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FOUR MEMBERS OF JUDGE TAFT'S CABINET CHOSEN

Knox, Hitchcock, Wilson and Wick-ersham Only Names Definitely Decided Upon.

WRIGHT LIKELY TO REMAIN AT POST

Tennessee Man Was Appointed in the First Place at Taft's Request, and His Fitness Probably Will Keep Him on the Job.

BY JOHN E. MONK.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—It may be stated upon authority that only four cabinet selections have been made by President-elect Taft. These are: Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, to be secretary of state; Frank H. Hitchcock, of Massachusetts, to be postmaster-general; James Wilson, of Iowa, to be secretary of agriculture, and G. W. Wickorham, of New York, to be attorney-general.

Within the next few weeks it will be definitely known who Mr. Taft intends to name for the other five positions in his cabinet, which will come into being on March 4, next. Senator Knox will discuss the subject with Mr. Taft during a visit he will make to Augusta, Ga., on the 31st.

HITCHCOCK'S ARRIVAL MARKS BEGINNING OF CABINET CONSTRUCTION

Senator Knox Will Reach Augusta on Sixth to Discuss Questions.

JUDGE TAFT GOES FISHING

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 29.—The arrival here today of Frank H. Hitchcock, Republican national chairman and future postmaster-general, and the announcement that Senator Knox, Mr. Taft's secretary of state, will be here on the sixth, indicates that the President-elect is to occupy himself actively with cabinet construction.

Mr. Hitchcock will remain a week or more, during which time Mr. Taft will obtain the judgment of the national chairman particularly on the political bearing of appointments under consideration. Finding men of cabinet caliber and making the selections with the due regard to exacting geographical conditions, is admitted to be somewhat difficult. This work Mr. Taft will apply himself to assiduously from now on.

Mr. Hitchcock had a short conference with the family tonight.

The President-elect made his best record on the golf links this morning, drove with his family ten miles to Richmond Mill, in the automobile and fished for bass—without catching any—in the afternoon and occupied a box at the local theater tonight. Incidentally he received delegations from Columbus and Savannah, Ga., and declined their very pressing invitations to visit these cities.

An extended conference with Mr. Hitchcock is on the boards for tomorrow. Charles Clark, an editor and long-time friend, of Hartford, Conn., has an appointment with Mr. Taft tomorrow.

DRUNKEN BOY SHOTS WAKE COUNTY NEGRO

BUCK MITCHELL OBJECTS TO HAVING HIS WIFE HUGGED, AND IS SHOT.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 29.—Two negroes, May Carter and Ed. Mitchell, both youths, were jailed here today for killing Buck Mitchell near Reidsville, this county. The boys went to Mitchell's home drunk. Carter made a drunken remark about "hugging" the wife of the deceased. There was some remonstrance on the part of the husband, with the result that Carter shot Mitchell, the load taking effect over the right eye. The boys insist that the killing was accidental, and that Carter had no idea that the gun was loaded.

DEFENSE SEEKS TO SHOW THAT HAINS IS CRAZY

Declares That Actions of His Wife Unbalanced His Mind.

FRIEND SAYS CAPTAIN WISHED HE WAS DEAD

Servant Also Testifies to Orgies in the Hains Home at Fort Hamilton in Which Annis Figured While Hains Was in the Philippines.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The defense of Thornton J. Hains, indicted with his brother, Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., for the killing of William E. Annis, called two witnesses in today's session of the trial to show certain alleged acts of Mrs. Claudia Hains, which the lawyers for the defendants claim so affected Captain Hains that he became mentally unbalanced.

Samuel Chester Reid, of Chicago, a friend of the Hains family, swore that Captain Hains told him of all his marital misfortunes and that the captain evinced signs of being irrational.

Before the close of the day's session the defense called to the stand a servant in Captain Hains' household, Minnie Rhone, who related certain alleged incidents in which Mrs. Claudia Hains and William E. Annis figured at the Hains home while Captain Hains was in the Philippine Islands. These incidents, the witness said, she told the captain on his return. She was still under examination when court adjourned for the day. She said that Mrs. Hains had declared her affection for Annis, and told of alleged orgies held at the Hains home at Fort Hamilton.

Samuel C. Reid, a building inspector of the United States training station at North Chicago, was called. The witness related a conversation he had with Captain Hains, who, the witness said, used such expressions as "My life is ruined," and "I wish I was dead."

Mr. Reid said: "Captain Hains said he went to Fort Hamilton and found his wife, who wanted to know why he had returned home. 'Why, Claudia, your reputation is at stake. I have come from the utter ends of the earth to save you. I have heard gossip of you and Annis.' The captain said his wife told him that the gossip was ridiculous."

Mr. Reid said the captain stated he invited Annis to dinner to show he did not believe the gossip. Witness said Captain Hains said his father told him there were things to be investigated, and that he (Captain Hains) again spoke to his wife and she replied: "I do love Billy Annis." Mr. Reid further testified: "The captain said his wife then told him all; that she loved Bill Annis and not him."

"I could not understand it," said Captain Hains. "The night before she gave me caresses and told me that it was not so."

Witness said that Captain Hains frequented the house of Mrs. Annis.

BIRMINGHAM SOCIETY WOMAN FATALLY BURNED

GASOLENE, WITH WHICH SHE WAS CLEANING GARMENT, CATCHES FIRE AND EXPLODES.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 28.—Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, well-known in society circles, was fatally burned this afternoon at her home here while cleaning a garment with gasolene.

A vessel containing gasolene was sitting before her and in some manner became ignited and the explosion set fire to her clothing. She was horribly burned before assistance could reach her.

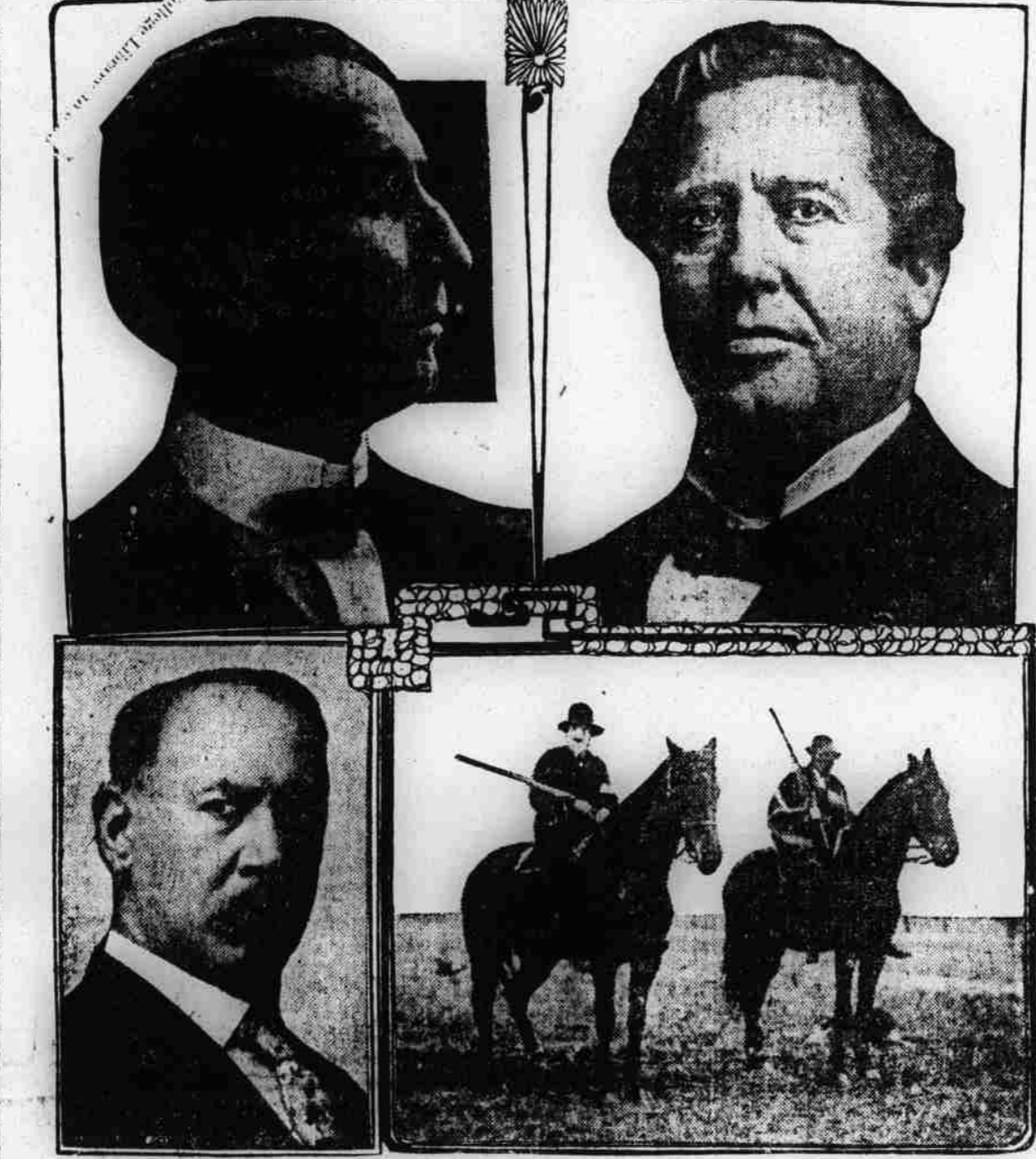
SIXTY MEN ENTOMBED IN A VIRGINIA MINE

Rescuers Unable to Get to the Imprisoned Men Because of the Fire and Smoke in the Workings.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 29.—Meager news of a coal mine disaster at Lick Branch, Va., reached here tonight. Between forty and sixty men are said to have been imprisoned and up to six o'clock this evening rescuing parties had been unable to go into the shaft because of fire and smoke. (Lick Branch is the name of a coal operation on the Pocahontas division of the Norfolk and Western railway, and is without commercial telegraph facilities. Because of the isolation of the scene of the reported disaster no particulars have been learned here. Norfolk and Western headquarters here say that owing to the fact that

SIXTY THOUSAND PEOPLE DEAD; MANY CITIES WRECKED AND SMALLER TOWNS WIPED OUT BY ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE

Prominent Figures in the Tennessee Night Rider Trials Tidal Wave That Followed Tremors Swept Along the Straits of Messina Drowning People in Helplessness and Panic.



ATTORNEY-GENERAL D. J. CALDWELL. HON. RICE A. PIERCE, JUDGE J. E. JONES, Presiding, ON PICKET DUTY.

ONE KILLED AND THREE INJURED IN WRECK ON SOUTHERN LAST NIGHT

Southbound Train No. 35 Runs Into Open Switch at Stokesland. Engineer Satterfield and Fireman and Two Mail Clerks Injured.

Southbound train No. 35 was wrecked at Stokesland, four miles south of Danville, Va., yesterday afternoon at 5:50 o'clock. Engineer A. P. Satterfield, of Spencer, being killed outright and Fireman Elias Davis, negro, and two mail clerks being injured. All the passengers escaped uninjured.

The wreck occurred at the junction of the Danville and Western railroad with the main line of the Southern, the switch having been left open. The engine and tender turned turtle and two mail cars and one express car left the track. None of the passenger cars were derailed, and aside from the shock, none of the passengers were injured. Engineer Satterfield was caught under the engine and killed outright, his body being considerably mangled. Fireman Davis is badly scalded, has fresh wounds on the head besides suffering internal injuries. The two mail clerks were considerably shaken up, but their injuries are not thought to be dangerous.

There is a double switch where the wreck occurred, the Danville and Western spurting off from the main track by a sidetrack between the main line of the Southern and the Danville and Western tracks. The train, which was running at a high speed, ran into the open switch and plunged down the sidetrack, the engine running into the embankment of the main track and overturning with the tender. Two mail cars were thrown sideways against the upturned engine, while the express car was knocked off its trucks, the rear trucks remaining on the track. All the doors of the passenger cars were sprung and could not be opened, passengers having to climb out through the windows.

A wrecking crew was sent from Spencer to clear away the debris.

Two sons of Engineer Satterfield were passengers on the train. When they got out of the car after the wreck their first concern was to inquire if the engineer was hurt. Walter Griffith, of Greensboro, was a passenger on the train and he it was of whom the boys inquired of their father's safety. When they learned that their father had been killed they were grief stricken, but a number of passengers on the train consoled them as best they could.

Walter Griffith, manager of the Palace theater; J. N. Longest, wife and child, and Mr. Hunt, of Ponoma, were the Greensboro passengers on the train.

There is some speculation as to how come the switch to be turned. It is claimed that the signal light was properly displayed. An extra freight train was standing on the Danville and Western tracks, and the westbound passenger train had left a short time before the wreck.

SPECIAL MASTER TO HEAR CONTENTIONS OF CREDITORS

In the United States District Court yesterday afternoon, before Judge Boyd, three claims of as many creditors of the Iola Mining Company in which were involved the questions of priority and fact, were referred to Special Master James H. Torah, of Salisbury, the hearing to take place at High Point on January 2. The three claims were: Mecklenburg Iron Works, \$393; R. Eames, Jr., \$197.06; Iola Store Company, \$2,618.94.

Only Two Died in Trench.—Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 29.—Late today all the men supposed to be buried in the trench that caved in yesterday at Ensley, were accounted for, leaving the total death list at two.

High Point Negro Charged With Larceny.—Police Officer J. M. Myers, of High Point, arrived yesterday at noon, having in custody Henry Craven, a young negro, charged with stealing coal. Craven was locked up in the county jail pending the trial of his case in court.

Tidal Wave That Followed Tremors Swept Along the Straits of Messina Drowning People in Helplessness and Panic.

Flames Broke Out Immediately Afterward and Countless Maimed and Wounded Men, Women and Children Meet Awful Death by Fire.

Rome, Dec. 29.—The minister of marine at five o'clock this afternoon received a wireless dispatch estimating the dead at Messina at 50,000. No news has yet been received from Reggio.

Rome, Dec. 29.—Stunned at the magnitude of the calamity which has overtaken fellow countrymen, all Italy mourns tonight for the stricken province of Calabria and the island of Sicily. Accustomed for centuries to earthquakes, Italy stands ever in dread, but none was prepared for the disaster which in the fraction of a minute yesterday devastated cities and towns and caused the death of thousands.

Messina, whose tragic history has been marked by tidal waves and various other calamities, was shaken to its terrestrial maelstrom, was shaken to its core. Flames burst forth to complete the city's destruction and to burn alive numbers of helplessly pinned beneath fallen walls and broken timbers.

The Strait of Messina was shaken and twisted by the earth's trembling, for mariners report the channel altered beyond recognition. The ports and villages on both the continental and Sicilian sides were wrecked or inundated, and all lighthouses along the coasts were swallowed up. Navigation now is dangerous and in some places impossible.

In the Calabrian district, which was only beginning to recover from the effects of the earthquake of 1903, Reggio was the center of the earth's upheaval. The seaport of Reggio is reported as no longer existing and the city proper is in ruins.

The loss of life on both sides of the strait and in Eastern Sicily was enormous. One of the refugees from Reggio, who was the first to bring the news of the city's destruction, tried to make his way to Sicily in a sail boat, but was compelled to return and finally found safety at a peninsula port.

In describing his experience he said: "The sea was strangely, mysteriously agitated and the heavens were ablaze. Noaring Sicily the clearing smoke revealed the mystery: Messina was in flames. In the frenzy of despair, I turned my boat back to Calabria. I started, bleeding from injuries, and almost insane from their terrifying experiences, Messina's survivors are fleeing in all directions. The spectacle presented by the ruined seaport is described as terrifying. Tumbling buildings both killed and mutilated, while hundreds of

the injured, imprisoned in the wreckage, were abandoned to their fate by the fleeing populace. One of those who escaped, said: "The earth seemed suddenly to drop and then turn violently on its axis. The whole population, who practically were precipitated from the houses rent in twain, were spun around like tops as they ran through the streets. Many fell, crushed to death, and others, bewildered, took refuge for breath beside the tottering walls where they soon met the fate of their companions."

Already British and Russian squadrons have arrived at Messina. Sailors and marines have been disembarked and they have performed courageous acts in rescuing the injured and removing the wounded. A large number of survivors have been transferred to the warships, which are transformed into great floating hospitals. It is imperative that the dead be removed from the ruins in order to avoid a pestilence.

Steamers with doctors, druggists, firemen and workmen have arrived at Messina from Catania and other places.

Special dispatches received here from Calabria confirm the destruction of Reggio. They report that the situation there is as bad if not worse than at Messina. The streets in Reggio are jammed with people, who snatch the special editions from the newshybs. The people are plunged in grief and lamentations are heard on all sides. Here and there one asks another: "When will end this awful repetition of devastation and death in our country?"

The hands of all nations have been extended to Italy in her affliction. From rulers have come messages of condolence and from the people spontaneous promises of that aid which brings the world closer together in times of great calamity. Great Britain, France and Russia have sent their warships quick as the flash of the telegraph could carry the orders to lend assistance to the stricken cities. Relief funds have already been started, and a hundred ships and trains are on their way carrying supplies and reinforcement to the south.

Rome, Milan, Florence, Naples and other cities are sending physicians, police and firemen. Today all the ambassadors and ministers expressed sympathy with M. Tittoni, minister of foreign affairs, whose emotion was profound.

The houses and theaters have been closed throughout Italy, and dispatches

SIX NOTED ATHLETES SUSPENDED CHARGED WITH PROFESSIONALISM

Five of the Men Affected Took Part in Recent Olympic Meet in London.

New York, Dec. 28.—There was an earthquake in amateur athletic circles tonight, when announcement was made of the suspension of six prominent athletes, five of whom took part in the recent Olympic contests at London. Suspended in charge of the charge of professionalism were made, are Melvin W. Sheppard, Charles Bacon, Harry F. Porter and George V. Bonhag, all of the Irish American Athletic Association, F. G. Bellars, New York Athletic Club, and James G. Lee, formerly of the Boston Athletic Association, but now unattached.

The action taken tonight was the outcome of a searching investigation by the registration committee of the Amateur Athletic Association, which was conducted at the Westside Y. M. C. A. building tonight. Chairman Oberhuber, of the registration committee, said he and his brother members had come to the conclusion that these athletes and possibly others, had been demanding money beyond what might be termed legitimate expenses, characterizing the claims of some of them as exorbitant.

He showed a statement from Major Wolf of the Seventy-fourth regiment of Buffalo, which showed that Porter, Sheppard and Bonhag had been paid, according to the ideas of the committee, sums far in excess of what were considered ordinary expenses. These men took part in games at Buffalo on December 12, last.

TEN MEN BURIED IN TRENCH UNDER A FALL OF EARTH ARE KILLED

Several Others Injured in Accident at Blast Furnace in Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 28.—Two dead bodies have been recovered and eight more are known to be buried in an immense cavern of a trench at the blast furnace plant at Ensley early tonight. Several other laborers were injured as also were two foremen, who were supervising the work. The most of the dead were foreigners.

The cave-in occurred without warning and the bodies are being recovered with difficulty, because of the large amount of gas which is pouring into the excavation from the furnaces.

The men were working in a large trench about eight feet below the surface. They were excavating for the gas flue, which is to connect the blast furnaces with the new battery of boilers, which is to run the plant. The end of the old gas flue, which extends the full length of the furnace plant, had been temporarily bricked up, while the laborers were at work on the extension.

Mechanical carriers were used to take away the dirt excavated, and when a carrier broke tonight a beam fell on the cement wall, which formed one side of the trench the men were digging. The entire wall toppled over on the men and with it tons of loose earth, which had been held up by the retaining wall.

When the wall fell it broke down the brick work at the end of the big four-foot gas main and immense quantities of gas were poured in upon the entombed men.

Garrett Johnson, the reputed leader of the riders, detailed their movements the night of the Rankin murder.

Johnson swore the night riders met at

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