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ENTOMBED MINERS APPEAL TO GOD AND ARE SAVED

When Things Looked Dark for Miners They Knelt and Offered Prayer.

McNEIL IS A HERO

Gave of His Food Supply to Younger Men and Was Leader in Saving Miners.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Jan. 16.—When things looked darkest for the 21 men entombed in an air lock following an explosion in the Jamieson Coal and Coke company near here, their uppermost thought was of God and a greater portion of the 18 hours they spent in their underground prison was devoted to discussion of the Bible and in prayer. This was revealed by John (Jack) McNeil, 60-year-old compressor engineer, who with Lee Petty, a foreman, supervised the construction of the baled-hay barricade to protect the little band from the mine gases which were fatal to 19 of their fellow workmen.

"Every single man was a perfect Christian gentleman during the time ordeal," said McNeil, who explained that although some of the miners could hardly understand what the others said, because of the varied nationalities represented, all seemed to comprehend the situation and unite when appeals were made for divine guidance and aid.

Originally there were 23 in the group rescued, but two of them, both negroes and one a minister, perished in an attempted dash for the mine shaft soon after the men had taken refuge in the air lock. Before the minister left them, McNeil said, he led in prayer. Afterward McNeil served as leader.

"When I was down in that little dungeon I expressed the intention of reading my Bible more if I ever got out," McNeil said, and added that "Fetty and some of the others declared 'yes, and so am I.'"

McNeil, a robust man, whose experience and coolness is generally credited as having been the dominating factor in saving the miners, was said by one of the rescue group to have given his share of the food to younger men who appeared more in need of it. The lunches of the men were equally portioned when they were first entombed.

AURORA BOREALIS IS CAUSING STATIC

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The aurora borealis or Northern lights, is blamed for the recent erratic radio reception, particularly during the last two nights, by W. D. Terrell, chief radio inspector of the Department of Commerce.

Talks in the form of questions and answers will feature the new service, the question being selected from those submitted to the department by real farmers. A junior service will be furnished by "Uncle Bert" as a garden expert with nature study information. Another contemplated feature is a "housekeeper's half hour."

HARD LUCK PILOT HAS ANOTHER CRASH

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 16.—Air mail pilot H. A. Collison, of Cheyenne, was injured and his airplane wrecked when it crashed at Wyoming Sliding, 12 miles west of Laramie, today.

The airplane went into a spin and crashed while Collison was endeavoring to release a flare to signal that his motor was not working. Collison was thrown from the plane when it struck the ground and turned over.

Pilot Pomeroy left Cheyenne to pick up the mail and carry it on west. The mail was not damaged.

Collison, considered one of the best fliers in the service, has been called the "hard luck pilot" of the mountain division. Due to many hazardous trips in inclement weather, he has figured in several of the division's accidents.

DOUGLAS COUNTY IN FIGHT TO RECOVER MONEY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—The Marion county court has received notice from Guy Cordor, district attorney for Douglas county, calling a conference in Portland of all county courts interested in Oregon and California grant lands which have been withdrawn by the government. The conference is to be held Tuesday, January 19 at 10 o'clock in the Multnomah county court house. The object of the conference is to start a move looking toward compensation from congress for taxes which have been lost to the respective counties because of the withdrawal.

The call asks that each of the courts secure for its county all possible data on such grant lands within the county, including acreage, assessed valuation, approximate taxes and any other information which may prove enlightening in petitioning congress for relief. The meeting is called for a day ahead of the general conference of judges and commissioners in Portland.

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED TODAY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 16.—Complete schedules of basketball, track and wrestling events at the University of Oregon for the spring term has been announced by Jack Benefield, graduate manager. The schedule follows:

Basketball: January 19, Montana at Eugene; January 23, Washington at Seattle; January 25, Montana at Missoula; January 26, Idaho at Moscow; January 27, W. S. C. at Pullman; January 30, Washington at Eugene; February 5, W. S. C. at Eugene; February 13, O. A. C. at Corvallis; February 19, O. A. C. at Eugene.

Track: April 10, Stanford at Palo Alto; May 1, Washington relay at Seattle; May 5, Washington at Eugene; May 15, O. A. C. at Corvallis; May 22, P. C. C. at Palo Alto.

Wrestling: January 30, O. A. C. at Corvallis; February 6, Idaho at Moscow; February 8, W. S. C. at Pullman; February 20, O. A. C. at Eugene; February 28, Washington at Eugene.

"WHAT TO DO AND WHEN" WORRYING PRES. DOUMERGUE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PARIS, Jan. 16.—In the historic palace of the Elysee where Napoleon signed his abdication after Waterloo and where Madame de Pompadour once held her court, an elderly, jovial bachelor now is harking back to his school days.

Having been advised that a state visit from King George and Queen Mary of Great Britain is likely during the coming spring, Gaston Doumergue, president of the French Republic, is taking a strenuous course in etiquette and in English.

It is recalled that the last time Queen Mary came to Paris, M. Doumergue, who was then premier, made the bad mistake of offering her his left arm to escort her into dinner.

EXCESS RESERVE IS SHOWING OF BANKS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows excess reserves of \$25,210,560. This is an increase of \$54,422,900 compared with last week, when a deficit in reserve of \$29,213,340 was reported.

FARMER CANDIDATE OREGON GOVERNOR

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 16.—F. W. Parker, of Gladstone, announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor at a meeting here last night.

Parker is out, he declares to get the farmer's vote. He describes himself as a "stand patter Republican."

EIGHTEEN KILLED IN JAPAN WRECK

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

TOKYO, Jan. 16.—Eighteen persons were reported killed and 12 injured in a railway wreck near Miyazoshita today. None of the victims are foreigners. The train jumped the track and fell 200 feet.

ANNIVERSARY OF PROHIBITION IS CELEBRATED

Dry Banquet This Evening but "Bonded Booze" Not on Table.

PUSSYFOOT TO TALK

Wheeler Points Out Bad State of Affairs in Europe; Should Profit by Experience.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The sixth anniversary of prohibition's birth in the United States is being observed today with celebrations of interested civic organizations and with statements from leading prohibitionists praising the results of the 18th amendment and the Volstead Act.

Tonight the New York anti-saloon league will hold a "sudden death" dinner in honor of "Pussyfoot" Johnson, whose work as a dry propagandist throughout the world has cost him an eye. He lost it in a scuffle with students in London. The dinner, according to early announcements was to have been featured by exhibits of genuine liquor supplied by the federal attorney's office. But the "real stuff" will not be there. Federal Attorney Buckner declined to supply it.

League officials immediately cancelled that part of the dinner. They had planned to paint skulls and crossbones on the cocktail glasses and to hold a mock funeral of King Alcohol.

Mr. Johnson will speak on a "wet conspiracy." About 200 guests are expected. Wayne B. Wheeler, in Washington last night, hailed the anniversary as showing improvement in health and prosperity. He said that Europe "with bread lines, unemployment, doles and debt dodging," might profit by America's example of "new freedom."

OREGON HOOPSTERS BAFFLE PACIFIC U.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 16.—Completely baffling the Pacific University basketball tossers, the University of Oregon team rushed through to a 66 to 7 victory on the local floor last night. So tight was the Oregon defense that not a single shot was scored by Pacific, the seven points all coming from conversion of foul shots.

Okerberg, Oregon center, was high point man of the game, with 21 markers.

The Oregon short pass system baffled the Pacific defense, and a big share of the Oregon points were made from shots directly under the basket. Oregon used substitutes in every position on the team, but the scoring did not diminish as substitutes went in.

VIOLA DANA WILL STAR IN PICTURE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16.—Viola Dana will be the star of "Crashing Timber" to be filmed by a Universal company near Klamath Falls, the local agency of Universal was advised in a message today from headquarters.

Officers of the local exchange were inclined to question correctness of a dispatch from Los Angeles, to the effect that the title of the picture was to be "Collision."

BILLY EDWARDS IS VICTOR OVER WOODS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 16.—Sailor Jack Wood lost by an unfortunate decision to Billy Edwards here last night in a fast and rough wrestling match. Each had one fall and prior to the third referee Jones was kicked by Edwards and knocked out. When he came around he awarded the decision to Edwards who had just reversed the tables on Wood after being pinned to the mat.

Senator Moses Says World Court Is "League Court" and Organized for That Purpose

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The World Court is a "league court" organized under plans formulated by the League of Nations and existing to serve the league as lawyer and arbitrator, Senator Moses, Republican, New Hampshire, declared today in the senate.

Renewing senate debate on the subject, Senator Moses, who was one of the "irreconcilables" in the league senate fight, contended that the league council could submit any case to the court for an advisory opinion, irrespective of whether the nations affected desired its submission.

Under the authority given the league and the court by the treaty of Versailles, he continued, "there is no question affecting the relations of the United States and other powers concerning which the court may not be required to render an advisory opinion."

"There certainly is no legal obstacle to prevent the council of the League of Nations from submitting to the court the question of the competence of any of our debtors to pay the money which they owe us," Senator Moses added, "or from asking the court to render an opinion on the subject of immigration or upon the question of our tariffs; and inasmuch as the question of international waterways is expressly dealt with in the treaty of Versailles and the court has special jurisdiction over matters arising out of treaties which have been lodged with it, there is no legal obstacle whatever to bringing before the court the question of tolls in the Panama Canal."

Senator Moses called attention that a former finance minister of

Italy, Signor Paratore, writing in an Italian newspaper with reference to the Italian debt to this country, said that if the Italian standpoint was not accepted by this country, "we may bring the case before the permanent court of international justice."

Pointing out that Japan has taken the position that the immigration law is "in disregard of international understanding," Senator Moses argued that this question might come before the court. "It follows that if the Japanese should carry the question of our treatment of Japanese immigrants to the council of the League of Nations," he added, the council could in turn send the legal international questions involved to the court.

"And it must be remembered the court in its decision regarding the Tunisian question has already held that questions which were originally domestic in their nature may become international through appeals and under treaties. Under such a circumstance we would find ourselves if we became members of this court sitting in a judicial body which could proceed to handle a domestic question which is purely our own upon the theory of its having become international."

The decision in such an event I predict would be against us, and this adverse decision would be fortified by our own presence in the usurping body which had assumed to deal with the subject.

"It is no adequate response to these suggestions to say these things will not happen. On the part of those who hold as I do with reference to this protocol it is sufficient for us to point out that these things may happen."

SERIES CRIMES BEING TRACED TO PRISONERS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

EL SEGUNDO, Calif., Jan. 16.—One man was injured, it is believed fatally, and property damage estimated at \$200,000 caused when an \$8,000 gallon tank of distillate exploded at the Standard Oil company refinery here today.

The cause of the blaze has not been determined yet.

Al Collier, 19, of Inglewood, a sealer, was working on top of the tank when it exploded. The cap of the huge tank flew off carrying Collier a distance of more than a hundred feet, where he was picked up dangerously hurt. He is not expected to live.

DOUBLE ACCIDENT RESULTS FATALLY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 16.—After being struck by one automobile, Orrin Triplett, 49, was hit by a second machine while being attended by the driver of the first, and Triplett died half an hour later from the combined injuries.

The double accident occurred last night about a mile from here. Triplett, riding a bicycle, was struck down by a machine driven by Riley Kaufman, of Newberg, Ore. Kaufman stopped his car and went to aid Triplett when a second motorist struck them both, knocking them to the pavement.

Kaufman suffered bad cuts and bruises about the head.

NEW EPISCOPAL RECTOR AND FAMILY DUE HERE SUNDAY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

Rev. Ernest P. Ruppelle, recently transferred to the Oregon diocese, and appointed rector of St. George's Episcopal Church of this city, is expected to arrive in Roseburg Sunday. Rev. Ruppelle comes from Concord, N. H., and is on his way to the city. He will take up his duties here immediately upon his arrival. He has taken the position which has been vacant since the resignation of Rev. A. O. Dodge, who recently transferred to the middle west.

R. H. S. GIRLS' CLUB GIVES SPLENDID VOD-VIL PROGRAM

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

The Vod-vil given by the Girls' Club of the Roseburg high school at the school auditorium last night was a most thorough success, and was undoubtedly one of the best amateur performances seen in the city recently. That it pleased the large audience which filled the house, was attested by the enthusiastic applause and encore.

The program in which 75 girls participated, consisted of several plays, musical skits, etc., which were all new and original in plot, and the costumes, settings, voices and execution of the various numbers would have done credit to seasoned circuit vaudeville performers.

Excellent music was furnished by the Girls' Club orchestra, and a whistling solo by Elmer May Wilson was repeatedly encored.

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RUPERT HUGHES SAYS GEORGE W. A GAY OL' DOG

Novelist in Talk Again Today Declares He Was a Ladies' Man.

ALSO WAS A BREWER

Gambled, Danced All Night and Never Chopped a Cherry Tree Is Substance of Claim.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Rupert Hughes, the novelist, still insists that George Washington "gambled, swore profusely, played cards and danced all night," but he doesn't think any the less of him for it.

Last night at a lecture on literature he repeated much of what he said in Washington Tuesday night to the scandal of some members of the Sons of the American Revolution. There was heckling when he said Washington "stayed up all night and danced with the ladies."

"Well, what if he did?" shouted a woman in the gallery who had been gesticulating in indignation. "He was the father of our country."

Mr. Hughes ignored the heckling and said that he was merely telling a few truths about Washington and that he had no intention of inferring that he was an immoral man.

The cherry tree story, Mr. Hughes said, was a lie invented by a clergyman who wanted to adorn a moral for children.

Mr. Hughes quoted from Washington's diary to prove that the first president brewed beer, drank freely, gambled, was a "regular sport," and not a "mollycoddle" as some historians painted him.

"Why should this great and glorious patriot be handed down to posterity as a milkop?" he asked.

Mr. Hughes said that Washington was not nearly so popular in his own day as he is now, and that once a mob in Philadelphia sought to lynch him.

MEDFORD TO HAVE TERMINAL HOTEL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

EUGENE, Jan. 16.—Details of a new terminal hotel at Medford were made known here when it was announced that W. M. Clemenson, assistant manager of the Terminal Hotel in Eugene, would be named manager of the Medford house upon completion. It is expected that the place will cost about \$150,000.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR COMING WEEK

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—The weather outlook for the week beginning January 17, was announced here today by the United States Weather Bureau as follows:

The outlook is for temperature above normal, much cloudiness and quite general rains.

DALLAS YOUTH IS DRESSED IN AT PEN

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—Raymond Miller, 18-year-old Dallas youth, who was sentenced to five years in the state prison for manslaughter as a result of running down and fatally injuring J. C. Hayter, was dressed in at the penitentiary yesterday. He arrived in the custody of two officers. The accident happened December 16 while Miller, it was alleged, was driving in a reckless manner.

LA FOLLETTE TO RAISE OLD QUESTION

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Senator La Follette, Republican, Wisconsin, today introduced a resolution asking the secretary of state for information concerning the conditions under which American recognition was granted to Mexico.

FRANKLIN EPITAPH IS NICELY WORDED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Benjamin Franklin's original epitaph which has been kept hidden in the collection of a Chicago business man since its discovery 20 years ago, has been made public on the eve of Franklin's birthday tomorrow.

The inscription differs in only a few words and punctuation marks from the widely known epitaph of "Poor Richard." It follows:

"The body of B. FRANKLIN Printer

Like the cover of an old book, its contents torn out, and strip of its lettering all gilding.

Lies here food for worms. But the work shall not be wholly lost.

For it will, as he believed, appear once more in a new and more perfect edition.

Corrected and amended By the Author."

KARASICK ROUGHS UP HAND AND GETS 2 OF 3 FALLS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 16.—Al Karasick, the "Russian Lion" from Oakland, Calif., headlocked Ralph Hand, local grappler, and roughed him to a victory, two falls in one, in the headline of the Heilig wrestling bout here last night.

The husky Karasick started his rushing and slapping tactics with the first minute of the match, and put a reverse headlock on Hand for a fall after 24 minutes of tough going.

After grabbing one toe hold after another, Hand finally clinched one and took the second fall. It was a double toe hold and a straight arm lock that turned the trick.

The work for the last fall was rather rough, ending when Karasick clamped on his headlock and threw Hand over his head. Hand dropped to the mat, completely knocked out.

Several times during the bout the fans booed Karasick for his rough tactics.

HAIR WAVING SAME IN YEAR 2250 B. C.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Hair waving as practiced by women in the year 2250 B. C., was not altogether dissimilar to the modes of today, is the deduction made by Leonard Woolley, who has been excavating at Ur of the Chaldees, in Mesopotamia.

While searching for the palace of Dugal, son of the builder of the great Zikkurat, or temple, who reigned 4,176 years ago, Mr. Woolley and his fellow workers came across what is considered the most beautiful example of Sumerian sculpture ever unearthed—the head of the moon goddess.

The hair is an elaborately waved coiffure, which indicated that the hair dressers of the third dynasty had a skill which might be considered a bit odd, but nevertheless "stunning."

CONSTANTINOPLE GETS COLOR BACK

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 16.—A new corps of brilliantly dressed traffic police are giving back to the streets of Constantinople the color lost with the passing of fez and turban. The crimson and brass helmets and their batons of red and white stripes, which resemble ticks of peppermint candy, give promise that the new era is not to be entirely drab.

The newly installed electric signs for traffic control are such an unexpected novelty that the crowds of pedestrians block the sidewalks and roads in such a way as to make it difficult for vehicles to obey the new guiding lights.

KLAMATH BOY NEAR DEATH RESULT FALL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 16.—Harry Noble, 15, son of a well known Langell valley rancher, was reported near death in a local hospital today from a fractured skull when a fall he was riding fell while racing over rough ground.

The youth fell beneath the colt and an X-ray showed the skull to be fractured from ear to ear. The colt's neck was broken in the fall and the animal died.

The boy's father was riding with him at the time of the accident and carried the lad to the faro house in a hospital here. Physicians this afternoon held out but slight hope for his recovery.

CHANGES MADE IN BOUNDARIES OF ROAD DISTRICTS

Limits of Eighteen Districts Affected by Alterations Made By Court.

NEW ONE IS FORMED

Seventy-Ninth Subdivision Ordered to Provide New Road to Tyee Mountain Section.

Changes have been made in the boundary lines of 18 road districts, the new map, which has been prepared by County Engineer Floyd Frear, showing that these changes will materially affect some districts, but will amount to but little in others.

Mr. Frear has been working for several days tracing the county court's changes upon a new map, which will be used in the future in the making of road district assessments.

It was the policy of the county court in making these changes to so create the districts that each one would have a special road to look after and that all property tributary to that road would be placed within the district. For that reason a slight change was made in the boundaries of district number 11, Melrose, so that it now includes all of the Doerner road. Part of this road was formerly in district No. 74, Elgar, and property tributary to the Doerner road was paying on that road and on others in the Elgar road district. The change will put all of the road in district 11 and most of the tributary property will be in that district.

A minor change was made in district No. 12, Looking Glass, one section of land being added to the district.

In Camas Valley a big change was made in the boundaries of districts 16 and 76. Camas Valley for several years was one large district, No. 16. The people in the north end of the county wanted a road constructed and so had district No. 76 created. This district was originally formed had irregularly formed boundaries winding a long distance down through the valley and taking in a great deal of timber and improved property, some of which, it is claimed, was not tributary to the road. District 16 came in this year with a petition to readjust the boundaries, which was done, the lines now redesigning 76 to a small more regularly shaped district, while 16 takes in the greater part of the valley.

Minor adjustments were made between district 17, 84 and the Riddle, Gazley, and Days Creek districts. These alterations place all of the Gazley road into district 64. The changes will have little effect on valuations.

A section and a half of land was taken from district 66 Round Prairie and given to district 38, Roberts Creek; the change also affecting the boundaries of 18, Hanna Valley, slightly. The change places all of the Landers road, near Kelley's Corner, in the Roberts Creek district.

District 18 is also affected by a change involving No. 37, West Roseburg, a small piece of property being switched over to the latter as being tributary to the West Roseburg road.

One small change removes 40 acres from district 42, South Myrtle Creek to No. 41, North Myrtle Creek.

Considerable switching was done in the Green Valley and Dodge Canyon districts. Involving districts 51, 52 and 27 Green Valley, Dodge Canyon and Calapooia. The boundaries were shifted, so that there would be what the court considered a better distribution of valuation and amount of road to be kept up.

A new district, No. 79 was created from portions of districts 52 and 27, in order to allow the residents of the new district to vote a special tax to open up a new piece of road six miles in length, tapping the eastern edge of Trees mountain.

Statistics show a decided improvement in road conditions in Douglas county since 1919, when the real program of development was started. In 1919 there were 850 miles of road in the county as compared with 5821 at the present time. In 1919 only 214.5 miles were gravelled, while now there are 656.2 miles of gravel roads. In 1919 there were 535 miles of dirt road and now only 304.3 miles. The county now has 181 miles of plank road and 3 miles of concrete pavement and one-half mile of asphalt.

During the coming year the district are to receive less money for maintenance work than in the

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