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HARVEST OF DEATH IN CHICAGO PACKING DISTRICT

30 DIE IN CHICAGO FIRE AND 21 AT PHILADELPHIA

EXPLOSION LEVELS GREAT WAREHOUSE OF NELSON MORRIS

Ammonia Tank Is Responsible for Awful Loss of Life; Fire Once Under Control, but Explosion Revives It.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—After ten hours of fighting the fire that threatened to destroy the Nelson Morris Packing company's plant and endangered the entire Union stockyards, was brought under control this afternoon. At 1 o'clock ten bodies had been recovered from the ruins, in which it is believed more than thirty firemen lost their lives.

INCENDIARY BLAZE AT PHILADELPHIA; WALLS COLLAPSE

Sixteen Firemen, One Policeman Buried; Rescue Party Caught by Second Fall; Ice Holds Victims' Bodies.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Eighteen firemen dead and six missing; two policemen known to have been killed and eight missing; 34 injured firemen and police in city hospitals, with the likelihood that several will die; half a dozen bodies in the half smoldering, half ice covered ruins of the D. Friedlander leather factory, with exhausted rescuers fighting ice and fire to reach them—this is the summary of Philadelphia's Tuesday tragedy. The known dead:

DEAD IN PRETORIA MINE 325; RESCUE PARTY DRIVEN OUT

Colliery Officials Admit There Is No Hope That Any May Survive; Gas Prevents the Search for Bodies.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Manchester, England, Dec. 22.—A total of 325 dead in the Pretoria mine as the result of yesterday's explosion, was the estimate given out today by officials of the mine. Rescuers searching the tunnels for any miners that may have survived the gases with which the workings are filled, were halted when within 50 feet of the mine's center 15-day and cannot proceed with the work until the gases have been driven out.

Challenge to Wilson



Senator James Smith, Jr., of New Jersey who recently announced his candidacy for the United States senatorship which will become vacant on the retirement of his present occupant, Senator John Kean, has acknowledged candidacy means that he challenges Governor-elect Woodrow Wilson to battle for the leadership of the Democratic party in New Jersey. Wilson has advocated James E. Martine and denounced Smith.

ENGLISH OFFICERS IN GERMANY SENT TO PRISON; SPIES

Captain Bernard Trench and Lieutenant Vivian Brandon Convicted of Spying on Fortifications at Bokrum.

ADMIT THEY FURNISHED SUPERIORS WITH NOTES

Outcome of Trial Will Make More Tense Relations Already Strained.

(State Press Leased Wire.) Leipzig, Germany, Dec. 22.—Captain Bernard Trench and Lieutenant Vivian Brandon, English army officers, convicted of spying on German fortifications at Bokrum, were sentenced to four years' imprisonment each by a German court here today.

SHELDON ELECTED TO HEAD OREGON STATE TEACHERS

Eugene Man Honored With High Office at Annual Convention of Western Division of Instructors.

SPEAKER EXPLAINS WORK AMONG EASTERN PUPILS

Lecture of H. H. Herdman on School Athletics Attracts Attention.

(State Press Leased Wire.) Eugene, Ore., Dec. 22.—The annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' association, which opened here today, elected the following officers:

FRANCIS J. HENEY HAS LAND FRAUD CASES DISMISSED

Upon His Recommendation, U. S. Judge Wolverton Wipes Out Charge Against Binger Hermann and Williamson.

CASE WAS AGAINST SENATOR JOHN MITCHELL

Prosecutor Requests Court to Resentence W. N. Jones, Under Conviction.

United States Judge Wolverton today dismissed the land fraud case of the United States against John R. Mitchell et al., as against former Congressman Binger Hermann and John N. Williamson.

ENGINEERS MAY FORCE TO TERMS WITHOUT STRIKE

Railways' Attitude Changes, It Is Said, as Conviction That Engineers Are Not Bluffing Arises; Conference Today.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 22.—A lengthy conference between Labor Commissioner Charles P. Neill and representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers today was regarded as foreshadowing a possible settlement of the threatened strike of 35,000 engineers on western railway lines.

IRRIGATION OF ALL OF VALLEY IN TEN YEARS PREDICTED

Canal Official Sees Magnificent Future for the Willamette District, Increasing Its Products Tenfold.

"The entire Willamette valley will be under irrigation within the next 10 years and its products from the land will have been increased tenfold," said M. J. Lee of the Canby Canal company, who is in the city today from the town of Canby, in Clackamas county.

CONGRESS WILL BE ASKED FOR FUNDS TO COMBAT FIRES

Assistant Forester Goes Back to Capital to Report, Convinced Large Sums Needed to Save Forests.

That congress will be asked to provide an unlimited fund for fighting forest fires in Oregon and Washington was the word brought to Portland this morning by Captain J. E. Adams, assistant forester of the United States, whose mission is to ascertain what damage was done in the past season.

SEATTLE MAN IS OUT \$50,000; HAS SOME AFFECTIONS

J. C. Silverstone Must Pay for Alienating Affections of the Wife of a Kansas City Attorney.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Dec. 22.—Alexander L. Sherman, an attorney of Kansas City, has been awarded a judgment of \$50,000 damages against J. C. Silverstone of Seattle.

PLANS FOR THREE LARGE BUILDINGS ARE FILED TODAY

Believed Permits Representing Total Value of \$3,000,000 Will Be Issued Before the First of the Year.

Plans for an apartment house to cost \$150,000 were filed in the city building inspector's office this morning. The building is to be located at Washington and St. Clair streets. It will be 100 by 110 feet, and will be four stories high.

COST OF CHRISTMAS IN THE UNITED STATES ESTIMATED \$90,000,000

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 22.—It was estimated today by Victor Olmstead, chief of the bureau of statistics, that the Christmas "giving germ" cost the American people \$90,000,000 this year.

TELLER FUHRMAN CONFESSES ALL; BANK MADE SAFE

Tacoma Embezzler Put Spoils Into Good Properties; No Loss Will Be Sustained; Defalcations Total \$75,000.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 22.—Joseph F. Fuhrman, paying teller of the National Bank of Commerce of Tacoma, was arrested today by United States Deputy Marshal Davison. The warrant charged him with defalcation of \$75,000 of the bank's funds.

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Reading from left to right—President E. T. Moore, Secretary L. A. Wiley, Treasurer E. F. Carleton.

SPOKANE MAN THINKS HE HAS NEW EVIDENCE TO SAVE MRS. KERSH; ANOTHER TRIAL SOUGHT

A telegram was received this morning by Attorneys Seneca Fouts and John McCue from A. W. Patton of Spokane, in which he offers what he says is very material evidence in favor of Mrs. Carrie Kersh, who was convicted on a manslaughter charge in the circuit court. She was charged jointly with Jessie F. Webb of killing W. A. Johnson in the New Grand Central hotel last June.