sweepstakes and several other prizes of the first and second order, the pleasing fact that the Iowa exhibitors bought a lot of the Carolina apples to carry home for the purpose of showing apple growers, in that state just what a Tar Heel prize win-ner is: it is confidently expected that result of North Carolina's showing at this congress will be thousands of dollars invested in this state. S. B. Shaw, Mr. Hutt's assist ant, has also returned home

WILL ADVANCE RANKING OF 3 BASEBALL LEAGUES

New York, Dec. 11.-Three days of tion railroads will place on sale at their big doings in baseball circles opened principal ticket offices a form of with the meetings today of the big doings in baseball circles opened held the last week in June. transportation order, designated "In- National Baseball commission and of ship of the committee at this time. terchangeable Penny Srip Books," the Eastern league. The new ranking of the American association and Maine, the vice chairman, will be of the Eastern and Pacific Coast elected to serve until the presidential leagues in class leagues comes before sale 2500 coupons of the face value of the commission for ratification. This reclassification necessitates several mendments in existing agreements. The two big leagues begin their de-

liberations tomorrow.

DROPS DEAD AT FIRE

New York, Dec. 11 .- After preventing a panic by going among and re-assuring frightened tenants of a burning apartment house, Samuel Best, 71 years old, an ex-battalion chief of the New York fire department, died from heart failure at midnight watching the firemen battle with a stubborn blaze.

Bryan at Colon.

Colon, Dec. 11 .- William Jennings Bryan arrived here today. He leaves for the United States Thursday, via

Woman of "Poisoned Pen" Faces Accusers in Court

Miss Harriet DeWitt Alleged to Have Almost Disrupted Church by Writing Hundreds of Defamatory and Improper Letters Involving Its Pastor, Rev. Snyder.

All Attempts to Disguise Boom for His Nomination for the Presidency Are Dropped.

HIS SUPPORTERS SAY HE WOULD TAKE IT

Party Leaders Confer with Him in New York and Go to Attend Committee

Meeting.

Washington, Dec. 11 .- All attempt disguise the fact that a concerted movement is on foot looking to the nomination of Col. Theodore Roosevel as republican candidate for president n 1912 were apparently dropped to day, when it became known that the national committee members were being sounded as to their view of the feasibility of "forcing" a nomination

on the former president.

On the eve of the assembling of the national republican committee quadrennial session here tomorrow, little was talked of today but prospective attitude of Roosevelt.

It has become known that several prominent republicans, on their way to Washington to attend the confe ence, stopped over in New York and had long talks with Roosevelt, and that still others made engagements, to see him either at New York or at Oyster Bay following the meeting of the National committee.

Say Roosevelt Would Acceept. Roosevelt supporters now here are basing all their arguments in his be-half on the claim, that while Roosevelt has announced that he is not a

candidate, he has not stated that he

would not accept the nomination if it were tendered him. They claim that a good American citiz velt could not do otherwise than ac cept should the convention act."

No attempt, it was said, would be made to bring Roosevelt sentiment to L focus now. The hope of his sup-porters is to achieve victory in the convention. They are pressing the irgument that delegates should go to

the convention uninstructed. Friends of Taft are meeting Roose velt sentiment everywhere and assert that the movement is a well-directed one. They are urging Taft's re-nom-ination on the ground that to refuse to indorse his administration would be

discredit to the party. Program Agreed Upon.
As a result of the many confernces held the following program seems to have been agreed upon: Chicago will get the national con-

There will be no fight for chairman Former Governor John E. Hill of nomination is made. ward, formerly of Nebraska but now of New York, will continue as secretary. After the convention a chairman and other officials agre the candidate will be elected by the new committee.

The question of selecting delegates at presidential primaries, or by customary delegate conventions will be left entirely to the various states to determine for themselves. President Taft is said to have favored this lisposition of the matter. The committee will not act on the

esolution for a reduction of southern representation, declaring this to be a question for determination by convention itself. Hitchcock's Resignation to

cepted.
Colonel Harry S. New, of Indiana, will probably head the ali-powerful sub-committee of five to make arnaster-General Hitchcock's resignation as chairman will be accepted. was tendered immediately after he en-tered the cabinet and is declared to have no strings whatever attached to committeemen at dinner tonight. This dinner probably will be the most im-

dinner probably will be the most im-portant politically given at the white house during the present administra-tion. The committee will not bar federal office holders as delegates to the convention, taking the ground that this question, its one for the conven-tion to decide. The representation tion to decide. The representatives of the southern states are expected to discourage office holders from seeking election as delegates and President Taft, it is said, will approve this pro-

"If full publicity be given we shall also lessen the fraudulent creation of dobt. It is the degree of publicity or rather than the stringency of the law which gives to the people any real protection. A stringent law inadequately enforced and secretly vaded is the worst thing that can be possentially enforced and secretly vaded is the worst thing that can be possentially enforced and secretly vaded is the worst thing that can be possentially enforced and secretly vaded is the worst thing that can be possentially enforced and secretly vaded is the worst thing that can be possentially enforced and secretly vaded in the public because it grain and protection. A stringent law inadequately enforced and secretly vaded is the worst thing that can be possentially enforced and secretly vaded in the public because it grain and protection. The public because it grain of public the same than the stringency and were penned during a sibly offered to the public because it grain and protection. The public because it grain that the public because it grain to the public because it grain to the public because it grain that the public because it grain that the public because it grain to the public because it grain that the public because it grain that the public because it grain that the public because it grain to the grain that the public because it grain to the public because it grain that the public because it grain to the public because it grain the public because it grain that the public public in the public b