

Rescuers Unable To Reach Victims Of Mine Disaster

Two Hundred Men Entombed And Separated From Rescuers by Cave-in and Flames—Parties of Relief Workers Driven Back by Fire.

Frantic Women Run About the Mine—Body of One Miner Brought to Surface And Identified—Little Hope Entertained For the Men.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—For the second time in ten years a great mine disaster has made the Knoxville colliery district echo the sobs and wails of women and children—relatives of the men whose lives were snuffed out in a flash as they worked.

Two hundred and twenty-five men—perhaps more, perhaps a few less—were entombed in the Cromm Mountain mine near Triceville.

The possibility that any is alive is so slight that it was practically admitted that not one of them will escape.

An explosion of blasting powder or coal dust rocked the earth today within a few minutes after the shift had gone to work.

Three of the men, fortunately late to their work, were in the passage leading to the working pit two miles into the bowels of the earth. They heard the crash and, turning, fled for their lives. Of the many who descended they are the only ones who came out alive.

Stricken, they crawled to the surface and gave the alarm. In an hour rescue parties were organized and started into the shaft.

Rescue impossible. Almost as soon as they descended, a column of smoke trickled from the mouth of the mine. A few seconds later it became a thick pillar and the rescuers, choking and blinded, rushed to the surface.

At a late hour tonight rescuers had succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but had been unable to penetrate the drift on account of gas.

The explosion is believed to have occurred two miles from the opening and about 800 feet below the surface. All of the men who were in the mine were working within a few hundred feet of the hole and it is possible they were killed at the first blast.

If they survived, the damp would have choked out their lives before now.

The only hope now expressed is that the explosion caved in a part of the roof and blocked the passage way between a few of the miners and the deadly fire.

The fire fans kept pumping at top speed in the hope that some one was alive and might be rescued.

Rescue parties after a time attempted to descend into the workings but were driven back. Once the body of a miner was found, it was brought to the surface and identified as that of Lee Paulson.

The entombed men are walled in by thousands of tons of slate and coal which were shattered from the roof and sides of the workings by the force of the explosion.

At the news of the disaster spread throughout the Bristol district, men left their posts at other workings and hastened to join the rescuers.

Women Dragged Back From Pit. Women, wide-eyed and disheveled, ran shrieking to the mouth of the pit and attempted to enter what would have been a place of certain death. Men with rods dragged them back and with rude efforts tried to cheer them.

With the coming of the federal rescue car No. 7 tonight, it was learned that it may be hours before the shaft is sufficiently cleared of smoke and the deadly damp to make possible an entrance.

Even before that it is feared, the men and boys who may have been saved from instant death will have perished to death.

The federal rescue crew was powerless. It could make no headway in the smoke-filled pit and the announcement that nothing could be done was received with a long groan from the crowd of hysterical men and women who surrounded the opening.

Whether the explosion came from coal dust or blasting powder is a mystery. Within the last three weeks the mine had been inspected by a federal inspector and an inspector for an insurance company which insured the lives of the miners and both pronounced it safe.

The Cross Mountain mine is one of a chain owned by the Knoxville Iron Company and has been in operation for more than 20 years.

Tragic History of District. The mining district near here has a tragic history. Not 10 years ago, on the morning of May 19th, 1902, the terrible Fraterville disaster snuffed at once the lives of 187 men and boys.

John Sharp Williams Better. Washington, Dec. 9.—It will be several weeks before Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, who was hurt in a runaway in November, will have fully recovered. He suffered a relapse yesterday and was unable to attend the arbitration mass meeting last night. The senator has been attending sessions of the senate but has not taken an active part in the deliberations. His condition is not considered dangerous, however.

Men With Knives Attack Monroe Man

Special to The News.

Monroe, N. C., Dec. 9.—J. W. Smith, an express messenger who runs between Hamlet and Atlanta and who lives at Monroe, was seriously cut this morning two miles from Monroe as he was on his way to visit his wife's cousin, intending to spend the night with him and go possum hunting.

He came to Monroe early yesterday morning and hired a horse and buggy to drive out to the home of his wife's relative. In about an hour after he left the horse and buggy came back, the buggy soaked in blood but Smith was missing. A party at once went in search, thinking, perhaps he had been murdered. The place was found where the horse had turned around and started back toward Monroe. As no trace could be found of the missing man for quite a while, excitement was intense.

He was finally discovered at the home of Mr. Verne Lockhart, about two miles from Monroe and about a mile from where the horse had turned around and started back to town. He reported that two men had attacked him with knives as he was about to drive around them in the road. They were white men, he said, his was worn from loss of blood and had not talked much yet. He was taken back to the home of a relative for medical attention. He is badly cut on the arms, neck and back, but will recover.

He lives at Monroe, is 25 years of age and has a wife and child, who came to Monroe from Wilmington, where they were visiting, at the first news of his disappearance.

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MRS. SHUSTER AND CHILDREN

Latest photograph of Mrs. W. Morgan Shuster and her children and below Mrs. Morgan Shuster, mother of the American who is now the center of contention in Persia over his refusal to accede to demands made upon him by the Russian government. The United States has warned Russia through Ambassador Guild that Mr. Shuster and his family must be protected at all hazards.

HOUSE PASSES BILL AIMED AT TOBACCO TRUST

It is in The Interest of The Tobacco Growers — Pension Bill Scheduled to Pass Next Week — Tariff Bills Expected Soon.

Washington, Dec. 9.—During the first week of its session the democratic house passed a bill aiming a blow at the tobacco trust. This action may forecast the character of the legislation to be enacted, or at least discussion at the session which has now opened.

The bill authorizes the census bureau to ascertain every six months the quantity of leaf tobacco held in storage warehouses. It is in the interest of the tobacco growers, and is designed to prevent a corner or monopoly of leaf tobacco.

Sherwood Service Pension Bill. Following action on this bill the democratic leaders threw into the house the Sherwood service pension bill, which grants to veterans of the civil war graduated pensions up to \$1 a day. This bill is to pass the house before the end of next week. After that will come a number of bills on the house calendar of local importance. The important legislation of the session will come after New Year's.

Tariff Bills Soon. Chairman Underwood announces he will be ready with some of the important tariff revision bills immediately after the holidays. He will bring forth the wool, cotton and steel revision bills in the order named. He cannot tell until he has seen the president's message on wool bills will be taken away with the least possible ostentation, persuaded the newspaper men to seek cover shortly before the men left.

The train, the "Owl," one of the fastest trains between Los Angeles and San Francisco, arrives at Oakland at 1:45 a. m.

The men were kept in separate state rooms on the train. Each was handcuffed to a deputy sheriff.

There were six guards, including Sheriff Hammel and Under-sheriff Brain. Each man had a big revolver; besides this, in the arsenal on the car were a number of sawed off "shot guns" and other arms and ammunition sufficient to have supplied an ambitious militia company.

Head of Trust Company Ends His Life Today

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 9.—Peter Boyd, president of the Tradesman's Trust Company, which is now in the hands of a receiver, committed suicide this afternoon in his law office in the North American building by putting the bullet through his head.

The shot was not heard by any of the tenants of the building, and his body was discovered late this afternoon by the cleaners. Boyd's office, found on the floor of Boyd's office, with a bullet hole in his forehead and a revolver on the floor by his side.

Mr. Boyd was a prominent republican and succeeded Samuel H. Ashbridge as president of the Tradesman's Trust Company at the latter's death several years ago. He was well known as a lawyer and was a member of many prominent clubs.

In September the Tradesman's Trust Company closed its doors and since that time Henry M. Chandler, receiver, has been at work trying to unravel the complicated affairs of the bank. So far he has been unable to make any statement about the expected return the depositors will get.

MISS GERTRUDE COONER MISSING. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 9.—The police today began a search for Gertrude Cooner, of Birmingham, Ala., who has been missing from the Young Woman's Christian Association since Tuesday.

Y. W. C. A. officials said Miss Cooner came to Chicago after quarrelling with her parents.

SIX JURORS CHOSEN TO TRY PACKERS. Chicago, Dec. 9.—The Federal trial of ten Chicago meat packers on charges of violating the Sherman anti-trust law adjourned until Monday after six tentative jurors had been accepted.

RUSSIA REQUESTS PUNISHMENT OF THREE ASSASSINS. Teheran, Dec. 9.—The foreign office has received a note from Russia requesting the punishment of the three assassins of Ala-Ed-Dowleh, former governor of the province of Fars, who was killed December 1. It is generally believed that Ala-Ed-Dowleh's alleged intrigues with Russia brought about his death.

Bitter Attack On Dollar-A-Day Pension Bill

GRADIRON CLUB MERRILY RAPS CELEBRITIES

Washington, Dec. 9.—Verse—"Round the table are officers fair; President and congress all are there. Look them over you insurgent horde "And take them all if you have the sword."

This touching parody of Whittier's "Barba Frietchie" gave the keynote to the December dinner of the Gradiron Club, the famous organization representing the press of the nation at the New Willard hotel tonight.

The red banner of insurgency was flung to the breeze and every skit and gibe was supercharged with the spirit of revolt against present conditions, political, social and personal.

Nothing was too sacred to escape the irony and wit of the actors who displayed on the miniature stage and the choristers who chanted to the tune of popular airs, the grievances of the common people and the glowing promises of reformers.

Two hundred and fifty guests were present, including President Taft and Vice President Sherman, two ambassadors, seven members of the cabinet, ten senators, a large number of representatives, Governor Harmon of Ohio, Governor-elect Goldsborough of Maryland, former Governor Folk of Missouri, a great gathering of newspaper men and leaders in the business world.

The table in the shape of a gradiron was heaped with roses and orchids while the walls were hung with southern smilax.

The festivities began at 8 o'clock, when Louise Garthe, elected president of the club, took the arm of President Taft and led the way into the banquet hall.

At each plate was a souvenir book of Mother Goose rhymes with cartoons of prominent guests by Jerry men.

One cartoon of the president showed Mr. Taft in aeroplane with the verse: "It is for Taft, or tariff so high "Which must be revised (in the sweet by and bye)."

A cartoon of Senator LaFollette presented him playing with a small presidential locomotive, and showing President Taft in distance with a knife. The accompanying verse ran: "L. is for LaFollette, a whirlwind for talk. "Whose presidential boom Taft hopes to balk. "All of the republican and democratic candidates for president came in for their share of the raps, cartoons being shown of Governors Harmon and Wiley, Speaker Clark and others. Colonel Roosevelt was not forgotten, for there was a picture of him holding a big stick and sitting beneath a tree.

Beneath the cartoon was this rhyme: "There was a busy man who lived on a hill, "He lives there yet, but not always still. "On Tennessee Iron he says he was wise, "And he's the one who never told lies."

After the diners had been given a chance to look over the souvenir books they were asked to pay attention to ballots at their plates, labeled "for the progressive presidential primary" all were asked to vote.

Before they had a chance to vote, however, two men impersonating Senators Bourne and LaFollette entered and began to quarrel. It was then announced that 210 votes had been cast with the following result: Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, 161; James H. Garfield, 4; Senator Cummins 1; Senator Bristow 1; Near-Minister-to-China, Crane 8 1-2; Senator LaFollette 10 1-2; Senator Bourne 23. When Dr. Wiley was declared elected Senator Bourne and LaFollette left shouting that they had been cheated.

FORMER WIFE OF TOBACCO TRUST ORGANIZER MARRIED. New York, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Belle Harper Hughes, former wife of Col. Joseph Hughes, one of the organizers of the tobacco trust, who died in February of this year, was married today to Alexander Cazzani, a wealthy tobacco grower of Rio de Janeiro. The couple will sail for the home of the bridegroom on Wednesday.

THE WEATHER. Washington, D. C., Dec. 9. Forecast for Sunday and Monday: North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, increasing cloudiness Sunday, probably followed by rain Sunday afternoon or night. Monday, rain and colder.

Southern Representative Pro-nounces Sherwood Bill "An Attempted Campaign Contribution of \$50,000,000"—Hated Words.

Advises Legislators to Tell Their Constituents it is a Game of Buncomb—Protests Against "Nejarious Legislation."

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The house again today was the scene of more oratory on the Sherwood "dollar-a-day" pension bill, but while the house worked overtime in a six-hour session the senate was idle. The upper chamber held no session at all today, although the senate committee on interstate commerce continued its investigation of the trust question and the Lorimer committee continued its probe.

Many Speakers Turned Loose. More than a score of speakers debated the Sherwood bill in the house. A great majority of them favored the measure, or one similar to it, and eulogies to the "old soldier" were heard almost from the time the gavel fell. Representative Burgess, of Texas, addressed long enough to discuss the tariff policy of "free raw materials," declaring that William Jennings Bryan had reversed himself in advocating such a policy.

To Continue Steel Inquiry. The Stanley steel investigating committee announced late this afternoon that it had decided by unanimous vote, to continue the steel inquiry. It was agreed, however, that the committee will not attempt to make any recommendations as to the guilt of the steel trust now that the government has instituted suit against it. This agreement is a compromise between the Littleton and Stanley views, which have been unharmonious heretofore as to the scope of the future investigation of the committee.

Representative Graham, chairman of the house committee, which investigated the Controller Bay charges, presented the majority report of his committee to the house today.

The debate in the house today showed that the democrats are not unanimous in their support of the Sherwood bill, reported by a democratic committee. Representatives Sims, "Tribble and Dies, all democrats, opposed the bill on the theory that it was extravagant and Mr. Dies claimed that the legislation was a bid for the old soldier vote.

The Hardwick sugar investigating committee continued its probe of the sugar trust today and the house judiciary committee held another hearing on the Clayton bill to define contempt of court.

Bitter Attacks on Pension Bill. Representative Samuel J. Tribble, of Georgia, and Martin Dies, of Texas, both democrats, vigorously attacked the Sherwood service pension bill in the house today. Mr. Dies denounced the bill as "an attempted campaign contribution of nearly \$50,000,000." He declared there was cowardice in both parties, as advocates of the measure feared to vote against the bill because of the possible effect on election. Mr. Tribble said the South had contributed to Union soldiers pensions without protest in the past, but that the time had come for all sections of the country to object to further increases.

"Democratic house cut its expenses \$186,000," said Mr. Tribble and now proposes to add nearly \$60,000,000 to the pension rolls."

Both speakers protested against giving the veterans of the Civil war more than they had asked for.

"I think decapitation for a good many cowardly statesmen here would do the republic good," declared Mr. Dies. He told members to go back to