

LEADER OF THE DOUKHOBORS IS DEAD IN WRECK

Head of Colony in British Columbia Killed With Five Others When Explosion Occurs

HINT IS GIVEN OF FOUL PLAY

Dynamite Had Been Carried in Cars, Is Announcement Given Out

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 29.—High explosives carried in a day coach of the Canadian Pacific railway caused an explosion on the train between Nelson and Grand Forks, B. C., today, which killed Peter Veregin, head of the Doukhobor colony of British Columbia and five other persons, and injured 12 passengers, five seriously, rail officials announced tonight.

A tank of illuminating gas under the wrecked car, thought at first to have been the cause of the blast, was found intact by officials visiting the scene of the disaster. It was announced that the Canadian Pacific railway had difficulty with Doukhobors several years ago who were found carrying dynamite in passenger coaches in gunnysacks. Officials believe that this might have been the cause of the blast, although police declared that the former Doukhobor leader, Veregin, had many enemies because of his use of modern appliances in the homes and on the farms.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 29.—Peter Veregin, head of the Doukhobor colony of British Columbia, who was killed with five other persons in an explosion on a train of the Canadian Pacific railway between Nelson and Grand Forks, B. C., today, came to Canada from exile in Siberia in 1903, to lead a Doukhobor colony in Saskatchewan province.

The five other dead were J. L. Machie, member of the British Columbia legislature for Grand Forks; Harry Bishop of Nelson, an amateur hockey player, and three unidentified persons, one a woman. Bishop died several hours later in a hospital in Nelson. Ten persons were injured, including F. H. Gaskill, Spokane; Nick Reiben, George Kazakoff and George Zebrot, Doukhobors of Grand Forks, and a Hindu, who were confined in a hospital in Nelson. H. K. Possett, Pat O'Shaughnessy, F. Russo and Mrs. Russo, and N. Wing were taken to Grand Forks.

The explosion happened shortly after 1 o'clock this morning while the train was on its way here.

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NEW STORM APPROACHES

No Abatement Yet Seen for Oregon in Weather Reports Given Out

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 29.—Rain driven by strong southerly winds prevailed today and tonight over western Oregon while several eastern Oregon points reported slight snow falls. Along the coast the precipitation was heavy and a new gale was reported to be approaching. Shipping at the Columbia river entrance was tied up as a result of the heavy weather. In the Willamette valley the rainfall continued and the Willamette river and tributary streams were rising, though with the streams at a low stage, there was little fear of flood conditions. No damage of consequence was reported as a result of the storm.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Rain; slight temperature changes; moderate southwesterly gales along the coast.

LOCAL WEATHER (Wednesday) Maximum temperature, 52. Minimum temperature, 44. River, 2.5; rising. Rainfall, 1.35. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, southwest.

CAPITAL'S COPS GET PARTICULAR ON HALLOWE'EN

Residents of Washington Forbidden to Indulge in Some of Old Standbys

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—(By the AP.)—Extensive experiments in the destruction of fogs and clouds by the use of electrified sand, are to be carried out under government supervision at Bolling field. Army airplanes equipped with the device patented by Dr. L. Francis Warren of Harvard university, have been detailed exclusively to that work and daily flights are to be made during the next six weeks to determine both the peace and war value in connection with aviation. The two aviators who conducted the attack today obtained a fair "bag" despite the extreme height of the clouds over the field. A group of officers and civilians from the ground could follow without difficulty the cutting off of a cape or peninsula of cloud and its subsequent disintegration. Larger masses were criss-crossed with lanes through which the sun's rays shone to accelerate evaporation.

ZANNI STILL COMING

TOKIO, Oct. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Major Pedro Zanni, the Argentine round the world flier, denies that he has abandoned his flight. He still hopes to secure ships to patrol the trans-Pacific ocean.

NOTED SPEAKER AT THE ARMORY

Miss Eleanor Barker to Represent Republican National Committee

Miss Eleanor Barker of Indianapolis, Ind., an enrolled member of the speakers' bureau of the republican national committee in the fall campaign, will deliver an address at the armory Friday night at 8 o'clock. Miss Barker is a speaker of national reputation, a practicing attorney in Indianapolis, a graduate of Western college, Oxford, Ohio, and the Indiana Law school.

Miss Barker has never been an aspirant or candidate for political office but she has always been an active worker in the interests of legislation beneficial to women and children and for upholding of the principles of the republican party. Her record in Indiana is enviable. She was a member of the state board of franchise league of Indiana, and during the war was a field representative of the Indiana food administration. Miss Barker was also chairman of the committee on women and children in industry for the state council of defense, which with the cooperation of the department of labor, Washington, made the first survey of women and children in industry ever made in the state of Indiana.

During Herbert Hoover's food administration Miss Barker was sent into the wheat growing states in the northwest, to urge farmers to plant more wheat acreage in order to avert famine among war countries of Europe.

GERVAIS PHYSICIAN DIES IN PORTLAND

Dr. H. O. Hickman Called By Pneumonia; Funeral Will Be Held Today

Dr. H. O. Hickman, 41, for 12 years a practicing physician at Gervais, died in a Portland hospital Tuesday morning after being ill for but a short time with pneumonia. Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock this afternoon, with interment at Oregon City. Dr. Hickman was well-known in this part of the state.

He was prominent in fraternal activities, having been a member of the Elks, Masons, Knights Templar and Scottish Rites.

Besides his mother, Mrs. Amanda L. Hickman, of Oregon City, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. A. C. Warner, of Oregon City and a brother, C. E. Hickman, district superintendent of the Pacific telephone company, of Portland.

More Than Three Inches Of Rain Recorded Here

More than three inches of rain fell during the 48-hour period ending at 7 o'clock last night, according to Clarence Oliver, weather observer. Of this amount 1.35 inches fell Wednesday and 1.77 inches, making a total of 3.12 inches of rainfall.

The high wind that accompanied the rain Tuesday continued for a time yesterday but gradually died out.

Nearly 100 telephone poles were put out of commission by the storm while toll lines leading to the coast and mountains were reported as being down.

DEMOCRATS IN QUANDRY OVER WORK OF BAKER

Alleged Myers' Campaign Manager Missing and Many Unpaid Bills Left Behind—Others Donate

DR. SMITH DENIES CREDENTIAL LETTER

State Committee Repudiates Debts and Knowledge of Introduction

Democratic aspirants for political offices and a number of Salem business men are deeply interested in the present whereabouts of one Frank Baker, a gentle little stranger who drifted into the city a few weeks ago and who faded away a week or 10 days ago leaving several unpaid bills, dis-appointed candidates and supporters holding the proverbial sack.

Baker's alleged peculations are said to amount to \$367 in unpaid bills, approximately \$150 known to have been contributed for advertising purposes by candidates and an unknown amount donated by party backers, these checks varying from \$10 to \$30 each.

Baker landed in the city with a splash and the understanding that he had been connected with the Hearst newspaper system for years. He posed as campaign manager for Jefferson Myers, candidate for state treasurer, and was introduced as such by Mr. Myers, Supplies Obtained

Bearing a letter of introduction and authorization from Dr. C. J. Smith, chairman of the state democratic committee, Baker had little difficulty in obtaining what he needed. Credit was extended at a hotel, signs were painted, a diamond ring acquired, a typewriter purchased (and taken away when Baker left the city), money received from candidates whose cause he was to herald to the world, and contributions received from local loyal Bourbons.

In a telephone conversation with a prominent Salem man Wednesday, Dr. Smith repudiated all debts contracted by Baker and disclaimed all responsibility as far as the state democratic committee was concerned. He referred to the letter as a forgery. Later he admitted having written some sort of letter, but claimed that it had been altered, presumably by Baker.

Just before proceeding from here toyon Baker approached one of his creditors and offered to procure a case of whiskey as part payment on the bill, it was stated yesterday by the man approached. The offer was rejected.

In the meantime the huge banner which has been stretched across State, in the business section, has been removed. It was stated yesterday that this was done because of the high wind. The statement also included the reservation that the banner would probably remain where it is at present unless certain bills were paid.

Two complaints regarding Baker's alleged activities were received by John Carson, district attorney. Just what action will be taken will depend upon the attitude of the creditors. It is understood that at least one of these will prosecute, having written to his firm regarding the matter. If prosecution is sought, a warrant will be issued for Baker's arrest and a strenuous effort made to return him to Salem.

Funeral Ceremonies for Late Secretary Wallace Are Held at Des Moines

DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—While all Des Moines paused reverently in memory of him, the late Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace was buried in Woodland cemetery here today.

Officials of the government in Washington and of the state, together with countless friends of the secretary here, were present at the simple services at the Wallace home on Lynde road and the family plot in Woodland where the final rites were spoken.

Throughout the morning Mr. Wallace's body lay in state in the rotunda of the capitol and thousands of people from all walks of life filed silently by as a United States soldier, a sailor and a marine held guard over this eminent

DESTRUCTION OF CLOUDS IS VERY LATEST

Electrified Sand Carried in Air Planes; Claim it Has Been Done for 3 Years

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Dr. Warren described the work at Bolling field as a "mere continuation of the invariably successful experiments of the past three years."

BANDITS ROB AURORA BANK

Daylight Job Nets Quartette About \$600 in Cash; Last Seen in Monitor

AURORA, Or., Oct. 29.—Between \$500 and \$600 loot was obtained by four bandits who held up Miss Mildred Benoit, assistant cashier of the Aurora State bank, at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The quartet escaped in a large blue automobile, which was substituted for another machine at Monitor, where all trace of the fugitives was lost. Officers from the sheriff's office and others in the northern part of the county are investigating.

According to Miss Benoit, only the cash in sight was taken. She was alone at the time the men entered the bank. When the leader stepped to the teller's window Miss Benoit touched the burglar alarm. The leader ordered her to take her foot off the signal and asked if the alarm had been given. He was informed that it had. In their hurry several hundreds of dollars were overlooked.

Roads and main arteries are being patrolled by city detectives and county officers. The machine in which they escaped was a large car, but bore the license plate of a smaller automobile belonging to W. H. Hayden of Milwaukie.

Descriptions of three of the bandits are as follows: One wore a heavy overcoat, light color, light cap, had gray eyes and a sharp nose. A dark suit and soft cap was worn by another while the third had on a tan colored raincoat. The fourth man, who was the driver of the machine was not seen, as he did not enter the bank.

ANOTHER AUTHOR DIES

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Frances Hodgson Burnett, author and playwright known particularly for her novel and play "Little Lord Fauntleroy" died today at her home, Plandome Park at Plandome, L. I. She was 75 years old and had been in poor health for several months.

MILES SEEKS A DECISION ON CONTRACT

Desire is Held to Have Proposed Twine Mill in Salem Operating By First of Next July

BRIEF LEGAL STEP TAKEN YESTERDAY

Opinion Asked of Attorney General Given Affirmatively to Pierce

Another step towards the building in Salem of a twine factory using flax fiber was taken yesterday, when Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle ruled favorably upon the legal phase of the following proposition, which had been submitted to him for his opinion as to his power to enter into such a contract by Governor Pierce:

"Salem, Or., October 24, 1924.

"Honorable Walter M. Pierce, Governor.—My Dear Governor:—I think we agree that the growing of flax and the manufacture of the fiber into useful articles of commerce is the greatest industrial problem before the people of western Oregon. We have the climate and the soil necessary to produce, and do produce the best fiber in all the world, but we have no factories where this fiber can be manufactured, and the expense of shipping it to foreign countries to be made up and the expense of shipping back the manufactured product makes the growing of flax here unprofitable, and it also deprives our people of the opportunity to labor in our own factories.

"We can produce the raw material, and the great question now is how best to begin the manufacture so as to place it on a sound financial basis. The opportunity is here, how best can we meet it?"

"Myself and associates are ready to put up a spinning mill in the vicinity of Salem, to cost not less than \$150,000, if we can be assured of enough flax fiber to keep the mill in operation for at least two years, during which time we can demonstrate the feasibility of home manufacture of the fiber, and can make definite arrangements with the growers to furnish the flax necessary to keep the mill continuously in operation.

"As governor of this state you now have control of practically all state, and in order to be assured of the flax fiber grown in the of enough fiber to keep our proposed mill running for the first two years, I have the following proposal to make:

"That I be given an exclusive option until January 1, 1925, to purchase of the state of Oregon, through you, 45 tons of merchantable flax fiber to be delivered to me between July 1, 1925, and December 31, of the same year, and for the purchase of the further amount of 180 tons of merchantable flax fiber to be delivered to me during the year 1926, said fiber to be paid for in cash monthly, as received for use, the price of such fiber to be the ruling price in Belfast, Ireland, for fiber of that quality, less the necessary expense of shipping such fiber to Belfast.

"I would appreciate your prompt action in this matter. Yours very truly,

"B. C. MILES."

About Half the Output The retted straw now on hand at the state flax plant will yield about 90 tons of long line fiber, suitable for spinning into yarn for making seine and other high class twine.

In other words, it will make about twice the requirement of Mr. Miles for next year; the last six months of the year.

And it is likely that the industry can be speeded up so that twice 180 tons may be had for the year 1926; at least including the spinning too. So that what Mr. Miles asks for will be about half the output of the state plant, speeded to its full capacity, and some free labor employed in the field work of spreading, and perhaps in threshing and retting.

Will Likely Make Contract With this in view, it is likely that Governor Pierce will make the contract with Mr. Miles. He has so expressed himself.

There will remain some details to be worked out; how the prices shall be decided in case of disputes, etc., etc. That is, who shall judge as to the value of any

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Big Record in Forensics Looms for Coming Year at Willamette University

Plans are rapidly maturing at Willamette university for the most ambitious forensic schedule in the history of the school—probably the most ambitious in the history of any western school. High hopes are being pinned on Ward Southworth to win the Pacific coast extemporaneous speaking contest which will be held at Stanford university on November 11, Leland Chapin is looked to win another state oratorical contest as he did last year, and a complete debating schedule is rapidly rounding into shape which will include a number of the strongest debating schools in the west. A tour is planned for the debate team which, although not covering such a long distance as that taken by the Willamette team two years ago, will include more and stronger debates.

Even this early in the season contracts have been completed and signed with the Universities of Wyoming and Southern California. Wyoming will be remembered as

the school that sent a debate team on a tour last year. This team defeated Willamette by a two to one decision, and won most of its other debates, losing only to Southern California and a few other teams of unusual strength. Although no other contracts have actually been signed, correspondence has been carried on with a large number of other schools, and there is every indication that most of the following will be included in the Willamette schedule:

The University of Redlands, Stanford university, the University of Denver, Gooding college, College of Idaho, Washington State college, Whitman college and possibly the University of Washington.

The larger proportion of these schools have strong debate records. The personnel of the team is somewhat uncertain at the present time. It is not known whether

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DEBATERS NAMED FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Four Contestants Successful in Second Tryouts Held On Wednesday

Final selection of the high school debate team was made at a second try-out last night, which resulted in Leroy Grote, Margaret Pro, Thomas Childs and Harold Tomlinson being awarded places in a field of eight contenders. The last three names have had little experience but promise well for the future.

In the first try-out, Homer Richards and Avery Thompson were selected. Richards will head the affirmative and Thompson the negative team. It is expected that Grote and Miss Pro will be members of the affirmative team and Childs and Tomlinson of the negative team.

The debate schedule for the year has not yet been completed.

GOP DINNER AND PROGRAM TODAY

Republican Caravan Enters Salem Shortly After Noon, Announcement

The Coolidge-Dawes transcontinental caravan will arrive in Salem at 12:15 today according to advice received by telephone from Eugene last night. They also informed the chairman of the local republican central committee that they would be glad to speak to the people of Salem immediately following the luncheon at the Gray Belle where the members of the caravan will be guests of local republicans. The meeting at the armory will start promptly at 1 o'clock and will last until about 1:30. A number of noted speakers accompany the caravan which started on September 7 from Plymouth, Vermont, the old home of President Coolidge. The members are all personal friends of the president and they originated the idea of the tour as a means of assisting him in the present campaign. Probably the most noted of the speakers today will be Ex-Congressman W. A. Jeffries, the man who nominated General Dawes for vice president at the Cleveland convention.

About one hundred Salem republicans have made reservations for the luncheon at the Gray Belle this noon. All reservations for places must be made before 10 a. m. by notifying republican headquarters, phone 222. Headquarters also has a supply of pennants for those wishing to furnish automobiles in escorting the caravan to the city.

Steamer Is Reported Helpless in Pacific

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 29.—The steamer Trinidad of the Hammond Lumber company, en route from Grays Harbor to San Pedro, Cal., is adrift with a broken rudder at latitude 43.55, longitude 122.52, according to a message received from the steamer Oleum by the merchants exchange here today. The Oleum reported she was standing by.

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EUGENE MAN KILLED BY DONKEY ENGINE

Lloyd Lyons Crushed When Machine Breaks Loose and Falls on Him

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 29.—Lloyd Lyons, 35, married, donkey engine operator with a logging company at Walton, west of here, was killed today when his donkey engine, which was being moved over a hill, slipped its lines and fell back, crushing him.

COOLIDGE AND HUGHES SCORED

Davis Makes Pointed Attack in Reply to Speeches By Republicans

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—President Coolidge and Secretary Hughes were singled out tonight for a direct attack by John W. Davis, democratic nominee for president when he answered speeches delivered by them last Thursday and pointedly replied to definitions they gave of the administration's foreign policy.

Speaking at the academy of music, Brooklyn, Mr. Davis declared he would replace "sporadic, exceptional and casual" international conferences "with a system of organic, regular and periodic conferences, whose coming together will not depend upon the passing whim of any nation, but which will be a part of the ordered life of the world."

"This is a vital question," Mr. Davis said, "of far greater consequence than any matter of machinery or the language of any particular covenant."

"It makes the whole difference between the old world with its dreary record of appalling disasters and the new world with its promise of a better day."

President Assailed "And to this coming change which will separate the future from the past," Mr. Davis added, "the president is obviously blind or deliberately hostile."

The candidate read numerous excerpts from the address of President Coolidge and Secretary Hughes. The president's statement "that we propose to continue our efforts to promote international justice under international law through international conferences, advancing always toward the outlawing of aggressive war," was analyzed in this way:

"To call such a statement 'well defined' is to make mockery of the English language. Just such a statement might have been made by any nation in all the globe at any time within the last thousand years. As a lamp of the twentieth century, it throws little light upon the pathway."

Treaty Cited "Surely Mr. Hughes must

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CONSERVATIVES TAKE ELECTION BY LARGE ODDS

Working Majority Seems Likely on Face of Early Returns From Polls in English National Vote

LIBERALS REPORTED RUNNING POOR THIRD

Latest Figures Give Conservatives 160 Seats Against 103 All Others

LONDON, Oct. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—The conservative party appeared headed toward early return to power with a working majority over all others when at 3:00 o'clock this morning almost half the constituencies of Great Britain had reported their votes cast in yesterday's election for the new parliament.

At that hour the conservatives had 160 seats as against 103 combined seats of all other parties. Of these the laborites had won 72 and the liberals only 22. The various other groups accounted for the remaining nine.

Former Premier Herbert H. Asquith went down to defeat along with many of his followers. It had been intimated in the campaign that if Mr. Asquith were defeated in this election he would retire from politics. This, however, he has not confirmed.

Party Sweeps Clean

The conservatives made new conquests in all sections of the country. Early returns from the industrial midlands showed that the conservatives were snatching back seat after seat which the laborites had won from them last year on the free trade fight against protection. Later, cities in the south and west of England, also began to turn in Tory triumphs. The country constituencies which are largely made up of agriculturalists and villagers, which generally vote conservative will not be heard from for a considerable time.

The London boroughs, which had reported up to 1 o'clock this morning, gave indications that the capital like the lesser cities, was coming back into the conservative fold.

Leach Leaves Out

The laborite sub-secretary of the air ministry, William Leach, was defeated.

Arthur Ponsonby, sub-secretary of foreign affairs, was re-elected. The first announcement of a laborite elected was Arthur Henderson, secretary for home affairs. The first labor leader whose defeat was announced was Ben Tillett.

The University of Oxford which in the last election displayed strong liberal tendencies, seemed likely to revert to its former conservative leaning. The famous oarsman, Captain R. C. Osborne, conservative, who wrested the seat from the liberals, in a bye-election in June, has retained the seat with a largely increased majority.

The pollings, as expected, proved much heavier than in the last election. The first woman elected is a new accession to the house of commons, Miss E. Wilkinson.

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