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# 105 MEN ENTOMBED IN MINE BY BLAST

## SHEMADOAH TO BE REPLACED BY BIGGER AIRSHIP

### Administration's Navy Program Is Outlined by Secretary Wilbur.

## ECONOMIES URGED

### Some Branches of Naval Service Curtailed to Allow Expansion in Experimenting.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The realignment of the nation's naval defenses including construction of a new and larger dirigible to replace the wrecked Shenandoah, is contemplated in the administration's navy program now taking shape in Congress. The organization would be accompanied by economies in other branches of the naval service, including a reduction of navy enlisted personnel from 56,000 to 52,000 and withdrawal of a number of warships from active duty.

The house appropriations committee also has decided there is no present need of maintaining the Lakehurst naval air station whose only dirigible, the Los Angeles, now is laid up in her hangar. In reporting today the naval appropriation bill, the committee suggested that by closing down the station, the cost of its maintenance could be reduced from \$1,716,000 to \$128,000. Such a recommendation for the navy department, which has suggested that if the station were closed, a separate arrangement would have to be made to take care of the Los Angeles.

The appropriation for naval aviation would be increased under the bill to permit the navy department to carry out a policy of "extension of heavier than air facilities, already approved by it. No recommendation for a dirigible is contained in the summary measure as reported, but today the naval committee heard testimony by Secretary Wilbur and other department officials endorsing construction of such a craft as a cost of \$6,000,000. The ship would have about three times the gas capacity of the Shenandoah.

It was disclosed also that the department has before it plans by the Aladdin Development Corporation, backed by Henry Ford, to build a much smaller all-metal naval airship, but Mr. Wilbur said there had been no decision whether the projected craft should be of the Shenandoah or metal covered type. The department expects to ask for an additional \$500,000 for experiments.

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## MISSOURI FARMER BEATS HARVESTER COMPANY'S OFFER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 13.—J. E. Ferris, prominent Buchanan county farmer, has raised the ante on the recent offer by the International Harvester Company of America to pay \$1.00 a bushel for corn in exchange for their farm implements.

To put a "klick" in corn values, the firm offers \$2.00 a bushel for corn payable in Missouri miles. In a letter to the St. Joseph Gazette, Ferris says:

"I see the International Harvester Company offers \$1.00 a bushel for corn payable in implements. I want to do them one better and offer \$2.00 payable in 'kicks' and 'bennies.' Tell Mr. International to bid again and make it \$2.25 and I'll make it \$2.50 and maybe the hardware man, lumber man, furniture man, dry goods man and other business interests will come in while the water is fine."

## QUARRELED ABOUT ATTENDING CHURCH; KILLS GIRL AND SELF

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
KEYSER, W. Va., Jan. 13.—After an argument over attending services with his fiancée during which he asserted "the only way I will go to church will be as a corpse," Brooks McCauley, 22, last night shot and killed Miss Jessie Michaels, 16, and then killed himself in the girl's home at Netken. Officials investigating the case said the couple had never been known to quarrel before the tragedy.

## CRUDE RUBBER MONOPOLY MAY BE BROKEN UP

### American Industry Will Spend Millions of Dollars to Combat It.

## TO PRODUCE RUBBER

### Hoover Urges Conservation of Rubber—Automobile Chamber Commerce Getting Ready.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Definite plans involving the expenditure of millions of dollars by American industry to break the foreign crude rubber monopoly are now in progress and have received the approval of Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

The plans generally provide for stimulation of rubber production under American control in the Philippines.

The national automobile chamber of commerce, which includes virtually every manufacturer in the United States, yesterday announced plans for the formation of a \$10,000,000 corporation to produce rubber at a low price to protect American consumers. Announcement of the plan was made through Secretary Hoover in an address to the chamber.

The directors of the Rubber Association of America, meeting with Secretary Hoover, discussed proposals calling for the expenditure of \$50,000,000 in annual appropriations of \$10,000,000 to plant rubber trees in areas under American control.

In his address to the chamber, Secretary Hoover advocated two methods of meeting high rubber prices—conservation of rubber by scientific methods and acquisition by Americans of sources of rubber, which cannot be controlled by foreign influence.

"I welcome these efforts upon the part of our industries to themselves find solutions to these problems," he said. "The test of our whole economic and social system is its capacity to cure its own abuses and meet its own problems."

## WOMAN WITH 35 CENTS SEEKS HUSBY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Guy C. Shreve, 46, who gave her address as 329 Broadway, Portland, arrived here with 35 cents to search for her husband, who she says deserted her and four children in Portland seven months ago. She was given a bed at the prison dormitory last night, and police will assist her in her search. She said she walked part way from Portland and got automobile rides for the remainder of the distance.

## WELL KNOWN MAN STRICKEN TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—Max L. Skibbe, 65, prominent for years in Columbia River transportation

## BETTER TARIFF PROTECTION IS URGED BY BIXBY

### President of American Livestock Association Makes Opening Address

## MAKES A FINE TALK

### Denunciation of Livestock Freight Rates and Grazing Fees Included in Opening Shots.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 13.—Vigor denunciation of existing livestock freight rates and of grazing fees on the national forests and a plea for better tariff protection for the livestock industry, were contained in the annual address delivered today at the opening session of the American National Livestock Association by President F. H. Bixby of Long Beach, California.

Mr. Bixby devoted a part of his address toward the administration of the packers and stockyards act, and said that "perhaps a congressional investigation might develop something of interest."

"We believe the present freight rate schedules on livestock are excessive, unsound and unfair, and should be reduced," he told the delegates.

"We believe the present charges for grazing on the United States forest reserves are, in some instances, too high, in some cases more than the cost of administration of the grazing—and in many cases the mechanical administration of grazing in the forests most unsatisfactory."

"We are against commercialization of the forests, and want our tenure or our rights to be stabilized and standardized by law, rather than to remain subject to the jurisdiction of some department head in Washington. We have always stood for some control of the unappropriated public domain. The 186,000,000 acres now known as public or government land must be regulated in some equitable way so that the users of the grass on these ranges can expect protection, proper administration and permanency of rights at the smallest cost possible. Special preference for the present users and for those whose adjacent privately owned lands are dependent upon the grazing of these government areas, must be taken into consideration."

"We must have a tariff of six cents a pound on green or fresh salted hides and fifteen cents a pound on dry hides. This duty would increase the value of our cattle from \$2 to \$3 per head, and would work a hardship on no one. Dressed meats, canned meats and all other meat products should be adequately protected. There is a certain amount of protection now, but not enough."

"At present the United States is dumping goods for all the surplus hides of the world and prices of our domestic production are on the world level. A fair duty on hides would put some 'pep' back into the cattle business."

Mr. Bixby also expressed dissatisfaction with the commission now being organized to study the stock market at the central markets and the demand was made by him that these charges be reduced to a level commensurate with the price received for cattle by the stock growers.

"Among other things we stand for," Mr. Bixby asserted, "are the eradication of predatory animals, truth in fabric, truth in meats, against unfair restrictions on olive products, uniform sanitary and quarantine regulations and uniform chattel mortgage laws."

activities, and shareholder in banks at Astoria, Eugene and Portland, was stricken with heart disease and died in his automobile while driving to his home in this city last night after attending a meeting of the stockholders of the Portland National Bank. Plying with him at the time was H. C. Thompson, one of the directors of the Portland National Bank. Skibbe was president of the Callender Transportation company of Astoria. He is survived by his widow, a son, Henry of Astoria, and two daughters, Mrs. Merritt Noneman, of Aberdeen, Wash., and Maxine Skibbe, of Portland. Interment is expected to be at Astoria.

## Several Douglas Creeks Closed To Fishing 10 Years

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—The state game commission late yesterday completed its task of revising regulations for fishermen of Oregon. Closed seasons were added in several counties to carry out the commission's plans for greater conservation.

Several changes in regulations, operative during 1926 only, were made. The bag limit on trout was reduced in all sections of the state to 30 fish or fifteen pounds and a fish in any one day, or 40 fish or 30 pounds and a fish in any seven consecutive days for each person. The open season for trout in all counties of the state except Klamath county in 1926 will be from April 15 to October 31, inclusive. In Klamath county the season will run from April 15 to November 30, inclusive, under the new regulation.

Open season for hunting Chinese pheasants in all sections of the state where there is an open season, except in Malheur county, will be from October 15 to October 21, inclusive, during the year 1926 only, under the new regulations. In Malheur county the open season during 1926 will extend from October 15 to October 21, both dates inclusive.

Additional angling regulations adopted late yesterday included the following:

Linn county: The following were closed to angling for 10 years: Hackleman's, Bilyeu, Burmister, Moos and Kanyon creeks, Roaring river, Gopenny, Jordan and Thomas creeks and tributaries, Indian Prairie Lake and Indian Prairie creek.

Klamath county: Crooked river, Fish and Malda lakes, Odell creek between Odell and Davis lakes, North Fork of Sprague river, Spencer creek, Seven Mile Creek between Weed Canal and Short creek, Link river for 200 feet be-

low California-Oregon Power company dam, all closed for 10 years. Old regulations closing Woods river and tributaries until June 15 each year, and closing Klamath river for 2,000 feet above and 4,000 feet below mouth of Spencer creek, were renewed.

Umatilla county: The following closed for 10 years: Umatilla river for 300 feet below Three Mile Dam, south fork of Umatilla and tributaries, north and south forks of Meecham creek, north fork of Walla Walla river, south fork of Walla Walla river, north fork of McVay creek and tributaries, Pearson creek and tributaries, Butler creek and tributaries, East Blisch, Squaw, Ryan, Buckaroo and Bear creeks.

Union county: Ladd creek closed from July 15 to April 15 of each year.

Douglas county: Callapooa river and tributaries above Nonparli dam, Smith river for 500 feet below falls near Jack Daily place, Twin Lakes Lake creek for 800 yards below Diamond Lake, Camp creek and tributaries, Hiney, Susan and Coucar creeks and Clearwater river and tributaries, all closed for 10 years. Diamond Lake was closed as follows: The part lying northwest of a line beginning at a point on the northeast shore 800 feet northwest of the mouth of Bear creek, thence diagonally across the lake to a point 7450 feet north of the mouth of Silent creek.

Lake county: Campbell Lake, Dearhorse Lake open from July 15 to September 1 of each year for ten years and Blue Lake closed to July 15, 1927.

## Conference Between Coolidge, Mellon and Sargent Is Probed by Committee of Senate Today

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—A White House conference between President Coolidge, Secretary Mellon and Attorney General Sargent on January 2 before the Department of Justice issued its statement concerning the investigation of the Aluminum company of America, was made the subject of inquiry today by a senate committee.

Assistant Attorney General Donovan, who was before the committee, said the statement was presented to the attorney general late in the afternoon and issued late in the day. He added that he did not know whether the White House conference referred to by Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, had taken place.

"Did not the coincidence appeal to you?" demanded Senator Walsh. "I don't know when the conference was held, whether before or after I gave the statement to the attorney general," Donovan replied.

The statement of the department said that the investigation of the company, in which Mr. Mellon is a stockholder, thus far did not support the oft-repeated charge that the consent decree entered into in 1912 by the company had been violated. The senate committee is directing its attention to the question of whether the department has used due diligence in pressing its investigation.

In explaining why the statement was issued, Colonel Donovan said the men in charge of the investigation had prepared it because they had seen "an advertisement in a newspaper that an attack was to be made on the justice department in connection with the inquiry."

## Italian War Debt Settlement Placed Under Fire Again Today

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The Italian war debt settlement again came under fire today as the house continued consideration of resolutions to authorize ratification of the agreements negotiated with six countries since the last congress.

An effort by Chairman Green of the ways and means committee which has jurisdiction in the matter to limit debate of the Italian proposal, failed, a number of members announcing they desired to speak.

Italy has not effected adequate economy in its government, Mr. Rainey said. He placed the salary of Premier Mussolini at \$70,000 a year and that of "Italian dukes" at \$200,000 each. Mr. Rainey said his information came from an Italian newspaper published in Colorado.

Specifically, he assailed the department for "hushing up" an attack he said a Fascist politician, in full uniform, had made on American vice-consul Gore at Leghorn, Italy, last year.

A charge by Mr. Rainey that Mussolini sanctioned the slaying of those who opposed him was questioned by Representative Hiram Bloop.

The Illinois member then read from a book which he said had been smuggled from Italy before Mussolini could destroy all copies. It contained a number of pictures which Mr. Rainey asserted were of those slain by the Fascists.

"Some of these were taken after death," he said. "They show the mutilations of the bodies."

Chairman Green of the ways and means committee questioned the propriety of reading from what he said was an anonymous source.

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## CHANCELLOR LUTHER TO FORM CABINET

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

BEHLIN, Jan. 13.—President Vort Hindenburg today commissioned Chancellor Luther to form another cabinet.

Dr. Luther was given the mandate after both Erich Koch, the Democratic leader and former chancellor Febrbach of the center party had informed the president that a "big coalition" government was impossible.

When Dr. Luther's cabinet resigned early in December, following the signing of the Locarno treaties, it was announced that the resignation was to leave the way clear for the formation of such a coalition with the object of carrying out the Locarno policies.

## DAWN OF LIFE FIXED AT EARLY DATE BY PROF.

### Two Billion Years Ago This Earth Was Part of Spiral Nebula, He Says.

## STATIC IS LOCATED

### Radio Fans Can Now Transfer the Blame to Old Sol Instead of Passing Trolley Car.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Science is going back farther than ever to fix the dawn of life and is reaching out farther in locating influences affecting this planet. Back as far as 2,000,000,000 years ago this world, part of a spiral nebula, says Professor Forest Ray Moulton, head of the astronomy department of the University of Chicago. And 200,000,000 years ago, 10,000,000 years earlier than previous evidence showed, there were microscopic forms of plant life, scientifically known as algae in Minnesota; Professor John W. Gruner of the zoology department of the University of Minnesota has discovered.

Comparatively recently, as years of multiple epher endings as the earliest land vertebrate, an amphibian ancestor of the frog or salamander, stalked across the mud of what is now the Grand Canyon.

The algae began to flourish as the earth in cooling got below the boiling point. Its form is much like seaweed and it thrives at a temperature of 95 degrees centigrade.

Solar explosions millions of miles away have noticeable effects—those on the surface of the sun probably having a distinct effect on radio reception, Professor Moulton believes.

Radio fans, who have blamed the passing trolley car for static that interfered with their reception may now transfer responsibility to old Sol.

When explosions occur on the sun, Professor Moulton continued, it means that vast balls of fire and stupendous rockets are shot out into space for distances ranging from 60,000 to 175,000 miles.

He depreciates the suggestions that solar explosions would have any serious effect on the earth's climate.

The end of the world, in the sense of the universe running down, he cannot conceive, contrary to the theory that matter deteriorates and is wasted, he considers that there may be three time cycles in the changing of matter—its formation, its disintegration and its synthesis.

## FUNERAL SERVICES OF HERMAN BENTOW HELD THIS AFTERNOON

The funeral services of Herman C. Bentow, of Winchester, who passed away last week at the Southern Pacific hospital in San Francisco were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Roseburg Undertaking Parlor, being conducted by Rev. W. S. McCutcheon. Interment followed at the Old Fellows cemetery. There were many beautiful floral offerings from sorrowing friends.

Mrs. Seth Mathews of Glendale yesterday afternoon visiting friends and shopping in this city.

## EIGHT OF CREW, ALL NEGROES, EMERGE FROM MINE LATE TODAY BUT REMAINDER BELIEVED DEAD

### Rescue Crews Working Frantically in Effort to Reach Nearly Hundred Men Still in Shaft But Little Hope Held for Their Safety.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WILBURTON, Okla., Jan. 13.—Eight of the 105 men entombed by an explosion at a coal mine near here today emerged from the mine alive late today. All eight were negroes.

About 70 of the imprisoned men are said to be negroes. The eight men who were held in a small enclosure under 100 feet of debris in the main shaft, worked their way out to the air shaft, which was open, and were rescued. They told of seeing numbers of bodies, both whites and negroes, on their way to the airshaft.

WILBURTON, Okla., Jan. 13.—Only eight of the 105 men who were entombed by an explosion at the Degnan-McConnell mine near here today are known to be alive. They are at the bottom of the main shaft, buried under 100 feet of debris.

The shaft of the mine where the explosion occurred is 400 feet deep.

Austin Parks, sheriff of Latimer county, where the mine is located declared that any survivors have less than one chance in a hundred to be brought to the surface alive.

Rescue crews have been able to reach the bottom of the air shaft but progress into the mine has been blocked by the prevalence of "white damp" a gas resulting from the explosion.

The surviving men are huddled in a small space in the bottom of the shaft. Strenuous efforts were being made to clear away the debris. Members of the mine rescue crew, carrying cages of canaries descended to the bottom of the air shaft but the birds were unable to withstand the damp fumes and the men did not go into the mine.

W. W. Fleming of the United States Bureau of Mines has telegraphed to Kansas for a special car equipped for rescue work.

Names of the trapped men were not made public pending a check.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 13.—Governor M. E. Trapp today ordered a company of national guard at McAlester to report to Wilburton where more than 100 men were entombed in a mine explosion. They are wanted for guard duty.

WILBURTON, Okla., Jan. 13.—Most of the 105 men working in the Degnan-McConnell mine, three miles west of here, are believed to have been instantly killed today in a terrific explosion that wrecked the main shaft and entombed them.

A rescue crew started work at 10:30 a. m. and will attempt to reach the trapped men through the air shaft, which is still open. Some of the victims are still alive and conversed with rescuers through the air shaft. They were advised to remain near the shaft.

J. B. Hynal, chief of the United States Bureau of Mines Rescue Crew at McAlester, was in charge of the work. Equipped with gas helmets, he and two helpers entered the shaft.

The blast wrecked the tippie and destroyed the hoisting equipment. Emergency hoisting apparatus was being installed to bring out the victims.

A frantic group of the entombed men's relatives gathered about the mine. Word of the explosion spread quickly and crowds of sightseers from neighboring towns assembled. The shaft was roped off to hold back the crowds and expedite the rescue work.

Rescue work was being hindered somewhat by the blocking of the main passageway into the mine. The first rescue crew was forced to turn back after they were unable to squeeze their way through the debris blown into the main way by the explosion.

The Red Cross has started a temporary hospital and members are serving hot coffee and doughnuts to the workers.

WILBURTON, Okla., Jan. 13.—A terrific explosion today at Mine No. 21 of the Degnan-McConnell Mining Company, entombed 101 miners.

Little hope is held out for the rescue of the men. So strong was the explosion that timbers were blown from the bottom of the mine shaft.

Fans were still working after the explosion but rescuers were waiting for gas helmets before venturing into the bottom of the shaft, which is about sixty feet deep.

Every doctor in Wilburton was rushed to the mine and doctors, nurses and ambulances have been summoned from McAlester, Hightstown and other neighboring towns.

The blast is believed to have been the result of an accumulation of coal dust in a pocket.

The mine was being operated on a non-union basis, under the 1917 wage scale.