

FIND 16 VICTIMS OF MINE BLAST

Hope Abandoned That Any of the Hundred or More Trapped at Briceville Live.

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 11.—With sixteen bodies recovered and identified, rescue parties today renewed digging in an attempt to force the big cross mountain mine, to surrender its dead.

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

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 overcome by the noxious gases.

Postal Surplus Shown in Hitchcock's Report. Washington, Dec. 11.—"For the first time since 1883 the annual financial statement of the postoffice department shows a surplus instead of a deficit."

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BRIBERY CASE AT LOS ANGELES

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

M'NAMIGAL TO TESTIFY AT INDIANA INQUIRY. Lawler in Conference with Witnesses Summoned to Appear Before Federal Grand Jury.

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—With the McNamara brothers at the state penitentiary, the dynamiting case divided itself into two parts today, one being the preliminary examination of Bert H. Franklin, charged with bribing a prospective juror and the other the conference between Oscar Lawler, special government prosecutor, and several witnesses summoned to appear tomorrow before the federal grand jury to tell what they know about the alleged dynamiting conspiracies.

WASTE OF PUBLIC MONEY RESULT OF ARMY SYSTEM. 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 continuity of war with a first class power would find the army of the United States practically unprepared.

CHARLTON VERSIFIES AS CASE HANGS FIRE. Jersey City, Dec. 11.—Porter Charlton, after waiting in jail a year and a half, charged with murdering his wife at Lake Como, Italy, in June, 1910, is facing another 18 months of inaction in his case.

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SECURITIES COMMISSIONERS RECOMMEND THAT THE LIGHT BE TURNED ON ALL RAILROAD FINANCING.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The railroad securities commission, headed by 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.

THEY OPPOSE FEDERAL CONTROL OF ISSUES. Say Congress Should Pave Way for Roads to Exchange State for National Charters.

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TOBACCO TRUST SCHEME STANDS

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

PETITION WAS MADE BY THE INDEPENDENTS. Recognition of Leaf Tobacco Board of Trade as a Party to the Suit Denied.

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Hyde Case Juror Has Disappeared. Kansas City, Dec. 11.—Harry Waldron, juror in the trial of Dr. B. Clarke Hyde, accused of murdering Col. Thomas H. Swopes, has disappeared and the trial has been halted in consequence.

STATE'S TROPHIES FROM APPLE SHOW. Grand Sweepstakes and Other Prizes Brought Back by Mr. Hutt.

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HIS SUPPORTERS SAY HE WOULD TAKE IT. Party Leaders Confer with Him in New York and Go to Attend Committee Meeting.

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