

BUSY PERIOD LOOMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Students Entering Last Lap of 1929-30 Term in Work, Activities.

HEAVY CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Basketball Most Important at Present—Union, Wallowa Championship Game Suggested.

With the first semester well under way, and student activities at a high level, the La Grande High school is facing the last lap of its 1929-30 season with a crowded calendar.

The present enrollment, although not officially announced as yet, is about 675, according to earlier checks, and it is reported to be growing to some extent. The next check on enrollment figures will be taken at the end of the next week, which closes the first month of the second semester.

Commerce Popular

In class work, all students are required to take English. The largest elective department is commerce, with 357 enrolled. Science has 318, history 295, mathematics 270, languages 219, the shop department 199, music 192, and home economics 178. In addition, the shop department and the home economics department teaches the eighth grade.

The trend in elective subjects today, according to E. D. Fowler, principal, as demonstrated here shows that commerce, science and shop department enrollment is increasing, while the enrollment in the language department is decreasing, this latter largely due to less interest each semester in Spanish. The other languages are about holding their own.

Student Body Play Success

In activities, the student body closed a very successful two-night staging of a play, "The Torch-bearers", last night with a performance that was on par with the opening night presentation. As on the opening night, the high school orchestra—which is reaching new standards each year—furnished by W. W. Nishbaum, music instructor.

Tonight the basketball team will play the Buckaroos at Pendleton, and an enthusiastic pep assembly was held this morning by the student body.

The team left for Pendleton, accompanied by Coach I. Woodie and several students, shortly after the pep assembly. They are making the trip after Anderson, Beery, Conley, Faus, Miron, Nelson, Perkins, Rye, Shepard, L. Stoddard, R. Stoddard, Terrence, Watkins and Y. Patten. Several townspeople were also expected to witness the game.

Championship Plan Proposed

At present, student body activities are largely concentrated on basketball, with the school district tournament to be played here Mar. 7 and 8, and the district championship tournament at Union Mar. 12, 13 and 14. In addition, the boys interclass series is nearing an end, with the seniors in the lead, and the girls class basketball games are also progressing rapidly.

Announcements were made today that schools in Union and Wallowa county are now voting on a suggested plan to have a championship game between the two undefeated teams that emerge from the

BALLOTS OUT FOR CHAMBER NOMINATIONS

Ballots for the nomination of 12 men for directors of the Union county chamber of commerce for the ensuing year, were placed in the mails last evening by a committee consisting of J. S. Snodgrass, chairman, J. S. Jenkins, and H. L. Hill.

This ballot contains the name of every member, of which there are at present 212, and the voting member is required to write the name of the twelve men of his choice on a blank ballot, and to present or mail his ballot to the secretary's office by 5 o'clock Monday afternoon.

WEATHER TODAY

Temperature, 43 above. Minimum, 25 above. Condition, cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 51, minimum 31 above. Condition, partly cloudy, moisture 91 of inch.

WEATHER FEB. 7, 1930

Maximum 24, minimum one below zero. Condition, clear.

Pioneer of the Early 70s Dies Of Pneumonia

James Erwin German, 65, of Summerville, Will be Laid to Rest Saturday Afternoon.

Another of the early pioneers of Union county answered the final call late yesterday, James Erwin German passing on at the Grande Rondo hospital after a short illness. Pneumonia was the cause of his death.

Mr. German, who leaves a large circle of sorrowing friends, came to Union county in the early 70s, more than a decade before the railroad was built, and since then made his home on a ranch near Summerville. He was born in Iowa on July 10, 1864, and was 65 years six months and 27 days of age.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Isabel German, three daughters and one son, Mrs. L. C. Mitchell, of Walla Walla; Mrs. Pat Rollins, of Imbler; Mrs. Ray Cook, of Pendleton, and Ray German, of Summerville; one sister, Mrs. John Couch, of Wallowa, and one brother, John German, of Portland.

Funeral services are to be held at the Summerville chapel Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. R. L. Putnam, of the Christian church, will deliver the funeral oration.

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M. I. A. To Play Portland Team For State Title

The First Ward M. I. A. team, winner of the state M. I. A. championship a couple of years ago, will again have a chance to claim this title for 1930 if the local tusslers are able to defeat the Portland M. I. A.

Announcement was made today that the Portland team, winner in Western Oregon, will come to La Grande tomorrow night for a championship game, beginning at 8:30 o'clock in the L. D. S. Recreational hall.

The First Ward has twice defeated every M. I. A. team in this locality. The members are: M. Stoddard, R. Anderson, E. Edwards, C. Nibley, L. Stoddard, E. Baxter, M. Baxter and F. Baxter.

Plaintiff Wins \$1,500 Verdict In Civil Action

The civil action of L. A. Stingham vs. Donzella Johnson et al., which went to trial Wednesday morning in circuit court, ended late yesterday when the jury returned a verdict of \$1,500 in favor of the plaintiff. The case was given to the jury at 12:30 p. m. yesterday. Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles presided. The attorneys were Cochran & Eberhard and H. E. Dixon for the plaintiff and Robert S. Eakin for the defense.

Mr. Eberhard, who pleaded guilty earlier in the week to charges of larceny, was sentenced to the penitentiary with a maximum of three years, and then paroled on good behavior.

The next case is a civil action, W. R. Kivette vs. T. J. Scroggin, and will go on trial Monday at 9 a. m. Woodson L. Patterson represents the plaintiff and Cochran and Eberhard the defendant.

Former Heads Of Lodge Initiate 7

More than 150 Elks attended the past exalted rulers night on Thursday, watching former leaders of the lodge take charge of the initiation of seven candidates, and perform their duties in faultless fashion.

Following the initiation a very enjoyable social evening was observed, climaxed by an oyster feed.

Gun Club To Open 1930 Season Sunday

The La Grande Gun club will hold its first shoot of the 1930 season on Sunday, Feb. 9 at the club grounds.

The club, which now has a membership of more than 170, including 100 life members, now ranks as one of the largest in the state, and is anticipating one of the best seasons in its history. The club is ready to start work on its new building as soon as the weather permits.

Oscar Porech has been appointed to head the game bird committee and last night, Mr. Porech, Roy Parman, W. A. Cornell and Tracy Hollist went to Union to see L. A. Wright, game commissioner, in reference to having bird pens built on the grounds near the state fish hatchery, working in conjunction with Isaac Walton league and the Union Sportsmen club.

SEES DANGER FOR G. O. P. IN PROHIBITION

Beck Declares Republican Party Will Perish if Caters to Drys.

ENFORCEMENT BY STATES FAVORED

Congressman Declares That Prohibition Efforts Have Produced a Collective Hypocrisy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Predicting the destruction of the powerful republican party if it continues to "sell its soul to the fountain drys," Representative Beck, republican, Pennsylvania, today declared in the house that prohibition was "like a cancer eating away the moral fibre of the American people."

Beck, a former solicitor general of the United States, recognized throughout the country as an authority on constitutional law, declared that if the republican party becomes "the party of prohibition," it will perish.

"The republican party," he asserted, "cannot hold forever a larger number of self-respecting men and women, to whom the intolerance of prohibition is a moral affront. It cannot be half wet and half dry."

Beck said that prohibition had produced a collective hypocrisy which would spread only the more as increased efforts to enforce the dry law, while the Pennsylvania man, he suggested that living generations were given the power to determine whether its provisions should be exercised and in what manner.

"Even if this were not so," he continued, "congress could, without any violation of the constitution, reach the conclusion that the methods of enforcement and the spirit of enforcement of the eighteenth amendment were best left to the states.

"When the American people recognize that the non-exercise of a power is not necessarily a challenge to the constitution, there will be due time to wholly sweep away the monstrous compound of iniquity and folly, the Volstead law, and upon its ruins build afresh. They will recognize that the normal use of light wines and beer

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WOULD PROTECT LOCAL LABORER

No Outside Help Needed in 1930 Building Program—Council to Co-operate.

The central labor council, at its meeting in this city last evening, decided by vote to co-operate with the Union county chamber of commerce in its desire to discourage foreign and transient labor from coming to La Grande in search of work that will develop during the realization of the 1930 building program.

It has been explained that although approximately \$1,122,000 will be spent in construction work in La Grande and vicinity during the year, on new buildings and road and bridge work, the local labor is sufficient to take care of the work and there is no reason for outside labor to migrate here in hopes of finding jobs.

A national mill workers' organizer has requested that the local mill workers' union make it possible for him to come here in March to give lectures and information on the coast here. It was announced at the meeting.

Baker Plays E. O. N. Tonight; Bearcats Play at Union Feb. 11, Here Feb. 12

With a long string of victories to its record, the Baker Athletic club basketball team, an independent organization, will match its strength with the Eastern Oregon Normal school team here this evening at the L. D. S. Interdenominational hall, the contest to begin at 8 o'clock.

The game will be an important one for the normal school, inasmuch as it is the last one scheduled before the contest here Wednesday night with the championship Willamette university hoopers. Coach Bob Quinn is making an effort to get his team into peak condition, not only for the coming year, but also in anticipation of three hard contests to be played here Feb. 21 and 22 against Monmouth Normal school and Feb. 24 against the college of Idaho. His starting lineup is expected to be selected from the following men: Ronciens, Carden, Sullivan, Price, Crawford, Hoey, McSully, Paisley and Barrett.

The Baker Lineup

The Baker club players to make the trip, all of them former high

Story of Death Valley Scotty's Wealth a Bubble

Mysterious Desert Mine And \$6,000,000 Stock Market Loss are Branded as Fiction.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7 (AP)—The mysterious desert gold mine from which Death Valley Scotty, less familiarly known as Walter Scott, dug the \$6,000,000 he recently said he lost in the stock market crash, and the loss itself, took place today in the land of bursted bubbles.

Death Valley Scotty, most picturesque character of America's lowest desert, dispelled the fictive cloud of wealth that has hung over him for 40 years with the simple statement "that ain't no gold mine, and that never was."

He has just returned here from Chicago, where he interrupted his trip to "gray Parson" with the statement he was broke, washed up, cleaned out in the stock market. He gave his red tie a flick and saved his ten gallon hat, and told all within hearing distance he had lived on other people's money and was, in truth, Death Valley's press agent par excellence. He took occasion to laugh at jealous miners who hired Indians to track him across western waste lands in the hope of locating his fabulous gold mine.

It was the same kind of laugh as that he enjoyed after the "Battle of Winkate Pass" proved a hoax. The battle occurred while Scotty was leading a group of eastern tourists through Winkate Pass to Death Valley. A group of amply masked men stepped into their path and Scotty opened fire. All of the robbers fell wounded, or so the tourists thought. When the sheriff gathered up the "wounded" men; he found they were Bill Scott, Death Valley Scotty's brother, and a group of his friends. The sheriff said the truth was Bill Scott was wounded in a fashion that caused him to slip on his stomach for a week, and that he said some hard things about his brother.

MARKET ROAD DESIGNATED BY COUNTY COURT

The county court, in its closing session of the February meeting yesterday afternoon, designated the road from Elgin up Phillips creek to the forest service line as a market road in response to a petition filed by Elgin people. This road would connect Elgin with the proposed Elgin-Weston road. The improvement of the road will be taken care of at some future time.

Bids for gas, oil and tires were opened yesterday afternoon. Shell Oil was awarded the gasoline contract and the Playle Oil company had the winning bid for oil and tires.

Former Resident Dies in Seattle

Mary Larcom, 88 years of age and a former resident of this city, died last night at the Providence hospital in Seattle, following an extended illness.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Hohenshain funeral home with interment in the Masonic cemetery. The Rev. J. George Walz will officiate at the services.

STAFF TARIFF DRIVE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Democrats started on another tariff-slashing drive in the senate today winning by 37 to 35 a reduction in the present duty on red lead from 2 1/2 to 2 1/4 cents.

When the tariff drive in the senate today, the reduction in Mississippi, proposed the reduction.

Copeland Demands Letter Withdrawal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Senator Copeland, democrat, New York, demanded in the senate today that a letter written by Senator Hefflin, democrat, Alabama, commenting on intermingling of whites and negroes be expunged from the congressional record where it was placed yesterday by Hefflin. Hefflin refused.

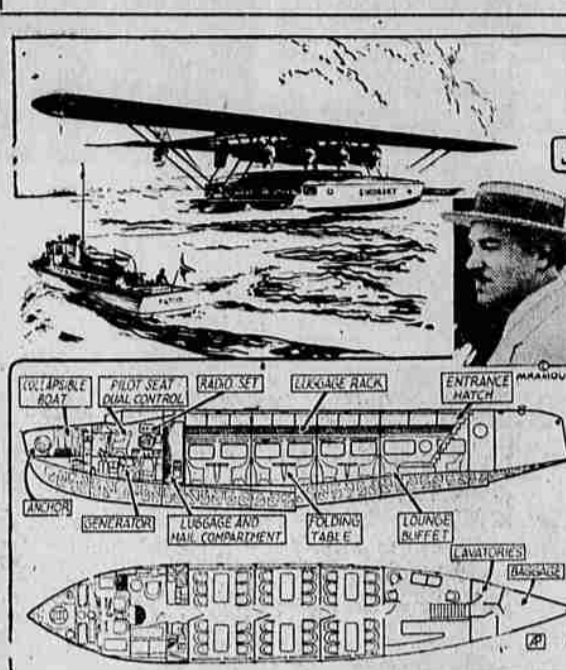
SALEM DEBATORS WIN

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7 (AP)—Debating the question "Resolved, that Oregon should adopt a compulsory automobile liability insurance law," a Salem high school team defeated Dallas high in a contest here last night and another Salem high team defeated Woodlawn high at the latter place.

FLORIDA LAUGHS

MIAMI, Feb. 7 (AP)—Ha, ha, ha, California! We have with us at present in the salubrious clime of the southern part of this great and glorious state Rockefeller, Edison, Ford, Freestone, At Smith, Mr. James J. Tunney, Babe Ruth and Jack Sharkey, Hoover and Jimmy Walker are coming soon.

NEW 41-PASSENGER PLANE



Igor Sikorsky (inset) is chief designer of S-40, a 41-passenger land and water-ship. An artist's conception of the amphibian (above) and diagrams of the interior are shown.

Baumes Law Is Invoked; Woman Gets Life Term

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (AP)—Helen Rosen, 29 years old with a police record as a shoplifter, was in jail today under life sentence as the first woman convicted as a fourth offender under the Baumes law.

She was sentenced yesterday after a jury, deliberating 15 minutes, decided that four pleas of guilty, which she had entered to charges of shoplifting during the past ten years, brought her under the provisions of the Baumes law.

Arresting officers in each of the four cases were in court to identify her. They said they knew her by numerous aliases and identified her by her titian hair.

Her first offense, according to the testimony, was in 1920; when she was arrested for grand larceny for stealing two dresses from a mid-town store. She was then known as Ruth Davis. She pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one year in Auburn prison.

She was again arrested and pleaded guilty to grand larceny for the theft of a coat in 1924 from a Fifth Avenue shop.

Under the name of Stella Ippie she was caught trying to steal another coat from a store in 1925.

When sentence was pronounced by Judge Max S. Levine, the woman, now known as Mrs. Ruth St. Clair, fainted.

Ask Legislation Against Unfair Marketing Acts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Legislation to suppress unfair and fraudulent practices in the marketing of perishable agricultural products was passed today before the house agricultural committee by Representative Summers, republican, Washington.

Citing the need of a law to control commission merchants and brokers, the Washingtonian, who is the author of a measure to this end now before the committee, read into the record a long list of organizations which urged that unscrupulous dealers be driven out of business.

Explosive Hidden Inside of Prison

CANON CITY, Colo., Feb. 7 (AP)—Confessions by two convicts that a large quantity of nitro glycerine is concealed within the walls of the Colorado state penitentiary today found prison officials and guards carrying on a minute search for the explosive, in order to eliminate another possible mutiny.

Dope Fiend Robs Tacoma Stores

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 7 (AP)—Two daring robberies were committed in business centers here this morning by a dope-crazed bandit who obtained \$109 in cash and a quantity of morphine from drug stores.

Both robberies were committed by the same man, who escaped in an automobile driven by a woman.

CHICAGO PAYING BILLS WITH SCRIP

Tax Anticipation Warrants Made Available — \$4,455,000 Due Teachers

CHICAGO, Feb. 7 (AP)—The city today began paying off some bills and some employees in scrip. Tax anticipation warrants, bearing the signatures of Mayor Thompson and Deputy Comptroller Victor Peterson, were made available to policemen, firemen and other employees who expressed a willingness. There was no general issuance of the warrants, however. Those who wanted to be paid with scrip were obliged to appear at the comptroller's office and request them. The problem of cashing the warrants rested entirely with those who received them. In cases where employees found themselves financially able to retain the tax warrants, they possessed paper calling for six per cent interest.

\$4,455,000 Due Teachers Although it was pay day for school teachers, they received no money. H. Wallace Caldwell, president of the school board, is in New York City seeking money to meet the school payroll. The total now due the teachers, who have not been paid since Christmas eve, exceeds \$4,455,000.

Issuance of tax anticipation warrants in the manner begun today has been opposed by the Strawn citizens' relief committee on the grounds that warrants distributed in small denominations probably would be sold by needy employees

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INDIAN AGENTS CRITICIZED IN REPORT TODAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Retention of present government officials at the Klamath Indian reservation in Oregon was declared "indefensible" in a report submitted to the senate today from the Indian affairs committee.

The sharply worded report cited a long list of complaints against the superintendent, L. D. Arnold, and the financial clerk, R. W. Wheat, and asserted: "Their retention in the Indian service in any capacity appears to the subcommittee as highly doubtful procedure, but their continuance at the Klamath reservation appears to the subcommittee indefensible."

Arnold and Wheat were the only ones mentioned in the report.

Norblad To Speak At Baker Banquet

BAKER, Ore., Feb. 7.—Governor Norblad will be the principal speaker at the annual chamber of commerce dinner to be given at the Hotel Baker Tuesday evening Feb. 25, for which reservations are now being made at the hotel. Itaine Hallock will preside as toastmaster. Other than a few musical numbers, there will be no formal program.

This event has always eclipsed the year's work of the chamber and even a greater attendance is expected this year. Many guests from other communities are expected and a general invitation has been extended. Five new directors will be elected.

Former Mayor, New Mayor Are Both Murdered

TAMPICO, Mexico, Feb. 7 (AP)—Both the incoming and outgoing mayors of the town of Villa Ahuac, near here, were assassinated Wednesday night as they celebrated inauguration of the new municipal government.

The two men were at a party given in their honor and in honor of the newly-elected beauty queen for a forthcoming carnival when an unidentified man in the party opened fire with a pistol, shooting both.

The assassin escaped and the mayors were brought toward Tampico in an automobile, the outgoing mayor Martin Martinez, dying en route. The incoming mayor, Ciro Rodriguez, died soon after reaching this city.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 7 (AP)—Widespread investigation of the attempt Wednesday against the life of Pascual Ortiz Rubio was pushed today by Emilio Portes Gil, minister of interior. Military, judiciary, and police authorities co-operated.

In addition to the assassin, Daniel Flores, who is held in military prison here, about 29 others were under detention in Mexico City. Seven others, including two brothers of Flores, names Arnulfo and Pilar, were arrested at San Luis Potosi and are being held there.

President Ortiz Rubio continued to improve after a second operation yesterday for removal of a splinter in his jaw, where the bullet of the assassin struck him.

Taft Better Due to Sleep; Doctors S A Y

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Much sleep, partially induced by medicines, and more food had put William Howard Taft in better condition today, but, nevertheless, his physicians did not relax their vigilance.

He was sleeping easily when Dr. Thomas A. Claxton, one of the doctors, slipped into the room at midnight to observe his patient, and the physician reported his condition was "satisfactory."

Meanwhile, members of the family were planning to come to Washington to the bedside of the former president and chief justice of the United States, Horace Taft, a brother, was expected to arrive today, as was Robert A. Taft, one of his sons. The other son, Charles P. Taft, and the daughter, Mrs. Helen Taft Manning, were expected later in the week.

PARITY PLAN IS PROPOSED BY STIMSON

American and British may Equalize Their Fleets Within Next Year.

THREE NATIONS NEAR AGREEMENT

MacDonald Suggests That Naval Treaty Run Until 1936, With New Conference in 1935.

LONDON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Prime Minister MacDonald in a statement today said the British government proposed that the naval treaty to be drawn at London should run until 1936 and that in 1935 a further conference should be called to review the existing world situation.

The statement, which followed close on the heels of Secretary Stimson's announcement last night regarding American suggestions, placed the attitude of the British government in public just as Secretary Stimson had made clear the American viewpoint.

"His majesty's government believes that the London conference ought not only to reduce existing fleet and building programs, but put an end finally to competition in naval armaments and thus constitute an important step towards the ultimate elimination of the causes of war and the establishment of peace on unassailable foundations," said the statement.

Great Britain proposes the abolition of submarines, if abolition cannot be agreed upon, the British government will propose limiting submarines rigidly to defense requirements and in any case will press for the limitation of submarines to the lowest possible point.

STIMSON PROPOSES PARITY

LONDON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Immediate naval parity with Great Britain was proposed today by Colonel Henry L. Stimson, head of the American delegation to the five power naval conference, who in a lengthy statement to the press epitomized American naval limitation aims and ideas and revealed their points on which progress had been made.

When Colonel Stimson's statement merely said "our delegation has made suggestions," it was known to have been published with Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald's knowledge, and was understood to carry with it British agreement.

Op Japan it was said "suggestions" had been made which "would produce an 'over all' relation satisfactory to us, and, we hope, to them. In conformity with our relations in the past it is not based upon the same ratio in every class of ships."

Italian French Problem Colonel Stimson, concluding, made reference to the French-Italian naval relationship problem, by many considered the hardest nut the conference has to crack, saying: "We have not made proposals to the French and Italians, whose problems are not so directly related to ours that we feel it appropriate at this time to make suggestions to them. A settlement of Italian and of French problems is essential, of course, to the agreement contemplated."

The effect of the statement in conference circles could not be under-estimated. It was accepted as denoting the most tangible progress thus far vouchsafed by any delegation and as—perhaps too sanguinely—indicating basis of agreement between the three largest powers represented at the conference.

To Draft Treaty

Predictions were heard that within two weeks the conference would begin the work of drafting a naval limitation treaty. There

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Five More Men Rescued From Utah Coal Mine

Sixteen Bodies are Recovered — Crews Still Searching for Five Men Held Prisoners.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 7 (AP)—Discovery of four more bodies in the gas swept mine of the Standard Coal Mining company at Standardville Utah, shortly before noon, brought to 20 or 21 the total of dead in an explosion there last night.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 7 (AP)—Two of the 10 entombed miners in the Standard Coal company's mine at Standardville, Utah, were rescued alive today.

With 16 bodies located in the mine, which was swept by an explosion late last night, the fate of five men remained undetermined this morning. Four other men came out of the mine after the explosion, of the total of 30 who were working on the night shift.

The list of dead: Angus Barney, R. T. Springer, N. J. Jensen, Carlyle Smith, Roy Briggs, T. L. and F. P. Pritchett, brothers; William McGuire, Topeka; Frank L. James, Cy Brady, Udell Fowles, J. D. Duke, Barney Johnson, William Watson and Clawson Elliott.

Overcome by Gas These first rescued were Rubio Manasky, Andy Douglas, Gerald Banasky and one man whose name was not learned. He was overcome by monoxide gas which flooded the mine after the explosion. Rescue crews left the bodies to search deeper into the workings in the hope of finding additional men alive.

Cause of the terrific blast was not determined but the men who escaped and mine officials were of the belief that the deadly gas made it virtually impossible for any of the remaining men in the mine to escape unless by accident a cave-in of the tunnel cut off the fumes.

Some of the workers still in the mine were working in a compartment which officials said would not likely escape the fumes.

Six mine officials and officers of the Standard Coal company, owners of the mine, left Salt Lake City immediately for the scene of the disaster and assumed charge of the rescue crew. As news of the blast spread, relatives of the victims gathered and watched with anxious eyes as the bodies were carried from the mine.

The five men rescued today had barricaded themselves against the deadly fumes of the carbon monoxide gas and had not suffered any

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