

MONSTER TUNNEL UNDER GIBRALTAR ATTRACTS FRANCE

(By United News)

Paris, Sept. 1.—In spite of the tremendous problems faced by French financiers in their task of rebuilding the entire economic system of France as a result of the war, and the great work of factory and agricultural reconstruction now started, all of which entails the investment of millions, Paris capitalists have once more revived a pre-war project almost as important in its scope as the building of the Panama canal.

It is to construct a tunnel beneath the straits of Gibraltar, connecting Europe to Africa and shortening by several days the passage of exports and imports between South America and Northern Europe.

With the tunnel completed, goods could be shipped on trains from any point in Europe, under the straits, to Dakar, where a four day ocean voyage would bring them to Rio de Janeiro. The trip from Paris to Dakar would consume only three days.

The project is the scheme of the noted French engineer, Bertier, and has the backing of some of the largest of French bankers.

The Bertier tunnel will be 25 kilometers in length, dug at the shortest crossing between Gibraltar and the east tip of Africa. It was originally estimated that the building would cost 250,000,000 francs, but this sum, it is admitted, would be entirely inadequate today.

Reappointment Not Sought by Colver

Washington, Sept. 1.—(U. P.)—Federal Trade Commissioner Colver today said he had asked President Wilson not to consider him for a reappointment after the expiration of his present term on September 25. Earlier he was announced at the White House that Colver had resigned. Colver said he intended to serve out every minute of his present term.

Mangled Body Found On Roof of Skyscraper

Chicago, Sept. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Isaac B. Thomas, chief purchasing agent for the Pennsylvania railroad system, was found dead on the roof of a building next to the 16-story Insurance Exchange building here today. The mangled and crushed body led to the belief that he either leaped or fell from the exchange building. Thomas lived at Highland Park, near Chicago. He was the son of George B. Thomas, West Chester, Pa., and had been connected with the Pennsylvania lines for 23 years.

Legion Plans Dances
Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 1.—A series of dances to be given throughout the

winter is being arranged by the Smith Reynolds post, American Legion. The first will occur Friday evening, September 10, at Butterfield's hall. Harry Williams is in charge of the general arrangements and the following committees have been appointed: Invitations, Herbert Shesley; program, Alfred Davis; refreshments, John P. Higgins Jr.; patron, Ivan Bishop; floor committees, Cedric Miller; decorations, Arthur Cain; special features, William O'Neal.

Mazamas Are to Make Annual Journey to the Neah-Kah-Nie Region

The annual trip of the Mazamas to Neah-Kah-Nie mountain, just north of the Tillamook beach, will be made over the week end, including the Labor day holiday. Permanent camp will be made at the base of the great rock mass overlooking the Nehalem river at its mouth, but the activities of the party will not be limited to camp life.

A few of the Mazamas will leave Friday night for Seaside from where they will hike over Tillamook head and along Cannon beach to Neah-Kah-Nie. Others who can get away will leave the Union station at 8:15 Saturday morning.

The major party, however, will leave in a special car from the Union station at 1:05 Saturday afternoon. The Mazamas will return to Portland by the train arriving at 10:50 Monday night.

The trip to the beach is not limited to members of the Mazamas, but is open to anyone interested in out of doors activities. Eugene H. Dowling, chairman of the local walks committee, desires, however, that all persons going should register at the club rooms, 332 Chamber of Commerce building, not later than Friday evening.

L. K. Moore Dies Of Heart Attack at His Home Tuesday

L. K. Moore, aged 52, a well-known real estate operator with offices in the Board of Trade building, died suddenly of heart disease at his home, East Fifteenth and Wasco streets, at 2 p. m. Tuesday. Moore complained of not feeling well shortly after returning from lunch. He drove home in his car and expired about an hour after reaching his residence.

Moore leaves a wife, Mrs. Beattie Elrod Moore, one daughter, Mrs. A. J. Thompson, Oak, B. C., and two brothers, Henry and Charles Moore, both of Portland. The remains were taken to the funeral home of J. W. Smith, 1000 Commercial, where a funeral will be held later. Moore had been a resident of Portland about 15 years, coming here from Prosser, Wash.

George J. West died at the Good Samaritan hospital Sunday morning following an operation. West came to Portland in 1894 and settled on the east side, where he made many property investments. He served four years in the Forty-sixth Illinois infantry during the Civil war. He is survived by his widow, Ella West; a son, Thomas H. West; a daughter, who is a banker in The Dalles, and three daughters, Mrs. Clara K. Eastern and Mrs. Florence M. Kerron of Portland and Mrs. Mayme Dryer of Spokane. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the Portland Crematorium.

REJUVENATION IS CAUSE OF TROUBLE AMONG EUROPEANS

By Robert J. Frew

London, Sept. 1.—(U. S.)—Not "Can the old be made young?" but "Is it right to try to make the old young?" is a question that is now beginning to receive earnest consideration from the religious leaders of Europe.

Whether the churches will fight the scientists on their rejuvenation experiments just as they fought them when the Darwinian theory was first communicated to the world is not definitely decided one way or the other, but in England, at least, the clergy are talking openly of pulpits attacks on what they regard as crazy attempts to thwart the will of God and prevent the true course of nature.

Not much attention is paid to these threats by the scientists. In practically every European country the search for the elixir of youth remains the all absorbing problem. In England Professor Leonard Huxley relies on injections of thyroid gland to revive man's falling vitality; in France Professor Voronoff is trying to put "pep" into the aged by grafting on man interstitial glands taken from monkeys; in Austria Dr. Eugen Steinbach is trying to make old people young again by the revival of the germ gland and the use of X-rays, and in Germany Professor William Roux, director of the Anatomical Institute of Halle university, is experimenting along the same lines as the Austrian scientist.

CAN BE YOUNG AT 70

Details of the Austro-German experiments that have just come to light show that the claim is definitely made that people can be young at 70. Dr. Steinbach, a typical scientist with long, gray beard, sharp features and energetic eyes, states that he began experimenting on a rat 10 years ago. After two years he discovered that senile rats showed renewed youth within four weeks of an operation on the germ gland or treatment with X-rays. They carried their heads high, their eyes were bright again and their fur came thick and woolly. Descendants of the rejuvenated animals developed splendidly.

To the objection that the world was getting a little tired of wonderful stories of rejuvenated animals, Dr. Steinbach replied that he had also revitalized human beings. He performed operations on three men on occasions when they were receiving surgical treatments for some other reason. He kept the fact of his having performed this special operation a secret, and the patients are still unaware of what happened to them. The three experiments were successful, and after two months the patients regained their vital energy.

PATIENTS TELL STORY

Dr. Steinbach displays a letter from a 71-year-old man, who states: "I am feeling rejuvenated in every way; my hair and nails are growing more quickly than before, my appetite is similar to the 30-year-old men, and my general appearance is like that of a man in the fifties. The trembling of my hands has disappeared entirely."

Gold Confiscated in Assay Office Raids; Two Held for Theft

Cripple Creek, Colo., Sept. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Two local assay offices were raided heretoday and \$3000 worth of pulverized gold confiscated by authorities. The gold is believed to be a part of a large quantity recently stolen from the Portland Mining company here.

Daniel McLeod and Charles Daniels were arrested charged with complicity in the theft.

McLeod and Daniels were recently released from the federal penitentiary, where they served a sentence following conviction with several other members of the famous "Cuas" gang of "high-graders" who were involved in the theft of several million dollars in gold ore.

Wage Demand Based On Increased Costs

Chicago, Sept. 1.—(I. N. S.)—A 15 per cent increase in the cost of living since August 1, 1919, is largely responsible for the demand of stockyard employees throughout the country for increased wages. Federal Judge Samuel Alschuler was told today when he resumed hearing the stockyard workers' proposed increase.

Business Man Ends Own Life With Gun

Denver, Sept. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Joseph Latham, treasurer of the Vulcan Iron Works and widely known Denver business man, was found dead in his office shortly before noon today, shot through the head. Police believe Latham committed suicide because of ill-health.

Marriage Licenses

Oregon City, Sept. 1.—Mahala H. Wallace and Joshua J. Mallett, Mullin, and Vivian M. Bartholomew and Edward N. Buckles, Willamette, were issued licenses to wed Tuesday.

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Shortage of Bond Salesman Bared to Extent of \$70,000

Chicago, Sept. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Auditors today are still checking the accounts of Basil P. Edwards, a bond salesman formerly employed by the Chicago Trust company, and a shortage of \$70,000 has been uncovered. The shortage, accountants say, may reach \$100,000.

Edwards has disappeared and, according to Miss Lucile Morley, his fiancée, has gone to South America.

Edwards had been employed by the Chicago Trust company for 10 years, save for a period of two years when he served in the navy during the war, and had earned the sobriquet of the "world's greatest bond salesman." He was discharged in May after the firm had had occasion to question some of his transactions.

PROCLAMATION ON SUFFRAGE STANDS

Washington, Sept. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Proclamation of the suffrage amendment by the state department is not affected by the action of the Tennessee house in reconsidering its vote for ratification, it was officially stated at the state department today.

SUFFRAGE LEADERS TO MAKE FIGHT FOR CONNECTICUT

Washington, Sept. 1.—(U. P.)—Suffrage leaders announced they will start immediately a vigorous campaign to get Connecticut to ratify the nineteenth amendment, granting national enfranchisement to women.

While officials of the National Woman's party said they had no doubt yesterday's action of the Tennessee house in rescinding its previous approval of suffrage was illegal, they declared the effort to get another ratification will be redoubled to remove the question of the validity of the amendment.

Storm Damage to Oil Fields Is \$250,000

Wichita, Kas., Sept. 1.—(I. N. S.)—Damage amounting to more than \$250,000 in the oil fields was reported today as a result of a violent wind and thunderstorm during the night. Lightning struck a tank of the Gypsy Oil company near here, destroying it at a loss of \$200,000. The plants of two other oil companies at Eldorado were also struck by lightning, the damage in each case exceeding \$25,000.

Many homes were flooded at Eldorado.

Dog Leads to Arrest

Oregon City, Sept. 1.—Emil Wiese, who lives near Damascus, was arrested Tuesday on charges of disturbing the peace, and will appear in Justice Stipp's court Wednesday for a hearing. It is charged that Wiese got into an argument with the owner of a dog, that is said to have bitten Wiese.

HOLDERS OF SCRIP BOOKS ARE BEING DOUBLY ASSESSED

Salem, Sept. 1.—Holders of railroad scrip books, purchased subsequent to August 26, the effective date of the horizontal increase in railroad fares, are being subjected to a double assessment so far as the increase is concerned, according to information received by the public service commission here.

In a letter to John M. Scott, general agent for the Southern Pacific company, Portland, Fred G. Buchtel, chairman of the state commission, calls attention to this alleged overcharge and requests that steps be taken to remedy the practice immediately.

In his letter Buchtel points out that agents of the railroad are selling scrip books at the increased price. "Thereafter when the purchaser has occasion to ride and the conductor pulls (collects) the increased tariff your patron has been required to pay a double assessment, or in other words the increased charge amounts to 40 per cent," Buchtel's letter points out.

"It is rather needless to comment at length upon such unfair and unbusinesslike methods or upon the failure of a carrier to safeguard the interests of its patrons by placing in effect a plan of collection which permits, even through error, of the results noted."

Buchtel suggests that the overcharge might be remedied by refunding to holders of scrip books purchased subsequent to August 26 the amount of increased price, permitting the conductors to continue the practice of pulling the amount of the increase in fares from the book.

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