

THE JED MINE YIELDS UP FOURTEEN MORE BODIES

Latest available figures—no compared with 269,684,027 tons in 1910. Eighty-five per cent of the half billion tons mined in 1910, the report shows, was bituminous coal. Of anthracite coal there were 1,000,000 tons in 1910, 84,485,236 tons by 169,097 workers. Workers in bituminous mines numbered 555,553. The total value of the anthracite coal mined in 1910 is estimated at \$100,275,000; of the bituminous, \$449,231,719. Of the 477,111,142 tons of bituminous coal mined in 1910, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania contributed sixty per cent or 289,020,250 tons.

The total membership of the United Mine Workers of America, as published in its official report of its proceedings last January, is 250,000. The report gives the total number of mine workers throughout the country at 725,050.

A large proportion of the bituminous coal is mined by machines, of which there are in use, according to the latest available figures, approximately 14,000. The tonnage thus mined in 1910 was 174,612,293 tons.

There were during the year 2,828 fatalities in the mines throughout the country, according to the report. Of these, 601 occurred in the anthracite mines of Pennsylvania and 539 in the bituminous mines of that state. West Virginia was second in the list with 226, Colorado third, with 223 and Alabama fourth, with 223. The death rate per thousand persons employed in coal mines, compared with the rate in foreign countries, follows:

United States	3.51
Great Britain and Ireland	1.45
France	1.17
Austria	1.04
Prussia	1.04
Belgium	.85

There are approximately 10,000 local organizations of miners in the twenty-five districts of the United States and Canada, according to the report. Of these, approximately 400 are in districts Nos. 1, 5 and 7, the three districts embracing the anthracite fields. The expenses of the organization, according to the treasurer's report, totaled in 1910 \$2,860,331.

RUMORS SURGE THROUGH OFFICIAL WASHINGTON

Alarming Stories Concerning Situation in Mexico Attributed to Unreliable Press Agents.

Washington, March 29.—A series of rumors concerning the Mexican situation, covering every possible phase of activity on the part of the American government, from anti-intervention to the assembling of great military forces on the border down to the dispatch of an embassy to the Mexican capital, surged through official Washington today.

All the alarming stories appeared to have had their inception at points that would be naturally the foci of information of the plans of the two governments. It is quite certain that they did not originate in Washington, and as the Mexican capital has been cut off from telegraphic communication with the outside world since 7 o'clock last night they were attributed to the insurgent press agents.

It was declared by one government official, and denied by another, that the United States had permitted shipment of arms and ammunition to go through to the Mexican government.

ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK AT HUNTINGTON THURSDAY

Will Stop for One Hour There—To Hold Big Night Meeting at Parkersburg.

Charleston, W. Va., March 29. (Special.)—That Col. Roosevelt will deliver several speeches in West Virginia early in April was the information received here today. Secretary Houston G. Young, of the state Roosevelt committee, gave out the following itinerary:

Leave Louisville at 2:30 on the morning of the fourth; arrive at Cincinnati at seven. Leave Cincinnati over the Chesapeake and Ohio at 7:30; arrive at Huntington, W. Va., 3:25. Speak at Huntington. Leave Huntington 5:25 on a special train over the Baltimore and Ohio, with ten minute stops at Point Pleasant and Ravenswood, arriving at Parkersburg at 7 for a big night meeting. Leave Parkersburg at 7:15 on the morning of the fifth. Arrive at Keyser at 7:35; Cumberland, Maryland, at 8:15; and Martinsburg at 10:15.

MINIMUM WAGE BILL NOW LAW IN ENGLAND

Ballot Taken to Decide Whether Strikers Shall Resume Work. Pending Decision of Boards.

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London, March 29.—The government's minimum wage bill became a law today, when at noon it received royal assent. Simultaneously, balloting by the coal miners throughout the British Isles was proceeding to decide whether the strikers should return to work pending a decision by the district boards, provided for in the bill, fixing the wages in the various coal mine districts.

Total Recovered to Date Has Reached Sixty-nine and All Others in Workings Arr Buried Under Slate.

RESCUE WORK HAS BEEN DANGEROUS UNDERTAKING

Crew Led by Inspector Nicholson Met With Violently Explosive Gases And Firedamp, Compelling Them to Discard Safety Lamps, But They Did Not Abandon Risky Task Until All Bodies That Could be Reached Had Been Brought Up the Shaft and Turned Over to Undertakers.

FREQUENTLY HAD TO CUT WAY THROUGH SLATE FALLS

Yesterday's Identified Dead.

PAUL MARTEK.
MIKE GOLIYA, son of Nick Golya.
MIKE J. PAT.
TOMMY HARBORE.
SAK PLEK.
FRANK MOLNAR.
ALEX. KOSOVITCH.
PERRY SWABE.
JOHN GREGELY.
JOE HORVITZ.
FRANK SPANARD.
CHARLES SPANARD.
PETER SARVOLSKI.

Fourteen bodies were recovered from the Jed mine yesterday. No more bodies are to be found above slate. The total number of bodies recovered up to date reached sixty-nine. How soon the remainder of the bodies will be recovered depends altogether on the time which will be consumed in clearing out the mine, and removing the slate from the bodies. The country will commence to clean up at once, under the direction of the state mine department. Last night forces of men in charge of inspectors Arthur Mitchell, Earl Henry, James Martin, Y. Blair and L. H. Hight, accompanied by Superintendent Kuntz, went into the mine to superintend the direction of the air on the course pursued before the explosion occurred. The old method was to split the air so that it would go down both the right and left mine. Yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock the state inspectors decided to restore the old method of ventilating the mine so that the air could work through the mine and thoroughly ventilate it. This was done so work can be commenced by the company forces towards removing the slate from the dead bodies inside the mine.

AID WORTHY CHARITY

The appeal for contributions for the immediate relief of the sufferers from the Jed mine explosion, may have brought responses but they have not been reported for publication. The list given out yesterday morning, and which shows no additions, is as follows:

First National Bank of Welch	\$100.00
Daily Telegraph	25.00
D. J. F. Stracher	25.00
R. H. Smith	25.00

Total \$175.00

A meeting of the committee that was suggested yesterday should be held today at Welch and an organization perfected. There is nothing the organization to make such movements successful.

This is such a good thing that every one should have a part in it. It will give every contributor pleasure to know that he aided in such a worthy cause. Long after the money is spent the joy of being able and willing to aid the needy and the distressed will live. In fact such deeds of charity and kindness are more enduring than riches or the enjoyment of place and power.

While some may think the publication of their contributions may be vain and self-seeking yet such publications influence others to give, and an end is attained that stands for any expense or display the publication may involve.

WEATHER FORECAST

West Virginia: Fair during day, colder in east portion; Sunday increasing cloudiness; Virginia: Fair and colder; Saturday: Sunday fair, milder; at north and northeast winds.

When this decision was arrived at messengers were sent into the mine to recall the federal mine bureau men from the work near. These men were inside making investigations, which will be resumed in their next report for the bureau. As soon as they left the mine the air was changed and given all chance to start on the course followed before the explosion. It was not until night that more men entered the mine.

Poor Air In Mine

The crews which went into the mine yesterday in charge of Inspector Nicholson brought out a lot of iron work bodies of which had been located on the previous night by the crew under Arthur Mitchell, but which could not be carried from the mine because of the absence of the coroner who had gone to Welch. In spite of the increased air current carried into the mine as a result of repairs to the fan on the previous day the most poor air and progress was slow on account of the slate falls and debris in the mine.

Rescue Work Dangerous

Both crews experienced trouble with the slate falls, which were especially heavy in this part of the mine. In some places being several feet deep. The day crew, led by Inspector Nicholson, who was accompanied by James P. Brady and James Martin, Mine Foreman Jake Henry and Robert Wallace, Inspector for the Pocahontas Coalfield, Collieries Company, when about 200 feet from the fan on the fourth level of No. 1 main, met with such a violently explosive fire damp and explosive gases, which would not be dispersed by the air current, that they discarded their safety lamps, fearing trouble, and using electric flashlights, which are deemed safe in such gases, crawled over slate falls into the lower parts of the workings fully 200 feet and recovered six bodies, which were brought out. The work was of an especially dangerous and risky character and it is certain that if increased air had been plumbed into the body of gas all would have been killed. The men braved the gases and the slate falls, and they felt that unless this part of the mine was explored at once it might be some time before all the bodies in there could be reached, if they ever would be reached.

As one of them said afterward there were a number of women and children waiting for their bodies to be recovered and they could not have been recovered without some risk being taken. The bodies recovered were taken to the mine and placed in the mine and the slate falls were removed. The men braved the gases and the slate falls, and they felt that unless this part of the mine was explored at once it might be some time before all the bodies in there could be reached, if they ever would be reached.

Body of Farm Boy Recovered

The last body recovered yesterday was found a search was made for the Standard-Pocahontas explosion at Farn. Swabie's safety lamp lay nearby him. The body appeared to have been thrown some distance by the force of the explosion. When his body was found a search was made for his watch, which was presented to him by the men of the company, and by him at Farn. What Swabie did with the watch is not known, as the only watch which he carried at the time of his death was a nickel affair.

Inspectors Show Ability

During the progress of the rescue work, inspectors Robert Wallace of the Pocahontas Coalfield Collieries Company, and C. M. Gluck, of the United States Coal and Coke Company, have shown unusual ability. Mr. Wallace, who is mentioned as a candidate for chief of the Virginia mining bureau, recently created, has made a record for himself, his daring together with that of other inspectors on yesterday, showing the extent to which he will go. Jake Henry, the Jed mine foreman, who escaped death at the time of the explosion because he happened to be at the foot of the shaft when the mine blew up, has also worked hard every day and has stuck with the mine inspectors through all kinds of trouble in the mine.

Chief Goes Back to Charleston

Chief John Laid returned to Charleston yesterday morning, but left six mine inspectors at the mine. Mr. Laid will return to aid in time for the coroner's inquest. The inspectors left at the mine will superintend the restoration of the old method of ventilation through the two entries and the Sunday or Tuesday will commence the official examination of the mine for the purpose of determining the cause of the explosion. This work will take several days, depending largely on the conditions met with inside. With a full supply of everything should move along smoothly.

Will Not Work Tonight

Tonight the men will quit work and take one night off. They will be back again on Sunday and will continue to help the company men in restoring ventilation and getting the mine in shape, and in rescuing the remaining bodies in the mine.

Many Dead Mines

In a large measure the location of the bodies will be comparatively easy because they can be readily detected on account of their condition. On day night the rescue men used disinfectants on the bodies of the men in the mine and recovered them. It was the intention of the men to commence removing the bodies of the dead

men last night. It is thought there are a dozen bodies in the mine, and all are in bad shape because of the heat which prevented the workmen before ventilation was restored.

Blue Badly Damaged

Inside the mine the conditions are pretty bad. Little if any track is torn up, but all the wiring has been torn down. Concrete stoppings have been blown down and the slate falls are so heavy that in some places they reach to within a short distance of the roof, and at these rescue men had to cut their way through. It is possible that part of the mine may be abandoned after the bodies have been recovered and taken out so they can be buried.

Bodies Quickly Buried

Strimmers at Jed commenced on the method used to carry the bodies from the mine and from the houses to the trains and to the cemetery. Some were moved when they were wanted in which people were sitting at night, but the condition is not a normal one, and sometimes occurs.

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FRIEL ALLEN JOINS CLAUDE IN HILLSVILLE JAIL

Tells Detectives of Desperate Straits of Uncle Sidna and Wesley Edwards.

BOTH ARE PREPARED TO RESIST UNTIL DEATH

Declines Former Admitted Killing Judge Masale and Letter Acknowledged That He Shot Commonwealth's Attorney Foster.

ONLY TWO OF ENTIRE BAND NOW FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE

Hillsville, Va., March 29.—Friel Allen, a blue-eyed strapping, seventeen-year-old, of the Allen band, each indicted for five murders in the Carroll county during a fortnight ago, was taken late today in the carriage held at the home of his father, Jasper Allen, eight miles from here.

Young Allen cheerfully submitted to arrest and tonight occupies a cell in the Hillsville jail with his cousin, Claude Swanson, a man of middle age, and his young nephew, Wesley Edwards, both both mountaineers of reckless daring, are fugitives tonight. Friel Allen two days ago deserted the two men still at large and brought back tonight an ultimatum of defiance. Both are prepared to resist until death. Jasper Allen was not involved in the court house shooting, but it is known that since his arrest Friel joined the outlaws he has been endeavoring to advise him to submit to the mercy of the law.

Friel Allen galloped into town today, the prisoner of detective T. L. Peltz and Detective St. C. Payne, who made the arrest. He showed the ill effects of two weeks with little food or shelter. The young prisoner talked shrewdly on his conversation with Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards. The former, he said, admitted killing Judge Thornton L. Masale, while the latter acknowledged shooting Commonwealth's Attorney William M. Foster. His own part in the tragedy he discreetly avoided discussing.

Young Allen brought information of the desperate straits of Sidna Allen, leader of the band, and his consciousness of the latter's guilt.

DOZEN SPEECHES BY ROOSEVELT IN ONE DAY

Colonel Also Finds Time to Confer With Supporters and Adds a Plank to His Platform.

St. Paul, Minn., March 29.—Another platform upon which Theodore Roosevelt is to fight on his campaign was brought forth in his speech here tonight on "The welfare of the farmer." Col. Roosevelt's address was delivered toward the close of a day in which he traveled across Iowa and made a dozen speeches. He conferred with his political supporters and went to the audience, where he made the principal speech of the day. He then went to Minneapolis.

At Cedar Rapids, Vinton, Waterloo, Cedar Falls and Rockford, Iowa, and Ottumwa, Fairfield and Northfield, in Minnesota, Col. Roosevelt tonight asked from the train a platform.

At Albert Lea, Minnesota, he left the train to address an open air meeting of such size that many persons were unable to get within earshot of the speaker.

Diseases Live Topical

Pittsfield, Pa., March 29.—The first session of the sixteenth annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science began here today. This year's meeting is devoted to a discussion of the active and referendum and other topics of live importance, and more than the usual number of distinguished Americans will make addresses at the several sessions.

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even in Bluefield. One northerner was surprised to find that bodies were buried within twenty-four and forty-eight hours after their recovery. He expressed surprise when told that in nearly every case in this section people are buried within forty-eight hours of their death. In the northern states funerals are rarely held until the third or fourth day following a death. It is merely the difference in custom in the two sections.

Like Sister of Charity.

Among those who have had to work under an unusual strain since the explosion occurred has been Miss Baker, who is employed in the Jed store. This pretty girl was at all times pleasant, kind, obliging, and ready to do everything she could to help everyone. It was undoubtedly the biggest undertaking she had ever witnessed, but no one would have known it.

Yesterday and on the previous day Miss Baker went among the homes and talked to the families of the dead miners, found out their wants, ministered to them like a sister of charity, comforted them as they cried and wept, held their little ones and sympathized in every way possible. She was a messenger of mercy and when her kind sweet face was seen at the doorway of the homes the faces of those women who had been weeping brightened up a little, just because this girl had called and been kind and sweet to them.

The children watched her. To the men at the office she was an assistant, but to the people back on the hills she was an angel of charity and her name will long be remembered by those on whom she called. Miss Baker's kindly visit of yesterday would make it appear that in addition to the mine rescue crews and other methods for getting bodies out after an explosion, an auxiliary band of women who could visit these wives and mothers in their time of need would be a good thing. Their own neighbors help them and comfort them but these people appreciate the smiles of kind hearted women like Miss Baker who visit them to see if there isn't something that can be done.

Sixteen Italians Dead.

Yesterday Guido du Vincenzo, secretary to the legal bureau of the Italian consulate, with offices at Philadelphia, passed through this city, en route to Jed, where he will do what he can for his countrymen. The secretary of the legation said the information at the legation was to the effect that sixteen Italians had lost their lives in the disaster, and he was on his way to the mine to see what assistance the legation could offer the families of the men. The secretary is acting for his government.

Three Brothers Killed.

The bodies of Jack Chandler, Charles Chandler and Will Chandler, three brothers, who were killed in the explosion at Jed, were carried through this city yesterday en route to Coeburn, Va., where they will be buried. Bowed down with grief the aged father of the boys went back home with them. While here Mr. Chandler said he had lost his three boys in this explosion, and his two daughters, both married to miners, recently lost their husbands in an explosion, thereby wiping out the entire male line of the Chandler family, with the exception of the aged father. The father said yesterday that his name would disappear with him, and he seemed overwhelmed with pain and grief. The Chandlers are Americans.

Mine Bureau Doing Good Work

Commenting on the federal mine rescue service and the federal mine bureau, operators and others who are in the coal business appear to regret exceedingly the differences which arose between the men in the mines and the rescue men. They seem to feel that the federal mine bureau is doing a good work, and yet in its infancy. The operators especially appear to appreciate the presence of Chief Engineer Rice, Assistant Mining Engineer Deiko, and the chief of the rescue department, James W. Paul.

It appears that the trouble arose mainly between the foremen of car 7 and the men in the rescue crews. The foreman of the rescue crew was known to many of the men in the mine because he was formerly located in the Thacker field, and the report was circulated that he was a store man. The real miners did not like the idea of being led by a man who was reported to have been a store man with the result, it is said, that they commenced to play practical jokes on him. It appears that the men passed the word along to have some fun out of the federal man and judging from the reports which have come to the surface the men did send the men on various errands.

The report which was circulated regarding the foreman of No. 7 car worked against the other federal men when they arrived on the scene; that is all except Mr. Paul, Chief Engineer Rice and Assistant Engineer Deiko. These men and the knowledge they have of mining are highly regarded by the mining community, and the miners themselves.

It is likely that there would have been a different story to tell if it could have been possible to rescue any bodies alive. It was known, practically from the start, that none could be alive, because both air courses were filled with fumes, and the workings were so small that there was little chance of anyone being alive inside. On this account the men of the rescue crews took advantage of the federal mine men.

Demand For Local Mine Car.

The presence of the federal men has, however, created a demand for a local mine car. The opportunity created by the emergency should give the mine bureau a chance to place itself on a firm foundation among the local men if a car could be placed in Bluefield, from which point it could conveniently reach the Pocahontas, Tug River, Thacker, Windlog Gulf,

Clinch Valley and Wise county coal fields.

The sentiment in favor of a car is so strong that if the government would offer a car or equip a car the local coal operators would not only keep up the equipment and maintain the car, but also employ all the assistance needed to carry out the work of the mine bureau in this section.

Benefit for Mine Sufferers.

The Arcadians, a club which successfully presented, "Our New Minister" at the Elks opera house on two occasions, and once at the Pocahontas opera house for the benefit of the James G. Litz Children's Home, will present the play at the Welch opera house on the night of Thursday, April 11. The proceeds of the entertainment will be contributed to the fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans, left destitute by the explosion at the Jed Coal and Coke Company. It may be said for the company, which is composed of Bluefield people, that its work is of a very high order and unusually good for amateurs.

PATHETIC FIGURES

Are Children Made Orphans by Jed Mine Disaster.

The most pathetic figures in the picture of the recent disaster at the Jed mines are the little children who have been made orphans. James G. Litz returned last night from Jed, where he had been for two days looking into the situation with a view to bringing many of these children to

the Litz Orphanage in this city. Some of the children are left without any one in the world to care for them. In one instance two Hungarian children were found who, with the mother dead for some years and the father a helpless invalid in the old country, have been cared for by their brother, who now lies dead in the mine. The mining company will look after all the children until order is restored out of chaos. The Litz Orphanage will then receive many of the unfortunates.

IN AND AROUND COOPERS

Mrs. A. T. Jones was shopping in Bramwell yesterday.

Mrs. C. E. F. Burnley, was shopping in Bluefield yesterday.

The remains of Mrs. James Bell, better known throughout this section as "Grandma Bell," will be brought to Coopers this afternoon from Princeton. The funeral will be held at the home of her son, Charles Bell, at 3 o'clock. The burial will take place in Bell's Valley grave yard. Every one will miss her. She was a kind, good, generous old lady and loved by all who knew her.

John W. Hill returned last night from Berea College, Berea, Ky., where he has studied since last September. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stanger, yesterday.

George Stanger, Davis Stanger, Fred French, and Sydney Callahan

surprised J. W. Hill by meeting him at Bluestone Junction last night.

William Staton returned Tuesday from Princeton with his bride, who formerly was Miss Ida Phillips, of Nemours. They are now the guests of Mr. Staton's sister, Mrs. J. W. Callahan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bowen were in Pocahontas shopping yesterday.

Mrs. W. H. Shuff was the guest of Mrs. Edward Cooper, of Bramwell, yesterday.

Mrs. J. P. Bowen, of Coopers, was the guest of Mrs. J. W. W. Shuler Tuesday.

NOTICE.

Meeting of Republican Executive Committee of Mercer County.

A meeting of the Mercer county Republican committee is hereby called for Monday, April 15, 1912, at Princeton, W. Va., at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of assessing candidates, appointing election officers for the primary, to be held June 4, 1912, and the transaction of such other business as may be necessary to the proper conduct of said primary.

ISAAC T. MANN, Chairman.
S. N. WORLEY, Secretary.

John W. Stokelsmith, Greensboro, Pa., has three children, and like most children they frequently take cold. "We have tried several kinds of cough medicine," he says, "but have never found any yet that did them as much good as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." For sale by all dealers.

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