

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 29, 1924

PRICE FIVE CENTS

EASTERN MINE FLAMING TOMB OVER 114 MEN

Rescue Crews Work All Day and Through Night in Effort to Reach Miners Who Might Be Alive

FOURTEEN BODIES ARE FOUND IN AIR SHAFT

One Body Identified as That of Superintendent's Son; Abandon Hope

WHEELING, W. Va., April 28.—Fourteen bodies had been recovered tonight from the Benwood mine of the Wheeling Steel corporation where 114 miners were entombed today by an explosion. Eleven of the bodies were found by rescue workers in the Brown's Run air shaft, while the other three were located in the main passageway.

One of the dead miners was identified as George Holliday, Jr., son of the superintendent of the mine. Superintendent Holliday declared that a check disclosed 114 miners were in the mine when the explosion occurred.

One hundred remain unaccounted for and hopes that any may be found alive has been practically abandoned. I. M. Scott, president of the Wheeling Steel corporation, declared that while the mine was still working, no evidence of gas had been found until two months ago. A small explosion occurred then, he said, but an aircraft was sunk immediately and work had progressed without difficulty for 49 days. Mr. Scott was unable to assign any cause for the explosion.

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One victim whose body has been identified was that of J. T. Poyle, the fire boss. His bulletin board at the mouth of the mine indicated that he had inspected the mine and pronounced it safe before the daylight shift went to work. The explosion occurred a short time after the day shift entered the mine.

A temporary morgue has been established at the mouth of the mine at Benwood to care for the bodies when they are brought to the surface. Physicians and nurses stand ready to render assistance to any who are alive.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair east, rain in west portion Tuesday; not so warm in the interior; fresh southerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER (Monday)
Maximum temperature, 75.
Minimum temperature, 47.
River, 1.5 feet; falling.
Rainfall, none.
Atmosphere, clear.
Wind, west.

CASCADE FIRES UNDER CONTROL IS LATE REPORT

Rain Expected to Put Stop to Forest Fires in Southern National Forests

EUGENE, Or., April 28.—The several forest fires reported in the Cascade mountains east of Eugene are now under control, according to announcement at the national forest offices and at the office of timber protection associations here today. Yesterday a slashing fire that a rancher allowed to get away from him swept logging camps Numbers 34 and 35 of the Booth-Kelly lumber company, destroying the blacksmith shop, tool house and five cottages occupied by employes and their families.

FLAMES THREATEN ENTIRE BAY CITY

Big Mill Wiped Out at Loss of \$10,000; Bellingham Also Has Fire

BAY CITY, Or., April 28.—Only a slight shifting of the wind saved Bay City from destruction when flames completely wiped out the Oregon Silver Spruce company mill on the water front here today. Sparks were carried into the timber northeast of the town, setting numerous brush fires. Fire apparatus was brought from Tillamook and Garibaldi to fight the flames. Furniture was removed from practically every house in the north end of town in anticipation of disaster. One dwelling was burned and another damaged.

The mill was owned by the Oregon box company of Portland. It had a cut of about 40,000 feet daily. Total damages have been unofficially placed between \$75,000 and \$100,000. Fire was started by a hot journal in the cutoff saw.

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REVENUE BILL IS MODIFIED BY SENATE

Corporation Tax Increased and Telegraph Message Taxes Repealed—Notice of Fight Given

INCOME TAX TO BE MAIN POINT OF OPPOSITION

Mellon Plan Recommendations Among Those Replaced in Tax Measure

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Modification of the corporation tax and repeal of the tax on telegraph and telephone messages was voted today by the senate in advancing consideration of the revenue bill. Notice was given however, that contents would be made later on both of these levies.

The corporation tax was increased from 12 1/2 to 14 per cent with the understanding that the capital stock tax would be eliminated. This later amendment is yet to be acted upon.

Senator Cummins of North Carolina ranking democrat on the finance committee announced that minority members were drafting a sub-amendment proposing to replace the present corporation tax with one carrying a graduated scale.

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ONE ARMED MAN SAVES HIMSELF FROM DROWNING

Gold Seeker at Rogue River Gets Into Hole While in Headless Diver's Suit

MEDFORD, Or., April 28.—Guy Kirkpatrick, 32, was drowned in Rogue river at Raygold dam, near here and Loyal Burghart, 38, and with only one arm, escaped a like fate by battling his way out of a diving suit in which he had encased himself to search for gold in the river bed.

MARION LAWRENCE IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Sunday School Official Near Death From Pneumonia at Portland

CHICAGO, April 28.—Sunday school officials here today received word of the serious illness at Portland, of Dr. Marion Lawrence, former general secretary of the International Sunday School association and now consulting secretary of the International Council of Religious Education.

MURPHY FUNERAL IS IMPRESSIVE

Huge Crowd Pays Homage to Late Tammany Chief in New York City

NEW YORK, April 28.—One hundred thousand persons, high and low, rich and poor, today paid their final tribute of respect to Charles F. Murphy, for two decades chieftain of Tammany hall. Not in many years has the metropolis witnessed a funeral of such magnitude.

OREGON STOCKMEN MEET CALIFORNIANS

Oregon Livestock Sanitary Board Investigates Epizootic Conditions

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., April 28.—Engaged in a study of the foot and mouth epizootic as it exists in California, with respect to making quarantine recommendations later in their own state, members of the Oregon livestock sanitary board met here last night with Chairman James Iwagay of the board of supervisors; D. L. Wisdon and H. I. Tugman at the Tegler hotel.

Members of the Oregon board who met here with the local men were Walker K. Taylor, chairman, of Corvallis; H. West of Scappoose; Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian of Oregon; Dr. E. T. Simmons of the Oregon Agricultural college; M. R. Briggs of Prineville; A. H. Averill of Portland; L. W. Humphreys of the Portland chamber of commerce and C. C. Pittam of the Honolulu chamber of commerce.

BLIZZARD IS HINDRANCE TO GLOBE FLIER

Major Martin Unable to Hop Off From Chignik for Dutch Harbor, Unalaska

CORDOVA, Alaska, April 28.—(By the Associated Press)—Owing to a severe blizzard at Chignik, Alaska, Major Frederick L. Martin, commander of a United States army aerial squadron, flying around the world, was unable to leave Chignik today to rejoin his three companions at Dutch Harbor, Unalaska, according to a wireless received here.

10 DAYS GIVEN TO REMOVE NUISANCE

Council Votes to Bring Action in Circuit Court Against H. E. Canada

H. E. Canada, owner of the alleged junk shop on North Capitol street, will be given 10 days in which to abate what is termed a nuisance in a resolution passed by the city council last night. The resolution was introduced by Alderman Simeral and seconded by Alderman Wendroth. Should nothing be done toward removing the nuisance by that time action will be filed in the circuit court.

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MONDAY NIGHT SERMON DRAWS LARGE CROWD

"The Elder Brother" is Topic of Strong Address by Evangelist Demarest at Tabernacle

SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS MERCILESSLY FLAYED

Christian People of Salem Urged to Give Support to Revival

Despite the promised rain, and the really occasional drops that began to fall before the service was over, last night's attendance at the tabernacle was between 2500 and 2800 people. It was much the largest attendance of all week-day nights since the series began. It would have filled the armory to overflowing.

9000 PERSONS HEAR SERMONS

Sunday Services in Tabernacle Draw Record Breaking Crowds

Fully 9000 people attended the two services at the new tabernacle on Willamette campus Sunday afternoon and evening. The really big crowd was in the afternoon, the dedicatory service, when the Christian band gave its first public concert for the year. Hundreds were turned away without even standing room for this service. There was practically no vacant seat at night, but few were required to stand.

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MONDAY IN WASHINGTON

The senate approved a number of amendments to the tax bill.

A conference on the plant quarantines and embargoes began at the department of agriculture.

The state department was informed that revolutionists had captured Tegucigalpa capital of Honduras.

Commissioner Haney of the shipping board testified before the house committee investigating the shipping board.

President Coolidge was principal speaker at the dedication of the new building of the national academy of sciences.

President Coolidge after being quoted as saying he was trying to deliver Muscle Shoals to Henry Ford, issued a categorical denial.

A number of conferences were held on the Japanese exclusion provisions of the immigration bill without any income of results.

Senator Magnus Johnson farmer-laborer, Minnesota, introduced a resolution asking whether meat packers contributed to the 1920 republican campaign fund.

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M'GRAY FOUND GUILTY; BOND IS REFUSED

Fraudulent Use of Mails is Charge Against Indiana Governor Upheld in Verdict of Federal Jury

STATE EXECUTIVE PUT IN LOCAL COUNTY JAIL

Judge Says "Never Had Seen So Many Felonies Committed by One Person"

INDIANAPOLIS, April 28.—Governor Warren T. McCray, found guilty late today of using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud by a jury in federal court after less than 10 minutes deliberation, was placed in the Marion county jail at 9:45 tonight to await sentence at 8 a. m., Wednesday, by United States District Judge A. B. Anderson.

"I am sorry," repeated time and time again was the only comment of the governor as he left the court room accompanied by United States Marshal Meredith.

Unless McCray tenders his resignation as governor of Indiana he will continue in office until impeachment proceedings are brought against him in the general assembly of Indiana.

Whether an appeal would be taken of the case had not been determined definitely tonight.

The trial moved speedily to a close this afternoon. Governor McCray, the only witness for the defense, left the witness stand at 5 p. m. The government used one witness, J. J. Kiser, Indianapolis banker, in rebuttal.

The case was given to the jury at 6:20 p. m. Fifteen minutes later the verdict was read.

In denying bond to the governor and ordering him taken to jail, Judge Anderson declared "he had never seen so many felonies committed by one individual."

"Here is a man," continued Judge Anderson, "who devised a scheme to defraud and carried it on almost entirely by use of the mails. He has testified he wrote 2500 letters and if so he is guilty of violating the state statutes 2,500 times. He is guilty of forging hundreds of fraudulent notes. He is guilty of obtaining money under false pretenses. He has violated not only the written laws, but the laws of his own conscience as well. I think I shall order him to jail."

The penalty provided by statute may be a fine of not to exceed \$1000 or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both, within the discretion of the court.

Approximately 150 witnesses, most of the bankers, and McCray employes and business associates were called by the government. They identified a mass of correspondence with the governor bearing financial notes, "cattle paper" and financial statements sent to the banks through the mails.

Attorneys for the governor based their defense on lack of intent to defraud. Governor McCray testifying in his own behalf, admitted signing the names of others to notes, but contended his signature as indorser, established his responsibility and he believed himself able financially to meet all of his obligations. He disclaimed any intention of attempting to defraud bankers to whom he sold the notes.

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