

MISSING PLACED AT 24

Search for Bodies of Victims of Bridge Catastrophe

CLAIM DEAD NUMBER 35

any Transient Laborers on Bridge at Time of Smash Therefore Exact Toll Is Unknown

TO HOLD INQUEST

KELSO, Jan. 5. (Associated Press).—An inquest to fix the responsibility for the death of two unknown victims of the crash Wednesday of the old Cowlitz river bridge, will be held, according to an announcement today by Acting Coroner Van Notten, who will assume the office of coroner on January 8th.

In the meantime the river is being dragged by the Portland police grapples and crews of local men for the recovery of the 23 missing.

The construction of a temporary bridge to connect part of the new bridge is being planned. The completion of the remaining span of the new structure will take two months, according to the state bridge engineer. The statement of a diver that he saw a crumpled body planed in a machine under the surface of the Cowlitz river was the basis of the report yesterday that an unidentified body had been found.

(By United Press.)

KELSO, Jan. 5.—The list of missing today was placed at 24, with 20 men, G. O. McDonald and Harry Stark dead as the result of injuries sustained in the crash of the Cowlitz river bridge.

The divers and salvage men resumed their work on the bridge wreckage at daylight and are making desperate attempts to locate the missing bodies. Dozens of small boats with grappling apparatus were hauled along the surface of the river for a mile below the city, fishing the bottom for bodies caught in the submerged snags.

The total loss has been set at approximately 35 by Coroner Van Notten. Many unknown transient workers were on the bridge at the time of the collapse.

Number Lost Is Mystery

KELSO, Jan. 5.—Drizzling the Cowlitz flowing waters of the flooded bridge and checking lists of missing persons searchers worked all day long to determine accurately the toll of life taken when the snapping cable of the old bridge between Kelso and West Kelso precipitated a span into the stream.

Officials admitted there was no way of telling how many persons were on the bridge at the time of the collapse and were carried into the broad umbra, about two miles below the city.

Stories of Rescues Recounted.

Stories of narrow escapes and heroic rescues accumulated during the day. Many who were thrown into the river told of their battles for life and others related how they snatched persons from drowning.

George O. MacDonald of Vancouver, Wash., who was dragged from the river shortly after the crash, is early today at a hospital from injuries and Harry Kirk of Kelso, who was injured, died late today. Eight boats patrolled the river below the collapsed span, fishing for bodies. It was a fruitless task all morning. About noon, a body was pulled to the surface. It was being made late today.

It was the upstream cable of the old bridge that parted first yesterday. The cable snapped at the east anchorage. The down stream cable held. This allowed the upstream side of the suspended span to fall in the river. The current caught the floor of the bridge, putting all the load on the downstream cable. The west tower toppled over down stream. This was immediately followed by the west tower of the channel span. The east tower went next and the bridge was in the river.

Missing List Now At 22

KELSO, Jan. 5.—(U. P.)—The correct list of missing is now 22. Chas. Sundquist has been found alive. Truman Northrup, believed lost, was also found at Aberdeen. He went down with the bridge and was swept down the Cowlitz in the swift current and picked up after floating for 45 minutes. There was a rumor that Emil Johnson and three sons, reported missing, were at home safe. This rumor could not be checked, as communications to the Johnson home (Continued on Page 6)

FAST BASKETBALL GAME TONIGHT

National Guard Teams of Roseburg and Eugene to Meet At High School Gymnasium Tonight.

An interesting game of basketball is anticipated tonight when the Roseburg national guard team meets the Eugene guardsmen. Eugene has the reputation of having a strong basketball team composed of members of the national guard, but they will play against no mean antagonists when they meet up with the Roseburg squad at the high school gymnasium tonight. Although the Roseburg team has had but little practice so far this year, all of the players are experienced and will be able to give a good account of themselves.

The Roseburg team is captained by Sergeant Harley Watson forward, who is a veteran in the basketball game. He was a member of the high school team several years ago and has since kept in good trim and is an able director of the local squad. James McClintock and Don Hellwell play guards with Ross Horney playing forward, opposite Watson. Charles Delk plays at center. Several able substitutes also help to make up the squad.

Tonight's game will be preceded by a preliminary between the high school and the quintette representing the bible school of the Christian Church.

U. S. IS OPPOSED TO MILITARY ACTION

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Military action by France against Germany will result in a strong protest by the United States, it was officially learned today.

Such action would also result in a strong demand by congress for the withdrawal of the army of occupation as Senators Johnson and Reed recently urged.

DEATH AND INSANITY IS ON THE INCREASE

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—(United Press).—Deaths due to alcoholism, or poison "booze" have increased more than 100 per cent in Chicago, since the advent of prohibition, according to figures compiled at the psychopathic hospital here by Dr. James Whitney Hall.

"Before the Volstead act was put in effect deaths from alcoholism averaged seven or eight yearly," Hall said. "During the first nine months of 1922 22 persons died from bad booze."

"Not only it is taking life, but insanity, traceable to alcoholism, has doubled since the dry law was passed. More than 150 people go insane in Cook county weekly as compared to sixty or seventy in pre-dry times."

is under the jurisdiction of the county, not the state.

The bridge during the past six months has carried twenty times its normal traffic," said Mr. Andrew. "The old four-inch plank, with which the floor was covered, wore down and sometime ago another layer of plank three inches was added. The rains have soaked the boards through the seven inches, adding much to the weight of the bridge. A watchman was placed on the bridge to keep the traffic some feet apart. It was just an old structure which from some cause yet to be determined, gave way when the last straw was placed upon it."

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FRENCH RHINE ARMY MOBILIZED

Conference With Belgium and Italy Planned to Collect Reparations

BERLIN REPORT IS FALSE

United States Will Not Call Reparations Conference—State Officials Say Nothing to Be Done

(By United Press.)

PARIS, Jan. 5.—France mobilized her Rhine forces today, calling all troops on leave from Mayence barracks. No military action will be taken against Germany until Paris orders it. France is planning a conference with Belgium and Italy and contemplating a possible joint move to collect German reparations.

Report Is Denied

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(A. P.)—The state department officials denied the Berlin report today that the American government plans to call a reparations conference. They pointed out that the government had done all it can toward the solution of the reparations crisis. Their is no disposition to force upon the allies the financial commission plan which Hughes outlined in his New Haven speech.

U. S. Urged to Serve

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The drive for official American representation on the reparations commission was formally launched in the senate today with the administration's attitude disclosed, but with a declaration of war from the reparations "irreconcilable" camp.

After a White House conference today between Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican leader, and President Harding and George Harvey, American ambassador to Great Britain, and an hour's debate in the senate, a special meeting of the senate foreign relations committee was called for tomorrow by Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, which would authorize the President to appoint American representatives on the commission.

Conference Is Rumored

LONDON, Jan. 5.—(A. P.)—The Berlin correspondent of the Central News agency says he has "learned that in accordance with the request by the British Wednesday, the United States government intends to call an international conference in Washington next week to consider the reparations deadlock."

COLORED VETERAN DIES AT HOME

Olivier W. Jones, the only colored resident at the Soldiers Home, died this morning, after an illness of about six weeks. The Civil war veteran, who was 78 years of age, has been a prominent figure in Roseburg for many years, and was known to practically all of the city's residents who have been here for the past few years. Recently his health became bad and he became very feeble, his condition finally causing him to become bedfast. He was born in Pittsburg, Penn., and served in the 65th colored troops, where he held the rank of sergeant major. He came to the Soldiers Home August 23, 1905, and remained here continuously until today, when his death occurred. He spent a great deal of his time upon the streets of the city, where by his excessive politeness he attracted considerable attention. He will be interred in the Soldiers Home cemetery Saturday. No record of relatives has been found.

TRIAL OF CECIL BLACK SET FOR TOMORROW

The trial of Cecil Black, charged with the possession of intoxicating liquor, will be held before Justice of the Peace George Jones tomorrow morning starting at 10 o'clock. The liquor which the officers alleged was taken from Black's car has been analyzed and although the percent of alcohol content has not been made public, the district attorney states that it is high enough to prove the liquor intoxicating.

TWELVE LOST IN WRECK

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 5.—Twelve men are believed to have perished when the 180-ton steamer Alaskan wrecked, probably Tuesday night on the east coast of Vancouver island, according to news today.

BARKER SELLS TO J. R. WHARTON

Wharton Brothers to Handle Implement Business in This City

BIG STOCK IS CARRIED

Veteran Merchant Sells Half Interest in Implement Business; Will Take Up Private Affairs

An important business deal was completed today when J. F. Barker veteran Roseburg merchant sold his half interest in the implement business, which he has conducted for the past twelve years in Roseburg, to J. R. Wharton who with his brother C. W. Wharton will continue the implement business at the same location under the firm name of Wharton Brothers, successors to J. F. Barker and Co.

J. R. Wharton was formerly employed in the Douglas National Bank but for the past two years has been an auditor with the State Highway Commission. He is well known here and his many friends are pleased to welcome him back to this city.

Mr. Barker who is retiring from the firm has been active in Roseburg's business circles for the past 50 years. He was a pioneer groceryman and for many years followed this line of business. During the past few years he was in the grocery trade he started his line of implements and farm machinery. Within a short time this business had grown to an enormous extent and he disposed of the grocery store and devoted his entire time to the implement business.

C. W. Wharton who had been with Mr. Barker for thirty years as an employee, bought a half interest in the implement business ten years ago and since that time has been very active in every department. He and his brother now assume full control of the implement business, and will continue the trade in the same satisfactory manner that has characterized it for the many years it has been in existence.

They have one of the most complete lines of implements and farm machinery to be found in the southern part of the state and they supply a large territory.

Mr. Barker will devote his time to looking after his private business and property interests in this city, which requires a great deal of his time.

STEPHENS STREET TO BE IMPROVED

Residents Asked to Present Plans At Mass Meeting to Be Held At City Hall Next Monday Evening.

All residents and property owners of South Stephens Street have been invited by the city council to meet at the city hall next Monday night for the purpose of discussing plans for beautifying the street. A personal letter has been mailed today by the committee to each resident and owner of property asking these people to think of some plan, if possible, for a general plan for the improvement of the parkings and yards along the street. These various plans will be presented and discussed and some action taken to adopt a uniform system for making the street, the parkings, and the yards more attractive.

This plan has long been under consideration by Mayor N. Rice. The city improvement committee under Chairman A. C. Seely is undertaking to formulate a plan which can be adopted with little expense and which will enable all of the residents to make their homes and the entire city more attractive.

South Stephens street is being chosen for the first experiment of this kind as it is the street which all tourists coming into Roseburg must travel. After the improvements have been made to that street others will be taken up and the experience gained in this project will doubtless result in making improvements easier for the other residents of the city. The plan is being formulated at this time in order that all details may be arranged by spring when planting must be done.

Baby Boy Born

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bashford are the proud parents of a 7 1/2 pound baby boy, born on January 2 at their home on Chadwick street. Both mother and child are doing nicely.

MER ROUGE CASE IN COURTS TODAY

Masked Band's Depredations Being Investigated in Bastrop, La.

JUDGE ISSUES WARNING

Court to Be Kept Free From All Disorders and Effort Made to Prevent Any Intimidation

(By Associated Press.)

BASTROP, La., Jan. 5.—The investigation in open court of the masked band depredations and kidnapping and slaying of Watt Daniels and T. Richards, Mer Rouge citizens, started today before Judge Fred L. Odum, in the district court.

The judge issued a warning against disorder and intimidation of witnesses.

(By Associated Press.)

BASTROP, La., Jan. 4.—The possibility of martial law hovered over Morehouse parish tonight as state troops, civil authorities, and the state's legal forces rounded out their final preparations for the open hearing in the Morehouse kidnapping and murder cases, to begin Friday.

That Governor Parker had signed a martial law edict and placed it in the hands of Adjutant General Toombs, to be promulgated at his discretion, was generally admitted. The governor and attorney general, however, in keeping with their policy of silence, declined to make an official announcement in this regard.

"I am here as the military representative of the governor to take such action under his direction as the situation at any time may warrant," Colonel Toombs said tonight. "As they present themselves they will be met adequately. No action has been taken which would place the parish under control of the military and any reports to the contrary are incorrect."

Toombs Goes to Mer Rouge.

The adjutant general visited Mer Rouge and Bastrop during the day, conferring with the officers commanding the four units of state troops stationed there.

The Jennings cavalry troops established camp at Mer Rouge today alongside the Monroe infantry company that has been on duty here since the kidnapping of five citizens of Morehouse and the murder of two began two weeks ago. The New Orleans machine gun company and the Alexandria infantry continued to occupy the square guarding the courthouse and jail.

Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, arrested in Baltimore on a charge of murder in connection with the cases, was expected to reach here Friday with the officers sent to extradite him.

The prisoner will return to the state a free man, in accordance with an agreement reached today between Governor Parker and Governor Ritchie of Maryland in regard to the contested extradition papers. What charges the state will place against him when he reaches Louisiana could not be learned tonight.

Battery of Lawyers Arrives.

Two assistant attorney generals of the state reached Bastrop today and established offices in the courthouse. They will be joined tomorrow by the attorney general and other assistants. Attorneys who will represent T. J. Burnett, former deputy sheriff, the first arrest, were here in conference with their client. These attorneys will also represent Dr. McKoin. There were no developments during the day that could clear up the mystery of the disappearance of Harold Teegerstrom, regarded as a state witness, who was kidnapped by unidentified men from his sleeping quarters at Spiker, La., Friday night.

AMERICAN TROOPS MAY BE WITHDRAWN

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The American troops on the Rhine may be withdrawn in the near future, Secretary Weeks declared today after a cabinet meeting which discussed the precarious European situation. No orders have been sent yet.

HEIRS LOSE SUIT

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—The circuit court today decided against the Wemmes heirs in the half million dollars suit against the six Portland Christian Scientist churches.

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED MONDAY

Chamber of Commerce to Select Officers to Serve As Heads Of Organization During Coming Year.

The annual election of officers of the Chamber of Commerce to serve during the coming year, will be held at the offices next Monday evening at 7:30. Because of the importance of this meeting it is urged that every member and notices of the meeting are being mailed out today. The year just ended has been a very successful one from the standpoint of the Chamber of Commerce, and a great deal of valuable work for the community has been done. One big enterprise was the publication of a publicity booklet which has proven to be one of the best ever put out in the state and it has been the means of interesting a great many people in Roseburg and the Umpqua Valley. The forum has been conducted weekly were of much benefit and many new projects grew out of discussions there.

Altogether the work of the Chamber has been placed on a permanent basis under the direction of president J. W. Hamilton and the coming year without doubt holds in store a much greater advancement.

COMMITTEE SEEKING TO GAIN AN OPINION

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The senate foreign relations committee today decided to obtain the administration opinion on the Robinson resolution authorizing American representatives on the reparations commission.

WANTS OREGON LABEL ON CANNED PRODUCTS

SALEM, Jan. 5.—"A very large amount of advertising to Oregon products is lost by the placing on cans of labels which state or give the impression that the product was raised in California," declared H. S. Gile today at the weekly luncheon of the Folk-Morion county realtors at the Marion hotel.

"I am in favor of a law that would require every can of product put up in Oregon to state the fact on the label and then allow the California jobbers to give the location of their main office. Advertising is the thing that stands back of the consumption to a large extent and it is up to the people of Oregon to let the world know that we raise some of the best fruits in the world."

The legislative committee was named to investigate and learn if there were any laws which would require canneries to give the place of packing on the labels, with an idea of interesting some member of the legislature in the cause.

WISCONSIN FINDS COOPERATION GREAT

By HERBERT W. LITTLE (United Press Staff Correspondent)

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 5.—Wisconsin farmers are solving their marketing problems through one of the largest systems of cooperative associations in the country.

The middleman is beginning to take the count. An annual business of \$60,000,000 a year, done through co-operatives, which are operating successfully in fourteen different branches of farm activities, is tracking him for successive rows of goals.

Success of the Badger co-operatives is due in a large degree to the facts that the organizations have been evolved through long development and with same state aid and supervision, and to the fact that many of the farmers of the state are of Scandinavian descent, according to Prof. B. H. Hubbard, of the agricultural economic department of the University of Wisconsin.

The Scandinavian's successes are due to long experience in their mother countries, where agricultural co-operatives are a matter of government policy.

About 800 of the two thousand cheese factories that make up the manufacturing end of the industry in which Wisconsin produces three-fourth of the nation's supply of cheese are cooperative, it is estimated.

Dr. J. G. Bacher, who has been away from his dentistry office for the past three weeks because of illness is able to be back again and has reopened his office.

FLORIDA SCENE OF FIERCE RACE RIOT

Whites and Blacks Killed and Many Injured in Battle Early Today

ROSEWOOD IS BURNED

Negro's Assault on White Woman Cause of Trouble, Which Was Brewing for Several Days

(By Associated Press.)

OTTER CREEK, Fla., Jan. 5.—Two white men, two negro women and one negro man are known dead and there are many other casualties as the result of race trouble last night and early today at Rosewood, 12 miles from here.

With the exception of three buildings, the entire village was burned by a mob of men shortly after daybreak today.

Battle a Bloody One.

(By Associated Press.)

CEDAR KEY, Fla., Jan. 5.—(By A. P.)—Two white men are dead, three wounded, an undetermined number of negroes dead and injured and a score or more negroes early today were barricaded in a house at Rosewood, ten miles northeast of here, with hundreds of armed white men awaiting for daylight to attack the stronghold.

The white men dead are: Henry Andrews, superintendent of the Cummer Lumber company's sawmill at Otter Creek, and Boly Wilkerson of Sumner.

The entire county for several days has been searching for two negroes, one of whom is believed to have assaulted a young white woman at Sumner early Monday. One negro was shot and killed Monday night when he admitted to a mob that he had transported one of the fugitives several miles in his wagon. Reports received in Sumner earlier last night that the negroes wanted were at Rosewood, resulted in a party of citizens going to that place to investigate. They found about 25 negroes gathered in a house. Andrews and Wilkerson started to enter and were shot to death without warning. Three other whites were wounded.

Citizens Surround House.

Citizens gathered quickly and surrounding the place began to pour a hail of lead into it. What the casualties among the negroes was is unknown, but many of the bullets found marks.

From all over the territory early today armed men were making their way toward Rosewood to prevent further trouble in negro quarters of several towns which were under heavy guards. At Sumner a cordon surrounded the negro district and no one was permitted to go upon the street. The same precaution was taken at Bronson, the county seat of the (Levy) county. Citizens of this place appealed to Sheriff Ramsey of Alachua county at Gainesville shortly after midnight to go to Rosewood with as many men as he could gather. The result was that armed parties from Gainesville began to leave there in groups, by automobile, for the 40-mile run through the county. Sheriff Ramsey was also preparing to leave with deputies.

Fresh Outbreak Is Feared.

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Jan. 5.—(By U. P.)—A fresh outbreak was feared today as a result of the race riot at Rosewood last night, in which three whites and three blacks were killed and many injured, mostly blacks. Armed whites were moving toward the Rosewood negro section today. A negro's assault on a white woman precipitated the trouble.

Massing for An Attack.

GAINESVILLE, Jan. 5.—(U. P.)—Five are known dead and seventeen reported killed and many of both races wounded as a result of the rioting. (Continued on page six.)