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TWENTY-FIVE MEN KILLED IN COAL MINE

Terrific Explosion Wrecks Coal
and Iron Mine Near Ensley,
Alabama

SHAFT NOW ON FIRE

Explosion of Mulga Coal and Iron
Mine in Alabama Shoots flames to
Great Height in Air, Firing the
Shaft and Imprisoning Twenty-five
Men in Mine Below—No Accurate
List of Men Obtainable But It is
Believed That Eight White Men
and Seventeen Negroes Are Imprisoned—Foreman of Mine a Victim.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Birmingham, Ala., April 21—
Twenty-five men are reported killed
by an explosion at Mulga in the mine
of the Birmingham Coal and Iron
company. State Inspector James
Hillhouse has taken charge of the
rescue work.

The explosion was of such force
that the flames shot to a great height
from the mouth of the shaft. The
cages in the mouth of the shaft were
so badly sprung by the explosion that
they are now useless and the shaft is
now on fire. Air is being pumped
into the mine.

Mulga mine has been opened only
a couple of years and was regarded
as a model of its kind. The scene of
the disaster is located about six miles
northwest of Ensley, and is connected
with that city by one telephone line,
which is working badly this morning.
Ambulances and physicians were
hurried to Mulga from Ensley immedi-
ately after the news of the explosion
was received.

James Bonnyman, of Birmingham,
general manager of the Birmingham
Coal and Iron Company, owners of the
mine, has gone to the mine. Rescu-
ers are having great difficulty in
getting down in the shaft.

The explosion occurred shortly after
9 o'clock last night.

The hospital car of the Birming-
ham Southern Railroad was sent at
midnight to be used in caring for the
injured.

While no accurate list of the men
trapped could be obtained owing to
the fact that the mine foreman is
among the imprisoned, it is believed
there are eight white men and seven-
teen colored in the mine.

The explosion was the most de-
structive in the district for years.

Fire dump has added to the hor-
rors of the Mulga disaster. At 10
o'clock this morning Sam John, as-
sistant mine superintendent, and a
Mr. Barnes, two members of the res-
cue party were brought out. They
were immediately overcome by fire
damp and were placed under care of
physicians. Other members of the
party reported that the bottom of the
shaft had been reached. They said
two dead bodies had been found and
that no sign of life was seen any-
where in the mine. It was said that
probably eight white men and thirty-
three negroes have met death in the
mine. It was impossible to bring the
two bodies to the surface for the res-
cue.

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AMERICAN IRISH IN IRISH POLITICS

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Dublin, April 21—America's share in
British and Irish politics is again
strikingly shown in the announcement
made today in the Cork Accent, the
organ of William O'Brien, opponent of
John Redmond for supremacy in Irish
politics and leader of the independent
Nationalists party, that an unsolicited
contribution of \$5,000 has been re-
ceived from the United States.

The accent says: "This will have a
profound effect on Irish public opinion.
Its coming unsolicited and unexpectedly
is all the more significant as an indi-
cation of the trend of the thought
concerning us."

"This financial aid from America will
broaden the chasm between the two
Irish factions, however, as the inde-
pendents will be able to carry on a
harder fight."

Convent Destroyed by Landslide.

(By Cable to The Times.)

Madrid, April 21—Two score nuns
were buried and many are believed to
have been killed when a landslide de-
stroyed the convent of San Pablo near
Manresa, 20 miles from Barcelona. Nine
nuns have been rescued alive and as
many bodies have been dug out.

MRS. LUCY PAINE.



Mrs. Lucy Paine, the rich American residing in Paris, who has caused
the arrest of Count and Countess Daulby de Catigny on the charge of
fostering spurious paintings upon her as the genuine. Mrs. Paine claims
to have paid more than \$200,000 for the alleged "old masters."

A POLITICAL MOVE BRAVE MARK TWAIN

Administration Wants to Side-
track Live Issues

Members of the Cotton Exchange
Charge the Government With In-
sincerity in its Prosecution of the
Bull Operations—Progress in Hear-
ing.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, April 21—"The United
States Attorney General's so-called in-
quiry into the alleged bull pool in cot-
ton is nothing more nor less than a
political move on the part of the pres-
ent national administration. Politics
and nothing but politics is at the bot-
tom of it. The administration wants to
sidetrack the widespread comment on
the tariff and the high cost of living."

This statement was made today by
C. L. Hudson, head of the brokerage
firm of C. L. Hudson & Company, mem-
bers of the New York cotton exchange
and one of the largest dealers in the
commodity.

"If the government were really sin-
cere in its investigation," continued Mr.
Hudson, "there would be any in-
vestigation. It is a notable thing that
the inquiry affects only that part of
the country from which the republican
party got fewest votes. The same in-
quiry might be made in regard to the
situation in the grain market, only that
would affect the strongholds of repub-
lican votes. Therefore, there is no
grain inquiry."

This sentiment was only one of the
many various expressions of opinion
among cotton brokerage firms in re-
gard to the federal investigation of the
alleged cotton pool.

James A. Patten, the bull operator in
cotton who has arrived in New York,
was equally condemnatory of the gov-
ernment's investigation.

Patten's operations, it was stated to-
day, are being financed through the firm
of J. S. Bache & Company, William
J. Wolfman, one of the members of
the firm, had this to say today:

"The money for the bull movement
in American cotton is coming largely
from Europe. The price of cotton is hold-
ing up in Europe and that is one of
the reasons why it is holding up here.
There are 125,000 bales of the commodity
available in New York now for \$70 a
bale and there are 7,500,000 bales avail-
able in the country."

"Our operations are mostly in Europe.
The second largest banking firm abroad
yesterday offered us a large sum for
operations in cotton, but we could take
only half of it."

Mr. Patten said:
"I do not think there is going to be
a corner in cotton and even if there
should be it will not be because of
my operations. The price of cotton is
simply due to the fact that the supply
is not as great as the demand."

"I believe that every cotton mill in
the world will have to shut down next
August and September, simply because
there will be nothing for them to work
with."

"This whole scrap is due to an at-
tempt to force me out of the market.
Cotton is being bought here now, at
a loss, to frighten me, but I am not
going to lose my nerve. I have been
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BIG CROWD ATTENDING HYDE TRIAL

On Hand Early Struggling for
Place in the Court
Room

NURSE ON STAND

Fashionably Dressed Women and
Business Men Struggle For Place
in Crowded Court Room—Exciting
Incidents of Yesterday Draw
Crowd Back Again Today—More
Clashes Between Court and Coun-
sel Expected—Attorney For De-
fendant Threatens to Prosecute
State's Witness For Murder—Pearl
Keller Still on the Stand.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Kansas City, Mo., April 21—Fash-
ionably dressed women and business
men struggled with court attendants to-
day for a place in the small and over-
crowded court room of Judge Ralph
Latham, where Dr. R. Clark Hyde is
being tried for the murder of Colonel
Thomas H. Swope, millionaire philan-
thropist. The crowd was on hand
early, due to the tense, dramatic and
sensational scenes which occurred
yesterday.

More clashes between court and
counsel were expected and each time
an objection was raised the specta-
tors were on the qui vive until a ruling
was made.

Everybody is talking of the daring,
dramatic and sensational threat made
by Attorney Walsh, attorney for the
defendant, who threatens to prose-
cute Dr. Walter Paines, toxicologist,
and the state's most important wit-
ness, for murder in the first degree
if he testified to facts in court con-
trary to what he told the grand jury.

The scientist testified before the
grand jury that no cyanide was found
in the viscera of Colonel Swope. It
is generally understood that he will
testify that cyanide was found, when
he takes the witness stand.

Possible prosecution of the scient-
ist is made possible under a little
used and much less known statute of
Missouri.

Pearl Keller, the nurse, who at-
tended the aged philanthropist at his
death, will face a more trying ordeal
when the cross-examination begins.
Mrs. Florence Hyde, wife of the de-
fendant, looked at the nurse when she
testified. The latter looked up at
Mrs. Hyde, her cheeks colored, she
smiled, dropped her eyes and twisted
her lace handkerchief uneasily.

RICHMOND ROBBERS GET TEN YEARS EACH

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Richmond, Va., April 21—Eddie Fay
and "Little Dick" Harris, charged with
the robbery of the Richmond postoffice
pleaded guilty this morning before
Judge Waddill in the United States
circuit court and were fined \$5,000
each and sentenced to ten years in
the federal prison at Atlanta.

OTHER SUITS FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, April 21—Walter O. E. Harri-
son, government "trust buster," is
speeding to Washington with informa-
tion which is expected to cause At-
torney General Wickham to order
begin a federal grand jury investiga-
tion of the Elgin board of trade, mem-
bers of that organization are preparing
to ask Senator Lorimer to wage war
on the time label clause of the pro-
posed cold storage bill.

Mr. Harrison left Chicago last night
for Washington after spending the day
in Elgin. Senator Lorimer arrived in
Chicago yesterday afternoon, having
previously sent letters to wholesale
grocers, canners, cold storage men and
President Newman of the Elgin board
informing them that he would like to
confer with them this week.

Secretary of the Treasury Mac-
Veagh also plays an important part
in the fight against the cold storage
bill. His firm, Franklin MacVeagh &
Company is one of the largest handlers
of canned goods in Chicago.

MISS THEODORA CARTER.



Miss Theodora Carter, President of the Society of Good Cheer, who is
planning an extensive excursion by 100 members of the society on a
special train to be known as "The Train of Smiles." Miss Carter has just
returned to New York from an organizing trip through the West. The
"Train of Smiles" is to be sent out in the interest of the society. Its tem-
perative route is through Chicago, St. Louis and other middle western cities
and south to the City of Mexico. The date of departure is not yet fixed.

CONVICTS GET AWAY DISBANDS RESERVES

Several Convicts Get Away From Federal Prison

Two Life Convicts and Five Others
Seize Engine in Prison Yards and
Escape to Open Country—Have
Been Surrounded in Piece of
Woods.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Fort Leavenworth, Kas., April 21—
Two life convicts in the federal
prison shortly after breakfast this
morning made their escape from the
prison. Both men are heavily armed.
They raced down the road to the
Union Pacific Railroad tracks, over-
powered the crew on a switch engine
and taking possession of the engine,
started westward. About two miles
from the prison they abandoned the
engine and took to the woods.

The prison guards are now in pur-
suit of the men. It is not known
whether they crossed the Missouri
river or not. A battle between the
escaped men and the guards is ant-
icipated.

During the excitement a gang of
six prisoners, under the guard of one
sentry, who were employed on the
Fort Leavenworth Union Pacific
yards unloading supplies for the
prison, made their escape. One pris-
oner, losing his nerve at the last mo-
ment did not go with his compan-
ions. The five men joined the others
on the engine.

This gang had been at work in the
yards for the past two days. It is not
known where they secured their
arms. When the break was made,
two of the convicts ran to a coach
nearby and took out two revolvers.
These are the only weapons the men
are known to have. The people in
the surrounding country have joined
in the chase. A company of regular
soldiers stationed at the fort have
also been ordered out after the men.

By 10 o'clock the men were sur-
rounded in a wooded section known
as Hunns Valley.

LIABILITIES ABOUT \$5,000,000.

Liabilities of the Knight & Yancey
Company.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Huntsville, Ala., April 21—The
liabilities of the Knight & Yancey
Company, the Decatur firm of cotton
buyers, were added up in the bank-
ruptcy court today and found to ag-
gregate \$5,757,908, something more
than \$3,000,000 in excess of previous
estimates. The company was an un-
incorporated partnership. Frost &
Lovell were appointed receivers by
Judge W. I. Grubb, in the federal
court and bonds fixed at \$200,000.
The assets are stated at \$500,000
and secured debts \$417,157.

Calhoun in Pekin.

Pekin, April 21—The Prince Re-
gent today received W. J. Calhoun,
the new American minister, who pre-
sented his credentials.

Members of the Chinese foreign
board later visited Mr. Calhoun.

Crazed by Halley's Comet.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Louisville, Ky., April 21—Crazed
by fear of the approach of Halley's
comet, and believing the end of the
world was at hand, Mrs. Florence
Shankland, 30 years old, committed
suicide today by shooting.

ROOSEVELT THE GUEST OF CITY OF PARIS

Arrived in the French Capital
Early to Today Where He
Met Mrs. Roosevelt

DAY A QUIET ONE

Only a Few People Besides the Offi-
cials at the Station to Greet Him.
Ambassador Bacon and M. Jusser-
and Among Those Who First Greet
the Former President and He Was
"Doe-lighted" to See Them—His
Stay Here Will be the Gayest of
His European Trip—Called on the
President Today and Call Returned
by Fallieres.

(By Cable to The Times)

Paris, April 21—Theodore Roo-
sevelt, private citizen, arrived in Paris
this morning for the greatest tri-
umph of his whirl through Europe.
The Oriental express drew into the
Gare De L'Est three minutes behind
the schedule time—7:30 o'clock. A
moment later, amid the formal wel-
coming, he declared himself "dee-
lighted" at meeting two members of
his famous tennis cabinet—Ambassa-
dor Bacon, the host of the Roosevelt
party in Paris, and M. Jusserand,
French ambassador to the United
States, who came to France espe-
cially to aid in Mr. Roosevelt's recep-
tion in Paris.

The former president and Kermit
Roosevelt were welcomed by a small
crowd besides the officials. It was
too early in the day for Parisians to
turn out for anything in large num-
bers.

In the official group on the plat-
form there were, besides the Ameri-
can and the French ambassadors, and
the staff of the American embassy,
the president of the municipal coun-
cil; M. Mollard, director of the pro-
tocol service, and army officers rep-
resenting the government and Presi-
dent Fallieres.

Within a few moments after their
arrival the Roosevelts were being
whirled through streets decorated as
for a fête, to the American ambas-
sador, where Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel
have been staying since their arrival
from Avignon.

About the embassy at 5 Rue Fran-
cois I, a small crowd gathered at the
time of the arrival and cheered Mr.
Roosevelt.

On the whole, however, the en-
trance of Mr. Roosevelt to Paris was
the quietest arrival he has yet made
in a European capital.

The first duty of Paris' guest was
the formal call on President Fallieres
at the Elysee palace and on M. Pi-
chan, the minister of foreign affairs.
Convention called for the return of
these visits.

Little was definitely mapped out
for today, save for these calls and the
dinner planned to be held at the
palace, where the most distinguished
men of official circles were invited to
meet Mr. Roosevelt, both Mme. Fal-
liere and M. Fallieres.

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Will Operate Wireless.

(Special to The Times)

Durham, April 21—Mrs. L. R. Mc-
Cain left yesterday for Greensboro,
where she will visit her son, Mr. W. B.
McCain, Jr., who is soon to go to
New York City, where he studies
wireless telegraphy.

Mr. McCain, who has been with the
Southern Railway at Greensboro, has
been studying the wireless and after
taking a short course in New York
will go on a ship and sail between
New York and Liverpool. He has
spent the past four years in the Morse
system and has a good rudimentary
training for the work. He is one of
the young men leaving Durham and
promising well.

Saw the Comet.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Cambridge, Mass., April 21—Mem-
bers of the Harvard observatory staff
obtained a clear view of Halley's
comet with naked eyes between 3:18
and 4:12 a. m. today. The comet
was 14 degrees east of Venus, had a
tail one and one-half degrees long
and was in the fourth magnitude.

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Mr. Bryan Has Reached Chicago

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, April 21—William Jennings
Bryan is on his way to his home at
Lincoln, Neb., after a flying visit to
Chicago. Mr. Bryan's presence in this
city brought together representatives
of the various warring factions in the
local democratic party and was re-
sponsible for the presence of Grey
Woodson of Kentucky, secretary of the
national organization.

Mr. Woodson and Roger Sullivan were
in conference at the Congress Hotel
for nearly three hours before Mr.
Bryan's arrival. They required to-
gether to the Newspaper Club where
Mr. Bryan was tendered a reception
and greeted warmly.