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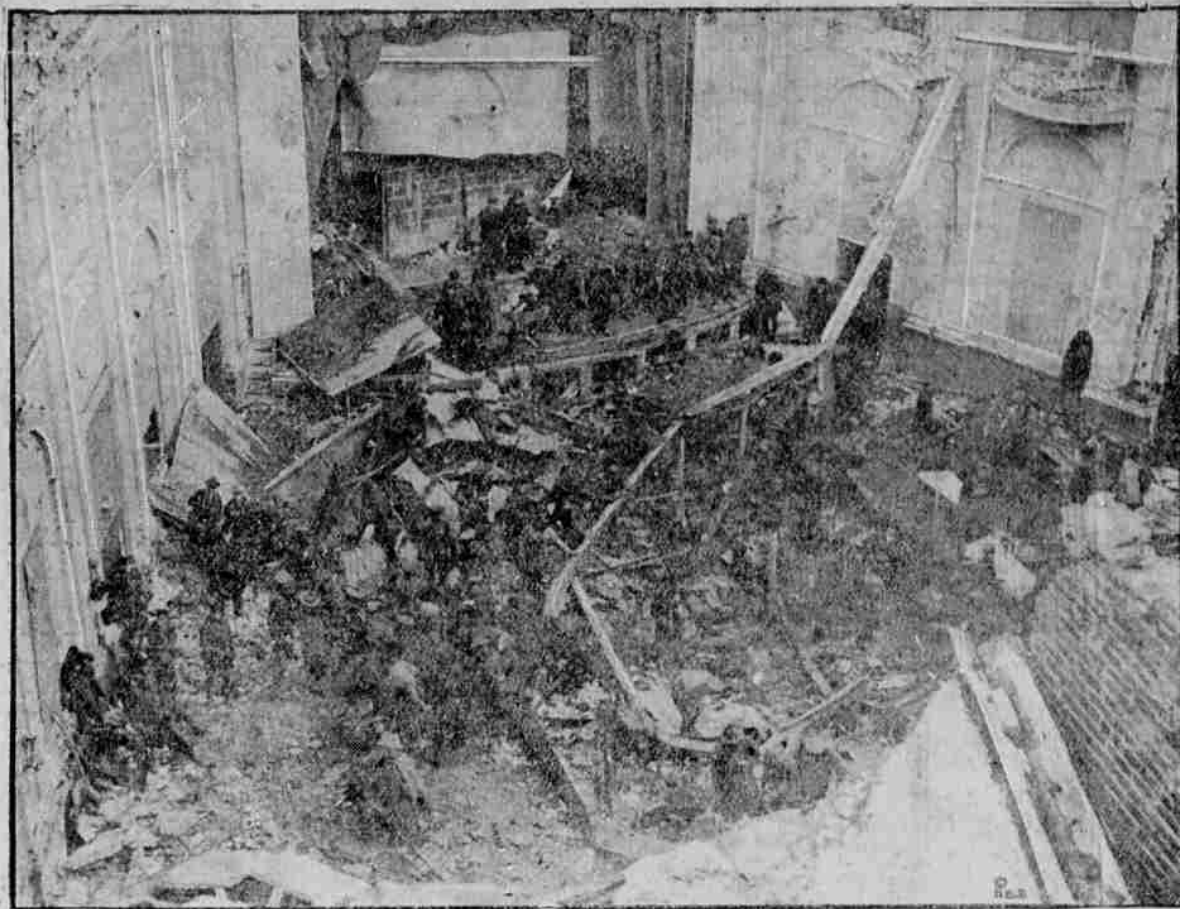
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BIRDSEYE VIEW OF WASHINGTON THEATRE DISASTER SHOWING THE RESCUE WORK



Birdseye view of the interior of the Knickerbocker theatre, Washington, after the collapse of the theater roof which killed 98 and injured more than 250. In the foreground are the ruins of the balcony, swept by the fall of the roof, burying spectators who were seated beneath it. At the right and curving toward the foreground is a bent and twisted steel girder which gave way under the weight of snow. Soldiers, at the right, are removing bodies on stretchers. Other soldiers are seen digging in the debris with shovels for more bodies. In left foreground is a mass of snow precipitated when the roof fell.

CONFERENCE MAY CLOSE TOMORROW

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—A plenary session of the arms conference is called for 10:30 tomorrow morning when, after formal adoption of a series of resolutions regarding China, the armament conference is expected to adjourn sine die. The signatures of the plenipotentiaries to the naval and far eastern treaties will be affixed at a single ceremony at the state department Monday, it is planned.

Baker Woman, Pioneer of Union, Passes On

BAKER, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Harriet Virginia Baird, pioneer, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Austin Tuesday evening.

The deceased was born in Virginia, in 1846. She moved to Union county in 1881 and in 1894 moved to Baker county, where she has since made her home.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ella McKennon of Ketchikan, Alaska, Mrs. A. H. Brown and Mrs. H. E. Austin of Baker, four sons, Frank of Baker, Edward of Richland, Charles of Halfway and George of Long Creek. Funeral services will await the arrival of Mrs. McKennon who is expected to sail today and arrive in Baker the 7th.

The United States used six million tons of salt last year.

Poultry Producers to Talk of Marketing

A meeting of the Eastern Oregon Poultry Producers' association will be held at the Y. M. C. A. at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Poultry men from all parts of the valley are expected to be present. One of the important questions to be discussed is that of devising some means of marketing home raised eggs so that when purchases are made the grower of the eggs is given the credit. The association is composed of practically all commercial producers in the county. Another matter that will be brought up will be the question of a common market for the eggs.

TWENTY-FIVE MINERS DIE IN EXPLOSION

(By Associated Press)
GATES, Pa., Feb. 3.—Twenty-five miners are known to have been killed in the explosion at the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coal & Coke company here early Thursday. It was reported by coal company officials, and there is a possibility that the number of dead may reach 30. Thirty men were working in the section where the explosion occurred and four of them escaped.

Sixteen of the dead were taken to a morgue at Mammoth Thursday night. Six bodies remained at the bottom of the shaft awaiting the discovery of the three or four which remained buried under debris.

The cause of the explosion which occurred a mile and a half back in the workings has not been determined. From the appearance of the bodies it was indicated death had been caused by asphyxiation.

Old Bunco Game Is Still Being Worked

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3.—When John Harkobus opened a sack he had been told contained \$200,000 and found only pieces of newspaper, he went to the police station, according to a report on file there Thursday. He explained he had drawn \$10,000 from the bank and given it to two men he met in Pershing square, as surety that they would act in good faith in helping them give \$200,000 to the poor. They took the \$10,000, he said, and left him the sack.

REFUSES TO BE MEMBER OF SENATE

(By Associated Press)
BALTIMORE, Feb. 3.—Hanford McNeider, national commander of the American Legion, has refused the appointment to the U. S. senate from Iowa succeeding Senator Kenyon, according to announcement made at a meeting of the Maryland executive committee of the legion by Col. Washington Bowie, Jr. McNeider, who was present, made no comment.

Irish Free State Wants Large Slice Of North Ireland

Head of Provisional Government Says He Will Not Be Satisfied With What Ulsterites May Offer.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 3.—Sir James Craig, Ulster premier, in a statement said he suggested yesterday to Michael Collins, head of the Irish provisional government, that a week's adjournment to consider the boundary dispute, but Collins replied that the differences are too great and that postponement is useless. He said that Collins had declared he had made a promise to bring almost half of northern Ireland into the Irish free state.

JACK RABBITS EXTERMINATED

BEND, Feb. 3.—Sixty thousand jack rabbits have been killed in the Fort Rock valley during the last three weeks as the result of the campaign in rodent control being conducted in that section by the U. S. biological survey, co-operating with the state. This was the information given here today by Albert Swain, who with Alfie Andrews, government trapper at Fort Rock, is directing the war on the long eared pests.

Rye heads soaked in tanglefoot strychnine are being eaten cautiously by the rabbits, deep snow in the valley covering up the usual source of food supply, Swain said. Farmers of the section are taking keen interest in the campaign, and are giving assistance in every possible way.

MOONLIGHT SCHOOLS IN NEW MEXICO

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—"Moonlight" schools in New Mexico have given many adult illiterates their first opportunity to learn to read and write. John V. Conway, state superintendent of public instruction of New Mexico, declared in an address at a regional conference on illiteracy here today.

Students at many of the "moonlight" schools brought lanterns to supply the light for their work. Mr. Conway said. The classes met three times a week in the district school houses and the work of the teachers was entirely voluntary.

Isa Huddments, "The work taken up was the bare rudiments of reading and writing," he said. "The texts used were the primer and the first and second readers of the children. In some more favored districts newspapers were available.

"Illiterates were influenced to attend these schools by an appeal to the practical wherever possible. The literate people of the community were enlisted in getting students. When the first ones arrived they were urged to bring their friends to the next session of the school. Local literates in addition to the regular school teachers were used in the teaching. Every force in the community that could possibly help was brought into play to get these people into the schools.

Students Travel Far. "Some of the students travelled as far as five and one-half miles in order to take advantage of the work offered. The ages of adults attending these schools ranged from 25 to 64 years of age.

"The greatest appreciation was always shown for the work of the

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Feb. 3.—The fourth ballot by the sacred college resulted in no election of a pope.

(By Associated Press)
THE HAGUE, Feb. 3.—The international court of justice today elected as president of the court Dr. J. T. C. Loder, former member of the Dutch supreme court.

(By Associated Press)
SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 3.—The Chilean cabinet changed today.

ARBUCKLE JURY HAS DISAGREED

CLUE FOUND TO MURDERER OF W. TAYLOR

Cigarette Stubs Near Door Indicate Nervousness of Criminal.

SEVERAL SAW ALLEGED SLAYER

Description of Man Does Not Tally With That of Discharged Employee Accused of Theft.

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3.—Half a dozen cigarette stubs near the back door of William Desmond Taylor's residence offered a clue to the murder of the motion picture director. The stubs indicated that someone apparently nervously waited there on the evening of the murder. Mrs. Douglas McLean, wife of an actor, living next door, said she saw a stranger emerge from Taylor's house, close the door and depart.

Employees of an oil service station nearby said a man of the same description boarded a car about the time Mrs. McLean saw him. The description of this man does not tally with that of a former servant whom Taylor had reported to the police as having stolen money and property from him.

Taylor was director in chief at the Famous Players Lasky studios in Hollywood and was internationally known as a motion picture man. He was born in Mullins, county Cork, Ireland, in 1877, and served in the British army during the World war.

A woman who visited Taylor Wednesday evening, a motion picture actress, was questioned at some length at her home by detectives who said her story was corroborated in every respect by statements of others, including the chauffeur who drove her.

GRANGE HAS CANDIDATES

Blue Mt. Grange endorsed M. L. Carter, lecturer of the Union county Pomona Grange, for a member of the county fair board, at the regular meeting of the grange held Feb. 1. The grange also elected C. D. Huffman for alternate to the state grange, which meets in McMinnville in June. The grange held a recess at noon and sent a delegation to assist the Pomona Grange burial services for J. K. Lantz, a charter member of Union County Pomona Grange, and afterwards had hot lunch ready for the members of Mt. Fannie Grange, before retiring to Cove.

Two candidates were given the third and fourth degrees.

The following program was given: Song, by grange; roll call, "What is My Greatest Mistake?"; reading, Mrs. Grace Groat; "What the Grange is Doing," W. R. Gekeler, state organizer; reading, Mrs. C. D. Huffman; original poem, M. L. Carter, county lecturer; "Grange Tax Bill," C. D. Huffman.

A. Beck was elected steward to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Huffman. Mrs. Jennie Hoppell was elected grange musician. W. O. Sherwood announced the following for the 1922 home economics committee: Mrs. Jesse Mysterion, Grace Groat, Edna Anson, Della Taylor, Kate Redmond, Elsie Taylor, Ethel Sherman and Beth Colman.

REPRIEVES EXTENDED TO CONVICTED

Governor Suspend Legal Hangings; Two Courts May Act; Four Men Affected.

SALEM, Feb. 3.—There will be no legal hangings in Oregon until the state supreme court and possibly the United States supreme court have had an opportunity to pass on the constitutionality of the laws relating to murder in the first degree.

This was made plain late today when Governor Olcott extended the reprieves previously granted to Elvie Kirby, alias James Owens; John Rathie and Dan Casey until Friday, July 7.

Extension of the reprieves was made necessary, it was said, because of the inability of the supreme court to hand down an opinion in the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by Kirby before tomorrow, the date set for the executions, and the probability that the case will be carried to the United States supreme court for final determination.

Allied Debt Bill Is Passed By The House This Morning

Administration Withdraws Its Objections to Maturity Date and Rate of Interest; Harding to Act.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The house passed the allied debt refunding bill with senate amendments today, and the bill now goes to the president. He is expected to appoint a commission to negotiate with the debtor nations. The administration withdrew its objections to the senate requirement that obligations mature not later than June 25, 1947, and that the minimum interest rate be four and a half per cent.

CHAMBER HAS REORGANIZED

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—Under the leadership of William Haulay, president, the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce has completely reorganized its departmental work for the coming year, according to an announcement today. All future activities of the organization will be segregated into departments, with a director in charge, who will be expected to report back to the executive committee on results achieved.

One new department, which was authorized at the annual meeting of the state chamber in January, has been confirmed by the board of directors. This is the department of organization and service, which provides for a closer working co-operation with the local chambers of commerce throughout the state.

Another Small Sleep for Br'er Groundhog

The groundhog made his annual appearance following his winter's hibernation yesterday and looked around for his shadow, calling to see if he was crawling into his hole again and although he came out some time to time he failed to get a glimpse of his shadow and when all was gone crawled into his hole for one last sleep knowing that spring would soon be here. If he had seen his shadow he would have known that there would be another six weeks to sleep before spring came.

Following old Br'er Groundhog's prediction, tonight and Saturday rain or snow with fresh southwesterly winds.

Ten Jurors Were for Convicting Former Slap-Stick Comedian on Charge of Manslaughter While Two Held Out for Acquittal.

(By Associated Press)
San Francisco, Feb. 3.—The jury in the second trial of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, failed to agree and was discharged today.

Asst. Prosecutor Friedman announced that the vote stood ten for conviction and 2 for acquittal. "There was no chance for us to agree," Foreman McElroy said.

Arbuckle seemed downcast today. The court room was crowded when the verdict came in. The jurors were worn haggard as the result of the long hours of deliberation.

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—The first ten ballots of the Arbuckle jury were nine for conviction and three for acquittal and then switched to ten to two and stayed there until the 14th and final ballot.

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—The jury in the second trial of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, pretty motion picture actress, following a booze party in Arbuckle's rooms in the St. Francis hotel here, retired at 9 o'clock Wednesday. The first jury retired in disagreement also.

The jury was heard from but once during the morning and afternoon yesterday. This was when it asked for the complete transcript of the trial on the ground that the jurors wished to refresh their recollection on certain points.

Boxing Commission Appointed By The City Government

Five Men Named by President Grady to Supervise Bout in La Grande; Riley at Head.

President W. D. Grady of the city commission last appointed a municipal boxing commission to succeed the commission resigning recently. Those appointed by Mr. Grady are: Dr. H. W. Riley, O. A. Kratz, Dr. Geo. Vohrs, E. L. Allingham, and James McNamee.

This morning the new commission held its organization meeting and elected Dr. Riley chairman. The new commission will supervise all boxing and wrestling matches to be staged here under the provisions of the state law.

Deaf people in Germany are to have special churches, with telephones between the pulpit and the pews.

Weather

Tonight and Saturday rain or snow with fresh southwesterly winds.