

STRIKE DEATH TOLL MAY BE FORTY-FOUR

Twenty-Seven Known to Be Dead While 15 Bodies Said to Be in Pond Under Rocks.

NO FURTHER DISORDERS LIKELY MINERS CLAIM

Williamson County Outwardly Calm—People Under Strain After Rioting

HERRIN, Ill., June 22.—(By A. P.)—The death toll in the disaster last night and today, when five thousand striking union miners attacked the Lester strip mine being operated under guard of imported workers, may run up past the forty mark, it was said tonight by those in touch with the situation, although thus far only 27 positively are known to be dead.

In the Herrin hospital are eight wounded men, only one a miner and six of them reported to be fatally injured. There were nine, but one died.

A miner told the Associated Press correspondent that he had seen 15 bodies thrown into a pond with rocks around their necks today. About twenty imported workers are missing.

Bodies Hanged, Burned

Checking the death list has proved almost impossible. The victims, all but three of them imported workers, so far as it is known, were found scattered over an area within several miles of the mine. Some were hanged; some were burned when the mine was fired, others beaten to death and the majority fell before the scores of bullets poured into them.

"Bloody Williamson" county, so-called because of several riots, tonight was outwardly calm but there was a noticeable undercurrent which kept everybody on edge and wondering if further trouble might be expected.

Situation Reported Quiet

The correspondent talked with scores of miners today and about half of them were certain there would be no further disorder if there was no attempt to re-open mines while the other half said they were afraid some of them might not be held back. Officially, the situation was reported by county officials to be quiet.

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PARKPLACE BRIDGE IN CLACKAMAS TO BE CLOSED TODAY

Salem and nearby autoists who are planning to go to Portland today had better get away as early as possible, and prepare for a hard trip home.

The Clackamas county court has decided to close the Parkplace bridge on the east side, paved river road at noon today and to keep it closed all night, while pavement is being laid, according to a report received from that county last night.

This bridge is on the only paved road from Salem to Portland, and as the old suspension bridge at Oregon City is now out of commission while a new span is being built, closing of the bridge will embarrass thousands of travelers.

SENSATIONAL CHARGES FACED BY CUSTODIAN

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Demand for a congressional investigation of the office of the alien property custodian was made in the house tonight by Representative Woodruff, Republican of Michigan, who charged that the aggregate value of the properties held by the custodian as shown by his latest report was "nearly a quarter of a billion dollars less than we might reasonably expect to find there."

Only an impartial investigation, the Michigan representative declared, would disclose how much "of this shrinkage is due to depreciation through maladministration, how much to sale of properties below their reasonable value, how much to practical gifts to officials, friends and favorites of the custodian's office.

Mr. Woodruff introduced a resolution for an investigation declaring that charges of maladministration, discrimination between alien enemies and American citizens whose property was seized any payment of excessive fees to attorneys "have been so frequent as to create a condition which cannot be ignored without grave injury to the good name of our country."

Prompt denial was made tonight by Thomas W. Miller, the alien property custodian, of Mr. Woodruff's charges that disproportionate fees had been paid to counsel, that trusts had been disposed of at unreasonably low prices and that enemy property had been released when property to which American citizens hold title remains sequestered.

COUNTY AUDITORS IN SESSION PORTLAND ANGELES, Wash., June 22.—Every county in the state is represented at the convention of the Association of County Auditors and Treasurers of Washington, which held its opening sessions today.

NEW PLAN TO OPEN CAPITOL STREET IS PRESENTED MEETING

A brand new scheme to get the "jog" out of Capitol street and make it a straight paved thoroughfare are free from traffic dangers, and a decision to meet every Wednesday night at the Commercial club until the scheme is put through.

This is what developed last night at a meeting of Capitol street property owners and other interested persons, called by F. A. Erickson, chairman of a committee that has been working on the problem of opening up Capitol street for the last two years. The plan has the appearance of being a practicable one and on doubt it will be accomplished.

The main difficulty that has stood in the way has been the absence of E. C. Roberts, owner of the property between the "jog" in North Salem and the Fair.

Agent is Named. Mr. Roberts lives at Round-up, Mont., and communication with him by mail has been unsatisfactory. Now, however, D. D. Socolofsky has been named as his Salem agent and the dealings will be through Mr. Socolofsky. The plan as devised by Mr. Erickson and presented by him at the meeting last night, is to get an option on the Roberts property for a certain length of time, lay it out as an addition to Salem and sell the lots for cash, the buyer agreeing to sign a petition for pavement of the street, to be presented to the city council.

Not Money-Making Scheme. It is not a money making scheme and no one working on the plan would make a cent out of it. Mr. Roberts would be the only recipient of any money.

A committee composed of Ed. Schunk, J. R. Payne and D. D. Socolofsky was appointed to interview business men relative to the number of lots the property should be divided into, a reasonable figure that should be paid for them and other details.

Klein Advise Action. The length of new street that blocks R. A. Klein, secretary of the state highway commission, attended the meeting and advised early action for the reason that the Pacific highway is laid out on Capitol street.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE SPENT IMMENSE SUM

Tinkham Accuses Counsel of Expending Hundred Million to Combat Liquor Interests.

CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT VIOLATED, SAID

Department of Justice Attacked for Failure to Act Against League Leaders

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Declaring that Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon League and the "interests he controls" had expended from \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000 to secure adoption of the prohibition amendment, Representative Tinkham, Republican, Massachusetts, attacked the department of justice today in the house for failing to act against the league under the corrupt practices act.

Mr. Tinkham's attack brought Representative Gallivan, Democrat, Massachusetts, critic of prohibition Commissioner Haines for the latter's stand regarding sale of liquor on American ships at sea. In refusing to act against such ships, Mr. Gallivan declared, Commissioner Haines made himself "particeps criminalis."

Bitter Attack Made

The two Massachusetts members were classed among "friends of wine and beer in direct violation of the constitution of the United States" by Representative Tinkham, Republican, Michigan, who gained the floor after the attack on the anti-saloon league. The league will be judged in the future, he said "as was the saloon—by its friends."

Mr. Cramton said that one of the organizations conspicuous in the fight against prohibition was the National Association Against Prohibition, which he declared, engaged in an effort to defeat Representative Volstead and other congressmen, friends of prohibition. The association, he said, had a branch in Michigan which is now raising a campaign fund to be expended for propaganda which involved the submission of the voters of the attitude of various candidates on the question of beer and wine.

House in Uproar

There was an uproar in the House when Representative Connolly, Democrat, Texas, demanded that the statement by Mr. Tinkham as to what should be said of a "member of the House whose political bills are paid not by himself but by those seeking legislation through him" be stricken from the record. A point of order against that part of the speech was over-ruled, however.

Referring to published reports that representatives from eleven states attending an Anti-Saloon league meeting at Milwaukee had promised their aid to Representative Volstead of the seventh Minnesota district and characterizing it as "legislative bribery," Mr. Tinkham said:

"Here again we have the outrageous situation about which I have protested. Here we have the anti-saloon league, dependent upon the representative of the seventh Minnesota district for its intended further restrictions of the personal liberties of our people, proposing to purchase that preferential treatment it has received heretofore by supporting with money a campaign for reelection of Mr. Volstead."

Mr. Tinkham declared that before congress adjourned it should enact a law making it a crime "for any person, corporation, association or organization interested in the passage or repeal of legislation, to purchase it by spending money for the election of men who will favor their selfish interests."

U. S. Biggest Bootlegger

Describing "Uncle Sam as the biggest bootlegger of them all," Representative Gallivan asserted that under the Volstead act prohibition officers were requested to seize all ships on which liquor is transported or sold and arrest those in charge.

Mr. Volstead, who had the opportunity because of the allotment or speaking time to reply to what he described as "an attack on him by Mr. Tinkham," obtained permission from the house tonight to answer in the Congressional Record.

SLOAT TAKEN TO PENITENTIARY IMMEDIATELY AFTER TWO LIFE SENTENCES ARE GIVEN BY JUDGE

NEW STOVES ARRIVE FOR AUTO CAMP

Fourteen Sheet-Iron Heaters With Galvanized Pipes Received by Albert

Guests of the Salem camp grounds in the future will be privileged to use sheet iron stoves with galvanized iron pipes. Fourteen of the stoves were received yesterday, according to Superintendent T. G. Albert, who claims the distinction of having originated the idea.

Twenty-six old camps were numbered among the new ones last night at the camp. Not as many new camps were made as has been the rule during the last week, according to the records. Those registering last night were:

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Tebo, San Diego; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Merritt, Blackfoot; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blaine, Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. G. Morgan, Bellingham, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Fowler, Condon; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mitchell, Fresno; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wood, Sonoma; Mr. and Mrs. Burrroughs, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. H. Cool, San Mateo, Cal.; S. P. Callan, Long Beach, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. G. Hoop, Bend; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wigmore, Bend; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lapham, San Francisco.

AVON'S BARD IS IN COURT

Respondent in Bonus Suit Against Commission Becomes Belligerent

In one of the "friendly" suits brought against the state bonus commission to test the state bonus law, one of the plaintiffs, Edwin Stevens Woodford, gives evidence of becoming somewhat belligerent.

Implying that the commission has fought legally in a manner of which he does not approve, Woodford, who won his case in the Marion county circuit court and who has since sought to prevent the appellants from filing a reply brief during their activities in the supreme court, concludes his objection with "Lay on Macduff, and damn'd be him that first cries, 'Hold, enough!'"

Permission Granted

The supreme court, however, it was announced yesterday, has granted to the commission permission to file the reply brief and A. C. Spencer, attorney for the commission, is given until June 30 to do so. In the case the plaintiff has contended that an ex-employee man, properly qualified, may claim the right to demand and obtain a loan for any amount up to \$3000 a long as the demand does not exceed 75 per cent of the value returned by the commission's appraisers, and that he may collect the entire 75 per cent of the appraised value of improvements, which is mentioned as a maximum advance in the statute.

Right to Limit Claimed

The commission insists that while it must recognize the right of the applicant to a loan, it is clothed with responsibility and discretion to see that a loan in excess of the ability of the applicant to pay, shall not be made, and that the phrase, "not in excess of 75 per cent of the appraised value" places upon the commission the decision of fixing the percentage of the maximum.

Cherrians Leave Today for Portland Rose Show

Salem Cherrians will leave this morning at 7 o'clock for Portland where they will occupy a section in the floral parade this afternoon. Thirty automobile loads will carry the Salem boosters and they will be met at Milwaukee by motorcycle policemen from Portland who will escort them into town. The Rosarians will meet them at tenth and Hawthorne, from which point they will be taken over the city. Lee L. Gilbert is in charge of the delegation which is going over.

His former attitude of cool indifference crushed beneath the weight of two life sentences in the penitentiary, Cloy A. Sloat, former school master and confessed perpetrator of heinous crimes upon two little Salem girls, faced Judge Percy R. Kelly in circuit court yesterday afternoon at 2:20 and was "dressed in" at the penal institution exactly one hour later.

Nervously biting his fingernails as he sat in the prisoner's dock awaiting the opening of court, Sloat was seen occasionally to dart his aged mother a glance of inquiry as she was seated some distance away from him.

Mother Keeps Back Tears

Blinking back the tears from her pale blue eyes, the prisoner's mother made a brave attempt to keep down the lump which welled in her throat. Careworn and haggard from weeks of worry over the son who had committed such unspeakable crimes, the little woman gave way to her emotions as sentence was pronounced on each of two indictments in which the man was accused of attempting rape upon the two children. As Judge Kelly pronounced the first sentence of life in the penitentiary the broken and trembling mother uttered a great sob and covered her eyes.

Prisoner's Voice Breaks

As Sloat stood up to hear the indictments read against him, his eyes were continually shifting from one face to another in the audience as though he felt some violent influence threatening him. As he answered the questions propounded by the court the ex-school teacher's voice was at first firm and steady, then as if suddenly realizing the fate which was in store for him, he turned his eyes for a moment upon his mother, then to the fact of P. J. Kuntz, his attorney, and as he pleaded guilty his voice betrayed the first signs of emotion he has displayed since being imprisoned in the county jail.

Only once did he take exception to the charges against him, that being when the indictment, charging him with committing rape was read. To this charge he declared the accusations were overdrawn, in that he had never carried out the crime.

Intent is Denied

"You mean you never completed your felonious intention?" asked the court.

Farewell is Said

Before being taken to the penitentiary by Sheriff Oscar Bower and Deputy Burkhardt, Sloat was permitted to converse with his mother for some time, and his attitude toward her was far from being emotional.

"You can see me any time you want to," he told her, when she inquired the way to reach the penitentiary.

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SALEM GIRLS INITIATED AT CAMP LEWIS

Louis Wheeler and Mamie Flynn Awarded Degrees in Military Orders

CAMP LEWIS, Wash., June 22.—On an historic spot on the shores of Lake Tlilicum, ten miles from Camp Lewis, at a point where a decade ago the red men stalked and slew the mighty elk, a solemn ceremony was performed.

Miss Louis Wheeler and Miss Mamie Flynn, both from the World War veterans state aid commission, Salem, who arrived at Camp Lewis Sunday as the advance guard of a score of expected visitors, were decorated and initiated into the quartermaster corps of the Oregon national guard.

The decorations, which were furnished by Major Joseph V. Schur, and were selected as symbolic of the quartermaster corps, were presented by Captain Tom Rilea, who acted as master of ceremonies. Major Henry O. Miller, who acted as the regiment, was paraded before the decorated ladies.

The Order of Staff Sergeant Quartermaster Corps was conferred upon Miss Wheeler, and Corporal Quartermaster Corps was conferred upon Miss Flynn.

KENDALL SHOT THROUGH BACK

Neither Sheriff or Minister Had Chance for Life With Crazed Moonshiner

ALBANY, Ore., June 22.—C. M. Kendall, sheriff of Linn county and Reverend Roy Healy, pastor of the First Christian church of Albany, who were shot and killed yesterday by Dave F. West, farmer-moonshiner on West's farm one mile south of Plainview, were both killed from behind.

This was developed today at an examination of the bodies by Coroner Fisher here. This examination and the position in which the bodies were found late last night after the slayer had killed himself, showed that the sheriff met death without warning and that the minister fell as he was running for his life.

The suicide of the man who slew the two men rather than submit to arrest for moonshining terminated a man-hunt which was assuming big proportions. Stirred by news of the tragedy scores of men from Albany, Brownsville, Lebanon and other places had gathered in the little town of plainview armed with all kinds of weapons. A party of guards from the state penitentiary reached the scene just after West's body was found.

CORPORAL OF GUARD CRUELLY DISTURBED BY PRIVATE WHEN MAJOR CROW CROSSES LINES

CAMP LEWIS, Wash., June 21.—Company F., 162nd Infantry, of Salem, was on guard last night, with Captain Paul Hendricks as officer of the day, and Lieutenant Burtis as officer of the guard.

It was the company's first night on guard since reaching the encampment, and many weird tales are told of happenings during the night.

Miller Involved

Perhaps the most humorous of all these instances is one that is absolutely vouched for by the members of the guard, and which involves Private Harold Millard, who is with the Valley Motor company in Salem.

It is stated that at 2 a. m., this morning Private Millard, who was on guard for the first time, observed something approaching up the road, and gave the customary command, "Halt." The intruder did not halt but proceeded on in the direction of sentry, and after approaching within discernable distance, Private Millard observed that the enemy appeared in the form of a huge black crow.

His mind being in a whirl of military titles and procedure in cases of this kind, he became confused and cried out, "Corporal of the Guard, Major Crow!"

FIELD MARSHAL ASSASSINATED BEFORE HOME

Two Men Fire Several Shots Into Body as Sir Henry Wilson Steps from Cab—Assailants Captured.

CRIME LINKED WITH OLD ASSASSINATIONS

Two Policemen and Chauffeur Wounded in Running Gun Fight

LONDON, June 22.—(By The Associated Press)—Field Marshal Sir Henry H. Wilson, one of England's most illustrious soldiers who was chief of the imperial staff during the final stages of the world war, was assassinated on the doorstep of his residence in Eaton Place today by two young men who gave the names of James O'Brien and James Connolly.

The assassins had loitered about, waiting an hour for his return from unrolling a memorial to men of the Great Eastern railway who fell in the war. When he alighted from his motor car, Field Marshal Wilson walked up the steps and the men fired several shots at him from close range, three of which took effect. The field marshal died before he could be taken into the house.

Wife Hears Shooting

His horrified wife heard the shooting and rushed out to find her husband's body, dressed in full uniform, lying in a pool of blood with the sword which he had drawn to meet his assailants by his side.

This crime was immediately and inevitably linked in the public mind with the political assassination of Lord Frederick Cavendish, chief secretary for Ireland and Thomas H. Burke, the under secretary in Phoenix Park, Dublin in 1882.

The first impression was in a measure confirmed when Scotland Yard made public the names of the murderers and declared that Connolly had a letter in his possession indicating he was a member of the Irish Republican army.

General Owen Duffy, chief of staff of the Irish Republican army in Dublin tonight immediately denied that that organization had any part in the crime.

Assassins Flee Police

The assassins fled several hundred yards before their capture with police and civilians pursuing afoot and in motors.

During the running fight, two of the policemen and chauffeur were wounded.

From an eye witness the following details were obtained. The assassins lay in wait outside the field marshal's home and loyally their revolvers at him as he alighted from the car. He drew his sword and was about to plunge it into one of the assailants, when a rapid succession of bullets from the second man laid him low.

The gunmen dash off followed by several infuriated citizens who had witnessed the tragedy. Lady Wilson, hearing the shots and cries of alarm, emerged from her sitting room and ran to her wounded husband.

Civilians Join Chase

The crowd quickly gathered and the assassins attempted to board a motor car but were frustrated. They then ran down the street. A dozen policemen joined in the chase, and they were reinforced by not less than 200 civilians.

The police commandeered taxicabs and rounded up the two men half way down Ebury street, and immediately attacked them with their truncheons. One of the murderers, about 6 feet tall, slim, with his revolver in a policeman's hand, struck him in the wrist with his cub, making him drop the weapon; whereupon an infuriated crowd of men, women and children tried to tear him to pieces. He was hit on the head with a shovel and was struck with a bottle and he fell with blood streaming from his forehead. The police had difficulty in preventing him from being kicked and trampled to death.

The other murderer, a slim youth of medium height and apparently lame, was surrounded by the police and surrendered quietly. Both were taken to a police station, where the taller of the two, who was apparently the leader, lay on the floor because of his injuries.

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