

WAS THE COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR BIG DEATH TOLL?

Investigation Made of Charge That Suppression of News Hindered Rescue Work At the Mine.

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entrance to the mine and when the bodies were removed early today they were placed aboard the cars and taken to Monongahela City where an attempt to identify them was made.

Because of the heavy fall of smoke inside the workings rescuers found it difficult to penetrate far into the recesses of the mine.

Coroner James Heffran of Washington county arrived on the scene shortly after the blast and arranged for the bodies to be conveyed to Behouls morgue at Monongahela City. Because of the chaotic conditions he could not question survivors then, but today made plans for calling in witnesses in an effort to determine the cause and responsibility for the explosion.

Hear Williams at the Baptist church tonight.

MANNERCHOR TO MEET

A meeting of the Mannerchor society and the Millari Verein will be held Sunday afternoon in the Mannerchor hall to make arrangements for the celebration of Wagner's birthday anniversary on May 22. There will be several speakers for the occasion. A musical program consisting for the most part of Wagner numbers will be presented at that time. The committee in charge is composed of Martin Bullach, William Duning, Sr., William Duning, Jr., Ernest Schwerin and Edward Isen.

City Statistics

Marriage Licenses.
John A. Weber, 39, railroadman, New Paris, and Ethel Sink, 25, city.
Wesley Harold Kettering, 23, carpenter, Lynn, and Alta Mae Hill, 22, housekeeper, Fountain City.
Real Estate Transfers.
Luther C. Thomas to Wm. Colvin, Pt. S. E. section 13, township 14, range 1. Consideration \$1,800.
Salena Strate to Marcus A. Wilson, lot 79 of the H. S. addition. Consideration \$500.
The Richmond Home Builders association to Edith S. Moore, lot 80 of the Hayner addition. Consideration \$1.
Dickinson Trust company to Eliza A. Kern, lot 42 of the H. T. addition. Consideration \$198.
Albert W. Gregg to Geo. F. Gault, No. 40 of the H. H. T. addition. Consideration \$1.
Transfers 5; consideration \$2,500.
Building Permits.
Nannie Jackson, 85 Laurel street, addition to frame dwelling \$350.
E. Chauncey, 1114 South F street, brick dry cleaning plant, \$700.

MAY ABOLISH CITY TAX ON VEHICLES

The city may abolish the city tax on bicycles, wagons and motorcycles, according to city officials who believe that, as the state law has abolished the city tax on automobiles, owners of other vehicles will be suffering an injustice to pay the tax. Mayor Zimmerman will recommend to council that ordinances compelling the payment of city taxes on vehicles be repealed.

TWO OLD ENEMIES MEET ONCE MORE

Red Fox, a battle-scarred chief of the Cheyenne tribe, was standing front of a local theater, where he is appearing, when Frank Darnell, a grizzled colored veteran of the fighting Tenth cavalry which took part in the last Sitting Bull uprising, chanced to come along. Darnell approached the befeathered and gallantly attired brave and curtly inquired, "were you in the battle of Wounded Knee, in the Bad Lands of the Dakotas, in 1897?"

Red Fox for an answer pointed to a bullet scar in his chin. Then before an interested crowd these two warriors gave their recollections of the great battle, which was probably the last Indian fight to occur in this country. "You brought your artillery and we were forced to surrender after seventeen hundred men, women and children had been killed or wounded," proudly stated Red Fox. Then Darnell told how troop L, Ninth negro cavalry, charged the whole Indian force, which had surrounded seven troops of Custer's old regiment, the Seventh cavalry, and was threatening to exterminate that command as Sitting Bull had done once before in the bloody fight of the Little Big Horn. "Before that charge of sixty-six men the whole Indian front broke and the Seventh got out of the mess alive," boasted Darnell and his eyes flashed. As Darnell walked away he remarked, "It was a great fight, there in the snow." "It was a great fight," echoed Red Fox.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON MAKES STATEMENT

(National News Association)
SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 24.—Governor Johnson today issued the following statement:

"The suggestion of the president that the secretary of state visit California for a conference on pending labor bills was at once accepted by both houses of the legislature and by the governor and we will be glad to welcome Mr. Bryan on his arrival. "While the legislature has properly maintained the right of the state to legislate on a matter clearly within its jurisdiction I am sure there is no disposition to encroach on the international functions of the federal government or to wound the sensibilities of any nation. My protest has been against the discrimination to which California has been subjected in the assumption that action which has been accepted without demur when taken by other states and by the nation is of offensive if even discussed by California."

"I am not predicting that the California legislature will take any action on this subject nor forecasting the terms of any law which may be enacted. I am merely defending the rights of California to consider and if the legislators deem advisable, to enact a law which is clearly within both its legal power and its moral rights. Much has been said of the dignity of Japan. We would not willingly affront the dignity of Japan nor offend its pride, but what shall be said of the proposition of a great state, itself an empire of possibilities greater than those of most nations to be halted from the mere consideration of a legislative act admittedly within its jurisdiction, by the protests of a foreign power which has itself enacted even more stringent regulations on the same subject? What of the dignity of California?"

CLERKS MAKE RECORD

In Distributing Cards At Post Office.

An unusual record was made by four local clerks at the postoffice in the card examination which was held at the office. Sections where mail should be divided were arranged and the clerks were judged according to their accuracy and speed in dropping the cards in their proper sections. Each was given 824 cards to be distributed. Leo Zeven made the best record in distributing the cards. Zeven's time was recorded to be 21 minutes and but one error was made. His grade was 99.88 per cent. Wm. Massey performed the same work in 23 minutes, making 3 errors and receiving a grade of 99.63 per cent. Frank Wilson was a close third with a grade of 99.51 per cent. Wilson's time was 27 minutes, and with four errors. C. C. Hyde, one of the new clerks at the office, secured 97.81 per cent. His time was 37 minutes, and he made eighteen errors.

CITY MAY SECURE A NEW PLAYGROUND

Another public playground may be in Richmond in a short time, according to a letter received this morning by the board of works from Clarence Gennett of the Starr Piano company, offering the use of ground for this purpose, providing the proposed playground is named, "Starr Piano playground." An agreement will be drawn up by City Attorney Bond with the Starr Piano company to the effect that the city is to have free use of the ground for two years.

At a previous meeting of the board, Clarence Gennett offered to allow the city to use the property known as the Wiggins tanyard on the bluff overlooking the river near Main street. In the letter this morning, Mr. Gennett stated that the ground would be furnished free, unconditionally for two years if the city will sign an agreement to establish the playground under the name proposed by Mr. Gennett. The offer will be accepted at the next meeting of the board and plans for the equipment will be prepared.

Not Within Estimate.
None of the five bids presented to the board of works for the grading and graveling of South Seventh street from J street to L street were within the estimate of City Engineer Charles, making it necessary for the board to reject all the bids. The estimate of the city engineer was \$6.86 per front foot including the making of the street, cement curbs, gutters and walks.

In order to prevent the tearing up of Eighth street after the brick has been laid, the board of works will order the Richmond City Water Works to pipe water into all houses along the street. A number of houses on South Eighth street are not piped with city water and the owners refuse to pay for the cost of running a pipe from the street to the house. As the street is being paved with brick, the board will order the work done at once. A list of the houses was furnished the board by H. A. Dill, superintendent of the water company.

New Pipe Line.
Mr. Dill was present at the meeting of the board this morning and asked that a list of all main extensions desired by the city for the coming year be furnished the company as soon as possible. The matter was referred to City Engineer Charles and Fire Chief Miller.

A new pipe line for Fairview is planned by the company. The line will be a twelve inch main and will be run across the river at Butler street, strengthening the fire protection in Fairview. The pressure west of the river will be increased by the new main when it is completed. It will be necessary for the company to blast through several hundred feet of rock before laying the main.

The hearing for the extension and opening of Johnson street to the river was postponed until Thursday.

Turtle Soup Friday and Saturday at George Muey's.

YOUTH BELONGS TO DON'T WORRY CLUB

Weight is quite as essential as any other qualification for enlistment in the United States army. This fact was ascertained by an ambitious youth who applied at the local recruiting station for enlistment among the regulars. When informed that he was too light to carry a heavy musket he replied that the weight requisite to meet the standard would soon be forthcoming.

After a delay of a few weeks he strolled into the office yesterday and much to the surprise of the officer in charge tipped the beam to the necessary requirements. When asked how he did it, he answered, "It was nothing. Anyone can take on flesh who has the patience. All I did was to diet on eggs and milk for breakfast in the morning. For dinner when I wanted meat, I only ate it boiled."

The story had been completed and the accepted applicant had reached the door. He turned around before going out and remarked, "O, yes, I forgot to tell you that I worked on the theory of letting the other fellow do the worrying."

NEW CLEW TO GIRL

Dr. Winters Thinks He May Find Little Daughter.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Dr. W. A. Winters, father of Catherine Winters, who has been missing from Newcastle, Ind., for a month, arrived in Chicago last night on a clew that may lead to the recovery of the 9 year old girl.

According to the physician, he hopes to learn her whereabouts before tomorrow night. Yesterday he received a long distance telephone call from LaPorte, Ind., telling him Catherine had been seen in a gypsy wagon on the outskirts of that city.

Dr. Winters upon arriving in Chicago was met at the Union station by his brother and nephew, who were accompanied by Detective Harry Loose of the Juvenile Protective association.

Father Issues Appeal.
Dr. Winters has spread broadcast a bulletin bearing his daughter's picture along with an appeal which reads: To whom it May Concern: I have been sustained by the hope that our little girl is alive. Without that hope I do not know how I could have endured these four weeks of suspense and waiting. Somehow I feel that before long Catherine will be with us alive and well.

My appeal is to any one who may know where Catherine is. Surely, surely there is no one who, knowing where she is and knowing what I have suffered, would keep her from us longer. My means are small, but I am willing to give for her return everything I possess—to the last farthing. There will be no questions asked. I do not

want revenge. I want only my daughter.
Girl Taken to Canada?
According to Harry Webster, a private detective in Newcastle, it is believed the girl was taken to Canada. Relatives, he asserts, may know something about the case. Dr. Winters, according to the detective, is here to verify rumors.

DEFENSE WITNESSES NOT CALLED, AS YET

Evidence introduced by the plaintiff in the case of Earl A. Savage against Dr. Richard Schilling and Dr. Charles Marvel, charged with having improperly set the leg of the plaintiff while he was at the Reid Memorial hospital, will be completed tomorrow, it is expected.

The witnesses for the defendants have not been called, as yet. It is believed the case will last until next week. The plaintiff was placed on the stand this morning on cross examination.

According to Savage it was not until ten days after he was treated by the physicians that his leg was placed in a "T" splint and weights properly applied.

Mrs. Wm. Hungerford was placed on the stand for the plaintiff. She told the court she saw the plaintiff walk on crutches when he returned from the hospital. It is similar to its present shape, she said. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Savage testified to having seen the plaintiff without the "T" splint on his leg which it is alleged is necessary. Their testimony was similar to that of the plaintiff.



Mrs. Workhard (winding alarm clock)—"I always set the alarm for 4 o'clock on Monday morning, so I can make an early start with my washing and get through before dark."
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