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Oregon Daily Journal

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CONVICTS DIE IN MINE EXPLOSION

TOLL OF DEATH IN ALABAMA DISASTER MAY MOUNT TO 170

Blast, Caused by Ignition of Gas Pocket, Comes Just After Day Crew Goes on Duty.

SHAFT IS ISOLATED; DETAILS ARE MEAGRE

Crew of Government Mine Rescue Station Rushed to Scene.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Birmingham, Ala., April 8.—A telephone message this afternoon from Littleton says that 135 negro convicts were working in the Banner mines at that place this morning at the time of a heavy explosion. Seventy-five are believed to be dead. About 40 men escaped.

Practically all the men working in the mine were negro convicts except for the bosses of the various working crews. The Pratt consolidated Coal company of Birmingham, owns the mine.

It has been learned here that the disaster resulted from the ignition of a gas pocket. The explosion came at 5 o'clock this morning, just after the first shift went on for the day.

State Mine Inspector Hillhouse and the crew of the United States mine rescue station from here are enroute to the scene of the disaster.

Ten bodies have been recovered.

No Rescue Car.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, April 8.—Reports from Littleton, Ala., are that 200 convicts had been killed there by an explosion. A. R. Bowen, in charge of the United States prison at Birmingham, was ordered to rush to Littleton at once and take charge of the situation. There is no mine rescue car at Littleton.

ARIZONA ISSUE IS EVADED BY TAFT

Tells Delegation He Will Await Decision Until Congress Takes Action.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, April 8.—President Taft today told an Arizona delegation that he would neither approve or disapprove the Arizona constitution until congress acted upon it. He wants to hear the arguments of congress before deciding whether the recall of judges provision is compatible with the United States constitution.

"DIRTY" PASTORS ARE GIVEN SHARP REBUKE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Kokomo, Ind., April 8.—Indiana ministers today are "sprucing up" as a result of Bishop Hughes' rebuke yesterday to dirty pastors.

ORPHAN RAT, ADOPTED BY CAT, RUNS AWAY; MOTHER MURDERS IT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, April 8.—Two orphan rats, adopted several days ago by a cat belonging to C. F. Melkethorn, owned their eyes today, recognized their natural enemy in their foster mother—and now there is only one. One was killed when they attempted to escape, the other was captured. Apparently there was no chance for it to make a run away. Several days ago, when three of her kittens died the mother cat killed a monster rat and then adopted its two orphan offspring. With a surviving kitten she nourished the rodents, and apparently exhibited no partiality to any member of the family.

To Succeed Gould



B. F. Bush, who is reported to have been selected successor of George J. Gould as president of the Missouri Pacific railroad. Mr. Bush has long been identified with the Gould interests. He succeeded Winslow Pierce as chief executive of the Western Maryland railroad in 1907 and later was made president of the Pittsburg Terminal Railroad & Coal company.

AT LEAST 76 LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE THROOP DISASTER

At Noon 70 Bodies Had Been Taken From the Pit and Six More Had Been Located by Rescuers.

Scranton, Pa., April 8.—At least 76 persons are known to have lost their lives in the disaster yesterday at Throop, Pa. At noon today 70 corpses had been brought to the surface, and six others had been located.

Of the large force of men working in the China vein at the time of the explosion, only five Boss Vickers escaped. The men were all suffocated.

Rescuers said today that the bodies had been found in groups of from three to 7, with arms and hands interlocked. Mine Inspector Williams is here today investigating the cause of the fire. Forty-five dead have been identified. This number includes Joseph Evans, foreman of a rescue car.

As the corpses are brought to the surface the authorities have great difficulty in restraining the grief stricken relatives. All night long women and children crowded about the main entrance in the hope that by some chance the life of a loved one had been spared.

TWO LITTLE BOYS BURNED IN SHACK

(United Press Leased Wire.) Fort William, Ont., April 8.—Two little boys named Frost, John, 2 years old, and Joseph Francis, 14 months, were burned to death last evening in a one-story shack in the foreign quarter. Mrs. Joseph Frost left her four children at home while she went to a store. While she was gone the eldest girl, aged 8, went outside and the three small boys were left in the frame shack alone. The eldest, 4 years old, says John, aged 2, climbed up on a table to get matches. He lit one and in a moment the place was in flames. The oldest child ran outside, thereby saving his life. The others perished.

NEW REVELATION IN BRIBERY CASE IS MADE BY ELLIS

Councilman Declares Employee of Firm of One of His Colleagues Bought Up Petitions to Defeat Measure.

OFFICIAL IS LOMBARD'S "UNDESIRABLE" HE SAYS

Reiterates Details in Plot; Was Offered \$3500 by "Interests," He Charges.

One of his colleagues in the council—one of the men classed by Gay Lombard as an "undesirable," has been indirectly brought into the bribery charges made by Councilman Ellis, who told yesterday of offers made by the paving interests to buy him off from filing his competitive paving petition.

"I am informed," said Ellis today, "that the man who bought up my blank petitions for the amended paving amendment to the charter is an employee of a firm in which one of the councilmen is principal owner. This councilman is one of the men who favors the interests, and one of the men Mr. Lombard has put on his undesirable list. I am going to investigate this matter to the fullest extent and try to find out who is behind it."

It is surmised that the men who were active in trying to buy up the blank petitions and thereby prevent their circulation are closely connected with those who later came to the city with money if he would file a defective petition. If this be true, the bribery trail leads to one of the councilmen, as well as to the paving companies.

Tells of Bribe Plot.

Devious ways were resorted to by the would-be bribers, according to further statements by Ellis today. On each of the three occasions when he was approached, he says, he was intercepted on the street. At no time did anyone overhear what was said, and the men selected for the work were not directly connected with the paving interests.

"The first offer came from a prominent member of the council."

CONTRACT SIGNED FOR BOULEVARD

Mayor Simon Starts Action on \$30,000 Work on Terwilliger System.

By signing at noon today a contract for the grading of Terwilliger boulevard, involving an expenditure of \$30,000, Mayor Simon acted in a measure for the long delay of his administration in starting the great boulevard system planned by the Olmsteads several years ago.

Paquet, Glebisch & Joplin, to whom the contract was awarded, announced that they will begin construction work Monday morning and will hurry to completion the first link of the great scenic driveway that will eventually encircle the city.

The strip of land for this part of the boulevard was given to the city by the Terwilliger heirs. It is about one mile and a half long by 200 feet wide, and extends from Hamilton street on the north to the Slavin road on the south.

ANOTHER REVOLT IN PORTUGAL FEARED

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lisbon, April 8.—The Portuguese cruiser Adamastor today is scouring the coast in search of the mutineers who seized a steamer and started seaward after being repulsed in an attack on a government arsenal. A new revolt with the object of restoring King Manuel is feared.

"FAREWELL" WHISPERS JOHNSON, NEAR DEATH

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cleveland, April 8.—Tom L. Johnson is today almost at his last gasp and his death is a matter of not more than a few hours. Johnson sank rapidly last night and is not expected to last out the day. "I am through talking" were his last words before sinking into a state of coma. "Farewell"

House Triumvirate



The real successors of "Uncle Joe"—Democratic chairmen of the three most important house committees, who have just taken up their new duties. From top to bottom: John J. Fitzgerald of Brooklyn, N. Y., head of the appropriations committee; Oscar W. Underwood of Birmingham, Ala., chairman of the ways and means committee and real "czar" of the house; William Sulzer of New York, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs.

PLANS TO ABOLISH ALL FEE OFFICES

Mayor-elect Carter Harrison Will Establish Flat Salary Rule.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, April 8.—Mayor elect Carter Harrison announced today that he will abolish every fee office in the city government, putting all municipal officials on a flat salary basis.

DESPITE THEIR DEFEAT PROGRESSIVES HOPEFUL

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, April 8.—Despite the election of Thomas Staples Martin of Virginia as minority leader in the senate, progressive Democrats here today declared that the majority of the Democrats are of their stripe.

PORTLAND FINDING FAVOR WITH BOND BUYERS OF EAST

City Auditor Barbur in Receipt of Many Telegrams of Inquiry About Future Sales of Local Paper.

CITY IS CONSIDERED TO BE MOST CONSERVATIVE

Increase in Tax Levy to Meet Payments Urged by Official.

Great bond buying firms of the east are turning their attention to Portland securities. Every day City Auditor A. L. Barbur receives a telegram or two from various parts of the country, inquiring for information as to future sales of local paper and expressing eagerness to submit bids. Two telegrams that arrived today are of peculiar significance in view of news dispatches to the effect that traders in municipal bonds have refused to bid for the latest paper issues of the city of Seattle, owing to the fact that the bonded indebtedness of the Washington metropolis has overreached 7 per cent of the total valuation of its taxable property.

That Portland, long recognized as the most conservative city on the western slope, is coming at last into its own and that the big bond merchants realize this is only too apparent, declare experts.

Under the gratifying features of the telegraphic queries received by the city auditor is that capitalists are asking about the Broadway bridge bonds. A night lettergram delivered at the city hall today states that Spitzer Rorick & Co. of Toledo, Ohio, are in the market for \$500,000 of these securities to be sold April 2. The message further stated that the company's legal department will doubtless approve the bonds unless they are found unconstitutional.

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MYSTERY CLOAKS ESTATE CLAIMANT

Girl Who Says She Is Daughter of "Lucky" Subject of Strange Reports.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Boston, April 8.—Mystery surrounds Beatrice Anita Turnbull Baldwin, claimant as daughter to the millions left by "Lucky" Baldwin, the deceased turf magnate of California. It is as yet unknown whether she has disappeared or is safe at home at the residence of her foster father here.

Late last night the police were asked to hunt for the girl, who was said to have vanished. Only a few hours afterward her family communicated with the police and said she was safe at home and the report that she was missing was a mistake.

Today neither the girl's mother nor her foster-father, Dr. Turnbull, would discuss the episode in any way, and the police are at sea.

It was declared late this afternoon by her family that Beatrice Turnbull had been found. She had been at the home of a music teacher, they said, for 24 hours.

HUSBAND MISSING, DENVER WOMAN, 92, ENDS HER LONG LIFE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Denver, Colo., April 8.—Because her husband, 90, had been missing for two weeks, Mrs. Richard Carty, 92, committed suicide last Sunday. Today local authorities received word from Los Angeles that Carty had been injured in a runaway March 27, and was confined in the county hospital there. The injured man does not know that his wife is dead. Carty went to Los Angeles to get work, and found a job in a barber shop.

Black Hand Informer



Abbatemaggio, the Camorrist, who is appearing as a witness against his former associates at Viterbo, Italy, in their trial for the murder of Greennaro Cuocolo and his wife.

"BOSS" LORIMER'S COUNSEL DERIDES FUNK'S CHARGES

"Amount to Nothing," He Declares—"Whole Affair Part of General Scheme to 'Get' Senator."

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, April 8.—The charge made by Clarence S. Funk to the Illinois legislature that a \$100,000 slush fund had been used to elect William Lorimer to the United States senate was derided here today by Judge Haney, Lorimer's counsel. Denying that Edward Hines, the lumber magnate, had ever raised the \$100,000, as Funk charged, Haney made the following statement to the United Press:

"The charges amount to nothing. They are all innuendo, based on hearsay. Who is Funk? He has nothing. People are not going to somebody's hip-pocket to ask for \$10,000 to elect a United States senator. The whole affair is simply part of a general scheme to 'get' Lorimer. They want to get him because they can't use him. By 'they' I mean the newspapers who have been fighting him. When they failed in attempts to use him, they immediately opened the attack.

"Funk told nothing of evidential value. Nothing from nothing leaves nothing." Efforts are being made today to serve (Continued on Page Three.)

DR. LANE WILL BE CANDIDATE, IF HE GETS NOMINATION

Selection as Head of Democratic Ticket Must Come Without Effort by Him, He Tells Friends.

HIS PLATFORM WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER

Entrance of Former Mayor Into Campaign Insures a Lively Fight.

Dr. Harry Lane will become a candidate for mayor, if the nomination comes to him without effort or solicitation on his part. Friends of the ex-mayor today authorized this announcement, with the statement that they have received assurances he will accept the nomination if it comes to him without making a scramble for it.

Dr. Lane himself has authorized no direct announcement, and today referred inquiries to his friends. But after the great pressure that has been brought to bear upon him by men of both parties, who have appealed to him day after day, he has yielded against his own inclinations to the extent stated.

This removes the great standing enigma of the campaign, and his friends predict that he will capture the nomination of the Democrats, who are expected to write in his name on the ballot in sufficient number to make him the candidate of that party. Whoever receives the Republican nomination, therefore, will be assured of a real contest at the June election.

Dr. Lane's attitude has been that he did not wish to become a candidate. After his experience of two former terms he has told his friends, he did not wish to take up the burden of administration again. He has emphasized the need of securing a clean council that will work for the interests of the city, and the possibility of securing a good council has been one of his chief concerns.

Later on Dr. Lane is expected to give his opinions on the issues of the city campaign, but his record as mayor gives ample information as to the attitude he will take in opposition to special interests and the making of a greater Portland. It is because of this record and his stand for the "square deal" that he has been so persistently urged to become a candidate by men of all parties, who want to see a change in methods at the city hall.

ABE RUEF RECRUITS BIG BIBLE CLASS IN CALIFORNIA PRISON

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Quentin, Cal., April 8.—Every evening after dinner finds Abe Ruef, former political dictator of San Francisco, conducting a Bible class in San Quentin prison, which continues until "lights out" time. The class has grown from his two cell mates until it now number about 80.

Ruef's ability as a teacher of the Bible has been heralded around the prison with such rapidity that he has accepted an invitation to deliver a series of sermons from the prison chapel. Ruef will preach his first sermon tomorrow morning.

TRAGIC DEATH CLAIMS POPULAR CLUB MEMBER AND BUSINESS MAN

George McMillan, one of Portland's best known and best loved business men and formerly president of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club, was caught between the cars of a freight train at Thirteenth and Johnson streets at 8:10 p. m. yesterday and killed.



George McMillan.