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Fear Many Miners Die In Illinois Mine Explosion

Explosion in Chicago Wilmington & Franklin Coal Mine Near West Frankfort, Ill., Trapped Men.

ABOUT A THOUSAND WERE IN THE MINE

Bat Officials Think Most of Them Escaped by Means of Safety Devices—Some of Dead Bodies Recovered.

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Twenty-five men are unaccounted for out of a total of 922 after the explosion this morning in the Chicago Wilmington & Franklin Coal Company mine near West Frankfort, Ill., the largest mine in the state, and possibly in the world, according to advice to Gov. B. Harrington, president of the company. Seven men were reported killed, 25 seriously injured. The explosion was caused by gas and a great disaster probably was averted by the barrier pillar system in use in the mine. The mine was indicated that the explosion occurred in the northwest corner of the mine, probably about a mile from the shaft.

1,000 May Be Trapped

West Frankfort, Ill., Nov. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—More than 1,000 men may be trapped in Mine No. 1 of the Chicago, Wilmington & Franklin Coal Company, it was reported, following explosion in the mine this forenoon. Officials of the company have declined to comment on the report, and would not say whether they knew any men had been killed in the blast. A state mine rescue car has been dispatched from here. The mine holds the world's record in the number of tons hoisted in eight hours and it is believed about 1,100 men were in the mine at the time of the explosion.

Think 60 Are Entombed

Berlin, Ill., Nov. 26.—Five bodies have been taken from the Chicago, Wilmington & Franklin Coal Mine and 60 are presumed to be entombed at the entrance where the explosion occurred.

Several Still Missing

West Frankfort, Ill., Nov. 26.—Fourteen of the 1,000 men employed in the mine this morning followed an explosion in the mine this morning. Seven miners were severely burned.

HOLSTEIN MAKES WORLD'S RECORD AS MILK PRODUCER

Produced 35,085.04 Pounds of Milk, With 1,417.16 Pounds of Butterfat.

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Kolaire Funderline, a Holstein cow, completed a test at seven years of age, with a production of 35,085.4 pounds of milk containing 1,417.16 pounds of butterfat, equivalent to 1,296.4 pounds of butter, making her the world's champion milk cow for production under strictly official rules, according to announcement of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

L. D. C. MEMBERS STAND WITH WOODROW WILSON

Delights Assure Mr. Wilson They "Always Stand With You."

Washington, Nov. 25.—Former President Wilson was assured that the Daughters of the Confederacy "always stand with you" during an enthusiastic exchange of greetings late yesterday at the former President's South Street home.

Hilfer on Hunger Strike

Manila, N. C., Nov. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Adolf Hilfer, the Bavarian fascist leader who was arrested after failure of recent nationalist "putsch," here is reported to have gone on a hunger strike in jail at Stadelheim, near this city, where he is being confined.

A woman has been compelled to mark the place of General Pershing's mother, in Blount county, Tenn. The dedication probably will take place on Mother's Day next year.

OUT OF THE WEST



CREW OF SCHOONER FIRED AT OFFICERS

New York, Nov. 24.—The crew of the rum laden schooner Tomako, after her capture yesterday about six miles off the Jersey shore threatened a coast guard officer and attempted a dash to sea after firing their machine guns at the cutter Seneca and Lexington. The additional facts were brought out in an official report made today to the collector of the port, who was investigating the alleged British registry of the schooner, whose seizure, it was reported from London, might bring a formal protest from the British government.

LEVIATHAN MAKES NEW RECORD ACROSS OCEAN

Big Liner Sailed From Cherbourg to New York in Five Days, Seven Hours and Twenty Minutes.

New York, Nov. 26.—America's biggest steamship, the Leviathan, established a new world's record for westbound navigation between Cherbourg and New York today after a run of 5 days, 7 hours and 20 minutes, with an average hourly speed of 24.17 knots. This broke by 13 minutes the previous record held by the Cunarder, Mauretania, of 5 days, 7 hours and 33 minutes.

OFFICERS ARE SEEKING FOR MASKED INTRUDER

Who Walked Into Home of Duane Chapel, Aged 64, and Clubbed Him to Death.

Four Kings Sign Up For Golden Rule Day

New York, Nov. 23.—Four "kings" are included in the latest list of supporters of Golden Rule Day, December 2.

Injured in Saw Mill Explosion

Elizabeth City, N. C., Nov. 26.—A. L. Chesson, aged 64 years, was seriously injured today when a boiler at the saw mill of the Chesson Manufacturing Company exploded.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS

Rain tonight, slightly warmer in the east; Tuesday cloudy and colder, probably rain on the coast.

THE COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 26.—The cotton market showed renewed firmness today with January and all later deliveries making new high records for the season, because of relatively high cables, reports of a strong tone in the stock market, rallies in the foreign exchange rates, and the issuance of comparatively few notices against December contracts.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF SOUTH ARE CONFIDENT

Optimistic Forecasts Made by Them During Their Regional Meeting at Atlanta.

Van Sikes, Prominent Farmer, Dies in a Hospital

Monroe, Nov. 24.—Vann Sikes, one of the most prominent and substantial farmers of Union county, died at the Elton Fitzgerald hospital in this city this morning at 11:30 o'clock.

AMERICAN PROPOSALS READY FOR DELIVERY

Proposals Will Be Presented to American-Canadian Conference Which Opens Tomorrow.

RATE HEARING WAS COMPLETED THURSDAY

Respondents Contesting Proposed Increase Must File Briefs Within Fifteen Days.

MISS OVERTON FOUND AFTER LONG SEARCH

Daughter of Captain Overton, of Salisbury, Is Found at Home of C. E. Helms, Near Salisbury.

Salisbury, Nov. 23.—Miss Frances Overton, 19-year-old daughter of Captain and Mrs. W. S. Overton, was located this afternoon at the home of C. E. Helms, several miles south of the city after a search that continued from early last night.

RAILROAD HEARING IS AGAIN POSTPONED

I. C. C. Meeting to Discuss Railroad Consolidation Put Off for the Third Time.

Washington, Nov. 26.—For the third time, the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing on railroad consolidation was held open so that facts in regard to Henry Ford's Detroit-Toledo & Ironton road might be put into records.

YOUTH BADLY HURT IN WRECK AT SALISBURY

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ROLLING STOCK OF GERMANY IS SEIZED BY BELGIAN AGENTS

Stock Seized at Duisburg and Hamborn Because Germany Failed to Pay Indemnity to Belgium.

WANTED INDEMNITY FOR MAN'S DEATH

Lieut. Graff Was Shot by German Soldiers, Who Claimed Later They Were Mistaken in the Man.

Brussels, Nov. 26.—The Belgian government today seized the German rolling stock at Duisburg and Hamborn, in view of Germany's failure to reply to Belgium's note demanding an indemnity of 1,250,000 francs for the assassination of Lieutenant Graff near Dusseldorf in March, 1922. The time limit fixed by the Belgian ultimatum expired last night. Belgium had previously rejected an offer from Germany to submit this question to The Hague for arbitration and the Belgian government had notified that the amount claimed as indemnity would be confiscated in the occupied regions should Germany fail to pay.

THRASH UNKNOWN MAN FOR INSULTING WIVES

Two Salisbury Men Report to Police They Beat Up Stranger—Teeth and Glasses Found.

Salisbury, Nov. 24.—An atmosphere of mystery surrounds an occurrence of Friday night when two men living on Main Street named Gillis and Small beat up a stranger who was accused of having insulted their wives.

FOUND BADLY HURT AT HOME OF HIS MOTHER

Whirlow Believed to Have Been Beaten by Gillis and Small for Insulting Women.

Salisbury, Nov. 25.—Chief of Police Gallimore Saturday night found Lawrence Whirlow, a young white man, at the home of his mother, two miles from the city, suffering from wounds similar to those inflicted on an unknown man by the two men, Gillis and Small, who alleged insults offered their wives Friday night.

ENTIRE FAMILY IS REPORTED TO BE DEAD

Reports Say Sam Roscoe, Wife and Several Children Were Burned to Death.

Connelville, Pa., Nov. 26.—Reports reached here today that Sam Roscoe, his wife and several children were burned to death when their home in Conqueque, Pa., was destroyed by fire this morning. Parts of five bodies were removed at noon when the ruins had cooled sufficiently to allow a search.

CHUBBY FACED BABE RESPONDED TO CARE OF FOSTER PARENTS

Drawn Expression, Caused by Cold and Hunger, Gives Way to One of Contentment and Happiness.

ADOPTED HOME TO BE PERMANENT

Police Officer and Wife Who Are Caring for Child Plan to Keep It—Public Showing Interest in Case.

Safe at last from the malign influence of cruel parents who deserted him, the pink, chubby babe found in the woods near Keller Church Saturday morning, is finding happiness and a home with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Widenhouse, the former one of the officers called by members of Mr. Edmund Cook's family, who discovered the tiny boy fighting for a chance to live after being left alone to his fate in weeds and brush, with only a basket as a bed and with only tattered clothing as a covering from the rain and cold.

Responding quickly to tender ministrations by Mrs. Widenhouse and her friends the baby has regained infant normalcy and today presents a perfect picture of health and happiness. The drawn expression on the tiny face, caused by the bitter cold and rain to which he was subjected by heartless parents, has given way to one of contentment and satisfaction, and instead of the pitiful wail of a hungry child there emanates now from his rounded throat the fully developed cry of a normal tot.

And his adopted home is to be a permanent one. It took only the touch of the baby hand and the faint appeal of the baby voice to kindle a kindly love in the hearts of the foster parents, who have announced to the world in general and to several persons who wanted the boy in particular, that he is theirs. So instead of being left by the side of the road to die without a chance, the boy is to be reared in a Christian home, where love and kindness will be his share and where he will be given opportunity to fully develop his mind and body.

With each passing day the baby gives new evidences that he will "grow into a strapping youngster." Weighing nine pounds after his ordeal in the woods, the tot promises to gain weekly and as he shows so far no ill effects from his desertion, physicians who have examined him are positive that he is normally sound and healthy, and will show improvement with each passing week.

Nothing has been learned of the parents of the babe. An abandoned car was found about four miles from Keller Church Saturday, but the officers have no way to prove that it was the vehicle which carried the innocent babe to his woody resting place. The car slipped into a ditch about 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon officers have been advised, but whether or not its occupants were the parents of the infant orphan has not been determined. One report says that Charlotte stated that the driver of the car is under arrest there, but officers here do not know what charge he is being held on.

There is a feeling in this city that the parents should be severely punished, but that under no circumstances should they again hold in their hands the fate of the babe they deserted. The baby could not determine his own fate, but persons who have seen him in his present home this week and who saw him there Saturday soon after being rescued, declare the expression on his chubby face shows that he wants to stay with those people who have given him contentment, who have lived the Golden Text that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Sale of Blankets at the Paris-Belk Co.

A sale extraordinary of Woolly Warm Plaid Blankets will take place at the Paris-Belk Co.'s tomorrow, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The price will be only \$4.95 a pair. Better phone if you can't go, because they will go like hotcakes. See big ad today.

Escaped Prisoner Caught

Raleigh, Nov. 26.—Lacy Wright, escaped convict from the Caledonia prison farm in Halifax county, has been recaptured, according to Superintendent Geo. R. Pou, of the State Prison, who announced today he had received word from police authorities of Baltimore, Md., that Wright is being held in custody there.