

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

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

(By the Associated Press.)

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Twenty-five men are unaccounted for out of a total of 122 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 Geo. B. Harrington, president of the company. Seven men were reported killed, two seriously. The explosion was caused by gas and a great disaster probably was averted by the barrier pillar system in use in the mine. The advice received over the company's private wire, indicated that the explosion occurred in the northwest corner of the mine, probably about a mile from the shaft.

The explosion occurred on a level 500 feet below the surface, and the information received from Joseph Lewis, general superintendent, indicated, Mr. Harrington said, that the trouble had been localized. This, he attributed to the barrier system, by which entries are closed and the workings where an explosion or fire occurs, are cut off from the remainder of the mine, which includes miles of underground tunnels.

1,000 May Be Trapped.

Benton, 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 do 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.

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

Several Still Missing.

West Frankfort, Ill., Nov. 26.—Fourteen of the 1,100 men employed in the Orient Mine four miles from here, were unaccounted for this afternoon following an explosion in the mine this morning. Eleven miners were severely burned. The statement was made by officials of the mine.

HOLSTEIN MAKES WORLD'S RECORD AS MILK PRODUCER

Produced 35,085.04 Pounds of Milk, With 1,117.16 Pounds of Butterfat.

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Korlain Finnerme Hess, a Holstein cow, completed a test at seven years of age, with a production of 35,085.4 pounds of milk containing 1,117.16 pounds of butterfat, equivalent to 1,396.4 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.

Hess' production for the year is sufficient to supply 44 families with one quart of milk each day for 365 consecutive days, the announcement said, as for 329 days the cow produced an average of 100 pounds of milk in a one-year test period. She is owned by the Fred F. Field Dutch Holstein Farms at Borekton, Mass., and her weighings and sampling of each milking and all butterfat tests were made under the supervision of the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

"Only two other cows have exceeded Hess' production of milk—her half sister, Kilrain Marion Finnerme, and Segis Pieterje Prospect, the world's champion," the announcement said. "The tests of these two cows, however, were conducted under semi-official rules."

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. Ross 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.

Miss Ethel Louise Cumbers, whose death in San Francisco is reported, was regarded as one of the best informed women in the country on Federal land laws, and was the consultant of attorneys in cases involving homestead and similar matters. For many years she held a position as chief of the General Land Office in San Francisco.

FOOTBALL CONCORD HIGH VS. GASTONIA HIGH TUESDAY 3:30 P. M. GIBSON MILL PARK

ABOUT THE BOLL WEEVIL

Questions Answered in a Feature Article Sent Out From Raleigh.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Nov. 26.—"Do you know when the boll weevil begins to enter the cotton fields in the Spring or when it begins to lay eggs each season? How long after emerging from the cotton square does the newly hatched weevil begin to lay eggs? These are some of the questions answered by Dr. R. W. Leiby in a feature article in the November issue of Extension Farm News, now being mailed from the office of the Extension division of North Carolina State College and the Department of Agriculture. The article is designed to give North Carolina farmers late information about the boll weevil in their own State, a picture of Catharin Clark, the champion Tar Heel Club girl for 1923, and gives an account of her work and tells about some of the good work being done by farm club boys during the past few months. There are a number of soil improving crops which can be grown in the State without the expense of liming. Dr. L. G. Willis, soil chemist, gives a number of these and tells how they may be handled. Dr. R. Y. Winters tells about 1924 model cotton seed and how these were improved to increase acre yields. How to drain a swampy spot in the old field and the necessary feeds for successful poultry production are some of the other articles contained in the current issue of Farm News.

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Extension Farm News is the official organ of the extension division and experiment station of State College and the Department of Agriculture. It is being mailed to over 15,000 extension workers, club leaders, school teachers and prominent farmers in North Carolina. The November issue is unusually attractive on account of a large number of cuts used showing various activities of the agricultural workers and the seasonal articles about farming in the State.

CHARGE FORBES ONCE DESERTED FROM ARMY

Papers Said to Offer to Prove Allegations, Give to Senate Bureau Committee.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 26.—Papers said by war officials to show that at one time Charles R. Forbes, former director of the Veterans' Bureau, was dropped from the rolls of the army as a deserter, were turned over to the Senate Veterans' Committee today by the department. The records sent to the committee at its request, were said also to show that Forbes was later apprehended, served out his time of enlistment and was discharged without having been brought to trial.

The attitude of the department at this time, it was said, was that the case long ago had been disposed of, and there was no intention of taking any further action, as the matter is now in the hands of the Senate Committee.

Members of the committee declined to say what use would be made of the information given by the department. During the veterans' investigation in which Forbes was the central figure, efforts were made to bring the former director's service record into the case, but Chairman Reed ruled it out on the ground that evidence should be confined to the period after Forbes became head of the Veterans' Bureau.

CHARLES L. JOHNSTONE IS SHOT BY NEGRO

Shooting Occurred at Construction Camp in Greensboro Near N. C. W.

(By the Associated Press.) Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 26.—Chas. L. Johnstone, grading superintendent employed by a contractor to build a new athletic field at N. C. College for Women, was shot and painfully wounded by Will Anderson, negro laborer, at a construction camp near the college this morning at 8:30 o'clock. He made his escape although the section was searched by the sheriff and a number of deputies.

Second Trial of Harvey Postponed.

Charleston, S. C., Nov. 26.—The second trial of former Governor Wilson G. Harvey on charges of violating the State banking laws in connection with the failure of the Enterprise Bank, was today postponed until the next term of court on motion of counsel for the defense.

Hitler on Hunger Strike.

Munich, Nov. 26 (By the Associated Press).—Adolf Hitler, 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.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



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

OUT OF THE WEST



CREW OF SCHOONER FIRED AT OFFICERS

Firing Occurred After Schooner, Laden With Rum, Had Been Seized by Officers.

(By the Associated Press.) 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 crew were brought on 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.

According to the report L. W. Perkins, of the coast guard, was sent aboard the Tomako after her capture. The Lexington and Seneca started back to New York with the Tomako looting along in the rear. Suddenly it was alleged the machine guns were trained on the Perkins and the Tomako headed east. She opened fire when the cutters pursued her.

The alleged smuggler was overhauled for the second time about ten miles off shore, and Boatswain Johansson was sent aboard with the armed party of six men. A hand to hand fight followed before the Tomako's crew was subdued. The seizure of the Tomako, according to Assistant Solicitor Edward Barnes, was made upon special instructions from the Treasury Department calling for the capture of the Tomako wherever it was found within twelve miles of the shore.

LEVIATHAN MAKES NEW RECORD ACROSS OCEAN

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

(By the Associated Press.) 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 Curander, Mauretania, of 5 days, 7 hours and 33 minutes.

Under the French law a husband can forbid his wife to travel without his consent.

THE COTTON MARKET

Showed Firmness With January and Later Deliveries Making New High Records.

(By the Associated Press.) 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. The opening was firm at an advance of 5 to 15 points, and active months soon showed net advances of 30 to 35 points, with January selling to 35.05 and March to 35.30. December advanced to 35.00, or within 15 points of the recent high record or 35 points net higher. Cotton futures opened steady. Dec. 35.22; Jan. 34.88; March 35.10; May 35.15; July 34.65.

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. He was the picture of health up until a few weeks ago, when he developed some liver trouble that the most skilled physicians were unable to cope with. His serious condition was not known to the public generally until yesterday, when the family let it be known he was sinking rapidly. It was his desire that but little publicity be given to his sickness.

Vann Sikes was born in Union county in July, 1875, the son of the late John C. Sikes and Jane Austin Sikes. He spent his early boyhood days on the banks of Rocky River on his father's farm. He attended school at Unionville, when O. C. Hamilton was its principal, and later at Palmerville, where he taught in that institute with the present principal, Prof. E. F. Edkins.

He was twice married. His first wife was Alice Parker, daughter of Dr. Frank Parker, of Albemarle, of the family of Parkers so prominently connected over the state. His second wife was Miss Minnie Ivey, of New London, sister to the Ivey brothers of Concord, and on her mother's side related to the distinguished Crowell family.

Nine women now sit in the Danish parliament, three in the lower house, and a six in the upper.

RAILROAD HEARING IS AGAIN POSTPONED

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

(By the Associated Press.) 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 & Irontrone road might be put into records, was adjourned today without a representative of the corporation having been heard. Several days ago a subpoena was issued for E. G. Leibold, formerly Mr. Ford's private secretary, and now vice president of the road, but so far attempts to serve the summons have failed. Further efforts will be made to get the Ford official into the proceedings.

AMERICAN PROPOSALS READY FOR DELIVERY

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

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 26.—The United States government will propose at the American-Canadian conference on liquor smuggling, opening tomorrow at Attawa, that clearance of ships destined for United States ports with liquor cargoes be prohibited by Canada; that search and seizure of all vessels engaged in smuggling on the Great Lakes, be authorized; that a treaty arrangement be made for extradition of persons accused of violating the liquor laws.

ENTIRE FAMILY IS REPORTED TO BE DEAD

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

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

With Our Advertisers.

Tonight will be your last chance to get a piece of the big cheese at Dove-Bost Co's.

You will find Arden face powders at the Gibson Drug Store.

See notice of sale at W. A. Fink's, on Kannapolis road, November 30.

New line of Forest Mills Knit underwear at attractive prices at Scarboro's.

Thanksgiving specials in slippers and Oxford at Parker's Shoe Store.

You can get a 10-piece mahogany dining room suite at the Concord Furniture Co. for only \$198.

If you want to know how to put dollars in your milk pail, read the ad today of the Cash Feed Store.

A great sale of Thanksgiving linen and Chinaware begins today at the Parks-Belk Co., and lasts through Wednesday.

Stylish clothing for Thanksgiving on easy payments at Farley's. You don't need the cash to buy here. Pay \$10.00 down and make the other payments weekly.

Get a Lane chest of fragrant cedar wood at H. B. Wilkinson's.

Nothing like home talent in dressing a doll. Let the Specialty Hat Shop solve this problem for you busy mothers.

Sale of Blankets at the Parks-Belk Co. sale extraordinary of Woolly Warm Plaid Blankets will take place at the Parks-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.

One new case of scarlet fever and one new case of chicken pox were reported to the county health department for over the week-end.

ROLLING STOCK OF GERMANY IS SEIZED BY BELGIAN AGENTS

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

(By the Associated Press.) 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 Duesseldorf 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 should be confiscated in the occupied regions should Germany fail to pay.

Lieut. Graff was shot while he was riding in a street car between Ruhroff and Walzum.

His slayers, four members of the German green police, pleaded the mistaken identity, declaring they believed the lieutenant to be a Belgian. They were seeking to avenge a German police officer whom he had killed.

The stock seized was ready for delivery from the Duisburg and Hamborn work shop to the German government. The material will be liquidated to cover the sums demanded for indemnity and as damages to the family of the murdered officer.

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 cheeks 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 baby 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.

A number of persons have visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Widenhouse to see the infant prodigy, who with the watchful care and tender ministrations of Mrs. Widenhouse, overcome the evils of the elements by driving a winter's rain and its inevitable cold. Several of the visitors asked that the child be given to them, but the request was refused. With his tiny hands and pleading voice this tot has intertwined his heart with those of his adopted parents, and with tears in her eyes the woman who has taken this outcast to be her own, asked that she be allowed to keep her precious find. There are none to deny the request and the unknown babe is sure to remain in the haven where he first found food, love and tenderness.

With each passing day the new evidence that he will live and 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 examined him are positive that he is a normally sound and healthy, and will show improvement with each passing week.

TERRASH UNKNOWN MAN FOR INSULTING WIVES

Two Salisburyans 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 East Lane Street named Gillis and Small beat up a stranger who was accused of having insulted their wives.

Gillis and Small followed the stranger, who appeared to be under the influence of liquor, and when they overtook him on South Clay Street, they are said to have administered quite a beating.

Later they decided to inform the police and when officers arrived they pointed out the place where they had left the man but he was gone.

Officers got his cap but thought the incident not worth reporting and police headquarters knew nothing of the occurrence today. Tonight Chief Gallimore stated he would investigate the matter.

This morning parties living in the neighborhood where the beating was administered found two teeth and a pair of eye glasses at a point where there were signs of a scuffle.

The identity of the stranger has not been disclosed.

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 avenged alleged insults offered their wives Friday night. Whirlow was unable to tell how he got hurt and stated to the chief that he had no recollection of what happened.

His injuries were about the head and the head was swollen to twice its natural size showing signs of severe punneling. Two teeth were gone and his eyes were swollen shut. It will be some days before Whirlow will be able to attend a hearing which will be held in county court.

Gillis and Small, who informed the police of what they had done and helped the officers look for the man they had beaten, expressed a willingness for trial whenever Whirlow is able to attend.

Youth Badly Hurt in Wreck at Salisbury.

Salisbury, Nov. 25.—Buford Fink, 15-year-old son of R. H. Fink, of Faith, is in the Salisbury hospital suffering from a broken leg and a dislocated shoulder, the result of an automobile accident while he and his brothers and mother were returning home from Salisbury late Saturday. The accident happened near the city limits, and was caused by another car running into and turning over the car the Finks were riding in. Other members of the Fink family were bruised, as was also J. C. Jangle, who was riding with them. The car that struck them carried several young people but they left their car and ran, and their identity has not been established. Buford was riding in the car when it turned over.

Injured in Saw Mill Explosion.

(By the Associated Press.) 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. He was taken to a local hospital. The plant was recently burned and resumed operations a week ago.

CHUBBY FACED BABE RESPONDED TO CARE

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

(By the Associated Press.) 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.

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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 outcast has not been determined. One report from Charlotte states 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 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."

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

AT AUCTION

Stock of groceries located in the best building at Mount Pleasant, N. C. Rent cheap. Will offer stock complete including floor show cases, scales, etc., at Public Auction on Wednesday, November 28th at 12 o'clock. Terms of sale cash or good note. Here is a good chance for someone to start in business. Good trade may be had from college students, two cotton mills and country. Owner has many other interests and can not devote time to business. Reserve right to reject any bids.

C. C. BARRINGER, Auctioneer

A Surprise Coming

There is quite a treat and a real surprise in store for the thousands of readers of The Tribune next week. A feature is about to be launched that will captivate the attention of people in all walks of life. We feel quite sure you will all welcome it when you see it. We have set next Tuesday as the day for starting this proposition, and the feature will be launched at that time when full details will be given. Whatever you do, do not miss next Tuesday's issue of The Tribune. In short, we are going to take all of our readers and in fact the entire family on a real hunting expedition. And it will be a real hunt at that. We expect this hunt to last for three months, and if you don't say it was the best hunt you ever had at the close we shall be very much surprised. The proposition will afford the very best kind of educational entertainment for the entire family, and it has many other features that will immensely please you all. As much as we would like to go into details and tell you about this very excellent project, it is very necessary that we do not let tales out of school 'till Tuesday. So be patient 'till then and the surprise will be all the more agreeable. So don't forget the time is NEXT TUESDAY.