

# HOLLINGER MINE VISITED BY FIRE

Early Friday Fire Was Discovered in a Disused Stope—Toronto and Pittsburgh Help With Supplying Gas Masks and Expert Fire Fighters

11 RESCUED—SOME 40 DEAD

On Friday, Feb. 10th, word reached the outside world that the Hollinger gold mine at Timmins, Ontario, was experiencing the first disastrous fire that ever took place in the Ontario mining field.

Some fifty miners were entrapped in the workings though hundreds of miners were below ground when the alarm was first sounded.

### Train From Toronto

A special train from Toronto arrived at 9:50 Saturday at Timmins bearing equipment with which to carry on rescue work in the gas-filled workings of Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines.

The special train from Toronto made the run in a little over twelve hours, a run which normally occupies twenty hours. The C.N.R. and T. and N.O. Railway lines were laid wide open to the special, which shot along through the night at a speed never before attained on these northern lines. This train brought adequate provision for any possible medical or nursing emergency.

The workings of Hollinger have a total length of nearly eighty miles, and there are twenty shafts connecting these workings with the surface. This illustrates the very good possibility of men finding their way beyond the influence of gas and smoke and being content to remain there until the fumes may be expelled from the upper workings.

### U.S. Rescuers Help

The recovery of the bodies and the control of the fire is largely due to the efforts of the United States Bureau Mines Department crew and their up-to-date apparatus. Some of these men, and the Hollinger men who have been working with them, along with the two volunteers, Black and Stevenson, worked till Monday to gain complete control of the fire.

Early Sunday night the powder magazine was reached, and there were found S. Dunlop and O. Chenier. Near the magazine another man also was found, O. Ahvenkoski by name. In order to prevent any possibility of danger of the fire reaching the powder magazine, the enclosure was cleared of all explosives, fuses, etc.

When asked this afternoon as to the inquiry into the disaster, H. Montgomery, Town Clerk of Timmins, stated that this would not be fixed until all the bodies were recovered.

The funeral of one of the first victims, Ira P. Graham, took place this afternoon, under the auspices of the Masonic Order. The body has been shipped to Londonderry, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, for interment.

The second victim, W. Martin Stevens, will be interred tomorrow morning.

Timmins was plunged into deep mourning when the extent of the death toll was realized to-night.

### Fire Nearly Out

Timmins, Ont.—According to an official notice posted on the police bulletin board, the fire in the stope finally had been got under control late in the afternoon after the efforts of the rescue parties had been concentrated on this phase of the operations for the greater part of the day. As late as four o'clock in the afternoon the smoke from the burning material was proving a stubborn obstacle to overcome, but soon after that reports were circulated that the rescuers were getting the upper hand, although slowly.

The information sent to the police from the mine indicated that water was being poured on the fire and, apparently, this method was proving effective, although some doubts had been expressed with regard to the action of the water on the gas being sent off. Major J. G. McMillan, the mining inspector for Temiskaming, said that this gas beyond question was carbon monoxide, he reaching this conclusion from the appearance of the bodies of some of the men recovered.

Little news was available throughout the long Sabbath afternoon, and the watchers about the main shaft were kept in a long agony of suspense while the work of combating the flames went on steadily underground. Noah A. Timmins, president of the company, A. F. Brigham, the general manager of the Hollinger, John Knox, the assistant manager, and C. G. Williams, mine superintendent, were directing operations.

### Official List

Following is the list of known dead: Ira P. Graham, W. M. Stevens, O. Ahvenkoski, F. Martin, V. T. Higham, S. Dunlop, O. Chenier, D. Nadeau, G. Mazonovich, T. Grenke, A. Vale, W. Lindsay.

### List of Rescued

D. Krakana, C. H. Trevenna, C. Lovin, N. Petchick, A. Tesolin, V. Krusac, G. Zolob, B. Kuranon, F. Jackson, I. Lizzie, M. Lozock, O. Keat.

Following is the official list issued from the office of Hollinger Mines of miners entombed in mine calamity:

P. Hedo, M. Swythy, D. Krakana, G. Aubery, B. Towley, M. Whalon, P. Klimko, W. Roberts, H. Barrett, C. P. Trevenna, C. Lovin, N. Petchick, A. Tesolin, J. Kusac, T. Gronko, S. Dunlop, C. Richards, A. Vale, O. Hacho, O. Ahvenkoski, O. Titill, E. Irving, F. V. Parre, O. Tremblay, T. Srar,

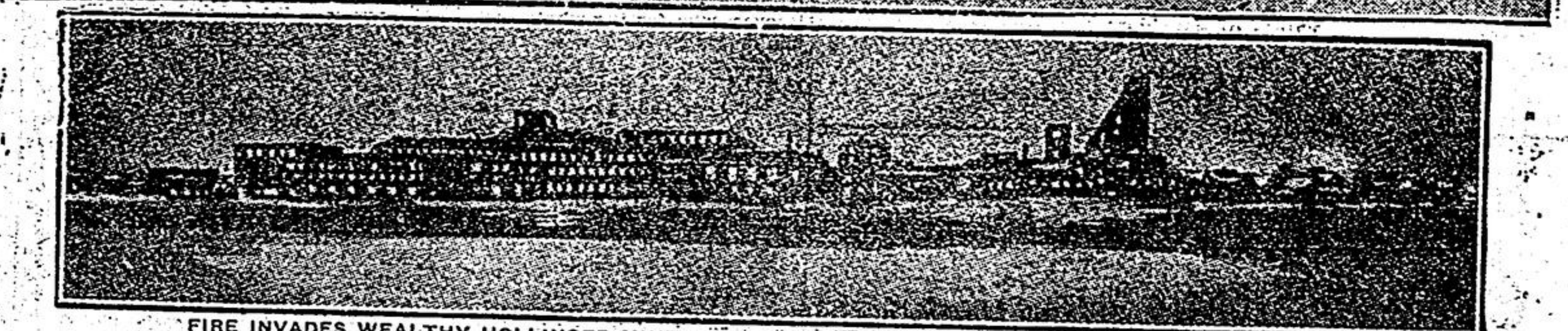
J. Balych, S. Maki, A. Aho, J. Kangas, C. Johnson, A. Kampala, W. Y. Altane, O. Chenier, I. P. Graham, O. Bastine, J. Aubray, E. Leilanc, F. Martin, J. N. Higham, G. Zolob, M. Gardej, B. Kuranon, F. Jackson, W. Lindsay, G. Mazonovich, D. Nadeau, I. Lizzie, M. Lozock, O. Keat, I. Yoffney, W. M. Stevens.

### Prohibition Forces Granted Big Sum

Washington.—A total of \$12,729,000 was provided for the Prohibition Bureau in a supply bill reported to the House by its appropriations committee. This amount is a decrease of \$591,000 from the funds provided at present.

The coast guard, described as "almost rivalling the navy," was given \$29,902,000 for the maintenance of its force of 13,000 men; 450 boats and five seaplanes.

# General View of the Scene of Disaster



**FIRE INVADES WEALTHY HOLLINGER MINE AT TIMMINS AND BRINGS DEATH TO TRAPPED MINERS.**  
Spontaneous combustion is believed to have been the cause of a fire which broke out on the 550-foot level of the Hollinger mine at Timmins at 10 a.m. Friday. The above panorama of the mine and refining plant, which is the greatest producer in America, is taken as it appears from the town of Timmins. The main shaft, visible as the most prominent object in the central part of the picture, is directly above the refill stope where the fire started. Below is seen a view of the mine and plant at night.

## ONTARIO ASSEMBLY OPENS WITH INTERESTING CEREMONIES

Legislative Endeavors As Outlined in Speech From Throne To Offer No Surprises

### SHORT SESSION LOOKED FOR

Gunfire in Queen's Park and hoofs of mounted escort; the Lieutenant-Governor and staff officer passing down the Chamber between rows of beautiful gowns; the Speech, the Mace, Bill Number One, and adjournment at 3:22, a twenty-minute ceremony, the 17th Legislature of Ontario has opened its second session.

### CEREMONY EXPLAINED

On arrival at three o'clock, Hon. W. D. Ross inspected the guard of honor and then entered the Chamber, preceded by Col. Alex. Fraser, official secretary, and Capt. Eric Haldenby, aide. His Honor was accompanied by Premier Ferguson, and then followed Sir Henry Pellatt, Brig. Gen. Bell and staff officers of Military District No. 2. After the Governor had read the Speech from the Throne and retired, Mr. Speaker tabled his report on election protests in South Bruce and Port Arthur, and Mr. Collier, of Prince

Edward, was introduced. Then Mr. Ferguson introduced the time-honored Bill No. 1. Here the Prime Minister set a precedent by explaining to all present the significance of this important formality.

### LED TO POPULAR GOVERNMENT

"For many years," as you are all aware," he said, "there was a keen struggle between the Crown and the people as to the right to dictate the affairs of the nation. As a result of this struggle, we received the advantage of popular Government, by the people, through the elected representatives in the Legislature, so that all over the British Commonwealth today, wherever our type of institution prevails and responsible Government is in effect, we have the practice of the people asserting at each session their right to deal with the business of the

session before they take up the speech delivered by the Crown for the Crown's representatives; and it has been the practice to introduce a bill, and it has been for a good many years a bill respecting the administration of oaths of office to persons appointed as justices of the peace. It is done pro forma, as an assertion of popular rights."

### SPEECH FROM THRONE

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It affords me pleasure to welcome you to the discharge of your legislative duties.

Once again we offer our devout thanks to Almighty God for a fruitful harvest and for the many blessings we enjoy as a people.

The extension of the local lines into the rural districts enables greater advantage to be taken of this important Railway, and building up the north My Ministers are taking step to mainmous; Ontario is destined to occupy a tario to the water powers situated in this province.

Sufficient headway has been made by the group settlement along the Transcontinental Railway to warrant further settlements of a like nature, which are now under consideration. The extension of roads, and the con-

struction of additional lines of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, are building up the north country for which the outlook is exceedingly promising.

Indications point to the fact that in addition to the gold, silver and nickel mining for which the province is famous, Ontario is destined to occupy an important place in the production of copper.

Through the medium of the Forestry Board, for which legislative provision was made last year, a special study is being made to ensure the continuity of our forest yield. The adoption of improved methods of detecting and extinguishing forest fires, has been followed by a marked reduction in the fire losses. The work of reforestation attracted increased attention during the past season.

Highway improvement occupied an important place in the activities of the Government. The provincial system was considerably extended by the addition of many miles of country roads. Under the contracts entered into, the completion of the permanent highway from Windsor to the Quebec border is assured. Good results will doubtless come from the efforts to ensure the safety of the public, both by

educational methods and more effective supervision of traffic.

In education the development of the correspondence courses and the travelling schools are meeting with marked public favor. There are gratifying evidences that the Adolescent Act is operating satisfactorily. Vocational training is enhancing the usefulness of our educational system. The Department proposed to establish new facilities for the adequate training of public library assistants.

### INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

Scientific industrial research offers an important opportunity for public enterprise, closely associated with the manufacturing, agricultural and commercial life of the community.

One of the social problems which is engaging the earnest attention of my ministers is the better care of our dependent aged population.

It is hoped that the re-organization and strengthening of the staffs of the Mental Hospitals will lead to the application of curative methods in the treatment of the mentally afflicted. The arrangements made for dental treatment and additional social service work in connection with the Mental Hospitals give promise of beneficial results.

The legislation of your last Session providing for the establishment of the Liquor Control Board. During the comparatively short period the Act has been in force there have been many encouraging indications of public support and co-operation.

During the past fiscal year the Treasury succeeded in obtaining a balanced budget for the first time in a number of years, notwithstanding the fact that the debt retirement plan requiring substantial payments, was inaugurated. The improved financial situation of the province was reflected in the advantageous terms secured in recent borrowings.

### TO EXTEND UNIVERSITY AVE.

Legislation will be submitted for your consideration to make further provision for the development of Northern and Northwestern Ontario; to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act; and the Mining Act for the purpose of increasing the protection of miners; respecting General Hospitals and Charitable Institutions; to provide for the Establishment of a Research Foundation respecting the registration of stock salesmen and brokers with a view to the proper regulation and control of the sale of securities; to simplify the procedure for the incorporation of companies; respecting apprenticeship in certain trades; for the extension and development of University Avenue in the City of Toronto as a boulevard drive, and for other purposes.

In conclusion I desire to commend all these matters to your attention, and to express the hope that your deliberations will, under the guidance of Providence, result in measures that will advance the moral and material welfare of our people.

NOTE.—Your paper will have a non political resume of the proceedings of the Local Legislature concisely told in pithy paragraphs under the heading "OUR LOCAL LEGISLATURE—THE SESSION WEEK BY WEEK." Watch for it. It will tell you about your member's activity.

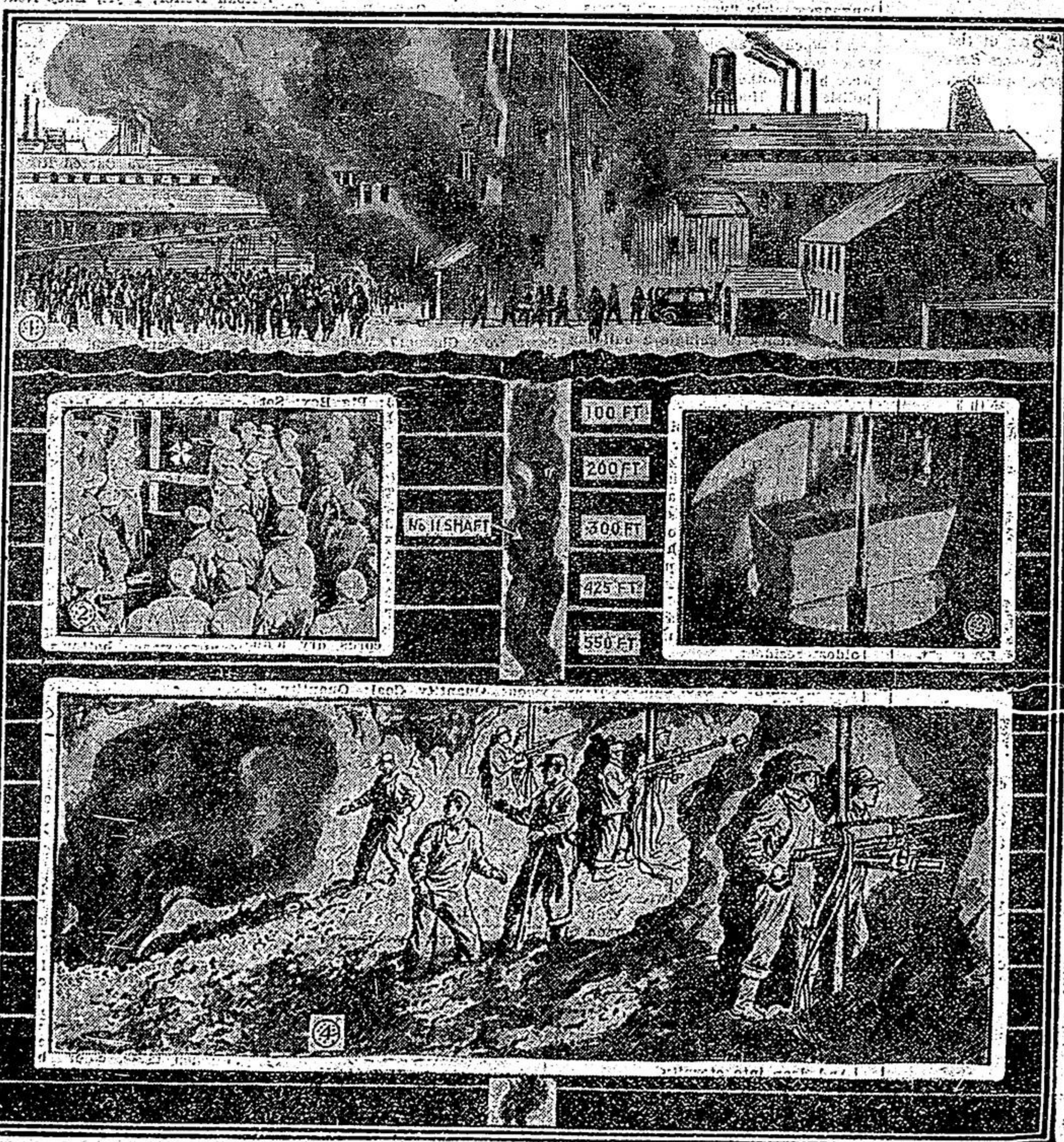
### Palestine Saved From Locust Plague

Jerusalem.—A sudden change in the wind has saved Palestine from a destructive inroad of locusts which had been expected this spring and to combat which the government made elaborate plans.

Recently vast swarms of locusts appeared in Waddy near Petra, wafted on a wind blowing toward Palestine. The government immediately began to mobilize for defence, including flame guns, when suddenly the wind changed. The locusts were carried by the wind to the southeast, a barren rocky part of the desert.

Say what you like about evening frocks, our modern girls are showing the stuff they are made of.

## Quest for Gleaming Metal Sometimes Leads Through Perilous Paths



AN ARTIST'S DRAWING VISUALIZES DISASTER

The drawing is not intended to be a scientific scale drawing, but shows, in breaks through the barrier. The photograph at 2 pictures miners waiting to go up to fresh air and freedom, in the cage that rises and descends in the main shaft. The "X" indicates the shaft. At No. 3 the luro of the mine, the bear's desire of strong men—a nugget refined from Hollinger ores, worth a king's ransom in itself—at current prices, \$25,000. This photo is used through the courtesy of the Motion Picture branch of the Department of Mines.