

BELIEVE 53 MINERS DEAD IN MUCK-FILLED TUNNELS OF LARGE MICHIGAN MINE

Bottom of Swamp, Deepened
By Recent Heavy Rains,
Suddenly Drops Into Iron
Mine Shaft

LITTLE HOPE IS HELD
FOR MEN ENGULFED BY
TORRENT FROM SWAMP

State Mining Inspector and
An Official of The Barnes-
Hecker Mine Among Those
Caught In The Workings;
Sound of Terrific Swishing
Thud As Huge Section of
Mud and Water Dropped
Into Pit Heard Shortly Af-
ter 2 O'clock Yesterday
Afternoon; Persons Rushing
To Scene Told of Seeing
Water and Muck Fill Every
Recess of The Mine; Rescue
Efforts Impossible

Lansing, Mich., Nov. 3.—(AP)—
Fifty-three miners are believed
to have lost their lives when
the bottom of a swamp under which
the Barnes-Hecker iron mine near
here had been extended, dropped
into the shaft today.

Deepened by recent heavy rains,
the bottom of the swamp gave way
and a section 300 feet long and 200
feet wide fell into the mine, trap-
ping the men at work. The mass of
slough is believed to have caught
most of the men on the first and
third levels.

Officials of the mine were check-
ing tonight to ascertain the exact
number of men on duty at the time
of the disaster. Later it was found
that 53 men had reported for work.

Officials Trapped.
W. E. Hill, a State mining in-
spector, and William Tibbitts, an
official of the mining company, were
among those trapped. They were
inspecting the shaft at the time of
the disaster. Officials of the State
mine inspection department at Lan-
sing could not be reached early to-
night to ascertain if Hill's visit
to the shaft was other than a rou-
tine trip of inspection.

The disaster occurred shortly after
2 o'clock this afternoon. Persons
reported hearing a terrific swishing
thud as the huge section of mud
and water dropped to the pit. Rush-
ing to the gaging hole, they re-
ported seeing the flood swirl about
the first level 125 feet and then
force itself through the outlets to
the next level. As the latter reached
were flooded the muck rose again
to the top level and, fed by the
seepage from the surrounding dis-
trict, tonight had flooded the entire
mine as well as an adjoining shaft
to which there was an outlet from
the Barnes-Hecker workings.

Hope Vanishes.
Hope was held for a while that the
men may have been able to reach
this adjoining shaft through the out-
let, but as the mud and water poured
through this tunnel and flooded the
shaft, what was believed to be the
last chance of escape was cut off.

The Barnes-Hecker mine is 1,000
feet deep and has three levels. The
swamp-bottom dropped into the first
level and slowly crept from one
level to the next.

Hundreds of persons were gather-
ed about the mouth of the shaft
tonight. In the group were wives,
children and relatives of the trapped
men, some of whom refused to give
up hope that in some miraculous way
their loved ones had escaped death.

A score of mine rescue teams re-
sponded to first calls for aid from
nearby cities in the iron mining
region, but were powerless to be of
assistance. The mud-flooded shaft
was impossible of penetration two
hours after the cave-in occurred.

A few persons on the mine sur-
face at the time of the disaster made
their way to the edge of the pit and
reported seeing the bodies of a half
dozen of the men swept to the lower
levels.

Impossible Task.
Mine officials rigged up belting
apparatus and made a start at draw-
ing the water from the mine, but
stated there was not the slightest
possibility of recovering the bodies
for weeks. They had not decided if
they would continue the attempts
at clearing the shaft beyond the first
level.

The Barnes-Hecker district is
probably the worst of its kind in the
Lake Superior mining region. Four
years ago 41 men were drowned in

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Evangelist to Face Trial On Charges of Conspiracy

Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson
and Two Other Women
Are Bound Over

JUDGE IMPLIES THAT
GUILT IS APPARENT

Evangelist Strongly Asserts
Innocence; Trial Must Start
In Sixty Days

Los Angeles, Nov. 3.—(AP).—
Aimee Semple McPherson, evan-
gelist, ordered held for trial on crim-
inal conspiracy charges today, ap-
proached her pulpit in Angelus Tem-
ple tonight with the judge's state-
ment ringing in her ears that she
lay under "strong suspicion" of
guilt.

In handing over to the Superior
court the religious leader, her
mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy and
her chief accuser, Mrs. Lorraine
Wiseman-Schaff, Judge Samuel L.
Blake, youngest jurist in Los Angeles,
said:

Implies Guilt.
"After a full examination of the
entire evidence, there is sufficient



MRS. AIMEE S. McPHERSON

cause to believe the defendants
guilty.
"Sufficient cause is and has been
construed as 'reasonable or probable
cause,' which means such a state of
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Community Chest Campaign Is Successful; \$53,500 Is Raised

DEMOCRATS HOLD
INCREASED GAINS

Majority In Tuesday's Elec-
tion Shows Gains On
Late Returns

North Carolina Democrats hold
their own on the basis of late re-
turns from Tuesday's election with
a majority of 55,000 assured and
strong possibility that it would
amount to 100,000 after the canvass
of returns by election boards
throughout the 100 counties of the
State. The vote was tight, but the
Democrats expect to increase their
majority for an "off-year" election.
An even dozen counties went Re-
publican with 87 safely Democratic
and one in doubt. The election was
unusual in its local aspects. Tickets
were split in Brunswick, Catawba,
McDowell, Avery, Davidson and per-
haps other counties, but Transyl-
vania, which has had a Republican
sheriff was reported in the Demo-
cratic column.

"Ambassador" Neal Re-elected.
"Ambassador" Will Neal, ardent
opponent of the primary, was re-
elected under an unknown in Mc-
Dowell, but the remainder of the
Democratic ticket pulled through.
W. A. Self was beaten 121 votes by
Loomis P. Kirtz in Catawba county,
but the remainder of the Democratic
ticket with the exception of a coun-
ty commissioner was elected by a
majority of 250. Henderson county
was Republican by 800 majority.

Several Republican county officers
in Brunswick county were elected,
but a Democratic member of the
Legislature was named. It was the
reverse in Lincoln county with a
Democratic local officer, and Re-
publican member of the House.

Other Prodigal Returns.
Alexander County, as well as
Sampson, was Democratic for the
first time in 20 years. Stokes elect-
ed a Democratic register of deeds,
but the other offices are to be filled
by Republicans.

A total of 800 out of the 1,754
precincts in the State reported 57,
580 votes for Overman and 29,000
for Hayes for United States Senate.
Returns were meagre on the con-
stitutional amendment, but it was
believed to have been carried by a
safe majority. The soldier loan re-
ferendum had hard sliding in many
counties, but was believed to have
passed through.

Returns were unusually slow in
coming in as there was no great in-
terest in the election.

Solicitor John E. Jones, candi-
date for Solicitor, to succeed John
son J. Hayes, was believed to have
defeated J. A. Rousseau, Democrat,
in the 37th Judicial District.

Solicitor J. Will Piner, Jr., of the
18th District, was re-elected, and
Robert M. Wills, of the 39th Dis-

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Third Annual Chest Drive Is
Put "Over The Top" By
Teams Wednesday

SMALL AMOUNT LACKED
GUARANTEED BY LEADERS

Success of Drive Assures
Continuance of Work of
Chest Agencies in 1927

Raleigh's third community chest
has been filled. The annual drive,
conducted yesterday with \$53,500 as
its goal, went "over the top."

Reports of the three hundred and
fifty workers, submitted at last
night's meeting in the Sir Walter
Hotel, showed subscriptions aggregat-
ing \$52,214. Several individual
workers were yet to report, and
division leaders expressed confidence
the balance would be raised
without trouble today. As an indi-
cation of this belief, the division
leaders, with R. S. Babbee taking the
initiative, agreed to underwrite the
remaining amount. In many in-
stances workers found it impossible
to interview prospects yesterday, and
these will be seen today.

The success of the drive means
that for the year 1927 the commu-
nity will minister to the needs of
its citizens through the eight par-
ticipating agencies of the chest,
whose work is made possible for the
period by the funds raised in the
campaign. The budget of \$53,500 is to
be divided among the agencies as
follows: Associated Charities, \$10,-
500; Y. W. C. A., \$8,000; Y. M. C. A.,
\$8,000; American Red Cross, Salva-
tion Army, and Boy Scouts, \$5,000
each; Travelers Aid Society, \$5,000;
and Girls' Friendly Lodge, \$5,000.
An emergency fund of \$6,000 and
campaign expenses of \$2,000 round
out the budget.

The day for the campaign was a
hard one in that it followed imme-
diately upon election day, but work-
ers reported generous response on
the part of citizens. As the team
and division totals were chalked up
on the big blackboard to the rear
of the speakers' table, it became ap-
parent that the third milestone in
the history of Raleigh's ministrations
to its citizens through the Chest
would be passed. Final tabulation
showed \$52,214, and the remaining
amount was immediately underwrit-
ten.

The work of the initial gifts com-
mittees had much to do with the
success of the campaign. The men's
division under C. A. Dillon, raised
\$22,000 in initial gifts, while the
women's division, under the chair-
manship of Mrs. E. C. Brooks, col-
lected \$3,000. Josephus Daisele,
chairman of the out-of-town gifts
aggregated \$450, the out-of-town
firms having stores in Raleigh this
year contributed \$2,225.

"It should be a matter of felicita-
tion to this gathering and to the city
of Raleigh that in times such as
these when business men are caused
to pause by the cotton situation, that
the out-of-town gifts have increased."

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