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MINE WORKERS SAFE; BATTLE FOR LIFE WON

Fourteen Men, Trapped in Lower Workings of Famous Hecla Silver Shafts, Reach Top Safely

HEROIC FIGHT WAGED BY MEN DURING FIRE

Combat With Blaze Lasts Hours; Pump Motors Finally Destroyed

WALLACE, Idaho, April 24.—Fourteen men who were entrapped by fire in the lower workings of the Hecla silver-lead mine at Burke seven miles from here, early today put into commission a pump within the mine, fought the flames for more than 12 hours, and at 3:12 this afternoon reached the shaft and rang the bell for the cage. Ten minutes later they were on the surface, all alive and well.

Retreat Is Forced When the smoke from the fire, which broke out in the pumping plant near the shaft of the 2,000 foot level, sufficed them of their danger, the fourteen were nearly two miles back in the Star workings of the Hecla mine. Turned back by the blaze, they fell to work on the pump, operated by compressed air, and about an hour later they had returned to the combat and had a stream of water playing on the fire.

From then on, according to their statements this evening, it was simply a matter of pumping water until the blaze was subdued. Then they made their way to the shaft and rang the mine bell danger signal as a request for the mine cage to be lowered to them.

Relatives Reassured That signal heard all over the little mining community of Burke, told anxious relatives and friends that some of the men, at least, if not all, were alive. The cage was quickly dropped, and soon they arrived at the mouth of the shaft, rescued by their own efforts from the flames that had threatened them.

All day long, while anxious relatives and friends awaited word from the 14 miners who had been imprisoned far underground, in the Star workings of the Hecla about two miles from the shaft, United States mine rescue crews poured water down the shaft of the mine upon the blaze that had broken out shortly before midnight in the pump station on the 2,000 foot level.

L. E. Hanley, superintendent of the Hecla mine, estimated this evening that the damage to the mine would be about \$10,000. Resumption of operations, he said, probably would be delayed until Monday, because of the necessity of testing all levels of the mine for water.

Water stood in the mine up to the 2,000 foot level tonight, but it was said this would not hamper operations, as the men will be employed on the higher levels until the water has been pumped out. The pumps on the 2,000 foot level probably were not destroyed, he said, although possibly the electric motors were.

A short circuit in the pumping plant on the 2,000 foot level, was believed by Mr. Hanley to have started the blaze. Superintendent Hanley was warm in his praise of the valiant work of the imprisoned men in fighting and subduing the fire. He was especially enthusiastic in commending the efforts of H. E. Uffoff, the "old timer" who assumed command of the entrapped crew and led them against the flames and smoke.

Efficient Gas Stations Unknown in Germany

BERLIN, April 25.—American gasoline stations soon will be found along German highways, and it probably will not be long before the free air sign will also appear.

Gasoline today is served from shops in the clumsiest sort of way, but the increase in motor traffic is turning German eyes toward the quick and economical methods so generally used in the United States, and trade journals are showing many pictures of model stations along American highways. As a result a German firm has bought a number of American gas service station pumps and will install them.

Greater Markets For Oregon Products Is Aim of Road Builder

PORTLAND, April 24.—At the annual dinner meeting of the chamber of commerce here tonight, Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern, announced the intention to follow in the footsteps of J. J. Hill and carry out the plans Mr. Hill made before he died.

Mr. Hill's death left uncompleted the line he had mapped south from Bend, he said. Mr. Budd expressed the opinion this work should be taken up and pushed through. Conditions were more hopeful for extensions than for some time and it appeared, he said, that further development in the interior of the state was at hand.

"It is our aim and ambition to carry out the things so far as possible that Mr. Hill wanted to do," he said. "This has been impossible for some years. Conditions have improved and the Great

PIONEERS TO SPEAK MONDAY

Chamber of Commerce Forum Devoted to Residents of 70 Years Standing

Polks who have lived continuously in Salem 70 years will have opportunity to recall the early days of Salem Monday, as the Chamber of Commerce will observe its annual Champoege day at the Monday noon luncheon of April 27.

Following its custom of the past three years, the Chamber of Commerce will have as its guests next Monday noon those who have lived in the city for 70 years. This means the actual residence must have been in Salem or immediate vicinity for the three score and ten years.

Judge P. H. D'Arcy, who generally presides at all meetings of the Oregon Historical society, will do the presiding next Monday and introduce the Salem pioneers.

The speaker will be George H. Himes, orator of the Oregon Historical society and secretary of the Oregon Pioneers' association, who will talk on "Reminiscences of Pioneer Days."

Reuben Lewis was one of the men who met at Champoege on May 2, 1843. His son, Abner Lewis, born near Salem in 1846 will be among the pioneers present.

Alonson Beers was also at the famous Champoege meeting and his son Oliver Beers will attend the luncheon Monday.

Among others who can qualify as a resident of Salem for the past 70 years are the following: Mrs. E. M. Vandervort, resident of the city for 73 years.

W. N. Savage who attended the luncheon last year, figures he has been in Salem 75 years.

Mrs. J. W. Harriott has lived in and around Salem for 73 years.

Mrs. Catherine Pugh has the honor of being the oldest member of the Chamber of Commerce. She attends the Monday luncheons and will be a guest next Monday as she has been in Salem 72 years.

J. N. Sharp has a record hard to equal as he figures 75 years as the length of time he has spent in and around Salem.

Mrs. Violette Johnson has been in Salem 72 years and qualifies as a guest for the Champoege observance.

Mrs. Melinda Wade, mother of Murray Wade, has been a continuous resident of Salem 75 years.

J. A. Baker dates his birth back to the pioneer days as he has been in and around the city for 76 years.

J. N. Skafie figures he has been here as long as Mr. Baker which is 76 years.

Mrs. Mary Pruitt has lived in the city 72 years and therefore qualifies for guest next Monday at the Chamber of Commerce.

Radicals Said Cause of Riot and Ambushes

Communist Members of the French Chamber of Deputies Held Responsible for Street Fighting

3 Killed and Many Wounded in Battle

Parties Warned Against Onslaughts of Attacking Fascist Group

PARIS, April 24.—(By The Associated Press.)—Communist members of the chamber of deputies today were blamed in the chamber with having engendered class hatred which culminated early this morning in an ambush of a meeting of the National Republican league in the Rue Darnemoir in which three persons were killed and 43 wounded, nine of them dangerously.

Party Is Warned "The charges were made during an interpellation of the government by the opposition members, M. Taittinger and M. Ybarnegary. M. Taittinger warned the communists that "it is you who will be the hostages and the first to be executed." If the government fails to preserve order and the people have to defend themselves.

Replying, Marcel Cachin, the communist leader, said: "Patriotic youths forming part of the 'iron battalion' provoked the trouble," he said that the members would continue to protect themselves against fascist attacks.

Ambuscade Falls M. Taittinger, who, with a number of friends, was shot at last night in two smaller attacks which he attributed to the communists, told the minister of the interior that it had been denied that there was communist peril. But here is proof that it exists," he exclaimed.

"You have in your possession," M. Taittinger continued, "documents showing clearly that there is a communist mobilization plan. You know there are men in this country who are to be attacked at the first signal. The names of these men to be struck down, some of whom are sitting here, are marked with a cross."

The deputy then asserted, in backing up his statement, he had heard alleged communist commands last night such as "first century, fire," "second century, fire." To this M. Cachin retorted that the opposition also was organized in "centuries."

M. Schramek, minister of the interior, spoke in disapproval of the formation of secret societies and promised the government would hunt down those guilty of the ambush.

YMCA Plans Arrive in City; Available for Contractors

Plans of the new YMCA building arrived in Salem last night and are now at the offices of Kenneth Legge, local architect, who has been employed. Contractors who plan to bid on the construction of the new building can secure copies of the plans from him.

Within a fortnight or three weeks bids for the construction of the new building are to be called for, and it is expected actual construction on the new building will be started at once.

The plans were delayed for some time due to the illness of George Whiteside, Portland architect, who has been working with Kenneth Legge.

Nothing Too Good For Them Nothing is too good for the bunch of Salem hustlers who are putting over the second linen mill for this city—

Who have pledged their own money and are giving their time to convincing their neighbors of their duty to their town and themselves and their posterity.

Salem is already the best city of its size on this coast, or in the United States—

But it will be improved so greatly by the development of the flax and linen industries here that it will not seem the same town—

And for this we are going to be indebted to this bunch of hustlers. Keep them on the job, and the whole wide world will sit up and take notice.

Hurrah for that bunch of boosters!!!

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CECIL EDWARDS ELECTED HEAD OF OLDER BOYS

Three-Day Conference of Boys From Marion, Polk and Benton Counties Is Opened With Banquet

NOTED WORKER GIVES ADDRESS OF MEETING

Full Day's Program Scheduled for Visitors Today Session Ends Sunday

Cecil Edwards, Salem high school senior, was elected president of the Older Boys' conference of Marion, Polk and Benton counties last night. Other officers elected were Ralph Scranton of Stayton, vice president; Nick Stop-ton, Chemawa Indian school, and Merle Amert of Aumsville, secretaries, while Henry Collier was elected yell leader.

Ellis Sox, Albany; Ted Gilbert, Salem; Fred Corbell, Stayton; Dee Hines, Aumsville; Justus Linn, Stayton; Dwight Adams, Salem; Roland Woster, Woodburn; R. Booth, Chemawa, and Stub Davis of Woodburn were appointed for reports on their respective districts.

Opening Is Noisy A rousing good time resulted when the boys gathered for their banquet at the First Presbyterian church. The pent-up enthusiasm of youth was let loose, and the opening night of the conference was celebrated with song and yells that made the hall resound with echoes.

The address of the evening was made by Frank Moran of Seattle, noted boys' worker and leader, who was secured especially for this conference, following his return from an eastern tour. The speaker declared that the four squares of the foundation of character must be laid in a boy's life in order that he may plumb the depths of his life.

Mr. Moran described the architecture of the early civilizations and brought out the towers that had stood the test of time. The towers that have been built on the square are the Grotto Campanello, which crumbled away; the second at Venice, the cathedral of St. Mark, which was destroyed when the foundation gave way, and the tower at Pisa, which is out of plumb today because the foundation is sinking slowly. With these illustrations Mr. Moran pointed out the need for a boy to build his life on the square, which would withstand the ravages of time.

"There must be a real genuine, rich foundation. Some of the fellows I know have that kind—a foundation to stand true despite the lure of temptation."

Day's Program Full Today noon the boys will be entertained by the business men of the city, who are to discuss vocational subjects with them. This is considered one of the outstanding features of the day.

Saturday morning the boys are to gather at the First Presbyterian church for a fellowship hour under the leadership of Benjamin J. Kimber, which will be followed by a talk with Mr. Moran on "Locating the Problems." At 10:30 o'clock the boys will be counseled on vocational subjects and later will fill in vocational blanks, which are to be studied.

Will See Game In the afternoon a discussion of physical activities will be held with a visit later in the day to the Albany-Salem high school games. A workout in the YMCA gymnasium is to follow, and a bean supper at the Presbyterian church. Following the meal Mr. Moran will give counsel of social problems in high school and an address on "Social Time and Place."

Attention is called by Governor Pierce to the act passed at the last session of the legislature which is commonly known as the "drunken driver" law. This law plainly states that no person who is intoxicated or under the influence of liquor may drive, run or operate any motor vehicle within the state of Oregon.

"The provisions of the law are very stringent," the governor said. "The minimum penalty for violation is a fine of \$100 and 60 days in jail, and revocation of the driver's license for one year. Both fine and imprisonment shall be assessed regardless of whether or not damage results. If a death results from such illegal operation of a motor vehicle it shall be deemed manslaughter.

"In addition to the above penalties the sheriff may hold the car for 30 days to six months, for the first offense, and six months to one year for the second offense, during which time no person shall use said car.

"The law should be enforced to the letter throughout our state, and will result in reducing the appalling number of automobile accidents that are recorded daily, many of which can be traced directly to the use of intoxicating liquor."

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Women's Influence In Affairs Of World Is Stressed By Speaker

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Allegiance to the constitution without mental reservation and necessity of women's influence to make some of those of wealth and refinement realize that in willfully disregarding the law they are leading the nation to anarchy was urged by Attorney General Sargent tonight in his first public address since he entered the cabinet.

Addressing the Daughters of the American Revolution, he laid down in emphatic language the double duty of women who participate in world affairs and told the descendants of those who fought to establish this country that they should not rest content solely because their forebears were great.

"We read and hear a great deal of talk about women's part in politics. About the purifying and enabling influence of her participation in the affairs of the government. To all this I subscribe and its continuance and extension I am willing to work if it is undertaken

and carried on in addition to work the duties, which nature has imposed upon her and which cannot be discarded or neglected without injury, without ruin to the very body of politics in the councils of which she aspires to sit in a front seat.

"Of what avail can it be to undertake to administer the laws," he continued, "however wholesome and beneficent they may be in their thory in their language to carry on a public government of a people composed of adults who in childhood and youth have lived utterly without restraint and have been taught, or at least allowed to think, that rules of conduct are made to be followed and obeyed by others, but each can and will do as he pleases.

"This state of mind once allowed to become a part of the character of the child, persists in the youth; in the grown up and is almost impossible of eradication from the man and woman."

MRS. RUTH IS STRICKEN ILL

Wife of Baseball King Declared to Suffer From General Breakdown

NEW YORK, April 24.—Mrs. George Herman, "Babe" Ruth suffered a complete nervous breakdown in the entrance to St. Vincent's hospital this afternoon while on her way to pay her daily visit to her husband, who is a patient there.

Mrs. Ruth was taken to a room in the same wing of the hospital in which her husband is confined. At the entrance to the hospital she met Dr. John King, who is attending her husband. He expressed anxiety as to Mr. Ruth's state of health. While talking to Dr. King, Mrs. Ruth became faint. She was hurried to a room and an examination showed she had suffered a nervous breakdown. It was said she was in need of a week's complete rest.

Since the "Babe's" admission to St. Vincent's hospital his wife had been almost constantly with him.

DRUNKEN DRIVERS REMINDED OF LAW

Governor Pierce Calls Attention that Provisions are Very Specific

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WHEELER HELD NOT GUILTY OF GRAFT CHARGE

Jury Acquits Montana Senator of Charges of Using Influence Before Department of Interior

ONLY ONE BALLOT IS TAKEN FOR FINDINGS

Wheeler Is Happy Over Result; Birth of Daughter Is Announced

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 24.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler was acquitted on a charge of unlawfully using his influence as a senator before the department of the interior by a jury which reported in federal court here tonight.

The accused senator received two pieces of good news simultaneously—the acquittal and the birth to Mrs. Wheeler of a daughter in Washington.

Wheeler is happy Senator Wheeler only smiled when the verdict was announced. Judge Frank S. Dietrich, just before the verdict was read, warned spectators against any demonstration.

Senator Wheeler said he would issue a statement to the press later. His counsel, Senator Thomas J. Walsh, declared however, that he regarded the case merely as an offshoot of the Teapot Dome investigation which he started nearly two years ago, and declared that he had felt it his duty to appear as counsel for the accused colleague. John L. Slattery, United States district attorney who prosecuted Senator Wheeler said:

"It was just a case for me. I am the district attorney and had no choice other than to prosecute. There is no ill feeling."

One Ballot Taken Exactly two hours and 13 minutes elapsed between the time the jury retired to deliberate and the time the verdict was returned. Out of this time the jury took one hour to dine. The actual time for deliberation was but a few minutes, according to court attaches, but one ballot was taken. In spite of Judge Dietrich's order against demonstrations there was a rush toward the bench when the verdict was read. Friends of Senator

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FRIDAY IN WASHINGTON

E. J. Henning, assistant secretary of labor, was appointed to the federal bench for southern California.

Erection of a \$2,000,000 auditorium in Washington was voted by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Secretary Wilbur in a letter to a Japanese publication declared the Pacific cruise of the fleet is only routine training.

Action of the Boston postmaster in barring from the mails an issue of the Harvard Lampoon was approved by the post office department.

The treasury, state, war, labor, justice and agricultural departments began a joint conference looking to tightening the countries borders.

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COUNTY FLAX TRIP PLANNED

Silverton and Dallas to be Visited by Linen Mill Committees

At the next meeting of the Salem Chamber of Commerce next Monday noon the reports of all workers will be turned in with the amount of subscriptions secured on Salem's quota of \$300,000 to be applied on the erection of a linen mill to cost \$640,000.

It is hoped, and from all indications expected, that the mark will be boosted to \$200,000. Among the workers it is felt that the top of the hill will be reached when this mark is reached. It has been found that many of the investors have been rather backward in giving their subscriptions, but many are beginning to make their applications.

R. O. Snelling and Theodore Roth, two members of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, who have taken an active interest in the project, are to make a trip to Silverton.

Following the meeting in Salem Monday noon the two men are to visit Silverton upon the invitation of George W. Hubbs, chairman of a special committee appointed by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce. The committee is desirous to meet the Salem men to hear about the proposition. Several subscriptions have already been promised.

Tuesday evening a meeting is to be held in the circuit court room of the Polk county courthouse at Dallas. Through the efforts of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce over 300 invitations to the business men, farmers and leading men of the county have been issued.

At this meeting Robert Crawford, head of the state flax plant, will tell about the growing of flax, while Col. W. B. Bartram, an associate of D. M. Sanson, pro-

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STUDENTS TO HAVE SPECIAL ELECTION

Race for Student Body President at Willamette Lies Between Two Men

Out of a field of five candidates Warren Day, of Portland, and Richard Briggs, of Kennewick, Washington, received the highest vote although neither secured a majority and another election will be held between the two, for Willamette University student body presidency.

Jessie Fybus, of Wenatchee, Washington, was elected as first vice president, Clara Goddess, of Roseburg, will be second vice president. Ruth Hewitt, of Portland, was chosen secretary.

Two women will edit the College publications: Miss Elizabeth Hyde, of Portland will edit the Willamette Collegian and Miss Katherine Kirk will get out the Wallulah, annual year book of the university.

The election was held by printed ballot in Eaton Hall and three clerks were at all times in charge of the balloting.