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DEADLY FUMES FROM OIL WELL

More Than a Score Have Been Killed by the Poisonous Gasses

WORKERS DESERT JOBS

Mexico's Greatest Oil Well Fire Does Thousands of Dollars Worth of Damage—Owners Spend a Million Dollars to Stop Flames—Fires Succeeded by Noxious Gases—Laborers Leave Scene and Mexican Soldiers Have Been Sent to Take Their Places—Doctors Sent to the Scene.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Mobile, Ala., Oct. 28.—Deadly fumes from Mexico's greatest oil well fire, 60 miles from Tampico, have instantly killed more than a score of workmen in the past few days, completely blackened the white paint on the sides of the ships, endangered commerce and caused thousands of dollars damage to ranches and other neighboring interests according to Michael Hendrichsen, of the steamship City of Mexico.

Battling desperately to save what they could from the wreckage American owners of the mine, after spending more than \$1,000,000 finally succeeded in extinguishing the blaze, but even greater terrors than before prevail. The flames had consumed the noxious gases, but when the fire was stopped these death-dealing gases burst forth in horrifying manner. Laborers inhaling a bit of the stuff, dropped in their tracks.

Fearful for their lives the workers engaged at the place deserted. No one would remain anywhere near the scene lest they, too, fall victims to the disaster. In desperation the owners of the well have appealed to the Mexican government, and several companies of soldiers have been sent to the scene to take the places of those who refused longer to remain in a neighborhood fraught with such dangers. Doctors, among the most skilled in the republic, have also been sent to attend to those who are stricken and they investigate the peculiar, almost always fatal disease that comes on so swiftly. A bath in cold water is the only possible remedy for this extraordinary illness, said Captain Hendrichsen. The victim is hurriedly immersed, only the nose remaining above water, and kept there until he has fully recovered. The gases produce a sort of suffocation.

MRS. SMITH NOT EXCITED.

Fire Gongs Ring Ten Minutes But Governor's Wife Tries to Allay Excitement.

New York, Oct. 28.—Mrs. Hoke Smith, wife of the governor of Georgia, and Miss Mary Smith, her daughter, helped to allay excitement yesterday when fire gongs were sounded on each of the twelve floors of the Hotel Collingwood, No. 45 west 35th street. Mrs. Smith and her daughter were in their room on the seventh floor when the gongs rang.

Some person experimenting with electric wires in the basement had set off all the alarms. The persons in the hotel did not know the source of the alarm and they hurried from their rooms toward the elevators.

Mrs. Smith reached the elevator shaft on the seventh floor as a car in charge of a negro boy stopped there. The boy told Mrs. Smith there was no fire and she went about the floor telling others who had become frightened. The gong rang for ten minutes before the source of the trouble was discovered and the uproar was checked.

MISS LIBERTY TWENTY-ONE.

Gigantic Statue in New York Harbor Has Birthday.

New York, Oct. 28.—The statue of Liberty which illuminates New York harbor and welcomes the emigrants who seek the land of the free, is twenty-one years old today. The gigantic young woman, for Liberty is always young—is as youthful and beautiful as she has been always.

The work of Bartholdi, the celebrated French sculptor, Miss Liberty was unveiled October 28, 1887. President Cleveland and his cabinet, the governors of many states, Americans noted in every walk of life, and many distinguished Frenchmen and other foreigners attended the bronze woman's debut.

Miss Katharine Elkins' Bridesmaids



A SUMMARY OF POLITICAL NEWS

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Oct. 28.—Mr. Bryan, traveling 115 miles by automobile in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Jersey City, made 18 speeches to big and enthusiastic crowds. In Manhattan he was accompanied by Tammany Leader Murphy and in Brooklyn by Senator McCarren.

Mr. Kern charged that republicans had sent \$100,000 into Indiana for corrupt purposes. The charge was denied.

Mr. Taft made speeches at a number of meetings in cities along the Hudson river from Yonkers to Troy. His audiences were large and enthusiastic.

Mr. Sherman, after speaking at several places up-state, came to New York and spoke.

H. R. Fuller, of Beaver Falls, Pa., national legislative representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Firemen, and Railroad Trainmen, sent a letter to President Roosevelt criticizing the president's letter on Mr. Taft's labor record as "partial." He cited various decisions of Judge Taft as opposed to labor and quoted Judge Taft in the Ann Arbor case as denouncing the late P. M. Arthur, then grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and "one of the most conservative labor leaders in the world," a "conspirator."

Mr. Bryan left New York this morning on an up-state tour and his itinerary for the day includes: Tarrytown, Ossining, Peekskill, Cold Spring, Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Rhine Cliffe, Hudson and a number of other towns. He will end the day at Troy tonight where a great rally is planned.

Nelson to Make Tour.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Oct. 28.—Battling Nelson proposes making a trip around the world next year. The Dane writes that after he has finished overseeing the building of 15 double flat houses and his book is off the presses, he will start out on his globe trot. It is the battler's intention to visit every monarchy on earth.



Miss Marjorie Gould shown above and Miss Rosalie O'Brien, who have been selected as bridesmaids by Miss Katharine Elkins.

LATEST NEWS FROM BALKANS

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Oct. 28.—The yielding of Bulgaria may prove the solution of the Balkan situation. There is a gradual lessening of the tension which has arisen from the attitude of the three powers, Germany, Austria and Bulgaria. With the consent to indemnity Turkey, her principal demand is fulfilled.

Sofia: Prince Ferdinand, despite the attitude of his ministry to the contrary, has consented to the proposition that Turkey will be substantially compensated. This is a decided victory for the prince over his advisers.

Buda Pest: Austria-Hungary has assumed a more conciliatory attitude than ever before. The foreign minister now admits that it is Austria's desire to do the utmost to relieve the present tension.

Berlin: The opinion in political and diplomatic circles is that the departure of the American minister simplifies the situation.

Constantinople: Despite the prophecies of unrest yesterday passed without incident and no demonstrations this morning fulfilled the dire prognostications.

St. Petersburg: The opening of the duma today heralds official action on the Balkan situation. M. Iswolsky will soon arrive with a statement for the body regarding the sentiments of the other powers.

TAFT DAY IN NEW YORK CITY

Big Candidate Will Make Several Speeches in City This Afternoon

A MONSTER PARADE

Mr. Taft and Governor Hughes Will Speak From Some Platform at Madison Square Garden Tonight—An Old Fashioned Torchlight Procession Has Been Arranged—There Will be Thirty Bands in Line and a Monster Demonstration is Expected—Fifth Avenue Will be Ablaze with Light and Color.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Oct. 28.—Father Knickerbocker's latch string was out for William Howard Taft today. It is Taft day here. As soon as the republican candidate arrived from up-state, shortly before noon, he began a round of activities that will keep him busy until after midnight and give him a chance to ascertain whether or not he can stand the pace set by his opponent, William Jennings Bryan, who merrily rolled along twenty-two hours on a stretch Monday. Mr. Taft and Governor Hughes will both work up to the climax of the day's events at Madison Square Garden in the evening, whence they will speak from the same platform, the governor only twenty-five minutes.

As a prelude to the Madison Square Garden rally, an old fashioned torchlight parade has been arranged to start at 8:30 at Fifth avenue and 59th street, march to 17th street, and back to Madison Square. Major O. B. Bridgman, of Squadron A, will be grand marshal. The feature of the procession will be a review by Governor Hughes and Judge Taft, who, coming in opposite directions in automobiles, will meet somewhere about 34th and 59th streets, and pass through the divided ranks of the 12,000 marchers, who will stand at attention while the candidates pass down the lines.

There are to be thirty bands and delegations from each of thirty-five assembly districts in Manhattan and the Bronx, besides out of town clubs, and many will be in uniform. Fifth avenue will be ablaze with light and color, the clubs and business houses along the line to be decorated and illuminated.

Judge Taft worked his way as far as Troy yesterday, the keynote of many of his speeches being that the Bryan of today is the Bryan of 1896. Although tired and hoarse, Mr. Taft shows no signs of a breakdown. He is exerting his best efforts realizing that it is now a personal battle between the two opposing candidates for the possession of New York state. Yesterday Governor Hughes and Taft's special passed near Poughkeepsie and waved greetings from the back platforms of their trains. In his speeches he used his labor address more frequently than any other, especially at Schenectady, Cohoes, and in Troy last night.

BOILER EXPLODES THREE ARE HURT

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

White Plains, N. Y., Oct. 28.—Three men were injured, two probably fatally, when the crown sheet on the left side of the boiler on engine 1066, drawing the milk train on the Harlem railroad, blew out near the Hamilton avenue crossing at White Plains this morning.

The injured are Engineer C. J. Rump, of Mount Vernon, scalded about face and arms; Fireman George Somerville, of White Plains burned about the face by red hot coal and scalded about the body; in dying condition; brakeman C. H. Traver, of Hillsdale, scalded and burned by hot coals; skull may be fractured; is in serious condition.

The accident is regarded as a peculiar one. The engine was practically new and one of the latest type used on the New York Central system.

Ambassador and Mrs. David J. Hill.



TED BURTON CONFESSES Makes Confession of Night Rider Deeds

Tells of the Murder of Captain Rankin—Forty Men, About Half of Whom Are Already in Jail, Implicated in the Confession—Several Marks Discovered.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Tiptonville, Tenn., Oct. 28.—In the presence of Sheriff Haynes, Judge Harris and Mayor Cleveland Donaldson, Ted Burton, an alleged night rider, arrested last Thursday at Samburg, made a full confession yesterday in the Lake county jail here. He implicated by name forty well known residents of the Lake district in the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin Monday night a week ago. Of this number over half are now held prisoners in Camp Nemo under guard of state troops. Burton denied that he was with the night riders when Captain Rankin was murdered but admits that he furnished the information to the leaders of the band the caused them to swoop down upon the hotel at Walnut Log. According to Burton's statement, Tom and Garrett Johnson, both of whom are under arrest at Camp Nemo and Will Watson were the leaders of the night riders who perpetrated the crime. Watson is now at large under a \$5,000 bond on a charge of having participated in the whipping of Justice of the Peace George Winn, in Lake county about four months ago. The arrest of the remaining members of the gang is expected hourly.

Burton said that he went to Walnut Log the night before the murder and there had a conversation with James F. Carpenter, the attorney at whose solicitation Colonel Taylor and Captain Rankin made the journey to Walnut Log, ostensibly to arrange a deal in timber lands; but, so it is now alleged, Carpenter's sole purpose was to place them at the mercy of the night riders. After this conversation with Carpenter, Burton said, he communicated with the leaders of the night riders and betrayed the presence of their victims. He said he saw both of them at the supper table the night they were taken from their beds. They did not see him as he only went to the hotel to secure a lunch to take with him out on the lake that night, as he intended to fish until morning.

Immediately after getting his lunch, Burton says he got in his boat

The Kaiser has recently gone out of his way to honor David Jayne Hill, the American Ambassador to Germany. Mrs. Hill is shown above and the Ambassador below.

and went out on the lake about a mile. He was fishing at the time the fatal shots were fired into Captain Rankin's body. He says he heard them, but did not return at once to Bayou Desha to see what they meant or to learn what crime had been perpetrated by his companions.

Several crude musks, made from meal sacks have been discovered on prisoners held at Camp Nemo. This is the first evidence of this character uncovered by the soldiers.

Among the prisoners at Camp Nemo is a man who, it is said, has been identified as the leader of a band of night riders who several weeks ago murdered a youth near Hickman, Ky., on the same night that a family of negroes was killed. It is declared here that the mother of the murdered boy identified the prisoner as he was passing her house under guard.

HORRIBLE DEED.

Young Man Held by Two Men and Shot Before His Sweetheart's Eyes.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Oct. 28.—Shot dead before his sweetheart's eyes, Lee Reller, 23, is dying today in Bradford street hospital, Brooklyn, and his companion, Joseph Chulla, his father, Louis, and his brother, Philip, are held without bail to await the results of Reller's injuries.

Reller was visiting the Chulla home when the dispute arose and he was ordered out. On the sidewalk, says his sweetheart, Miss Rose Olives, and her sisters, Josephine and Mary, Reller was held by two of the Chullas, while his former chum, Joseph, held a pistol to his breast and fired. When the police arrived in answer to the girl's alarm, the Chulla home was barricaded. When the doors were broken in all three of the accused were found hiding under a bed.

JURY VISITS THE SCENE OF MURDER

Go to Lamp Black Swamp to Inspect Place of Whitmore Murder

NEW WITNESS FOUND

Alexander Simpson, Lawyer Defending Whitmore, Says Evidence of New Witness Will Prove Whitmore Innocent—Man Was Seen in Newark Morning After Murder With His Face Bloody and His Clothes Torn, As if He Had Been in a Struggle—Witness Suffers From Stage Fright.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, Oct. 28.—Alexander Simpson, the lawyer defending Theodore Whitmore, on trial in Jersey City for the murder of his wife, Lena Whitmore, whose body was found in Lamp Black Swamp, near Harrison, N. J., last Christmas day, says he has discovered a new witness whose evidence will go to prove Whitmore innocent.

Mr. Simpson says his new witness was a man who was a close friend of the murdered woman. This man, the lawyer says, will be asked, after he is sworn as a witness, what he was doing in Newark last Christmas morning with his face bloody and his clothes torn, as if he had been in a struggle. If the man denies he was in Newark Mr. Simpson will produce a woman who will swear she saw him there and also others who saw him in Newark and on what train he left the city.

The jury was taken to the swamp where the body was found today. They left the court-house hotel where they are being housed during the trial in a special trolley car over what is known as the turnpike route for Harrison, N. J., across the Passaic river from Newark, in charge of representative of both the prosecution and defense and also of the court.

The twelve men walked down the embankment from which the footsteps of Helen Whitmore were seen last Christmas day, leading to the discovery of her body and the fact that she had been murdered. They measured distances of vital spots of the scene as counsel for prosecution or defense pointed these out to them. After satisfying themselves as to all points involved the men returned to the car and returned to court in time for the regular opening hour, to listen to further evidence.

One of the witnesses is expected to be Lottie Carroll, the Brooklyn woman who was a friend of Whitmore. This woman was to have been called to the stand yesterday, but when her name was mentioned she suffered an attack of stage fright and was temporarily excused.

The disappearance of Fred Elliot, who was with Whitmore on Christmas day, has greatly hampered the state in its case. All trace of Elliot has been lost and it is plain he has no intention of testifying against Whitmore.

ACCIDENT TO AEROPLANE.

Herring's Machine Damaged—Made Short Flight.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Oct. 28.—The first trial of A. M. Herring's aeroplane, with which he will try later to meet the requirements of a government test, took place at dawn last Sunday on Hempstead Plains, Long Island.

It is said the machine was considerably damaged, and that at least two weeks will be required to effect repairs. Mr. Herring escaped injury. It is said that the accident was due largely to haste and neglect in assembling the parts.

Herring made a flight of about 300 feet, at an altitude of three feet, but in attempting to turn to the right certain parts of the machinery failed to work properly, and the aeroplane plowed up the sand and was disabled.

Corbett to Referee.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Oct. 28.—Jim Corbett will probably referee the Ketchick-Papke fight in San Francisco on November 25. The big actor-lawyer will be in the city by the Golden Gate on the day of the fight, and he has stated that he wouldn't be backward about being the third man in the famous bout.