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Thirty Known to Have Perished in Explosion

Explosion Occurred in Mine at Johnson City, Ill.—Number of Bodies Have Been Brought Out Already.

EXPLOSION CAUSE NOT YET KNOWN

Several Bodies Burned Beyond Recognition.—Some of Men Trapped Alive in Mine Made Their Escape.

(By the Associated Press.)
Johnson City, Ill., Jan. 26.—A check-up today definitely placed the number of dead in yesterday's mine explosion at 30. Two more are reported missing. Eight are in a hospital, and two are not expected to recover.

Approximately 60 of the 300 miners at work were entombed in the lower levels of the mine, but a few of them escaped.

A number of the bodies brought to the surface last night and early today were burned beyond recognition and mining company officials gave up the attempt to identify the dead until a full check-up of the forge can be obtained.

Company officials declined to make a statement regarding the possible cause of the disaster, but announced that a thorough investigation would be made today. The mine had been considered unusually safe.

Rescue teams, hurriedly organized in Johnson City and aided by squads from Herrin and Benton, Ill., made desperate efforts to save the trapped men, and it at first was understood that the men underground had telephoned to the surface that they were safe.

The hundreds of relatives and workers around the shaft in the bitter cold were made at midnight that 37 of the men had been killed.

The bodies brought up bore mute testimony to the force of the explosion. Their clothing had been almost torn away and all were badly burned, even the hair being scorched from their heads.

Men near the entrance escaped easily, but those in entries No. 9, 10, 11 and 12, where the actual explosion occurred, suffered the full force of the blast.

Among the known dead are the bodies of Herbert McCullough, mine manager, and Jesse Ford, mine boss, first were underwater.

UNDERWOOD LIKES SINGLE TERM IDEA

Favors Electing President for Six or Seven Years to Eliminate Partisan Ship.

Akron, O., Jan. 23.—A six or seven year term for Presidents, with a provision making the Executive ineligible for re-election, was advocated and bureaucracy, as it exists in the Government today, was attacked by Senator Underwood in his second speech of his campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination, made here today before the Akron Chamber of Commerce.

"Change the system of four year terms," said Senator Underwood.

"Make the term six or seven years and make the Executive ineligible for re-election, and you will have removed all temptation to further personal ambition; you will have taken out of the sphere of partisanship the one man in the country who should stand above and beyond it, and you will have purified the very air of politics itself, by giving it worthier motives and loftier ideals."

Lenin Failed, Berlin View; Kameneff Seen as Power.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—"Nikolaï Lenin fantastically followed his own ideas regardless of the possibility to realize them and brought on Russia untold and useless suffering, only in the end to be obliged to give up all he had fought for," writes Dr. Karl von Voss, Germany's authority on post-war Russia.

In a cold analysis of Lenin's life and work he expresses the average Central European's view. The Soviet leader took power, says Dr. von Voss, with a fanatic's belief in himself and "led Russia through the social revolution abyss through the sacrifice of millions of lives to hunger and poverty." The only thing Lenin could have done worse, it is suggested, would have been to throw Germany and other industrial neighbors into the same Red abyss.

"Lenin," Dr. von Voss says, "led the Russian people into a frightful tragedy and is himself one of its most tragic figures."

In Germany none outside the Communists sees Lenin as anything but a fanatical leader who failed in his purpose but remained in power through the passiveness of the Russian people and by the establishment of the Terror. The view of Lenin as a spiritual leader, which never prevails in Western lands, does not find any reflection in Russia's realist neighbors.

There is no happiness in all this world if there is none in the heart.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



Fair tonight, colder in east and central portions; Sunday fair and continued cold, strong northwest winds, diminishing tonight.

BILLY SUNDAY TAKES A RAP AT THE DANCE

Theater, Moving Pictures, Ball Room Dresses Are Also Targets For Terriers.

Charlotte, Jan. 25.—Fully 8,000 people heard Billy Sunday tonight on "amusements" more than 10,000 people tried to get in but could not.

The sermon was pronounced by all the greatest ever heard in the city. His text was "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth shall he also reap."

He spoke of the girl of the present day with not enough clothes on to flag a handkerchief. He said the movies had been turned into petting parties. His inveigle against the theater, the dance, the moving pictures and ball-room dresses was terrific; also denunciation of card parties in the home and taking prizes.

The reason many preachers don't preach against the dance, the bridge parties, the moving pictures, is because they haven't the courage. He referred to the dancing-hugging match.

"The auto," said he, "has taken the redights of the city and put them on rubber tires."

A man had just as soon go out and pick cotton by moonlight as to dance with his own wife. I believe passion is the basis of the popular dance. "The dance will excite sexual intercourse. Where do you find the best dancers? in the brothers. The dress of the girls of the present day at the dances is the cause of evil. The dance is the bathed of immorality."

The audience cheered and applauded throughout the sermon, two hours in length.

RECAPTURE TWO MORE OF THE ESCAPED CONVICTS

Herbert Stewart and James Whirlock, Both Negroes, Caught in Asheville.

(By the Associated Press.)

Asheville, Jan. 26.—Two more escaped convicts from the state prison camp near Marshall, Herbert Stewart, negro, serving 30 years for burglary; and James Whirlock, negro, serving 30 years for burning a barn at Mt. Airy several years ago, were captured here today.

Nine of the 18 prisoners who escaped Thursday night by sawing through a wall of the improvised camp near Marshall had been captured this morning, according to reports from Madison county.

Reports reached this city today that a convict had been seen at Alexander last night and fired upon, but without effect. He was going in the direction of Asheville.

Two negroes were captured Thursday night at Jupiter, three at Alexander and two here.

WARREN LINCOLN TELLS OF DOUBLE MURDER

Tells Police He Killed His Wife and Her Brother in January, 1923.

(By the Associated Press.)

Aurora, Ill., Jan. 26.—Warren Lincoln today confessed to the police that he shot and killed his wife and her brother, Byron Shoup, on January 10, 1923, and had buried the bodies after dismembering them.

Mr. Shipman stated that the earlier development of the country had made of the South an agricultural section primarily while the more Northern states had been the centers of manufacture. He declared that this period had passed and that North Carolina, because of its varied mineral and other natural resources and its splendid water power facilities, was logically a manufacturing center and should take rank as the leading center of industry in the country.

The following is Mr. Shipman's article:

Sixty Years of Words.

London, Jan. 26.—Dr. Johnson spent eight years on the compilation of his famous lexicon, but the "New English Dictionary," which is approaching completion, has been in the making for sixty years. During that time probably seven tons of quotations have been collected, and as a ton of quotation contains about a million slips it is not difficult to arrive at the grand total of seven million separate quotations illustrating uses of words.

The quotations represent at least 100,000 books searched, people all over the world voluntarily engaging in this word-seeking enterprise. One reader alone sent in 19,000 quotations, while another scholar's batch filled a suit-case.

It was reported recently that the dictionary was approaching its 15,000th page its 400,000th word, and its 1,800,000th quotation. Yet there are still some who "cannot find words to express themselves" and others who "have not a word to say."

With Our Advertisers.

The after-inventory cleanup at Fisher's is a centre of attraction.

The seven-day clearance sale at the Musgrave began this morning. Great values are being offered all over the store.

Cold wave coming—E. B. Grady says cut off the water and drain pipes.

Plot to Overthrow German Government.

(By the Associated Press.)

Berlin, Jan. 26.—An alleged communist plot for the overthrow of the government was brought to light today in the debate of the finance committee of the Wurtemburg Parliament, according to advice from Stuttgart. Large quantities of explosives are said to have been seized.

United States Draws First Blood.

Rome, Jan. 26.—Through the "strong hand" policy of Mussolini seems still to be popular enough in Italy, "strong" language is apparently not regarded as a virtue by the Italian people. An Italian Anti-swearing League has been formed, and the movement it represents is receiving the support of the Fascist Government.

Want to Talk to Ford.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Henry Ford will be requested to appear early next week before the House military committee to discuss his offer for Muscle Shoals.

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