

STILL STRIVING TO REACH MINERS HELD CAPTIVES IN MINE

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

THIRTY-ONE BODIES HAVE BEEN FOUND

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

(By the Associated Press.) Shanktown, Pa., Jan. 28.—Hindered by water and gas, mine rescue crews which have been working in relays since Saturday night, today were battling to reach a small group of miners still entombed in the Laneshire Mine here of the Barnes & Tucker Coal Company.

One body was recovered shortly before noon, making the total thus far recovered 32, and it was announced that the exploration of the workings had been completed.

Pay Homage to Dead Comrades. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—In memory of their fallen brother miners, delegates to the biennial convention of the United Mine Workers of America, which started on its second week today, stood with bowed heads and maintained absolute silence for one minute shortly after the convention opened.

THREATENS TO QUIT SCREEN. Lila Lee Says There is a Cloud of Suspicion Unjustly Against Her Name.

Los Angeles, Jan. 28.—Lila Lee, motion picture actress, whose father, Charles Appel, is sought by Chicago authorities on an embezzlement charge, threatens to leave the movies unless "the cloud of suspicion involving me in financial transactions in Chicago is immediately removed by those responsible."

Referring to publishers' reports that notes signed by her had been uncovered in connection with alleged illegal loans and transactions credited to her father, the screen actress declared that "further publication of such unjust and false statements" would be followed by her retirement to private life.

Miss Lee, whose name off the screen is Mrs. James Kirkwood, explained her signature on the notes found in Chicago as follows: "Last summer I passed through Chicago. At that time I was not of age. My father was then in financial difficulties and asked me to sign two notes in blank, which were not to be used except, as he said, for possible securities."

Think Miss Harding Killed Herself. Boston, Jan. 28.—A finding of suicide was reported by acting Medical Examiner Win. J. Brickley today in the case of Miss Margaret Eliot Harding, daughter of W. P. G. Harding, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS. Fair and warmer tonight; Tuesday, cloudy and warmer.

TOTAL REVENUE OF ALL THE STATES' GOVERNMENTS

Amounted to \$1,159,445,130 or \$10.71 Per Capita. (By the Associated Press.) 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 \$1,280,237,898 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, consisting of \$71,200,450 for general government, \$52,728,711 for protection to person and property, \$42,021,912 for development and conservation of natural resources, \$21,895,742 for health and sanitation; \$102,357,199 for highways, \$362,468,927 for charities, hospitals, and corrections, \$229,863,282 for schools, \$200,032,778 for libraries, \$1,869,009 for recreation, and \$127,682,757 for miscellaneous purposes.

In 1915, 1916, 1922 the total governmental costs of the states governments including permanent improvements, exceeded the revenues. It was said, however, the revenues were sufficient to meet operation and maintenance expenses and the interest charges. In 1917, 1918 and 1919 the revenues were sufficient to meet all governmental costs, including permanent improvements, the report explained.

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

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 for two weeks.

With Our Advertisers. The Parks-Bell Co. is having a final clean-up of all odds and ends in winter goods. Now is the time to buy winter goods at bargain prices.

Jim Reed Tosses His Sombrero in the Ring. St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 27.—Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the presidency and solicited the endorsement of the Democratic state convention which will elect the Missouri delegates to the National convention.

Suit Against Will Hays and Others. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 28.—Sidney K. Samulson, 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.

Coy Purnell Dead. (By the Associated Press.) Benton Harbor, Mich., Jan. 28.—Coy Purnell, forty-year-old son of Benjamin Purnell, former 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.

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.

(By the Associated Press.) 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.

NEW ORLEANS WOMAN 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. Omezinga de Bouché, New Orleans society leader, against Asa C. Candler, Sr., Atlanta capitalist, alleging breach of promise. The case is set for Wednesday next, January 30, in the United States district court for the northern district of Georgia.

The name of Mr. Candler was included in the list of jurymen 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.

ENGLISH CLERIC CROWDS JOHN WESLEY'S RECORD

Aged Canon Aitkin Has Delivered His 25,000th 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 to the largest production city of linseed oil and meal in the United States, with the possible exception of New York. Since September 1, 1923, up to the first of the year more than 5,000,000 bushels of flax were unloaded at the linseed mills here, comprising the bulk of the last northwest crop, and from which about 100,000 tons of meal will be manufactured, according to reliable reports.

Compers Called to Testify

Washington, Jan. 28.—President Compers, 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.



Here are photos of President Kalinin of the All-Russian Soviet Congress and Leo Kameneff, prominent in Soviet affairs. Either may be chosen to succeed the late Premier Lenin.

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 Adelard Hamel were found in the ruins and several 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 explosions which destroyed the house followed.

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.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Barely Steady at Decline of 2 to 10 Points.—March Off in \$32.50. New York, Jan. 28.—The cotton market opened barely steady today at a decline of 2 to 10 points and sold off to 32.80 for March and 33.10 for May, about 37 to 41 points 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.

COMMITTEE DECIDES TO POSTPONE HEARING NOW

No Witnesses in Oil Lease Cases Will Be Called For Next Day or So. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 28.—Rear Admiral Gregory and Rear Admiral Batmer, Judge Advocate General of the Navy, appeared before the House Naval Committee today prepared to discuss naval oil leases, but the committee decided at the last minute not to question them at this time.

Baptist Students From Four States

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—Meredith 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.—Nickel 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 gives patrons advance information as to the immediate availability of ethereal entertainment and posts a warning twenty seconds before another nickel is required to enable them to enjoy an uninterrupted performance.

Missing Professor Located at Durham

Gaithersville, Fla., Jan. 26.—Dr. R. A. Basco, a member of the University of Florida law faculty, who disappeared from his home here January 18th, has been located at Durham, N. C., according to a telegram received by his family yesterday from a son, Wendell, of that city. The message stated that Dr. Basco was extremely nervous, but gave no other details.

High School Building Destroyed by Fire

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

IS STILL AWAITING WORD FROM FORD REGARD TO PROPOSAL

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.

(By the Associated Press.) 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.

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 upholstery house of John McGinn; third, on East 7th street where a roof was caught from a chimney; fourth, at the Dole 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.

COOPER CASE NOT CALLED

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.

Boy Scout Anniversary Week

High Point, Jan. 28.—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 unfamiliar with the details of the organization may obtain information. Scouts will visit men of affairs in business and professions and try to get them to help in the work of the 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 country'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 \$30,000 to \$35,000 in currency, consigned to a Missoula bank, local post office officials announced.

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.

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.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 28.—President Coolidge 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. Meanwhile 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.

SUIT DISMISSED

Supreme Court Dismisses Case Against New York Sugar and Coffee Exchange. (By the Associated Press.) 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.

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 convicts 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.

Mr. J. W. Roberts went to Charlotte Saturday to have his tonsils removed for the second time.