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200 MEN TRAPPED IN FLAMING MINES MEET APPALLING DEATH IN WEST VIRGINIA

Women and Children, Relatives of Victims Stand By As Rescuers Strive to Save Those Buried Alive While Working

VILLAGE SHAKES WITH FORCE OF DUST EXPLOSION THAT BRINGS ON SECOND WORST DISASTER THAT EVER HAPPENED IN COAL FIELDS OF BLUE RIDGE

190 KNOWN DEAD

(By Associated Press.) Eccles, W. Va., April 28.—General Bryan, of the New River Coalfield Company, announced at midnight that 170 miners entombed in mine No. 3, wrecked today by an explosion, are dead. Mr. Bryan said the disaster was due to a dust explosion. Eleven bodies have been recovered from mine number 3, a connecting operation and six men are missing. Fifty-nine men, all seriously burned, were rescued from this operation.

Eccles, W. Va., April 28.—Four miners are known to be dead, fifty-nine were rescued, many of them severely burned. Twenty-three others are entombed in two burning mines, with small chance it is believed, for their lives as the result of an explosion of gas in mine number 3 and 6 of the New River Coalfield Company late today. The dead and rescued were taken from mine No. 6 and it is all but thirteen who entered this shaft early today have been accounted for. Rescuers Work Hard. One hundred and ninety of the entombed men are in shaft number 5, not a man having escaped since the explosion. The mine tonight was burning fiercely, with government, state and volunteer rescuers working desperately to subdue the flames.

The depth of the two main shafts is 600 feet and the mines are connected underground. There are two other shafts into the mines, but the explosion totally wrecked three out of the four. The lone entrance leads into mine number 6 and by means of it the rescues were made. Little Hope to Save. Number 5 shaft apparently is shut off from the surface, and rescuers hold little hope of reaching the large number of men in time to save them. The explosion occurred in mine number 3. The two shafts of this mine were demolished. It is believed the explosion traveled through into number 6. One shaft of the latter mine was wrecked but the other remains intact and was the salvation of at least 20 of the workmen.

This little mining community of 1,500 persons was shaken by the most ghastly trembling of the explosion. At first there was no smoke, but men were in a panic. A death was being lived. Superintendent Thomas Deppendorf of mine number 6, Local Superintendent W. E. Kent and General Superintendent J. B. Harris of the New River Coalfield Company were at the scene of the disaster. Within a short time Superintendent Donaldson and all other rescue crews were lowered into the shaft of number 6 mine. Women Weep and Wait. For a time a crowd of women, women and children at the shaft waited in suspense, but soon the signal came to hold away and the women appeared. It soon was too badly hurt to take the women and children to the shaft.

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WAR AND PEACE MOVES YET ON

DIPLOMATS DISCUSS PLANS TO END THE MEXICAN TROUBLE

ARMY GETS READY

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 28.—The Mexican crisis now is centering on the issue between those who are seeking through the good offices and intermediation of Latin America to find some middle ground for pacific adjustment and those who regard a resort to arms as an inevitable consequence of what has occurred. War and Peace Moves. Throughout today two distinct camps are being formed here that of the evays of Argentina, Brazil and Chile in formulating a plan of adjustment to be submitted to the United States and the Florida regime, and that of the military and naval forces of the United States which continue to go forward steadily in preparation for any eventuality which may develop.

ONE CANDIDATE HAS ANNOUNCED

First Sombrero Hurled Into the Ring For Office of Mayor of Anderson

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SAFELY ON SHORE OFF N. C. COAST

(By Associated Press.) Norfolk, April 28.—A ship reported as the British steamer Argos, Captain James, from Providence for Philadelphia, went ashore tonight on Ocracoke Island of the North Carolina coast in a heavy fog. The vessel, bound for Philadelphia, was reported as having been rescued by the cutter H. H. Jones of the U. S. Navy. The cutter, which was on duty in the vicinity of the island, sighted the steamer and made a dash for her. She was towed to the shore by the cutter's derrick.

SENATE PROBE FOR SOUTHERN

ACTION RESULTS OVER TILLMAN'S CLAIM THAT TRUST IS MAINTAINED

SAYS SOUTH IS HURT

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 28.—An investigation by the senate committee of the coal business of the southern railway system and the mines which use that system was recommended to the senate today by the naval affairs committee. Senator Tillman, chairman of the committee, urged the importance of such an investigation. The resolution was referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures.

JUDGE ALDEN APPEALED FOR A HIGHER CITIZENSHIP

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G O O D PROGRAM

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 28.—Secretary Garrison ordered three troops of the Fifth Cavalry from Fort Lavenworth and two troops of the 13th Cavalry from Fort B. A. Russell, Wyoming, to Trinidad and Canon City, Colorado. Colorado members of congress say the mere presence of Federal troops will prevent rioting. Officers of the Federal government, in the strike zone for many miles. On this point the president made it clear that Federal troops were being sent merely to preserve order and not to interfere in the strike controversy.

FOR BETTER CITIZENSHIP

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SMALL FOX ABANDONED

(By Associated Press.) Galveston, April 28.—Small fox was discovered on the coast of Her Cyclus today after half of a 340 American returns brought here by the collector had been handed. Earlier in the day the vessel, St. Lawrence, and the copy of Dixie landed their return on the coast of Galveston. The vessel was in the process of unloading her cargo when she was discovered.

U. S. ARMY GOES TO STOP RIOTS

WILSON ACTS AFTER COLORADO GOVERNOR ASKS FOR THE TROOPS

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