

# 25TH BODY, LAST OF BLAST VICTIMS, TAKEN FROM MINE Funerals Today and Tomorrow; All Bodies Identified

## ARBUCKLE JURY DISAGREES AND IS DISCHARGED

Vote on First Ten Ballots 9 to 3,  
on Rest 10 to 2 for Con-  
viction of Comedian.

### 14 BALLOTS WERE TAKEN

By Associated Press.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.  
The jury in the second trial of a  
man charged with the murder of  
C. Arbutle decided at the conclusion  
of a 44 hour session that it would  
not agree and was discharged today  
with the final ballot standing ten for  
conviction to two for acquittal.

Arbutle was accused of having  
caused the death of Miss Virginia  
Russo, of Los Angeles, a motion pic-  
ture actress, who was taken ill at  
a drinking party in Arbutle's suite  
at the Hotel St. Francis on Labor  
day, 1921, and died four days  
later as the result of a ruptured  
bladder.

### To Hold New Trial

The case was placed on the calen-  
dar for next Monday to be set for its  
trial. Both prosecution and defense  
announced that they would favor  
such trial. So sure was the defense  
of its position in the second trial,  
that it had submitted its case without  
final arguments. This had an effect  
opposite from the one intended, ac-  
cording to Nott Friedman, one of the  
jurors, in a formal statement.

"We thought that when the defense  
declined to argue it had thrown up  
its hands," he said. "The first ten  
ballots stood nine to three for con-  
viction and thereafter until the four-  
teenth and final ballot, it was ten to  
two."

### Arbutle Dismissed

Arbutle appeared to be much  
whitened by the disagreement.  
Members of his family were on vigi-  
lantly perturbed that it was some mo-  
ments before they greeted him or his  
attorneys after the result was known.  
The jury was out one hour longer  
than the time in the first trial, which  
was held on Feb. 2.

## 12th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES OF BOY SCOUTS AT ASBURY CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING; SCOUTS TO ATTEND IN BODY

Special services will be held at the  
Asbury Methodist church Sunday  
evening opening at 7:30 o'clock in  
honor of the twelfth anniversary of  
the formation of the Boy Scouts of  
America.  
An excellent program has been ar-  
ranged for the occasion which is an  
annual event in local Boy Scout his-  
tory.  
Rev. H. A. Rolyn, pastor of the As-

## Wonder When This Chauffeur Will Stop Running?

By Associated Press.  
WINCHESTER, Va., Feb. 12.  
A motor truck loaded with more  
than 1,000 pounds of dynamite  
skidded on the ice, plunged over a  
retaining wall on the Shenandoah  
valley pike today as Fisher's  
firm, and rolled nearly 60 feet to  
the bottom. The dynamite did not  
explode but the negro driver, who  
is said to have escaped unhurt, has  
not been seen since the acci-  
dent.

## ORGANIZE AGAINST COAL PRICE BOOST

League for Industrial Democ-  
racy Is Being Formed in  
New York.

By Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, Feb. 3.  
The league for industrial democ-  
racy, an organization of engineers,  
economists and labor experts, today  
launched a move to block any  
attempt on the part of coal operators  
to increase the price of coal to cover  
higher wages.

### It was announced at the headquar-

ters today that a committee of experts  
will be organized to study the coal  
market and to make recommendations  
to the public.

## COAL COMPANIES ARE VICTIMS OF SWINDLE

Federal Authorities Say Plan  
Was Perpetrated Through  
Fake Credit Ratings.

By Associated Press.  
CLEVELAND, Feb. 3.

Swindle of coal companies in var-  
ious cities of \$500,000 by worthless  
credit ratings was revealed by Fed-  
eral authorities here today following the  
arrest of two members of an alleged  
band of fraudulent coal brokers at  
Brooklyn.

The band is said by the Federal au-  
thorities to have operated in Pitts-  
burgh, Chicago, Brooklyn, Detroit, Co-  
lumbus, Youngstown and other cities.  
The men are alleged to have operated  
a coal and material company and to  
have represented it as a branch of a  
company in Brooklyn.

After ordering a shipment of coal,  
Federal authorities say, a representa-  
tive of this company would intercept  
it in transit and have it reconstituted  
to another city, where it is claimed it  
would be sold for cash at about half  
price.

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and western ends of the state for  
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### "The subject of most of my talks."

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## VARE DISCERN'S PARTY HARMONY IN THE STATE

Gifford Pinchot Bomlet Is  
Brought to Philadelphia by  
A. Nevin Detrich.

### VARE AS A MISSIONARY

By THOMAS F. HEALEY.  
Special to The Morning Herald.  
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.

Senator Vare sees the brightest  
prospects for an union of the various  
Republican elements in support of a  
candidate for the gubernatorial nomina-  
tion.

The Senator revealed today that he  
is not worried about the question of  
harmony. "What he has been worried  
about, what he has been conferring  
about, is the solution of the right  
type of man."

Mr. Vare has been doing the indi-  
vidual sort of missionary work. He  
has been chasing about the town, from  
one leader to another, during the last  
few days, and he has talked to the  
leaders in Pittsburgh. As a result of  
these conferences, Senator Vare in-  
timates that he has accomplished one  
thing. He has succeeded in persuad-  
ing the men with whom he has talked  
that it does not amount to a hill of  
beans where the gubernatorial can-  
didate comes from so long as he is a  
"good, strong man."

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## BEGIN INVESTIGATION OF DISASTER TODAY

Head of State Department of Mines Expected This Morning—  
Wonderful Work Is Done by Rescue Crews who Fought  
Through Gas and Falls to Reach Bodies—Remains of Last  
Victim Removed Are Badly Mutilated—Mallik Believed to  
Have Been Shot Fiercer Who Put Off Shot That Resulted in  
Catastrophe.

With the removal yesterday afternoon at 4:10 o'clock of the body of  
Elsie Vario, last of 25 estimated miners to make his final descent voy-  
age up the deep Gates shaft, an overwhelming incident in the life of the  
mining community came to a close, save for the aftermath of burial and  
investigation.

Steady and undemonstrative since the beginning, something of the  
gentle frontier of the crowd of relatives, friends and the curious, which  
had stood near the shaft mouth through two days and a night, broke as  
this last body, blackened and bruised, came to the surface. One of the  
rescuers announced, "That's All," and a murmur punctuated here and  
there by heavy sobs, ran through the crowd as it slowly melted away.

### BURIED BY STATE

The body of Vario was one of the hardest to reach. Just back of  
the hearing where the explosion occurred the body had been buried by  
state which continually fell from the roof of the mine, endangering and  
slowing up the work of the rescuers.

When at last found, Vario's right  
arm was pinned beneath him and at  
the moment of death he had attempt-  
ed to fight off the deadly fumes by  
stuffed his mouth with his water-  
soaked handkerchief. Vario's body  
was taken to the Johnston morgue in  
Masterton and, although badly muf-  
fled, identification was made by his  
relatives.

Early Friday morning rescuers  
working in feverish shifts had suc-  
ceeded in finding 22 of the 25 bodies  
known to be in the mine. The last  
three were difficult to reach. At 10  
o'clock yesterday morning the body of  
Peter Mallik, buried in slats, was  
found and an hour later that of Mike  
Glenkovic.

MALLIK WAS SHOT FIER  
Mallik, according to one theory of  
the cause of the explosion, was the  
man who set off the "shot" which  
backfired and is believed to have  
ignited a gas pocket. His body, when  
found, was badly crushed and burned.  
Glenkovic must have been near him  
when the shot was fired. They both  
probably died instantly and were de-  
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By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.  
Except for the formalities and trials  
that are to attend the adjournment  
of the Washington conference on limita-  
tion of armaments and the Eastern  
questions is over.

### At a plenary session tomorrow, the

remaining treaties and resolutions are  
to be formally approved and the chief  
delegates are to say goodbye to one  
another in speeches expressing the  
fraternalization of their governments or  
the confidence accomplished.  
On Monday at another public meeting  
the treaty will be signed and sealed  
and President Harding will deliver  
a message.

## ASSESSED VALUE OF COUNTY COAL LANDS IS FIXED

Slight Increases Made by Action  
of the Commissioners in  
Some Townships.

### FOR THREE YEAR PERIOD

Assessed valuation of Fayette coun-  
ty coal lands for the years 1922, 1923  
and 1924, were fixed by the Fayette  
County Commissioners at a meeting  
yesterday afternoon. Slight increases  
in the assessed valuation of some of  
the properties have been made.

The new assessments follow:  
Nine foot vein—Connellsville re-  
gion, \$500 an acre, an increase of  
\$50 on the acre; river region, \$600 an  
acre, an increase of \$100 on the acre;  
Springhill township—Southfield,  
Gane and Oquirrh region, \$180 an  
acre, an increase of \$100 on the acre;  
Five foot vein of coal—

Developed undeveloped  
per acre ed per  
acre

|   |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|
| George's township                                 | \$15  | \$25  |
| North Union township                              | \$15  | \$25  |
| Nicholson township                                | \$15  | \$25  |
| South Union township                              | \$15  | \$25  |
| (Increase of \$25 on acre on develop-<br>ed coal) |       |       |
| Springfield township                              | \$50  | \$100 |
| (Indian Creek Coal Co.)                           |       |       |
| Shillertown township                              | \$50  | \$100 |
| Stewart township                                  | \$50  | \$100 |
| Dunbar township, Freeport coal, 11<br>feet vein   | \$100 | \$200 |

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## CASUALTIES IN THE GATES MINE

### THE DEAD

Thomas Horne, single.  
John Marinch, single.  
Andy Kopolar, married.  
Andy Rompella, married.  
Mike Yurchinsky, married.  
Joe Smash, married.  
Martin J. Brennan, single.  
John Dallaglio, single.  
James Argenti, married.  
Walton Konicks, married.  
John Chupeta, single.  
Nick Rabbito, single.  
Joe Hrebar, single.  
Tony Stadyhar, married.  
Joe Zaitkovloz, married.  
Albert Petrilla, married.  
James Paganella, single.  
Joe Popson, Sr., married.  
Steve Popson, above's nephew, single.  
Nick Stefanick, single.  
Andy Swahlic, married.  
Arlat Decurocena, married.  
Peter Malik, married.  
Mike Ginkovich.  
Cleary Vialco, married.

### BEGIN INVESTIGATION

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livered from the sufferings of the others who died fighting the aftermath of the exploded gas.

As removed all of the bodies were taken to the morgue of H. A. Johnson, at Masontown, and it was here, yesterday, that the most pathetic scenes of the disaster took place. Many of the relatives coming to identify their loved ones were unable to withstand the awful reality of the blackened body. Several of the women had to be aided in the return to their homes.

#### Identification Comparatively Easy

Despite more or less mutilation and burns, identification was never in doubt and each of the 25 victims has avoided the final misfortune of loss of name. Throughout the time that identification was going on undertakers from all over the county were preparing the bodies for burial.

Most of the funerals will be held before Sunday noon. Fifteen of the victims, who lived in the neighborhood of the mine, will be buried Sunday morning. One of the dead, Mike Yurchinsky, will be buried Saturday morning. The body of Joseph Smash whose relatives live in Tennessee, will be held until the arrival of his parents.

#### Memorial Services

Preparations will be made today to hold some of the funerals collectively and in all of the churches in the region services in respect will be held Sunday morning. Upon each of the caskets of the unfortunate miners, besides the flowers of friends, will be a floral wreath from the Frick Company. Yesterday the wreaths were placed on each of the caskets.

#### State Mine Head Here

Today will see the arrival of Seward B. Bullon, chief of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Mines, and the beginning of the closing chapter of the disaster. Officials of the Frick Company said yesterday that they would make no statement until after the investigation had determined the

cause and character of the disaster.

No one would predict the nature of the ultimate finding of the investigation, which, it is probable, will not be completed for several days. Yesterday, although many believed that the cause of the disaster lay in the ignition of a gas pocket by a back firing "shot", the cause was still in doubt.

Gates and region surrounding yesterday continued under a pall. The little towns were unnaturally quiet. Here and there small groups discussed the disaster. There were made up mostly of miners, who, throughout the time since the explosion, have been stunned by the possibilities of the disaster to themselves.

#### Rescuers Valiant Work

Not in 25 years have rescue workers of the Fayette county mining region been called upon for such unceasing work as the two days following the Gates disaster, and their unflagging labor during 40 gruelling hours has more than justified their organization.

The work, which began early Thursday morning and did not cease until late yesterday afternoon, was difficult and dangerous. Slate fell at frequent intervals in the headings where the rescuers were feverishly digging to break through blocked passages and to uncover buried bodies. The fumes of the deadly after-damp of the explosion were still strong long after the explosion and the early part of the work had to be done in the discomfort of gas masks.

#### Many Rescue Teams

Rescue teams from all over the Frick region appeared at the scene of the explosion, early Thursday morning. After the descent into the mine and the short trip to the headings it was found that, not only gas hampered the work, but whole runways were blocked by slate. It was a job for the pick and shovel. At once the teams were divided in short shifts and the work went on at an exhaustive pace.

Hope that behind the blocked headings might be found still living miners kept the workers at highest pitch and even later, when it was seen that no man could possibly be living in the gas swept runways, the pace of the work did not let up.

Frick officials themselves aided the teams and many "outsiders", including W. P. Schenk, of the Red Cross M. J. Clifford of the Monacahe railway, E. E. Girod, mine inspector and members of the Salvation Army were continuously on hand.

D. C. Hall, manager of the relief department of the H. O. Frick Company, organized and directed the work of the teams.

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