

Striving To Get Bodies Of 50 Trapped Miners

Blast Trapped Men in Mine of City Coal Company and all Are Believed to Have Perished.

RESCUE WORK IN FULL SWAY NOW

Seventeen Dead Bodies Were Recovered During Night and Morning.—Gas Halted Rescue Work Once.

Sullivan, Ind., Feb. 21 (By the Associated Press).—A handful of weary grief-worn women waited at the top of the City Coal Company mine today for their boys, while a score of men toiled underground to recover the bodies of 35 of the 51 miners entombed in an explosion yesterday.

A cave-in early today halted for several hours the work of rescuing after 16 bodies had been taken out. After damp, the dread poison gas of the mines, rendered first attempts to reach the entombed men precarious and part of the night was spent in repairing the mine's ventilating system.

A new supply of fresh air made it possible for crews to penetrate into underground passages where the bodies lie, after the debris from the cave-in had been cleared away.

The blast trapped all men working in the little rooms of the third and fourth, and seventh and eighth entries of the mine. A flash of flame quickly consumed all the life sustaining oxygen, and the concussion of the explosion brought loose coal and a shower of mine timbers down on the workers.

Mine experts said, a cutting machine working close to the wall of an abandoned mine had cut through a partition releasing a flood of gas that had accumulated in old workings. A flame from a miner's lamp ignited the gas and caused the explosion, they believe.

Rescuers were hopeful that all of the bodies remaining in the pit would be recovered today.

The seventeenth body was removed from the City Coal Company mine this morning. It was believed to be that of Russell Dowdy.

JOHN W. DAVIS WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE IN 1928

Democratic Chairman Feels Candidate Will Not Be Available Again. Washington, February 21.—Chairman Shaver, of the Democratic national committee, has issued a formal announcement that the deficit left by the campaign has been taken care of by contributions and pledges so widely distributed that there is no ground for fear the party is being financed by any individual or group.

Then the chairman gave what amounts to notice that John W. Davis will not be a candidate next time and let out the glad tidings that the Democratic party will be in shape materially to aid in a practical way party candidates in the congressional elections of 1928.

"I am making this statement at this time," said the chairman, "for the purpose of reassuring our Democratic friends that the Democratic party cannot be killed or even seriously injured by defeat. It has survived for more than a century and will yet live to do valiant service for the people and the country. We hope and believe the time is not far distant when it will be called upon once more for national service and it must be and will be prepared.

"Success for the sake of service is our common objective. It must not be a party of groups. Only in collective energy and in a common cause can it be of real service.

"My own attitude as chairman of the committee will square with this idea, as my desire is to be of party service only. I have no interest in promoting the aims of any group nor in furthering the ambitions of any prospective candidate. In response to many inquiries as to the future of Mr. Davis, the candidate of the party in 1928, he will speak for himself which, no doubt, he can do in due time. Personally, I feel that he is not again available as a presidential candidate—great American and great Democrat though he is.

"On the subject of a conference of Democrats I am favorable to the broad idea, and hope that I may find it propitious to call such a meeting at some time and place which may be agreed upon after consultations with leaders of the party."

Defense Opens in Bottom Case.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 21.—Prosecution in the trial of Linwood H. Bottom, for the murder of Howard D. Brown, rested its case this morning, and after a conference of counsel and the court, the defense opened.

Noted Astronomer Dead.

(By the Associated Press.) Portland, Me., Feb. 21.—Rev. Joel Hastings Metcalf, widely known as an astronomer, and credited with the discovery of many celestial bodies, died suddenly here today of angina pectoris. He was 69 years old.

Charged With Trying to Get Money From Mrs. Stokes.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 21.—Robert Corbett, a printer, is being held by the police today for an alleged attempt to obtain \$1,000 from Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes. He also will be taken to the psychopathic hospital for a mental examination.

Miss Hazel Garline is confined to her home at Bell Avenue with an attack of appendicitis.

WOMAN ABANDONS VOLUNTARY FAST

Mrs. Budlong Drinks Milk, But Continues Her Self-Imposed Imprisonment. New York, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Margaret Budlong ended her hunger strike yesterday, but she didn't emerge from the bed room prison into which she locked herself a week ago in defiance of her husband, Milton J. Budlong, on promotion.

She broke her fast with milk prescribed by a physician, but she refused to follow the doctor's suggestion that she end her self-imposed confinement and go to a hospital.

Attorneys for Mrs. Budlong and her husband, meanwhile, held secret conferences. It was predicted there would follow an early compromise, ending the situation created last Friday when the woman, saying she acted to prevent her husband from suing her for divorce on grounds of desertion, locked herself in the eleventh-floor apartment and refused to eat.

The physician was summoned in response to a plea uttered by Mrs. Budlong through the door of her bedroom. He prescribed milk. She specified the brand. One of Budlong's many private detectives brought some "just as good," but it was refused and the hunger striker didn't break her fast until she got the milk she had ordered. Then she drank two quarts of it.

After that the door to the bedroom remained unlocked. Contrary to her promise of yesterday, however, Mrs. Budlong didn't leave the room, and last night she was still a voluntary prisoner.

Several more silk dress shirts fluttered down from Mrs. Budlong's sanctuary to the crowds that thronged the streets below. They went the way of a dozen or so that have been used as ballast for messages the woman put on the air during her week in seclusion. They were torn to shreds in the fight of private detectives, news reporters and mere spectators for possession of the attached notes.

"The most contemptible tactics are being employed by Mr. Budlong today," said the last of these notes.

"I opened my door this morning. I was weak. When I asked for oranges, nutmeg and milk they refused, saying my husband had ordered all food kept in the kitchen.

"The power of \$1,720,000, which is the minimum of his wealth, is working to protect him. Thank God for the yellow press. There is no justice for the poor against the rich."

WISCONSIN FARMER IS FOR COTTON OIL TAXES

Says Tax Needed to Prevent Products From Raising Dairymen of His State. Madison, Wis., Feb. 21 (By the Associated Press).—Pictures of Wisconsin's Sea Isles and a review of Wisconsin's mining industry will be used, Anton Holly, Kewaunee farmer assemblyman, said today, against the argument of the Southern Cotton Oil interests in the committee hearing next Wednesday on the oleomargarine bill.

The whole dairying industry of this State is threatened by butter substitutes, Mr. Holly asserted. The economic effect of permitting the use of oleomargarine containing cotton oil would be more serious to Wisconsin than would be the prohibition of the cotton oil products to the Southern States, he declared.

The pictures of the South Sea Isles will be presented before the Agriculture committee, the chairman said, in order to show that the chief harvesting of coconuts by the natives, placed American labor in the dairying industry at a disadvantage in competing with butter substitutes containing coconut oil.

DIRIGIBLE LOS ANGELES IS SEEN AT BERMUDA

Giant Airship Is Making Test Flight and Will Moor at Bermuda.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Feb. 21 (By the Associated Press).—The dirigible Los Angeles, flying on a test voyage from Lakehurst, N. J., was sighted off Bermuda at 4:45 o'clock this morning. The Los Angeles cruised back and forth across the island until 8 o'clock when she slowly headed northward over the admiralty and government public toward the Patoca, which meanwhile had proceeded to Murray's Anchorage. The sky at this time was overcast, and there was a slight rain, but it was not expected to interfere with the successful mooring of the airship.

Osborn C. Wood Missing.

Paris, Feb. 21 (By the Associated Press).—The police today began an investigation into the disappearance of Osborn C. Wood, son of Leonard Wood, governor general of the Philippines, who has been missing since Monday from his hotel here. The inquiry was instituted at the request of his valet.

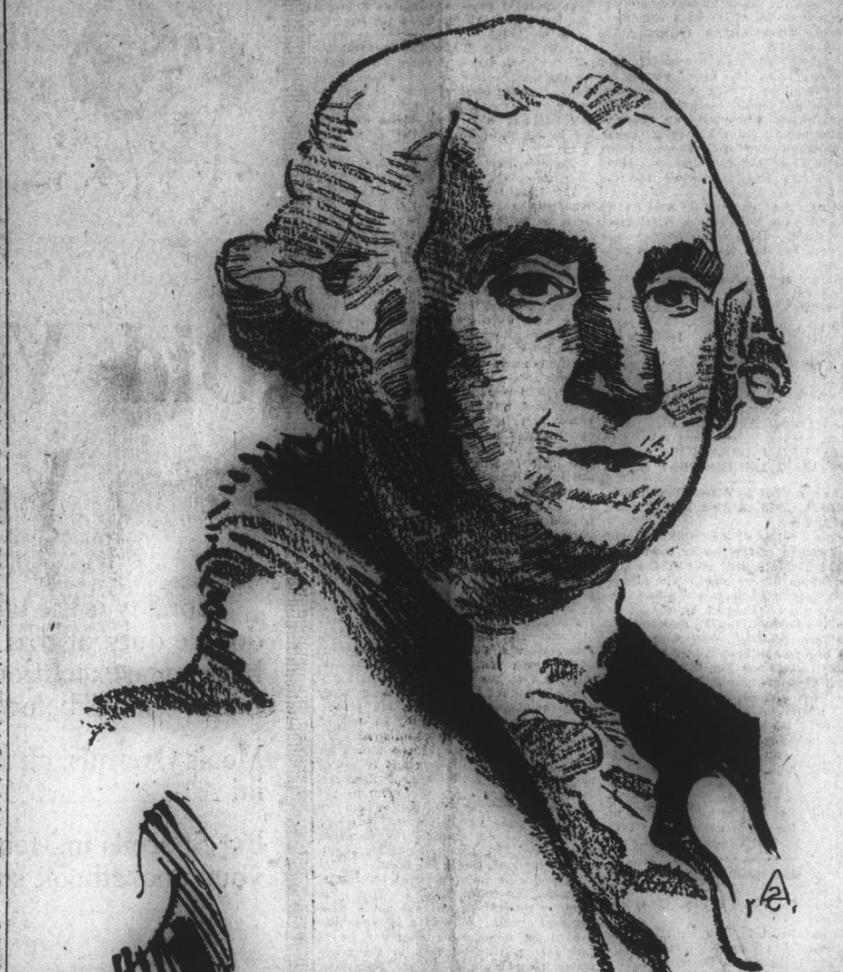
Mr. Wood's valet, ignorant of his master's whereabouts or the reasons for his prolonged absence, has been holding his rooms for him on the supposition that he might return at any moment. After five days had elapsed, however, he thought it best to notify the police, and the authorities began the inquiry. Several persons are said to have seen Mr. Wood leave the hotel where he had been living for nearly a year, and there has been no idea that he was absent on other than his own volition and for personal reasons.

Wants New Tests for Aircraft.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—A resolution asking the war and navy departments to conduct new tests of efficiency of aircraft against battleships was prepared today by Representative Prall, democrat, of New York, for presentation to the house aircraft committee.

The "Pilgrim's Progress" has been translated into more than 200 languages and dialects.

THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY



GOLDSBORO GARAGES DAMAGED DURING FIRE

Fire Chief Narrowly Escapes Death When He Was In One of Buildings Destroyed.

(By the Associated Press.) Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 21.—The Goldsboro Battery Co., on Center street, was completely destroyed, while the Scott Motor Co., Goldsboro Garage & Transportation Co., and the Smith & Sheppard Wholesale Grocery Co., suffered heavy loss from fire and water here early today.

Fire chief Yelverton was missing shortly before the fire was brought under control. After a frenzied search he was found lying unconscious in the ruins of the building, having been overcome by acid fumes. He was given medical attention and was reported none the worse for his experience.

The fire loss was estimated at \$50,000, partially covered by insurance.

PULLMAN SURCHARGE IS GIVEN APPROVAL

House Committee Votes 16 to 2 Against Proposal to Eliminate Charges.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—The house commerce committee today refused to favorable report a bill authorizing elimination of the Pullman surcharge.

The vote was 16 to 2. Representatives Barkley, of Kentucky, and Parker, of Arkansas, democrats, making up the minority. The House will have an opportunity to vote on the question, however, despite the committee's action. A provision repealing the surcharge has been attached by the Senate to the independent offices appropriation bill which is still to come before the House for final action.

The House committee conducted hearings on the repeal bill after charges that it had been pigeonholed had led to the circulation of a petition among house members proposing to take the measure out of the committee's hands and bring it up on the floor.

White Eggs Dyed Brown to Fetch Better Prices.

London, Feb. 21.—Spotted eggs have appeared in the London markets recently in such numbers as to arouse not only the curiosity of naturalists, but of food authorities as well.

Investigation revealed that the spotted eggs had been dipped in a solution of coffee to give them a brown tint and that in many instances, if left in the liquid for an insufficient time, the eggs became spotty after being withdrawn. It often happens that egg left in the coffee solution long enough for the browning process to be completed, take on a coffee flavor.

While in some parts of the United States white eggs bring the best prices, it is in the brown eggs which for years have been sold in London at a premium. It is only of late that poultry dealers have taken to coloring the shells with the coffee solution.

Favorable Report on Haugen Bill.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—A favorable report was ordered today by the Senate Agriculture Committee on the Haugen bill to create a federal co-operative marketing board.

The postoffice will be closed Monday, this being a legal holiday. There will be one city delivery and no rural delivery.

REVENUE BILL IS SHY MILLION AND A HALF

Recommendations Four Per Cent Flat For Corporations and 2 1/2 to 3 on Personal Income.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Four per cent flat for corporations and graduated from one and a quarter to five per cent for personal incomes will be the recommendations of the finance committee which worked its bill into being tonight and will present it tomorrow.

The revenue bill falls shy more than a million and a half after the Shuford measure licensing contractors has added its half million. The committee adopted the Shuford suggestion but his will be worked out with a separate bill. The revenue bill as now fixed up raises about twelve millions, one hundred thousand.

Which means that the appropriations committee must whittle down their apportionments and more rigorous economy than any yet dreamed must be practiced. The income schedules go up 25 per cent in the first brackets, 33 1-3 in the second, 40 in the third, 50 in the fourth and 66 2-3 in the fifth. There is a flat rate of 33 1-3 in the corporation incomes.

The defeat of the Madison measure imposing a sales tax finishes that business for the present session.

LIEUT. ARNOLD STATES THAT HE IS MARRIED

Tells Friends He Was Married on August 18, 1917, to Miss Mildred Avery.

(By the Associated Press.) New London, Conn., Feb. 21.—Lieut. Leslie Arnold, one of the world fliers who is visiting here, announced to a gathering of acquaintances in the home of Dr. J. E. Janney, that on August 13, 1917, he was married at the Little Church Around the Corner, New York City, to Miss Mildred Avery, a nurse, who now is on duty at the home of Chas. Prentice, a few doors from the home where the Lieutenant is a guest.

Miss Avery confirmed the Lieutenant's announcement of the marriage, which Lieut. Arnold said was the culmination of a childhood romance. Lieut. Arnold made the announcement in denying published rumors of his engagement to Priscilla Dean, well known movie actress.

MAN SHOT AFTER PISTOL FIGHT WITH OFFICERS

Barricaded Himself in House and Kept Officers at Bay for Three Hours.

(By the Associated Press.) Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 21.—After firing more than 100 shots from a barricaded house and keeping the police away for three hours, John Smith, was shot early today as he tried to escape from the room. He fell to the ground with three bullets in him and was sent to a hospital.

Smith ran amuck last night, firing more than a score of shots into two houses and then taking refuge in the house of Stanly Zenwaski.

W. J. Simmons Seriously Hurt.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Feb. 21.—W. J. Simmons, of Atlanta, former Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, and Norris Moore, of Houston, Texas, Supreme Knight Recorder of the Knights of the Flaming Sword which Simmons now heads, were probably fatally injured in an automobile accident last night, twenty miles from Gainesville, Ga., it was learned here today.

THE COTTON MARKET

Failure of Weather News to Show Relief From Drought in Southwest Affected Market.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 21.—Failure of the early weather news to show any relief from drought conditions in the southwest led to active covering and rebuying by some of yesterday's sellers at the opening of the cotton market today.

The demand also was encouraged by relatively steady Liverpool cables, prospects for continued full exports, and reports that comparatively few March notices were being stopped by trade interests in New Orleans.

First prices were 2 to 7 points higher, and active months soon showed net advances of 14 to 18 points, May selling up to 24.74 and October to 24.82. Further March liquidation in preparation for the possible notices next Tuesday was absorbed by trade interests against sales of later deliveries, but there was a good deal of realizing for over; the holiday and prices sagged off a few points after the early demand had been supplied.

Opening prices were: March, 24.25; May, 24.92; July, 24.88; October, 24.68; December, 24.71.

THINK SLAYER OF JOHN BRUNER IS ARRESTED

Officers Arrest John T. Price After a Search That Was Conducted for 18 Years.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 21.—A search lasting nearly eighteen years for the slayer of John Bruner, a Kershaw County, S. C., farmer, was believed by the police to be ended with the arrest of John T. Brice, who is said to have confessed, Brice, arrested yesterday as he stepped from a rooming house in the tenderloin district, was held without bail, pending extradition.

In his alleged confession, Brice stated the shooting was the outcome of a romance between himself and Bruner's daughter.

Good Eyesight Needed to Drive Maryland Cars.

Baltimore, Feb. 21.—A sight test has been included in the examination given applicants for automobile operators' licenses in Maryland as the result of an investigation made by the State commissioner of motor vehicles, which revealed that a number of automobile accidents were due to the defective eyes of drivers.

Persons who wear glasses will be permitted to keep them on during the examination. In cases where color-blindness only is found, the applicant will be restricted to daylight driving, while those who fail completely will be refused a license.

Will Not Discuss Proposed French Loan.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—Washington officials are showing a reluctance to indicate the attitude of the American government toward plans of the French government to seek two new loans from banking interests in this country which has raised expectations that they will be somewhat closely scrutinized when presented in more mature form.

Harry P. Evans Dead.

Bradenton, Fla., Feb. 21.—Harry P. Evans, 51, of Chicago vice president of the Monon Route, the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville railroad, died here today at a hotel.

WASHINGTON BORROWED \$3,000

To Pay His Expenses to His Inauguration as First President.

New York, Feb. 21.—To be present at his inauguration as first President of the United States, which event took place in New York, April 30, 1789, George Washington had to borrow \$3,000 with which to make the trip from Fredericksburg to this city. Having said farewell to his mother at the former place he left for New York on April 16th in a carriage with a Mr. Thompson and Colonel Humphreys. Scarcely had they left Mount Vernon when they were met by a party of friends and admirers from Alexandria, who accompanied them to that city. There, at Wise's tavern, a great dinner was served and toasts exchanged. Crowds met the cavalcade at Georgetown and also at Baltimore. General Washington stopped at Grant's tavern in that city and early the next morning started for Wilmington. A large number of Baltimore enthusiasts went with him until he ordered them to return home, which they did reluctantly.

The people of Delaware gave the general a rousing welcome and accompanied him across the line into Pennsylvania. Washington breakfasted at Chester, near Philadelphia, whereupon he ordered his carriage to the rear and mounting a splendid white horse, rode into the Quaker City in state. Philadelphia outdid itself in entertaining the distinguished guest. Bells were rung, everybody cheered, flags were in the air and there were many decorations. A banquet was served at the famous City Tavern, and a newspaper of the time remarked that "a novel and extraordinary feature of the occasion was the playing of music by a band throughout the whole of the dinner."

Trenton treated General Washington magnificently. Among the Trentonians to greet him were a large number of "richly dressed ladies, and immediately in front of them their daughters, six with baskets of flowers." The older ladies sang a special ode to Washington, and the younger ones strewed his path with flowers. Washington spent that night at Princeton with Rev. Dr. John Witherspoon and the next day embarked on a specially built barge "manned by thirteen masters of vessels." Members of the joint congressional reception committee and other notables were aboard.

Long before the barge reached New York, a historian relates, "it was met by hundreds of effervescent-spirited gentlemen in boats of various descriptions." Near Bedloe's Island a large sloop sailed close to the general, and twenty ladies and gentlemen "sang an original ode of praise to Washington, the words being set to the tune of 'God Save the King.'" Washington was much affected by this touching display of popular regard.

There were great doings in Gotham that historic April 30th. The residential house was in Cherry Street, which Washington was conveyed in a state coach drawn by four horses. The multitude that thronged the thoroughfare shouted itself hoarse. The Senate did not know how to act when Washington appeared and a debate was started which was suddenly closed by the advent of the members of the House.

Chancellor Livingston, who administered the oath, discovered a moment before the great man came in that there was no Bible. He happened to be a Mason and knew of a Bible of St. John's Lodge, near by. It was hurriedly brought in and George Washington took the oath. Washington kissed the open Bible and Chancellor Livingston cried out: "Long live George Washington, President of the United States."

Guns were fired and bedlam broke. Washington bowed and bowed to the cheering crowds. At night there was a display of fireworks, paid for by private subscription, the President witnessing the show from windows of Chancellor Livingston's house in the lower stretch of Broadway. Illuminated pictures of Washington were said to be numerous, but few were accurate. From the chart of his own residence the new President returned on foot, as the crowds were so great that a carriage could not have been used.

With Our Advertisers.

Expert service and electrical satisfaction at W. J. Hethcox's. Shoes for all the family at exceedingly low prices at Ehrd's.

Everything worn by the well-dressed man at the Browns-Cannon Co. Your car will come out clean after you take it to Howard's Filling Station to be washed.

The second floor at Parks-Berk Co's. is overflowing with new spring coats and dresses and millinery. The Citizens Bank and Trust Company issues certificates of deposit which afford a very satisfactory investment for surplus funds, assuring absolute security of principal and liberal interest return. These certificates are issued in denominations to suit the depositor's convenience and can be converted into cash at any time.

King George's Improvement Slow. London, Feb. 21 (By the Associated Press).—A bulletin issued from Buckingham Palace this morning on occasion of King George who is suffering from bronchitis says: "His Majesty's temperature has not settled." Progress continues, though slow.

The regular weekly movie program will be shown at the Y tonight.

BASKETBALL

Concord Y vs Davidson Reserves

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

HIGH SCHOOL GYM

8:00 O'CLOCK

ADMISSION 25c AND 35c

BILL WOULD RETIRE

State Treasurer Lacy on Two-Thirds Salary

Bill Presented in House by Rep. Harrison—Lacy Has Been in Service for Past Several Years.

HARD WORK IS FACING SOLONS

Many of the Major Bills of the Session Are Yet to Be Disposed of With Only Little Time Left.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 21.—A bill designed to permit the State Treasurer, Benjamin R. Lacy to retire, was introduced in the House this morning by Representative Harrison, of Richmond.

Under the terms of the measure, Mr. Lacy would be permitted to retire on two-thirds his present salary, but would be subject to the call of the Governor and State Treasurer on consultation at the call of the State.

Number of Bills Presented.

Raleigh, Feb. 21 (By the Associated Press).—Introduction by Representative Harrison, of Richmond, of a bill that would retire State Treasurer B. R. Lacy on two-thirds pay, featured today's session of the House, at which time by more than a two-thirds vote the bill to require ten days notice prior to the issuance of marriage licenses was re-referred and placed on the calendar as a special order for next Tuesday.

Motion to reconsider the vote by which this bill failed on its second reading was made by Representative Townsend, of Guilford. Also there was introduced a bill which would require all persons convicted of driving automobiles while intoxicated to have their license revoked for four months.

The house and senate both adjourned until 11 a. m. Monday instead of 8 o'clock Monday night, owing to the press of business.

The house also received from Representative Townsend the proposed revenue bill adopted by the joint finance committee which will come up Monday night.

Representative Creekmore introduced in the House a bill effecting the state board of architectural examination by changing the eligibility of its members. They are now required to have worked ten years at the profession before they can hold membership. Under the proposed bill this time would be cut to five years, Mr. Creekmore said.

TELLS OF BURIAL PLACE OF JOHN WILKES BOOTH

Col. James Davidson Says He Was Told of Grave by Secret Service Agent.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 21.—Col. James Hamilton Davidson, former commander of the 122nd infantry, today revealed what he said was the burial place of John Wilkes Booth, assassin of President Abraham Lincoln. Col. Davidson who lives here, with a daughter, believes he is the only living man who knows of the grave.

Col. Davidson said he was in command at Portsmouth, Va., on the night of Booth's burial, and was told of it by Col. Baker, head of the secret service of the army.

Booth's body was buried in the basement of a warehouse at Portsmouth in a deep grave, and covered with acid, Davidson said. Col. Baker told him. The grave was filled with limestone and dirt.

GASOLINE TAX BILL IS NOW STATE LAW

House Takes Final Action on Measure Fixing Levy at Four Cents—Road Legislation Complete.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Final passage of the gasoline tax bill by the house today fixed the machinery for maintaining the state highway system and retiring the bonds as they became serially due.

The two houses settled on four cents instead of that great psychological coin, the jitters. The two laws, \$20,000,000 and the companion gas tax, are now ratified and become immediately effective.

Three Killed in Explosion.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—Three men were killed and four seriously injured when a Crew-Levick oil barge exploded while pumping oil into tanks at the municipal garbage disposal plant in the extreme southwestern part of this city. The blast was so terrific that it was heard in the central part of Philadelphia.

Three Reported Killed in Explosion.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—Three men were reported killed, and a number injured today when an oil barge moored in the Schuylkill River near the city garbage reduction plant, blew up.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS

Shower tonight and Sunday, warmer tonight.

