

FORTY MINERS DROWNED IN PENNSYLVANIA FLOOD

WATER RUSHES IN TORRENTS INTO COAL MINE

Men Drowned Like Rats in Trap
While Town of Evans Is
Doomed to Destruction

RAILROAD TRACKS ARE
WASHED OUT BY FLOOD

Torrential Rains Continue and
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Damage Expected

UNIONTOWN, Pa., July 24.—Forty miners were caught in a flood at the Superba coal mines at Evans station, three miles from this city, this afternoon. All were believed to have been drowned.

Torrents of water are flooding the mine in two places. Water is rushing down the mountain and it is believed the Cool Spring reservoir, the largest in Fayette county, located in the mountains, has broken.

The Pennsylvania railroad, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and the Western Pennsylvania trolley tracks have been washed away.

Little hope is entertained for the town of Evans. The wives and children of the miners are in danger of being carried into the mines, as they refuse to leave the mouth of the slope. Rescue parties have been formed, and at 2 o'clock they had been unable to reach any of them.

The business section of Dunbar, a few miles from Evans station, is under four feet of water and several buildings already have been destroyed by the rush of water down the mountain side. The debris is piled 25 feet high at a bridge of the Pennsylvania railroad and it is expected to give way at any moment.

The latest report, at 2:45 p. m., is that 14 miners have been drowned and there is little hope of rescuing the others alive. Torrential rains continue and further loss of life and damage are expected.

The Cool Spring reservoir was reported to be leaking badly this afternoon, and there is danger of it going out. If the dam gives way the water will sweep down the mountain on the towns of Lemont, Youngstown, Mount Braddock and Dunbar. It is estimated that 20,000 persons reside in the four towns and the loss of life and destruction of property, it is feared, will be great.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND, SUBJECT OF STEVENSON'S STORIES IS SOLD

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—Advices from Honolulu report the sale of Christmas island, reputed original of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island", and center of a web of hundreds of less pleasing tales current in the South seas of piracy, blackbirding, treasure-seeking and wrecking. The island is valuable as a copra producer.

Father Rougier, whose shingle reads "Real estate, islands bought and sold," negotiated the transfer from the ownership of the Grieg family to an unnamed buyer.

Rougier, with Wm. Grieg and a party, returned to Honolulu July 15 after a trip occupying nearly sixty days in a power schooner which lost half its top hamper and wireless aerials in a heavy blow the first night out from Honolulu. The rest of the trip was without incident.

Christmas island is just north of the equator, three degrees west and eighteen degrees south of Honolulu.

MISTRIAL IMMINENT IN DARROW CASE--- JUROR IS SUSPECTED

LOS ANGELES, July 24.—A mistrial under sensational circumstances is said to be imminent in the case of Clarence S. Darrow, on trial for alleged jury bribing. Attorneys for the defense, are said to have charged in a conference with Judge Hutton, that the illness of Juror L. A. Leavitt was feigned and asked for an investigation by the court.

When the illness of Juror Leavitt was reported Monday the defense attorneys asked that the alternate juror, A. M. Blakesley, be installed as a regular juror. District Attorney Fredericks protested on the ground that it

would be best to hold the thirteenth juror in reserve as long as possible.

It was learned today that when the request by the defense was made, Judge Hutton was placed in possession of certain alleged facts which caused him to send a physician of his own choosing to examine Leavitt. According to the defense attorneys this physician found no symptoms of appendicitis, the ailment with which the juror was said to be suffering. Further information was said to have been given Judge Hutton to the effect that Juror Leavitt's opinions regarding the guilt or innocence of Darrow had been so freely discussed at his

home, prior to his taking a place on the jury that they became a matter of common report among his neighbors.

For this reason, the defense attorneys are said to have asserted that Leavitt feigned illness for the purpose of being excused from the jury.

Under the law the alternate juror can be used only in the event of the death or illness of a regular juror and because of this provision the defense is said to have sought to have Leavitt's place filled without making formal charges against him. Should the court decline to excuse Leavitt, a mistrial may result before the case goes to the jury.

STEAM ROLLER BROUGHT OUT

Progressives Have Lively Afternoon With Colonel Reeves as the Goat

Summerfield and Springmeyer Combine Rules Convention With an Iron Hand

With the steam roller aided to a nicety and Sardis Summerfield and George Springmeyer at the throttle, the progressive convention held in this city yesterday afternoon flattened out Colonel C. R. Reeves, who has been the duly accredited manager of the Roosevelt forces in the state, named Senator P. E. Flanigan, Sardis Summerfield and George Springmeyer as delegates to the national progressive convention in Chicago, recommended that Senator Flanigan be the national committeeman from the state of Nevada, elected T. G. McCarthy of Chicago.

POLICE COURT MOVES ALONG

Every Day Quota of Disorderly Persons Are Treated by Dr. Stanaway

William Scott, a disorderly person, was sentenced to ninety days in jail when he appeared before Police Judge Stanaway this morning.

Thomas O'Brien, arrested on a similar charge, was floated and James A. Call and H. Mohl, also charged with being disorderly, were discharged.

Each morning there appear persons charged with this offense in the police court. The officers are making a thorough cleanup. A number of suspects have already left town and those that remain are certain to be picked up and forced to stand trial.

TO BREAK DEADLOCK

WASHINGTON, July 24.—In an endeavor to break the deadlock between the house and senate over the pension appropriation bill it is probable that the conferees will ask the two bodies once more to define their respective positions.

ERNEST HOWES AT UNIVERSITY

Former Ontario Man Elected Professor of Agronomy by Board of Regents

Comes Highly Recommended and Nevada Is Fortunate in Securing Him

The regents of the university have elected Mr. Ernest A. Howes of the department of agriculture, Ottawa, Ontario, for the position of professor of agronomy in the university and agronomist in the station. Mr. Howes, B. S. A., is highly recommended by Professor C. A. Zavits, who has been in the department of field husbandry at the Ontario Agricultural college at Guelph for a good many years, and under whom Mr. Howes has worked as an assistant. He is familiar with farm work, has taught public school, has made a great success of school garden work in eastern Ontario and is well known in the department.