

TILL STRIVING TO REACH MINERS HELD CAPTIVES IN MINE

Rescue Work in the Mine at Shanktown Has Been Greatly Hindered by the Water and Gas.

FORTY-ONE BODIES HAVE BEEN FOUND

It Is Felt That All Other Men Who Were in the Mine Have Perished Since the Explosion.

Shanktown, Pa., Jan. 28.—Hindered by water and gas, mine rescue crews have been working in vain since the explosion of a mine here on Saturday afternoon...

Pay Homage to Dead Comrades. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 28.—(By the Associated Press.) In memory of their brother miners, delegates to the annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America...

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Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—Total revenue of all the states governments in 1922 amounted to \$1,159,445,130, or \$10.71 per capita, according to a report received here from the United States Department of Commerce...

The total cost of government in 1922 of the 48 states amounted to \$1,280,237,598 or \$11.82 per capita, the report says. Of this total \$918,187,367, or 71.7 per cent, was for maintenance and operation of general departments...

The net indebtedness (funded and floating debt less sinking fund assets) of the 48 states was said to amount to \$879,075,619 in 1922. The per capita debt being \$8.12 in 1922 and \$4.31 in 1915.

NO ACTION NOW ON CHRISTIAN NOMINATION. Senate Committee Postpones Action For Two Weeks So Farm People Can Be Heard.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Action upon the nomination of George B. Christian, Jr., former Secretary to President Harding, to be a member of the Federal Trade Commission, was postponed today by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee...

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NATIONAL BANKS NOT ALLOWED BRANCHES UNDER PRESENT LAW

This is Decision of United States Supreme Court on Case Brought Before It by Bank in Missouri State.

NEVER ALLOWED TO HAVE BRANCHES

The Court Says That Since Organization of National Banks They Have Prospered Without Branches.

Washington, Jan. 28.—National banks are prohibited by the laws of Missouri from establishing branches, the Supreme Court held today in a case brought by the First National Bank of St. Louis. The opinion states that the state law does not conflict with the laws of the United States.

Justice Sutherland in delivering the opinion declared that the Federal law does not contemplate the establishment of branch banks by National banks. He added that branch banks cannot be established by national banks under existing federal laws.

National banks had operated for more than one-half a century without branches, the Justice said, and without any apparent detriment to their success. Justice Van Devanter delivered a dissenting opinion in which he said Chief Justice Taft and Justice Butler joined.

There were only two questions to be considered, Justice Sutherland said. The first was whether the state statute was valid as applied to National banks. This the court answered in the affirmative.

NEW ORLEANS HUMAN ASK HALF MILLION. Candler Breach of Promise Suit Set For Next Wednesday in U. S. Court in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Jan. 28.—Attorneys for both sides said today they were ready for the trial here of the \$500,000 suit brought by Mrs. Onezina de Bouché, New Orleans society leader, against Asa G. Candler, Sr., Atlanta capitalist, alleging breach of promise. The case is set for Wednesday next, January 29, in the United States district court for the northern district of Georgia.

Mrs. de Bouché expects to leave New Orleans tomorrow night for Atlanta. It was said here this afternoon that Mr. Candler returned yesterday from Florida where he had spent a week.

The name of Mr. Candler was included in the list of jurors drawn for the approaching term of the federal court. He was excused on the ground of age. The limit for compulsory jury service is 60 years and Mr. Candler is 72.

The suit was filed February 17, last year. In it Mrs. de Bouché alleged that Mr. Candler broke their engagement to marry after refusing to furnish her with the names of persons whom she said he told her had given him information reflecting on her reputation.

Since the petition was filed Mr. Candler married Mrs. Mae Ragan, young Atlanta business woman. The wedding took place in June.

ENGLISH CLERIC CROWDS JOHN WESLEY'S RECORD. Aged Canon Aitkin Has Delivered His 23,000th Sermon.

London, Jan. 28.—John Wesley's record of having preached 27,000 sermons is being measurably approached by Canon Hay Aitkin, aged vicar of Norwich Cathedral, now in his eighty-third year, who has ascended the pulpit to deliver sermons for the 23,000 time. Canon Aitkin began preaching at the age of 17.

Flax Growing Appeals To Northwest Farmers. Minneapolis, Jan. 28.—In the midst of a territory now being grown in large measure to flax, Minneapolis has risen the largest production city of flaxseed in the United States, with the possible exception of New York.

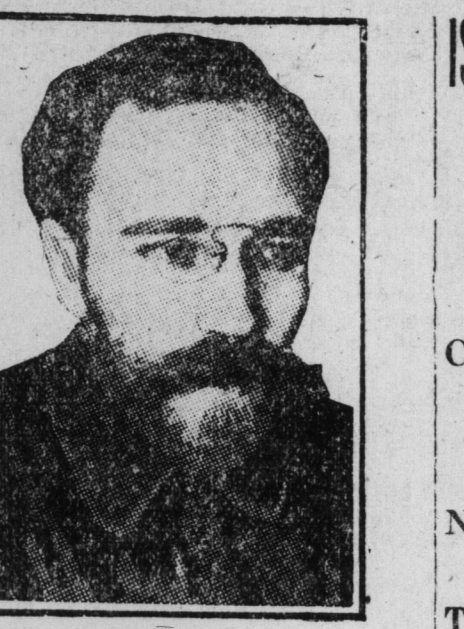
The excessive cost of gasolines. New Bern, Jan. 28.—Motorists as well as owners of commercial automobiles are up in arms in this city over the excessive cost of gasoline and the repeated raising of its already too high prices, as they claim. Some weeks ago the refinery agencies in this community following a war on high prices of gasoline, cut the price from 25 cents per gallon to 20 and 21 cents per gallon. It was raised again to 25 cents here last week without any cause being given by the oil companies.

Suit Against Will Hays and Others. New York, Jan. 28.—Sidney K. Stancus, proprietor of a theatre at Newton, N. J., today filed suit in Federal Court for \$450,000 under the Sherman act, naming Will H. Hays and a number of the largest motion picture producers and distributors in the United States as defendants.

High School Building Destroyed by Fire. Asheville, N. C., January 28.—The high school building at Old Post, 30 miles from here, was destroyed by fire the other night. The loss is estimated at \$40,000. The school accommodated 460 pupils.



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FEAR 14 PERSONS WERE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Explosion Occurred in Two-Family Cottage at Cumberland Hill R. I.

Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 28.—Fourteen persons are believed to have lost their lives either from asphyxiation or from an explosion and fire in a two-family cottage at Cumberland Hill, in Manville, early today.

The bodies of Michael Conway and six members of the family of Adelaide Hamel were found in the ruins and seven other persons are missing. Mrs. Michael Conway was awakened by her young daughter who complained of the odor of gas. Mrs. Conway lit a lamp, and the explosion which destroyed the house followed.

Mrs. Conway, her two sons and daughter escaped. Conway's daughter, wife and two sons were severely cut and bruised and the house was destroyed. Emmet Conway, upon awakening this morning detected a strong odor of gas. He aroused his mother and then with his brother, Thomas, went to the cellar to try to locate the leak. After he had opened the cellar door there was an explosion, evidently caused by a light in the hallway coming into contact with the escaping gas. The boys, with their sister and mother, made their way out of the house which quickly caught fire. Neighbors found six members of the Hamel family lying dead in their side of the house. The body of Conway was found in a cellar. It was believed the bodies of the missing members of the Hamel family are in the ruins.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Barely Steady at Decline of 2 to 16 Points.—March Off to \$32.80.

New York, Jan. 28.—The cotton market opened barely steady today at a decline of 2 to 16 points and sold off to 32.80 for March and 33.10 for May or about 37 to 41 points net lower during the early trading. The cables made a relatively steady showing, notwithstanding continuance of the British rail strike, but the market here appeared to be influenced by unfavorable reports from the cotton goods trade; and the continued talk of increasing domestic mill curtailment. Offerings were not particularly heavy, but there were comparatively few buyers, apparently and spot orders were uncovered on the early break.

Cotton futures opened barely steady. March 33.15; May 33.33; July 32.95; Oct. 27.80; Dec. 27.50.

COMMITTEE DECIDES TO POSTPONE HEARING NOW

No Witnesses in Oil Lease Cases Will Be Called For Next Day or So.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Rear Admiral Gregory and Rear Admiral Rattiner, Judge Advocate General of the Navy, appeared before the House Naval Committee today prepared to discuss naval oil reserves leases, but the committee decided at the last minute not to question them at this time.

Chairman Butler explained that he thought it would be better, in view of developments in the Senate investigation and announced the intention of President Coolidge to institute court action, to pursue a hands-off policy at least for a day or so.

Gompers Called to Testify. Washington, Jan. 28.—President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, appeared today before the Senate sub-committee considering Russian recognition, but before his testimony got underway the hearing was indefinitely postponed. Chairman Borah said the committee members are so engaged in consideration of the naval oil lease situation that a delay of a few days was advisable.

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CENTENARY REPRESENTATIVES

To Visit the Churches in the Interest of the Movement.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—Centenary representatives who are visiting in the various annual conferences of the M. E. Church, South, during the special collection period, January 20 to February 1, include special missionary visitors for each of the churches in the conference, which subscribed \$10,000 and up, to the Centenary movement, according to an announcement received here from Dr. W. G. Cram, of Nashville, directing secretary of the Centenary Commission.

According to Dr. Cram, this church-wide visitation is part of the Centenary collection program now in force throughout the denomination. Six hundred churches of the \$10,000 class will be visited and in co-operation with the local leaders plans laid for the bringing up of the various quotas to the \$6,000,000 centenary deficit from churches of this rating.

The schedule as announced from headquarters covers the various districts and the visitors to the districts are from the same district but they are accompanied by members from other states. The program for North Carolina and South Carolina is as follows: North Carolina and Western North Carolina districts: Handled by Rev. L. D. Patterson, of Menlo, Ga., and Centenary Secretary, Rev. R. M. Courtney, of Thomasville, N. C.

South Carolina: Upper South Carolina, Dr. W. W. Pinson, of Nashville, Foreign Secretary, and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wilkinson are co-operating with the Rev. A. J. Eastman, of Greenville, S. C., Field Secretary, in visiting the large churches of these two conferences.

COOPER CASE NOT CALLED

Judge Connor's Wife Ill and He Did Not Open District Court.

Wilmington, Jan. 28.—Failure of United States District Judge Connor to arrive here today prevented the opening of the scheduled term of United States district court, called to try Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper, T. E. Cooper, Horace Cooper and Clyde W. Lassiter on charges of violating national banking laws in connection with the failure of the Commercial National Bank here. Judge Connor was detained at his home in Wilson by the critical illness of his wife.

Mrs. Connor Ill. Wilson, Jan. 28.—Mrs. H. G. Connor, wife of United States District Judge Connor, is critically ill at her home here. The physicians hold out little hope for her recovery. Judge Connor who was due in Wilmington today to hold court, stated he would go to Wilmington as soon as his duties to his wife would permit.

Baptist Students From Four States. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—Mercedith College and the First Baptist Church of this city will be the hosts of the Baptist students from four states, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, when they convene here on February 29 for their annual meeting of three days. This is the second annual conference of the Baptist students of these states. The first was held in Greensboro. The Southern Baptist Convention through the Interboard Committee, is the promoter of the student conference. During the month of February there will be three conferences of Southern Baptist students. They will be held at Shawnee, Oklahoma; Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and at Raleigh.

Get Radio Program For a Nickel Now. Washington, Jan. 27.—Nickle in the slot radio receiving outfit has made its appearance here. The receiver is equipped with special apparatus devised by D. J. Richardson, of Washington, which give patrons advance information as to the immediate availability of ethereal entertainment and posts a warning twenty seconds before another nickle is required to enable them to enjoy an uninterrupted performance.

Coy Purnell Dead. Benton Harbor, Mich., Jan. 28.—Coy Purnell, forty-year-old son of Benjamin Purnell, fugitive King of the House of David Colony, died at Shiloh House, his father's home, late Sunday, following a lingering illness, aggravated by pneumonia. His death was made known today.

Charged With Attacking Girl. Wilmington, Jan. 26.—John Melton, 71 years old, chief of police here prior to the riots of 1898, today was held to Superior Court without bail when he appeared in police court to answer a charge of attacking a 10-year-old girl.

Gompers Is 74 Years Old. Washington, Jan. 27.—Samuel Gompers, who labors for the workers, was 74 years old today, but he did not realize it until messages of congratulations began to pour in from all parts of the country.

IS STILL AWAITING WORD FROM FORD IN REGARD TO PROPOSALS

Committee of House Asked Detroit Man to Appear Before It Tomorrow.—Other Offers Being Considered.

N. C. PROFESSOR WITNESS TODAY

Thorndyke Saville Testified and Said He Came Because of Personal Interest and Not as Representative.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Still awaiting word from Henry Ford as to whether he will appear to discuss his offer for Muscle Shoals, the House military committee proceeded today with its hearings on the subject, under the program which called for their conclusion not later than Wednesday.

In a telegram sent by Chairman Kahn on Saturday, Mr. Ford was requested to testify before the committee either today or tomorrow. When the committee went into session today no reply had been received.

The first witness today was Thorndyke Saville, associate professor of hydraulic engineering at the University of North Carolina. Mr. Saville said he appeared because of his personal interest, and did not represent any industrial company. He declared he wished to recommend acceptance of the bid of nine southern power companies, as he believed the power development of Muscle Shoals should be fitted in with the entire development of the South.

The industrial companies locating in the South, he said, desired to purchase power rather than develop it themselves, and the Muscle Shoals power should be made available for such purposes.

CHARLOTTE IS STRUCK BY SEVERAL BIG FIRES

Ivey's Store is Damaged \$25,000. While Hargett Warehouse Suffers \$25,000 Loss.

Charlotte, Jan. 26.—Between 6 a. m. and noon, Charlotte had five fires today, the first in Ivey's department store, second on East 7th street, at the old helmsley house of John McGinn; third, on East 5th street where a roof caught from a chimney; fourth, at the Doye Printing company; fifth at the warehouse of D. A. Hargett, Inc., in the northern part of the city near the Southern railway junction. Ivey's fire originated in the kitchen on the fourth floor where the dining room is, and but for a sprinkler system in the building the loss would have been great. As it was the store is badly damaged by water.

It was stated tonight by David Owens of Ivey's that the damage to the stock will amount to \$25,000 covered by insurance. The damages at the fires on East 7th and East 5th were comparatively slight. The Hargett warehouse was burned, also the contents which consisted of feed stuff and cottonseed. The loss was about \$25,000. This fire threatened the building occupied by the Inter-State Milling company and the building occupied by the T. C. Thompson company, of which the late Harry Zeigler was the head.

Boy Scout Anniversary Week. High Point, Jan. 25.—Boy Scout anniversary week will be held here from February 8th to 14th, during which time a recruiting campaign will be carried on for both members and leaders, according to a statement issued by the chairman of the Boy Scout executive committee of this district, Logan Porter.

Recruiting stations for boys will be established throughout the city, where those familiar with the details of the organization may obtain information. Scouts will visit men of affairs in business and professions and tell them the real purpose of the scout movement and seek to interest them in the work, at least indirectly, if not directly. All the scouts of the city will attend services in a body on Sunday the 10th, and Friday, the 15th, a Fathers' and Sons' banquet will be held.

Woolen Mill For Gastonia. Gastonia, N. C., Jan. 28.—The Gastonia Woolen Mills is the name under which the county's newest textile corporation will be operated. It was chartered to spin and weave woolen fabrics, for use as one of the foundations for rollers used in the spinning of yarns. The incorporators are John E. White, K. M. Glass and others. Besides the woolen fabric that will be manufactured the plant will also put out other fabrics and cloths for various purposes. The mill is located on Second and Linwood Streets.

Robbers Get Big Sum. Butte, Mont., Jan. 28.—Two masked robbers entered the Missoula post office early today, held up two mail clerks, and got away with from \$30,000 to \$35,000 in currency, consigned to a Missoula bank, local post office officials announced.

Think Miss Harding Killed Herself. Boston, Jan. 28.—A finding of suicide was reported by acting Medical Examiner Wm. J. Brickley today in the case of Miss Margaret Elliot Harding, daughter of W. P. G. Harding, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Miss Harding died at the Harding home late Saturday. Ill health was given as the probable cause.

Huffman Quits Newspapering to Read Law in Salisbury. Salisbury, Jan. 23.—E. W. G. Huffman, for two years connected with the news department of the Salisbury Evening Post, and who recently gave up his position to launch a newspaper in Newton, has decided to remain in Salisbury and will practice law here.

PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH ATTORNEYS IN OIL LEASE MATTERS

Wants These Men to Help the Government in Case, as Prosecutions Will Be Started Under New Plans.

WILL ANNOUNCE NAMES TOMORROW

Senator Lodge and Other Leaders of Senate Call at White House to Confer With Chief Executive.

Washington, Jan. 28.—President Coolidge was in communication by long distance telephone early today with several attorneys, with a view to engaging special counsel to prosecute oil land lease cases, and White House officials said he expected to be able to announce selections some time today.

Disregarding his earlier engagements, the President remained in his study in the White House past mid-forenoon, in communication with the men he was considering as special counsel. Meantime Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, republican leader of the Senate; Senator Watson, of Indiana, and nearly a dozen other callers, waited at the executive office for an opportunity to see him.

The President went to his office shortly before 11 o'clock and it was intimated he was waiting only for a definite reply from some of those with whom he had talked.

Discussed in Senate. Washington, Jan. 28.—The naval oil disclosures were debated by the Senate today in a history-making session, with all indications pointing to adoption before adjournment of a resolution favoring annulment of the Teapot Dome contract.

While debate was in progress President Coolidge was completing his plans to place prosecution of annulment suits in the hands of two distinguished lawyers, one a democrat and one a republican, with instructions to act independently of the Department of Justice.

Senator Walsh, democrat, of Montana, who has taken a lead in the Senate floor inquiry, presented on the Senate floor the annulment resolution approved in principle by the Senate earlier in the week. The discussion pointed to general acceptance of the proposal of both sides of the chamber.

The resolution relates only to the Teapot Dome interest, but at the same time Senator Lenroot presented a letter from E. L. Doherty offering to restore the Doherty lease for the California reserve on condition that the leasing company be reimbursed for its actual expenditures.

As part of the President's prosecution plan it became known that Congress will be asked to appropriate \$100,000 to pay the expenses of the suit. Action on that feature of the case also is expected before the day is over.

SUIT DISMISSES CASE AGAINST NEW YORK SUGAR AND COFFEE EXCHANGE

Washington, Jan. 28.—The government's suit against the New York Sugar and Coffee Exchange, which was charged with operating in violation of anti-trust laws was dismissed today by the United States Supreme Court.

Chief Justice Taft, delivering the opinion, said there had been "absolute failure by the government to in any way connect the defendants, both corporate and individuals," with any such conspiracy as charged by the government.

The Chief Justice said the government could deal with corners, if it desired, by bringing anti-trust suits against speculators and gamblers.

Kept in "Jim Crow" Cars, Asks \$120,000. Washington, Jan. 28.—E. M. Crosby, Negro physician of Detroit, today asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for an award of \$120,000 from the Pullman Company and a number of Southern railroads, on the ground that they had damaged him by confining him to "Jim Crow" coaches and by refusing him sufficient facilities in his travels during 1923.

Want Power Co. Bid Accepted. Washington, Jan. 28.—A bill authorizing the acceptance of the offer of a group of Southern power companies for leasing the Muscle Shoals nitrate and power plants was introduced today by Representative Hull, republican, of Iowa, a member of the House military committee.

Many Die From Cold. Athens, Jan. 28.—Scores of persons have been frozen to death in the exceptional cold wave that prevails throughout Greece. One message from Saloniki says three soldiers and 156 civilians living under canvas shelters have died of exposure.

W. C. T. U. Meeting at Greensboro. Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 28.—A mass meeting of the local organization of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held Monday evening at the West Market Street Methodist Church. Miss Anna A. Gordon, world and national secretary of the W. T. C. U., will be the principal speaker.